

# The Brackett News



**City's Debt Dropping?**

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**BRIEFS**

**City closed Monday**

The City of Brackettville will be closed Monday, Jan. 17, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Closing includes transfer station.

**Ft. Clark Ladies Golf**

Fort Clark Ladies Golf League hosted the Best front nine. Pat Alexson received 1st Place, Betty Lee took 2nd and Sheri White received 3rd.

**Adult FCA Meeting**

The Adult Chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes will meet Sunday, Jan. 16 at 2pm at Bill and Carolyn Conoly's home on the Conoly Ranch off of FM 3348. Planning for the all-night after prom party for students will be discussed.

There will be door prizes for adult members who bring the most pennies to contribute to the students' Penny War fund-raiser and also for those bringing a new member to the meeting.

The meeting and membership is open to all in the community interested in supporting the activities of area youth in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. For more information call Carolyn Conoly at 563-3699.

**Arts Council plans events**

Many plans for upcoming cultural events dominated Kinney County Arts Council's (KCAC) meeting at FCS's "Adult Center" on Jan. 10 at 5 p.m.

Nine members present selected Feb. 26 as the date for the "Steel Drum" concert at the Post Theater.

Approximately 20 steel drum musicians from Southwest Texas University, San Marcos, will also conduct a workshop on the Feb. 25 for area high school bands.

Sometime in March, a membership drive tea is also a future project.

KCAC is a non-profit organization that recycles fundraiser donations to match monetary assets with "Texas Commission of the Arts" in order to bring cultural events to the school children of Kinney County.

**ST Cattle Women Meet Jan. 18**

Join the ladies "in the know." Learn of our food supply, its safety of healthy beef, share recipes, and other current issues important to each individual citizen. Attend the January meeting of the South Texas CattleWomen, Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the Security State Bank meeting room, Pearsall, at 10 a.m.

The bank is at 1000 N. Oak street with excellent parking on the side. A dutch-treat lunch will be enjoyed at the Brush Country Steak House following the meeting.

## Livestock show readies for 62 exhibitors this weekend

Local officials are ready for the more than 60 exhibitors expected for the Silver Anniversary of the Kinney County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show.

The event is Friday and Saturday in the Kinney County Civic Center.

Members of the local 4-H and FFA, both juniors and seniors will participate in the two day event.

The event begins with the weigh in of all market animals from 7 a.m. to noon on Friday.

Showing begins Friday with rabbit classes at 2 p.m., steer classes at 4, meat goat doe kids at 4:30, commercial ewe lambs at 5 and swine at 5:30.

Showing continues on Saturday with market lamb classes at 8 a.m. and market goat classes at 9:30 a.m.

The livestock show includes a barbecue lunch at noon on Saturday, followed by awards presentations at 1:30 and the premium sale at 2.

The auction raises funds for scholarships and various programs through the 4-H and FFA.

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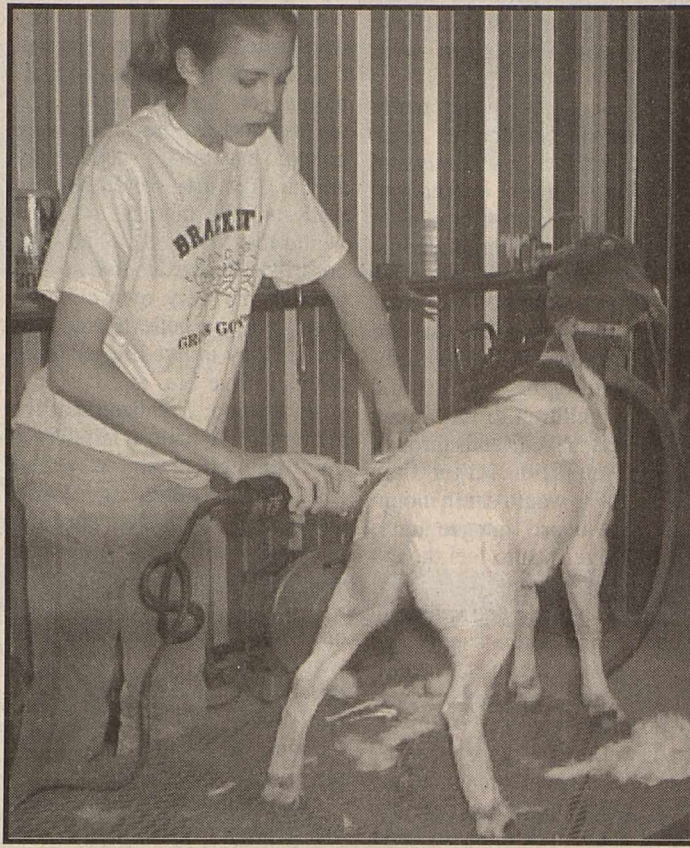


Photo By Pam Hale  
Hayley Harris, daughter of Roy and Jenifer Harris, preps her goat for this weekend's Livestock Show at the Kinney County Civic Center. More than 60 of Kinney County Youth are expected to participate in the silver anniversary event.



**Recognition in order**

Superintendent Bobby Templeton recognized the School Board members in appreciation and for their service to the school and community with a certificate and a photo of the 1924 football team signed by family members living in Brackettville. From left, Sondra Meil - VP, Tony Ashley, Henry Lutz - Pres., Bobby Templeton, Ronnie Hobbs, Jeffery Duncan, Mark Frerich and Sara Terrazas - Sec.

## Commissioner's Court approves agreement

### Spofford nets \$603,323 TxDOT grant

The Kinney County Commissioner's Court signed an approval Thursday by the Texas Transportation Commission for projects along the Texas-Mexico border region.

The action is follow up to Gov. Rick Perry's request in July to the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue bonds that will fund the construction projects.

TxDOT began accepting project proposals immediately after that.

"We will continue to fulfill our role in helping to improve transportation for those living in areas where better roadways are desperately needed," said Jim Randall, TxDOT's director of transportation planning and programming.

Unpaved and deteriorated roads in many of the state's border colonia communities cause transportation and drainage problems. In 2001, Texas voters approved a \$175 million bond package to support the road improvement program.

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## Solis honored for years of service to elections

The Kinney County commissioner's court presented a distinguished service award to Paulita Solis.

Solis received the award of appreciation for her 45 years of service to elections in Kinney's Pct. 4.

The presentation was made during the Kinney County Commissioner's Court Monday by Pct. 4 Commissioner Pat Melancon.

Melancon lauded Solis for her dedication and knowledge of the ever changing election laws.

Precinct 4 election judge Gil Raymer said "I am amazed at her knowledge of the election laws. I was a novice (in 1996) but had worked elections elsewhere.

"Even though I relied on Paulita's knowledge of Texas voting procedure, I didn't know at the time just how long she had been serving the county.

"During the last election I learned of her performance for the county. I then approached Pct. 4 Commissioner Melancon to see if the County could recognize her for her service. It is so fitting for a person that performs a service for not only our county but for our great country," Raymer added.

Solis noted she was honored with the presentation and still intends to continue helping with elections.



Paulita Solis proudly displays her Texas-sized plaque she received during the Kinney County Commissioner's Court Monday. She was lauded for her 42 years of service to elections.

In other county news, the court approved the development of a tax exemption policy which encourages owners of Recorded Texas Historic Landmark properties to restore, preserve and maintain such properties as per the Texas property Tax Code.

The court also approved the

addition to the existing county jail. The addition will have three offices and evidence storage.

The court also approved the appointment of Rene Diaz, who is County Judge Herb Senne's administrative assistant, as the Kinney County Civic Center Manager.

## Strayhorn estimates budget is \$400 million in black

### Says the shortfall is in Governor's leadership

AUSTIN - Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn today released the biennial revenue estimate, saying a scant \$400 million extra will be available after meeting current spending levels of state government over the next two years.

Strayhorn reported to the 79th Legislature that the state will have \$64.7 billion in general revenue available for her certification of the budget for the 2006-2007 biennium. Revenue available from all funds of state government, including federal funds, will total \$130.5 billion.

The 79th Legislature will have \$6.4 billion more in general revenue than was appropriated by the 78th Legislature. However, Strayhorn said \$6 billion of that new money would be needed to maintain today's spending levels through fiscal year 2007.

"Our state's great economic engine is improving," Strayhorn said. "We have experienced 16 months of positive sales tax

growth. Seven of the 10 economic indicators I watch every day are up. "I expect to see a continuation of growth trends in 2005 and into the next biennium," she said. "Growth in the economy reflected in my estimate will be solid and sustained. I am projecting growth in the gross state product of 3.5 percent in fiscal year 2005, and 3.2 percent in both 2006 and 2007."

Strayhorn warned that while writing a budget is hard work, "The issue that will define this session is school finance."

"I say no matter how strong our economy is, fixing our broken school finance system cannot be done within our existing revenue estimate," she said. "The governor needs to show the people of Texas a real school finance reform plan that will cut skyrocketing local property taxes, have the state pick up more of the tab, and have equity.

"We must drive more of ev-

ery education dollar directly into the classroom with the teachers and the students where it belongs," Strayhorn said. "And we need to say out loud: We need more money for education."

"Texas has just enough money to continue following Gov. Perry in doing a poor job for our citizens," she said. "It means that we could continue to follow the governor in balancing the budget right on the backs of our school teachers and our most vulnerable Texans with billions and billions of dollars in fees, charges, and out-of-pocket expenses—and avoid hard decisions about the future. That's the governor's record, but that's not what hard-working Texans want. That's not the Texas way and it cannot continue."

"There is no shortfall when it comes to the budget," Strayhorn said. "There is a shortfall when it comes to the governor's leadership."

## Mayes: City's debt dropping

In her report to the Brackettville City Council, City Secretary Bonnie Mayes reported that the debt owed to West Texas Gas is at \$5,007.13.

She notes that when she was hired, the city owed approximately \$61,000.

Also in her report she noted that persons from outside the county were leaving trash outside the city's transfer station on Highway 90 West.

In regards to the Kinney County Civic Center, Mayes also reported that the water meter "has not been read since who knows when."

She also said that it would take an approximate \$10,000 for the city to clean the brush area and have it in compliance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Council member Matt Bland said attempts to open the old brush area on Texas Highway 2804 were in the works.

The council also approved all

municipal holidays for 2005. The first is Monday, Jan. 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.

Then Feb. 21 for President's Day; March 2 for Texas Independence; March 25 is Good Friday; May 30 is Memorial Day, June 19 for Juneteenth; July 4 Independence Day; Sept. 5 Labor Day; Nov. 11 Veterans Day; Nov. 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving Day; Dec. 26 for Christmas. The employees will also receive their birthday as a holiday.

On these dates, city hall as well as the transfer station, will be closed.

Council member Tomas Gomez noted that perhaps closing the transfer station four days in a row would not be the best situation.

The council is also planning a workshop to revise and review its personnel policy.

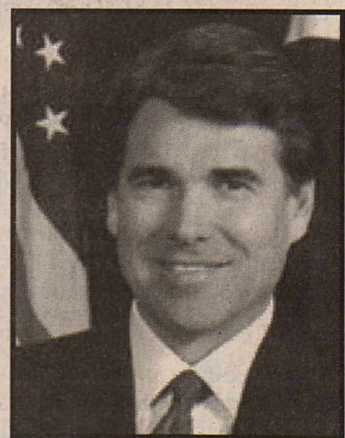
The workshop is slated for Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 6:30 p.m.

## Perry Responds to comptroller's criticisms

AUSTIN - Kathy Walt, Governor Rick Perry's press secretary, issued the following statement concerning the Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn's baseless attacks.

"Today's announcement that Texas legislators will have surplus revenues to work with in this year's legislative session demonstrates that Gov. Perry was right to focus efforts on creating new jobs.

If the comptroller wants to blame the governor for turning a \$10 billion shortfall into a surplus in two short years, the governor will be happy to share the credit with legislators and em-



Gov. Rick Perry  
payers who are working hard to grow our economy."

**INSIDE**

**Tigerettes Win**

The Brackett Tigerettes and Lady Angoras squared off in 29A District play last Friday in Rocksprings. Sports/Page 4

**Rabbit Market**

Anyone interested in purchasing commercial grade meat rabbits, come to the Civic Center at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20. Community/Page 3

**Vada Baldree**

I was introduced to this dish many years ago while living in Mississippi. Community/Page 3

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# I have my whole life ahead of me

A tear glistens in her eye, and a magical feeling creeps into her heart. She feels happy, excited, but most of all proud of her little wonder. She watches as her child, her pride and joy, shakes the sophisticated looking man's hand and receives the Nobel Peace Prize and fulfills all of her mother's dreams.

The other day I had a dream that I had a child, something that happens quite often (I think my inner child is starving for attention, but I'm not a dream analyzer), and when I awoke it got me thinking about my child of the future. This is a subject I think about a lot as I get older.

I think about the number of children I will have, their names (Taylor, Hunter, and Fisher) and I think about their talents and what they will be like. Of course I want them to be healthy and happy, but there are so many other things I have imagined in such great detail. I have asked other people my age if they ever think about their children, and most often the answer is no. I asked some male friends of mine a few months ago what they thought their future children would be like, and the predictably replied was "football players duh." One week I was on a kick. I took a voyage into my future. I had a nice house, a nice job, and beautiful, intelligent, witty, and amazing children (not to mention husband Brad Pitt).

I had planned to take good care of my kiddies, and while

mere infants teach them amazing things, like how to count, add, subtract, and multiply. I would let them listen to Mozart and other classics, buy them educational toys, and feed them homegrown, all natural foods (I would probably be a genius if the same were done for me as a baby). I planned to rear them well from the very beginning.

Then, once they got out of their toddler stages and made their way to school, I decided it would be fit to teach them a foreign language, and get them music lessons like the piano, violin, or maybe even drums (I never learned to play an instrument). I would also let them express themselves through every medium possible. I planned to buy paints and clay, and glorify each and every one of their little creations, because I always thought my own as a child never got much praise.

Then sports would come (I didn't start playing any group or competitive sports until I was in the eighth grade, and I always thought that if I had just started a little earlier, I would be better today.) I would put my children into pee-wee leagues from the second grade on, and also include a special weight lifting program. Then by the time they reached freshman year, I would have athletic, quick, high jumping children. I would also teach my children politics.

They would be aware of the world surrounding them, and all the situations concerning countries other than just the U.S. (I had never really felt informed.)



Yo Shanae

Shanae Simmons

They would be constantly interested in the news on television, and read articles from The New York Times and The Washington Post. My children would even have shares in stock (I have never been that good with money).

Because I have never really even left the country, for more than a few hours, my family and I would also travel internationally, and be knowledgeable about the many different people of the world. We would visit Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia, South America and Canada, and we would experience each culture in a different way. I would teach my children to have open minds, and make friends through internal qualities rather than physical. We would climb mountains, snowboard, bungee jump, and sky dive, just to feel the excitement of living.

In the summer, we would go scuba diving and observe the entire ecosystems of the beautiful coral, and then in the winter go up north and walk with the polar bears (from very far away of course). Then I imagined my little tykes growing up into young adults and ready to leave the nest. I imagined these amazing people walking down the stage to an awaiting hand hold-

ing a diploma, and a tear fizzled in my eye. My babies had grown up, they were going to go away to college and become their own people. Make their own friends, and have their own adventures. Time had flown by so fast and now I was old. They were leaving me and I didn't want them to go (of course I always had Brad to comfort me).

After all that I realized, I was having a mid-life crisis at the age of 17. I shook myself back to reality and realized I had my whole life ahead of me, and that I hadn't even grabbed my diploma yet. I also realized that my true kids of the future were going to hate me if I was as crazy as that. Yes they would be very well rounded people, but heck would they be tired? I had temporarily attempted to live my life through my very own children (though make believe) and that was no way to live life, or force others to live life, at all.

In the end, I realized that for a moment, I hadn't felt like a good enough person who had reached her potential. Was I lacking? So with that question in mind, I called my mom and told her I loved her. I wanted to know what her dreams for me once were when I was merely a twinkle in her eye. With that question in mind she replied, "I just wanted you to be happy... Famous, so I could brag to all my friends, but happy."

Who knows, maybe its normal to want everything for your kids, because in the beginning, didn't our parents want everything for us?

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### No respect for property, flags

Sometime around Christmas, person or persons unknown decided that the flags displayed in front of the EMS station would be good Christmas gifts.

Both the Texas flag and the EMS flag were removed.

While I believe in Santa Claus, I do not believe he would resort to theft to obtain a gift.

The Texas flag proudly flown was a gift from the County judge's office and the EMS flag was purchased by myself to show

pride in our chosen profession and also to guide visitors to the station.

I will obtain another set of flags, as our spirit has not diminished.

However, I am very disappointed in someone from this county for their lack of respect for EMS and the state of Texas.

I hope you use the flags as they were meant to be used.

Steven Burch,  
EMS Director

## Odds and Ends

I have a question: What's the difference between an overpass and an underpass.

Isn't it the same thing except for where you are? You're on an overpass and I'm on an underpass.

Why do we call double barreled shotguns "side by side"? Is a single barrel called a "side"? Isn't one of the "sides" in an acceptable spot?

What about an "over and under"? I'd call it a "usual and under".

Or perhaps an "over and usual". Doesn't that make more sense? One of those barrels has to be in a standard position.

I have a new word for your consideration: Amn't. It sounds like a terrific word to



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

me. It means "I am not". Amn't.

You have to admit it's as good as the word "aren't".

You aren't, I amn't. Here's another one: Plover. I actually stole this one. That's what the cop told me. PLOVER.

One final note to some of my older readers. I got a phone call from Bill Bailey. He's not coming home. I'll do better next week.

But I could be wrong.

### The Miraculous Prayer

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past, I have asked of many favors. This time, I ask you this very special one "mention favor." Take it Dear JESUS and place it within your own broken heart, where your father sees it. Then, in your merciful eyes, it will become your favor, not mine. Amen. E.T.

Say this prayer for three days, promise publication and the favor will be granted, never known to fail.

## Serving in Congress means serving you

As your elected representative in Congress, my highest priority is to serve the constituents of the Twenty-Third District of Texas.

Our district covers all or part of 23 counties, which account for approximately 20 percent of the total square miles of our great state.

The 23rd District of Texas spans two time zones, three climates and is more than 55,000 square miles.



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

But no matter where you reside within the 23rd District, my offices are there for you.

The members of my staff are trained to provide a variety of constituent services.

These services range from assisting people as they navigate their way through the layers of the federal bureaucracy, to helping families and schools with tours of Washington, D.C., to providing input on pending legislation, to expediting passport approvals. And that is just the beginning!

The federal government is an enormous bureaucracy.

And, too often, people who deal with the government run up against confusing, complicated and even conflicting rules and regulations. I can help you cut through the red tape.

Some of the most common problems arise from Social Security and Medicare benefits; immigration issues; the armed services; veterans' services and benefits; and regulatory agencies.

If you need assistance with these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff at any of my district offices.

We receive calls everyday from constituents requesting in-

formation about bills pending in Congress, federal laws and regulations, and state issues.

Some excellent resources that we use and can be accessed by the public include: [www.loc.gov/thomas](http://www.loc.gov/thomas), a website where constituents can look up information on pending legislation and laws; and [www.congress.org](http://www.congress.org), a website that can be used to search for federal officials, other Congressional offices, the White House and federal agencies.

Our Website, [www.house.gov/bonilla](http://www.house.gov/bonilla), provides information about Washington, D.C. tourist attractions, how to contact our offices, legislative updates, and instructions about how to order a U.S. Flag that has been flown over the Capitol building.

And, of course, if you ever have a question, an opinion, or a point of view about a current issue or a specific piece of legislation, I want to hear from you. Call my office or send a letter or email.

While my office cannot fix every problem related to the federal government, or fulfill every constituent request, we will always try our best to help.

And we can always explore the options and serve as a source of reliable information. I believe I have no higher priority than providing good constituent service to the people of Texas' 23rd District.

If you or someone in your family ever thinks my office can help, I hope you will not hesitate to contact us.

## Glory in War

What is death with honor? What is dying in performance of your duty? Why do we place the term glory alongside the horror of bloody war?

War is terrible. There is no possible way to describe combat to someone who has never experienced it. There is no glory in combat. At the time there is only fear, and duty, and instinct, and training. No, that's wrong. Often there is no fear. There is no time for fear. Training takes over and your mind only focuses on what has to be done and not on the consequences of those actions. Fear comes after the shooting has stopped. Strange, isn't it?

What should our reactions be to the death of a comrade in arms, or a beloved child who died defending a nation, or the death of a friend, or of a person under our command? Should we be happy that they died with honor? Should we feel elation at the glory they brought upon themselves? Hell, no!

Death in combat is a terrible thing. It is ugly — uglier than most of us can imagine. The smell of blood and guts and feces and urine can permeate the air. The smell of death is never forgotten by those who have experienced it. And they have no wonderful, warm, fuzzy feelings about those who they killed or those that died beside them. Death is not easy.

What should we feel? Pride? Anguish? Revulsion? Yes, and more.

Death is not easy. It isn't meant to be easy. It is meant to be ugly. We should feel bad about death. However, we should understand that the young men and women who die in combat, almost to a person, knew the risks, accepted the risks, and were willing to die for something they believed in. We should not lessen their sacrifice by turning our sadness into rage at their deaths. We should honor their decision to serve.

Glory is an aftereffect of war. Glory is given to the warriors, both the dead and the survivors, by those who weren't there. Anyone searching for glory in combat is a fool, a dangerous fool. Death should never be easy to accept, but it should be allowed to be meaningful.

Their sacrifice is not meaningless — not even in a meaningless cause. Their sacrifice is what makes us hate war and want to avoid it at all costs. Honor them! Mourn for them!

Love them! But don't make the mistake of blaming them for serving. Vietnam was a mistake! It was a mistake by those who sent the soldiers there to die, and a mistake by those who reviled those young patriots when they returned from war.

We were never there to win,



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

and no one has ever won a war that had limits and boundaries. The only way to win a war is to find the enemy and kill him. If he steps across a line on a map, you go after him and kill him there. There is no safety zone. Our reasons for Vietnam were righteous, the way we fought it was tragic.

Iraq is not a mistake! We are there for a high moral cause. We are there to right more than one wrong. The reasons we went are now immaterial. Were they right or wrong? Who cares? We did a good thing. We should have known that it would turn into a cesspool. That is what happens when a Muslim nation, under a dictator is released from bondage. Part of the people see it as an opportunity to build a great nation; part see it as an opportunity to take their turn in the seat of power; and some see it as an opportunity to let Allah have his way and turn the country into a misguided theocracy.

We are not going to leave Iraq as a functioning democracy. It ain't gonna happen. I'm sorry to say it, but civil war in Iraq is a forgone conclusion. Democracy of the type we enjoy in the United States will not work in a Muslim country. The Muslims/Arabs have been fighting themselves and others since Ishmael had children. God himself told us so, and he was right. If they have no enemies to fight, they will fight each other. Now we are there and they have someone to fight. They don't care why we're there, just our presence is sufficient to justify a Jihad. When we leave they will again choose up sides and fight each other.

We have lost many young soldiers in Iraq. They died for a just cause. Is that supposed to make it easier to bear? No! But it is supposed to make it count for something.

Honor the memory of our warriors and give them love and support. They are heroes, treat them as such! I am not going to close with a Bible verse today. Instead I will leave you with these quotes.

"People sleep peacefully in their beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf." - George Orwell

"War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things. The ugliest is the man who thinks nothing is worth fighting and dying for and lets men better and braver than himself protect him." - John Stuart Mill, 1859.

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**Big Mama Sez!**  
Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.

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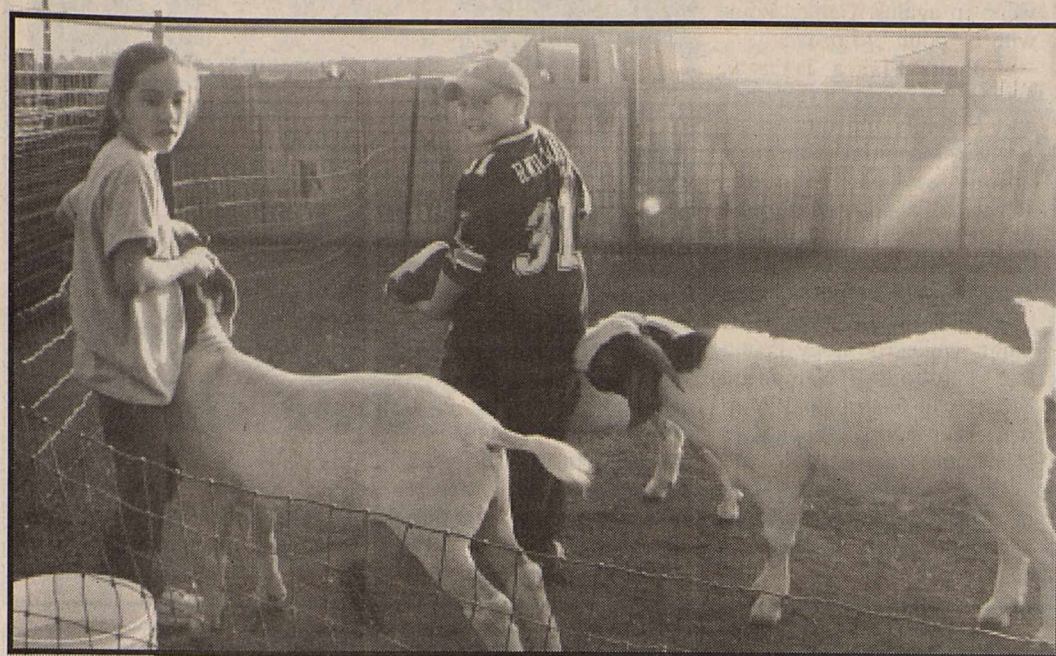
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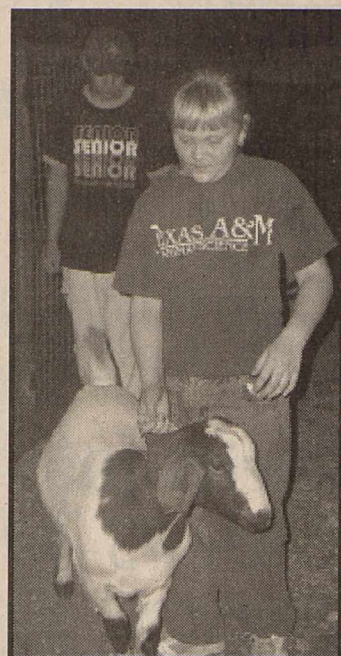
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# Livestock Show celebrating 50 years in Kinney County Squash dressing



Top left: Nevada Payne and Bubba Pettett are two of the more than 60 participants expected to show in this weekend's Livestock Show. Top right: Shelby Schuster gets her goat ready for the 50th Annual Kinney County Livestock Show and Sale. The auction kicks off Saturday at 2 p.m.



Photos by Pam Hale

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Major awards to be presented Saturday include the Joe Key York Award, Silver Shearer;

Doug Taylor Memorial Award. The 4-H Sweetheart and Kinney County Livestock Scholarship. "We value your continued

support for all of our 4-H and FFA exhibitors in Kinney County and look forward to seeing you," Robert Elledge, Kin-

ney County Extension Agent said, inviting the public to attend and participate in the 50th Annual event.

I was introduced to this dish many years ago while living in Mississippi. I had never thought of the combination and greatly pleased with the dish. I haven't decided about calling it a squash casserole instead. Hope you enjoy it.



Goodies From G.G.  
**Vada Baldree**

### Squash Dressing

1/2 cup chopped onion, 1/2 cup chopped celery, 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper, 1/2 cup butter or margarine, 3 cups cooked squash, 2 cups milk, 1 small pan (8") cooked cornbread, crumbled, 1 (10 oz) can cream of chicken soup.

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Saute onion, celery and bell pepper in butter in skillet. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Pour into 1 1/2 quart casserole; bake 30 minutes or until brown. Serves 6. \*Mexican style would be tasty if desired.

### Rabbit Meat Market on sale

Anyone interested in purchasing commercial grade meat rabbits (10 weeks old) that average around 4 to 5 pounds from the 4-H kids who want to sell after the show please come to the Civic Center at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20.

The cost will be determined by the 4-H owner of the rabbits. These rabbits are fryer size or will be high quality breeders. If you have any further questions contact the Extension Office for questions 563-2442.

## BRACKETT ISD HONOR ROLL

The following is Brackett Independent School District's Honor Roll for the third six-weeks:

### High School

- All-A Honor Roll**  
**Seniors:** Tillman Davis and Danielle Moore.  
**Juniors:** Dana Bonner, Alanna Conoly, Billy Steelman, Rachel Swinson, and Brand Wylie.  
**Sophomores:** Justin Calk, Laura Meyer, and Austin Shewbart.  
**Freshmen:** Bailee Allen, Lauren Cornelius, Meghann Davis, Doolie Fernandez, Conrad Moore and Gabriella Schroeder.
- A-B Honor Roll**  
**Seniors:** Juliann Ashabranner, Stephanie Bonner, Courtney Frerich, Stevie Juarez, Mark Kesteloot, Whitney "Woody" Massingill, Samantha Pina, Omar Rivas, Cody Robinette, Oscar Sierra, Shanae Simmons and Celina Terrazas.  
**Juniors:** Miles Braesicke, Jessica Crane, Shaddine Gum, Lilliana Hernandez, Tanya Molinar and Leon Woolsey.  
**Sophomores:** Alison Carroll, Robert Davis, Samantha Davis, Allison Delbosque, Ivan Pinales, Natasha Smith, Micheal Stephenson, Marisela Talamantes, Nadine Terrazas, and Kara Yeager.  
**Freshmen:** Heather Baggett, Travis Bonner, Amber Castilla, Julie Castillo, Capri Creech, Hayley Harris, Daphne Hunt, Lane Nowlin, Erica Rodriguez, Manolo Rosas, Maria Sanchez, Bianca Stewart, Bellalynra Talamantes, Gabriela Talamantes and Anolda Watkins.

- Elementary School**  
**All-A Honor Roll**  
**Sixth grade:** Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Janine Rex and Josh Smith.  
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**Third grade:** Judy Adams, Korlee Allen, Wyatt Blake, McKenzie Castillo, Clarissa Cruz, Clay Flores, Shannon Gammill, Dolores Garza, Javier Gomez, Marisol Gomez, Hannah Johnson, Odalys Martinez, Paul Resendez, Shelby Schuster, August Stephenson, and Holt Tuck.  
**Second grade:** Webb Ashley, Peyton Bonner, Gabrielle Brown, Morgan Brown, Blake Duncan, Mark Garcia, Martin Guzman, Madison Frerich, Christian Lopez, David Ortega, Amber Resendez, Amber Rivas, Bryce Shubar, Joaquin Solis, Saul Talamantes, Davis Wade, and

- Yasmine White.  
**First grade:** Anthony Aldaco, Walt Ashley, Hannah Baggett, Gage Brown, Isabel Garcia, Elle Johnson, Marely Koontz, Diego Luna, Nolberto Martinez, Rafael Martinez, Emma Palmer, Jeyson Price, Adrian Resendez, Benjamin Rodriguez, Brianna Salazar and Katie Tuck.  
**A-B Honor Roll**  
**Sixth grade:** Sarah Davis, Michael Flores, Stella Guajardo, Haley Hale, Karley Harris, Ayland Letsinger, Tyler McDonald, Sahara Rodriguez, Victor Roman, SuSu Seargeant, Sam Stewart and Erica Villanueva.  
**Fifth grade:** Lauren Duncan, Emily Holmes, Stevie Lowrance, Yanira Perez and Daulton Woodson.  
**Fourth grade:** Priscilla Aguirre, Daniel Brinker, Cali Campos, Adam Castillo, Cesar Castillo, Vanerick Comenech, Crystal Garcia, Yeika Garcia, Rolando Gutierrez, Daylon Miller, Austin "Bubba" Pettett, Jonathan Pinales, Adam Resendez, Kyle Rinaldi, Joshua Tait, Juan Talamantes and Selene Talamantes.  
**Third grade:** Arturo Castillo, Kate Castillo, Mikaela Castillo, Isaiah Clementz, Edgar DeLeon, Jose Falcon, Ernan Hernandez, Juan Lopez, Alexis Martinez, Peter Martinez,

- Joshua Pena, Isauro Rivas, Marlinda Rivas, Alberto Rocha, Consuelo Rodriguez, Brandon Sandoval, Kendall Seballos, Haley Smith and Clarissa Valdez.  
**Second grade:** Yessenia Argil, Benjamin Brinker, Leonardo Elizondo, Sierra Falcon, Brianna Flores, Griffin Grayson, Logan Hurt, Marco Novel, Karina Perez, Ayissa Rodriguez, Denise Salmon, Gabriela Sandoval, Te'a Sandoval, Colten Stephenson and Juanita Vasquez.  
**First grade:** Ramon Castillo, Ramiro Flores, Kate Frerich, Xavier Herrera, Kate Holmes, Madison Luce, Brianna Martinez, Kaitlyn Partlow, Darius Richard, Tony Rivas, Marcus Rivera, Elizabeth Rocha, Rico Rodriguez, Eleazar Salazar, Leann Salazar, and Tony Zamora.

### Jr. High School

- All-A Honor Roll**  
**Eighth grade:** Samantha Moore, Harmony Pettett, Maribel Rivas and Laura Swinson.  
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**A-B Honor Roll**  
**Eighth grade:** Laura Adams, Summer Allen, Amanda

## Public Notice

**EMS Public Hearing To Be Held Regarding Kinney County EMS Personnel Temporary Shortage**  
 There will be a public hearing at 2:00 p.m. January 26, 2005, at the Kinney County Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas. The purpose of this hearing is to heighten public awareness of the ramifications of having an EMS that is noncompliant with the law. Notice is hereby given that Kinney County Emergency Medical Service has requested a variance from the Texas Department of Health to operate said EMS while not being in compliance with the law. The variance, if approved, would allow Kinney County EMS to operate emergency vehicles while responding to and transporting emergency patients. The public is encouraged to attend. For further information, please contact Steven Burch, EMS Director, at the office (830)563-9090 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., or visit at 401 S. Ellen St.

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

**Saturday, Jan. 2, 2005**  
 3:35 p.m. Noe Valencia Perez, 26, of Copper Cove, Texas was arrested for an outstanding warrant for Failure to Appear for DWI by Deputy Donald Page. He was released on \$2,000 bond.

**Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005**  
 10:40 p.m. Efrain Garcia, 49, of Brackettville, was arrested for Public Intoxication by Deputy Page.

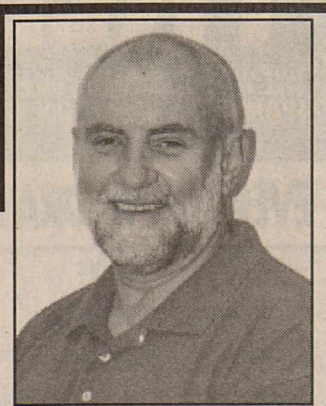
**Monday, Jan. 3, 2005**  
 11:15 a.m. A man called reporting that his son drove off in the man's vehicle without permission and wanted to speak with a deputy.  
 12:45 p.m., A woman reported that a small red car hit a football field fence. She reported the driver left the scene.  
 11:42 p.m. Sheriff's office received a report of a possible car accident on Highway 131 and FM 1908. Deputy Page was enroute to that location.

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**Tigers up against Utopia, fall short 63-53**

The boy's varsity basketball squared off against the Utopia Buffalos Tuesday night, but came up short 63-53.

The Varisty Tigers now stand at 4-3.

The score was 35-30 at half time. The Tigers had a chance to win the game but just didn't make the easy buckets all night long.

The free throw shooting has been much better this season but hit only 5 of 13 for the game.

Utopia came out and really shot the ball well.

The Tigers' defense was not



bad at times, they had a hand up in their face but the Buffalos still hit the shot.

Brackett lost to Utopia earlier this season by 24 points in a tournament after a late start due to the football season.

For the night, Travis Nowlin led all scorers for Brackett with

17, followed by Charlie Slaughter and Noe Talamantes with 9 points each.

Other players who scored were Leon Woolsey with 6, Rolo Ortiz with 4, Tillman Davis, Brandon Kluzek, Clyde Adams, and Oscar Sierra each had 2 points.

Other games played this season not previously reported on were: Brackett 62 — LaPryor 33, Brackett 40 — Utopia 64, Brackett 63 — Nueces Canyon 35, Brackett 81 — Leakey 55, and Brackett 76 — Comstock 45.

**The Tigerettes start District play Tigerettes round-up Angoras 43-39**

The Brackett Tigerettes and Lady Angoras squared off in 29A District play last Friday in Rocksprings.

Rocksprings came into district play with an overall record of 9 and 5.

The Tigerettes had a hard time moving the ball down the court in the first period because of the Lady Angoras tough press defence. The Tigerettes were out scored in the first period, 14-11. Emily Valenzuela scored 6 of the 11 points with two 3 point field goals in the period to keep the

Tigerettes close. Valenzuela was the leading scorer for the Tigerettes with 16 points.

When the 2nd period was over the score was knotted up at 23. Courtney Frerich scored 5 points in the first half.

The Tigerettes defense stepped up in the second half of the game, only allowing 16 points in the second half.

The last period, the Lady Angoras scored 5 points, while the Tigerettes scored 20 points in the second half. Ashley Castillo scored 4 of her 6 points

in the 4th period. Stephanie Bonner hit a key shot to put the Tigerettes up by 3 points.

Bonner had 6 points for the game. Kara Yeager and Timmeke Simmons pitched in with 4 points. Jessi Crane had 2 points.

The Tigerettes shot 40 percent from the field and 42 percent from the freethrow line. The Tigerettes over all were victorious 43-39.

The Tigerettes overall record thus far for the season is 11-3 and 1-0 in district.

**Cubettes beat Center Point 28-23**

Last Thursday the Cubettes went up against Center Point with a "point" to prove.

Cubette Bianca Terrazas lead with 9 points, 5 rebounds and 6 steals for the night. Bianca Martinez scored 7 points and 1 rebound; Veronica Talamantez scored 4 points and 4 rebounds and Rebecca Mann scored 4 points and 5 rebounds. Jessi Jones and Esna Herrerra scored 2 points while Harmony Pettett had 1 rebound. Samantha Moore had 6 steals and Summer Allen had 2 rebounds, 3 steals, and 2 assists.

The Cubettes lost to Hunt in a very tight match-up Monday night. The final score was 27-31.



The 8th Grade Cubettes include Rebecca Mann, Summer Allen, Harmony Pettett, Jessica Garza, Jessi Jones, Samantha Moore, Bianca Terrazas, Bianca Martinez, Esna Herrera and Marianna Salmon. Coaching this year's Cubettes is Rhonda Marquardt.

**Cubettes second at NC tourney**

Over the weekend, the Brackett Cubettes played in the Nueces Canyon Tournament with a win over Rocksprings, 24-19. Bianca Terrazas was the leading scorer with 20 points while Harmony Pettett and Samantha Moore both contributed 2 points each. Terrazas, Rebecca Mann, and Bianca Martinez had 3 rebound each, Moore had 2, and Harmony Pettett, Veronica Talamantes, and Summer Allen had 1 rebound each. Terrazas and Moore had 3 steals, Mann had 2 and Allen had 1.

Terrazas, Martinez, and Moore had 1 assist each for the game. The Cubettes placed 2nd over-all in the Tournament due to a loss to Nueces Canyon, 21-23. The results were Bianca Terrazas lead with 7 points, 1 rebound and 4 steals. Samantha Moore had 4 points, 3 rebounds, and 4 steals. Rebecca Mann scored 4 points, 2 rebounds, and 3 steals. Harmony Pettett scored 2 points. Bianca Martinez scored 2 points and 4 rebounds. Esna Herrerra scored 2 points, 2 rebounds, and 2 steals. Summer Allen contributed with 1 rebound while she and Jessi Jones both had 2 steals each.

The Cubettes' record is 4-3.

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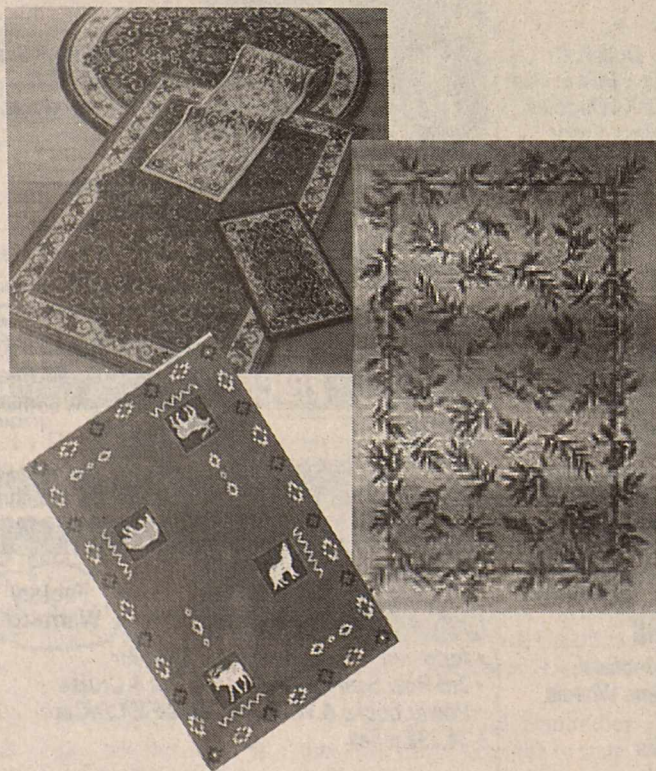
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by Charles Cooper

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Use your brain power to tackle research projects. Just be sure the information you come up with is accurate. Later, friendships are accented. LEO (July 23 to August 22) Sign up for a course this week in anything that interests you. For some, this could be a career-changing move. Interests of the heart are highlighted over the weekend. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're captivated by someone you've just met. Be careful, though. You sometimes tend to jump into a relationship before really getting to know the other person. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A new acquaintance could turn out to be helpful in your career. Follow up on all leads. Later, pay attention to the needs of a child. LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your charm and personality open doors for you this week. Whether it's business or personal, you're at your best. The weekend is a good time to effect changes on the home front. ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You find yourself intellectually challenged this week. Tap into that brain power. You have the right stuff to handle what comes your way. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're able to explain yourself quite well this week. In fact, your communication skills are tops right now. Take full advantage of this. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Creativity is highlighted this week. Those of you into arts and crafts could turn a hobby into a money-making venture. Later in the week, a combative relative should be avoided. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The news you'd been anticipating finally arrives. Fortunately, it's all good. Over the weekend, you're faced with a difficult choice. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're brisk and efficient this week on the job. The opposite is true at home. Prioritize domestic chores for best effectiveness. CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Romance comes from a surprising source. While you hadn't previously considered this person as a match, you're pleasantly surprised. Later, finish up work projects. (c) 2004 DBR Media, Inc.



## Answering the call for assistance

We've all heard the pleas for financial aid for the thousands of families devastated by the tsunami in the Pacific.

One of the questions I am frequently asked is, "How should I donate?"

The answer is, of course, very carefully.

I'm not too keen on organizations that are solely run by the U.N., but after the oil for food issues are straightened out, I might be willing to listen again.

I like religious charities for obvious reasons, but not all of them.

Here is the way I check on a group before I give.

First, I look at reputation. Reputation is more than just a headline; it includes a charity's years of service and freedom from excessive spending.

The Salvation Army is a good example of a religious charity with a stellar reputation and years of service.

I also look at how much the charity spends on its own overhead.

Usually, a maximum of 25 percent should go to overhead - many charitable organizations get by on far less.



**Rev. Roger Baker**  
First United Methodist Church

If a charity doesn't publish these figures, they won't get a check from me.

The American Red Cross excels at charitable management, spending less than 8 percent on overhead and fundraising.

I look at the IRS filings of religious groups, too.

Most church organizations file an IRS Form 990 that among other things explains who runs the organization and how much they receive.

I'm not ready to send my money to an organization that pays millions of dollars to its directors.

I also have an issue with organizations whose board of directors consists of a single family - not much oversight there!

The independent groups ECFA, GuideStar, and Charity Navigator all have websites that

will help you spot the wolves among the sheep.

For those of us attending church regularly, your denomination probably already has a funding mechanism to get the money to where it is needed.

Supporting your church group is a good idea because you can hold them accountable. Don't have a denominational group?

You can send a tax-deductible check to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) at 475 Riverside Drive, Room 330, New York, NY 10115 (write Advance No. 274305 in the memo section of the check.).

You can also call Toll Free 1-800-554-8583 to donate over the phone.

One hundred percent of the donation goes to the affected areas.

Join us this Sunday at First United Methodist Church. We're discussing the commitment we make as Christians and the way we express that commitment as Methodists.

Worship starts at 10:45, but come early at 9:30 for Sunday School.

We'll look for you!

## All of Heaven is full of his joy

Josie's gaze once again turned up to look at the picture on the wall.

"That open door," she said. "I can't get it out of my mind. She was silent and thoughtful. Dr. Hardt waited. "I know," Josie finally said emphatically. "I know Jesus was there in my suffering. I know it was me that wouldn't take his hand and go through that door."

Josie's eyes filled with tears. "There were times when I hurt so bad. I even thought it would be better to die. I hated everybody. Especially myself. I even hated God for allowing it to happen." Josie looked at Dr. Hardt. "You know what my pastor told me?"

"Tell me, Josie," Dr. Hardt replied. "He said that Jesus and I had something in common." Josie said proudly.

"What is that?" Dr. Hardt asked. Josie smiled. "Jesus suffered and died because of the

actions of evil and sinful people."

"And you, Josie?" Dr. Hardt asked. "Me," she answered. "I too suffered because of the actions of an evil and sinful man." She paused thoughtfully. "And in some ways I too died. My pride and self-esteem died. My purity died. At times even my will to live died." She continued, her words measured and deliberate. "All because of one very evil person. "Was there any meaningfulness in Jesus' suffering and death Josie?" Dr. Hardt asked.

Josie looked again at the picture. "It was His suffering and death that paved the way to heaven for me." She said.

"Without that, His suffering and death would have been meaningless, wouldn't it Josie?" Dr. Hardt asked.

"Yes," she answered. Dr. Hardt continued. "Some years ago a very wise Jewish psychia-



**Dr. Donald Smith**  
Empowering Families

trist that I knew said that finding meaning in suffering is the greatest capability of the human spirit. He taught that we can find joy in our suffering. Think about it Josie, this very moment Jesus is glorified in Heaven. He is not sad and depressed from His suffering and death. All of Heaven is full of His joy."

"How can I find any meaning in what an evil man did to me twenty-five years ago?" Josie asked. "What kind of joy can there be in such pain?"

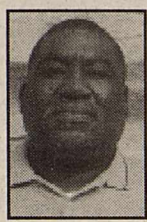
(Next week: Meaning and New Life)

## Jesus, Lamb of God

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

This is he whom I said, after me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

And I knew him not; but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.



**Rev. Bill Adams Sr.**  
St. John's Missionary Church

And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it

abode upon me.

And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God. John 1:29-34.

Praise God! Glory!

## Will 'they' ever find a solution?

For some time now I have been wondering to myself, what is really important to our State politicians individually as well as collectively?

I wonder what are the real values that direct the behavior of the predominant political parties in the legislative halls of the Capitol in Austin?

Republicans? Democrats?

The media labels one political group as "liberal", the other as "conservative".

Before going any further in the pursuit of this reflection, it might be a good idea to interject what the Book of Genesis had to say about all that God has accomplished.

Five times, in the first chapter, the author lets us know that "God saw that it was good".

Then, the second to the last sentence states: "God saw all that he had made, and indeed it was very good." If this is so, then read on.

What's that old saying, hopefully not trite yet, "The proof of the pie is in the eating"?

And so, the result of recent decisions, recent laws enacted, is causing us citizens of the State of Texas, their "constituents", to "eat" such present realities as:

[1] Some state public school systems having to cut back and downsize because sufficient funds are unavailable to adequately serve the educational needs of our young people,

[2] Millions of citizens in this state of ours are without the wherewithal to avail themselves of adequate medical treatment,

[3] We have been able to read in some periodicals the observation that "the rich are getting richer to the detriment of the poor who are becoming poorer."



**Fr. Cornelius J. Scanlan**  
St. Mary Magdalene Church

logue? Could it be that real dialogue is absent in Austin, dialogue in which more listening takes place than talking?

Could it be that unhelpful competition exists?

These questions lead me to remember what the Apostle Paul wrote in his letter to the Philippians, 2:3-4

(New Revised Standard Version):

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interest of others."

## Birth and death: It happens to everyone

Life has many twists and turns and we never know what is coming around the next curve.

Sometimes it is joy and other times it is grief.

For instance my niece came to visit us during the Christmas Holidays and she brought her newborn son.

It has been wonderful for her.

She has been married a couple of years, just finished college last spring and now just had her first child.

On the other hand, I just went to a funeral for a lady that I had known for years, (Ecclesiastes 3:2).

It was a totally different pic-



**Brother J.**  
Jerry Davenport

ture. She and her husband have both had serious health problems.

He had lost his job and couldn't work.

It was very hard for them financially.

He almost died last year and then she was notified that her younger sister passed unexpect-

edly.

As I looked at the grave I realized that someday they would dig one for me.

Physical death is appointed unto everyone, (Ecclesiastes 3:20) and then they will stand before God, (Hebrews 9:27).

As we look to the coming year we don't know what's in store for us.

For example, the disaster in Indonesia. We can help and pray for those in need.

Another thing we can do is make an effort to move closer to God, (John 3:19-21 & 3:35,36) and stay close to Him (Ecclesiastes 12:1-7). See you in Church next Sunday.

### OBITUARY

#### Myrle Crane

Myrle Crane, 83, of Del Rio, Texas passed away, Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005, in Del Rio.

She was born Nov. 23, 1921, in Comstock, Texas.

Survivors are her son, Eddie Crane and his wife Doris Nell of Del Rio; Andy Crane and his wife Barbara of College Station and Curvin Crane and his wife Barbie of Brackettville; brother, Richard Brotherton and his wife Dottie of Del Rio; grandchildren, Jessica Crane, Jimmy Crane and his wife Stephanie, Cody Crane and his wife Janna, and Tammie Mallet, great grandchildren Tristen Crane, Keegen

Crane, Ross Pederson and Cassie Mallet, nieces Lou Lane, Ginger Fohn and Janet Carson, nephew Dusty Brotherton and numerous other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband Edgar John Crane in 1968.

Memorial services are 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at Mary Queen of the Universe Catholic Church in Comstock, Texas, with Father Matthew Zuberbueler officiating.

In lieu of usual remembrances, make donations to the Comstock ISD, Library fund, P.O. Box 905, Comstock, Texas,

78837. Funeral services under the direction of G. W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home of Del Rio, Ltd at 114 Fletcher Drive.

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## Governor signs proclamation

Texas, Colorado agree on concealed handguns

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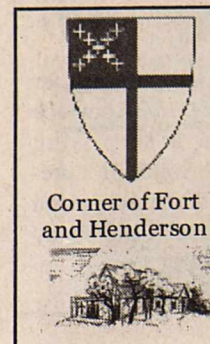
Based on this proclamation, Colorado law allows Texas citizens with concealed handgun licenses to legally carry concealed handguns in Colorado.

This action has the same effect as a reciprocal agreement. This is the 15<sup>th</sup> reciprocity agreement Texas has reached with another state. (These agree-

ments were made possible by 1997 and 2003 changes to the Texas concealed handgun law.)

Texas also has reciprocity agreements with Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah and Wyoming.

"Texans should remember that laws vary from state to state, and before traveling, license holders should educate themselves," DPS Director Col. Thomas Davis Jr. said.



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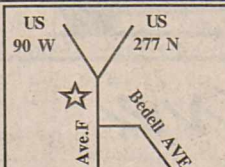
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3843B	00 Chevrolet Impala	10500
P7665A	01 Saturn SC2	9400
4240B	00 Cadillac Deville	14995
4198B	03 Nissan Maxima	19900
4563A	05 Cadillac CTS Luxury Sport	38995
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4179A	01 Oldsmobile Aurora	14995
4347A	04 Pontiac Grand AM	17995
4499A	03 Toyota Solara SLE V-6	17995
4222A	00 Cadillac Eldorado	18995
4529A	02 Pontiac Bonneville SLE	14995
4269A	97 Cadillac Seville	9995
4500B	00 Pontiac Grand Prix GTP	8995
4287A	03 Pontiac Grand AM	10995
4453A	99 Cadillac Seville STS	15995
4167B	98 Pontiac Grand Prix GT	7995

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4550A	03 Nissan XTerra	16995
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4030A	03 Chevrolet Suburban	22995
4093A	02 Ford Explorer	16495
4183A	02 Cadillac Escalade	32900
3852A	03 GMC Yukon Denali	36995
3285A	03 Ford Expedition	26995
3779A	03 GMC Yukon XL	26995
4227A	02 GMC Yukon XL	25800
4159B	01 GMC Yukon XL	16995
3566A	02 Chevrolet Suburban	22995
4258A	02 Ford Expedition	22595
4265A	03 GMC Yukon XL Denali	30995
4244B	00 GMC Yukon	16900
4316A	02 GMC Yukon XL	24995
P7675	04 Nissan Quest Minivan	21900
3315A	02 Ford Explorer	16900
4497A	04 Chevrolet Tahoe	28495
4566A	01 GMC Yukon XL	21495
3986A	04 Chevrolet Suburban	25995
4079A	00 Mazda MPV Mini Van	10995
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4392A	02 Cadillac Escalade Ext	32995
4274A	03 Chevrolet Ext Cab 4X4	30495
4315A	02 Chevrolet Silverado Crew Cab	19995
4239A	03 GMC Sierra Crew Cab 4X4 Conversion	29900
3967A	04 Ford F150 Crew Cab	25995
4541AA	03 GMC Sierra	16295
3831A	04 Nissan Frontier Crew Cab	15495
4460A	01 Dodge Ram 150 Quad Cab	11495
4575A	03 Ford F-250 Super Cab	26995
3989A	03 Dodge Ram 150	14995
3607A	00 Chevrolet S-10 Ext Cab 4X4	11995
4137A	01 GMC Sierra 2500 4x4 Crew Cab	19295
4551A	04 Nissan Titan King Cab	24395
4096A	02 Dodge Ram 150 Ext. Cab	17995
3991A	03 Dodge Ram 150 Quad Cab	17995
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MSRP.....\$22930  
Brown Disc.....\$1135  
Rebate.....\$1500  
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