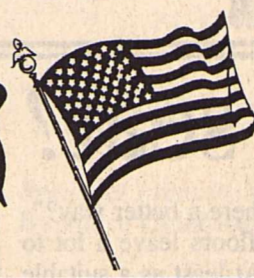


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Haenn appointed chief appraiser

By Dottie Cruz
Staff Writer

The Board of Directors appointed Bill Haenn Chief Appraiser for the Kinney County Appraisal District at their regular meeting last Monday evening.

Haenn was hired as a clerk on June 7th 1999 and became the office manager October 1999. With this appointment the position of office manager will be eliminated.

"That was a setup to facilitate a field appraiser and have someone running the office," said Haenn. "That just worked out so that everybody was happy with their responsibilities."

With this promotion comes a salary increase and more responsibility for Haenn.

"It's the amount that is set in the budget for the chief appraiser which is \$28,960," said Haenn.

Haenn was certified last December by the Board of Tax Professional Examiners as a Class II Appraiser and Class II Assessor/Collector.

"Which was the same as Joyce Fuentes," explained Haenn.

There was no tests involved for Haenn to become certified. The

next step is Class III Appraiser for Haenn to become certified.

"I'm sure the board will establish standards and goals for the next step which should take a year and there is no class IV the highest level is you are a Registered Professional Appraiser/Assessor/Collector," said Haenn.

"They're supposed to pay taxes on the tangible property ... used to produce income." - Bill Haenn

The district will still retain the services of Mick Mikulenka as Field Appraiser.

"After we get out of the appraisal phase and we go into the next which involves protests and establishing and certifying rolls and stuff like that his skills will be needed to deal with protests," said Haenn.

There is close to ten thousand parcels in the district. The district has fallen behind with complying the reappraising every three year cycle and Mikulenka's contract will be up in June 2000.

"He's for field appraisals and I'm still learning that craft because that's a job itself," explained Haenn. "If we were in full com-

pliance with the every three year reappraisal we would have to do over three thousand every year, it's physically not possible, it's like 45 a day," added Haenn.

Now with this new position Haenn will not only have to reappraise but go out and discover new taxable property.

"Which is done through building permits, from the city and Fort Clark, electrical certifications, so that's over and above any reappraisal that I might have scheduled," said Haenn.

Haenn explained there is a day of preparation, a day in the field and a day back in the office entering the new data.

"The process is continuous, you can never let up because people are always building things, always changing things, and our records change every single day," Haenn said.

Haenn plans on researching citizens that are self employed.

"We look in the paper every week for some business that might advertise and we don't have on the rolls and pick them up out of the paper," explained Haenn.

"We call and ask them what they're doing, then put them on the tax rolls cause they're supposed to pay taxes on the tangible property that is used to produce income," added Haenn.

Briefs ...

Jail in compliance

Brackettville - Jack E. Crump, Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, congratulated the Kinney County Jail on it's accomplishment in demonstrating superior day to day management and interest by the staff. Crump signed a Certificate of Compliance attesting to the jail's compliance with Texas Minimum Jail Standards.

KCAC plans dance

The Kinney County Arts Council's coming event will be a German Dance Band at the Civic Center. This treat is scheduled for February 19th at 7:30 p.m., tickets are \$5.

Ladies Golf Winners

January 11th, the 18 hole league played a partnership game, with 36 golfers participating. First place in first flight was won by Lynn Ebert and Lou Green with a team score of 76. Pat Nelson and Cyndi Shaw tied with Rosemary Johnson and Teresa Stephens for second place with 79. Second flight winners were Camille Niel and Jo Workman who scored 80. An 82 was the score posted by Joyce Ambler and Ruth Spencer to capture second place. The third flight winners was the team of Jeanette Hinton and Eva Salyer, who scored 84. Second place winners in third flight were Betty Mathison and Effie Bromley with a score of 88.

Darlene Horning placed first on January 18th, with a score of 29 1/2. Second place was won by Jeanette Hinton, scoring 30 1/2. Tied for third place with scores of 32 were Kay Roberts and Arlys Simpson. Margo Kendrick captured fifth place scoring 33. A score of 33 1/2 was posted by Joyce Ambler, placing sixth for the day.

Theta Sigma

Mylo Unruh's home was the gathering place for the model meeting of Theta Sigma on Monday, January 17, 2000. Mylo served a delicious dinner prior to the business meeting. Luella Gilliland presided.

Mylo presented a program on the intelligence of animals and invited members to relate some of their experiences.

Attending the meeting were B.J. Eckenrod, Nancy Frerich, Marge Geeze, Luella Gilliland, Doraline Keller, Clara McCord, Pat McKelvey, Alicia Raymer, Molly Schroeder, Arlys Simpson, Bobbie Waddill, Shirley Hadsell, Louise Stone, Reba Windle, and Mylo Unruh.

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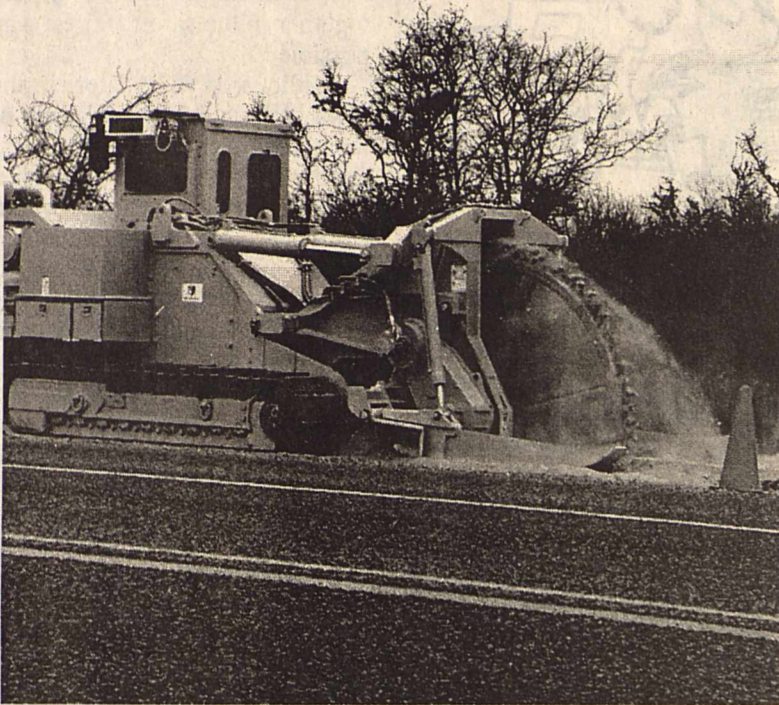
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If you have noticed the heavy equipment, big spools of cable and lots of dust along highway 90, here's the scoop. The fiber-optic cable and innerduct that is being put underground is for communications, telephone, television, etc.

Jerry Shores explained that the cables will run from Los Angeles, California to Houston, Texas and carry all major communications. The Williams Communication Co. out of Tulsa, Oklahoma is the contractor.

India visitor gives BISD photo



By Chuck Hall
Contributing Writer

We are fortunate to have many visitors to our small community. They come from all walks of life and from all across the globe. One such traveler is Sajeen Datta, a friend of Blackie and Mary Lee

Haby, who hails from India. He has made several stops by our school. He has delighted many classes with unique stories of a different lifestyle from a distant land. On his first visit he marveled that our mascot was from his birth place. During his stay here last week he again went to see the

Haby's. He sent a surprise gift to the students of Brackettville Schools. It was a picture he had taken from his backyard.

Shortly before he left his home land, he lost a cow to a predator. A few days later he photographed a Tiger weighing an estimated 750 pounds right in his back yard.

Stephenson requests no further extensions BISD directors grants 14 Historical exemptions of 25%

By Dottie Cruz
Staff Writer

The School Board approved 14 Recorded Texas Historical Landmarks to receive a 25% discount on property taxes at their last stated meeting.

The Board also approved a refund of \$853.79 for Fort Clark Springs for acreage that was deeded to the Fort Clark Municipal Utility District four years ago.

The Board approved Don Sims' request to retire. This will be the final year Sims will be the Principal of Brackett High School.

"He has been considering retirement for some time and wrestling with thinking about it," said Superintendent Taylor Stephenson.

"It's time for principals contracts to be considered, I'm sure at that point and time he realizes we have to get on with our plans for next year," added Stephenson.

President Lloyd Lee Davis appointed Taylor Stephenson, David Yeager, Paula Renken, Kim Wilkins, Kathy Bader, Tim Ward and himself to serve on the committee that will interview applicants and recommend the top candidates for the position.

"Anyone from within or out-

side can apply. The Board wants to hire the best candidate for the job," said Stephenson.

As per his request, Taylor Stephenson's contract will not be extended before it has expired in two and half years.

"This is my 40th year it's time to step back and think a little bit."
- Taylor Stephenson

"What I suggested to them was this contract has another two and a half more years to run, if at that time I determine I would still like to continue and the board wishes to continue to have me, we'll consider it then," added Stephenson.

Stephenson started his career in 1960. He retired from a school in New Mexico and then came to Brackett ISD.

"This is my 40th year and when you get up there it's time to step back and think a little bit; that was the reason for the request," said Stephenson.

At the present time the Board still not found a replacement for the position of Band Director.

"Even today I had a E-mail

from somewhere in Texas. We just haven't found a person that's a match for the job," explained Stephenson.

Stephenson continues to direct the Tiger Band until a replacement

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Nine 4-H members participate in food show

The District 10 4-H Food Show was held at the Morris Activity Center in San Antonio on December 4, 1999.

The 1999 theme was "Celebrating the New Millennium with Food" with 198 contestants.

Kinney County had nine 4-H members representing them. Our county was represented well.

Pre Jr. Division (8-10 yrs old): Cristi Gomez-Main Dish, Bailee Allen-Fruits & Vegetables, Anolda Watkins-Breads & Cereal and Summer Allen-Nutritious Snacks.

Junior Division (11-13 yrs old): Cassandra Gomez-Main Dish, Whitney Hobbs-Fruits & Vegetables, Stephanie Bonner-Breads & Cereal, and Jacquelyn Conoly-Nutritious Snacks.

Senior Division (14-19): Sarah Gammill-Main Dish.

Bailee Allen placed fourth with her Overnight Fruit Salad.



Pictured: (Back-Left to Right) Sarah Gammill, Jacquelyn Conoly, Stephanie Bonner and Whitney Hobbs. (Front-Left to Right) Cassandra Gomez, Cristi Gomez, Summer Allen, Bailee Allen and Anolda Watkins.

Who got my seat?

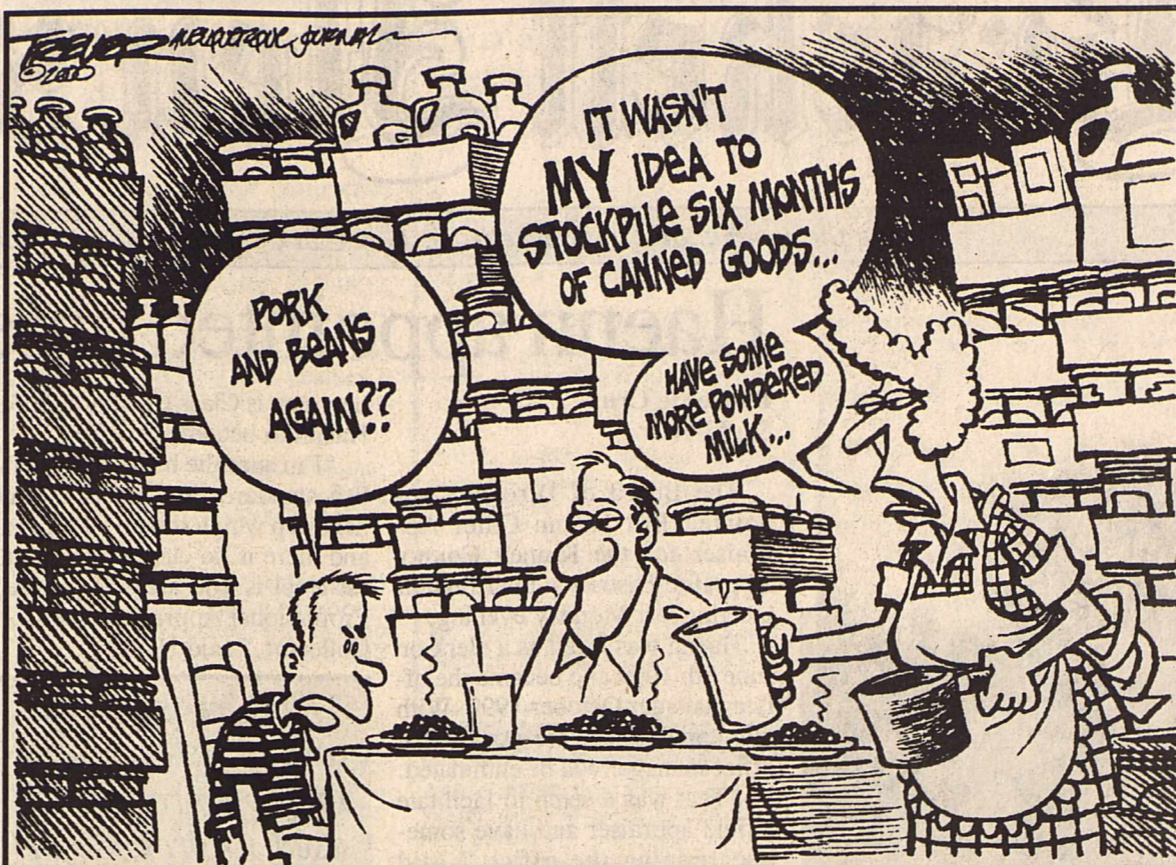
I could be wrong!
By Chuck Hall

I was thinking during the holidays. It felt very strange. I found myself sitting on the floor, wondering if it was at this time of the year that carpet was invented. Family gatherings usually leave little room, or comfort, in seating arrangements. One has to find a quick, convenient place to perch. Either that or risk standing during long portions of the festivities, waiting for some unsuspecting soul to vacate his or her seat only to return to find it occupied. Then that person must play the age-old game all children know as "musical chairs". Or as a very last resort, one can encounter the "soft pine".

It had to have been around this season that someone ask the ques-

tion: "isn't there a better way?". Hard wood floors leave a lot to be desired. At least as a suitable place to rest your buns. Perhaps some old-time pioneer, who happened to draw the short straw, was the one that got to sleep on that same floor. Maybe he was just considerate towards his guests. Knowing some of my ancestors, probably not.

Those first attempts at carpeting were undoubtedly crude to say the least. Perhaps they used a dilapidated quilt. Certainly not a new one. Maybe even the old, discarded, long forgotten, now almost unheard of, "gunny sack". I think I will invest in some more folding chairs. If you have any laying around, not in use, let me know. They have to be cheap because I am. But I could be wrong.



Playing by the rules

Submitted by
U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Rules are important. Since the first man walked out of the forest and agreed to share a cave with a fellow human, rules have been needed to make sure we all live together in the safest, fairest way possible.

Millions of years later, in the town of Philadelphia, a group of men took the concept one step further. They decided to form a society in which the rules would not be used to bend the people to the government's will, but to bend the government to the will of the people. We do elect one man - and perhaps in the not-to-distant future, one woman - to run the whole show. But we also hire five hundred thirty five men and women to make sure he can't do anything that we, the American people, don't want him to do.

In the past few months, the administration has decided that there are exceptions. Fifty million acres in federal land have been put completely off-limits to development, three new monuments have been designated in California and Arizona, and the rules for how to use tens of millions more acres in federal land have been made much stricter. There's nothing un-American about putting land aside. What's wrong is the way the president and the administration went about it. They didn't think Congress would go for the idea of sealing off such a colossal amount of land without letting communities have a say in the matter. So, they decided they wouldn't take the path the Constitution lays out, and let your elected representatives vote on it. Instead, the president just did it, overstretching the power he has to issue an "executive order."

The administration is trying to put a padlock on so much land that its own bureaucracy is running a dizzying race trying to hold hearings and collect public comments. Lyle Laverty, a forester in the Rocky Mountains, said that the speed at which the Administration has pushed through these initiatives has confused the public.

It's not the first time that the White House has taken a shortcut around Capitol Hill to get something done. The recent American Heritage Rivers Initiative (AHRI) was a move to extend government control to rivers across the country, though on the surface it was disguised as a plan to simply coordinate federal programs. It increased federal control over the Rio Grande, and gave bureaucrats a way to have a big say so in how millions of acres surrounding the river are used. Even politicians who once supported AHRI are now realizing it was a mistake.

It is because of our system of checks and balances, of making sure that neither Congress nor the president can act alone, that our country has grown from the world's red-headed stepchild to the world's strongest, richest, most powerful nation. No government program is worth bending the Constitution to achieve.

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Prostitution, Just Another Job?

The Way I See It!
By Steven R. LaMascus

Flash! Here is the latest insanity from the world of the morally bankrupt.

The United Nations is trying to decide how to define prostitution for the purposes of law. The ideas and wording being pondered and pushed for action would for all intents and purposes decriminalize prostitution. And the Clinton administration is backing the proposal!

That means that the United States of America, you, me, and our children are officially supporting action that would sanctify prostitution. Clinton is apparently backing the proposal on the grounds that if we oppose it we might alienate other governments.

Well good! If other governments want to sanction immoral, illegal conduct then we bloody well should alienate them!

This, if it actually succeeds, will cripple efforts to prosecute organized crime bosses who deal in prostitution. That has been one of the biggest moneymakers for the Mafia for decades and now we are going to tell them that they are safe from prosecution. Pretty soon the only things that will be illegal will be Christianity and privately owned firearms. If Bill Clinton is not the Anti-Christ he is a pretty darned good imitation. This man and his amoral, un-speakably evil regime are attacking everything you hold sacred and getting clean away with it and I simply don't comprehend how he is doing it. Everything he does is evil and nobody seems to care.

Is prosperity that blinding? We have plenty of everything so we abandon our morals and roll in the slime with the rest of the pigs?

Avarice and greed are more important to us than the future of our nation? We are abandoning everything we hold sacred for an idol made of paper and printed with green ink? I guess the Bible is correct again: "Money is the root of all kinds of evil."

We are supporting the ungodly because we are afraid we might upset somebody. That just about says it all, doesn't it? We have fallen to the depths of depravity and are too cowardly to take a stand. Boy, I'll bet, old Ben Franklin is doing an imitation of a tornado as he spins in his grave right about now.

What's next? Just about the time I think we have reached the limits of depravity, we go from the ridiculous to the insane. We are trying to legalize late-term abortion, use of illegal drugs is no longer a real crime, political correctness is more important than truth, animals have the same rights as humans, integrity and morality are totally unnecessary in our leaders, and now prostitution is just another job. I can see it now. You get up in the morning, put on your suit and head for the office; meanwhile your wife and 18-year-old daughter are putting on their see-through blouses and miniskirts in preparation for a long day at work.

"See ya later Honey. Have a good day on the corner. Don't take any fake twenty-dollar bills. I'll meet ya for lunch if your pimp doesn't mind."

"Bye-bye Baby. Nice fishnet stockings. Give Daddy a kiss and tell Guido to lay off the coke or I'll call the Better Business Bureau."

Alas Babylon!
But look at the bright side. We won't need police any more. No, I'm serious! Think about it. Once

we take away the guns from everybody, and make everything legal, what could we need cops for? Hey, maybe the Liberals have something here!

Friends and neighbors, you are living in the midst of the fulfillment of biblical prophesy. I quite honestly cannot comprehend any other reason for the sudden and terrible plunge we are taking into the jaws of depravity. I do not have the words to describe the evil I see every day. And every day it increases by unbelievable leaps and bounds. We are on the verge of total apostasy and complete moral collapse worldwide. For every good thing you hear about there are a thousand evil things that instantly submerge it in the muddy waters of corruption.

Revelation 3:20-22 - "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Keep the faith, brothers and sisters, no matter what! Speak out against evil wherever you find it. Do not accept the unacceptable. Stand on your Christian morals and never, ever retreat. Do not sit by and let evil win. Apathy is just as bad as apostasy, because Revelation 3:16,17 also says:

"So, because you are lukewarm - neither hot nor cold - I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked."

The road ahead

Submitted by
U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Like many, my teachers gave me a rich supply of wise sayings. One of my favorites went like this: "Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there."

My mind kept turning to this saying during the recent New Year's celebration.

In the years leading up to 2000, I believe history has proven that Texas is on the right track.

The latest figures show that our gross state product exceeds one half trillion dollars. That's right, Texans are responsible for \$551 billion worth of business - the third largest state economy in the nation. Even though Texas is home to the most farms of any state in the nation, we are also becoming well known as another Silicon Valley - rich in computers, cellular technologies and the human talent that seems to never stop inventing.

But like my teacher said, even though we were on the right track, we can't just sit there.

Thankfully, Texans have never been content sitting still. It's not

in our nature.

So with the New Year's celebrations safely behind us, now is the time to lift our heads from the daily distractions and chart our journey into the new millennium.

As your Senator, the task before me is to chart our course in Washington, to find answers to the hard questions Congress will face this year on taxes, education priorities and economic, immigration and farm policies and others.

So on this important event, I want to share with you the broad goals on which I will focus in this new session of Congress so that we can keep America's star shining far into the new millennium.

Stronger Families - The family is the building block of this nation. No government worker or agency can ever replace a parent's wisdom. All government policies must be examined to see that they help, not hurt, families. That is why, for example, I will be working to eliminate the unfair marriage penalty tax.

Stronger Economy - A healthy and free economy is the engine that makes possible everything our nation does. The government's first rule must be to help the

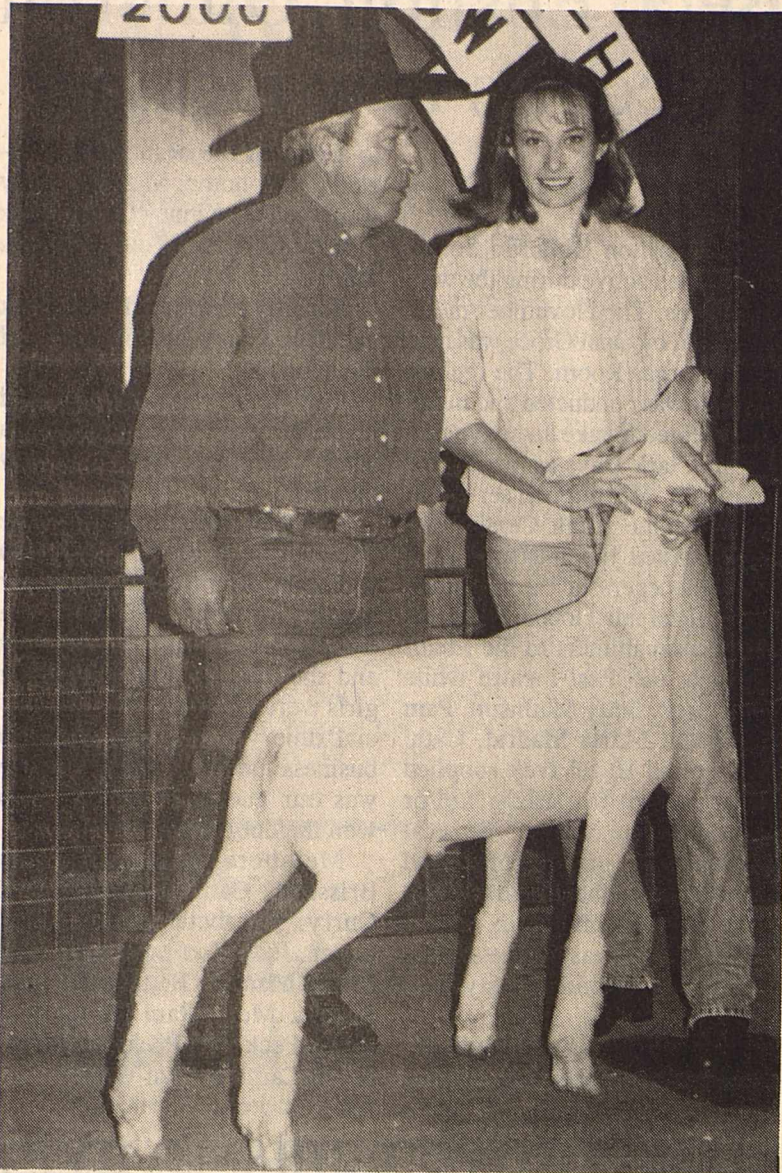
economy grow stronger and more free. That is why education and low taxes are such high priorities of mine. Good schools help students realize their potential, creating the businesses that employ others. And low taxes help all businesses grow and stay competitive in an increasingly global market.

Stronger Defense - Our powerful national defense prevents our nation from falling prey to others and it allows us to protect freedom-loving people the world over. A strong military is not something one simply creates. It must be sustained every day.

Because one in 14 Americans calls Texas home, our state is a big part of our nation's fabric of strong families and its strong economy and national defense. Texans and the rest of the nation have made unparalleled strides in the march to 2000.

Powered by the momentum and with the rest of our history before us, our future knows no limit.

We are on the right track, but we've still got miles to go. Let our rich past guide us in our journey forward.



Talking about animal control

Reminder From the Police Chief
By Police Chief Ron Ring

Hello again, I hope this finds every one in good health and happy with themselves. I was pleased with the feed back I received from my first article, and I really hope that some of you gained some information from it.

This week I would like to talk about animal control, more specifically, stray dogs. The City of Brackettville has an ordinance in place concerning dogs and cats "at-large".

I don't intend to quote ordinances to you, but basically, if you choose to own a household pet (dog or cat), then you must take responsibility for that animal. What I'm saying is just feeding the animal isn't enough, you are responsible for that animal's health, welfare, and control. As a pet owner, your are required to get the animal vaccinated for several diseases and you are required to maintain control of that animal.

Just because you happen to like dogs or cats doesn't mean that everyone in your neighborhood does. You must keep your dog on

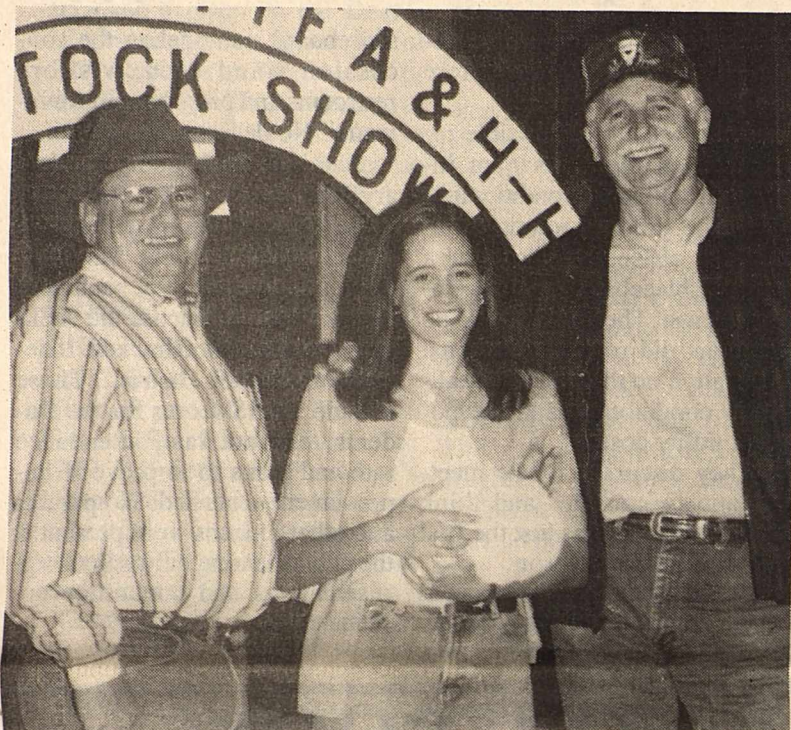
your property, if you want to take your dog for a walk, you should have it on a leash.

We have far too many dogs running the streets free. Many of them are owned by somebody and should be on that person's property.

If your dog gets picked up for being loose, you could face up to a \$500 fine. A lot of money for not closing your gate or tying your dog up. You also leave yourself open to a civil suit if the animal bites or destroys another person or their property.

Vaccinations are easy to get and inexpensive. The City sponsors a clinic at least once a year. It is a great deal easier for your animal to receive a vaccination than it is for you or someone else to undergo the rabies series of shots because a rabid animal bit you.

Remember that these are pretty simple steps for us to take and it can only help. There is no down side if you follow these rules. Let's all work together to make Brackettville an even better place to live and raise our families than it already is. Until next week.



Upper left: Kinney County Wool & Mohair bought the champion finewool lamb shown by Laura Lee Ballew. Upper right: Willie Clements had the 5th place meat goat and is shown with the buyer from Rancho Dos Angeles. Lower left: The champion rabbit was shown by Duquesa Hunt and bought by Papco and Del Rio Bank and Trust. Lower right: Nikki Pinkall with her 7th place meat rabbit and the Rancho Dos Angeles buyer.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, January 17
9:49 p.m., Robby Duane Owen, 40 from Seattle, Washington was arrested by Deputy Karl Chism for public intoxication. Owen was released the next day for time served.

Tuesday, January 18
9:20 a.m., Candelario Velazques, 28 from Irving, Texas was arrested by Trooper Lozano for driving while license suspended. Velazques posted bond the next day.

1:53 p.m., A local resident reported vandalism at a local Baptist Church. A show case window had been shot with a pellet gun.

3:41 p.m., Linan Mark, 23 of Del Rio was arrested by Trooper Lozano for operating a vehicle without license plate and for an outstanding warrant from Uvalde county. Linan was transported to Uvalde county the same day.

Thursday, January 20
1:30 a.m., A local woman called and reported dogs were barking at a donkey and it was disturbing her sleep. City Hall was notified and took care of the problem.

Friday, January 21
3:13 p.m., Deputy Bobby Guidry reported illegals near main gate of a local ranch. Border Patrol was informed of the situation.

4:50 p.m., A local woman reported a 14 carat ring had been stolen. Police Chief Ron Ring went to investigate.

7:00 p.m., Ana Belia Talamantez, 37 from Brackettville was arrested by Sheriff Buddy Burgess for theft by check. Talamantez was released on a P.R. bond the same day.

7:50 p.m., Anthony Carroll Warrior, 30 from Del Rio was arrested by Trooper Wylie for DWI 3rd offense. Warrior posted bond

on the 23rd.
10:15 p.m., A Pico employee reported an 18 wheeler had two blowouts on his rig and wouldn't make it to Uvalde. Wrecker service was notified of the situation.

Saturday, January 22
5:35 p.m., A Fort Clark resident reported a loud party going on next door to where he lived. Deputy Chism went to the area and found no loud music of any kind. Only the baby-sitter at the location.

7:32 p.m., Fort Clark Security reported a disturbance at the RV Park. By the time Deputy Chism arrived the problem had been resolved.

9:35 p.m., Tommy Lynn Curtis, 47 of Del Rio was arrested by Trooper Wylie for public intoxication. Curtis served 2 days for \$200 worth of fine and paid \$200 cash and was released on the 23rd.

Sunday, January 23
12:46 a.m., Trooper Wylie brought a man from San Antonio into the sheriffs department. The man claimed he was going to the airport in San Antonio but was traveling the wrong direction. After being cleared of any outstanding warrants the man called his son to come and get him.

1:44 p.m., A cellular call reported a one vehicle rollover with injuries two miles East of Brackettville on Highway 90. DPS, EMS, fire and highway departments were sent to the scene.

4:20 p.m., Jesus E. Monsivaia, 45 from Uvalde was arrested by Trooper Lozano for DWI 1st offense. Monsivaia is still being held in the Kinney County jail.

7:10 p.m., A woman reported a local ranch that she was employed by had been broken into. She stated the chain and lock were broken off and lying on the ground. Deputy Manuel Pena went to investigate.

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Garden Club learns about Texas Hybrid Oak Trees Beta Epsilon Omicron welcomes new member

By Hazel Ivey
Contributing Writer

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club met Thursday, January 13, 2000, in the Gorgas Room with 20 members, one new member, Pat Alexon, and three guests, Deane Panek, Carol Salesky and Glenn Heesacker. Pat Callnan opened the meeting with a prayer and President Ella Chambers led

the Pledge of Allegiance. Refreshments were enjoyed by members from a beautiful and bountiful table prepared by Esmeralda Luz and Pat McKelvy in the spirit of year 2000.

Project Committee member Norma Connors has weeded the Rose Garden and will feed the roses next month. She requested help in locating an Italian Cypress to be planted in memory of Mr.

Nolan. Clara McCord announced that she has plenty of ceramic tree markers for new trees and to replace those broken or missing.

Sara Richhart regrets that she cannot give proper time to the scrapbook and asked to be relieved of that duty. Shirley Hadsell volunteered to take over the task.

Flower Show Chairman, Charlene Simmons, gave detailed

information about the show to be held Saturday, May 6, 2-4 PM at the Service Club. The theme for the show is "Petals From Our Friendship Gardens". Handouts were given to members and publicity plans were discussed. Refreshments will be served at the show and all plans will be finalized during the next two meetings.

Visitor Glen Heesacker shared his discovery of Texas Hybrid Oak trees that seem to be well adapted to this area. These trees grow from five to six feet a year and can reach over one hundred feet in fifteen to twenty years. Mr. Heesacker feels these trees would look well on the Fort and he shared acorn seeds with members who wished to experiment. He is trying to learn more about the hybrid from the Brackett and Uvalde County Agents.

Member Donna Gracie exhibited several of her interesting wood craft items. She explained that she became interested in wood craft years ago. Her original designs ranged from very intricate to sturdy works of scenery, flowers, sports, buildings, children and nature. A delightful exhibition enjoyed by all.

By Hazel Ivey
Contributing Writer

Beta Epsilon Omicron Sorority has been active during the winter months. The November meeting hosted by Opal Groce was held in the Gorgas Room. The regular business was conducted and members decided to take an active role in Fort Clark Days as project for the month. Helen Peck served as hostess at the Adult Center, Jan Peck assisted her husband serving hamburgers at the Commissary, Elizabeth Goebel gave Piano accompaniment to the Melodrama at the Post theatre while Dee Curry, Betty Mathison, Pam Melancon, Marla Madrid, Cathi Conrey and Hazel Ivey supplied fresh popcorn for snacks and/or tossing at the villian. Several members also served coffee and refreshments at the Arts and Crafts Show on November 27th.

Dee Curry was hostess to the annual Christmas Party and Cookie exchange.

Secret Sister gifts were exchanged and guests were treated

to a tour of the beautiful remodeled Curry home. Members fully supported the Kinney County Arts Council Christmas Tour of Homes this year.

Sorority members Helen Peck and Dee Curry are members of the council.

The January meeting was held in the home of Hazel Ivey. Sondra Meil was welcomed as a new member.

Members voted to donate to the National Bone Marrow Program sponsored in this area by a sister sorority in Dallas. Plans for the Sweetheart Banquet in February and the Tea for Brackett senior girls were discussed. A lively social time was enjoyed after the business meeting. Sherri Elledge was our guests. Pam Melancon won the door prize.

Members are: Barbara Brissette, Cathi Conrey, Delia Curry, Elizabeth Goebel, Opal Groce, Judy Hooker, Hazel Ivey, Marla Madrid, Betty Mathison, Sondra Meil, Pam Melancon, Helen Peck, Jan Peck and Member-at-Large Evelyn Whitely.

Bowlin addresses FCS Historical Society

By Frank Cheaney
Contributing Writer

Sixty members of the Fort Clark Historical Society met in the Palisado Building on January 22 to hear a fascinating presentation by Alamo Village's Mike Bowlin. Bowlin, actor, author, publicist, and historian, told of the extraordinary exploits of Dr. Mary Walker, one of this nation's first female doctors. She distinguished herself by dedicated service on the Union side of the Civil War and was awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor for her valor in saving lives of combatants on both sides of that war. One of the first activists on behalf of equality for women, Walker shocked contemporary society by habitually wear-

ing mens' clothing. When she married a male doctor, the ceremony was notable for the attire of the participants - they each wore formal male attire. Bowlin noted that Dr. Walker had local ties, having served as contract surgeon for awhile at Fort Clark, also providing medical service to the civilian population in Brackettville.

Reelected Society President Frank Cheaney announced that the next meeting will be on February 26th and that the speaker will be the Society's own Phil Coburn. Coburn will present a program entitled "Ranald Mackenzie, Indian Fighter, His Life and Times." Colonel Mackenzie was one of the most colorful officers ever to serve at Fort Clark and was well known for his skilled

command of combat forces. Next month's program should be of special interest. Guests are always welcome to attend Society meetings, which start at 9:30 with coffee and donuts, prior to the formal meeting at 10:00. In addition to providing educational programs at its monthly meetings, the Society operates the Old Guardhouse Museum and the Sutler's Store and raises tax-deductible funds for restoring historic buildings on Fort Clark.

Poetry 2000 contest

The New York Poetry Alliance is sponsoring Poetry 2000, a free contest open to everyone. There are 28 prizes in all, with a \$1,000.00 cash prize going to the winner.

"We award \$25,000 in prizes annually," says Contest Director Dr. John Cusack. "This is our most exciting contest to date, to celebrate the new millennium."

To enter, send a poem 21 lines or less to: New York Poetry Alliance, Box 1588, New York, NY 10116-1588. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com. Winners will be notified by mail. The deadline for entering is February 25, 2000.

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can be found. "My commitment to them is, if we don't find that person I will stay there this semester. I'm fortunate to have Hector Jimenez help me with the organization of it all," added Stephenson.

The construction project for a covered playground area at Jones Elementary, previously assigned to the Building Committee, was

discussed. The committee will develop final plans to bring before the Board for approval.

A discussion on a possible remodeling of the main gym included installing air conditioning, remodeling dressing rooms, refinishing the office and storage area under the bleachers and other improvements. The Board took no action but did request additional information on the cost of installing air conditioning and the potential utility cost.

"They discussed it two meetings ago to consider and think about it; this one was just the first report," said Stephenson.

The board discussed the needs for the football stadium. The focus was on the need for a new

scoreboard, remodeling the concession stand area, visitors restrooms and press box improvements. No decision was made.

School Board Meeting on January 10th started with a Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) Public Hearing. This public hearing is held once each year by the board to discuss the AEIS indicators for the Brackett Independent School District. Those include TAAS scores for the students, dropout rate, attendance rate and plans to improve if improvement is needed. No parents and other citizens were present at the public hearing only school representatives and committee appointees.

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Special snow goose season starts Jan. 24th

A Little on the Wildlife Side
By Henry Lutz

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas hunters may begin using special snow goose conservation measures, including electronic calls and unplugged shotguns, beginning Jan. 24 in the Eastern Zone and Feb. 5 in the Western Zone, Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) officials announced. The season ends April 2 in both zones.

TPW's decision follows federal legislation allowing 24 Midwestern and Southern states, including Texas, to take conservation measures in the winter and spring of 2000 aimed at reducing snow goose numbers. The measures are designed to reduce destruction of fragile arctic migratory bird breeding habitat caused by exploding populations of lesser snow, blue and Ross' geese. The special conservation season will permit hunters to use electronic goose calls, unplugged shotguns, an extension of shooting hours to one-


half hour after sunset, and no bag or possession limit for snow geese. Hunters would still have to meet all other requirements for hunting waterfowl in Texas, including purchase of state and federal duck stamps and Harvest Information Program certification.

Fourteen states implemented all or part of the population control measures last year, contributing to a harvest of mid-continent light geese estimated at more than a million birds for the 1998-99 season. That harvest represents a 46 percent increase over the 730,000 birds harvested in the Central and Mississippi Flyways in the previous season, when no special conservation measures were taken. Estimates provided by participating states and compiled by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service indicate the special harvest provisions resulted in a combined harvest of more than 438,000 birds.

During the first conservation season in Texas, harvest surveys by TPW biologists show about 11,000 hunters participated in the season and harvested 53,000 snow geese. The survey revealed that 60 percent of the hunters used electronic callers and 36 percent used unplugged shotguns. Nearly two-thirds of those surveyed said they would participate again if a conservation season were offered in the future.

About 44 percent of the snow goose harvest in the Central Flyway occurs in Texas, said Vernon Bevil, TPW migratory game bird and wetland ecology director. "Our liberal regulations during hunting season have resulted in increased hunter participation and harvest, however, it's just not effective enough under these extraordinary circumstances," Bevil said. "We urge hunters to take part in the special conservation season."

Look Who's Sweet 16



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J V Basketball Tournament Honor roll is an achievable task for all students

By Ricky Creel
Contributing Writer

The Brackett J.V. Basketball team had the opportunity to play in the Rocksprings tournament on January 22, 2000. Brackett was in a pool with Junction and Eldorado.

The first game was against Junction. Game time was 11:40 a.m. It was a close contest, but Brackett was on the short end of the stick. Brackett was down by 5 at half time. At half time the score was Brackett 16 and Junction 21.

"We got great effort from our kids, but we could not get control of the game," said Coach Creel.

The second half was much the same, after the final buzzer the score was Junction 37 and Brackett 33.

The scoring came from: David Campos with 7, Tony Molinar with 8, Jaime Montalvo with 3, Boyd Brotherton with 5, Levi Duncan with 6, and Jesse Davis with 4. The other participants were Juan Flores, T.D. Smith, Tony Rubio, Philip Munoz, and Carl Dalton.

Brackett's second game began at 1:40 p.m. and it was against Eldorado.

Eldorado put a lot of pressure on Brackett from the start of the game, and it gave us some trouble.

The first period Eldorado outscored Brackett 17 to 9. As the final half continued Brackett turned it up a notch, scoring 15 points in the second period. The score at half time was Brackett 24

and Eldorado 34. Eldorado was leading by 10.

"We showed some life in the second period which resulted with 15 points." "We were facing a very talented team," said Coach Creel.

The second half Eldorado was on top of their game outscoring Brackett 30 to 9.

After the final buzzer sounded the score was Eldorado 64, Brackett 33.

The scoring came from: Tony Molinar with 7, T.D. Smith with 2, David Campos with 12, Philip Munoz with 3, Carl Dalton with 4, and Jesse Davis with 5. Other participants for the Brackett Tigers were Juan Flores, Tony Rubio, Jaime Montalvo, Boyd

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

As January closes out its page on the calendar, the hours of daylight are increasing! I think we add about 2 minutes of daylight daily beginning December 22 and continue until the first day of summer, in June. If my thinking is anywhere near right, we have added an hour of daylight since the first day of Winter!

The winter has been unseasonably warm and dry. Some of the early blooming trees are already beginning to flower. Many of our days have been in the 80s for a high and 50s or 60s for a low temperature. I'm sure we'll have more "cold spells" before Spring, but it's time to start checking trees, shrubs and lawns. I cut back the roses to about 5 canes (or stalks)

this past weekend. I kept the largest ones and trimmed everything back. I don't know if this works for you or not, but last year it helped give me more and better roses.

At school, we're working on a new six weeks and are about half way through it. The honor roll is an achievable task for all students at Brackett ISD. It takes putting priority on learning and completing school work. With the emphasis on learning, the grades will come if this is important to students. I hope that students and parents will place student learning as an important goal.

I was pleased at the turnout for the B.J. Hale fundraiser (barbecue). Many of you helped cook and serve the food. Others came to offer your support by being

there. The Hales have worked hard to try to make Brackettville a better community. Our prayers are with B.J. and her family.

The national election process begins for real this week. Our hopes for a bright future for our country depend on the outcomes of this process. George W. Bush appears to be the apparent leader among all candidates and all parties.

At home, we'll be having elections for local government leadership positions at Fort Clark and in our cities and counties. I am appreciative of those who offer their services in politics. I urge you to stay informed and to actively participate in helping to select our leaders. Have a great week!

Briefs ...

Sitzes makes Dean's List

Plainview - Rebecca Sitzes, a junior and daughter of Edward and Patricia Sitzes of Brackettville achieved a place on the Dean's List in recognition for the fall of 1999 semester at Wayland Baptist University. She maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking a full load of course work at the university level.

4 Local Students make Honor Roll

Uvalde - Southwest Texas Junior College announced Laura Gammill and Melissa D. Smith both of Brackettville made the 1999 Fall Semester President's Honor Roll. This academic honor is bestowed upon students who were enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of courses. They had a Grade Point Average of 4.0 at the conclusion of the fall semester.

SWTJC announced Jason G. Gammill and Maria Terrazas both of Brackettville made Dean's Honor Roll List. The Dean's List is composed of students who were enrolled in 12 or more semester hours. They maintained a 3.6 Grade Point Average on the semester hours that they took during the fall session.

Petrosky made Provost's List

Seguin - Amanda Petrosky, a freshman communications major at Texas Lutheran University, was named to the Provost's List for work completed in the fall semester of the 1999-2000 school year. To be named to the Provost's List, students must have a 3.5 cumulative grade point average with a minimum of 12 graded hours in the past semester.

Tigers fall to Dilley, beat Center Point to stay in the playoff hunt

By Jimmy Thomas
Contributing Writer

The Brackett Tigers fell to Dilley 65-42 last Friday in Dilley. The Tigers trailed at half 37-28 and never recovered. Dilley was led by Joe Louis Martinez with 20. The Tigers were led by Jared Hobbs with 16, Toms 9, Hill 8, Hagler 6, Hughes 4.

Tuesday night the Tigers traveled to Center Point to defeat the Pirates. The Tigers led at half 27-19 and led as much as 13 points before seeing the lead slip away in the fourth. With crucial free throws and good defense the Tigers hung on and defeated the Pirates 50-45 ending the game on a Jacob Hughes dunk. The Pirates were led by Randy Flach with 20. The Tigers were led by Schiller Hill with 15, Damian Toms 12, Hagler 9, Hobbs 8, Hughes 3, Hernandez 1. The Tigers are now 12-7 on the season and 3-1 in district. The Tigers play a crucial game at home Friday against Jourdanton.

J.V. Boys Topple Pirates submitted by Jimmy Thomas
The J.V. Boys erupted for 41 first half points to defeat the Cen-

ter Point Pirates Tuesday in Center Point. The Tigers led by 21 at half ultimately defeating the Pirates 67-56. The Tigers were led by Levi Duncan with 17 points, David Campos 12, Davis 9, Molinar and Brotherton with 7 each, Montalvo 4, Rubio and Flores with 2 each. The J.V. Tigers are 3-5 on the season.

Tigerettes fought hard

By Greg Nowlin
Contributing Writer

The Tigerettes had a hard fought game Tuesday night in Center Point. The girls had a slow start and fell behind early.

"We came out strong in the second half and actually out scored them. But the deficit was too much to overcome," said Coach Nowlin.

Leading the scoring for Tigerettes was: B'Ann Gomez with 6, Trish Robinson 5, Queta Garza 3, Jamie Bader 3, Duquesa Hunt 3 and Cuddy De Los Santos 2.

The Tigerettes play at home on Friday vs Jourdanton. Come out and support the Tigerettes.

Cubs victorious over the Queens

By Amanda Cruz
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Junior High Cubettes clawed their way up to another victory this week with a 31-25 win over the Del Rio Queens.

Ashley Smith scored a whopping 10 points. Stacey Terrazas and Amanda Davis helped with scoring 6 points apiece. Stacey Castilla contributed 4 points to the scoreboard.

Beth Ballew and Amanda Gerado kept the score going with 2 points each, and Sara Meyer scored 1 point to top off the total. Emily Petrosky and Martha Wardlaw helped the Cubettes spirit stay alive.

The cubettes have 9 wins and 1 loss this season and plan to take over the Rocksprings Tournament this Saturday.

7th grade Boys Basketball Team places second

The 7th grade boys played in the Comstock tournament last weekend. The White team lost their first game to Comstock 32-11.

Omar Rivas and Mark Kestalo led the Black team to 35-11 win over Sacred Heart. Charlie Slaughter had 14 points to lead the Black team to a 32-24 win over Comstock. The White team beat Sacred Heart 29-12 in their second game. Oscar Sierra had 12 points and Brandon Klusek had 8 points in the victory.

The White team lost to Del Rio Blue in the consolation game 49-10. Brandon Klusek had 7 points despite the loss. The Black team lost to the Del Rio White team in the championship 39-32.

The White team included: Raymond Gonzales, Noe Talamantes, Rolando Ortiz, Cody Robinette, Brandon Klusek, and Oscar Sierra.

The Black team included: Omar Rivas, Tillman Davis, Charlie Slaughter, T.J. Housem, Kody Yeager, Joey Montalvo, and

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Gentlefolk Townsfolk Womenfolk

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You often use charm to get people to see things your way - but this week you could run up against a Cancer who wants more than sweet persuasion. Prepare some hard facts to prove your case.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your usual commonsense approach to decision-making wins out again. There will be some changes in your financial situation that you can turn to your benefit.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You need to nourish your inner self. Get away for a while from all that artificial light and closed-in surroundings. Mother Nature will do wonders for your spirit.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your love for travel pays off this week when someone you met on a previous trip makes contact with you. Your career may seem stalled right now, but be patient; a big change is in the works.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're the hottest cat around and a certain Libra would love to bask in that warmth you exude. There's a chance of a major move at work that could mean relocating overseas.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your penchant for neatness is to be admired. But in your zeal to tidy up the loose ends of a relationship, don't cut yourself off forever from someone who loves you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You could be called upon to exercise leadership in a difficult situation. You may feel a little uneasy at the prospect, but you know it's something you can handle.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Someone at work wants to know a secret that someone else has confided to you. All sorts of persuasion will be offered to get you to reveal it, but stick to your principles.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time to mend a relationship that once held great promise. The longer you delay, the more difficult it will be to patch things up. Take care of a minor health problem immediately.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You may feel a mite frisky this week. Great. You earned the right for a real caper. After the fun, get back to some fundamentals, including an outstanding money matter.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Family is your priority this week. Reach out to someone who may be too proud to ask for help. At work, speak up about a problem that is affecting you and your co-workers.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You may be trying to do too much too soon. Slow your pace a little and you'll find you can accomplish what you need to do without pushing yourself to exhaustion.

YOU WERE BORN THIS WEEK: You may feel a little let down because you're not sure that people appreciate what you do for them. Not everyone can express how they feel, though; be assured that you are appreciated and loved, and for that, you should consider yourself very lucky.

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Cane is shorter, 2. Window is missing, 3. Brink is added, 4. Light is missing, 5. Window is smaller, 6. Arm is lower.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 27.....Mary Alice Dimery	Jan. 29.....Preston Taylor
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Jan. 27.....Tiiara Ward	Jan. 31.....Lalo Fuentez
Jan. 28.....Julian Talmantez	Jan. 31.....Lisa Gass
Jan. 29.....Judith Adams	Jan. 31.....Tully Shahan
Jan. 29.....Valerie Davis	Jan. 31.....Don Sims
Jan. 29.....Bill Tom Ferguson	Jan. 31.....Cherrise Ward
Jan. 29.....Marge Love	Feb. 2.....Baltazar Espinosa

Hugs make you feel better Need, Opportunity, Word

Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
by Lynn McNew

For many years I had a cartoon on my refrigerator that said, "A hug meets the minimum daily requirements of everything you need." Over the years the cartoon has disappeared, but the sentiment has not. I have always been a "huggy" person, as my former students will attest. Hugs are good!

There have been many studies done which tell about the effects of touch and a person's mental health. I remember a film I watched years ago in a college education course I was taking. Basically the story was about a young boy who was ignored. No one talked to him much and more importantly, no one ever gave him any physical contact—no one ever hugged him. Eventually he died, he just sort of disappeared, he did not feel wanted or loved. That was one of the saddest films I ever saw and I have never forgotten it.

We have an expression in our

family, when someone is having a bad day, we say that person needs a hug. And I guarantee it works. Hugs can always make you feel better. My children are huggers. Nothing makes me feel better when I see one of my sons after a long separation than to be wrapped in a big bear hug. My daughter has had to learn as a junior high teacher that; unfortunately, you have to be very careful about who you should hug. Our grandchildren are all experienced huggers and love it.

Our society has become such that hugging is sometimes frowned upon. I agree that inappropriate touching should never be allowed, but hugging is not inappropriate and in fact is necessary.

So find someone to hug today. If you see me, I would be happy to have a hug—I'll hug you back! Hug your spouse, hug your children, hug someone who is sad or ill, hug someone because you are happy. Any reason for a hug is good. In fact, I don't think you

need a reason to give someone a hug—just do it!

You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. God Bless You!

Jesus video project

The Jesus Video Project of Texas leadership has decided to expand the scope of the Project. It is desired that the entire project be done with excellence with as much participation from the churches of Texas as possible. After two weeks of meetings with pastors and businessmen from around the state, leaders realized that the short time frame of the project would not allow for full involvement, preparation and unity of the local church.

All scheduled meetings around the state will continue as planned. Distribution of the Campus Crusade for Christ Jesus Video was originally scheduled to begin April 17, 2000. A new schedule for events, such as the state-wide rally and the mailing of over 8.3 million videos will be released shortly.

The Jesus Video Project of Texas is already being called one of the largest Christian Witness endeavors of modern times. For more information, visit the Jesus Video Project of Texas website at www.JesusTexas.org.

Fifth Sunday HymnFest

First United Methodist Church on James Street presents The Borderline Singers at the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday January 30th (a nursery attendant is provided). You are invited to join with friends and family in a full hour of singing with and listening to gospel music, old and new. Since the Preacher won't be preaching the music will be all that much sweeter and longer, so come join us as we lift our voices in praise to God. Adult and Children's Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.

Living in the N.O.W. assures your future

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charlotte Corey

Too many people are misdirected by searching for their answers through psychics and fortune tellers. God's answer is in the power of N.O.W. . . that is Need, Opportunity, Word. Where there is Need, there is the Opportunity to use the power of God's living Word.

N.O.W. is the time for calling out in the name of Jesus and he will answer. N.O.W. is the time for walking in faith. N.O.W. is the time for sowing seeds into God's kingdom. N.O.W. is the time for being more than conquerors. N.O.W. is the time for being a blessing and being blessed. N.O.W. is the time for praying and fasting. N.O.W. is the time for taking every thought captive. N.O.W. is the time to trust God. N.O.W. is the time for forgiving. N.O.W. is the time to rest in hope. N.O.W. is the time to unconditionally love.

God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. (Hebrews 13:8) Jesus has defeated Satan and has sat down at the right hand of the Heavenly Father. (Heb. 10:12-14, Ephesians 1:20-23, 1 Peter 3:21-22) We are seated in Christ Jesus in heavenly places. (Eph. 1:3-4, 2:4-7, 3:9-12) therefore, no weapon formed against us shall prosper (Isaiah 54:7). God was your provider yesterday. He is your provider today and He will be your provider tomorrow.

The past is gone (and to be

learned from); the future is what you make it by using your time wisely N.O.W. This year will be filled with N.O.W. Get out your sword (the living word of God) and be ready to fight. The battle is won in the name of Jesus, the name above all names. Benefit, bounty, and blessings are yours through the living word of God.

Remember, living in the N.O.W. assures your future to be victorious. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Thank-You

To all of our friends and neighbors, we would like to express our deep and heartfelt appreciation for your generous contributions, your words of encouragement, and all of your many prayers. Your support has been overwhelming and has made the difference in BJ's battle with this disease. THANK YOU each and everyone from the bottom of our hearts.

Kenneth & BJ Hale

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Wednesdays 7 p.m.
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Choose the way of truth

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

Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word.

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

I am a stranger in the earth; hide not thy commandments from me.

My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thine judgments at all times.

Thou hast rebuked the proud who are cursed, who do err from thy commandments.

Remove from me reproach and contempt; for I have kept thy testimonies.

Princes also did sit and speak against me, but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.

Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counselors.

My soul clingeth to the dust;

revive me according to thy word. I have declared my ways, and thou hearest me; teach me thy statutes.

Make me to understand the way of thy precepts; so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

My soul melteth for heaviness; strengthen thou me according unto the word.

Remove from me thy way of living, and grant me thy law graciously.

I have chosen the way of truth; thine judgements have I laid before me.

I have clung unto thy testimonies; O Lord, put me not to shame.

I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

Psalms 119: 17-32. Praise God.

Friday morning services every Friday at 10 a.m., at St. John's Missionary Church. Everyone is invited. Have lunch with us after service. Praise the Lord.

Obituaries

Jimmy Ann Luttrell

Jimmy Ann Luttrell, 73 a resident of Fort Clark Springs died January 25, 2000 in Del Rio at the Amistad Nursing Home.

Jimmy was born February 21, 1926 in Breeze, IL.

Preceded in death by husband, Kenneth Luttrell; parents Alonzo and Alta Malone; sister Mary Luthera Gomial; brother, Alonzo Malone, Jr.

She is survived by daughters: Denise Dean and husband Gary of Aztec, NM; Jessica LaButa and husband David of Del Rio.

Sons: Terence Luttrell and

wife, Sherry of Kemmerer, WY.; Daniel Luttrell and wife Melissa of Colorado. 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Sisters Jacqueline Schmidt of Fort Clark Springs; Jane Hening and husband Sam of Fort Clark Springs; June Roundtree and husband William of Uvalde and Madonna Bourcius and husband Bart of Albuquerque, NM.

Memorial Services will be Friday, January 28, at 2:00 p.m., at San Jose Church, 217 E. Garden, Street Uvalde, Texas, with Father Ken Dakin, officiating.

Lucy Hampton Monk

Lucy Hampton Monk, 90 of Pampa, Texas died January 23, 2000 in Borger, Texas.

Lucy was born November 20, 1909 in Quitman, Georgia. Married O'Neal Monk, Sr. on May 14, 1932 in Quitman. He preceded her in death on March 10, 1975. She moved to Pampa in 1966 from Quitman. She was preceded in death by two sons: James O. Monk on August 4, 1956 and Harry A. Monk on May 11, 1948.

Lucy is survived by three sons: Owen Monk, Sr., O'Neal Monk, Jr. and David Monk all of Skellytown. Daughter: Dianna

Lackey of Brackettville. Brother: Jeff Hampton, Jr. of Jacksonville, Florida. 14 Grandchildren, and numerous great grandchildren spanning 5 generations. Numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 25th at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Willie Adams, pastor of the Eternal Light Church in Borger, officiating.

Interment was at Memory Gardens under the the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Memorials can be made to Crown of Texas Hospice.

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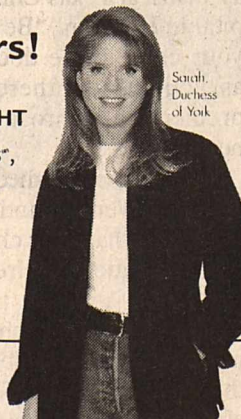
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Sealed proposals for Lamp Replacement in Val Verde County, covered by Control No. 6051-98-001, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, District Office, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas 78043 until 2:00 P.M. on February 8, 2000, and then publicly opened and read.

Applicable specifications relative to the Contract are available for inspection at the Office of: Rosa E. Trevino, P.E. Director of Maintenance 1817 Bob Bullock Loop Laredo, Texas 78043

The estimated cost for this Project is \$122,500.

Only a Cashier's Check, Money Order or Teller's Check on a State or National Bank, on a State or National Savings and Loan Association or a State or Federally Chartered Credit Union for \$2,500 is considered acceptable. The Proposal Guaranty must be in the amount stated and may be payable at or through the institution issuing the instruments or may be drawn on a non-bank and payable at or through a bank. The Department will not accept personal checks, certified checks, other types of money orders and bid bonds.

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Your Income should not exceed these amounts (depending on number in household).

Family Size	Yearly Income Amt.	Family Size	Yearly Income Amt.
1	\$10,300.00	5	\$24,400.00
2	\$13,825.00	6	\$27,925.00
3	\$17,350.00	7	\$31,450.00
4	\$20,875.00	8	\$34,975.00

For family units with more than 8 member, add the following for each member \$3,255.00

If you are interested in applying for the weatherization program then fill out the form below and return it to this address and we will send an application and check list of all information to complete your application:

Community Services Agency of South Texas, Inc.
Attn: Ernest White
P.O. Box 488
Carrizo Springs, TX 78834
(830) 876-5219/5210 Ext: 24 or 34

If you are interested in the Weatherization Program and would like to see if you are eligible to receive assistance under this program then fill out and mail in for an application or contact your local Community Council Agency

Name: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Home Phone (____) _____ Phone to be reach at (____) _____

Children's health and safety summary

Recognizing the signs of strep throat - When is a sore throat cause for concern? When it is caused by bacteria called strep. Look for symptoms such as fever, headache, swollen tonsils and lymph glands, and pain when swallowing. The back of the throat is usually red with white patches. "Strep is contagious," said Dr. Carol Baker, an infectious disease specialist at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. "Be sure to take your child to the doctor as soon as you suspect there may be a problem so a throat culture can be done."

If strep is confirmed, your child will be given an antibiotic. It is important that your child takes all the medication as directed by the doctor.

To keep germs from spreading, instruct family members to wash their hands often. Teach your child not to share food and eating utensils or other items placed in or on the mouth.

Think R.I.C.E. when treating athletic injuries - Many minor athletic injuries can be handled at home with loving care and R.I.C.E. - rest, ice, compression

and elevation. "Resting, which means not doing anything that hurts, gives the injury a chance to heal," said Dr. Joe Chorley, a sports medicine specialist at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. "Ice reduces swelling and should be applied for a maximum of 20 minutes when your child is awake. Use an elastic bandage to apply gentle pressure to the injury. Ask your child's doctor or coach how to apply the bandage correctly. Remember to keep the injured arm or leg elevated to reduce swelling."

Call or take your child to the doctor if there is uncontrolled bleeding or severe pain or swelling. Also contact the doctor if the pain or swelling does not improve within 24 hours, or if you suspect your child has a broken bone or a head, neck or back injury.

Putting the squeeze on nosebleeds - Nosebleeds can occur for a variety of reasons - trauma, vigorous rubbing or being in a heated or dry environment.

To control bleeding, apply firm pressure just above the nostrils using the thumb and index finger. Your child's head should be bent

forward so the chin is almost resting on the chest. Use a cold, clean washcloth at the end of the nose to help stop the bleeding. "If the bleeding remains profuse or difficult to control after 15 or 20 minutes, it's a good idea to call your child's doctor," said Dr. Jan Drutz, a pediatrician at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. "If nose bleeds are recurrent or there are other signs of bleeding, such as easy bruising or gums that bleed easily, notify your child's doctor."

Curbing the use of inappropriate language - While it's sometimes amusing to hear children mimic cuss words, it is not so amusing when older children use profanity with adults or peers.

"As children age, they might use profanity when arguing with an adult in an attempt to exert their independence. For older children, cursing is generally used to fit in with friends," said Dr. Danita Czyzewski, a psychologist at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

For young children, it may be best to ignore occasional incidents or repeat the sentence with an ap-

propriate word. Older children and adolescents should be told that such language is inappropriate. Parents and family members can be good role models by refraining from cursing. Monitoring TV viewing can limit exposure to language you consider unsuitable for your child.

Plan for kids' crises before they happen - Being prepared before an emergency strikes can help ensure the best care for your child.

Dr. Joan Shook, chief of emergency medicine service at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston offers the following advice: 1. Make sure the hospital is equipped with child-size medical equipment. "Airway equipment that is made to go in an adult's airway won't fit a child," said Shook. 2. Ask if drugs and techniques are tailored to children's special physical and emotional needs. 3. Confirm that doctors and nurses are specially trained in handling pediatric emergencies. 4. Verify that the hospital has a pediatric service or board-certified pediatrician on the premises 24 hours a day.