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COMMUNITY NEWS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT-CIVIC MEETINGS

KINNEY COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT will hold their next meeting on January 20 @9am at the Courthouse located on Ann Street.

WATER BOARD, The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District's next regular meeting will be TODAY at 2pm at the County Courthouse.

FORT CLARK SPRINGS ASSOCIATION Board of Directors will hold their next meeting on January 17 @ 9am in the FCS Board Room.

FORT CLARK MUD will hold their next meeting on January 21 @ 9am at the MUD District Board Room.

COUNTY COURT DOCKET: County court will not be held until February.

63RD DISTRICT COURT: Due to the new judge being sworn in, no date for January 2009 has been set.

KINNEY COUNTY FIRE RESCUE is taking applications for volunteers interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter. Applicants will receive free training and must be 18 years old.

FCS COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

The annual meeting of the Fort Clark Community Council had its 2009 meeting on Jan 10, 2009, the following members were elected to a one year term: Ernestina Hernandez: 1st Vice President; Diane Daniels: Treasurer; Shirley Hadsell: Secretary. President Debbie Isaacs and 2nd Vice President will expire Jan, 2010. The Community Council is a place for members of Fort Clark Springs to voice their opinions and concerns for the what goes on at Fort Clark Springs, we try to be the liaison for the membership and the Board of Directors, working together for better Community. All members in good standing are welcome to attend the monthly meetings the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 AM.

CANCER SUPPORT

Has Cancer Touched Your Life? Brackett High School and Junior High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be hosting a special evening for cancer patients, survivors, family members, and especially anyone who has lost a loved one to cancer.

Weekend WEATHER

Friday

High: 50
Low: 38

Cloudy

Saturday

High: 62
Low: 44

Mostly Cloudy

Sunday

High: 68
Low: 42

Partly Cloudy

City hires new police chief

Brackettville City Council members voted to hire Thomas Nemias of Fort Clark Springs as their new chief of police at a Regular city council meeting on January 13.

Nemias, with a BA in criminal justice from the University of Texas at Austin, will spearhead the council's efforts to begin enforcing the city's ordinances, including drivers obeying traffic signs, noise complaints and health and safety issues; all items that have rarely or never been enforced in the past five years.

Nemias has lived in the county for more than four years and is married to Janice McDaniel Nemias. The new chief has three grown children and proudly brags about his twin granddaughters.

The city's top cop comes from a long line of Texas lawmen. Nemias himself has served

as a local and a federal law enforcement agent throughout his career and he reports his ancestors were early Texas Rangers. Nemias's son serves with the Harris County Sheriff's Department and one of his daughters is with Fort Bend County.

In other matters, the council voted to authorize City Manager Henry Garcia to dissolve the verbal contract with Gas and Safety Training Institute (Gasti). Gasti, a gas pipeline installation and training company, has been overseeing the gas line replacement project that has been underway for more than a year. Garcia reported the city's workers have been undergoing a series of on-the-job training classes to obtain their own certifications. Three employees passed the final exam and now have the necessary credentials to complete the work without the contractor's assistance. This will

lead to a great savings to the city according to Garcia.

Garcia announced he will start randomly sending out his certified animal control officer two days per month to pick up loose and stray dogs not on private property. Garcia stated the number of dogs running loose or laying in the streets sunning themselves has become a problem and will institute this corrective action this month. Garcia

said any dogs picked up will not be released without payment of applicable fines and proof of vaccinations.

The city manager also said he was checking into the feasibility of picking up trash discarded in the city's streets and easements and forcing the property owners to pay bulk collection fees. Garcia would like to give property owners a 10 or 12 day period to remove the items on

their own and if the item is not removed, then the city would remove the item for a fee added onto the customer's monthly utility bill.

Mayor Charles Feagley and aldermen Ponce Padron, Stephanie Buitron and Francesca Chica Hernandez were all present at the meeting. Mary Flores and Demetrius Williams were absent.

Black Witch found on Fort

Katie Brown recently found a Black Witch Moth lying in the grass behind her house at Fort Clark Springs.

Brown was out early one morning and found what she thought to be a dead bat, but upon further inspection with a flashlight, discovered something quite different. One of the largest insects known to man: The Black Witch Moth (*Ascalapha odorata*).

The amateur entomologist quickly "Googled" her discovery and decided she had the largest moth north of Mexico right in her own back yard.

The moth, according to a paper published by Austin entomologist Mike Quinn, can reach up to a 7 inch wing span and flies year round in South Texas. Sightings have been mostly reported primarily during the months of June and July, making Brown's encounter all the more special.

Unusually, the moths migrate to the north after the rainy season begins in Mexico and according to Quinn's report, can fly hundreds of miles in one night.

The moths are common to the area, but because they are nocturnal, most people rarely ever

get to see them unless they disturb their hiding places in garages and under eaves.

Often mistaken for bats or black birds, these insects are burdened with a lot of interesting myths.

In Mexico the Black Witch Moth was known by the Aztec as the *mariposa de la muerte* (butterfly of death) and seeing one meant a sick person was sure to die.

Quinn states the modern belief in South Texas is that death will occur only if the moth flies in and visits all four corners of one's house.

In other parts of Mexico, it is believed that if a moth flies over someone's head, that person will lose their hair.

In Hawaii, people believe that if a loved one has just died and a moth is seen, it is the soul of the person coming back to say good-bye.

In the Bahamas, legend has it that if they land on you, you will come into money.

Brown reports she photographed the moth and let it get on its way.

To read Mike Quinn's entire report on the Black Witch Moth, go to www.texasento.net/witch.htm.

Calk named Top Hand at Stock Show

By Courtney Kirkland
Staff Writer

The annual Kinney County livestock show was held on January 9 and lasted through the evening of January 10.

A variety of animals were raised through careful procedures and shown at their best by local 4H and FFA members.

Awards were handed out in order of show:

Haley Smith exhibited the champion breeding buck rabbit, with her award donated by the Brackett Cleaners, Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Harris.

The Industrial Supply donated the award to Abigail Gutierrez for the reserve champion breeding buck rabbit.

Cheyenne Smith presented the champion breeding doe rabbit, with award donated by the P7 Kettle Ranch.

Reserve champion breeding doe rabbit was also shown by Cheyenne Smith.

The champion meat pen rabbit was shown by Abigail Gutierrez, with the award supplied by Mr. and Mrs. John Paul Schuster.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Gutierrez and family donated the award for reserve champion meat pen rabbit, presented by Courtney Kirkland.

Haley Smith took the title for the meat pen junior showmanship award, donated by the P7 Kettle Ranch.

Showmanship meat rabbit was shown by Courtney Kirkland, with the award donated by Papco

Service Co., Inc.

Sarah Davis presented the champion steer, with the award donated by Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Lopez and family, in memory of Francisca Lopez.

The reserve champion steer was also shown by Sarah Davis; her award given to by Mr. and Mrs. Alan McWilliams.

Summer Allen presented the showmanship steer, with the award donated by Mr. and Mrs. Zack Davis and family.

In the meat goat doe category, Bryan Calk exhibited the champion meat goat doe; Rio Grande Electric donated his award.

Reserve champion meat goat doe was shown by Nevada Coe, with the award donated by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Payne.

Peyton Bonner took the breeding goat junior showmanship, with her award given to her by the P7 Kettle Ranch.

Nevada Coe took the showmanship breeding doe award, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Brad Coe and family.

In the commercial ewe category, Jared Harris exhibited the champion finewool ewe, with the award donated by Pico #15.

Mr. and Mrs. Dusty Brotherton presented Levi Gutierrez with the award for reserve championship finewool ewe lamb.

Adam Resendez won the breeding sheep junior showmanship award, donated by the P7 Kettle Ranch.

Jared Harris was awarded the showmanship finewool ewe lamb

by Rathke Veterinary Clinic.

Rolando Gutierrez exhibited the champion swine, with the award donated by Ballew Feed/Acco Feed.

Reserve champion swine was shown by Kate Frerich, with the award presented by Trevino Electric Services Inc.

Jonathon Stafford was awarded market swine junior showmanship, given by the P7 Kettle Ranch.

Ramon Gutierrez took the showmanship swine award, donated by the Chiropractic Clinic-Dr. and Mrs. Kent Lowery.

In the market lambs category, Korlee Allen presented the champion finewool lamb, with award donated by the P7 Kettle Ranch.

Tyler Schuster was awarded the reserve champion finewool lamb.

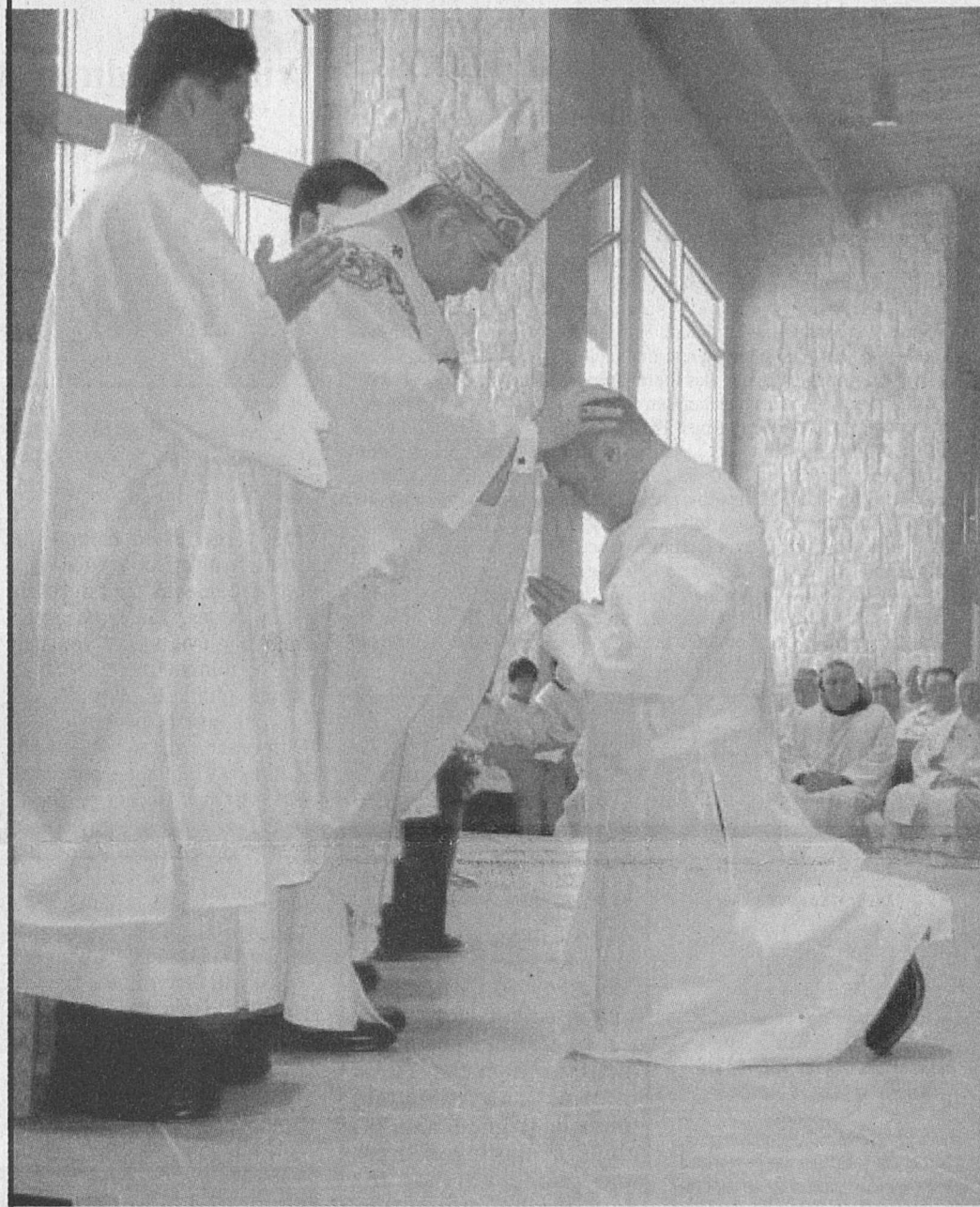
The champion crossbred finewool lamb was awarded to Summer Allen, by the Brackett FFA Chapter.

The reserve champion crossbred finewool lamb was shown by Nevada Coe, with the award donated by the Allen family.

Champion medium wool was exhibited by Summer Allen, with the award given to by Dudley's Ranch House Furniture, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Ilse.

Tyler Schuster presented the reserve champion medium wool, with the award presented by Trevino Electric Services Inc.

Shelby Schuster was awarded the market lamb junior showmanship, by the P7 Kettle Ranch.



Courtesy Photo

Brackettville native Clay Hunt was ordained into the Catholic priesthood on Saturday, January 10 in San Antonio. Clay, the first ever priest from Brackettville, led his first Mass of Celebration at St. Mary Magdalene, his hometown parish on January 11. Many people attended the ordination in San Antonio and hundreds of Catholics and non-Catholics alike attended the local mass.

FORT CLARK DAYS 5K RUN/WALK

Fort Clark Days 2009 will feature the 8th Annual 5K Run/Walk and Children's Fun Run on Saturday, March 7.

The race will begin and end at the Mendleson Recreation Building on the corner of Scales and Fort Clark Roads on Fort Clark. 5K Run entry fees are \$17 for early registration (ends 3/1/09), late registration through race day is \$20.

Children's Fun Run entry fee is \$9 (ends 3/1/09), late registration through race day is \$12.

For more information, Maja Edwards, 830-563-2550.

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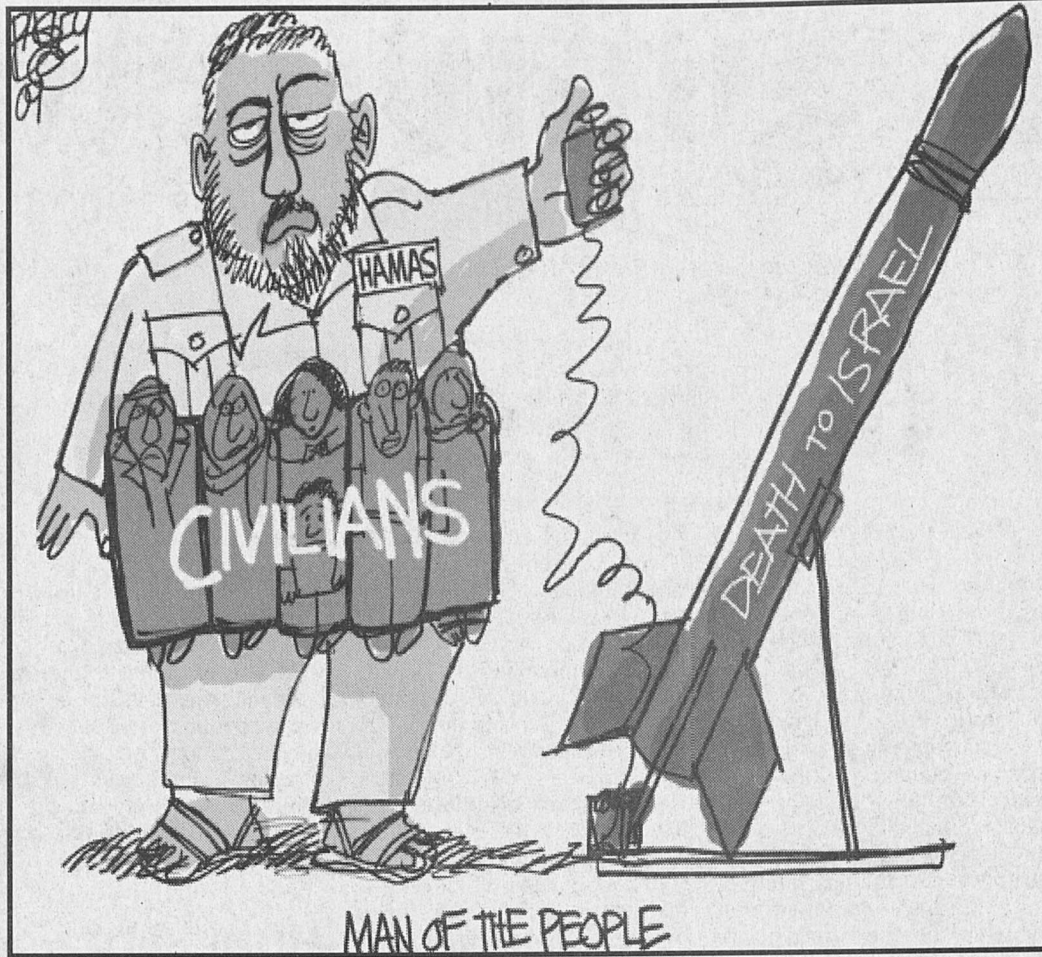


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LETTER to the Editor

I have attended every Board meeting, Community Council Meeting and Cavalry Brigade Meeting that I could since becoming a member of Fort Clark Springs since 2001. After all this, I am still in the dark as to details on contracts of more than one year entered into by our board. Like every other member I am subject to speculation and rumour. As a result of this I am of the opinion, as I am sure are many other members, that all board meetings should be open as stated in our Declaration of Protective Restrictions Part V Governance paragraph 10 which closely mirrors the Texas Open Meetings Act. Right now our board meetings have the appearance of a charade or a one act play- proposal, seconding, unanimous approval — all settled. Only at the December Meeting was there any dissension- two members voted against a proposal—they said very little about it. Wouldn't we have liked to be a fly on the wall at that closed meeting where real discussion took place? Why though, should we be reduced to wondering who said what about this and that? In my opinion it is an insult to all of us that secrecy is the norm. Closed meetings should be reserved for matters of a personal staffing nature surely. I understand that in the past meetings were allowed to become overlong and heated but that was because they were badly managed. I suggest this is not a real excuse for secrecy as a continual rule. The public can witness the discussion of important matters and not participate and prolong these meetings—unruly people can be shown out. The members should have a period to have their say but a limited period per question. If we never hear a board member discuss, propose an idea or argue then how are we to know if he is intelligent, innovative or apathetic? How do we know if we should reelect him? I have voted for members on the strength of their resume and have never heard them speak on any subject- other make a proposal. With the except! on of one or two I know them no better now than I did when they were a name on the Ballot Sheet! It is time for a change—lets have a civilised open relationship with our board members—We should know their phone numbers and email addresses and we should once again have the certainty that letters delivered to the Administration Office addressed to the Board are delivered and hopefully get a response if only an acknowledgement.

Sincerely
Anne Watts



The Perfectionism Monster



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Perfectionism is like a monster with hundreds of tentacles and it reaches into every part of our lives and holds on till we can find it and rip it out. The only problem is that if there is the least little bit left; it will fester till it tries to take over your life again. I find little vestiges of my perfectionism almost every single day. It is a never ending process to eliminate this from my thinking; much like decluttering. I have to nip them in the bud before they take over. See in my perfectionism I want to rip out every single bit of it; but I can't because I don't know where it is hiding. The trick is to be aware of its signs.

The perfectionism monster makes us obsess and do too much as well as procrastinate and do nothing. We have been dealing with issues that we have been procrastinating about. Many times we put off doing something because it is just too hard to get all of our ducks in a row to get started.

We allow Parkinson's Law to kick in without even thinking. As Professor C. Northcote Parkinson says, "Work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion." Do not allow yourself to get caught up in this inefficient way of thinking. He uses the example of a lady wanting to send a card to her niece. She has to look for the right card, find her glasses, then; after she has toiled with writing the perfect words on the card; she has to try to find the address; then to find a stamp. Then it is raining outside and she can't find her umbrella so she can walk down the street and put it in the mailbox. All of this over a little card that could take many of us just three minutes to write, address, stamp and mail. Why did she take so long to accomplish this simple task?

It was because she didn't have a system for efficiently using her time. Busy people keep every thing they need for paying bills in one spot; or do they!!! Do you have to hunt for your bills in your mail hotspot, a pen, stamps or better yet you can't pay bills because you do not know how much money you have in the bank and you need to balance six months of bank statements or spend hours bringing down your balance in your checkbook. Or do you just write the checks and pray that you won't be overdrawn!

Half the battle of paying bills is being able to have everything in one spot so you only have to spend 15 minutes doing it; not all day!! This is why we procrastinate because we don't think we have time. Many of us are busy with jobs outside the home, soccer practice, dance class and tons of other appointments that we spend many hours in waiting rooms or waiting in our cars for our babies to join us. This is time that we never do get back.

For years I have used my version of our Office in a Bag. In it I kept my checkbook, pens, pencils, a colored pen for signing cards, greeting cards, thank you notes, my address book, postage stamps, a calculator, paper clips, a little stapler, a ruler, some graph paper, a high lighter, some pretty stationery, some plain paper and a little notebook paper. This was like having everything in a desk drawer with me at all times. I took it with me to work, so on my lunch hour; I could pay a bill, balance my check book, write a letter, send a card, make out a grocery list or plan my menus for next week. This little tool allowed me the flexibility to use tiny bits of time while I was waiting for football practice to end.

An Office in a Bag keeps me from procrastinating and taking a lot of time to just mail a card or a check. Or the best part it keeps me from running around the house looking for a pen, a stamp and the address; Parkinson's Law is not going to creep in and take over my life like the lady in Professor Parkinson's book; Parkinson's Law.

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out her website and join her free life coaching at www.FlyLady.net.

Publishers PLOG

Book Review:

I am not a reader of novels anymore. I am a listener of novels. My dad, still an avid book reader, got me hooked on listening to books on tape/CD and it is something we share a liking for and it gives us plenty to discuss. A few months back a friend here in Brackett told me to read "The Shack" a book by William Paul Young. The book is a story of a man that was physically abused as a child and then as an adult lost his youngest daughter to a child serial killer. It is a book that forces you to deal with those things in your life that cause such deep pain that you end up hating God for it all. This book is very controversial to some and to others, like me, it is a story of victory, overcoming adversity and learning about who "God" really is. God comes to the main character at the very same shack where only the dress from his young daughter was found three years earlier, but the twist is that God is a funny, African-American woman, Jesus is a Jewish man that loves carpentry and the Holy Spirit is an Asian woman he can barely see. This book is a big hit, but I was surprised to hear how many people here in Brackett have been turned on to it. I attended a book-club discussion with some of the Methodist Ladies this week and I was told that another local church was studying the book, too. The book is deep, but it provokes you to think outside the box when it comes to God's love for mankind. I would suggest it to anyone who has lost a loved one, is estranged from family members or has tucked away their pain and cannot seem to love God because they want to know why He would allow such "bad" things to happen to them. Leigh V. PS If you have read a book recently and would like to submit a book review - send it in and we'll print it.

Will new administration affect your investment moves?



Emily Cooper

Next week, President-elect Obama will become President Obama. Like people across the country, you will no doubt be greatly interested in how his actions will affect a wide variety of domestic and foreign-policy issues. But from a personal point of view, you may also be thinking about what an Obama Administration will mean for your investment strategy.

In reality, the actions of any administration generally have only a limited impact on the financial markets. In our complex, interconnected world, a variety of factors — from actions of the Federal Reserve to corporate profits to oil prices to political instability abroad — all play a key role in determining the fortunes of the stock and bond markets.

Consequently, you need to take a truly global perspective on your investment strategy —

and avoid getting caught up in the potential ramifications of who's in charge in Washington. Nonetheless, you may still want to pay some attention to potential changes introduced by the new administration.

Here are a couple of areas to consider:
New legislation — You may want to follow the progress of new legislation proposed by the Obama Administration. For example, will a successful push toward "green" energy benefit renewable energy companies? Right now, no one can answer this question. In fact, even if these changes are enacted, it will take some time to sort them out to determine what, if any, impact they could have on various market sectors. So, your best bet is to watch the course of legislation and its aftermath.

Investment taxes — It seems likely that the Obama Administration and Congress will allow the Bush tax cuts on capital gains and dividends to expire. While you need to be aware of this development, you don't necessarily have to make major changes to your investment strategy. In the case of capital gains taxes, you can delay them by simply holding on to your stocks for the long term — which you should

be doing anyway, as stocks are a long-term investment. And even if the dividend tax increases, dividend-paying stocks may still be good investment choices, because they usually represent solid, profitable companies that seek to reward their investors. However, if you are concerned about the effect of higher capital gains and dividend taxes, you might want to consider an investment such as tax-exempt municipal bonds. You'll benefit most from these "munis" if you're in one of the higher tax brackets.

As you review possible changes in your investment strategy due to moves made by the new administration, you may want to take the opportunity to "rebalance" your portfolio by adjusting your investment mix. Under normal circumstances, such rebalancing could involve capital gains considerations, since you might be selling appreciated assets. However, given the steep market decline of recent months, it's quite possible that you can now sell part of your assets at a loss to offset any gains you might have — and if you don't have any gains, you can carry the loss forward to future years.

So, pay attention to what's happening in Washington, and, at the same time, look for opportunities to rebalance. But keep in mind that your long-term investment strategy should be based on your individual needs, goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. And that's true in all political and economic environments.

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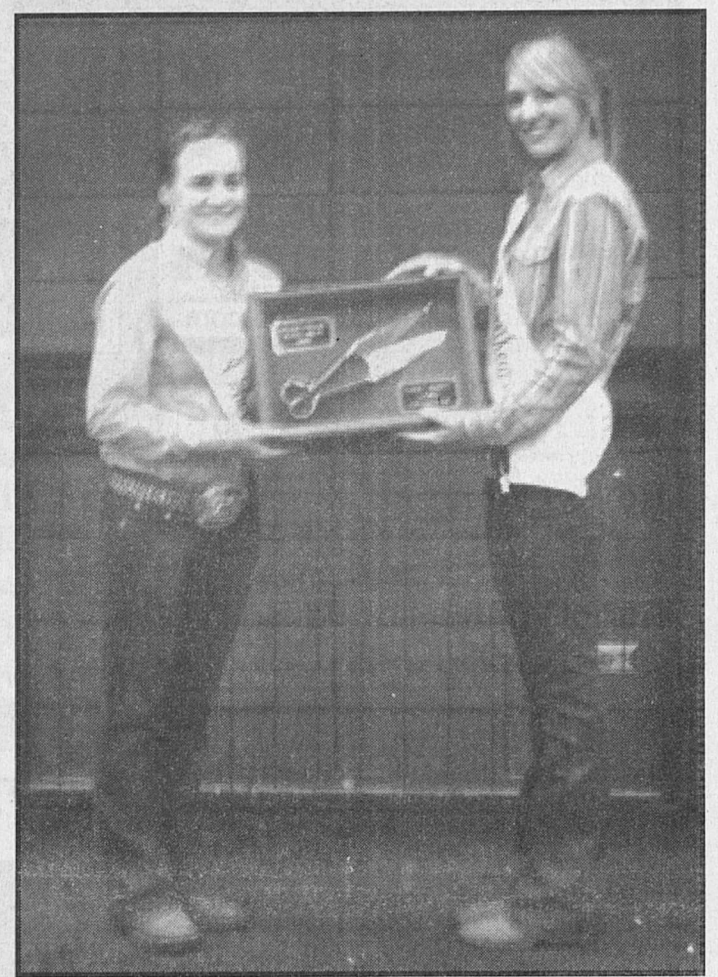
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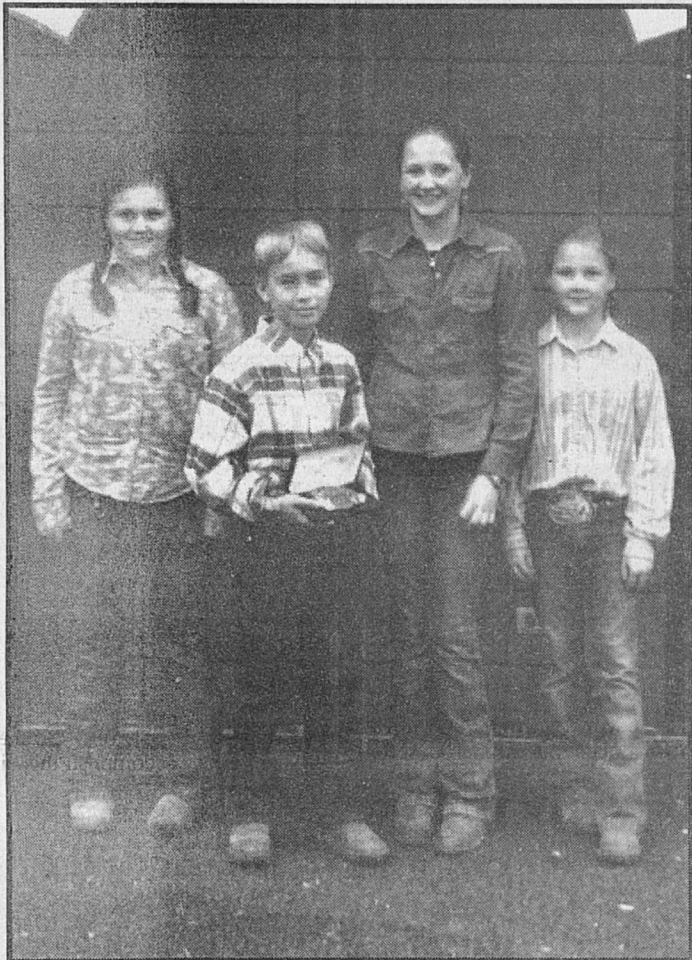
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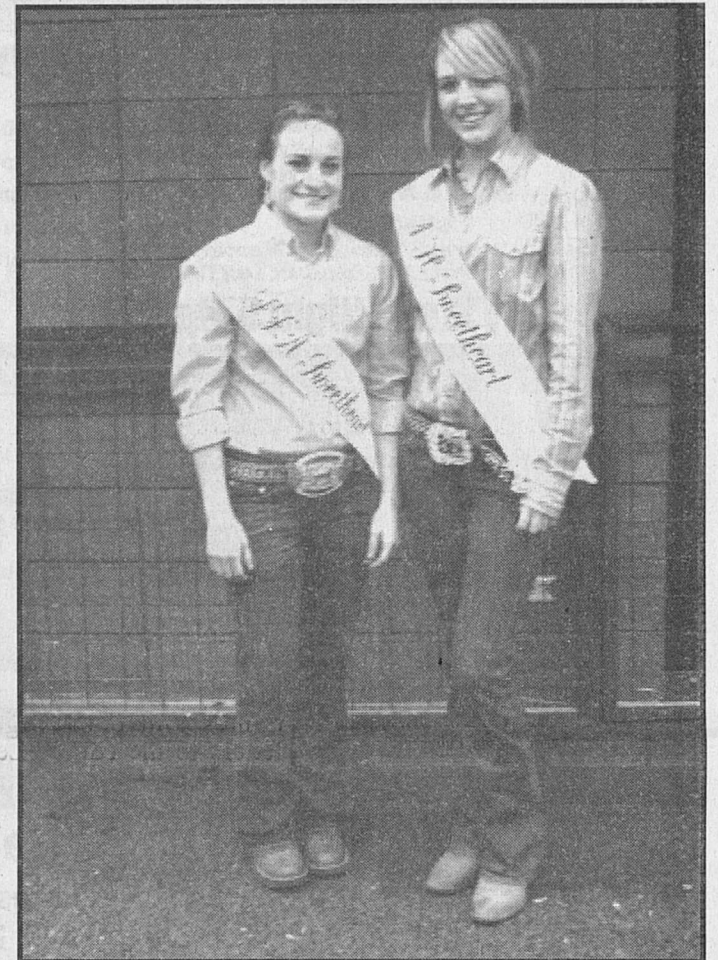
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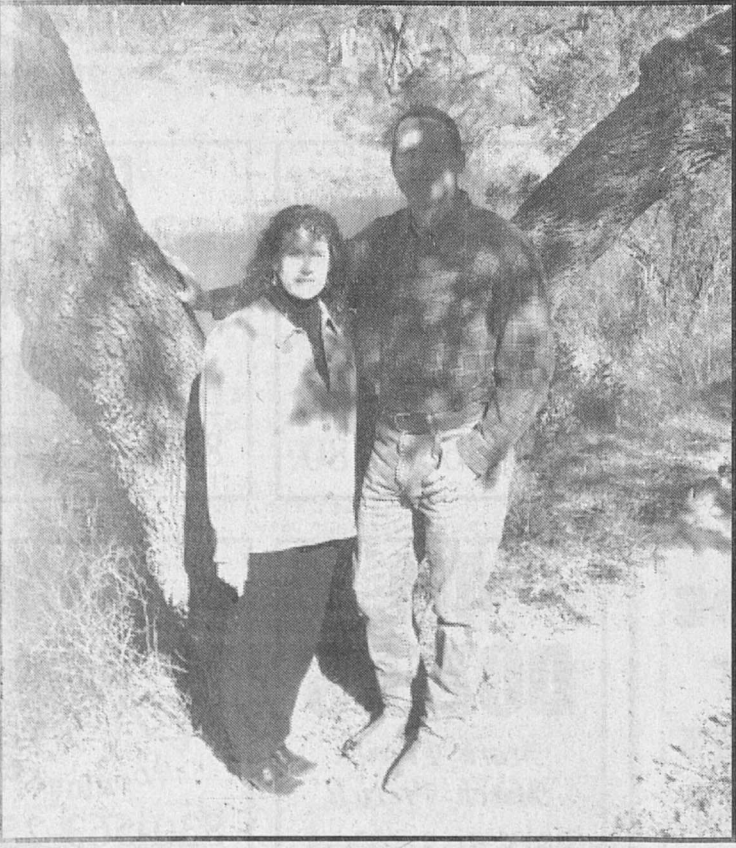
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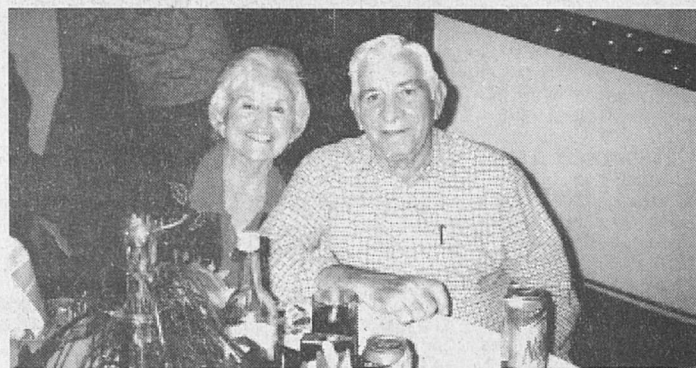
The New Year's Eve dance sponsored by the Fort Clark Days Committee was a great success. The traditional decorations of gold and white created an elegant party atmosphere at the Post Theatre while Brackettville's own "32 Miles In The Pocket" band played fabulous music that kept the guests on the dance floor well into the New Year. Photos were submitted by Rosa Smith.



The O'Briens and The Haens



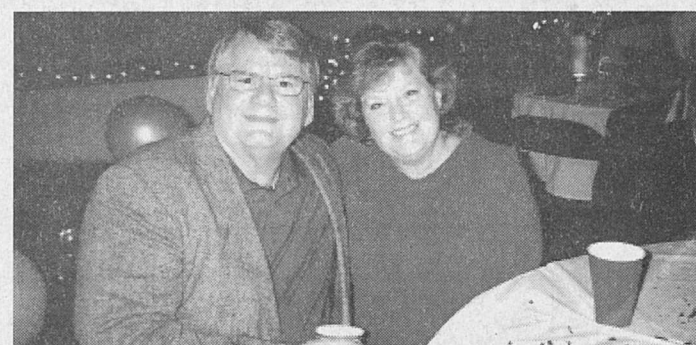
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Indoor Barbecue Spare Ribs & Sauce

1/4 cup vegetable oil
1/2 cup water
1 (6 oz.) can tomato paste
1 beef bouillon cube
1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
1/4 cup soy sauce
1/4 cup white vinegar
2 Tbsp. honey
2 tsp. Tabasco sauce
2 tsp. salt
1 1/2 tsp. Liquid Smoke
1 lg. clove garlic, minced
4 to 5 lbs. pork spare ribs

In small saucepan, saute onion in oil until transparent. Add remaining ingredients except spare ribs. Mix well. Simmer 15 min. Pour over spare ribs in large glass baking dish; let stand 1 hour, turning Occasionally. Arrange on

shallow rack or broiler pan. Bake at 350 F. about 2 hours. Turn ribs & Baste with remaining sauce two or three times during baking. Cut in portions to serving.

Show me thy glory

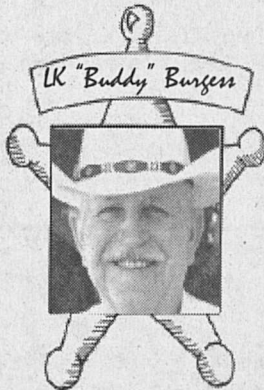


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And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before thee: and will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.

And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live. Exodus 33:18-20

Kinney County Sheriff's Report



7:50 am A caller reported hearing a gunshot and found the bullet in their residence. A deputy was notified.

Saturday, January 10

11:00 am A man reported that someone had kicked in the door at their house. A deputy was notified and en route to the location.

9:10 pm A caller reported a disturbance on a local street. A unit was dispatched.

9:18 pm A Border Patrol agent reported assistants with stopped vehicle that had 189 pounds of marijuana. A unit was dispatched.

Sunday, January 11

12:05 am Mildred M. Church, 34, and Geraldo Hernandez, 40, both from San Antonio, were arrested for possession of marijuana, greater than 50 pounds but less than 2,000 pounds. Church and Hernandez are still being held at press time.

11:27 pm A man reported a individual crossed the creek onto private property with a rifle. A game warden was notified of the situation.

12:14 pm A man called to report a tool box had been stolen out of the back of his truck. The description was given and a deputy was notified.

7:41 pm Ramon G. Ramir, 32, of Eagle Pass, was arrested on an outstanding warrant. Ramir is still being held at press time.

Monday, January 5
6:45 pm A caller reported a U-Haul parked outside of a local apartment. A deputy was notified and en route to the location.

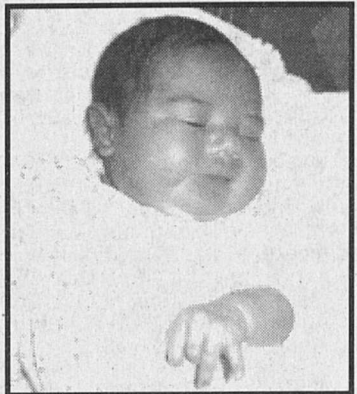
8:20 pm A woman reported a individual was at her residence, intoxicated and harassing her daughter. A deputy was informed of the situation.

9:08 pm A federal officer reported a yellow mustang reaching 100 MPH. A deputy was notified and on the look out from the car.

Wednesday, January 7
5:00 pm Jaramillo Velasquez, 23, of San Luis was arrested for driving while intoxicated. Velasquez is still being held at press time.

7:47 pm An employee from a local rail road service reported three illegal passengers needed to be removed from the train. A unit was notified and en route to the location.

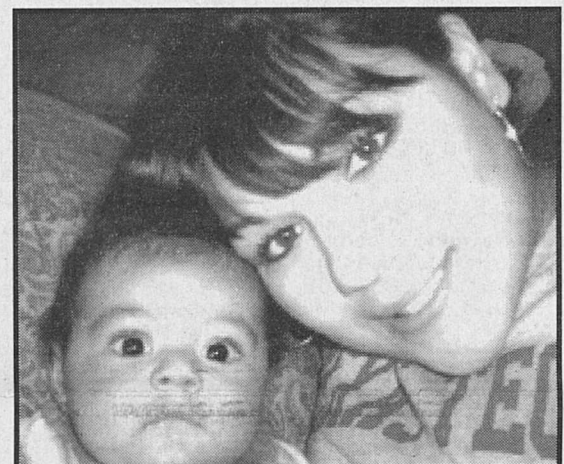
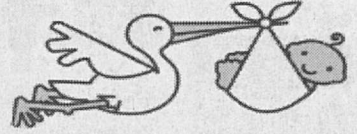
It's a boy!



Kristian Gage Hernandez

Jose and Vanessa Hernandez, of Brackettville, are proud to announce the birth of their son Kristian Gage Hernandez. Kristian Gage was born January 5, at the Val Verde Regional Hospital in Del Rio weighing 8 pounds and 2 ounces and was 20 inches in length. Kristian was welcomed by his big sister Elyssa and brother Jose Jr.; maternal grandparents Juan and Rosie Garcia of Brackettville; maternal great-grandparents Ercilia Flores of Uvalde; Maria Paramo of Brackettville; paternal grandparents Nazario and Onesima Hernandez of Brackettville.

It's a boy!



Ethan Malachi Mendoza

Lupe and Asalynn Mendoza, of Plainview, Texas are proud to announce the birth of their son Ethan Malachi Mendoza. Ethan Malachi was born July 2, 2008 at University Medical Center in Lubbock weighing 5 pounds and measured 19 inches in length. Ethan was welcomed by his grandparents Brenda Fuentes from Plainview Texas and Joe A. Avila of Brackettville; great-grandparents Patricio and Mary Jo Fuentes of New Braunfels and Felipa S. Avila of Brackettville.

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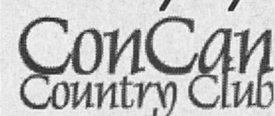
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New Listing - 21 Ward: A Must See! Spacious 2BR, 2.5B home with study. Nice corner fireplace & large kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Many interior upgrades. Priced Below Appraisal.

156 Crockett: lovely custom built 3BR, 2B rock home, 2,000+ /sq.ft., rock fireplace & other amenities. Great location with privacy fenced yard. REDUCED!

72 Sunset Lane: 2BR, 2B home with upgrades. Includes carport, workshop & screen porches to enjoy wildlife. REDUCED

Unit 14: 1BR, 1B cottage, great rental or winter getaway property, just \$16,500.
147 Redbud: small apartment & RV cover & 2nd lot, will sell separate.

New Listing: 7 lots, some with Spring Street frontage. Spring St: large building, CHA, rental income, seller financing.

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Let go of the fears or doubts that may disrupt your inner peace and harmony. Understanding comes from looking within and listening to your heart.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): Acknowledge those who have stood by you and made it possible for you to prosper. Discover a special way to give back and to say thank you.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Celebrate special achievements in your career or in your professional pursuits. Mentors, colleagues or co-workers are happy to lend or offer their support.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22): Philosophical, intellectual or religious conversations seem to follow you around this week. Do not hesitate to share your insights and opinions.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): An intuitive experience provides

insight or information. Do not ignore the messages that come from dreams or meditation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Close personal relationships are harmonious and well-balanced. Enjoy the comfort and emotional ease that is the result of honest and open communication.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Your co-workers or associates are in your corner. Join forces, share expertise and allow them to assist you in reaching a desired goal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21): Look to excel in creative endeavors. Take your thoughts or ideas that are based in fantasy and demonstrate them in an actual presentation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Strong feelings will dictate the outcome of a domestic situation. Make the best possible or most logical decisions or moves.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): You are mentally competent and brilliant at solving problems. Get the right answers to an inquiry using your talent for observation or listening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): It is OK to feel confident about your financial status. Continue to stay within your budgetary guidelines and avoid wasteful spending.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Put your best foot forward and attract positive people and enriching experiences. Feel good about whom you are and what you have to offer.

Tejas Properties
Phyllis & Les Meyer Broker/Ranch Sales 830-563-9911
Deborah Isaacs Agent/Residential Sales 830-563-7272

New Listing-If you are looking for a home with character this is a must see! 3/5 bathroom and a separate office, 2 covered patios and wet bar, covered parking for 3 cars, On a specialty lot - \$189,000

New Listing-158 Warbonnet-manufacture home with 2/1 1/2/2 carport and enclosed porch only \$27,000

3/3 Brick Home on the golf course, over 2000 sq. study, fireplace, attached carport, beautiful tile floors throughout, Less than 3 years old and only \$199,000.00

2/2 Mobile Home, on Unite 15, storage room/ bedroom addition, carport, \$27,000 or make better offer!
2/1 Mobile Home, remodeled kitchen, covered parking, no maintenance yard, \$17,000

3/3 Brick Home on the golf course, over 2000 sf, study, fireplace, attached carport, beautiful tile floors throughout, Less than 3 years old and only \$199,000.00
Beautiful 3/3 Stone Home, approx. 2150 sf, custom cabinets, granite, surround sound, covered patio w/wet bar, pecan and fruit trees, landscaped, sprinkler system, 12x32 workshop - \$220,000. **CONTRACT PENDING**

2 Bedroom 2 Bath condo-Unit 1303, 2 verandas overlooking #1 Fairway and Green. Must see! \$62,000
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FORT CLARK
NEW LISTING: HISTORIC WAINWRIGHT HOUSE #29 COLONY ROW! Information and pictures on website
29 LAMOTTE 3/2/2 Stucco hm w/tiled floors throughout, FP in large kitchen/breakfast area and screened porch over looking green area. 2031 sq. ft. w/many upgrades. \$169,000. Fantastic home and location!

89 WARD RD: Awesome 4BR/3B Family Home with bonus and media Rms.Fenced yard, 3,000 approx. sq.ft. **REDUCED \$180,000**

New Listing: 143 Walnut, Emaculate 3/2 Palm Harbor Hm. on 2 lots over looking green area. RV hookups must see! \$42,000.
New Listing: Fairway Circle, 2 golf course lots. Walking distance from Las Moras Creek. \$25,000.
"THE CALVARYMAN" 2C Colony Row SOLD

OAK LANE: Fantastic 2 story home. 3BR/3B, 2 car garage + separate workshop. Many upgrades and fine features throughout. 2,740 sq.ft. on 1 LOT. Great Location! **REDUCED.**

115 MESQUITE ST. Very nice home w/ 2BR/1B plus a bonus room/office. Open floor plan, approx. 1,162 sq. ft. Covered RV parking and 2 storage areas. Great buy @ \$89,900.
104 McClelland Located in the historical district, this 2BR/2B townhouse has open floor plan w/ vaulted ceiling. Great second home or rental. Approx. 1,260 sq. ft. **REDUCED**

155 BLISS CIRCLE. Unit 15, 2BR/2BA, very clean, well maintained mobile home on two lots. \$35,000.
80 BAYLOR ST. 3B/2B HOME IN HISTORICAL DISTRICT. 1836 SQ.FT. \$65,000

UNIT 14, RV lot with metal cover with 1998 Wilderness27' travel trailer. \$32,000.
BRACKETTVILLE
602 N. Ann St. Beautiful 4 BR/3B family home w/FP and CHA on 2 lots in a Great Location! New carpet, blinds and paint throughout. Fenced back yard. Approx. 2,900 sq. ft.
221 Acres Prime Hunting. Approx. 1,400 sq. ft. Log cabin w/ panoramic views. 25 miles north of Brackettville on FM 674

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COPILEY NEWS SERVICE By Charles Preston

ACROSS

- Prohibit, legally
- Sacramento arena
- Up and ...
- Mary's friend and neighbor
- Tenth century pope
- Deli breakfast offering
- Blade
- Miami... county
- Goat with backward-curved horns
- Dash
- Regatta implements
- Smeller residue
- Lesped
- Exclamation of discovery
- Republicans, for short
- Musical composition
- Exclamation of regret
- Baylor University locate
- Dash
- Makes do, with out
- Diamond number
- Pertaining to the iris
- Thesis introduction?
- Frequently, poetically
- AF locations
- Second section of a minuet
- Manometer units: abbr.

DOWN

- Flub
- Exhibit
- "Wizard of Oz" pet
- Sense of smell stimulant
- President Clinton, for one
- Birch family member
- Uses a scythe, perhaps
- Musical closing passage
- Went too far
- Hill or Ekberg
- One riding a coaster
- "I would ..."
- In 1938, Joe knocked him out in the first round
- Harbor, Long Island
- Menu phrase
- Intelligence operatives
- 1949 Jeanine Craine little role
- What Cain felt toward Abel
- Play segments
- Second wife of Henry VIII
- Pacific or Atlantic
- Gallup output
- Forbear
- Coop layer
- Goodbye or hello gesture
- Revealed itself gradually
- Supposed
- It floats on water
- Lust, for one
- Inclined to rove
- Emergency room statistic
- Word with nay or yea
- Julia Roberts, for one
- Loading dock
- Sister of Osiris
- New Mexico art colony
- New Haven university
- Evian or Baden-Baden
- Cooler

SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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3	6	8	3	4	1	6	7	9
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6	5	4	7	2	6	1	8	3

ANSWER:

MISTAKES

Please remember that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our newspaper. We realize that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.