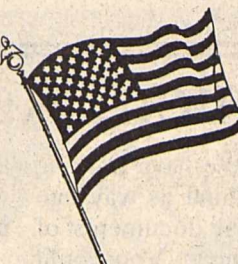


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Kinney County Livestock Show sale raises \$29,325

The premium sale at the 46th Annual Kinney County FFA and 4-H Livestock Show Saturday collected \$29,325 down \$8,300 from last year.

A total of 174 animals were shown at last weekend's local junior livestock show at the Kinney County Civic Center. Animals sold were down from 78 last year to 60 this year. The average sale was up \$6.75 to \$488.75.

Beth Ballew won the Joey Key York Award, which is given to the overall showman of the Kinney County Livestock Show. The selection of the recipient is made by an unknown, out-of-town judge.

Ballew had the champion finewool lamb, which was sold to Cornucopia Llamas & Kinney County Wool and Mohair for \$700.

Boyd Brotherton won the Silver Shearer Award, which is based on the three highest placing lambs.

Stanford Conoly was the recipient of the Most Improved Feeder Award at Saturday's show. He sold his reserve champion fine wool ewe lamb to 6 Bar Nine Ranches for \$675.

Dietrich Davis, who won the steer showmanship award, sold the champion steer for \$875 to Uvalco Supply.

Davis also had the reserve champion angora doe but it was not in the sale. Hayley Harris had the champion crossbred lamb, which was bought for \$625 by Mr. & Mrs. Buddy Burgess.

Harris also sold the reserve champion crossbred lamb to Pico for \$500.

Ramon Gutierrez's champion meat goat sold for \$1,000 to Del Rio National Bank.

Bianca Stewart sold her champion rabbit buck to Rancho dos Angeles for \$400.

Katie Braesicke had the champion rabbit doe and the reserve champion rabbit doe. The champion sold to the Tim Murdoch family for \$400 and the reserve champion sold for \$350 to the First State Bank of Uvalde.

Robert Davis sold his champion angora doe for \$525 to Cecil Atkisson.

2001 Grand Champions

The following is a list of grand champions from the 44th Annual Kinney County FFA and 4-H Livestock Show:

Exhibitor	Breed
Dietrich Davis	Steer
Beth Ballew	Finewool Lamb
Hayley Harris	Crossbred Lamb
Ramon Gutierrez	Meat Goat
Bianca Stewart	Rabbit Buck
Katie Braesicke	Rabbit Doe
Robert Davis	Angora Goat Doe Kid
Clay Threadgill	Swine
Jared Harris	Finewool Ewe Lamb
Jared Harris	3 Ewe Lambs

Clay Threadgill, who won the showmanship award for market swine in the junior division, sold his champion swine to H.E.B. for \$750.

Jared Harris champion finewool ewe lamb sold for \$525 to Rancho dos Angeles. Harris also had the champion pen of 3 ewe lambs.

Bailee Allen, who won the showmanship award for steer in the junior division, sold her reserve champion steer for \$750 to the Federal Land Bank and Fort Stockton Feed.

Jared Hobbs sold his reserve champion finewool lamb to Cecil Atkisson for \$600.

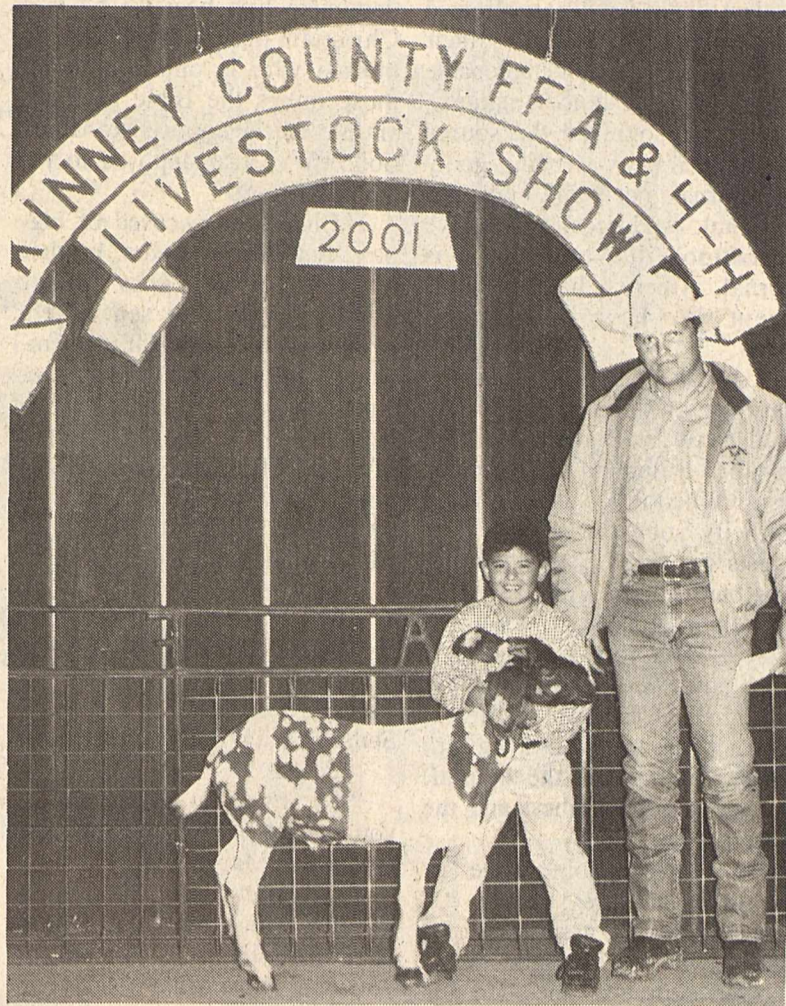
Ashley Castillo had the reserve champion meat goat, which sold for \$650 to Kinney County Wool & Mohair and Wardlaw Ranches.

Juliann Ashabraner's reserve champion rabbit buck sold to Cecil Atkisson for \$350.

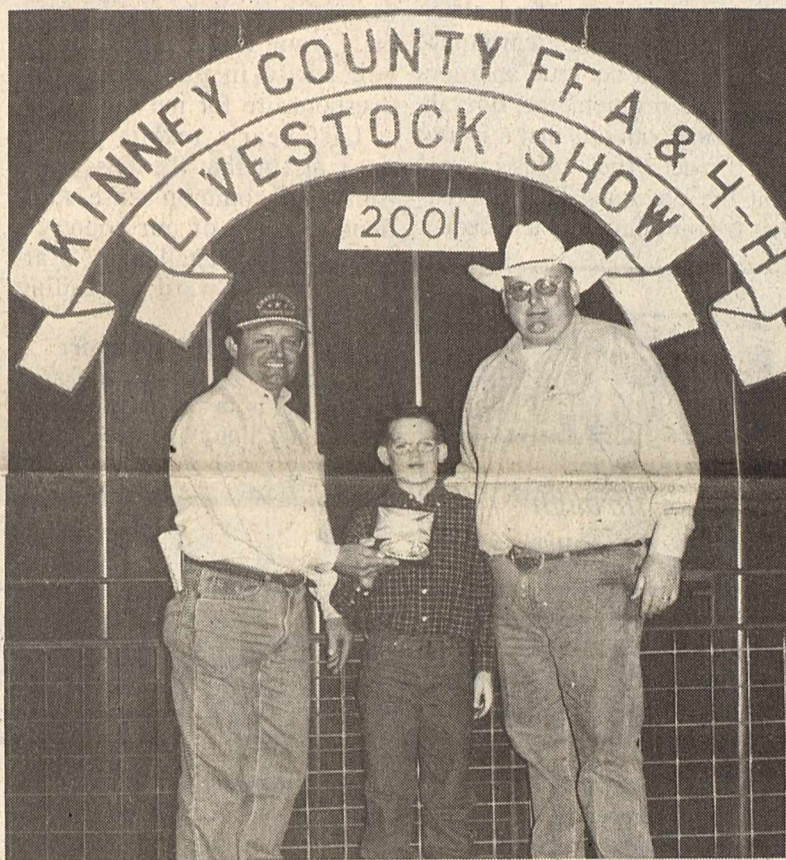
Elizabeth Threadgill won showmanship awards in both the goat and swine categories. Her reserve champion swine was sold for \$350 to Sterling C. Evans.

Taylor Dunbar had the reserve champion pen of 3 ewe lambs.

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Tony Ashley is pictured with Ramon Gutierrez, winner of the Champion Meat Goat Award.



Robert Elledge and John Paul Schuster present Stanford Conoly with a buckle for the Most Improved Feeder Award.

Briefs ...

Border Patrol Meeting

Del Rio, Texas - The Brackettville Border Patrol Station will host a Townhall Meeting, in conjunction with the agency's Ranch Liaison Program, Tuesday, Jan. 30, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Fort Clark Service Club.

The U.S. Border Patrol initiated the Rancher Liaison Program in order to facilitate better communication with ranchers along the border. Specially assigned liaison agents will be available to respond to ranchers' concerns and will actively seek input regarding rural border enforcement issues.

Townhall meetings are held regularly throughout the Del Rio Sector, which extends from Comstock to Carrizo Springs.

Volunteers repair bat cave

On Dec. 16, TPW park manager Mike Knezek, one seasonal employee, and 18 volunteers from all over Texas worked together on a project to increase the bat population of Stuart Bat (formerly Green) Cave at Kickapoo Cavern State Park. Many decades ago, an artificial shaft was dug into the back of the cave to mine guano, artificially cooling the cave. This resulted in a drop from an estimated 1 million Mexican free-tailed bats decades ago to less than a half million bats now. Jim Kennedy of Bat Conservation International organized this month's volunteer effort to install concrete slabs to plug the shaft, with help from members of the Texas Speleological Association. The cave is named for former Kickapoo Cavern State Park Manager David Stuart, who died of cancer last year.

Kinney Co. hosts SWTGS

The next quarterly meeting of the Southwest Texas Genealogical Society will be held at Las Moras Restaurant at Fort Clark in Kinney County on Saturday, March 3, 2001 @ 10 a.m. The Southwest Texas Genealogical Society serves the nine surrounding counties in this area of Texas.

Anyone interested in genealogical research or the history of this area is invited to attend. Membership is \$20.00 annually and you will receive copies of the award winning quarterly Branches & Acorns. You may visit a meeting by paying \$10.00 which will include lunch. If you have any questions you may contact event coordinator Pat McKelvey or Kinney County representative Hawkins Huey.

Commissioners hear reports on county roads, proposed water district

By Amy Davis
Staff Writer

At last week's County Commissioner's Court meeting, Cliff Fritter, Kinney County Road and Bridge Superintendent, gave a report on the progress his department has made on county roads over the past year. He also reported on the department's future projects.

"As far as this year is concerned, it looks like we're going to be doing real well," Fritter said.

In 2000, the Kinney County Road and Bridge department was able to work on many roads in need of repair. Fritter reported that out of the nine county roads, six are now in good shape and the other three are on the list to be repaired. These roads are Standart Lane, Mud Creek Road and Tularosa Road.

After the flood in October of 1998, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) granted money to Kinney County for repairs on roads that were damaged by the flooding. The Road and Bridge department gave first priority to the areas that FEMA granted money for, so that the money would not be forfeited.

Citizens living near Tularosa Road, north of Ranch Road 334, attended the meeting to express their concerns about the conditions of the road. Fritter explained that Tularosa Road is now the priority.

Judge Herb Senne was encouraged by Fritter's report and said that the court was listening to the citizens and that as soon as possible, the Road and Bridge Crew is going to do their best to get the repairs completed.

Currently the Road and Bridge Crew is working on two low water crossings on Tularosa Road. These areas are Grand Staff crossing and Chapman Road crossing. The project is being funded through a double grant from FEMA and the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Kinney County maintains 63

miles of road throughout the county.

Fritter also stated that the Road and Bridge Crew is in great need of new equipment and said he would address this issue at another Commissioner's Court meeting. Judge Senne agrees that new equipment is needed and says that it will be purchased over a period of time in order to conserve County money. The Commissioner's approved a request for the purchase of a new work truck to replace one that is no longer functional.

Carolyn Rutherford, EMS Director, reported that as of January 6, the Kinney County EMS is now fully staffed. Rutherford said that this has become possible with the employment of a new EMT, Mickey Romero. She said that someone would now be at the EMS station at all times. Rutherford pointed out that this will reduce emergency response time immensely.

Judge Senne expressed that the availability of a full staff will improve the quality of the Kinney County EMS.

"That's the beauty of having that station, and someone there 24

hours a day, 7 days a week. A few minutes can save a life," he said.

In the Judge's report to the court, Judge Senne took the opportunity to encourage the Commissioners, and the community to attend the Adobe Municipal Solid Waste Landfill public hearing to be held on February, 13, at the Kinney County Civic Center. He said that this is the time for concerned community members to express their views on this issue.

Judge Senne also reported that at the public meeting held last December, many members of the community indicated that they would like to see the county pursue the formation of a county water district. Senne says that the purpose of a water district is only to manage Kinney County's water resources.

"The purpose of a water district is to assure the longevity of our water resources so waters of Kinney County are in adequate supply for community growth, community needs," he said. "It is not to keep water from being transferred or transported from here, it's simply to manage the resources within it's capabilities."

Reminder from voter registrar

By Martha Pena Hooten
Voter Registrar

My office recently mailed out new voter registration certificates to those of you who completed a statement of residence during the November 7th General Election. These statements were completed and submitted to my office because your address has changed since you initially registered to vote. And we also processed requests for replacement certificates and issued certificates to new applicants.

In addition, we have received numerous voter registration applications with no changes made to what we have on file. Please keep in mind that when renewing your driver's license by mail, the voter registration application you may

find enclosed with your renewal should not be completed and submitted unless the information that we have on file needs to be changed or updated.

Please take a few minutes to look over your voter registration certificate, that you have in your possession, to verify that all the information on your certificate is correct. If any changes need to be made, you can make your changes on the back of your certificate, sign, date and return to my office either in person or by returning by first class mail.

If I can be of any assistance on this matter or any other pertaining to my office, please do not hesitate to contact me at my office at 563-2688.

Community youth learn leadership skills

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Principal of Brackettville Elementary School and Rotary Program Chairman for January, brought three youths to the meeting, Thursday, January 11. Two were the young students chosen to attend RYLA, Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly that was to be held in San Antonio that weekend. This is an outstanding conference held each year with students attending from all over Texas and sponsored by Rotary District 5840. Students who show leadership qualities are chosen to have this special training.

Rudy Ramirez and Erica Meyer are the students who will attend. Rudy is a member of the National Honor Society and his parents are Moses and Rosa Gonzalez. He spoke briefly and told us of an aunt who had inspired him to work hard to achieve success. She had always encouraged him to become a lawyer, and when she passed on, he decided he would honor her memory by setting a goal of becoming a lawyer.

Erica's parents are Thomas and Kelly Meyer. The Meyers came here from Saudia Arabia. She is involved in many activities but her favorite one is involvement with the Historical Society. She is writing the application to be sent to the State of Texas requesting a historical marker to place near the red bridge on Las Moras stream

at Fort Clark. The Seminole Indian scouts camped here and nearby around this area. Presently, no marker is dedicated to these historical figures.

Marti Payne was asked to read her essay, which was to be entered in the state contest at the Stock Show last weekend. The subject of Marti's essay is "What 4-H Means to Me."

She has been a member of 4-H for 9 years and is now sweetheart of both 4-H and FFA. Her essay emphasized what she feels she has learned from 4-H. Service, hard work, devotion and the raising of animals are among the things she mentioned. Marti has won many awards, and these were won as she learned skills and achieved goals.

Marti had the opportunity to learn to deal with new things. 4-H is not completely focused on hard work, however. She learned to meet and interact with people and with animals. She raises meat goats and hogs.

A Rotarian asked how she dealt with having to give up an animal she had become bonded with while caring for them. She said it was easier when she had been given new ones to work with fairly quickly. It will be harder this year because she won't be able to take new ones since she will be going away for college.

She plans to go to Southwest Texas to study the Criminal Justice system. Marti's parents are Oscar and Josa Payne.

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"I don't know why you can't tell your mother that we don't want her advice. She is always interfering in our decisions."

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Despite liberal opinion, Ashcroft is right for the job *A best friend's wedding*

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

The following is a quote from an article by Larry Margasak, Associated Press Writer:

"The Senate Judiciary Committee was to consider the former Missouri senator's (John Ashcroft) nomination as the nation's top law enforcement officer Tuesday at hearings that could be the most contentious confirmation proceedings since Bush's father successfully nominated Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court a decade ago.

Ashcroft, a conservative Republican, faces an avalanche of criticism from liberal organizations over civil rights, abortion and other issues..."

All this hateful rhetoric from the liberal side of the nation is based on the fact that Mr. Ashcroft has, and tries to live by, Christian ethics. He is being lambasted by the liberals for a speech he made at Bob Jones University in which he made what these morally bankrupt malcontents consider to be intolerant comments. These comments were:

"Thank you very much, Dr. Bob. I want to thank each of you for investing yourselves in the mission of Christ — in redemption and forgiveness, and for preparing yourselves in the way that you have.

A slogan of the American Revolution which was so distressing to the emissaries of the king that it was found in correspondence sent back to England was the line, 'We have no king but Jesus.' Tax collectors came, asking for that which belonged to the king, and colonists frequently said, 'We have no king but Jesus.' It found its way into the fundamental documents of this great country. You could quote the Declaration with me. 'We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, and are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights.' Unique among nations, America recognized the source of our character as being godly and eternal, not being civic and temporal. And because we have understood that our source is eternal, America has been different. We have no king but Jesus."

Ashcroft goes on to speak of Barabas and Jesus, when the Jews were asked if they wished Barabas released to them or Jesus. When Pilate asked, "Shall I crucify your king?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." Ashcroft says, "When you have no king but Caesar, you release Barabas - criminality, destruction, thievery, the lowest and the least. When you have no king but Jesus, you release the eternal, you release the highest and the best.

He makes his point in the last paragraph of his speech. "If America is to be great in the future, it will be if we understand that our source is not civic and temporal, but our source is godly and eternal."

Now excuse my obvious ignorance, but I can find absolutely not one single item in that speech that is not true and correct. The problem the liberals are having with it is that it is true and correct. They refuse to accept the obvious. That our nation is crumbling into a decadent

and idolatrous society and that we have abandoned those very principals that made us great. They hate Ashcroft for the very reasons that he is the perfect choice for the job. They demonize him because he is a Christian man with Christian morals who is opposed to all those things the Bible says are sinful. He is opposed to abortion. He is also opposed to racial profiling.

He has been accused of bigotry, but Charles Evers, brother of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers, has sent letters of support for Ashcroft to members of the judiciary committee. And Charles Polk, a black attorney from St. Louis and a friend of Ashcroft dismissed allegations of racism against Ashcroft by stating, "That's a joke - it really is a joke and it upsets me."

The real reason the liberal left is slobbering mad is because Bush has nominated a man who stands for all the things they hate - integrity, patriotism, Christian morality, equality; and is against all the evil things they stand for - abortion, atheism, idolatry, and pagan immorality. Their hatred and vilification of this man merely confirm that he is the right man for the job!

Ezekiel 33:17-20 - "Yet your countrymen say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' But it is their way that is not just. If a righteous man turns from his righteousness and does evil, he will die for it. And if a wicked man turns away from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he will live by doing so. Yet, O house of Israel, you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' But I will judge each of you according to his own ways."

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

One of my best friends got married. Stanley and Pam tied the knot on the sixteenth of December. If he really thinks he'll get one gift to cover the anniversary and Christmas for his bride each year, I have some bad news for him.

I still remember the first time I met him. We were in college; in the student union building; shooting pool. Cards weren't allowed there since they were gaming devices and encouraged gambling. Seems funny to me too. I saw money change hands over those pool tables.

Anyway, a yearbook photographer came in to take pictures. Stanley and I stepped back out of the way. Neither of us wanted in the photograph. I asked him,

"What's the matter? Twenty years from now don't you want people to know you played pool?"

"No, twenty years from now I don't want people to know I went to college." That's Stanley. This isn't his first marriage. He's been married so many times that he has rice scars on the back of his neck. I hope Pam knows what she's doing.

He's a welder. A good welder. If you don't believe me, just ask him. He can weld anything but the crack of dawn and a broken heart. I could tell you stories all day long about Stanley. He was shot in the head in Vietnam. It improved his attitude. But I could be wrong.

If you don't run your own life, somebody else will.
—John Atkinson

Listening post: Senator Hutchison asks for your input

Capitol Comment
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

"If you want to be listened to, you have to put in some time listening." - Marge Piercy

There are nearly 20 million Texans, which makes it a little difficult for me to listen to all of you and learn what's on your minds. So I hope you will take the time to clip our annual survey, fill it out and mail it back to me with your opinions. I appreciate your local newspaper's generosity in publishing this questionnaire for me each year.

Last year's results proved once again that Texans are a source of common-sense solutions to some of our country's most difficult challenges. I always look forward to reading your responses.

Part One Of Questionnaire

1) Last year, Congress passed an ambitious tax relief plan that President Clinton vetoed. That legislation did away with the

marriage tax penalty, repealed the death tax and cut rates across the board. It would have made it easier for working families to save all they need for their retirement years. I remain committed to substantive tax reform, with the marriage tax penalty leading my list of priorities. I also support the across-the-board tax-relief proposal President-elect Bush has proposed.

Please place your tax-cut priorities in order:

- Marriage tax penalty
- Death tax relief
- Across-the-board tax relief
- Other

2) Texans, like other Americans, are paying substantially higher prices for the fuel they use. What some people don't realize is that the United States is becoming overly dependent on foreign sources of energy.

For example, we now import more than half of the oil we consume. Imported oil now accounts for one-third of our en-

tire trade deficit.

President-elect Bush has suggested that we allow offshore drilling and open up federal land in Alaska and the Rocky Mountains to new oil and gas production. This has the potential to greatly increase our domestically produced energy. Would you support this expanded production, with appropriate environmental controls, in order to reduce our dependence on imported energy sources?

Please place your energy priorities in order:

- More offshore drilling
- Open up federal land in Alaska for drilling
- Tax provisions to encourage marginal drilling
- Other

3) If our economy continues on its current track, the federal government will enjoy a budget surplus again this year. How would you use that surplus? Would you cut taxes, reduce the national debt, increase govern-

ment spending, or a combination thereof?

- Cut taxes
- Reduce national debt more quickly
- Increase spending for defense
- Use part of the surplus for Social Security reform
- Other


4) Congress has produced a balanced budget and cut federal spending sharply in many areas. But much work remains to be done. In what areas do you believe federal spending could be cut even more?

Please include the answer to this question and any additional comments.

This survey will continue next week. I look forward to hearing from you. Please send your responses to:

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison SURVEY
284 Russell Senate Ofc. Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Big Mama Sez!



The tide of life is sometimes very rough but each storm ridden through makes us a better captain of our souls.

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HEALTH

The Epilepsy Foundation urges caregivers, parents of young children to know the hidden signs of Epilepsy

Washington DC - It's not unusual to see a child daydream, or appear distant and unresponsive - or for a toddler, just learning to walk, to suddenly fall for no apparent reason. But when these seemingly common behaviors occur often or in patterns, they actually may signal that a child is having seizures. The Epilepsy Foundation considers the hidden signs of childhood epilepsy to be a significant problem nationwide.

Seizures are the most common neurological disorder of childhood. But not all seizures are convulsions, and symptoms can be difficult to recognize. Many of the "hidden" signs mimic normal behavior. Recognition of these signs is important in the early diagnosis and treatment to avoid learning disabilities social problems and safety risks associated with epilepsy in young children. Early diagnosis offers the child with epilepsy a better chance of treatment success and a future free of seizures.

"Epilepsy can be particularly difficult to diagnose in young children because they are unable to clearly communicate what they are feeling," says Paul M. Levisohn, M.D., pediatric neurologist at Denver Children's Hospital. "The symptoms they display are often misinterpreted, which can lead to weeks and

even months before a diagnosis is made." Although these signs don't necessarily mean a child has epilepsy, they should be brought to the attention of the doctor.

The "hidden signs" of seizures in children include:

- Short attention blackouts that look like daydreaming.
- Sudden falls for no reason.
- Lack of response for brief periods.
- Dazed behavior.
- Unusual sleepiness and irritability when wakened from sleep.
- Head nodding.
- Rapid blinking.
- Frequent complaints from

the child that things look, sound, taste, smell or feel "funny."

• Clusters of "jackknife" movements by babies who are sitting down.

• Clusters of grabbing movements with both arms in babies lying on their backs.

• Sudden stomach pain followed by confusion and sleepiness.

• Repeated movements that look out of place or unnatural.

• Frequent stumbling or unusual clumsiness.

• Sudden repeated episodes of fear for no apparent reason.

For more information visit the Epilepsy Foundation's Web site, www.epilepsyfoundation.org.

Veterans affairs expands spinal cord injury care

Washington, D.C. -- Veterans with spinal-cord injuries (SCI) can expect expanded services in the near future, announced Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs Hershel Gober, who has made SCI one of his top priorities.

In his first week on the job, Gober authorized a new SCI directive from Thomas L. Garthwaite, Acting Under Secretary for Health, that requires VA health care managers to fully staff designated SCI beds.

"Designating the number of beds is the easy part," said Gober. "Finding and keeping qualified nurses, doctors, social workers, therapists and SCI psychologists is a much more complicated matter, but Dr. Garthwaite and I are committed to seeing this carried out. The new directive designates a minimum of 71 full-time nurses for every 50 patients, one physician for every 10 patients, and one social worker for every 20 patients. We know this will be a challenge for a number of facilities. We are ready to do what

ever is necessary to help facilities meet these goals and keep SCI a strong and vibrant program."

The new directive designates 1,209 beds for SCI patients located at VA's 23 spinal-cord injury centers and in extended-care beds in nursing home units. "This is the minimal acceptable level of beds to be established and maintained," according to the directive.

It is estimated that there are about 250,000 Americans living with spinal cord injury; approximately 40,000 are veterans. VA has the largest single network of SCI care in the nation.

Last spring, Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc. released an independent study that compared VA's SCI services to SCI services funded by Medicare, Medicaid, Aetna, Kaiser, Alliance, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and the Swedish medical system. The findings showed that VA provided more comprehensive coverage for SCI than any other American health program and

that the department's benefits and services met or exceeded those provided by each of the plans reviewed. The report added that VA's services were uniquely organized and that no other health care provider was as involved in the full continuum of care for SCI patients.

In addition to medical and therapeutic care provided veterans with spinal-cord injuries, VA is a leader in defining new methods of rehabilitation through scientific research and engineering. In Fiscal Year 1999, VA spent \$8.3 million to fund 69 research projects dealing with spinal cord injury. Additionally, VA investigators had 113 SCI projects supported by \$4.7 million in grants from non-VA sources. Researchers are involved in such study as: tissue engineering; combining living cells with synthetic materials; new biomaterial and techniques to regenerate the central nervous system; a walking system that allows a patient with paraplegia to exercise and walk

in a limited area around his wheelchair; and a hand-grasp system that offers finer control and function to the elbow and forearm.

VA also has four Centers of Excellence for SCI at VA Pugh Sound Health Care System, Seattle, Wash; James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, Tampa, Fla.; VA Medical Center, Milwaukee, Wis.; and VA Medical Center, Augusta, Ga. These programs were recognized as providing the best in health care, as judged by national standards, and serve as models for the measurement of outcomes, as well as education, training and research.

"We have a world-class SCI program," said Gober. "Throughout VA we have had a tremendous growth in the number of patients treated and in the shift to outpatient care. Many programs are in place that weren't in place three or four years ago. However, is it a perfect system? No, not yet. But I promise you, we're working on it."

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, Jan. 7
9:10 p.m., Chief of Police, Ron Ring responded to a call from a local woman requesting an officer at her residence regarding a verbal assault.

Monday, Jan. 8
3:30 a.m., A man called to report 60 or 70 sheep that were close to the Doppler radar station, by Highway 90, east of town.

Tuesday, Jan. 9
3:33 a.m., A woman called to report that the school alarm was going off.

12:14 a.m., A local woman reported that someone was shooting north of Ann St. but the responding officer found nothing.

5:05 p.m., A man called for a city employee to pick up some dogs at his ranch west on Highway 90.

Wednesday, Jan. 10
6:00 p.m., The Department of Public Safety stated they had received a report of two vehicles parked east on Highway 90. U.S. Border Patrol was notified.

Thursday, Jan. 11
11:15 a.m., A Border patrol agent reported an abandoned vehicle on FM 334. The vehicle was apparently being stripped for parts. A Uvalde County Sheriff's deputy was dispatched to the location.

2:35 p.m., A 911 caller reported that a vehicle had run into a tree south of Spofford on FM 131. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar was immediately sent to the scene and EMS was notified.

8:52 p.m., A 911 caller requested a deputy at her residence, near Pear alley, because some people were arguing out front. Deputy Pena was dispatched to the scene.

Friday, Jan. 12
4:50 p.m., A woman driving on FM 674 reported two 18 wheelers driving recklessly behind her. Trooper Slubar was dispatched to the scene.

Saturday, Jan. 13
6:35 p.m., Elias Torres, 32, of Del Rio, was arrested by Game

Warden Henry Lutz for driving with license suspended. Torres was released the same day after posting bond.

11:02 p.m., A Fort Clark resident reported a minor driving recklessly. He stated that the driver had hit his car from behind. Deputy Chism and Constable Cordelia Mendeke responded to the call.

Sunday, Jan. 14
9:44 a.m., Deputy Pena was dispatched to intercept a gray vehicle traveling south on FM 674. One of the occupants had accidentally stabbed himself in the leg while skinning a deer.

7:00 p.m., Jaime G. Paita, 27, of Austin, was arrested for assault with injury, by Trooper Tully Welch. Paita is still being held.

Joey Key York Award

- The following is a list of winners of the Joey Key York Award, presented at the Kinney County Livestock Show:
- 2001 Beth Ballew
 - 2000 Dietrich Davis
 - 1999 Lindsey Brotherton
 - 1998 J. Wayne Ballew
 - 1997 Savannah Massingill
 - 1996 Amber N. Davis
 - 1995 Susannah Davis
 - 1994 Charlotte Rose
 - 1993 Justin Coates
 - 1992 Kimberley Ahrens
 - 1991 Jennifer Shahan
 - 1990 Stephanie Ahrens
 - 1989 Jesus Aguirre
 - 1988 J.T. Will Shahan III
 - 1987 Kasey Lee Hall
 - 1986 Tammy Frerich
 - 1985 Toby Frerich
 - 1984 Westley White
 - 1983 Lashawn Wardlaw
 - 1982 Seth A. Kaplan
 - 1981 Tana McCarty
 - 1980 Doug McCarty
 - 1979 Joel J. Voss
 - 1978 Brenda Foust
 - 1977 Mark A. Baxter
 - 1976 Marcelino Valdez Jr.
 - 1975 Kaye York
 - 1974 Candy Smallwood
 - 1973 Bill Ballew
 - 1972 Minot Pratt III



Pictured is Carol Burgess and Hayley Harris, who won the Champion Finewool Lamb award at last Saturday's livestock show.



Joe York presents Beth Ballew with the Joey Key York Award.



Dietrich Davis, winner of the Champion Steer Award is pictured with John Paul Schuster at last weekend's livestock show.

Livestock Show sales down

Continued from Page 1
Carlos Gomez won the showmanship award for market lamb, and Whitney Hobbs won the showmanship award for market lamb in the junior division.

and Natasha Smith won the showmanship award for meat rabbit in the junior division.

Whitney Massingill won the showmanship award for market goat in the junior division.

Patrick Rose won the showmanship award for finewool ewe lamb,

and Jacquelyn Conoly won the showmanship award for breeding sheep in the junior division.

Susannah Davis won the showmanship award for angora goat kids, and Tillman Davis won the showmanship award for angora goat kids in the junior division.

Correction

On page 3 of last week's paper, Armando Luna and Ruben Garcia's photos were inadvertently switched. We apologize for the mistake.

The Brackett News Staff

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Honor your mother and father

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"I don't know why you can't tell your mother that we don't want her advice. She is always interfering in our decisions." Olivia was complaining to her husband Ricky about his mother and it opened some old wounds.

"She is not interfering. She is just concerned and trying to help," said Ricky in defense of his mother. "Besides I hear you talking to your Dad about our problems at times. You talk about things he has no business knowing," Ricky retorted aggressively.

"Your mother," said Olivia, "is nothing but a busy body. I wish she would mind her own business and stay out of ours."

"People who live in glass houses...." Ricky never finished the sentence. Olivia turned around and walked away ignoring what was said.

"Daddy, why do you and mamma argue about Grandma and Grandpa?" Ten year old David asked. "I think they are great and they love us a lot."

"I know that they love us David. But we get really tired of their criticism and it has to stop," Ricky answered his son. As he looked into David's eyes, Ricky realized what had just happened. "Look son, your mother and I just did something very wrong and we need to get it straightened out. They aren't critical. They're just trying to help. I don't want you to talk about me some day like I just talked about your grandpa. He is really a swell person and I love him a lot. His heart is in the right

place and we need to recognize it. Your mom and I need to talk about this."

A very wise man named Moses long, long ago taught his people that they were to give honor to their mothers and fathers. It would ensure long lives for them here on this earth (Exodus 20:12). Honoring and respecting parents from both sides of the family ensures peace and well being for future generations. It also bonds you to your spouse and to your own children.

This column is brought to you by the St. Henry de Osso Family Project working in Brackettville to strengthen families, faith and education.

Community Concert presents Burgstaller and Mendez

When the houselights go down and the Joe Burgstaller concert begins on Thursday night, January 18, there will be an added level of excitement that has never before been present at a Del Rio Community Concert. Internationally known trumpet virtuoso Joe Burgstaller will be including members of the Del Rio High School Mighty Ram Band in performing several numbers during the concert. These band members will have spent two days in a residency program with Burgstaller and the concert will be the culmination of this once-in-a-lifetime activity.

The Del Rio Community Concert Association is pleased to be able to offer this unique experience to some of Del Rio's finest student musicians. Additionally, band students from Marion Russell Middle School, San Felipe Middle School, Del Rio Middle School,

On March 3, the Uvalde Arts Council, will present in concert Ray Price and The Cherokee Cowboys. Performances are scheduled for 7 pm and 9 pm at the Grand Opera House. Tickets, priced at \$25 each, will go on sale on January 24, at the Opera House or you can call 830-278-4184. Please specify the performance you will attend.

Country Music Hall of Fame legend Ray Price is the soul of Country music. He continues to be creative and expand conventional boundaries with his music, while never forgetting his roots. This timeless music and incredible commitment to performing made him a bridge between the early

days of country to today's contemporary country music. His long illustrious career spans five decades. During this time he has received a Grammy, made numerous television appearances, and has had many of his records certified gold. His most recent accomplishment was his introduction into the "Country Music Hall of Fame." Ray recently released a Spanish album titled "Los Dos" on Amistad Records. The album contains beautiful traditional Spanish love songs, interpreted as only Ray can. The album was produced by his musical director Blondie Calderon, who recently passed away.

Del Rio Freshman School, and Del Rio High School will be invited guests of the association at the concert.

When Joe Burgstaller and his pianist, and later, the Del Rio High School band members, take the stage, they will be performing the legendary arrangements of the great Rafael Mendez. Mendez was born in Jiquilpan, Michoacan, Mexico in 1906 into a musical family, beginning the trumpet at age five with lessons from his father. His childhood was a colorful one that saw him become the personal trumpeter of the famed Mexican bandit, General Pancho Villa.

After moving to the U.S., he enjoyed tremendous success as he quickly became widely recognized as the "World's Greatest Trumpeter." Mr. Mendez was featured on the television shows of Ed Sullivan, Dinah Shore, Bing Crosby, Milton Berle and Art Linkletter. Mr. Mendez was trumpeter with the orchestras of MGM Studios, Rudy Valee and David Rose, was Roy Rogers' bandleader, recorded 12 solo albums for Decca records and received a star on the Hollywood "Walk of Fame."

Through his tireless dedication to education, Mendez proved an inspiration to thousands of young musicians throughout his career. He was an important highly-visible, extremely intelligent and widely respected role model for many. In 1993 the Rafael Mendez Library was endowed by Mr. Mendez' sons at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona. Over 300 original manuscripts and 700 sets of Mendez' compositions and arrangements plus hundreds of photographs, articles and recordings are housed in the Library.

AirLife to provide more timely response to area

AirLife response time to the area will be dramatically improved as the result of the opening of a new AirLife base of operations at the Uvalde Municipal Airport on January 1. What is normally a 30-35 minute flight will now be just a few minutes. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new base was held December 29, 2000, at 2:00 p.m. at the Uvalde Airport sponsored by AirLife, First State Bank of Uvalde, Sierra Industries, Inc. and Uvalde Memorial Hospital.

According to Uvalde Memorial Hospital Administrator Ben Durr, "AirLife available locally can cut the time of elevating a patient to a tertiary center to less than 60 minutes and as low as 30 minutes."

San Antonio AirLife began operations January 1, 1991, with a single Bell 412 helicopter as a part of the Baptist Health System. In 1994, the University Health System joined the Baptist Health System and added a second Bell 412 helicopter to the operation. Due to increased request for air medical services, AirLife will add a third Bell 412 helicopter in Uvalde to better serve South Texas.

The helicopters utilized by AirLife are able to transport up to

four (4) patients each, at over 150 miles per hour while providing specialized care by the medical team on board the aircraft. San Antonio AirLife is the only IFR rated helicopter service in Texas, which enables AirLife to safely complete missions during certain poor weather conditions by being able to rely on instrumentation to land at airports like San Antonio International.

San Antonio AirLife is celebrating its 10th year of operations and recently transported its 15,000th patient. In 1998 and again in 2000, AirLife was named the Texas EMS Air Medical Transport Service of the Year.

Texas Main Street cities receive national recognition

Austin, Texas - The Texas Historical Commission (THC) recently presented several awards at the Texas Downtown Association/Texas Main Street Program's 19th Annual Downtown Revitalization Conference in McKinney.

The THC and the National Trust for Historic Preservation recognized 39 Texas Main Street Cities as National Main Street Cities for above average performance in

10 categories focused on planning, staff and volunteers, training and program assessment. They are: Beaumont, Breckenridge, Brenham, Celina, Corsicana, Decatur, Denison, Denton, Electra, Elgin, Fairfield, Farmersville, Garland, Gatesville, Gilmer, Gladewater, Goliad, Gonzales, Irving, Kerrville, La Grange, Levelland, Lufkin, Marlin, Mineola, Monahans, Nacogdoches, New Braunfels, Odessa, Quannah, Rusk, San Marcos, Seguin, Shiner, Sonora, Taylor, Tyler, Weatherford and Whitewright.

The THC also presented awards

of excellence to Taylor Main Street Director Shelly Hargrove and Bay City Main Street Director Bill Blair. THC Heritage Tourism Program Director Janie Headrick and Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program Architect Dick Ryan were honored for their many years of service in the Main Street program. The City of Monahans received a special award to honor the memory of their Main Street director, Suzi Blair, who passed away in October.

For more information, contact: Kay Harvey-Mosley, Community Heritage Development Division, (512) 936-2315.

McMaster presents book at festival

Frances McMaster, author of "Death Plays the Lead," just returned from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor at Belton where she was a presenter at The Windover/New Texas Writers Festival. The conference began on Wednesday, January 3 of this year and ended on Saturday, the sixth. Key Note speaker was author Clyde Edgerton. Various Texas authors and poets read their creations, and workshops were offered on a variety of subjects related to writing and to the field of promotion and marketing.

Mrs. McMaster visited with her son, "Doc" Jones on her return trip. Mr. Jones is an independent

sound technician who works with major networks. He and Mr. Bradley Knopp own and operate "The Ranch" recording studio. Jones is also a singer, songwriter who performs in the Wimberley area where he lives. Knopp is a professional guitarist.

Duplicate Bridge played at Fort Clark

Duplicate Bridge was played on January 9, 2001 in the Gorgas room at Fort Clark Springs using the Mitchell Movement. The winners in the North-South were: 1st-Flo Stafford and Sara Richhart; 2nd-Tina Bauguess and Rosetta Pingnot and 3rd-Ann Melin and Ann Watts. Winners in the East-West were: 1st-Carolyn Rutledge and Nelda Thomason; 2nd-Peg Woolston and Mylo Unruh and 3rd-Alice Seargeant and Joyce Bell. There were six tables. Those present had an enjoyable evening. Duplicate Bridge is open to any bridge player with a partner who wishes to participate. For more information one can contact the Fort Clark office.

Garden Club beautifies area

By Joyce Bergey
Contributing Writer

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club met on January 11 at the Adult Center. Members and guests were treated to a bounty of delicious treats provided by hostesses Patsy Callnan and Carol Miller.

Our "Bucks for Beauty" project to provide a sprinkler system for the newly landscaped Service Club is still underway. More donations are needed to complete the project.

The program for the meeting was given by Frank Cruz, co-owner of Laguna Nursery & Landscaping in Uvalde. He showed slides of various plants that do well in this area and provided much useful information on planting, watering and pruning, as well as knowledgeable answering the many questions asked by his audience.

We invite you all to join us at our next meeting to be held on February 8th at the Adult Center. Our program will be presented by Al Jenkins, owner of Kactus Korral, Inc.

Emergency agricultural loan applications being accepted

Applications for emergency agricultural loans for damages and losses attributed to drought and excessive heat, that occurred from January 1, 2000, and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Ft. Stockton, William H. McAnally said today.

All West Texas Counties have been recently named by USDA Secretary Dan Glickman to be eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and physical losses resulting from the disaster.

William H. McAnally said producers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of actual losses or the loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For producers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a producer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," McAnally said. Producers

participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until August 20, 2001 but producers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new season," McAnally said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized producers who work at and rely on agriculture for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual producers who are U.S. citizens and to agricultural partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Ft. Stockton is open from 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

Salvation Army offers warmth

Texas weather can be unpredictable, especially in the winter. The winter months are often the hardest for low-income individuals and families. With rising costs for natural gas, utility companies are increasing rates in an effort to recover projected losses.

This past Christmas season and extending into the new year, a devastating ice storm rolled across North Texas leaving over 200,000 people without electricity. The Salvation Army quickly reacted to provide shelter for displaced victims from the panhandle to Texarkana and points in between. Mobile feeding units provided 12,000 meals for those affected by the winter storm, and for electric utility workers until power could be restored. To help provide funding to assist those in need across Texas, The Salvation Army will be mailing a special letter of appeal

to individuals in small communities throughout the state. Concerned citizens will be given an opportunity to support the work of The Salvation Army through monetary donations.



"Texans know they can count on The Salvation Army to help when there's a need," said Lt. Colonel Robert J. Tritton, Texas Divisional Commander. "Still yet, we can only do as much in each community as the citizens of that community empower us to do through their financial donations."

For families and individuals demonstrating a need, arrangements will be made for assistance with utility payments, heating fuel, staple food items, and other vital services.

Thank You

A special thanks to David Luna and his staff, for the beautiful Christmas decorations at the City Hall during the Christmas Holidays. A very big thanks to him and staff for putting the gifts and food together for all the children here in Brackettville. You did a very good job. You are a very kind-hearted man. Keep up the good work. You made a lot of children happy. Thank you From Oca Staff & Customers

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Determining the best use for classroom technology

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

Technology and its use is a major topic of discussion in 21st century school districts. We're way ahead of many other school districts in providing computers, software and the Internet to all classrooms in the school district. Frank Taylor directs our technology program at BISD. He is currently organizing a committee to rewrite the technology plan for our school district. With additional funds available from the Alamo Heights School District, there are critical decisions to be made.

First, let's begin by clearly understanding the class learning objectives. Texas has spelled out its curriculum and it's called the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Each teacher or department should take the objectives and determine the best way of teaching those skills. How can technology help students learn the TEKS? If technology is the best approach, it then should be used.

Educators must be careful to use computers to achieve learning objectives rather than making learning focus on the computer. Even with or without technology, the basics are still the basics. Math is still math (etc.). Though we are ahead, this is a critical time for our instructional staff, parents, administrators and school board to reflect and to determine the best way of using technology in our classrooms. We have quite a chal-

lenge. I believe that we will continue to be ahead in student learning as well as in providing the support that it takes to achieve the instructional goals. I'll keep you posted!

Computers have become smaller, cheaper and faster. When we go to purchase a computer, we want the fastest, biggest one around. Computer gurus say we should know about a 90-10 rule (90% of computer users only use 10% of the capacity of the computer and 10% use 90%). So, most of us spend more than we should be spending on our dream computer. Each year, the price of computers gets cheaper. There are some strong messages here for users and purchasers. Think about it.

We're busy at school as one act

Brackett JV girls update

By Jenifer Harris
Contributing Writer

The Brackett J.V. girl's basketball team competed in the annual J.V. tournament here Saturday, January 13. Teams from Rock-springs, Sabinal, and Nueces Canyon also attended. The Brackett girls won their first round of play against Rocksprings with a score of 27-25. High scores for the Tigerettes were Vanessa Castillo, Maria Martinez, and Stacie Castillo with 6 points respectively. Pitching in more points were

play rehearsals and high school chorus begin practice. Golf practices have already begun. Not far behind, are all of the Spring events (track, tennis, softball, baseball & who knows what else?). The Band has begun to work on its Spring Contest.

The first TAAS test for students is writing for grades 4, 8 and 10. This is an important part of our curriculum, and teachers and students are burning the midnight oil trying to get maximum gain in writing. Continue to support our basketball teams. We've had a rough week, but we intend to turn things around soon.

How about the Super Bowl Teams??? I predicted Oakland and Minnesota. I'm equally bad at choosing Texas Lotto numbers. Have a great week!

Champions! 8th grade girls sweep Nueces Canyon Tourney



Pictured from left - Back row: Coach Brotherton, Courtney Frerich, Divina Pena, Vanessa Williams, Stephanie Bonner, Jaclynn Duncan, Juliann Ashabanner; Middle row: Clarissa Aguirre, Whitney Hobbs, Julisa Luna, Valerie Terrazas, Kristin Meyer, Cassandra Rios; Front row: Megan King, Shanae Simmons; Not pictured: Stephanie DeLeon.

By Kaylia Thomas
Contributing Writer

The 8th grade girls team took 1st at the Nueces Canyon Junior High Basketball Tournament on Saturday, January 6th. They won their first game against Rock-springs with a score of 16-5. Courtney Frerich led the team in

scoring points with 6. Behind her, Juliann Ashabanner, Valerie Terrazas, Vanessa Williams, Stephanie Bonner, and Julisa Luna, all scoring 2 points a piece. The Championship game was close, the Cubettes claimed a win at 16-15. Courtney Frerich once again claimed the title of "Lead Scorer" with another 6 points.

Coming in a close second was Stephanie Bonner and Juliann Ashabanner each with 4 points, and just behind them Julisa Luna with two points. Kristen Meyer, Courtney Frerich, Valerie Terrazas, and Juliann Ashabanner all showed "Outstanding Hustle" throughout the tournament. Good Job Cubettes!

Knights of Columbus announce poster contest

All young people ages 8 through 14 are invited to participate in the 1999-2000 Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest. Students are encouraged to develop an original poster and slogan idea designed to discourage their peers from experimenting with drugs and alcohol. This is the first year the contest has been offered in Brackettville.

The Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest will be an annual competition with winning entries progressing to local, district, state and international levels of competition. There will be a division for youngsters ages 8 to 11 and a division for youngsters 12 to 14. Participants may choose between two poster categories - "Alcohol Awareness and Abuse" or "Drug Awareness and Abuse." All contestants will be recognized for their participation.

Participants or participant's teachers may bring their posters to Michelle Frerich's office, at Brackett High School, on Wednesday, January 31. The deadline for entry is 4:00 p.m. that day. There will be an awards ceremony for the

winners on Thursday, February 1, at 6 p.m. during the "Free Throw" competition at the Brackett High School Gym.

Substance abuse is one of the most difficult, complex and confusing problems facing young people today. The glamorization of alcohol and drug use, along with the easy availability of these substances, combine to make it increasingly difficult for kids to say no. The Knights of Columbus, a Catholic organization, has long been involved in the effort to keep young people from using alcohol and drugs. The "Dying for a Drink" campaign of the Columbian Squires continues to educate young people about the dangers of alcohol use among children and teens.

Young people listen to one another. Peer pressure causes people, young and old, to do things they might otherwise not. For young people, this often includes using drugs and alcohol. The goal behind the Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest is to help to turn this situation around, to increase the level of peer pressure not to use alcohol and drugs.

Thought provoking visuals and slogans, developed by their own peers and in their own words, will help to bring home the point that drugs and alcohol are not the way to go.



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Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

- Thursday, January 18**
3:30 PM Technology Committee, C.O.
Bsktbl JH, 7B/8B Del Rio (T)
Cody 5,6 PM
- Friday, January 19**
5:00 PM Bsktbl JVB/VG/VB
Dilley (T)
Payroll Cut-off date
- Saturday, January 20**
Bsktbl JVG/JVB Rocksprings
JV Tourn. (T) TBA
- Monday, January 22**
6:30 PM Work Session:
Board Superintendent Appraisal/Evaluation. Bsktbl JH
7B/8B, Del Rio (T) -7th Campus
5,6 PM. Bsktbl JH 7G/
8G Del Rio (White) (H) 5,6 PM
- Tuesday, January 23**
5:00 PM Bsktbl JVG/VG/VB
Three Rivers (T)
- Wednesday, January 24**
1:30 PM Student Early Dismissal, Staff full-day
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Football youth program offered

Several of the Dallas Cowboys will join with Jay Novacek to present a very unique football camp next summer. Boys ages 8-18 will have a rare opportunity to learn football from NFL greats such as Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith, Mark Stepnoski, Larry Allen, Dexter Coakley, Nate Newton, David LaFleur, Daryl Johnson, Chad Hennings and many more.

Jay Novacek will be at camp all day, every day. The program will be held on July 7-11, at Texas A & M University, Commerce, Texas.

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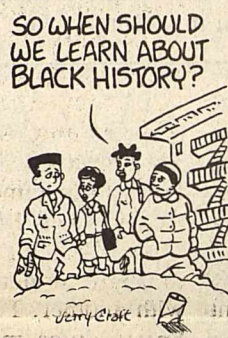
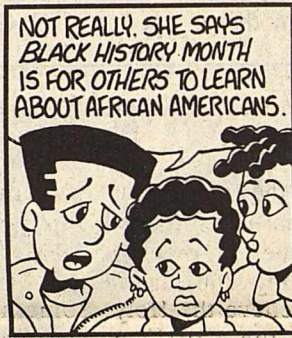
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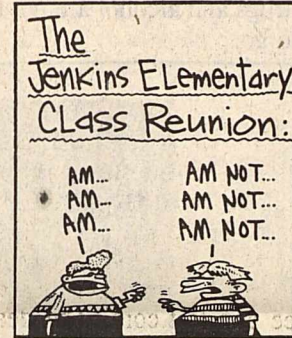
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HOROSCOPES

Aries March 21-April 20
 When your plans don't go the way a friend wants, it may end up causing you problems. Don't take all the blame. Your support of a child could be just what he/she needs. It will make you feel great, too.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
 Financial problems are hounding a coworker, and you will have to pick up his/her work load. Keep your comments on the situation to yourself. A weekend trip with someone close to you may relieve stress.

Taurus April 21-May 21
 Your adventuresome spirit will come to the forefront this week. Don't try to squelch it. Instead, take off on a fun vacation. You deserve some time away, even if it upsets someone.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
 Someone you know is trying to take advantage of you. Don't let him/her get away with it. Your ideas will come in handy at work and may impress a person in authority. Keep track of all you have done.

Gemini May 22-June 21
 Ready for a new look? Start at the top with a new hairstyle. Be open to the suggestions of your hairdresser. When you encounter a stranger late in the week, treat him/her with respect.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
 Unexpected money is heading your way. Set aside some for a rainy day. Make time for an old friend who is visiting from overseas. Although not clear now, he/she may be entrenched in your future.

Cancer June 22-July 22
 If a friend needs your help to get out of a bad situation, think twice before you dive right in. The consequences could surprise you. An abrasive coworker could be headed for the problems everyone predicted.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
 Putting work first is not a great idea this week. With what's going on at home, you need to think about family matters. A strange gift shouldn't spoil your opinion of the giver. Take it in stride.

Leo July 23-August 23
 Flaunting your good deeds is not a good idea. You may think it's helping you at work, but people are tiring of your "me, me, me" attitude. Be aware that a family member may cause problems for someone close to you.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
 Fun times are headed your way. Don't let a political discussion intrude on all the fun. It's up to you to cool a heated debate. A coworker has some great ideas but needs your help implementing them.

Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22
 There is a move in your future. Your organizational skills will help get you through it. And it will be a great excuse for you to throw a party as soon as you get settled.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
 Think with your head, not your heart. If you avoid using your head, you'll be locked into a sticky situation. A financial problem could crop up by the end of the month. Don't let it overwhelm you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Put your hope in the Lord *Understanding is most important*

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The healthiest way to face this year is with hope. You know that trials and tribulations will come your way but you have hope that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever. You place your hope and faith in the fact that God will never leave you nor forsake you. You place your hope in the fact that he is the author and finisher of your faith and he that has begun a good work in you shall finish it.

Through grace by faith you have hope of the glory of God. This enables you to stand against the evil one in the day of evil. You stand clothed in God's armor with the hope of salvation as your helmet, and you win because Jesus Christ who lives in you has already won against the evil one. Jesus Christ who lives in you has made you joint heir with him to the kingdom of God.

Jesus has chosen you and calls you his friend, and strengthens you in the hope of your calling. The power of the Holy Spirit strengthens you to fulfill his commandments as you choose to love the Lord God with all your heart, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The Holy Spirit empowers you as you choose to love your neighbor as yourself and to love

your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you.

The power and strength of walking in hope is not a wishy-washy wish. It is the knowledge that power has been given you to endure all things for good, even as it does a work of patience in you.

The power of hope is based upon the principle of trust in God and "hope maketh not ashamed." Why will hope not make you ashamed? "Because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given to us." We also know that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Patience brings perfection

St. John's Missionary Baptist
Rev. William P. Adams Sr.

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into various trials, knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

But let patience have the perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him.

The power of hope encompasses the knowledge that "if God be for us, who can be against us?" "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." There is power in placing your hope in the Lord and using that hope to change your life. Give your life a healthy change, place your hope in the Lord. (Heb. 12:1-3, Matt 5:44, Mark 12:30-33, Luke 6:27-38, John 14:13-27, John 15:14-17, Romans 5:2-5, Romans 8:27-39, Ephesians 1:17-23, 3:16-21, 4:1-9, 15-16., I Thes. 5:8.) Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord.

A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. James 1: 2-8, 12.

Spiritual poems sought

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First United Methodist Church
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One of my goals for this year (not a resolution because they are too easily broken) is to learn to be conversational in Spanish. I am embarrassed frequently by the fact that I do not understand the primary language spoken in this part of Texas. I know, English is the language of these United States, and a second language for nearly every other country in the world. So, why would I care about learning a second language when I can be understood in English?

The issue for me isn't being understood, it is understanding. I have visited many different geographical places in this world and my life has been enriched by those cultures. I can easily say now, if I had known the languages of the places I have visited, my life would be even richer. So, I want to understand and embrace the culture of my Hispanic neighbors in Brackettville (including the language) because I know my life will be better for having done so.

Because of my desire to be made better by cultural influences other than that of the good, old U S of A, I have come to view the Bible as a document of great cultural importance. To know Jesus as a man from the Middle East who probably had a swarthy complexion (like a Palestinian or Iraqi or Iranian of today)

Looking at gifts the Holy Spirit gives

St. Mary Magdalene
By Lynn McNew

Didn't we all receive some just wonderful gifts for Christmas last year? There are some great gifts that we all have received and continue to receive every day. These are some great gifts of the Holy Spirit, and they are probably the most important gifts we will ever receive.

In 1 Corinthians, Paul tells the people that there are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit. He also says there are different forms of service and different workings but the same Lord God who produces all of them. Then he lists these gifts: the expression of wisdom, the expression of knowledge, faith, the gift of healing, mighty deeds, prophecy, discernment of spirits, varieties of tongues and interpretation of tongues. It is the last two gifts that I think are difficult.

A number of years ago when the charismatic movement became very popular in the United States, one of the things that people didn't understand was the idea that someone could speak in tongues. This was looked upon as "gibberish," as not "real" speech. A priest friend jokingly said one time all you

is to put aside the pictures on the wall which show him as a bearded Caucasian and understand that his customs were far removed from what I encounter here and now. To try and understand the customs of first century Israel is to challenge myself to hear God's Word in, first, that older culture, and then, to try to interpolate it into today's American culture - or more specifically, the here and now culture of Brackettville, Texas. To be aware of Jesus' time and place before applying biblical read-

ings to our lives will hopefully alter the arrogant way in which we in the American church have appropriated the Bible to justify our understanding of The Word as the only correct understanding. May God help all of us be more understanding instead of requiring that we must be understood.

We invite you to join us at First United Methodist Church Sunday at 10:45 am as we join together as Christians trying to better understand God's Word for us in every day life!

Allow God to save you from fear

Frontier Baptist Church
By Dave Crowe

What are you afraid of? Most people are afraid of something. Some are afraid of everything. Only a fool can be totally fearless, afraid of nothing.

Webster's defines fear as, anticipation of misfortune or pain. The state of being afraid. Reverent awe, as of God.

My personal definition of fear would be, our acknowledgment of our inability to deal with things beyond our immediate control.

Two of the most common fears we human beings have are (1) growing old and (2) death.

Most people do not grow old gracefully, they fight it every inch of the way.

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A few years ago, it was a rare thing for a person to live to be 100 years old. Very soon, it will be commonplace. You'll live to be as old as you live to be, so get used to the idea. Why are so many people afraid of death? Is it the fear of the unknown?

We have nothing to fear, if we have God's salvation. He gives us life eternal.

In John 11:25, Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life he who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Jesus also said in Matthew 10:28 "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell."

Trust in God and fear not!

OUTDOORS

When we were kids in Big Bend

People who spent their childhoods in Big Bend National Park highlight the schedule for the Twelfth Annual Big Bend Pioneer Reunion, set for February 3. They will be joined by others who came here in adulthood. The Reunion is the first of the 2001 Big Bend Seminars, sponsored by the Big Bend Natural History Association.

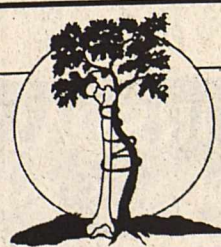
Don Maxwell is the son of the park's first superintendent, Dr. Ross Maxwell, and experienced the early days in Big Bend. He is now a professor of engineering at Texas A&M University and can recount many anecdotes about his father. One of his Big Bend classmates was Bob Sholly, son of the park's first chief ranger, Charlie Sholly. Bob works for Haliburton in Houston and has a wealth of tales to share at the Reunion. So does Byron Smith. His mother was legendary Hot Springs storekeeper and healer Maggie Smith. Byron cowboied all over Big Bend, working for, among others, Homer Wilson. He is vice president of a power company in Hillsboro.

You don't have to have gone to school in Big Bend to be a pioneer, however. Bill Cooper lived in the area from 1928 un-

til 1949 and worked on various ranches before becoming a storekeeper at Persimmon Gap. Buck Lanier is a retired newspaperman, and no stranger to the Reunion. Buck covered all of West Texas for the El Paso Times from the late 1950s to the early 1960s.

As usual, the speakers will address the group in turn and there will be an opportunity for questions from the audience after each speaker's talk. Music will be provided, as always, by Betty Baker. The \$20 fee for attending includes a lunch catered by National Park Concessions and free camping in Rio Grande Village. The event usually concludes by 4 p.m.

The Big Bend Natural History Association is the non-profit cooperating association that operates the bookstores in Big Bend National Park and Amistad National Recreation Area. To register or to receive a complete catalog of 2001 seminars, write to the Big Bend Natural History Association at P.O. Box 196, Big Bend National Park, TX 79834, call 915-477-2236, or e-mail to bbaha@nps.gov. Association members receive a 10 per cent discount on registration fees.



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District: Laredo, Contract 0022-04-018 for SEAL COAT in VAL VERDE County, etc will be opened on February 06, 2001 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

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State Office - Construction Division, 200 E. Riverside Dr., Austin, Texas 78704, Phone:512-416-2540.

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SAN ANTONIO SYMPHONY OPENS 2001 WITH CONCERT IN EAGLE PASS' C.C. WINN AUDITORIUM ON JANUARY 20

Inaugurating the new millennium in style, the Eagle Pass Arts Council will bring the San Antonio Symphony to their city on Saturday, January 20, 2001, for a 7:30 p.m. performance at the Eagle Pass High School's new C.C. Winn campus auditorium stage.

Conducted by Allastar Willis, the San Antonio Symphony is scheduled to perform selections by Mozart and other well known composers in their concert in Eagle Pass.

Pre-sale tickets are now on sale at the Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce and Western Communications in Eagle Pass for only \$15 per adult and \$6 per child. Those wishing to buy tickets should buy them soon. The last performance by the Symphony in Eagle Pass was sold out and the Arts Council of Eagle Pass expects the same crowd again this year. Tickets at the door will go up to \$18 per adult and \$7 per student.

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