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Briefs ...

Filing opens for primary elections

Wednesday was the first day for local political candidates to file for March's primary elections. Candidates can file to run for election through Jan. 2.

Applications can be picked up at the county clerk's office at the Kinney County Courthouse and must be filed through the respective party chairman.

County positions that will be on the March 10 ballot include county judge, justice of the peace, Precincts 2 and 4 county commissioners, county and district clerk, and county treasurer.

Incumbents are County Judge Tommy Seargeant, Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall, Commissioners Joe Montalvo and Paul O'Rourke, County and District Clerk Dora Sandoval, and County Treasurer Janis Floyd.

Garden Club to host meeting on Thursday

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club will have their December meeting next Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the Gorgas Room of the Fort Clark Springs Adult Center.

Sondra Meil from The Gift Box will present the program, followed by the annual Christmas party.

This year, members are encouraged to bring a home-baked or homemade gift for the Chinese Gift Exchange, which will be directed by hostesses Patsy Callan and Hazel Ivey.

Annual membership dues are \$10 and anyone interested is invited to join.

Genealogists to meet

UVALDE - Members of the Southwest Texas Genealogical Society will meet Saturday, Dec. 6, with members of the Uvalde Historical Commission as special guests.

Karen R. Thompson, founder and president of Save Texas Cemeteries, will present a program on "Saving Texas Cemeteries to protect Our Heritage."

Thompson, a seventh generation Texan and a 25-year instructor in Genealogy, adult education and Texas history, is a public speaker dedicated to preservation of Texas history. Her special interest is in the Republic period and Texas Cemeteries.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. in the main dining room of The Inn of Uvalde, 810 East Main. Cost of registration and meal is \$8.

The public is invited to attend.

Judge Seargeant acquitted

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Kinney County Judge Tommy Seargeant was acquitted by District Judge George M. Thurmond Tuesday of theft and abuse of official capacity charges because of lack of evidence.

After the 12-member jury returned the not guilty verdict mandated by the court, Seargeant's only comment was: "I'm very pleased that justice has been done in Kinney County."

Seargeant was facing two charges of theft dealing with the misappropriation of highway guard rails.

In granting the acquittal, Thurmond said, "The state provided insufficient evidence to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt as a matter of law."

"I have serious doubts that the state has met its burden," he said. "A guilty verdict would not stand up in a court of appeals."

Seargeant's attorney, Robert T. Bass of Austin, made the motion for an acquittal after the state rested its case.

"There was no evidence at all in my opinion," Bass said after the decision. "I've held that opinion since the beginning."

"These things sometimes take longer than you would like. I felt that once the testimony was closed on the part of the state, there simply was no credible evidence

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Tommy Seargeant

at all that did any kind of implication of Tommy Seargeant and any conduct that was not only unlawful but even questionable."

District Attorney Tom Lee said, "People have to decide the case. The process played out. I'm not going to complain, I'm just going to go about doing my work."

The state's case was based on a statement given by Clifford Fritter, Kinney County's road superintendent.

Fritter testified that Seargeant "called me and told me to get with Commissioner Joe Montalvo about some guard rails."

Bass argued that the statement was not a directive by Seargeant.

"It's a matter of interpretation of what the statement means and what happened after that statement was made," Lee said during the trial.

Bass said he felt the case should have never gone to trial.

"I've felt that all along," he said. "The charge never should have been filed. He never should have been indicted. It certainly should have been dismissed long ago."



City of Brackettville employees Eddie Garza, top, and Robert Salmon put up Christmas decorations on the city streets Monday morning.
Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Suspension is expected to be lifted soon

County Judge Tommy Seargeant's suspension is expected to be lifted soon, according to officials.

Seargeant was acquitted on Tuesday of charges dealing with the misappropriation of highway guard rails.

The county judge was suspended with pay by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct on July 28 after being indicted by the grand jury.

According to the order signed by Robert Flowers, executive director of the State Commission, "the suspension will remain in effect until fur-

ther orders of the Commission or an order of the court having jurisdiction over the offenses alleged."

District Judge George M. Thurmond said the State Commission was notified about the acquittal Wednesday morning.

Flowers could not be reached for comment as of Wednesday afternoon.

Seargeant is in his 11th year as county judge, serving in three stretches going back to 1971. Herb Senne was appointed by the Commissioners Court as acting county judge during Seargeant's suspension.

No date set for Montalvo's trial

With the acquittal of County Judge Tommy Seargeant on Tuesday, County Commissioner Joe Montalvo will soon face similar charges of theft dealing with the misappropriation of highway guard rails.

The two county officials were indicted by the grand jury in July and arrested on charges of theft and abuse of official capacity.

No date has been set for Montalvo's case.

"It is going to depend on when the judge can come over and try the next case," District Attorney Tom Lee said.

"There is not as much pressure to try Montalvo because he has not been suspended from office. That's a little different than the county judge. The county is in a bind about paying two salaries for a county judge."

"It's a matter concerning public integrity of an elected official so it should be tried as quickly as possible."

School Board to discuss new academic wing Monday

The Brackett School Board of Trustees will resume discussions of adding a new building to accommodate the growing number of students Monday night at its regular meeting, which begins at 6:30.

The trustees discussed the expansion at a workshop last week, but requested more specific details about the proposed wing from administrators.

Principal Don Sims headed a high school committee that looked into classroom needs, such as additional lab space for science classes.

The new academic wing that is being

proposed would provide the district with 11 new classrooms.

"We are short of classrooms," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "Every classroom that we have is being utilized today."

Stephenson said the district has grown from 574 students in 1993 to 650 this fall. "We project, at the same rate of growth, that we could have 744 kids in our system by the year 2000," he said.

Under the plan proposed by the Growth Committee:

■ Jones Elementary would house pre-

kindergarten, first, second and third grade students.

■ Fourth, fifth and sixth grade students would form an "intermediate" school and be housed in the current high school building.

■ Seventh and eighth grade students would remain in the middle school.

■ High school students would be housed in the High School Annex and a new academic wing to be built on the Guidry property, across the street from the annex.

"We can utilize the elementary space to its fullest potential by transferring the fourth

and fifth grades over to the existing high school building, as well as bringing the sixth grade out of the middle school."

Trustee Tim Ward said. "That will free up needed classroom space there for growth."

"The advantage of adding the high school building will be that we'll be able to add the necessary and badly-needed lab spaces for science classes."

"The construction will involve only one area of the campus and will not interfere with the day-to-day operations of the school. We feel like it's a good plan, and probably the most logical."

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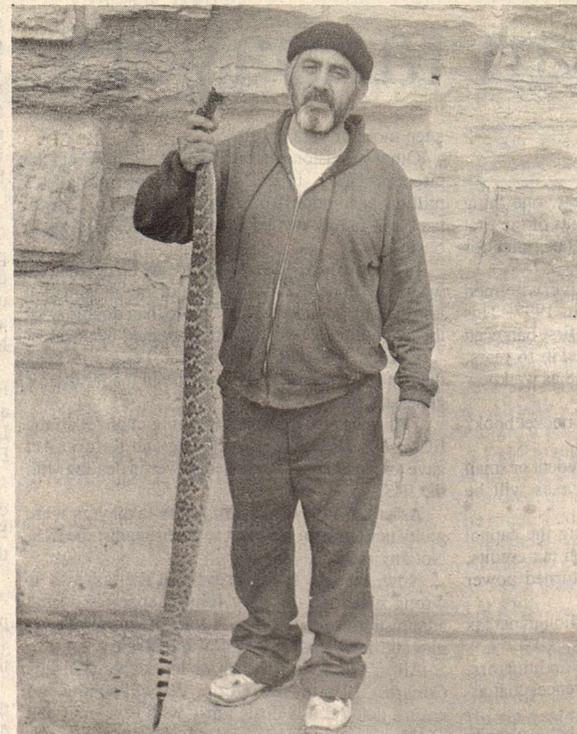
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Daniel Arroyos shows off a rattlesnake which was recently found in Kinney County. The snake was 11 inches around and had 13 rattles.
Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Cheerleaders perform in Dallas

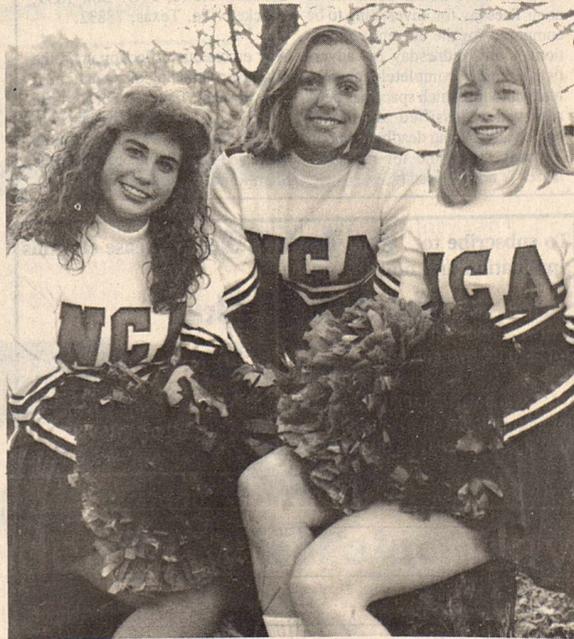
Brackett High School cheerleaders Katy Hagler, Amanda Petrosky and Cherrise Ward will perform with the NSG Performance Team in the Neiman Marcus Adolphus Children's Parade in Dallas on Saturday.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. and will be televised in more than 100 million homes. Locally, a delayed broadcast of the parade will be aired on KENS-TV, Channel 5, on Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

The NSG Performance Team, which is making its third appearance, consists of All-American and All-American nominee cheerleaders and dancers from throughout the United States.

The Brackett varsity cheer squad attended a National Cheerleading Association (NCA) summer camp in August, which was attended by more than 600 students. NSG Productions is an operating division of the NCA.

The trio will be hosted to three days of rehearsal and activities, including lunch at Planet Hollywood, ice skating, shopping at The Galleria, and a visit to Six Flags Over Texas.



Amanda Petrosky (from left), Katy Hagler and Cherrise Ward will perform with the NSG Performance Team in the Neiman Marcus Adolphus Children's Parade in Dallas on Saturday.

But, I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall

Changing seasons provide scenery

I love to watch the seasons change. I can't imagine anything more boring than living some place where the weather is constant.

I enjoy watching the leaves lose their color and, one by one, release their grip on a branch, and then slowly begin to drift in lazy circles back to mother earth.

Fall is a wonderful, vivid, picturesque time of the year. Look around you and enjoy the beauties of God's handiwork.

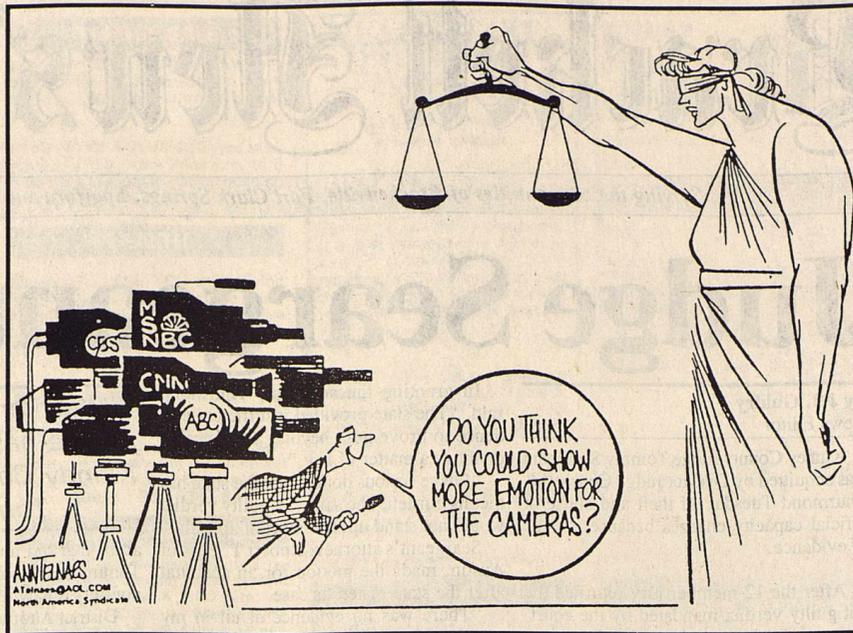
It's no accident that we have so much magnificence and splendor around us.

It's here for us to take pleasure from, so get out and take a drive through the country.

Or better still, take a walk through the woods. A slow walk. If you can - and you can - take that stroll with someone you love.

If that trip doesn't uplift you, if it doesn't impress you, if it doesn't make you feel a little closer to your creator, then there's something seriously missing in your life.

But, one of us could be wrong!



Beefing up the Border Patrol

For too many years, Texas has been on the short end of the stick when it comes to Border Patrol assignments.

How short?

Until last year, Texas had 1.76 agents for every mile of its 1,254-mile border with Mexico; compared to California, which had 16.3 agents for every mile of its 140-mile frontier.

Our state is paying a stiff price for this shortage: unchecked illegal immigration of an estimated 700,000 individuals, drug trafficking of epidemic proportions and heavily armed gangs of smugglers intimidating Texans who ranch along the border.

But that situation is changing. Before adjourning in November, Congress approved a 1998 budget for the Justice Department that includes funding for the deployment of 1,000 new Border Patrol agents.

Immigration and Naturalization (INS) Commissioner Doris McIssner has pledged to me that a full two-thirds of these new agents, 667, will be assigned to Texas.

I am committed to preserving the integrity of America's borders. The signs are encouraging. Here is what is happening.

The government is reinforcing parts of the Texas border that have experienced sharp increases in illegal traffic from Mexico as a result of earlier crackdowns in more populous areas, such as "Operation Hold the Line" in El Paso and "Operation Gatekeeper" in southern California.

Earlier this year, the INS launched its "Operation Rio Grande," deploying additional Border Patrol agents to the Brownsville sector.

The 69 agents involved in Operation Rio Grande were a down payment on the new agents to be assigned to Texas in 1998. They are backed up by 25 detention and deportation officers, as well as 15 special agents assigned to the local antismuggling unit.

At the same time, the INS is deploying several state-of-the-art law enforcement technologies that will make the work of the additional Border Patrol agents even more effective.

These include IDENT, a system to rapidly check the criminal records of those apprehended, and Skywatch, a portable tower with night vision capability to detect attempted entries.

Six OH-6 helicopters now provide increased aerial vigilance and support. Infrared portable high-powered lights are shining a spotlight on the most vulnerable border crossing areas. And low-light television is being used to monitor and intercept entries through identified "hot spots" along the border.

The \$3.5 million Operation Rio Grande is, in turn, part of a larger plan to crack down on illegal border activity that will move West up the Rio Grande through Texas and across the southern border of New Mexico.

As control is regained in the Brownsville-McAllen-Harlingen area, pressure could shift towards Laredo and up the river toward El Paso.

We still are a long way from controlling our southern border. But the first, necessary steps in that campaign have been taken.

As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I will prioritize more funding and resources for border enforcement than ever before.

We must not waiver, or lessen this new-found vigilance. The down payment has been made, but it will take many years of regular installments before we finally can say our borders are secured.

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Who is really to blame for bombs?

We have recently witnessed one of the most diabolical actions by any politician in recent memory.

The bombing of Khobas Towers killing U.S. service men was a tragic and demonic deed.

For William Cohen, President Clinton's secretary of defense, to destroy the career of a fine general was a despicable action.

Gen. Terry Schwalier had an outstanding record in military service. He had been awarded a second as a step up. He had done an outstanding job in his area of authority.

There is no way anyone with sense enough to add two and two and get four could find him culpable for the tragedy of Khobas Towers.

Tagleman, Air Force chief of staff, resigned and left the service in protest. Sheilla Windall, secretary of the Army, recommended against it.

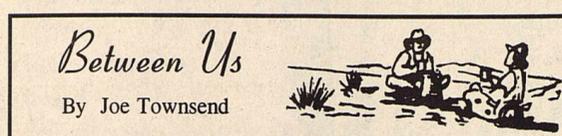
Two separate investigations found Schwalier not responsible.

Now comes Cohen. He overrules the promotion, yanked the already approved second star for the general, and it was "good-bye" for Gen. Schwalier.

Who is this man, Cohen? He is another of the infamous appointees of Bill Clinton.

Playing to the galleries, Clinton made a big deal of appointing a Republican.

In fact, he was appointing a man of his own mind-set. A man who has demonstrated his antago-



nism to the military.

He has yet to make a decision that favored the military. This reflects the ideology of Clinton.

As a traitor to his native land, he not only dodged the draft, but actually led demonstrations against the U.S. and the U.S. military on the streets of London and even Moscow.

Because of the desire of Mrs. President and her puppet, Bill, the military has been feminized to a dangerous degree.

Standards have been lowered to fit feminine desires. Appointments have led to unqualified women being given major posts to equalize the sexes.

Pregnancies aboard ship are a disgrace to the Navy, a product of feminization.

Cohen apparently has watched too many Star Wars movies. He thinks future wars will be push button wars, easily fought by women, and with little need for traditional warfare.

His desire to close many more military bases gives evidence of his lack of knowledge of history and the reality in this world.

After World War I, we had such thinking dominating national politics.

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It was a good year for American taxpayers

By Henry Bonilla
U.S. Congressman, 23rd District

As we look back over the last year, one thing stands out in the list of accomplishments of the first session of the 105th Congress: real tax relief for Americans.

Overtaxed, overburdened and overwhelmed Americans won the "triple crown" in 1997. This Congress brought the passage of the first balanced budget in a generation, the first tax relief in 16 years, and the beginning of the end of the IRS as we know it.

Will these benefits ever reach your pocket book? You bet.

Whether you are a parent, senior, student or small business owner, chances are your taxes will be changed for the better in 1998.

By slashing the estate tax, reducing the capital gains tax rate and providing education tax credits, the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 returned power and freedom back to Americans.

All in all, this boils down to \$94 billion in net tax relief for Americans in just five years.

These numbers are not just smoke and mirrors. They are real numbers and real differences that affect you now.

For example, some of you may have already benefitted from the capital gains tax cuts which retroactively took effect last May. So, if you sold an investment for profit after May 7, 1997, you can

keep more of your profit.

Other provisions of the Taxpayer Relief Act take effect on Jan. 1, 1998. The new year brings a \$1.3 million exemption from the estate tax, or "death tax" for family-owned farms, ranches and small businesses.

In other words, a family would pay no death taxes when they inherit a family farm or ranch valued at less than \$1.3 million. That's more than double what the exemption is now for family-owned businesses.

Finally, it would be easier for Texans to keep their farm, ranch or small business in the family for generations.

This year also brought sweeping changes in the IRS itself. The IRS Restructuring and Reform Act gave taxpayers unprecedented power in dealing with the IRS.

As crazy as it seems, for years taxpayers were guilty until proven innocent in cases against the IRS. Not any more.

Now, the IRS has to prove that the taxpayer is wrong when the taxpayer fully cooperates during administrative proceedings. It's about time for a level playing field between the IRS and taxpayer.

All of this is just the tip of the iceberg on this Congress' plan for tax reform. We will continue to ensure that the IRS deals fairly with the American people.

This story isn't over until we reach our ultimate goal of a fairer, simpler system with a single, low rate.

Would you like to learn Spanish

How about starting an adult Spanish class right after the holidays?

Several of you have indicated an interest in a conversational Spanish class.

The class would meet one night a week for about an hour and a half.

If you would like to come learn Spanish, call my office at 563-2491, Extension 1, and give us your name and phone number.

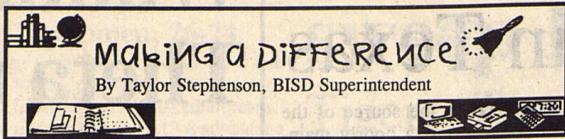
I'll try to take care of the other details. I need to hear from you. Call today!

Festive Decorations

Christmas Day is three weeks from Thursday! The lights and sounds of the season are already appearing in Brackettville.

In my neighborhood, some of the lights have already been turned on.

The spirit of Christmas can be rekindled every year. It takes some thinking and preparation to key in on preparing your heart for



the season. That's what Advent is all about!

Upcoming events to watch for include:

■ Tiger Band's Christmas Concert, Dec. 11, 7 p.m., in the school auditorium.

■ Christmas Tour of Homes, Dec. 14, 2 to 5 p.m.

■ Fort Clark Voices Concert, Dec. 14, 7 p.m.

Cheerleaders' Trip

This week's biggest activity is the cheerleaders' trip to Dallas for the NCA Cheerleader Trip.

Three of our best kids and fine cheerleaders were selected as All Stars this summer at cheerleading camp, which included over 600 cheerleaders.

They have raised enough

money through donations and projects to fly to Dallas, practice with the All Stars, and perform in the parade on Saturday.

The TV broadcast in Brackettville will be delayed until Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

Great going Katy Hagler, Amanda Petrosky and Cherrise Ward. Cindy Brandt is their sponsor. We're proud of you.

Academic Wing

Our regular board meeting will be held Monday night. We'll be studying the academic building and its feasibility.

Seems like our agendas are always full ones, but we're trying every month to make this the best school district in Texas.

Our School Board is outstand-

ing. They work very hard at their elected positions.

A note of interest is that our projection for average daily attendance (ADA) for this school year was 590.

That means that each day throughout the school year, our average was estimated to be 590 for this school year.

Through the first two six weeks periods of this school year, the average ADA was 617. That's an increase above projections of 27 in attendance each day.

We're proud to be growing with Brackettville and Kinney County.

Open House

This last week, I attended an Open House at a fine gift shop. I also saw some of the best looking poinsettias ever. These happenings were right here in Brackettville. As you schedule your Christmas shopping, I hope that you will try Brackettville first. Have a great week!

LAS MORAS MASONIC LODGE

meets the 2nd Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m.

School of Instruction meets the 1st, and 3rd Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m.

Visiting Brothers are Welcome

DEBBIE TRANT is proud to announce the relocation of **LOCKHART REAL ESTATE** to 104-A E. Spring Street in historic downtown Brackettville. You're invited to the "Open House" Saturday, December 6, 1997 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Arts Council hosts Christmas Tour of Homes

By Taylor Stephenson
Contributing Writer

The Third Edition of Christmas Tour of Homes will be held on Sunday, Dec. 14, from 2 to 5 p.m. in Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs.

The cost of admission is \$5. Tickets are available at the Fort Clark Adult Center, the First State Bank, Jeans or from any Arts Council member.

The Fort Clark Springs' Board of Directors has allowed an open gate for anyone wishing to take part in this event.

Six beautiful homes will be decorated for Christmas and will make up the Kinney County Arts Council's Christmas Tour of homes.

The homes that will be included this year are: Drue and Sammye Duncan, Will and Carol Glaspy, Ed Brantley, Ronnie and Candy Hobbs, Mike and Ida Holley, and B.E. and Charlotte Sweet.

This week's featured homes are:

■ **Charlotte and B.E. Sweet, Fort Clark Springs:** The Sweet's beautiful home, nestled among the

trees of Fort Clark Springs, will feature traditional decorations for Christmas. Included will be some homemade items, which are family heirlooms, and Charlotte's extensive collection of "Precious Moments" Christmas villages. Outdoors will be a fantasy of Christmas -- enjoyed through the eyes of children of all ages.

The home itself is picturesque and comfortable. The large living room has several sets of sliding glass doors which look out onto the stone patio surrounding the swimming pool, a favorite gathering place for children and grand-

children during the summer.

The lovely second floor master suite features a hot tub and a fireplace, which is a delightful spot for a cup of tea when the weather prevents spending time in the spacious yard.

■ **Will and Karol Glaspy, 8 and 9 Colony Row, Fort Clark Springs:** The Glaspy's residence was constructed in 1869 or 1870 as a duplex officer's quarters with double fireplaces on each side. Later it was converted into a single family residence. The Glaspy's purchased the home in January of 1996.

Recent renovations include restorations of the hardwoods in the living room and dining room, as well as some painting.

The decorations for Christmas are traditional with a touch of western flare.

Cooperative informs members about retail wheeling

More than 100 members were on hand at the headquarters office in Brackettville, as Dan Laws, president and CEO for Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, discussed the possibility of retail wheeling.

Retail wheeling describes a process that would permit individual electric energy users the ability to choose the company from which electric energy is purchased, in much the same way long distance carriers can be selected.

As members of the cooperative enjoyed refreshments, Laws gave a brief recap of the retail wheeling legislation Governor Bush attempted to push through the legislature near the end of last session.

"Although retail wheeling may yield some short-term savings on energy purchases, in the long term, it would likely drive prices to levels that exceed current pricing," Laws said.

The stage was set for retail wheeling when President George Bush signed the Energy Policy Act of 1992 into law.

The Act, as passed by congress, permits transmission line dependent, non-generating electric utilities, such as electric cooperatives, to obtain electric energy for their customers from sources other than the utility to which they are electrically connected.

The Federal provision was facilitated in the state of Texas by Senate Bill 373, which was signed into law by Governor George Bush, in 1995. The Texas bill provided for equal access to the transmission line grid.

The concept of retail wheeling was first introduced in January of the 1997 legislative session.

Although the measure received some attention, it was not until Governor Bush became interested, that debate really heated up.

"Electric cooperatives of the state opposed the measure because it was not clear that everyone would benefit," Laws said during the hour and one-half meeting.

Community Calendar

Thursday, December 4
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.
6:30 p.m., The Brackettville Lions Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

Sunday, December 7
12:00 p.m., The Knights of Columbus meet at Parish Hall.

Monday, December 8
9:00 a.m., The Kinney County Commissioners Court meets at the County Courthouse on Ann Street.

6:30 p.m., The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees meets in regular session.

Tuesday, December 9
6:00 p.m., The Brackettville

City Council meets at City Hall on West Spring Street.

7:00 p.m., The Las Moras Masonic Lodge No. 444 meets at Lodge Hall on Ann Street.

7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, November 25

5:51 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs woman reported that her husband was leaving her and that the R.V. truck he was in belonged to her. Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the scene.

11:25 a.m., A Brackettville man reported a burglary. He said that a friend of his was parked at Stop-N-Shop and had a rifle in his unsecured vehicle. The rifle was missing when the man returned to his vehicle.

5:55 p.m., Mario Alberto Gonzales, 24, of Uvalde was arrested on outstanding DPS warrants out of Uvalde County by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie. Gonzales was released the same day after paying a \$514 fine.

Wednesday, November 26

12:02 a.m., An employee at Mario's Bar asked if a deputy would make a man leave the bar because he was causing trouble. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene and sent the man home.

7:13 a.m., An employee with the Brackett Independent School District reported that someone had stolen the sign off of the Alternative School.

8:20 p.m., Officials were notified that there were juveniles causing problems at the Fort Clark Springs' swimming pool area. Deputy Chism was notified.

10:00 p.m., Manuel Vasquez Flores, 38, of San Antonio was arrested for driving while intoxicated, second offense, by Trooper Wylie. He is being held at the Kinney County Jail on \$2,500 bond.

Thursday, November 27

11:45 p.m., Hayden Andrade Roach Jr., 37, of Midland was arrested for driving while intoxicated, third offense, by Trooper Wylie. He is being held at the Kinney County Jail on \$2,500 bond.

Friday, November 28

10:31 p.m., A Kinney County man reported hearing gun shots being fired on Farm Road 3348, about seven miles from Brackett-

ville. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene but could not find anyone at the location.

Saturday, November 29

2:15 a.m., Joseph Aaron Haynes, 29, of Brackettville was arrested for public intoxication by Deputy Chism. Haynes was released on Dec. 1.

Sunday, November 30

4:07 a.m., A Brackettville man reported loud music at a residence on Gove Street. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.

1:30 p.m., A Del Rio man reported a break-in at a Kinney County ranch, located on Farm Road 334. The man said that someone had sawed the front door in half to gain entrance to a cabin and stole groceries. Damages were estimated at \$200.

Monday, December 1

11:10 a.m., A motorist reported a two-car wreck 10 miles west of Brackettville on U.S. Highway 90. The man said there were no injuries or gas spills. Kinney County EMS and DPS officials were notified.

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Carbon monoxide dangers increase as temperatures decrease in Texas

One of the deadliest household hazards, especially during cold weather, is carbon monoxide poisoning from common household heaters and from automobiles in closed garages.

Earlier this month, a Texas mother and her two daughters nar-

rowly escaped death when their family dog alerted neighbors that something was wrong.

The neighbors found the family unconscious from early-stage carbon monoxide poisoning caused by a faulty burner in a heater.

The story ended happily, thanks to the terrier, but the odds were great that the family could have died.

"Not everyone is as lucky as that family," said Dr. William R. Archer III, commissioner of health for the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "Every home should have carbon monoxide detectors installed."

Accurate and inexpensive alarms similar to smoke detectors are available in stores and are recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for installation in all dwellings, Archer said.

According to Dennis Perrotta, chief of TDH's Bureau of Epidemiology, each year in Texas, deaths are linked to carbon monoxide poisoning from unsafe heating devices and from automobile exhausts.

Perrotta said that nine Texas residents died in 1996 because of unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning.

"Such poisonings generally occur during cold weather, when people are prone to sacrifice ventilation for warmth," Perrotta

said. "Often the source of the odorless gas is a poorly maintained space heater or a stove burner with a flickering flame. Smoldering fireplaces also release high levels of the gas."

Perrotta explained that carbon monoxide is a by-product of any kind of fire. Hot fires usually burn off and eliminate dangerous levels of carbon monoxide as well as other gases. But flickering or smoldering fires — such as clogged space heater jets, stove burners turned low and fireplace embers — do not burn efficiently enough to keep carbon monoxide at safe levels.

"Burning charcoal in a barbecue grill is one of the most common sources of carbon monoxide, and should never be used for indoor heating," he added.

Perrotta said that the first symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are so subtle that many people may have experienced mild forms of the poisoning without knowing it.

Anyone who has awakened with a headache or dizziness after sleeping in a tightly closed room heated by an unvented space heater may have felt the gas' earliest effects. In such cases, the carbon monoxide has only begun to replace the normal oxygen level in the victim's bloodstream.

In more extreme cases, the victim may also feel excessive weakness, nausea or drowsiness.

Waddill hosts Theta meeting

Bobbie Waddill hosted Monday's meeting for the Theta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi at her home.

Waddill served a light supper of chili dogs. She said everyone had their fill of Thanksgiving feasts and would enjoy something entirely different.

Following the meal, Vice President Alecia Raymer called the meeting to order with the opening ritual.

Members answering roll call were Raymer, Waddill, Vicki Bell, Patsy Callan, Jan Chism, Marge Geeze, Luella Gilliland, Ann Hibler, Betty Inman, Clara McCord, Pat McKelvy, and Molly Schroeder.

Raymer conducted a short business meeting at which time the group voted to make a contribution to the community's annual Christmas Baskets for the Needy program.

The program for the evening was conducted by Waddill on memorable Thanksgivings. Several members told of their experiences of years past, and of their most recent Thanksgiving.

The closing ritual adjourned the meeting.

Schroeder will host the sorority's next meeting in her home. It will be the annual Christmas party where Secret Sisters exchange gifts and reveal who has been so nice to each of the members during the year.

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Chicken Pox

Matthew Bierwirth, MD

Question: My two sons were exposed yesterday to chicken pox. Will they catch it?

Answer: Chicken pox is very contagious from one day before spots have appeared until no new spots have appeared for 48 hours and all spots are crusted over (usually about six days). The virus is spread through coughing and sneezing or direct contact with seeping blisters.

Symptoms of chicken pox include a blistering rash, headache, muscle aches, fever, and chills. Fever can be high during the first two days, or even before the rash appears.

The rash is very itchy. Groups of spots, which look like blisters, occur in various places on the body but usually start on the chest, back, and head. These blister-like spots fill with clear yellow fluid, then form crusts. Spots usual-

ly appear and crust for three to five days. These spots can even occur in the mouth or under-wear areas.

Antibiotics are not useful in treating this virus. Use acetaminophen every four hours to treat fevers and discomfort. Never use aspirin—to avoid the risk of Reye's syndrome.

Cut nails short and file them so scratching the rash will not infect it. To help control itching wear loose clothing, take Benadryl every six hours, use cool compresses, take frequent cool (not cold) baths with natural colloidal oatmeal, patting dry, not rubbing, when you get out.

Dr. Matthew Bierwirth is a pediatrician at Scott & White Clinic in Waco, Texas, and an associate professor at Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine.

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Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he graduated 12th from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lt. of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas, where Lt. French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882, the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.

At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt. French began diaries, which he faithfully maintained for the next 30 years.

Friday, December 4, 1885

Got up an hour before reveille and had everything ready, so that at the signal a salute of 13 guns was fired in memory of Vice President Hendricks. Much to my gratification everything passed successfully. After marching off guard went to Capt. Vance's a while and then at 10 o'clock went to a full dress parade, when the order about the Vice President was read. Hewitt acted as Adjutant and did very well too, read the order distinctly. Would like to have him made Adjutant when Hall is promoted. Then looked over papers in the Library, took a ride with Dr. Black and afterwards watered the grass. Went into Hammond's and played piquet, reading Draper afterwards until retreat. No parade this evening. After dinner studied the French lesson with Hewitt and Capt. Vance at the latter's until tattoo. Read Draper after this and played cards with King. Mail brought a letter from home this morning.

Saturday, December 5, 1885

Mail had nothing for me this morning. After breakfast had slight attack of vertigo which rather frightened me. I have contracted a senseless dread of kidney disease for which there is no ground as I am perfectly healthy. Must take more exercise. Sat in office a while and then took a book over to Library for King and looked over papers there. Sat a while in Capt. Vance's and then slept about an hour and felt the dizziness gone on awakening. Read in Draper and Lawrence Sterne. Accompanied Eckerson over to town for exercise. He seems to be very happy in his married life. After dinner called on Col. Bliss but not finding him at home went to Cunningham's and had some wedding cake and a cup of coffee. Then found Col. and Mrs. Bliss at Gen. Smith's and sat there until tattoo. After the call

FOOTSTEPS ECHO
The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Major General Francis Henry French
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went over to town for oysters with Hewitt and read Draper a while after returning. Called on Mrs. Feche't early in the evening, but found her preparing for a dinner party and did not stay. Sent a check to Cincinnati Commercial Gazette to renew Father's subscription as a Christmas present.

Sunday, December 6, 1885

Mail brought a letter from Mattie which shows that she will be in Lancaster after my letter arrives and can attend to the Christmas presents for me. After inspection Gen. Smith took Capt. Vance and myself around to inspect the new company kitchens one of which will be commenced tomorrow for "E" Co. Then wrote usual letter home but neglected to send the check for the hired girl. Took a walk out to target ranges and came back with an appetite for dinner. In the evening sat in Capt. Vance's a while and then went to church. Met Guard over by the company when I went to take tattoo. He has come in from Del Rio for a day or two to pack up his stuff. Read in the Bible after tattoo.

Monday, December 7, 1885

Mail brought a letter from home this morning. After guard mounting went to office a while and then looked over papers in Library. Took a check over to town to be cashed and then sat a while in the officer's room at the store looking at Vernou play billiards. At lunch was invited to take a ride with Hewitt and had a very pleasant drive in his cart way out beyond the Las Moras mountain. The day was rather too warm however. He offered to sell me his cart for \$50. Would like to buy but think it best to save my money so as to take a leave next Spring in order to return here in time for target practice. Wrote to Father enclosing the check for the hired girl and insurance, and enquired how Sue was getting along. Attended parade as usual. After dinner played piquet a while at Hammond's and then called at the Remington's and went in for a chat with Capt. Vance before tattoo. Read Draper afterwards.

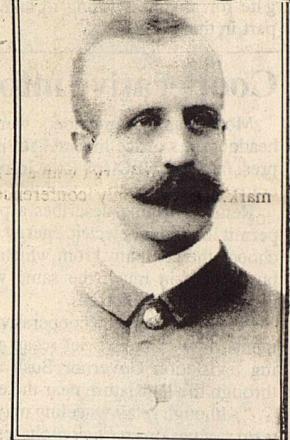
Tuesday, December 8, 1885

Bundle of papers from home

and an advertisement made up my mail today. Spent a short time in Capt. Vance's after breakfast and then looked over the papers in the Library. Sat in the office a while. Col. Bliss was there and had to go home on account of severe pain near his heart. Was very sorry to see this as it means fatty degeneration of that organ and will carry him off some day. Accompanied Hall to the store and Guard went with us from there to the Q.M. office. Guard came up to the house for a while afterwards. Gave the grass a good wetting after lunch; guess it would have done as well without and I would have had more time to read. Must devote more time to this hereafter. Wrote a French letter to Mr. Preston and sent him the new copy of "L'Amour". Capt. Vance was Officer of the Day; so I did not take the calls. Played a game of piquet with Hammond after dinner. Kendall came in afterwards and sat for a while talking. He is an intelligent fellow and has good ideas. As a writer on some leading paper he would make his mark. After he left went to "Le Cercle Francaise" at Mrs. Gillmore's. Only Capt. Vance, Hammond and I were present, Hewitt being Officer of the Guard, and Kendall tired from hunting today. Read a while, but talked English contrary to rule. While others went to tattoo, I went to Hewitt's for his book but his house was locked up. Read papers after the meeting.

Wednesday, December 9, 1885

Clear bright cold morning, a pleasant change from yesterday's fierce winds. Mail brought a letter from Judge Morris in regard to Father's case. He is quite courteous but does not give much satisfaction except that he hopes to have a trial soon. Expressman brought me a package this morning which proved to be from Dr. Porter enclosing some crockery. Must write to thank him. Went over to Library after stopping in office a while and looked over papers. Then strolled around a little with Hewitt who came to my quarters to look over the papers. He is to go to Leavenworth soon in charge of prisoners, starting



Sunday night. Lost some more time in wetting the grass which would be better without the water as it will be too cold for it tonight. Wrote on letter home until Hammond came in when we played piquet until stables. After dinner walked over to the hospital with Capt. and Mrs. Hall, finished my letter and had a call from Payne. Then called on Mrs. Feche't and after tattoo on Mrs. Hall and enjoyed both calls very much. Read Draper a little after returning. Capt. Vance went out for a two days' hunt which leaves me in charge of the company. Will have to get up at reveille now.

Thursday, December 10, 1885

It was a cold job to get up at reveille this morning. Mail brought me a letter from Marie Gorgas written at Randall. After guard mounting went to Hewitt's for a few moments and then over to the Library to look over the papers. Accompanied Cunningham to town where made a few purchases. Read Draper a while and studied French. Intend to keep up this study in connection with the "Cercle Francais" and try to learn to speak the language. Wrote a letter to Judge Morris to thank him for his kind reply to my previous one. After dinner walked up and down the row with some ladies and enjoyed the exercise and company. Mrs. Lyster spoke of Marie's great desire that Nellie Williamson and I should marry. Marie has often told me the same. Called on Col. and Mrs. Bliss until tattoo and then on the Eckersons. Col. Bliss is one of the most entertaining men I ever met; always has something to say either a good story or some information. Read a little from our French play after returning. Capt. Vance came in this evening, sooner than was expected, having broken his gun.

Briefs ...

Queens edge Tigerettes' freshmen, 26-24

DEL RIO — The Queens took an early lead and held off a late Tigerettes' rally as Del Rio's junior varsity picked up a 26-24 victory in the season opener for Brackett's freshmen girls' basketball team.

The freshmen led 7-3 after the first quarter and had a 13-8 advantage at intermission. Both teams scored six points in the third period. The Brackett outscored Del Rio 10-7 in the final period, but could not pull away with the win.

April Crumley led the Tigerettes with eight points, Savannah Massingill and Gracie Terrazas each had four points, Laura Lee Ballew and Marty Payne pitched in two apiece, and Tina Luna added one.

The freshmen are open until Dec. 18, when they will host the Queens in a 6:00 contest. The junior varsity Tigerettes will face Rocksprings on the road Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Eighth grade Cubs come up short to Angoras

ROCKSPRINGS — The Brackett Cubs' eighth grade basketball team came up short, 34-24, in their season opener on Monday as they fell to the Rocksprings Angoras on the road.

Matthew Holloway, J.J. Rivas, Tony Molinar and Jaime Montalvo all scored four points for the Cubs, while Fabian Farias, Juan Flores, Manuel Madrid and Ricky Sandoval each had two.

The Cubs resume action Monday against Comstock on the road.

Girls split double-header with Rocksprings

ROCKSPRINGS — The Brackett Cubettes split a double-header with Rocksprings on Monday in middle school basketball action. The eighth graders improved to 2-0 with a 16-13 win, while the seventh graders lost their season opener, 25-24.

Erica Meyer was the high scorer for the eighth grade team with five points, Duquesa Hunt scored four, Suzanna Davis had three, and Deidra Townsend and Stephanie Gomez both added two.

Heather Jalamo scored a game-high 12 points in the seventh grade game. Mayra Aguirre pitched in six for the Cubettes, and Vanessa Castillo, April Martinez and Nicole Mata all had two.

Comstock teams sweep Brackett Tigers, Tigerettes compete in Nueces Canyon tourney

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

Comstock swept a double-header with Brackett in high school basketball action on Tuesday night.

The Panthers slipped by the Tigers, 48-45, in the boys' varsity game.

Nole Babb scored a game-high 20 points to lead Comstock. Ponchi Jimenez also scored in double figures for the Panthers with 14.

Matthew Smallwood, playing in his first game of the season, led the Tigers with 15 points and six rebounds.

Brent Woelke finished with 12 points, three assists and a pair of steals.

Guajardo, also playing in his first game, finished in double digits with 11 points. He had four steals and three assists.

Schiller Hill had three points and three steals. Caleb Crumley and Coty Williams had two points apiece.

Kelli Anne Goble poured in 29 points, including six three-pointers, as the Lady Panthers topped the Tigerettes 70-31.

Sandra Martinez and Suzie White both had 14 points for Comstock and Jody Kae Schauer had 11.

Stephanie Terrazas led Brackett with nine points, Jennifer Ashabanner scored eight, Patty Lopez and La Toya Wright both had four points, and Hilda Aguirre, Lindsey Brotherton and Tricia Robinson all had two points apiece.

The Tigers and Tigerettes will compete in the Nueces Canyon tournament this weekend.

The tournament begins today, but the Brackett teams don't begin play until tomorrow.

J.V. falls to Comstock

The Brackett Tigers' junior varsity lost a close 44-40 decision to the Comstock Panthers Tuesday in their basketball season opener.

After going up 9-7 after the opening stanza, Brackett took a 20-16 lead at halftime, but the Panthers outscored the Tigers 15-8 in the third period to take a 31-28 into the final stanza.

Comstock had a 13-12 scoring edge in the fourth quarter.

Daniel Hernandez led Brackett in scoring with 13 points, Jacob Hughes and Damian Toms both had eight points, Jacob Mann scored seven, and Tony Rubio had three.

The Tigers' junior varsity resumes action on Tuesday as they travel to Rocksprings to face the Angoras in a 6:30 contest.



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Campos, Grooms top all-district list

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

Charlotte quarterback Ruben Campos and Dilley linebacker Bo Groom, both seniors, were named District 30-2A's Most Valuable Players on the all-district team, which was released this week by the conference's coaches.

Campos led the Trojans to the regional semifinals. Charlotte went undefeated in league play en route to a 12-1 season.

Grooms and the Wolves finished second in district with a 4-1 mark. Dilley's only conference loss was to Charlotte.

The Trojans and the Wolves both had 10 first team all-district selections.

Brackett's Wes Baker earned first team honors on offense and defense. The junior started at running back and defensive tackle.

The Tigers' only other first team pick was senior defensive back J. Wayne Ballew.

Brackett had four players named to the second team offense — junior Brent Smith and senior Demitreus Williams, running backs, senior receiver Rene Luna, and junior lineman Jose Perez.

Representing the Tigers on the second defense were senior lineman Nat Terrazas, Smith at linebacker, and Luna at corner back.

Earning honorable mention all-district for Brackett were Ballew

30-2A all-district football team

The 30-2A all-district football team as released by the conference's coaches:

■ **Most Valuable Offensive Player:** Ruben Campos, Charlotte, quarterback, senior.

■ **Most Valuable Defensive Player:** Bo Groom, Dilley, linebacker, senior.

■ **First Team Offense:** Kris Pressler, Comfort, quarterback, senior; Gary Vallejo (unanimous), Charlotte, running back, senior; Fabian Santos (unanimous), Dilley, running back, junior; Wes Baker, Brackett, running back, junior; Zach Pape, Center Point, running back, senior; Joey Tijerina (unanimous), Charlotte, receiver, senior; J.J. Neves (unanimous), Dilley, receiver, senior; Jason Ruple, Charlotte, receiver, junior; Jon Bailey, Center Point, receiver, junior; Kurt Wiedenfeld, Comfort, tight end, senior; Joey Perez (unanimous), Dilley, lineman, senior; Jacob Richter, Center Point, lineman, senior; Josh Ray, Charlotte, lineman, senior; Todd Obedio, Comfort, lineman, senior; Will Gates, Charlotte, center, senior; Fabian Santos (unanimous), Dilley, kicker, junior.

■ **First Team Defense:** Josh Ray (unanimous), Charlotte, line-

back, senior; Wes Baker, Brackett, lineman, junior; Dean Alexander, Comfort, lineman, senior; Randy Sambrano, Dilley, lineman, senior; Jacob Richter, Center Point, lineman, senior; Jacob Richter, center Point, lineman, senior; Sammy Valenzuela, Dilley, end, senior; Phillip Randle, Comfort, end, junior; Gary Vallejo, Charlotte, linebacker, senior; David Stamenov, Natalia, linebacker, senior; Zach Pape, Center Point, linebacker, senior; Mark McMillian, Dilley, linebacker, junior; Joey Tijerina (unanimous), Charlotte, secondary, senior; Ruben Campos, Charlotte, secondary, senior; J.J. Neves, Dilley, secondary, senior; J. Wayne Ballew, Brackett, secondary, senior; Fabian Santos (unanimous), Dilley, punter, junior.

■ **Second Team Offense:** Jose Morales, Dilley, quarterback, junior; Jim Allerkamp, Comfort, running back, junior; Dereck Syfert, Comfort, running back, sophomore; Demitreus Williams, Brackett, running back, senior; Brent Smith, Brackett, running back, junior; Mike Slaughter, Center Point, running back, senior; Nick Gonzales, Natalia, receiver, junior; Jeremy Ontiveros, Dilley, receiver, junior; Eric Perez, Center Point, receiver, senior; Rene Luna,

Brackett, receiver, senior; Cody Jay, Center Point, tight end, junior; Leonard Ramos, Charlotte, lineman, sophomore; Raul Molina, Dilley, lineman, senior; Jose Perez, Brackett, lineman, junior; Krishna Perkins, Comfort, lineman, senior; Kurt Richter, Center Point, lineman, senior; Chris Martinez, Comfort, center, senior; Zach Pape, Center Point, kicker, senior.

■ **Second Team Defense:** Nat Terrazas, Brackett, lineman, senior; Jesse Durden, Comfort, lineman, sophomore; Matthew Pesqueda, Charlotte, lineman, senior; Kurt Richter, Center Point, lineman, senior; Fabian Santos, Dilley, end, junior; Shane Hale, Center Point, end, junior; Krishna Perkins, Comfort, linebacker, senior; Chris Villalobos, Charlotte, linebacker, junior; Brent Smith, Brackett, linebacker, junior; Jason Ruple, linebacker, Charlotte, junior; Cody Jay, Center Point, linebacker, junior; Andy Torres, Natalia, secondary, senior; Joe Bryan Espinoza, Dilley, secondary, sophomore; Mike Slaughter, Center Point, secondary, senior; Rene Luna, Brackett, secondary, senior; Gary Vallejo, Charlotte, punter, senior.

at quarterback, senior Jose Gonzalez at tight end, junior Aaron Taylor and seniors Xavier

Toms and Patrick Munoz as offensive linemen, sophomore defensive ends Coty Williams and

Steven Hagler, junior linebacker David Honstein, and senior defensive back Lionel Ramos.

OUTDOORS

Hunters should know neighboring landowners

This week, I want to bring up a subject that does not often get addressed and is sometimes misunderstood by many hunters.

There have been several instances recently in Kinney County where hunters have crossed fences or property lines and have gone on another person's property to retrieve a wounded deer.

There are two different laws that apply to these situations.

First, there is a law that says that a hunter should make a reasonable effort to retrieve the animal or bird that he kills and keep the edible portions in an edible condition.

It is a Class C misdemeanor offense to violate this waste-of-game law.

But what happens if the deer or bird that was shot ends up across the fence on a neighboring property?

There is a law that says a person commits an offense if he enters or remains on property without the effective consent of the owner and he had notice that the entry was forbidden or received notice to depart but failed to do so.

Notice is defined as:
■ oral or written communica-

A Little On The Wildlife Side
By Henry Lutz
Kinney County Game Warden

tion by owner of property or his agent,

■ fencing or other enclosure designed to exclude intruders or to contain livestock,

■ visible signs posted on the property indicating entry is forbidden, or

■ visible presence on the property of a crop grown for human consumption.

It is a Class B misdemeanor offense, which is a worse crime than Class C, to violate this law.

It is a Class A misdemeanor, which is worse than a Class B or C, to trespass while carrying a deadly weapon.

So what is a hunter to do? Does he cross the fence and retrieve the game or leave it lay because it fell on someone else's property and the hunter claims he does not know who the neighboring landowner is or how to contact him?

Incidentally, that is the most often used excuse when the tres-

passers are caught.

Again, it is a worse crime to trespass than to waste game. But if the situation is handled properly, then no one breaks the law and everyone is happy.

The correct answer is to let the animal or bird lay and do not cross the fence or enter someone else's property without their permission.

The hunter is required to make a reasonable effort to contact the neighboring landowner for permission to enter the property and retrieve his game. The landowner might even wish to accompany the hunter to make the retrieval.

If the hunter does not know who the landowner is, he should call someone to find out, including the Sheriff's Department or the game warden. They cannot give the hunter permission to go onto the property, but can assist in locating the landowner.

Hunters and landowners should make an effort to know who their neighbors are before the hunting

seasons start, not after game is lying on the ground across the fence.

Another possibility, for the hunter who is leasing the land, is to contact the person who they leased the land from and let them contact the neighboring landowner.

Finally, if a reasonable effort is made to locate the neighboring landowner or the neighboring landowner says "no" to the hunter's request to retrieve the game, then the hunter has no choice but to leave it lay, in which case there probably would not be a violation committed on the part of the hunter if he truly made a reasonable effort.

I would like to appeal to the landowners or other persons who lease to hunters, whether it is dove or deer hunting or any other type of hunting, to please tell them — or put it in writing in the lease contract if one is signed — not to cross fences to retrieve their game, or for any other reason for that matter.

It sure does make for better relations between neighboring landowners if these rules are followed.

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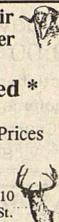
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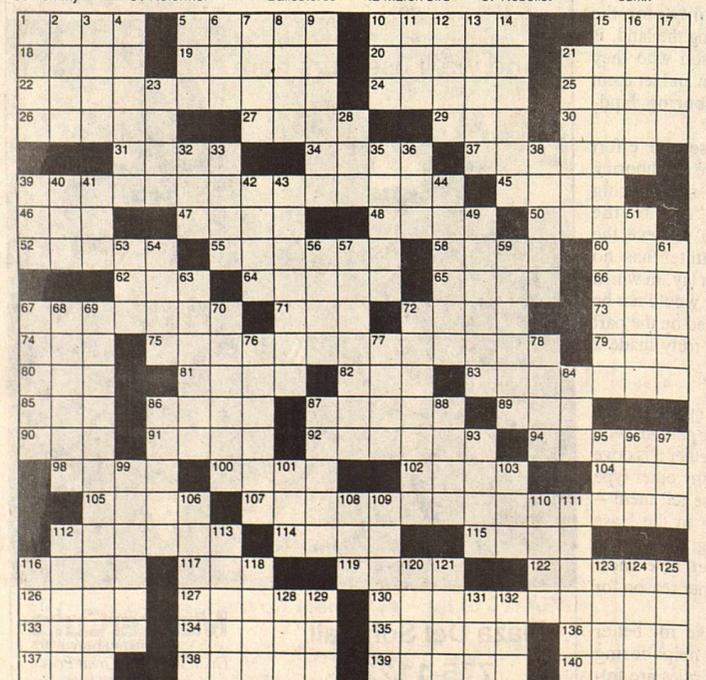


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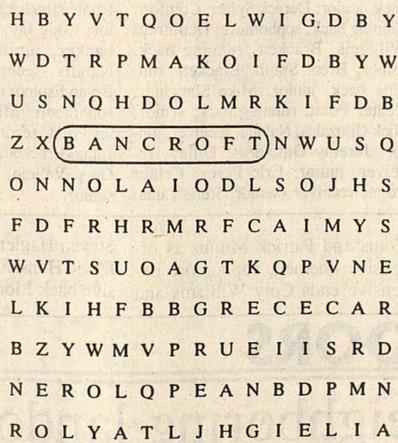
Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | 1 Emulated | 58 Old clothes | 92 Paradoxical | 2 "There oughta be —" | 43 Best | Pauling |
| 2 Don Giovanni | 60 Seance sound | 94 Flowed slowly | 3 34 Across setting | 44 Torah, e.g. | 88 — Valley, Calif. | |
| 5 Fagin, for one | 62 Winter mo. | 98 Concerning | 100 Planted | 49 Amelia Earhart's birthplace | 93 Hypocrisy | |
| 10 Kiddie-lit pachyderm | 64 Type of thread | 102 "Star Trek VI" actress | 5 Give it a go | 51 Tropical treat | 95 Beastly place? | |
| 15 Little guy | 65 Just | 104 In accord | 6 Crone | 53 Sternward | 97 Poor grade | |
| 18 Director Kazan | 66 New Deal agcy. | 105 New money? | 7 Heron's kin | 54 Egotist's darling | 99 Vichyssoise vessel | |
| 19 Tel Aviv teacher | 67 Spills the beans | 112 Put the cuffs on | 8 Spanish river | 56 Takes advantage of | 101 Anguish | |
| 20 City on the Mohawk | 71 "Give — break!" | 114 Isaac's eldest | 10 — off (bribe) | 57 — time (stall) | 103 Negative correlative | |
| 21 "Comin' — the Rye" | 72 Lehengrin's love | 115 Den-drologist's concern | 11 Had a bite | 59 Sneak a peek | 105 Disney rabbit | |
| 22 '83 Nicolas Cage film | 73 Actor McKellen | 116 Upright money | 12 Proclivity | 61 Committee reptile | 108 Short snooze | |
| 24 Hanker | 74 Poetic ending | 117 Tie the knot | 13 Like some smoke | 63 — the punch (forestall) | 109 Toothless | |
| 25 Hercules or Tristan | 75 Ricardo Montalban series | 119 Bristol buggy | 14 Hilton's "— Harvest" | 67 Electrical inventor | 110 Chalky cheese | |
| 26 Tom of "Adam's Rib" | 79 Alkaline substance | 122 "The Gondoliers" role | 15 '94 Meryl Streep film | 68 Menander's Minerva | 112 Ekberg or Loos | |
| 27 Dirt | 80 Ursula | 126 Widespread | 16 Senator Hatch | 69 Rommel's sobriquet | 113 Operatic hero, often | |
| 29 Baseball's Fernandez | 81 Implement | 127 Aromatic plant | 17 Freeway sound | 70 Social climbers | 116 Son of Zeus | |
| 30 Decree | 82 Too big for one's love | 130 Jack London novel | 21 Frustrate | 72 Neighbor of Latvia | 118 Producer De Laurentis | |
| 31 Actress Skye | 83 Ear pollution? | 133 British school | 23 Morlocks' prey | 76 Powwow instrument | 120 "May I interrupt?" | |
| 34 Verdi opera | 85 Spearheaded | 134 Solitary sort | 28 — Abern' — | 77 Shake- spearean villain | 121 Note | |
| 37 Realm | 86 Mighty mite, instrument | 135 Dud | 32 Utmost | 78 Olivia of "The Wonder Years" | 123 Kuryakin's colleague | |
| 39 "Saturday Night" singers | 87 Trademark designs | 136 Winglike | 33 "My Mother's —" (29 song) | 79 Writer Kaufman | 124 Deal with a dragon | |
| 45 TV tycoon Griffin | 89 Mezzo Stignani | 137 Getz's instrument | 35 Crowded | 84 Word form for "recent" | 125 Whip up a waistcoat | |
| 46 Tokyo, once 47 Rattletrap | 90 Deauville donkey | 138 Use too much | 36 TV's "You — There" | 86 "That's —" (54 tune) | 129 East ender? | |
| 48 Pullover part | 91 Reformer | 139 Act badly? | 38 Unkempt | 87 Nobelist | 131 Tippler | |
| 50 Footfall | | 140 Jerky toy? | 39 Writer Kaufman | | 132 Chemical suffix | |
| 52 Fernando | | DOWN | 40 Nabokov novel | | | |
| 55 Tummy | | 1 Golfer Ballesteros | 41 — Kippur | | | |
| | | | 42 Marsh bird | | | |



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

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Differences: 1. Rocks are missing. 2. Tassel is shorter. 3. Hair is different. 4. Pocket is moved. 5. Zipper is missing. 6. Leg is moved.

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You are surprised early in the week by a special little gift given for no particular occasion. Be sure to thank this person properly. Financial dealings are favored later in the week.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is a good week for business negotiations. Specifically, anything of a sales nature you conduct is favored. A loved one positively dotes on you over the weekend.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your thinking is so clear that others can't help but be impressed by what you say. Work of a creative nature is particularly favored. Utilize charm when speaking to others this weekend.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Take some time this week to pursue activities of a mental nature. In fact, a trip to the library or bookstore is in order. The weekend brings joy with family.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Couples make plans of a social nature that include the whole family. Creative work is particularly favored. For singles, happiness in romance gives a special glow this weekend.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your asset this week is your bubbling personality, particularly in business. You are the model of efficiency and effectiveness on the job. That perfectionist in you rises to the occasion.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Rely on your common sense to get you through a business glitch. Discussions about your career shed light on the situation. The weekend finds you charismatic and sociable.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your visionary think-



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		Dec. 10	Ray Smith

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If you feel like your defenses have been broken down, God says, "In that day I will raise up the tabernacle (this is you body) ... that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old." (Amos 9:11). This is that day, appropriate this restoration for you and your family.

It also goes on to say in Amos 9:13 "Behold, the days are come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth the seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine thereof; and all the hills shall melt." In other words, your time of prosperity is here. You will prosper so quickly from the "good seed" you plant, that the prosperity you will receive will seem to come to you as soon as "the seed leaves your hand." This "abundant harvest" may come to you in different forms, physically and spiritually. Your hard times, "your hills", will melt

before you. Your pathway will be made straight.

Another benefit coming to believers who "stand in faith" is seeing those of your children who have strayed away from God, return unto Him. "That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the Lord that doeth this." (Amos 9:12). God is the one who will accomplish this in their hearts. He does this not because you have been perfect yourself, but because He has made a promise to the seed of Abraham, which you as a believer are. He made this promise in Hebrews 6:13 "For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by Himself, saying Surely I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

So be strong in the Lord. He will accomplish or perfect that work which He has begun in you. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.



Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Christmas means many different things to different people. To some it means the enjoyment of giving presents. To some it means the thrill of receiving presents. To some it means a time of tingling bells, bright lights, tinsel and showy decor. To others it means the joy of travel and visiting with friends and family. All of this is simply window dressing.

To God, Christmas meant the giving of His only Son. It certainly must have deeply pained the heart of Heavenly Father to send His Son into an unfriendly world to be born of a virgin and laid in a manger as his first bed. To know that His Son would be so ill treated and finally crucified had to be agonizing to the Father.

To the Son, Jesus, it meant leaving the glory, the peace, the joys of heaven to come into a world of sin and agony to a death on the cross. 'Twas a painful cast to

Jesus; Christmas.

To the world it means God has provided a savior. In creation, God gave products of the earth for bodies. In Christ He gave his Son for our souls.

To you; it means God offers you eternal life. Without Christ there is no way to an eternity in heaven. In him is the opportunity to spend eternity in heaven but without him man faces an eternity in Hell. We do well to look to the true meaning of Christmas first and then enjoy all the side benefits.

It's fine to enjoy bells and tinsel; it's fine to enjoy giving and receiving gifts; it's fine to enjoy travel and visits to friends and family. If however, we forget the true meaning of Christmas we rob ourselves of the real thrill of the season. There will be another message from God's word Sunday at Frontier Baptist Church at 11:00. Come and be blessed.

Obituary

P.H. Coates III

P.H. Coates III, 69, passed away early Wednesday morning, Nov. 24, at his home on the Spanish Gourd Ranch, north of Brackettville in Kinney County, after a long illness.

He was born on Feb. 5, 1928, in Big Lake, Texas, to P.H. Coates Jr. and Lucille Boyd Coates.

He attended Big Lake schools and Sul Ross State College, where he met Wynell York. They were married July 14, 1949, in Brackettville. They have ranched in Kinney County for over 46 years.

Coates was a director for life of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, a director of the Las Moras Soil Conservation District, director of the Mohair Council, a long-time director of the U.S. Screwworm Eradication program, a member of the State Water Board, three-times past master of the Las Moras Masonic Lodge, and also served as district deputy grand master of the Grand Lodge of Texas. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Brackettville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and stepmother, Louise Coates, and a sister, Lucy Jean Coates Harmon.

He is survived by his wife, Wynell York Coates; his son, P.H. Coates IV and his wife Lynda of Medina; his daughter, Debra Walker and husband Steve of San Antonio; four grandchildren, Suzanne and "Cinco" Coates of Medina, and Tobin Walker and his wife Gina and Sara Chappell and her husband Steven of San Antonio; a sister, Jan Coates Chandler of San Angelo; a brother, Steve Wayne Coates of Mertzon; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Brackettville. Masonic burial followed at the Las Moras Masonic Cemetery in Brackettville.

Pall bearers were Luther Van Cleve, Gene Nelson, Art McKinley, David Winters, Bob Crawford and Tom Faulkenberry. Honorary pall bearers were Antonio Sanchez, Antonio Mendoza, Carlos Sanchez, Pedro Seirano, and members of the Las Moras Masonic Lodge.

Services were under the direction of the Brackettville Funeral Home, 114 North Street.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Uvalde or to the First Baptist Church.



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On Veteran's Day I found myself reflecting on the great sacrifices so many veterans have made to preserve the freedoms we are so blessed to enjoy here in the United States of America. It is such a blessing not to live in bondage under the cruel tyranny of dictators such as Saddam Hussein, Communism in China and North Korea, or under the anarchy which appears to rule in so many nations throughout Africa.

Yet spiritually many of us do live in bondage; the bondage of yesterday's failures and regrets. Are not the following words so common, "What if," or "If only."

We tend to carry the burdens of our mistakes and failures.

Yet we must remember that even when we have fallen or failed, even if family, co-workers, or friends have rejected us, Christ will not turn His back to us. He came first and foremost to the hopeless, those imprisoned and enslaved to their sin, to the bondage of theirs and other's failures.

Regardless of what we have done, it is not too late. It does not matter how low are our mistakes; it is not too late to dig down, pull out our mistakes, failures, and regrets, and give them to God, and be free.

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Baptist General Convention adopts \$47.6 million budget

Austin -- Messengers to the 112th annual session of the Baptist General Convention of Texas elected new officers, overwhelmingly approved key recommendations to improve their convention's effectiveness and efficiency, and adopted a \$47.6 million budget for 1998.

Russell Dilday, distinguished professor of homiletics at George W. Truett Theological Seminary of Waco, was elected BGCT president.

Dilday, former president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of Fort Worth, received 3,751 votes (71.1 percent) compared to 1,524 (28.9 percent) for Ted Tedder, a San Antonio layman.

Jaclanel McFarland, a trial attorney and member of Houston's South Main Baptist Church, was elected first vice president, and Ed Hogan, pastor of Jersey Village Baptist Church of Houston, was elected second vice president, both by acclamation.

The 16 recommendations of effectiveness and efficiency required a simple majority. The three amendments to the convention's constitution required a two-thirds majority approval at two consecutive annual sessions.

Key recommendations centered around ministry to families, multicultural ministries, theological education, partnership missions and biblically based, Texas-focused literature for churches.

Many of the recommendations sparked extended discussion -- particularly those related to theological education, missions and Sunday School literature -- and

several amendments were introduced.

However, messengers rejected all of the amendments from the floor and approved all of the recommendations as presented by the committee.

Debate centered primarily on issues related to the perception that the BGCT was distancing itself from the Southern Baptist Convention and to the cost of implementing the recommendations.

A constitutional amendment on messenger eligibility to the BGCT received 73 percent approval.

The amendment, which still requires final approval in 1998, would link the number of messengers to which a church is entitled to that church's contributions to the BGCT.

Convention messengers approved a 1998 BGCT projected operating budget of \$47,619,101.

Of the total, \$44.5 million will come from the Cooperative Program unified budget, a \$1 million increase over the previous year's budget.

The remainder will come from the Mary Hill Davis Offering for State Missions, endowments and other sources.

Of the total budget, more than \$14 million is earmarked for the Texas 2000 priorities of sharing the Gospel with everyone in the state by the year 2000 and for starting and strengthening new churches.

About \$20 million is for the Texas 2000 priorities of equipping God's people for service and developing Christian families.

More than \$7 million is devoted to missions and ministry support,

and about \$5.9 million is for ministry to human needs.

In other business, BGCT messengers approved by 85 percent a motion condemning partial-birth abortions.

Texas Baptists also adopted resolutions:

- calling on the Texas Legislature to adopt a state version of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act;
- supporting a Baytown church in its efforts to protect contribu-

tions to the church from bankruptcy judgments;

- urging concern for victims of religious persecution;

- and encouraging the enforcement of laws banning gambling-style "amusement" machines that pay off in valuable prizes or tickets that can be redeemed for merchandise.

Unsung Hero
By Joe Townsend

Yet another of our friends and meaningful people in our community has left to go home to his Father in Heaven. P. H. Coates married into a longtime ranching family, and spent the most of his adult life ranching in Kinney County. He was a faithful member of First Baptist Church. P. H. was active in several ranch and farm related organizations. He was a personable individual seldom involving himself in controversy. He was a keenly loyal husband and father of two fine children. He was a fine rancher. For several years he bravely battled for life against a devastating physical problem. He certainly is now enjoying freedom of pain and problems with his Father in heaven. P. H. will be missed but all who knew him will rejoice in his finally conquering the problems of this life while he awaits the arrival in heaven of all his friends and family who know Jesus Christ as a personal Savior. Surely P. H. Coates is an Unsung Hero.

Answers to Super Crossword

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HEALTH

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

THE CITY OF Brackettville will receive bids for certain water system improvements until 2:00 p.m. on January 8, 1998, at Brackettville City Hall at 119 W. Spring Street, Brackettville, Texas 78832. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time. Bids are invited for several items and quantities of work as follows: One (1) Hydro-Pneumatic Booster Station; placement of new valves in the existing distribution system; and approximately 350 linear feet of 8" water main, including all necessary appurtenances. Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at Brackettville City Hall and can be obtained from Hunter Associates Texas, LTD., 1106 Clayton Lane, Suite #410E, Austin, Texas 78723, (512) 454-8716, upon payment of \$30.00. Payment is NON-REFUNDABLE. Please make checks or money order payable to HUNTER ASSOCIATES, INC. A bid bond in the amount of 5% percent of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Brackettville or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Attention is called to General Condition 141 "Restrictions on Public Buildings and Public Works Projects." The bidder certifies by the submission of its bid that it: 1. Is not a Contractor of a foreign country included on the USTR list. 2. Has not and will not enter into any subcontract with a subcontractor of a foreign country included on the USTR list. 3. Will not provide any product of a foreign country included on the USTR list. The City of Brackettville reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. Bids may be held by the City of Brackettville for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to the contract award. David Luna, City Manager City of Brackettville

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HEALTH

Gun-related deaths drop

Texas is a slightly more deadly state to live in than the nation overall; but, in general, Texas Department of Health (TDH) statistics show that Texas mirrors most of the national mortality trends.

Nationally, people were less likely than in previous years to be killed with guns but more likely to die in car crashes, a reversal in two trends.

Firearm deaths peaked in 1993 at 15.6 deaths for every 100,000 people, a 22 percent increase over 1985. In 1995 figures recently released by the National Center for Health Statistics, firearm deaths fell to 13.9 deaths per 100,000 population, or a total of 35,957 persons.

The homicide rate decreased sharply in 1995 by about nine percent, dropping from 11th to 12th leading cause of death. This is the second consecutive year in which homicide has dropped in the cause-of-death ranking.

In Texas, firearms and motor vehicle crashes, the two leading causes of injury death, accounted for 58 percent of all injury deaths in 1996.

The good news is the state's firearm-related death rate in 1996 (13.7 deaths per 100,000) fell 10 percent from 1995 (15.2 deaths per 100,000) - the lowest rate since 1980.

An 18 percent decline in the death rate from firearm-related assaults and a 3 percent decline in the self-inflicted firearm death rate contribute to the overall decline.

Homicide rates in the state dropped 12 percent from 9.3 deaths per 100,000 population in 1995 to 8.2 deaths per 100,000 population in 1996, putting the homicide death rate at its lowest point since 1980.

"Many factors could cause this drop in homicides, including shifting attitudes about violence, the growth of community policing which creates a more inclusive society, and improved emergency medical care," said David Zane, director of TDH's Injury Prevention and Control Program.

Sixty-six percent of the 1,546 Texans who were murdered in 1996 in Texas were killed by gunfire.

Nationally, motor vehicle deaths edged upward a bit after a steady decline with 43,363 lives claimed in 1995, or 16.5 deaths per 100,000 population, compared to 42,524 deaths, or 16.3 per 100,000, in 1994.

For the past two years (1995-1996), motor vehicles have been the leading cause of injury mortality in Texas. This is a reversal of a five-year period (1990-1994) where firearms were the leading cause of deaths due to injury.

Preliminary information from Texas death certificates indicate that there were 3,925 motor vehicle-related deaths compared to 2,604 firearm-related deaths in 1996.

Preliminary vital statistics data indicate that 623 more Texans died in motor vehicle crashes in 1996 than the previous year (3,925 in 1996 compared to 3,302 in 1995).

"As public health professionals, we're concerned about this increase," said Zane. "We need to understand the factors that may contribute to this rise in deaths."

The motor vehicle death rate in 1996 (20.7 deaths per 100,000 population) is the highest since 1989. The increase began when speed limits were raised in Texas and nationwide.

In 1995, the Texas age-adjusted death rate of 530.5 deaths per 100,000 estimated population was five percent higher than the national age-adjusted death rate of 503.9 deaths per 100,000.

The top two causes of death in Texas, heart disease and cancer, were the same for all races or ethnicities.

However, the third top cause of deaths for Hispanics was unintentional injuries, while for whites and blacks it was stroke.