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Winning special awards at Saturday's Kinney County FFA and 4-H Livestock Show were Lindsey Brotherton (left), Joey Key York Award and Silver Shearers Award, and Tommy Gomez, Most lamb, which was bought for \$800 by Kinney County Improved Feeder Award. Brackett News Photos by J.J. Guidry Wool and Mohair and the First State Bank of Uvalde. See KINNEY COUNTY/Page 3

# Kinney County Livestock Show sale raises \$27,875

By J.J. Guidry **News Editor** 

The premium sale at the 44th Annual Kinney County FFA and 4-H Livestock Show Saturday collected \$27,875 for the 63 animals that were sold.

A total of 134 animals were shown at last weekend's local junior livestock show at the Kinney County Civic Center. The average sale was

"The average sale was down by about \$50 a unit," County Agent Robert Elledge said. "Considering all of the natural disasters in the area, I thought the sale was excellent.

"Everyone still came out and supported our youth even though they suffered a lot of hardships over the last year," Elledge added.

Lindsey Brotherton 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-

She alson won the Silver Shearers Award, which is based on the three highest placing lambs in the

Brotherton had the grand champion finewool lamb, which was sold to the Del Rio National Bank for \$800. She also won the showmanship award for for \$500 to David Winters. market lambs.

Improved Feeder Award at Saturday's show.

Beth Ballew had the grand champion crossbred

# 1999 Grand Champions

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

Exhibitor	Breed
Tillman Davis	.Angora Goat Doe Kid
Zachry Davis	Angora Goat Buck Kid
Michelle Melancon	Rabbit Meat Pen
William Clements	Rabbit Doe
Jerritt Meeks	Rabbit Buck
Lindsey Brotherton	Finewool Lamb
Beth Ballew	Crossbred Lamb
Dusty Rose	Finewool Ewe Lamb
Clay Threadgill	Meat Goat
Bailee Allen	Steer

Ballew, who won the showmanship award for market lambs in the junior division, sold her reserve champion finewool lamb for \$600 to Cecil Atkission Ford of Hondo.

Laura Lee Ballew had the reserve champion crossbred lamb, which sold for \$600 to Alamo Saddlery and Wardlaw Ranches.

Dusty Rose won the showmanship award for finewool ewe lamb. She sold her grand champion

Sarah Rose sold her reserve champion finewool Tommy Gomez was the recipient of the Most ewe lamb for \$400 to Uvalde Tractor and Implement Inc.

Patrick Rose won the showmanship award for breeding sheep in the junior division.



Bailee Allen (left) had the grand champion steer and won the showmanship award for market steer in the junior division at the **Kinney County Livestock Show** on Saturday. Zachry Davis had the reserve champion steer and won the showmanship award for market steer.

# Aliens with protected status may cause problems locally

may cause problems in Kinney County in the long run, according to local officials.

In December, Attorney General Janet Reno designated TPS for Honduras and Nicaragua for a period of 18 months after the countries were affected by Hurricane Mitch.

During the designation period of TPS, eligible work in the United States.

In addition, the Immigration and Naturaliza-

Locally, law enforcement officials are finding Hondurans in Kinney County after they are reported as illegal aliens.

"It's a bad situation," Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said. "Immigration can't do anything. They're turning them loose here in Brackettville and there's nothing we can do about it.

"It is going to be a problem for us in our little from June 1994 to June 1995.

"It is going to be a problem for us in our little community. Eventually, if they get hungry enough, they're going to start stealing."

Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess

Hondurans and Nicaraguans will not be subject community. Eventually, if they get hungry to removal and will be eligible for permission to enough, they're going to start stealing," the sheriff added.

All eligible Hondurans and Nicaraguans must tion Service (IMS) extended the stays of removal submit both an application for TPS, which includes for Guatemalans and Salvadorans through March a \$50 filing fee and a \$25 fingerprinting fee, and an application for employment.

Honduras and Nicaragua join Bosnia, Kosovo Province in the state of Serbia-Montenegro, Liberia, Montserrat, Sierra Leone, Somalia and Sudan as countries currently designated for TPS.

The United States also granted TPS for Lebanon from March 1991 to March 1993, Kuwait from March 1991 to March 1992, and Rwanda

# Accident hospitalizes family of three

By J.J. Guidry News Editor

two-automobile accident at the kettville. stop light on Highway 90 and Ann Street.

Juan Jose Martinez, his wife, Brianna, and his son were all transported to Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio by Kinney County EMS personnel. All three were released the same day.

The 32-year-old San Antonio man was driving a 1993 green Nissan Altima west-bound on Highway 90 when he ran the red light at Ann Street at approximately 2:15 on Saturday after-

Martinez ran into a 1990 brown and tan Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck, driven by 16-year-

onto the highway after the Ann to stop for a red light and driving Street light turned green.

Martinez's Nissan Altima had Ortiz was cited for driving A San Antonio family was hos- to be towed from the scene by without a license. pitalized Saturday as a result of a ABC Wrecker Service of Brac-

Martinez was cited for failure Ring.

without liability insurance.

The investigating offic Brackettville Police Chief Ron



old Jaime Ortiz Jr. of Brackett- Juan Jose Martinez, his wife and son were hospitalized Saturday after the Nissan Altima he was driving (above) ran into a pickup Ortiz was making a left turn truck. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

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America is not likely to see an open demonstration of dishonesty in such a blatant fashion as we are exposed to daily from the capital. Opinion/Page 2

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The Project Show was a good one this year! We all owe a debt of gratitude to those teachers and students who worked up a project. Lifestyles/Page 4

## ■ Tigerettes win

The Brackett Tigerettes remained in the District 30-2A playoff race Tuesday after picking up a 54-44 victory over Center Point. Sports/Page 5

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# Montoya: Additional Border Patrol agents will help stop illegal crossings

By Frances McMaster Contributing Writer

When additional agents have A pattern is clear when one gal crossings have been highly looks at statistics on illegal bor- successful. Large amounts of narder crossings during the past few cotics taken and illegal aliens have been apprehended.



U.S. Border Patrol agents Matthew Bennett (from left), John W. Montoya and Jackie Heath were guests at last Thursday's Brac-numbers of illegal crossings first kettville Rotary Club meeting.

been assigned to troublesome bor- at one crossing, however, results der crossings, efforts to stop ille- in the shifting of illegals to other crossings not so heavily guarded.

That was the message brought by John W. Montoya, a deputy chief patrol agent with the Del Rio sector of the U.S. Border Patrol, at Thursday's Rotary Club meeting. He was accompanied by Border Patrol agents Matthew Bennett, stationed at Carrizo Springs, and Jackie Heath, from the Brackettville station.

Before smuggling began to be a problem, the Border Patrol was considered practically an unnecessary agency, Montoya said. Now, the attitude has drastically changed and the Border Patrol has been allocated money for many more agents and additional highly effective technical equipment.

The first concentration of large

Cutting down on illegal entries spread to Arizona, New Mexico were recorded - an increase of 16 and Texas.

Those aliens wishing to go to the west coast chose the California border crossings. Those wishing to go to the mid-west or the north chose crossings to the east of California.

When a series of border crossing blockades were put into place, beginning in California, the traffic moved to the east.

Presently, illegals have targeted Del Rio. It now has the highest increase of illegals it has ever experienced. A blockade has not been used here, however.

An "umbrella" approach is being used because of the terrain and the many farm to market roads that crisscross this part of the

Photo by Eric McMaster occurred in California. This In 1998, 131,058 apprehensions stationed in the sector.

percent.

Drug seizures in 1996 had a value of \$79,360,498. Marijuana accounted for over 67,000 pounds, and cocaine 805 pounds. Projections for 1999 are much higher, according to Montoya.

In 1998 1,479 cases were reported with 1,285 principals and there were 12,158 smuggled aliens. For every 10 illegals caught, four are lost. Statistics reflect only the ones that are caught. The category called "got-a-ways" is large.

More agents are assigned here now. In 1996, the Del Rio sector had a total of 428 agents. In 1998, 583 authorized agents were stationed in the sector.

A deployment of 250 agents In 1996, the Del Rio sector re- has been requested by the Del Rio ported a total of 121,137 appre- Sector for 1999. Currently, a staff hensions. This increased steadily. of 565 duty officer corp is also



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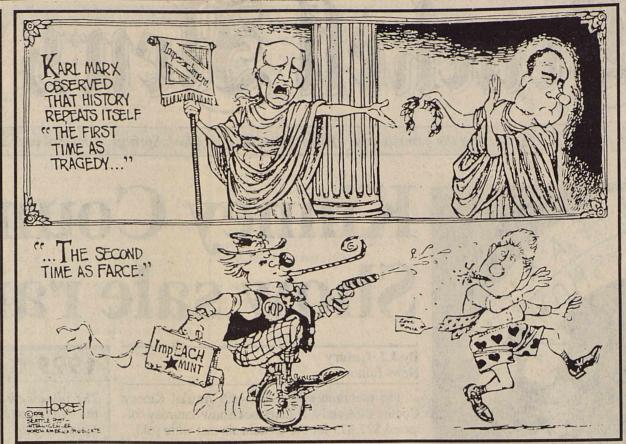
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# Senators close minds, demonstrate dishonesty

America is not likely to see an open demonstration of dishonesty in such a blatant fashion as we are exposed to daily from Washing-

The oath taken by the U.S. Senate was not only orally expounded but signed to emphasize for retribution. the commitment. The vow was to consider the facts of the case and as such make a decision on the

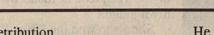
It strikes me as no coincidence that from the open gavel many senators made it to be known their minds were made up, they were not interested in the facts. It now appears that all democratic senators march in lock step in violation of the oath.

The general argument is that "this is all about sex" and that's his business and not anyone else has a right to challenge it.

terly reprehensible as to cry out sonal foibles.

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



Any CEO in America would be summarily fired for doing the same thing. Any teacher or school official would be speedily thrown out not only of his position but his profession after such behav-

No senator or representative could continue to serve after such obnoxious actions. Why can the president continue to scam the nation after such detestable behavior? There are 130 people in prison today for doing exactly what the president is guilty of.

In his actions he did what no totally remove him from public of- with one young lady but several basest of personal character. fice. His sexual behavior is so ut- as a long time pattern of his per-

He betrayed contempt for his loudly professed commitment to Christ as a Christian. He has scorned the moral standard ac-

cepted generally in the USA.

efforts to destroy any who would stand up for the right moral be- to arm our military forces." havior all demonstrate the deprayity of character.

condone his daughter being so action other than merely being a abused. No conscientious and de-presence. Guidelines should have

Granting the argument that it honorable or moral man would do. tors close their minds and dem- and let the Europeans take over." is all about sex, it is enough to He broke his marriage vow not onstrate their approval of the very

# Where have all the flowers gone?

By Steven R. LaMascus Contributing Writer

I graduated from high school in Eagle Pass, Texas in 1969. Yes, that was 30 years ago this year, and yes, I know I am getting old.

It was a great time and ended so quickly. The carefree invulnerability of youth lasts such a short time and, as the saying goes, "is totally wasted on the young."

But it was also the time of Vietnam, flower children, Timothy Leary, The Beatles, landing on the moon, cold war, Woodstock, Kent State, and so many other startling occurrences that I can't possibly name them all. It was a time when the nation was in flux and turmoil. Things were changing faster than we could keep up with. We didn't know what we wanted - we just knew what we didn't want. And we didn't want a lot.

We didn't want to be killed in a faraway land. We didn't want to be told how to dress, how to wear our hair, how to talk, what kind of music to listen to. We didn't want censorship, of any kind period!

We (the youth of America) had it all figured out. We were going to change the world for the better and the adults, idiots and unchanging establishment moralists that they were, had just better get used to it! We had a better idea, just like Ford. Our parents didn't understand us and we were going to force understanding on them. Sound familiar?

I have trouble today with many, make that most, '60s. I was never a flower child or a hippie. I believed in my country, and would have fought in drafted and, after attending several funerals and seeing the mental turmoil and physical disabilities of allow Uncle Sam to make that decision for me.

I did not do drugs. I saw the mental and physical trauma it caused and declined. It was also illegal and I am now, and was then, a strong believer in law and order.

I did not wear my hair long and shaggy. It was hot and uncomfortable. I didn't care who did, I just thought it looked, well, scruffy - nothing judgemental, just personal.

I thought communes were a great idea, but figured they would never work. Someone always wants or she have on which to base a decision? more than the next guy. That is just human nature. You simply can't put a group of people together to live in harmony and share everything equally without some kind of leadership, or without someone

trying to take advantage of the situation.

I loved the music. Still do. It had depth and mean- angry mobs destroyed U.S. veing. It had a soul. Most of it at least. There were exceptions of course. The Doors were a little too weird. Jefferson Airplane was too druggy. The Seekers were just plain boring.

The Mamas and Papas on the other hand were out of Bosnia, and out of the "fab." Songs like "Where Have All The Flowers Gone," "California Dreaming," "Eve Of Destruction," "I Think We're Alone Now" all had great meaning for us. They protested a war, celebrated youth and love, spoke of great ideals - some realistic, some too idealistic, and some simply obnoxious. My parents hated them.

Now I am raising a family. One daughter is in college and one in junior high. They are the focus of my life. Everything I do, well, almost anyway, is for their benefit. And I am seeing things that both

frighten and enlighten me.

I, according to my youngest, just don't understand. I don't understand her music, the television shows she wants to watch, the clothes she wants to wear ... Wow man, deja vu deluxe. Is it just my imagination or did I go through those same exact

Some of us I am sure have lost touch with the difficulty of youth. Youth is a time when you are absolutely sure of everything, but don't have a clue about what to do about it. If that confuses you, then you have some idea what teenagers feel every day. They are confused and don't even realize it. They don't understand that you may understand and that of the concepts my generation propounded in the they probably don't. They don't know what they want, they just know what they don't want. They are faced with a life full of choices and

Vietnam had I been called upon to do so. I was not don't know where to begin. They are expected to go to college or trade school, or straight into the job market, and become useful members of society my returning friends, I decided not to enlist. I did when they don't even know what they want to do not do so as any form of protest. I merely chose to next week, not to mention for the next 30 or 40 Unless you are one of those exceptional individu-

als who was born with your mind made up, you know what I mean. Shoot, I'm nearly 50, ready to retire after 20 years of government service, and to be totally honest, I still don't know what I want to sent to do." major in; much less do for a career. How is a 17 year old going to know?

Well, if the truth, brutal as it is, were known, he won't know. Can't know! What experience does he ing an open-ended troop commit-

The answer to that last question is obvious. Yours. There is no other way. And that is your job as a parent and an adult. You have the experience. ■ See WHERE/Page 7



Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

# Texans want to bring troops back home

In a questionnaire that ran in this column last summer, I asked readers if they think the U.S. troops in Bosnia should remain there indefinitely, as the president has proposed.

By a resounding margin, Texans indicated that they believe American troops should return home from Bosnia as soon as possible - 87 percent of those who answered the questionnaire said, "Bring 'em home."

Here are some of your comments on this question.

From Brookshire: "We should not have been there in the first place."

From Flower Mound: "The European Union countries are snickering at us. We are picking up the lion's share of the costs of the 'Yugo-mess.' There is no reason for our 10,000 troops on the ground there, plus Air Force and a naval unit. We've dumped more than a billion dollars there of late. Get us out."

From Lumberton: "In my judgement, as a retired Navy officer, we had no interest there to start with and even less reason to be there now. The argument that it is America's responsibility to protect the peace doesn't wash. His lying about it, his demonic Soon, with this administration, we will have only bows and arrows

From Commerce: "The U.S. is wrong to think it can send troops No honorable father would into trouble spots with no plan of voted wife would accept this type been established at the outset; the of actions over a long period of military commonly sets objectives and completion dates. It's high And yet the democratic sena- time we brought our troops home

From Romayor: "Bosnia is a rip-off of the America taxpayers." From Corsicana: "I just returned from there after six months. After surviving the riots in Brcko, I must say that we have no business in Bosnia. It was clear to me we are not welcomed there. I was forced to hide in my attic as hicles outside ... They do not comply with the Dayton peace ac-

From Comfort: "We should get United Nations while we're at it." From Brownwood: "Let their close neighbors take care of this."

cords, so why do we continue?"

From Texarkana: "Let them fight their own battles." From Amarillo: "The president

himself wouldn't serve in the military, as the whole nation knows. Why should anyone else?" From Hondo: "We can't play

watch dog for all nations." But not everyone was in favor f ending the Bosnia deployment.

From Ladonia: "This question relates to the Constitution. Laws have been passed that give the authority to place troops where they are needed with Congress' approval. If you want to move troops out of a country, move them out of Germany, where they've been since 1946, or England (1941), Japan (1946) and Korea (1955). If it prevents war, conflict or saves lives, leave them there."

From Dallas: "Yugoslavian Christians and Muslims lived together for many centuries. The U.S. has helped no one by creating a fundamentalist Muslim state in Europe. Now we have no choice but to maintain the peace."

From Marvel: "We always pull our troops out before the job is complete and just once I'd like to see us clean up the job we were

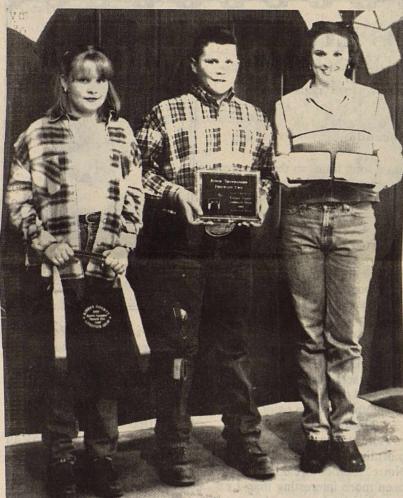
Your answers to this question were thought-provoking.

ment in Bosnia will continue to undermine our ability to defend U.S. national security interests elsewhere - in places where no other power can or will act.

# Thursday, January 28, 1999 COMMUNITY The Brackett Henrs 3 Kinney County Livestock Show dubbed a success



In the angora goat division at the County Livestock Show, Dietrich Davis (from left) won reserve champion buck kid and the junior division showmanship award, Susannah Davis won the reserve champion buck kid and the showmanship award, Tillman Davis won the grand champion doe kid, and Zachry Davis had the grand champion buck kid. Brackett News Photos by J.J. Guidry



In the finewool ewe lamb division, Sarah Rose (from left) had the reserve champion, Patrick Rose won the junior division show- In the meat goat division, Clay Threadgill (from left) had the manship award, and Dusty Rose won the grand champion and the showmanship award.

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Tillman Davis won the grand champion angora goat doe kid, which sold for \$450 to Uvalde Tractor and Implement Inc.

Susannah Davis had the reserve champion doe kid, which sold for \$600 to Pico. She also won the showmanship award for angora

Zachry Davis sold his grand champion angora goat buck kid for \$500 to Cecil Atkission Motors of Uvalde.

Dietrich Davis, who won the showmanship award for angora goats in the junior division, sold the reserve champion buck kid for \$400 to the Federal Land Bank.

Zachry Davis also had the reserve champion steer and won the showmanship award for steer.

Bailee Allen, who won the showmanship award for steer in the junior division, had the grand champion steer. Clay Threadgill sold the grand

champion meat goat for \$750 to H-E-B Food Stores of Del Rio. Whitney Massingill's reserve champion meat goat sold for \$675

to Snoek Ranches. Mistie Herndon won the showmanship award for meat goats, and Mason McWilliams won the showmanship award for market

goats in the junior division. Michelle Melancon had the grand champion meat pen and the reserve champion rabbit buck. The meat pen sold for \$450 to Snoek Ranches and the buck sold champion rabbit doe for \$400 to

Jerritt Meeks had the grand champion rabbit buck, which sold for \$400 to the Bank & Trust.

grand champion rabbit doe for vision.

### Joey Key York Award

The following is a list of win

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	of the Joey Key York
	, presented at the Kin-
	nunty Livestock Show:
	Minot Pratt III
1973.	Bill Ballew
1974.	Candy Smallwood
1975.	
19/6.	Marcelino Valdez Jr.
	Mark A. Baxter
1978.	Brenda Foust
	Joel J. Voss
	Doug McCarty
	Tana McCarty
	Seth A. Kaplan Lashawn Wardlaw
	Westley White
	Toby Frerich
1986.	Tammy Frerich
1987	Kasey Lee Hall
1988.	J.T. Will Shahan III
	Jesus Aguirre
1990.	Stephanie Ahrens
	Jennifer Shahan
	Kimberley Ahrens
	Justin Coates
	Charlotte Rose
	Susannah Davis
	Amber N. Davis
	Savanah Massingill
	J. Wayne Ballew
1999	Lindsey Brotherton

\$400 to the Del Rio Bank & Trust. Stefani Schuster had the reserve champion meat pen, which sold for \$450 to Graf & Barton Ford.

Duquesa Hunt sold her reserve for \$450 to Graf & Barton Ford. the U.S. Border Patrol.

Jacob Mann won the showmanship award for rabbits, and Emily Petrosky won the showmanship William Clements sold his award for rabbits in the junior di-



grand champion, Whitney Massingill had the reserve champion, and Mistie Herndon won the showmanship award.

In the rabbit division, Jerritt Meeks (from left) won the grand champion buck, Michelle Melancon won grand champion meat pen and reserve champion buck, William Clements won grand champion doe, Stefani Schuster won reserve champion meat pen, Duquesa Hunt won reserve champion doe, and Emily Petrosky won the junior division showmanship award.



In the lamb division, Lindsey Brotherton (from left) won grand champion finewool and the showmanship award, Beth Ballew won the grand champion crossbred, reserve champion finewool and the junior showmanship award, and Laura Lee Ballew won the reserve champion crossbred.

# **County Sheriff's Report**

## Monday, Jan. 18

Ora's Drive Inn reported that was near the location. He searched someone had left a hitchhiker at for a fire but did not find one. the bar. Chief of Police Ron Ring was dispatched to the scene.

burn, 61, of Coolidge, Ariz., was arrested for public intoxication by Chief Ring. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Washburn was released the following day served.

## Tuesday, Jan. 19

9:30 a.m., Francisco Javier arrested by Brackettville INS ofwas originally arrested in Dallas County and charged with delivering a controlled substance. He was object at the rear of Fort Clark. booked into the Kinney County

3:30 p.m., A burglary was reported at Fuentes Store on First Street. Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the scene. The subjects gained entrance to the store through the rear window of the north side. The case is still under investigation.

## Thursday, Jan. 21

10:14 a.m., Fire Department officials from Del Rio reported a grass fire on Highway 277. The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to the

smoke 15 miles east of Brackett- taken off of his truck. Chief Ring residence on W. Spring Street in

# Friday, Jan. 22

11:30 a.m., A Brackettville 8:40 p.m., Donald V. Wash- man reported that a utility pole woman requested assistance at her scene. The pole had fallen on to woman said she had been sexuafter being credited with time had damaged the chain-link fence. in Bandera and was fearfull the patched to the scene. Central Power and Light officials were notified.

residence in Unit 34. Sheriff L.K.

Jail where he is still being held. -Springs man reported that he was dence to insure that no one was missing two golf bag pull carts from his residence in Unit 1. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. The items were valued at \$100. The case is still under investigation.

> 4:27 p.m., A U.S. Border Patrol agent from Del Rio reported an abandoned vehicle on F.M. 2523 near the Edwards County line. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. The truck was off of the road.

## Saturday, Jan. 23

11:58 a.m., County Agent 11:10 p.m., A Kinney County Robert Elledge reported that a man reported that he could smell magnetic sign valued at \$20 was

8:16 p.m., An employee at ville. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie and Deputy Guidry were dispatched to the scene. They not locate the sign.

was down at the Little League residence on El Paso Street at the field. Deputy Sheriff Bobby housing projects. Chief Ring was Guidry was dispatched to the dispatched to the scene. The the southeast part of the field and ally assaulted the previous night man might come ! Brackettville. Ring verified the case with the that a beige car was driving reck-1:30 p.m., A Fort Clark Bandera County Sheriff's Depart-lessly on Highway 90 and ran off Salas-Gayton, 38, of Mexico was Springs woman reported that ment. The woman was taken to someone had stolen a 200-pound University Hospital in San Antoficers for probation violation. He cement pig from her yard at her nio where a rape test kit was used Wylie was dispatched to the scene. for evidence. The suspect is a 5-"Buddy" Burgess recovered the foot-7 man with a shaved head who is a resident of Seattle. Ring 2:30 p.m., A Fort Clark escorted the woman to her resiwaiting there for her.

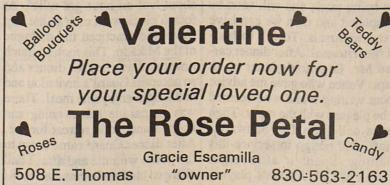
Sunday, Jan. 24

reference to a fight. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to searched the parking lot but could the scene. A man at the residence said the fight was over. No one 10:05 p.m., A Brackettville involved wanted to press charges.

7:07 a.m., A dispatcher from the Eagle Pass Police Department reported that a stolen white pickup from Eagle Pass was in the Pinto Creek on Highway 277. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar was dis-

4:01 p.m., A motorist reported the road approximately six miles west of Brackettville. Trooper

4:58 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported loud music near Gove and Thomas streets. Another citizen called about the loud music nine minutes later. Chief Ring was dispatched to the scene. He found a five-piece band play-1:11 a.m., A Brackettville ing at Thorn and Pafford streets. woman requested assistance at a The band agreed to turn down.



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# But I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall



# Who taught 'em to shoot?

for my own curiosity. How come have hit the gate in 57 tries. the bad guys all shoot so poorly?

crooks on TV can't hit anything. Don't misunderstand, I root for

the good guys. I am a fan of the much shrubbery, or whatever, men in white hats. I want to see there is in the way either. Heroes good triumph over evil. But why can shoot through forests, under can't desperados shoot straight?

gate, which covers roughly 2 per- and never miss. Ever! cent of his body, and yet when always fly from the gate!

Had our main man not been a bad guy. But I could be wrong.

I'd like to know something. Just there, I'd bet the felon could not

And what about the men of Yeah, I watch the movies. The valor? One shot easily dispatches the bad guy. One shot!

It makes no difference how water, over mountains, across The hero can be behind an iron entire continents, into next week,

If anyone ever fires a shot at fired upon by a criminal, sparks me (and I hope no one ever does), it is my sincerest desire that he's

Thanks for your help.

## **Telephone Grant**

more of a part of the commurequest and was rewarded five nity. cordless telephones for use at

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# County Project Show a success

The Project Show was a good one this year! There were stu-Making a Difference dent entries from Jones Elemen-By Taylor Stephenson, BISD Superintendent tary, Brackett Middle School and Brackett High School. 四言...

Courage of Texas

of Texas Tiger Organization.

where they try to help mentally

handicapped adults become

This past week, Albert

sored by Elizabeth Goebel.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to those teachers and students who worked up a project for the period. We are going to use the ter service projects phones to help with safety, techshow. We also had a group of adults that entered projects such with parents, and Alternative as art, food and craft exhibits.

School communication. Susan Veach was in charge of It will be an interesting the show. It's one of those asproject that is sponsored by the signments that she inherited as Nokia Corporation. They're a a result of her job of being my secretary. I tried to help get the Finnish company that is the largwheels back on the project est manufacturer of cordless telephones in the world.

Judges for the show and those assisting judges were: Susan Veach, Pat Callnan, Frances McMaster, Shirley Stephenson, Mary Stephenson, Jane Young, and Clarence and Irene Keddy.

I hope that others will step forward next year and keep this project going.

Susan Harrison wrote a grant BISD for a one-year period.

Lattimer, Donald Page and Kakine Breen won sixth place at 150 minutes of air time for each the regional contest for Star phone per month for a 12-month Events in the category of chap-

The high school students and nical support, communications their teacher will take this entry to state later in the school year. It was a first class presentation supported by computer technology. They were well received at the contest.

#### **Spring Sports**

One of the projects that takes lots of time in January is the preparation of the baseball and softball fields for the spring sea-We're proud of the Courage son. Richard Terrazas and his helpers, Manuel Madrid and These young people are part of Armando Sanchez, have re-Brackett ISD's local FHA, sponworked the infields at the two parks. Things will be just per-They have worked on a trefect when the teams begin pracmendous community service tice in a week or so. project since this past summer

Bob Young has been helping high school golfers get started with their practice while Coach Wilkins finishes up basketball season. We appreciate all of your help, Bob.

Reading Workshop sored a reading workshop for week.

parents this past Thursday. The attendance was superb! Early arrivals enjoyed a hot dog dinner along with the socialization with parents and school staff.

The reading workshop held in the library was excellent. The presenters were from Region 20 in San Antonio. A major thought was turning off the TV at night and encouraging young people to do more reading.

The workshop was a make-it and take-it hands on time. At the end of the workshop, parents had a better idea of how to encourage reading in the home. This is the number one skill that children need for success. Spend the time now to encourage reading at home.

That's about it for this week. The weather is warming and the days are getting longer.

We'll miss the Garland Armstrongs and Lee Herrons who are moving from Fort Clark this week.

Both couples have been actively involved in our community for many years. We'll miss you folks, and hope that you come back to visit often.

I hope you take the time to The elementary school spon- enjoy the outdoors. Have a great

# Briefs

## Old Quarry Society to host cabaret dinner

The Old Quarry Society will host its annual cabaret dinner on Saturday. This year's event will be held in the Cavalry Room at the Las Moras Restaurant. The event kicks off at 6 p.m. with a cash bar. Dinner will follow at 7 p.m. and the entertainment will begin at 8

Featured as entertainment are "Four Hits and a Miss," a musical group from Uvalde. The group is comprised of prominent businessmen and women, including Dr. John Barnes, Bryson Knowles, Emmett Harris, Don Friend and Toni Hull. Their music encompasses everything from gospel to old classics.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at the Adult Center at Fort Clark Springs. Seating will be limited.

# Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter has meeting

Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Molly Schroeder on last Monday for its regular meeting. Schroeder served frito pies with salad, rolls and desserts to Marge Geeze, Pat McKelvy, Bobbie Waddill, Doraline Kellar, Alicia Raymer, Luella Gilliland, Jean Land, Arlys Simpson, Clara McCord, Jan Chism, Mylo Unruh, Lynn McNew and Nancy Frerich.

Raymer, the group's president, led the opening ritual and conducted a short business meeting. Forms were handed out to members interested in entering the Beta cookbook contest. Each member voted on a Valentine sweetheart to be announced at the Valentine social on Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn in Del Rio.

Schroeder presented a program on "You and Your Environment, Stopping the Greenhouse Effect." After the program, all stood for Clark. the closing ritual and mizpah.

# Dowdy presents program on American music

Mary Dowdy presented a program on the history of American music during a recent meeting of the Uvalde chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) at the Holiday Inn.

The seventh and eighth grade essay contest winners and their mothers were introduced. All the schools in the area had been invited to participate in this contest and it was noted that there were no entries received from Brackettville. The essay topic was "A Naval Hero of the Early American Republic."

Attending from Brackettville were Woodie Hornburg, Hawkins Huey, Pat McKelvy, Woodie Frances Trotter and Agnes Vondy.

#### Francis Henry French was born In Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, FOOTSTEPSECH 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

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

1882, the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort

# Friday, Jan. 28, 1887

ter and papers from home and a Lunched at Gen. Smith's just an Preston now in the Sandwich Is- Mr. Edgerton's and a note to S letter from Chicago stating that the informal cup of tea and enjoyed price for restringing a racket was it. Then completed letter home \$2. Got mine from Hammond's and practiced some of the busihouse and shall have it repaired. Read the papers from home until noon. After lunch had usual learn to be more graceful. Wrote French class when more talking on letter to Lula and John until 5 was done than before. This exercise is very beneficial to us and I almost completed it after dinner think we are making good but had to stop to go to church. progress. Called on Dr. Harmer The music passed off all right. and Capt Godwin at Hewitt's but Escorted Miss Coleman home and they were out. They have come then sat in Capt. Vance's till tatin from Del Rio as witnesses before a general court. Then read to sit a while, but George nein "La Tulipe Noire" until time glected to fill my lamp this mornfor parade which occurred as ing and it soon went out. Retired board for signatures and then usual this evening. Cunningham early in consequence. called after dinner and then I spent the rest of the evening at a girls' dancing party over at the hop room and had a pleasant time. Escorted Miss Kauffman home. Read a chapter in the French book extreme left and was the last to before retiring.

Saturday, Jan. 29, 1887

but went over to the Commissary and got a large paper sack in for a first rehearsal and we ought to feel encouraged. The costumes dress rehearsals. Took a bath afo'clock at Col. Jordan's playing changed clothes we returned to his

# The Fort Clark Diames and Letters of Major General Francis Henry French Courtesy of his decendants Ives and had quite an enjoyable ing a long time, so that we were

evening. Read "La Tulipe Noire" afterwards.

## Sunday, Jan. 30, 1887.

Attended inspection as usual this morning. Mail brought a catalogue of sporting goods from the firm that is going to repair my Had usual target practice after the chapel and practiced with the Tulipe Noire." Mail today ness of my part in the Mikado with Ives. Feel like a stick and must o'clock, the new dinner hour, and too. Dr. Schwartzkopff came up

## Monday, Jan. 31, 1887

The monthly inspection this morning was in full dress for the Infantry battalion. It kept us out a long time as "E" Co. was on the be inspected. After completing inspection took pay accounts down Did not remain during the en- to the store and straightened out tire target practice this morning money matters there. Went over to town then with Capt. Vance to which tied up my racket and sent to pay the hired girl and to attend it by registered mail to Chicago to other business. Paid Commisto be restrung. Mail brought a let- sary and Quartermaster bills and ter from Lula and one from Mr. got Vedder to give me some paint Edgerton. To my great pleasure to paint Mrs. Guard's lamp he wrote a very kind reply prom- shades. Then read the papers in ising to ask the Sec'y. of War to the Library until lunch. Met on a retire Spencer. Was much grati- board of survey in regard to a fied to get this letter for was afraid deserter at one o'clock. This ought he would not like to grant my re- not to have taken a long time but quest. Worked all morning at the Taylor was on the board and dehall preparing the stage for the layed us a long time by his sense-Mikado. After lunch we had a less talk. Was very late at the rehearsal of the first act with the French class and had to leave soon orchestra. It was quite a success to go over to the hospital for a plaster as that pain had returned in my back. Put this on and in are being made and will soon be about half an hour got relief. At completed and then we can have four o'clock went over to the hop room and practiced the dialogue ter the rehearsal. After dinner car- of the Mikado. This took so much ried Mr. Edgerton's letter up to time that I was late for dinner and Capt. Vance who gave me advice so accepted Guard's invitation and about writing it and who seemed had a right enjoyable meal. There to be pleased with the reply. Then was no parade this evening and had a call from Dr. Schwartz- Capt. Vance took retreat for me. kopff. Did not go to service this After dinner Guard came down to

quite late at the evening rehearsal. It was better than any previous one, the first act only being practiced. Guard took tattoo for me. Escorted Miss Jordan home and then wrote to Mr. Edgerton to thank him, wrote up proceedings racket. Wrote on letter home un- of a board in a case of the detil 11 o'clock when went over to serter and read a chapter in "La closing some bolting cloth and a beautiful court plaster case. Gave the cloth to Ives to paint on.

#### Tuesday, Feb. 1, 1887 A misty rain prevented drill this

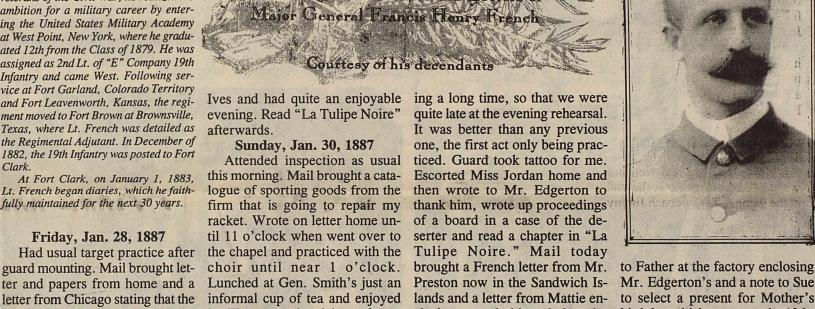
morning. Completed "La Tulipe

Noire" before breakfast. It has

been more interesting than I expected and quite easy. I have read it pretty thoroughly reading each chapter twice. This is my first French book to go through entirely. Must get at "L'Amour" and finish it. Took the proceedings around to other members of the practiced the Mikado at Capt. Vance's. After this practice went subscribe for a Cincinnati paper. over to the hall and helped to fix the stage. Looked over the papers in the Library but saw nothing of Spencer's retirement. Perhaps my letter to Mr. Edgerton thanking him for seeing the Sec'y of War mailed today, may induce him to fast and learned a great deal. enquire further into the case and make sure that Spencer is retired. After lunch tried to paint one of get a money order to send home Mrs. Guard's globes but could not do well and must let Ives mangal at Mrs. Guard's afterwards, of the afternoon at Mrs. It is very funny. After dinner escorted Miss Jordan and Mrs. Taylor over to the hall where the second act, music, was rehearsed. It went off much better than the first. Hewitt would not go to Gen. Took Miss Jordan home, Mrs. Smith's for some whist tonight, Taylor going with the Guards and commenced a long time ago, but listen to anything about the whist. French book.

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 1887

overcoats at guard mounting. cards with the girls and Ives and house where a caller kept us wait- After lunch wrote a private letter set in tonight.



birthday which comes on the 12th. Then finished "Mr. Isaacs," one of Crawford's novels. It is something different from most novels and keeps one's interest almost all the time. But I do not like the miracles he introduces at times nor his discussions on philosophical matters. It seems to me that the latter are out of place in a novel. Commenced Holmes' "Poet at the Breakfast Table." After dinner read and dozed until one o'clock when turned in. Was at dinner just before retreat when Officer of the Day visited the guard. Mail brought nothing but a request to Thursday, Feb. 3, 1887

This is the day for Roberts to start back. The Officer of the Day inspected about four o'clock; after which I slept until reveille. Studied the Mikado until break-Geary relieved me at guard mounting with Capt. Vance as Officer of the Day. Shaved and took a bath and then put on cit. clothes. No mail for me. Helped age. Then went up to Mrs. to fix up the stage for the Mikado Kauffman's to be measured for and then read the papers until my costume. Rehearsed a madri- lunch. After this meal spent most and then went down to the store Kauffman's having my costume for some more material which car- made. Went down to the store ried up to Mrs. Kauffman's. Sat twice for material and to the in Mrs. Guard's until four o'clock tailor's to have part of the first when accompanied them and Miss costume made. He is to have it Coleman over to the hall where all done by tomorrow night. Went the dialogue was gone over again. over to the hall after dinner with Ives to see how the stage looks lighted up and was very much pleased with it. Then went to Capt. Vance's to see if he and but he has had an official fight then read in "Mr. Isaacs," a book with the General and would not suspended on account of the Returned to quarters and then called at Capt. Hall's for a while and spent rest of evening at Gen. A heavy mist prevented drill Smith's practicing the Mikado this morning and necessitated with Miss Coleman. Walcutt evening. Spent it after eight the house with me and after I had Marched on guard. Wrote usual lieve Steele who will be here in letter home completing it by noon. about two weeks. A cold norther

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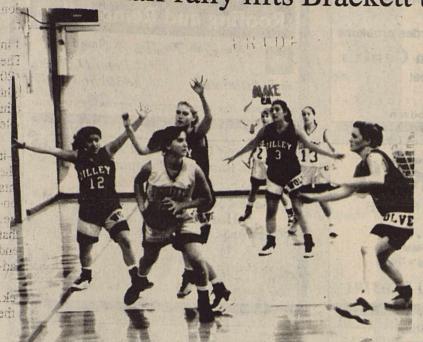
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# l'igerettes remain in race

Second half rally lifts Brackett to 54-44 win over Center Point



Lindsey Brotherton (with ball) looks for an opening in Dilley's defense during Friday's game. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

The Brackett Tigerettes remained in the District 30-2A playoff race Tuesday after picking up a 54-44 victory over Center Point.

In other conference games on Tuesday, Jourdanton thrashed Comfort 52-12 and Dilley defeated Natalia 52-34.

district advance to the playoffs. Comfort and Jourdanton are tied for the district lead at 5-1, Dilley the fourth quarter with a 16-4 is 4-2, Brackett is 3-3, Natalia is 1-5 and Center Point is 0-6.

The Tigerettes trailed 17-16 at halftime Tuesday before out-scoring the Lady Pirates 38-27 in the second half.

"It was a real important win they all are now," Brackett coach Gregg Nowlin said. "With three district losses, we can't afford

Center Point pulled within four at 48-44 as Amber Jay sank a trey with 24 seconds left. But Brackett made six of six free throws in the last 19 seconds, including four from Tricia Robinson and two by Jennifer Ashabranner.

Jay, a freshman, paced the The top three teams in each Lady Pirates with a 16-point performance.

> The Tigerettes took control in scoring run. Samantha Payne's free throw with 39 seconds remaining capped the spurt, giving Brackett a 47-40 advantage.

> Lindsey Brotherton scored a game-high 17 points for the Tigerettes. Robinson had 12 and Ashabranner finished with 11.

> Brackett will travel to Jourdanton tomorrow night and host Comfort on Tuesday. Tip-off is at 6:30.

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# Tigers edge Pirates, 61-58 Dilley loss moves Brackett into third place tie

Schiller Hill converted a threepoint play with 19 seconds left Tuesday night to lift the Brackett Tigers to a 61-58 victory over the Center Point Pirates.

Brackett moved into a tie for third place in the District 30-2A standings after Dilley lost to Natalia 39-34. In the other conference game, Comfort edged Jourdanton 40-38.

Comfort moved into first place in district with a 4-0 record, Dilley is 3-1. Brackett and Jourdanton are 2-2, Natalia is 1-3 and Center Point is 0-4.

The Tigers out-scored the Pirates 23-13 in the final period of Tuesday's contest.

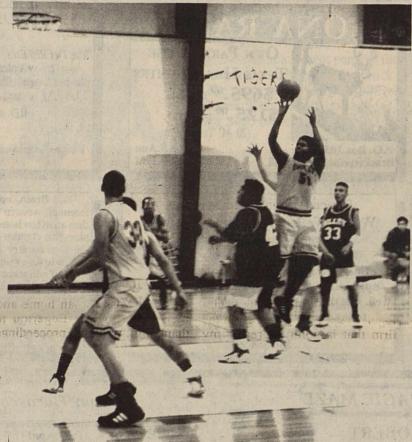
"We didn't play real well but we executed our press at the end of the game," Tigers coach Jimmy Thomas said. "It was a big win. It kept us in the playoff race."

Cody Jay's free throw with 1:29 left gave Center Point a 58-54 lead, but the Tigers closed the contest with a seven-point run.

Brackett's Coty Williams scored twice on fast breaks, including one three-point play, as the Tigers pulled within one at 58-57 with 1:04 remaining.

drew a foul and then added a free shots from the charity stripe. throw to give the Tigers a 60-58 lead with 19 seconds left.

On their next possession, the seconds left to secure the win. Pirates put up a trey but missed rebound.



Brackett forward Coty Williams (50) puts up a jump shot as Steven Hagler (30) blocks out. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Hill drew a foul with seven sec-Hill drove the lane and scored, onds left and made one of two

Matt Smallwood then intercepted an inbound pass with two Williams had 10.

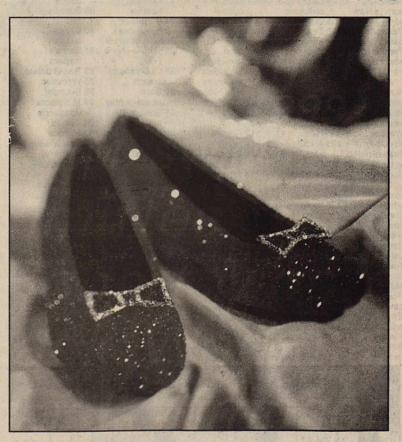
game-high 23 points.

"Offensively, Matt played real well," Thomas said. "He did a good job of leading our offense." Hill finished with 14 points and

Brackett will travel to Smallwood, a senior point Jourdanton tomorrow night and and Phillip Juarez grabbed the guard, paced the Tigers with a then host Comfort on Tuesday. Both games begin at 8 p.m.

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## Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Someone you haven't heard from or seen in a while suddenly re-enters your life. However, your significant other isn't too happy about this. Try

to exercise sensitivity. TAURUS (April 20 May 20) Good news arrives about a certain business venture. Bigwigs are still being congratulatory toward you. A friend comes to you with an odd request

concerning money this weekend. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your tendency to worry is in full bloom. Try to take better care of yourself. The mental torture you are putting yourself through can be quite

hazardous to your health. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Something you've been working on for some time reaches fruition this week. Enjoy that feeling of accomplishment and pride. You've earned a

good pat on the back. LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good week to stress originality and to take the initiative on certain projects. It seems everything goes pretty much your way. Romance is not favored this weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're chugging along at work, but you can't seem to get anything substantial done. Perhaps it's time to consider a vacation. Financial developments are positive. LIBRA (September 23 to October

22) Planning a getaway for the weekend is favored. Those in love should make it a point to be open and spontaneous with each other. A family matter arises over the weekend. SCORPIO (October 23 to

November 21) If you're looking for a

change on the home front, it's a good



week to follow up on leads. Real estate matters are favored. Socializing should take a back seat. this weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You receive a rather intriguing social invitation. A loved one has an unexpected, happy surprise for you later this week. Don't allow yourself to be delayed for an appointment. CAPRICORN (December 22 to

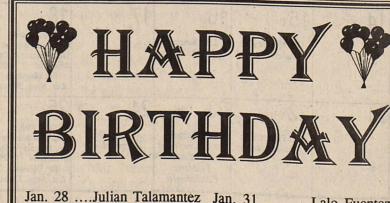
January 19) Developments on the job-

this week could include a new assign-

ments, a promotion, or even a raise in salary. In general, business is favored. A feeling of loneliness is temporary. AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A partner comes to you with an innovative idea. It's well worth listening to this. Any social

plans you make will be strictly spontaneous this weekend. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The financial news you receive is music to your ears. New chances arise on the job for success and additional income. It's not a good idea to spend your weekend worrying over

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# Love for God serves as an anchor to the soul and gives peace for life

By Rev. Joe Townsend Frontier Baptist Church

for the ages. His exhortation: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God."

He spoke the truth that love for God would stability, peace and confidence for life.

When Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden," he was offering help in the heavy loads of normal life.

and leave them there.

When he posed the question: "What is a When Jesus spoke his message, he spoke man profited if he gain the whole world and lose his soul?" he challenged all mankind to more than all the armies of Europe. evaluate the true importance of his soul.

serve as an anchor to the soul. Such love gives answer is apparent, the soul of the vilest person is important enough for Jesus to die on for his children when life is over. the cross for that soul.

not faint," It was the hours spent in prayer by He invites all who are burdened to bring John Wesley that led to breaking the strangle

their burdens to him at the foot of the cross of the Church of England on England and the

The prayers of John Knox led Mary, Queen of Scots to say "I fear the prayers of John Knox

Jesus said, "In my house are many man-When one truly examines this question the sions ... I go to prepare a place for you." He was giving assurance that there is a better place

There will be another message from the Jesus said, "Men ought always to pray and Bible Sunday at 11 a.m. at Frontier Baptist

Come and see.

# Readings from Corinthians

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

"Grace be to you, and peace, from God, our Father, and from tion. the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort,

"Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them who are in any trouble, by the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted of God.

Christ abound in us, so our con-Christ.

"And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing that, as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consola-

"For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even life.

"But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raiseth the dead.

"Who delivered us from so "For as the sufferings of great a death, and doth deliver; in whom we trust that he will solation also aboundeth by yet deliver us," 2 Corinthians 1:2-5; 7-10. Praise the Lord!

# Tips for making God wants you to your life matter

Submitted by

St. Mary Magdalene Church

This is the second of a twopart series.

from the book "On the Anvil" by Max Lucando:

"I will not let past failures is scarred with mistakes, I refuse to rummage through my trash heap of failures.

"I will admit them. I will cor- make a difference." rect them. I will press on. Victoriously. No failure is fatal. It's okay to fail ... I will rise again. Today I will make a difference.

"I will spend time with those I love. My spouse, my children, my family. A man can own the love. A man can own nothing and yet be wealthy in relation-

"Today I will spent time with the significant people in my This is continuing a quote world. Minutes of talking and hugging and thanking and listening. haunt me. Even though my life Minutes spent with my mate, children and friends. Today I will

> world. Minutes of talking and hugging and thanking and listening. Minutes spent with my mate, children and friends. Today I will make a difference."

Please join us at St Mary world but be poor for lack of Magdalene Catholic Church as we commit to responding positively to the challenge of makships.

"Today I will spent time with make every day count so that it will matter that we were here!

# wear 'cool threads'

By Pastor Charolette Corey **Gateway Ministries** 

"Those are cool threads, dude!" is a phrase you will sometimes hear our youth speak in reference to liking the clothes another person is wearing. Well, God wants you to put on "cool threads"

What you wear now, on this earth, will influence what you wear in heaven. This is in reference to your "spiritual clothes," not your earthly clothes.

God tells us in Colossians 3:12-14 to put on "bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; forbeara quarrel against any: even as Romans 6:6-7). Christ forgave you, so also do ye. fectness.'

"The Message" by Eugene H. in hope, walk in love.

Peterson, where it says: "Dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even tempered, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it."

I don't think any of us would dig up a dead man and put on his rags and call it "cool threads."

In the same way, God tells us to "put off the old man with his deeds; and put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that creing one another, if any man have ated him," (Colossians 3:9-10,

Remember to first put on "the And above all these things put on armour of light" (Romans 13:12, charity, which is the bond of per- Ephesians 6:11-18) in such a way to be a fashion statement for Jesus I like the contemporary render- Christ who lives within you. Arise, ing of this passage in the book shine in '99. Stand in faith, rest

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# College-educated women are more likely to protect their unborn babies from birth defects

Women with higher education are more likely to take a vitamin containing folic acid than those with a high school diploma or less, according to a study recently completed by the Texas Department of Health.

looked at women's awareness of folic acid and the prevention of neural tube defects (NTDs). It also asked whether or not the women took is the absence of a brain. supplements containing folic acid.

many cases of neural tube defects could be prevented if women who are capable of bearing children took folic acid, a B vitamin commonly found in multivitamin supplements and highly fortified cereals.

that the United States Food and Drug Administration now requires that enriched grain products be fortified with a low level of folic acid.

Although many women start taking a prenatal vitamin when they find they are pregnant, this does not help prevent neural tube defects.

"The neural tube closes very early in preg- acid?" nancy, within three to four weeks after conception," said Mark Canfield, Ph.D., director of the Texas Birth Defects Monitoring the national figure reported in a March of Division. "This means that to prevent neural tube defects, folic acid must be taken before a woman conceives.

that about half of all pregnancies are unplanned, so most women are not focusing on being in optimal health for pregnancy."

In Texas, more than 350 babies are born The 1997 Texas Women's Health Survey with neural tube defects every year. These defects can include spina bifida (an opening or defect of the spine) and anencephaly, which

Anencephaly is marked by the incomplete Researchers have known for years that development of the skull bones and a partially or completely absent brain. The effects on children can range from mild physical impairment to complete paralysis to certain death in the lower daily folic acid supplement use, comcase of anencephaly.

As many as one-half of these could be pre-So solid is the scientific evidence of this vented if all women received at least 0.4 milligrams (400 micrograms) of folic acid every day before becoming pregnant and in the first few months of pregnancy.

In the telephone survey of nearly 1,300 Texas women, interviewers with the Texas Birth Defects Research Center asked: "Have

A total of 66 percent of Texas women responded that they had, which is the same as Dimes 1997 Gallup Poll.

However, less than 15 percent knew that they should take it before pregnancy, and only

"This situation is complicated by the fact 16 percent knew that folic acid can prevent birth defects.

Women also answered the question: "Do you currently take any vitamin or mineral supplements on a daily basis?"

A total of 42 percent said that they currently take some type of vitamin or mineral supplements on a daily basis. This is also similar to the national estimate (45 percent).

When asked whether or not the supplements they took actually contained folic acid, however, only 33 percent said that they did.

African-Americans and Hispanics reported pared with whites.

When taking education levels into account, however, a somewhat different picture

Women who had not graduated from high school were less likely to take folic acid than their more educated counterparts, whatever their race or ethnic group.

Among women who had only completed you ever heard or read anything about folic high school, whites were more likely to take folic acid. And the rate of Hispanic women taking folic acid was quite a bit higher among those who had finished college.

Although there were some differences found in the responses between ethnic groups, these differences were not evident among women who had completed college.

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You have to take this rebellious young person by the hand when possible, and by the hair when necessary, and guide him into the parents, drank beer with his dad

right path. He won't like it much. He will fight, kick, and scream just like you did. You will want to give up and say, "OK, do it your way and see what it gets you!"

Don't do it. That is a desertion of your duties, an abandonment of your responsibilities, and when he or she makes a horrible mistake and ends up in really serious I didn't think so. trouble, you will be just as respon-

sible as your child. vied when you were younger! Inght thing. The love of a parent and the view whose party ou know - the ones whose party of Jesus. Give them both!

smoked cigarettes in front of his on Saturday night.

Think back on those individuals and try to remember how many of them are now successful adults. If my experience is any criteria you will find most are just as they were then - undisciplined, unruly, and often living by menial labor, making just enough to get by. Is that what you want for your child?

are never sure, not 100 percent for it. All of them but one were ple as your child.

Remember those kids you enRemember those kids you enright thing. You don't want to a question: Do you think the world the laws of all, they need love

wanted, the guy who always more than it does them. But chilstayed out late on school nights, dren need guidance and discipline.

It is not a natural thing for a person to exercise self-discipline. A person of more knowledge and experience must teach it. That's you! The word discipline is the English root for the disciple, and we all, I hope, know how the word disciple is used in the Bible. It is used as a descriptive for a group of people who followed an unpopular way of life.

It was difficult for those disciples to break with popular opin-Being a parent isn't easy. You ion and they were severely treated

You'd better believe it!

So when your child says, "all the other kids are doing it," just remember those 12 breakers-withtradition and stand your ground.

Teach your kids what is right. Don't cave in to the temptation to take the easy route. Also remember, though, what it was like when you were that age. How difficult it was for you and how you hated the uncertainty of the future. How you felt out of control.

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NOTICE OF FINAL Public Hearing: The City of Spofford has completed it's Water Transmission Line Project, of which 100% or 417,660.00 was funded by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Texas Community Development Program Project number 714831. The project consisted of the construction of a water transmission line from the City of Brackettville to the City of Spofford's ground water storage tank. A public hearing to review and receive comments on the program performance including the actual use of funds will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 1999 at the Spofford City Hall. All citizens and interested groups are invited to attend and comment on this matter. Those persons unable to attend the public hearing may submit views to the Honorable J.B. Herndon, Mayor, City of Spofford, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday though Friday, or mail them to: Hon. J.B. Herndon, Mayor, City of Spofford, P.O. Box 1541, Spofford, Texas 78873. Accommodations will be made available terpreter will be provided for nonenglish speaking persons by contacting 830-563-2046, prior to the

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: The Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board is accepting proposals from qualified vendors for the development of a Vendor List for Consultant Services for Program Planning/Design of Workforce Programs such as, but not limited to JTPA and Welfare to Work. Services will be contracted on an "as needed basis." The Deadline for sub-mission of RFP #011599-008 is February 8, 1999 at 4:00 p.m. at the following address: Middle Rio Grande Development Council, 307 W. Nopal Street, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834. Bid packets may be obtained by contacting Gloria Perez, CPM Department, at VOICE or TDD telephone 830/876-3533. The Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. The Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all propos-

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