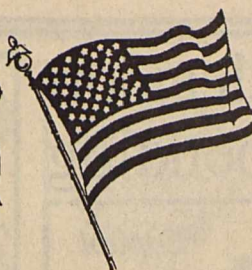


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RGEC to host blood drive on Wednesday

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative (RGEC) is combining efforts with South Texas Blood & Tissue Center for their annual blood drive Wednesday afternoon.

The blood drive will be held at RGEC, located on Highway 90 and Highway 131, in the lineman's room between 1 and 4:30 p.m.

Anyone between the ages of 17 and 72, who weighs at least 110 pounds and is in good general health may donate blood.

All donors will receive a free cholesterol test and a mini-physical consisting of blood pressure, iron level, pulse and temperature check.

The South Texas Blood & Tissue Center must provide 300 pints of blood daily to 80 hospitals and clinics in 43 South Texas counties.

The South Texas Blood & Tissue Center asks all donors to present some form of identification before beginning the donation process.

Proper identification should include the donor's name plus one of the following: date of birth, Social Security number, or photo identification.

For more information or to make an appointment, contact Karen Bizzell or Trish Taylor at 563-2444.

Judge attends seminar

Judge John Ford was certified at the recent 40-hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held last month in Austin.

The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, which has headquarters at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

The seminar is held in January for all newly elected justices of the peace so they can fulfill their continuing judicial education requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code.

The seminar addressed topics such as judicial ethics, contempt, criminal and civil jurisdiction and venue, trial procedure, truancy, traffic laws, magistrate duties, juvenile laws, rules of evidence, search warrants, family violence, media relations, landlord and tenant law, and inquests.

Computer club meets

A local computer club will host an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. Friday night at Slaton Hall on James Street in Brackettville.



Fort Clark Springs Director Bob Burkepile (right) presents a portrait of Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright painted by Don Huebner to General Manager Jim Heath. Huebner donated the painting to the association. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Teachers with masters to receive higher pay

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

In an effort to encourage teachers to continue their education, the Brackett School Board voted last month to pay stipends to teachers with master's degrees.

The School Board is expected to hear the first reading of the policy Monday night at its February meeting, which begins at 6:30.

"I think the teaching staff would see it as a great incentive to start taking some classes," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "Particularly with distance learning, we might even have a course here. Anytime they're meeting together and working for improvement, I think it's going to improve the district."

Stephenson said the recommendation to pay stipends to teachers with master's degrees was initiated by the district's site base committee.

"To me, this is more of an incentive for the teachers to get some more education, not necessarily to attract teachers here in a certain field," School Board President Lloyd Lee Davis said. "To me, it's more of an incentive for our teachers that are here already."

Teachers with master's degrees will receive a \$1,000 stipend per school year.

"Right now, we have very few teachers with master's degrees," Stephenson said. "When you first start it, I think it will be a minimal cost. But later on, it probably would amount to some dollars."

The School Board also agreed to pay \$750 stipends to teachers with 24 hours or more towards a master's degree and \$500 for teachers with 12 hours or more.

"Obviously, all school systems have some teachers that are stagnant," Trustee Steve LaMascus said. "This might be enough incentive for them."

"Right now, the greatest need is just to get them moving again," the superintendent said. "By having something in the middle for 12 hours effective for the next school year, that would get our staff to moving towards renewed education and perhaps a higher percentage going back."

Officials agreed in principle that the hours toward a master's degree would have to apply to the teacher's classroom subject.

"Obviously, it would have to be a certification that's of use to the school," Davis said. "If somebody is certified to teach French, we don't offer that. It should be something that ties to teaching your classroom (subject)."

"Some people might just want to take some college courses. They may get credit that is totally

unrelated to their teaching field or anything they can teach just because they like to take additional courses, but that doesn't necessarily mean that it doesn't allow them to provide some kind of enrichment in those areas in their classes."

Most likely, the graduate hours taken will have to be approved by administrators. The topic is expected to be addressed in the proposed policy.

"The master's degree should be in your teaching field or it should be a teaching field that would be supplementary to what we have," Stephenson said. "Or it could be a course in teaching methods that would be approved by administration."

The superintendent also recommended that a master's degree for mid-management and counseling also be considered for stipends.

"If you ever wanted someone local to move to one of the principal's positions, you would have to go somewhere else to find them," Stephenson said.

"This summer, we had a lot of difficulty finding a counselor. If somebody wanted to go into counseling, these are skills that relate to education."

The stipends are for teachers only and do not effect administrators, whose salaries are set by the School Board.

Kinney County receives state disaster relief grant

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) Tuesday announced the awarding of \$295,456 in disaster relief grants from the Texas Community Development Program to Edwards and Kinney counties.

Gov. George W. Bush amended his Aug. 26, 1998 disaster proclamation to include six additional counties, two of which were Edwards and Kinney.

"In addition to the disaster proclamation, the governor also requested and secured the federal declaration needed to ensure that these counties received the same federal relief and recovery assistance that was made available to Del Rio and Val Verde County," said recently appointed TDHCA Executive Director Daisy Stiner.

"The grants from our department will allow the reconstruction process to begin immediately in the areas hardest hit by the violent storms of last summer," she added.

The grants will assist the counties in meeting the 25 percent match toward the Federal Emergency Management Agency grant - a public assistance grant which reimburses a locality for 75 percent of damages to infrastructure - and will be utilized for the reconstruction of county roads and water crossings damaged by the August 1998 storms.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is Texas' lead agency responsible for affordable housing, community development and community assistance programs, and regulation of the state's manufactured housing industry.

TDHCA annually administers funds in excess of \$490 million, the overwhelming majority of which is derived from mortgage revenue bond financing and refinancing, federal grants, and federal tax credits.



First grade students at Jones Elementary celebrated the 100th day of school last week. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

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Chuck Hall

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Shriner hospitals

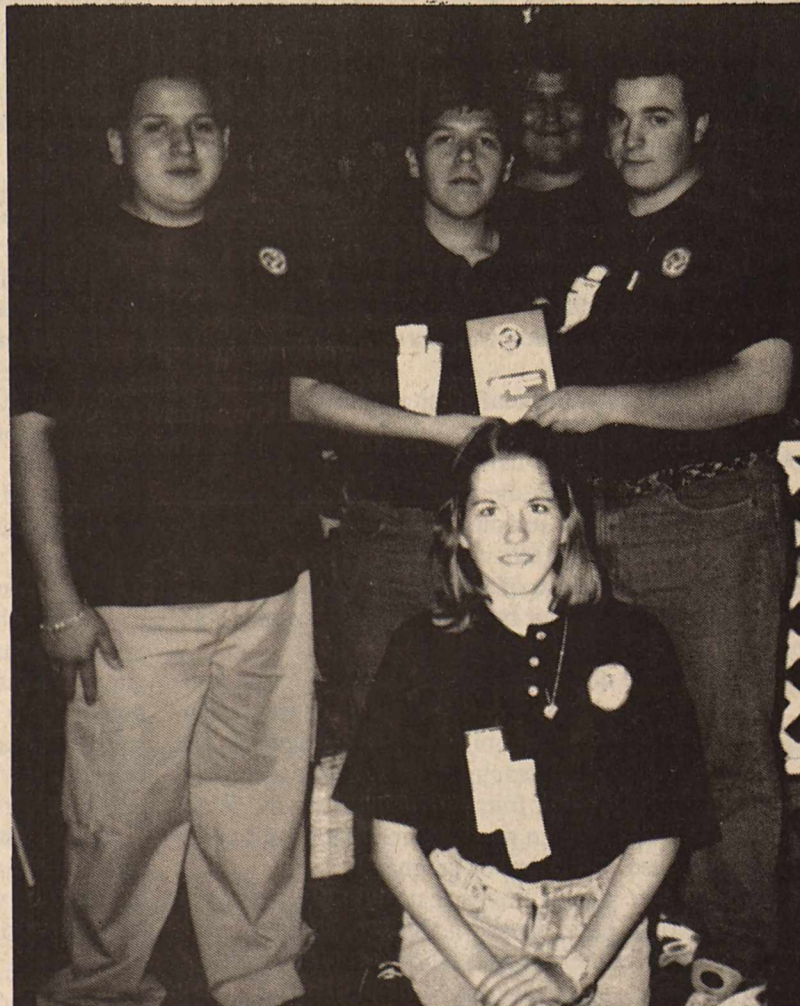
Jim Runyan discussed Shriner hospitals during last Thursday's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting at Las Moras Restaurant.

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Members of Courage of the Texas Tigers Chapter of Brackett FHA are Leonard Sandoval (standing, from left), Kakine Breen, Albert Lattimer, Donald Page and Theresa Ryan (kneeling).

BHS students qualify for FHA's state competition

The Courage of the Texas Tigers Chapter of Brackett Future Homemakers of America (FHA) have qualified for FHA's state competition in Corpus Christi on April 22.

The group of local students won sixth place at the regional contest for Star Events in the category of chapter service projects.

"The kids did a great job," said Elizabeth Goebel, Brackett's FHA sponsor. "They were just delighted."

Chapter officers who made the presentation were Donald Page, president; Kakine Breen, vice president; and Albert Lattimer, vice president of technology.

"They used a power point presentation," Goebel said. "I think that was good because nobody else did that. It was a unique part of their presentation."

Theresa Ryan and Leonard Sandoval worked as time keepers and door monitors during the competition. Others who helped with the project were Sarah Gammill, Kyle Ingram, Josh Mulvaine and

"The kids did a great job. They were just delighted."

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Melony Terrazas, Deborah Cortez and Cynthia Cruz contributed in the initial stages of the project.

"We're proud of the Courage of Texas Tiger organization," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "They have worked on a tremendous community service project since this past summer where they try to help mentally handicapped adults become more of a part of the community. It was a first class presentation supported by computer technology. They were well received at the contest."

There were 1,600 students at the regional conference, which featured 150 projects presented by 430 participants.

The group will be raising funds between now and April to help pay for the trip to the state competition.

Ballots out for FCS election

Ballots for the Fort Clark Springs election will be mailed out tomorrow.

Seven candidates will vie for three seats on the association's Board of Directors.

Three members of the Board of Directors are seeking reelection - Elizabeth "Betty" Gibbs, David Gonzalez and Santos Yerenia.

Other board candidates include Ella Mae Chambers, Robert Moore, Herb Senne, Jack Simpson and Jack Workman.

The Fort Clark Board of Directors approved the ballots and candidate resumes during its January meeting.

Fort Clark's Certification Committee announced that 560 of the association's 4,369 members are not in good standing, so 3,809 will be sent out.

Election results will be announced at the association's annual meeting on March 27.

Texans have many ideas on how to cut federal spending

Last summer this column included a list of questions seeking readers' opinions about issues currently in the forefront of public debate.

As has been the case in previous years, your answers were overwhelming, and I would like to thank The Brackett News for allowing me to communicate with you this way.

The fourth question on this year's list dealt with federal spending priorities:

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

This was one of those questions that readers seemed to most enjoy answering. Here are some of your responses:

From Pettus: "I say start with foreign aid and welfare."

From Brownwood: "Quit spending defense money on areas of the world where we have no national interest."

From Alvin: "First let us see if the cuts that have been made in spending are going to be effective. If they are only a short-term fix to get us through an election, and three to five years from now we have another deficit, the current plan will be a failure ... Cut the free handouts to foreigners. Some of them hate us but Congress gives them money anyway."

From San Antonio: "Federal parks should have to pay their own way."

From Alvin: "There still is a lot of waste in the federal government. It must adopt the principals of private industry and be more accountable."



Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

From Comfort: "I think the government could get by on way fewer employees."

From Atlanta: "Quit subsidizing flood insurance for those who repeatedly get washed out, then rebuild in the same place. Why should I pay for their stupidity?"

From Boerne: "Do away with federal school assistance. This is a matter for the state to handle."

From Dallas: "Not another federal dime for bilingual education."

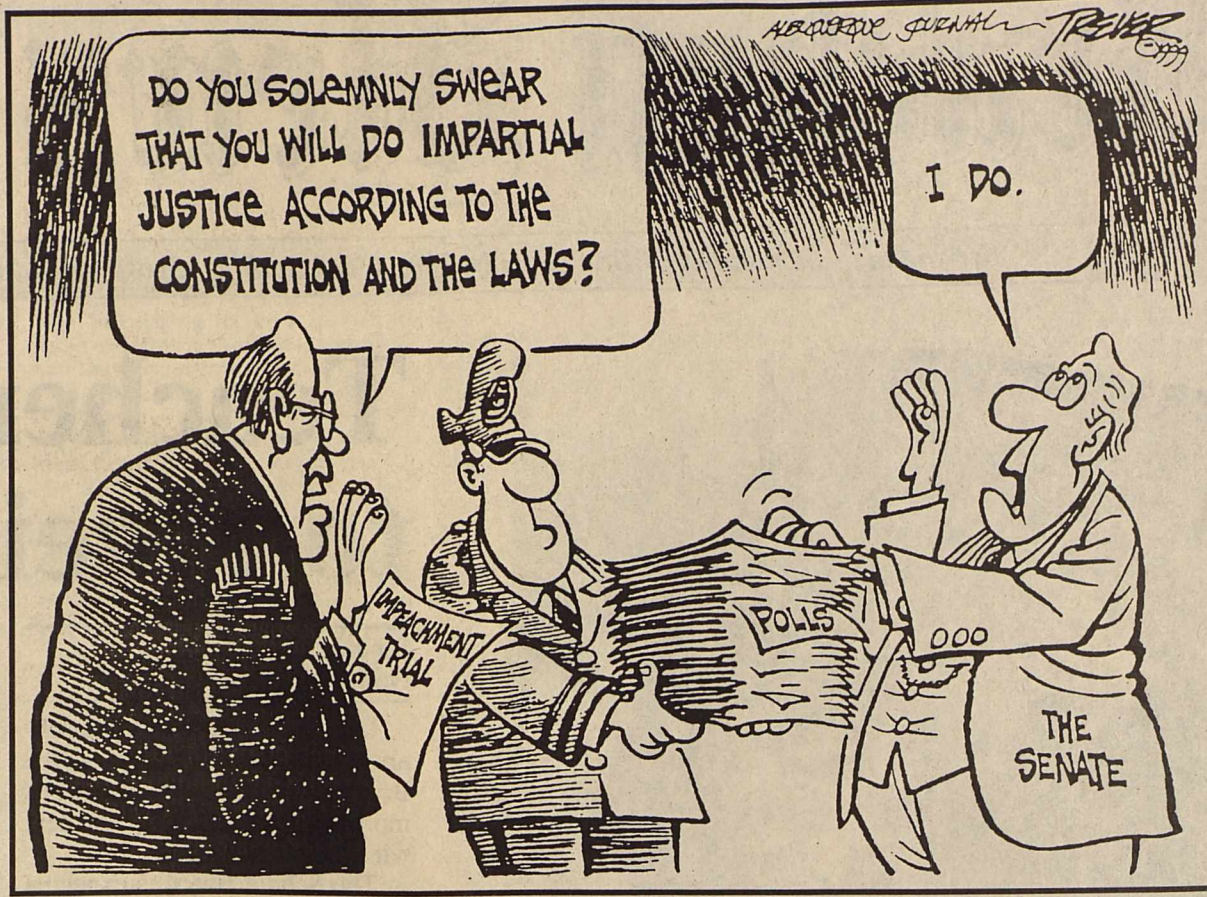
From San Antonio: "Quit paying Social Security to people who don't live in this country. And don't let aliens bring their grandparents here and enroll then in SSI (Supplemental Security Insurance)."

From Waxahachie: "No more aid to drug-producing countries. And stop sending the military to interfere in other countries' civil wars."

But several writers thought enough cuts have been made.

From Rockwall: "As far as I am concerned, no more areas need to be cut."

As for me, when the budget process resumes again in 1999, my priorities will remain the same. I will support federal spending on essentials such as our national defense but will fight to keep the hard-won balanced budget - with a surplus that we achieved in 1994.



Pope shouldn't interfere with American politics

In the middle ages, most of Europe was under the heel of the church. The church controlled all prosecutions.

Indeed, if one wanted to kill another, he could go to the church and pay for an indulgence and then go kill the person with impunity.

This reprehensible relation between the church and the state led in a large part to the doctrine and determination of separation of church and state.

This relationship was recently violated by the pope of the Catholic Church and the governor of Missouri.

A man who brutally murdered three people, including a child, was sentenced to death. All appeals were exhausted and, after more than 10 years, his time had run out. He was to be executed the day the pope went into St. Louis.

Being informed of the execution, the pope leaned on Gov. Carnahan who set aside the death penalty.

I have mixed emotions about blaming the pope. After all, his action was in keeping with his concept of his authority.

If he doesn't believe in capital punishment, that is his prerogative. After all, he is not disturbed

By Joe Townsend

with one who refuses to defy the legal system to bow to a man who is a visiting alien.

After all, the governor said, "The pope didn't address specifics of Mease's case ... After consideration of his direct and personal appeal and because of a deep and abiding respect for the pontiff and all he represents, I decided last night to grant his request."

It all adds up to the fact that the governor is running for the U.S. Senate and feels he can capitalize on the visit of the pope and gain support of Catholics in Missouri to gain votes.

Little does he realize that he alienated many people who believe in America and don't want to surrender to errant demands of outsiders.

After all, the pope has attempted to do the same things in other cases, but was rebuffed by governors who didn't want to surrender to an outsider who has no legitimate reason to interfere in a nation not his own.

All of the excuses offered by the governor rattle like an errant bell.

All Missourians who love America and her judicial system to be consistent will turn Carnahan out of the office and replace him

The 'Three Amigos' of Texas agriculture

By Henry Bonilla
U.S. Congressman, District 23

The rest of the country could learn a lot about agriculture from Texas producers, because in Texas, we just about have it all.

You name it and it's grown somewhere in Texas, with few exceptions. From grapes and mohair to pecans and cattle, farmers and ranchers in Texas produce it.

We're number one in the production of cattle, wool, cotton and mohair. And now, we're number one on the House Agriculture Committee.

Between Congressman Larry Combest, the new chairman of the Agriculture Committee, and Charlie Stenholm, the committee's ranking Democrat, the challenges, and problems Texas producers face are heard loud and clear in Washington.

The combination of Combest and Stenholm is great news for Texas producers. It's been decades since the top two members of the House Agriculture Committee have been from the same state. And this is the first time in history the Agriculture Committee leaders are from neighboring districts.

The House Appropriations Committee, which funds the federal government, has an entire subcommittee devoted to agriculture. As the only Texan on the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, I work closely with Larry and Charlie. As friends, we work well together.

We are the 'Three Amigos' of Texas agriculture, and are dedicated to making sure that the needs and concerns of Texas producers are heard.

For example, last June, when the drought was plaguing producers, we joined forces in urging Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman to streamline the disaster declaration process.

We also have help from our neighbor to the west, Congressman Joe Skeen of New Mexico. Joe chairs the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. Joe and I work closely together to ensure agriculture remains a priority in Washington budget battles.

American agriculture is the best in the world. Together, we in Congress will continue to fight to make sure our producers have the tools they need to continue providing America and the world with inexpensive and abundant food.

Big Mama Sez!

We love the things we love for what they are.

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What has happened to pride and ethics?

By Steven R. LaMascus
Contributing Writer

I take pride in what I do. If that is a sin then I am guilty, but I don't think that kind of pride is a sin. As a matter of fact, I think pride in your work is necessary. I also think pride in the way you live, the way you conduct your life, the way you raise your family is necessary.

I see the result of a lack of pride each day. If a person has no pride they also have very little self-respect. This translates directly into a lack of respect for others. This has reached the proportions of an epidemic in today's society.

How many times have you gone to a store and had trouble finding someone to wait on you?

Have you ever gone to a restaurant and had poor or incompetent service? Have you had work done lately that was less than satisfactory, downright shoddy?

If you have problems with a company and have to call them to get things straightened out, how often does the person who says, "I'll call you right back" actually do so?

Ever have anyone just not show up for an appointment? No call to tell you they weren't going to make it, no explanations. You sit all afternoon waiting for this person when you could be working.

Does that show respect for you or your valuable time? This mostly, if not all, stems from a lack of pride in their jobs and a lack of self-respect.

In order for a person to do something to the best of his ability, he must want to do it. If a person has a job that he does not think is important, he only has one other reason to do the job - self-respect.

He will do a good job because it reflects on him as a person. If he has no self-respect, he doesn't care if the job gets done and performs only well enough to keep from getting fired - maybe.

He will goof off every chance he gets, show

no respect to his customers, be rude, crude and socially unacceptable.

He will not dress well, his personal hygiene will be deplorable, his attitude toward others will be one of either indifference or outright hostility. We see this daily in the workplace and in our schools.

The words "yes, sir" are practically nonexistent in today's youth. Instead of the respectful "yes, ma'am" of the past you hear, at best, "yeah" and at worst a string of profanity. I want to know why! I also want to know why we have to accept this.

This gives rise to another endangered species - ethics. It seems that ethics have taken a real whipping in the last 20 years. At one time, the word meant something good and just and noble.

A person who had ethics was respected, revered, looked up to, emulated by youth of the community. He was usually elected to high office. He held positions of authority. He was trusted.

Today, the same man is considered a right-wing fanatic. If he dislikes foul language, he is a prude. If he mentions God or Jesus except as curses, he is a wild-eyed religious fanatic. Why, people? Why?

Well, I'll tell you why, apathy. We have lost our sense of indignation. We don't have strength of our beliefs. We don't want to "get involved."

We don't want to say anything to the foul-mouthed guy sitting next to us at the restaurant because it might "cause a scene." The fact that he is teaching our children a colorful vocabulary of four letter words is OK. We'll tell them when we get home that it isn't polite to use "that kind of language."

We accept things that 20 or 30 years ago would have caused a fight and which I personally feel are still worth fighting against.

We have not only lost our innocence, we have lost the ability to grieve for it. We don't even realize what a great loss it is. I don't know whether I want to cry or scream in anger and frustration.

It is a vicious circle. Apathy breeds Lack of Pride who gives birth to No Respect who murders Ethics. The inbreeding of these ills saps the strength of the nation and causes ... What? Crime? Terrorism?

Yes! And lawless teen gangs, drive-by shootings, poor workmanship, morally bankrupt leaders, schools handcuffed by senseless regulations, frivolous lawsuits, insurance fraud, welfare fraud, higher jobless rates, parents afraid to discipline their children, and who knows what else, ad nauseam.

Come on people. It is time to start caring. Don't let your children watch that television show that is so funny and makes the great jokes about the stupid parents being manipulated by their brilliant and wise but morally void children.

Don't let them listen to the music that advocates kicking in someone's face, or shooting the police officer, or any other hate crime.

Pay attention, parents, to the entertainment your children are involved with. It will probably shock you. It did me!

When your kid says that really cute four-letter word don't giggle, smack him. Then hug him, tell him you love him, and explain why you smacked him.

Turn off that TV and talk. Communicate with your family.

Tell that boorish lout at the next table that you and your family don't appreciate his language and ask him to quit. Stand up for your beliefs.

If you want America back in the hands of people who care, it is you and I who must take the first steps. It has to start somewhere.

One of the ladies my family and I go to church with said something the other day that hit me as so very true. It was not that I hadn't heard it before, it was the context.

We were talking about these very things when she quoted an old country song, "You've got to stand for something, or you'll fall for anything."

Do you want America to stand or fall? It's your choice.

Obituaries Local school district to offer computer classes

Foreman

Daniel C. Foreman passed from this life on Feb. 3, 1999 at Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio. He was born June 16, 1920.

Funeral services are pending with Del Rio Funeral Home, dba Brackettville Funeral Home, 114 North Street.

Taunt

Marjorie Leona Taunt, 79, of Fort Clark Springs passed away Feb. 3, 1999 at Uvalde Memorial Hospital. She was born April 18, 1919 in Flynt, Mich.

Taunt is survived by her husband, John, who she married Oct. 4, 1941 in Flynt, Mich.

She is also survived by her daughter, Christine Ann Taunt of Brackettville; her son, John Leon Taunt of Seguin, Texas; and five grandsons.

Taunt will be cremated.

Brackett ISD will offer computer classes beginning next week. Frank Taylor, technology director, will teach the classes which will last for three weeks.

A beginning class for adults who are just starting to use computers and the Internet will begin at 5:30 on Thursday nights.

The advanced classes for those who use the Internet and have knowledge of the computer will be held at 7 p.m.

Three sessions will be held at no cost to the participants. The first night of classes will be Thursday, Feb. 11.

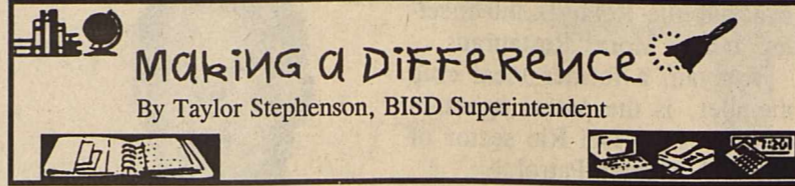
Those interested in taking the classes should call Susan Veach, superintendent's secretary, at 563-2491, Ext. 1 and register.

New Building
The new high school building is beginning to take shape. The building has been closed in so weather is not a major factor in the building schedule.

The outside walls will be plastered and the finish will look like the existing agriculture building and high school annex. Colors should also be the same as these buildings.

During the past month, the work has been primarily inside with the laying of interior cinder block walls, plumbing and electrical work.

The architect makes regular inspections and he has a very com-



petent staff of engineers who review mechanical, electrical and structural aspects of the building.

Enrollment
Our schools continue to grow at BISD. We are completely out of classroom space now. That means that we can continue to put students into existing classrooms, but growth beyond that could not be housed.

We're doing fine with our plan, and the classrooms will be ready in time.

At the end of January, we had 682 students enrolled. On Oct. 2, we had 627.

The new facility will be complete in late May. We will spend the summer getting furniture moved and classrooms set up.

Next school year, the existing high school will house students in grades five and six. Jones Elementary through fourth grade. The Middle School will include grades seven and eight. Brackett high school will include the new building and the existing high school annex.

Special Month
February is a good month at school. We can learn about and

celebrate Groundhog Day, Lincoln's birthday, Washington's birthday, and Valentine's Day. Teachers enjoy this month because of the special days.

I don't know if the groundhog should be on the same level as the other special events, but it's important to folks who believe in winter ending or being stretched out as a result of the groundhog seeing its shadow.

My mother would always tell the little Stephenson children about the groundhog. We will check closely to see if you could see your own shadow.

Board Meeting
The School Board meeting will be held on Monday. It seems to be early, yet it is the second Monday of the month.

The public is always welcome to attend. The meeting time is 6:30 p.m. in the board room located at the Central Office.

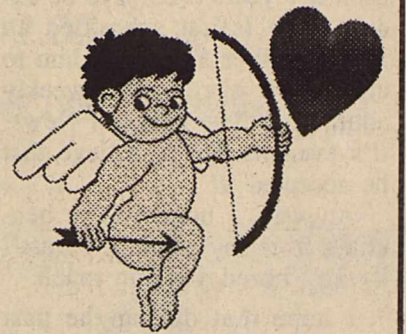
That's it for now. While walking this past week, I noticed a few blooming verberna and saw a yellow glow in the Huisache trees. Robins are everywhere. The purple martins can't be far away. Have a great week!



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LAS MORAS MASONIC LODGE meets the 2nd Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m. School of Instruction meets every Monday at 7:00 p.m. Visiting Brothers are Welcome

Agents seize over \$1 million in marijuana

EAGLE PASS - U.S. Border Patrol agents from the Eagle Pass station seized 1,459.70 pounds of marijuana in five separate incidents on Monday and Tuesday of last week.

The marijuana was valued at \$1,169,320.

In another incident on Friday, agents from the Eagle Pass station seized 104 ounces of black tar heroin along the Rio Grande River, approximately five miles west of the Eagle Pass Port of Entry.

The heroin was valued at \$2,704,000.

All of the marijuana and heroin was turned over to the Multi-Agency Drug Task Force in Eagle Pass.

Teachers form local ATPE chapter

AUSTIN - A group of Brackett ISD educators was granted a charter by the Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) to form a local unit.

The newly elected officers for the Brackett chapter of ATPE include Dee Curry, president; Monica White, vice president; Pam Melancon, secretary; and Candy Bader, treasurer.

The group joins more than 559 school districts statewide that have an ATPE chapter.

The association's current priorities include improving educators benefits by seeking legislative support for its 1998-99 Legislative Program.

During this legislative session, ATPE members will address educator issues and concerns such as teacher salaries, vouchers, class size, health insurance, and teacher retirement.

With more than 93,000 members, ATPE is the largest educators' group in Texas.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, Jan. 25

12:45 p.m., A Brackettville man requested assistance at his residence on Edwards Street. Chief Ring was dispatched to the scene. The man said that he was being threatened by four or five Hondurans who were in a horse pen at his neighbor's residence. He said the men were calling him names and threatening to kill him and take his body to Mexico. Ring was unable to find anybody near the horse pens. The man said that it might have been the medication his doctor gave him. Ring was dispatched to the scene again at 6:30 p.m., but found nothing.

Tuesday, Jan. 26

10:20 a.m., DPS Trooper Tony Ashley reported that a 1984 Ford Mustang was in a dangerous location in the westbound lane on Highway 90, east of Brackettville near Fritter Park. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was dispatched to the scene. The vehicle was towed by ABC Wrecker Service of Brackettville.

10:35 a.m., A city employee requested that Deputy Guidry accompany him to a residence on the corner of Ross and Thorn streets. The subjects had an open fire in the yard and Guidry explained that a city ordinance does not allow open burns. They agreed to put the fire out.

1:46 p.m., A Texas Department of Transportation employee reported a two-vehicle accident on Highway 90, west of Brackettville. Trooper Ashley, Deputy Guidry, Kinney County EMS, the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department, and ABC Wrecker Service of Brackettville were all dispatched to the scene.

Thursday, Jan. 28

12:51 a.m., A Brackettville man reported loud music on W. Thomas Street. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He spoke to a woman who agreed to turn the music down. He was dispatched to the scene again at 2 a.m. The man said the woman was cursing and calling him names because he reported the loud mu-

sic. The woman was warned that if she continued to disturb the peace she would be arrested.

4:00 p.m., Martin Guantes, 34, of San Antonio was arrested by Trooper Ashley on outstanding DPS warrants for speeding and failure to appear. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Guantes was released Jan. 31 after being credited with serving four days.

6:02 p.m., An employee at the Kinney County Public Library reported that a young man was causing a disturbance. Chief of Police Ron Ring was dispatched to the scene.

Friday, Jan. 29

10:00 a.m., An employee at the Brackettville Housing Authority reported that four dogs and one cat had been poisoned at one of the housing complexes. The woman wanted to know what type of poison was used but the bodies of the animals had all been cremated. She stated that she would file charges if the subject was found. The case is still under investigation.

2:50 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that someone stole her wallet while she was at work. The wallet was valued at \$100. The case is still under investigation.

Saturday, Jan. 30

8:40 a.m., A Val Verde County Sheriff's Department official said that a 1990 Ford pickup reported abandoned on F.M. 2523 close to the Edwards County line on Jan. 22 was a stolen vehicle from Corpus Christi. The vehicle was towed from the scene by ABC Wrecker Service of Brackettville.

1:05 p.m., A Miller Lite employee reported that a girl stole an 18 pack of beer from the truck while it was parked at Conrad's Trading Post on Ann Street. Chief Ring was dispatched to the scene. The case is still under investigation.

5:39 p.m., Maxie Odell Morgan, 51, of Brackettville was arrested by Trooper Ashley and charged with possession of drug

paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Morgan was released Feb. 2 after being credited with serving four days.

11:26 p.m., Smith Security officials requested assistance in reference to a woman who refused to leave the Fort Clark Springs bar. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene and escorted the woman from the bar.

Sunday, Jan. 31

2:09 p.m., An employee at Brackett ISD reported vandalism at the school's gymnasium. Chief Ring was dispatched to the scene. A rear window on the man's 1999 Dodge pickup truck had been broken. The estimated replacement cost is \$100. Ring found no evidence of anything being thrown through the window.

7:45 p.m., A burglary was reported at a Kinney County ranch located on F.M. 1572. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. Items missing from the ranch house included a 223 rifle valued at \$700, a 22 rifle valued at \$100, large kitchen knife valued at \$5, a Rambo-type knife valued at \$18, a watch valued at \$45, and a large amount of canned food and soda valued at \$30. The case is still under investigation.

8:26 p.m., A Brackettville man reported loud music near the Masonic Cemetery. Chief Ring was dispatched to the scene. He found three adults sitting on the tailgate of a pickup listening to the radio. They said that they had just arrived but saw several vehicles leaving the area.

Monday, Feb. 1

4:52 p.m., Chief Ring was dispatched to Super S Foods where he met with a store employee and a representative with Rug Doctor. They had found a carpet steam cleaner missing. It was last returned from rental on Nov. 20. On Dec. 14, the representative noticed it was missing then, but chose not to make a report at that time. The steam carpet cleaner is valued at \$700. The case is still under investigation.

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But I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall



It's been two full years

It's hard to believe that it's been two years (Feb. 6 to be exact) since I first submitted an article to Wes and asked him to consider it worthy of a weekly addition to The Brackett News. It's even harder to believe that he accepted it!

Anyway, I hope you've benefited from my column. I trust I haven't bored you too much.

I hope that during the past year I have been able to bring an idea to your head, a thought to your mind, a smile to your lips, a chuckle to your heart, or a warm glowing feeling somewhere deep inside of you.

I have tried to keep the subject short, light and still meaningful. I hope that I haven't failed.

I want you to enjoy reading my stuff as much as I enjoy writing it.

During the next year, I will do even better. Future submissions will be of Nobel quality. Folks from far and wide will simply marvel and be amazed.

I will present such fine work that you won't believe it. I won't even believe it. The Brackett News will triple my salary. But I could be wrong!

■ Editor's note: Yeah, right!

Curilla presents program on movies made at Fort Clark

Richard Curilla from Alamo Village presented a program on movies made at Fort Clark at last Saturday's Fort Clark Historical Society meeting, which was attended by about 70 members and guests.

Curilla, a movie-maker and Alamo historian, told the story of how Happy Shahan went to Hollywood back in the early '50s and got the movie studios interested in making movies at Fort Clark and at other locations in and around Brackettville.

He illustrated the talk with video clips from the many movies which have used Fort Clark scenes and facilities.

The presentation called attention to the familiar locations around the fort used in movies

and identified the many famous actors and actresses who appeared in these movies.

"The consensus of the attendees was that this was one of the best programs the society has ever had," Historical Society President Frank Cheaney said.

Cheaney announced that Lee Lincoln, the curator of the Whitehead Museum in Del Rio, will be the speaker at the group's Feb. 27 meeting. She will discuss the history of Val Verde County.

The monthly meetings, September through May, are held in the Palisado Building at 10 a.m. on the fourth Saturday, with coffee, donuts and fellowship beginning at 9:30. Members and guests are welcome.

Briefs ...

Group celebrates Confederates Heroes Day

The District VI Texas Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy celebrated "Texas Confederate Heroes Day" last month in Bishop's Chapel at Camp Mabry in Austin.

Sons of the Confederacy and Children of the Confederacy joined in the inspirational program. Dr. Kent Reilly spoke on "Science & Heroism in the Confederacy: The Ordeal & Triumphs of Matthew F. Maury."

Following the program, a reception was held at the Texas Military Forces Museum followed by a tour. Among the museum exhibits was one depicting the role of Texas in the war between the States. Also in prominence was the history of the 112th Cavalry which served at Fort Clark when they relieved the 5th Cavalry in the 1940s.

Eight members of the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter No. 2060 attended the memorial celebration, including Pat McKelvey of Brackettville.

Three local students honored at Texas A&M

COLLEGE STATION - Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 1998 fall semester, and three Kinney County residents were among the several thousand students recognized for outstanding academic performance.

Brandy Brotherton, a senior animal science major, and Patrick Melancon, a senior management major, were both named to the Dean's Honor Roll, which recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period.

J. Wayne Ballew, a freshman petroleum engineering major, was named a distinguished student. That award recognizes students who earn a 3.25 to 3.75 grade point ratio while taking at least 15 hours.

Brackett students make SWTJC Honor Roll

UNVALDE - Eight Brackettville residents were among 248 students who qualified for the Dean's Honor Roll at Southwest Texas Junior College during the 1998 fall semester, announced Gloria A. Rivera, the dean of instructional services.

Jason G. Gammill, Francisca D. Garza, Marie M. Hepline, Amanda K. Meek, Christina M. Meek, Kelley J. Meyer, Beatrice E. Smith, and Laura J. Woodson were among the 248 students that were selected from a total of 1,723 full-time students that were enrolled during the junior college's fall semester.

In order for students to make the honor roll, they must have been enrolled in at least 12 semester hours and achieved a grade point average of 3.6 or higher, according to Rivera.

Duplicate Bridge Club attracts six tables

The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club attracted six tables at its last two meetings at the Adult Center.

Fred and Nita Clayton won the north-south division on Tuesday, Jan. 26, while Ella Chambers and Sara Richhart were second, and Bob Barnett and Doc Harber finished third. In the east-west division, Mona Miller and Dena Scott claimed first place, Mary Edgar and Nancy O'Brien were second, and Carol Benfield and Molly Schroeder took third.

On Jan. 19, Mac and Marie McCandles won the north-south division, Fred and Nita Clayton were second, and Diane Daniels and Kay Roberts finished third. In the east-west division, Mary Edgar and Nancy O'Brien won first, Ann Legg and Evelyn Whitely were second, and Joyce Ambler and Jeanette Hinton took third.

String quartet performs in Eagle Pass Friday

The Fairmont String Quartet will perform selections by Schubert, Haydn and Janacek tomorrow at 8 p.m. on the stage of the Aztec Theater in downtown Eagle Pass.

Pre-sale tickets are available for \$5 per adult and \$3 per student at the Chamber of Commerce and the Eagle Pass Public Library. For more information, call (830) 757-9437 or (830) 773-8570.

Runyan discusses Shriner hospitals

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Jim Runyan discussed Shriner hospitals during last Thursday's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting at Las Moras Restaurant.

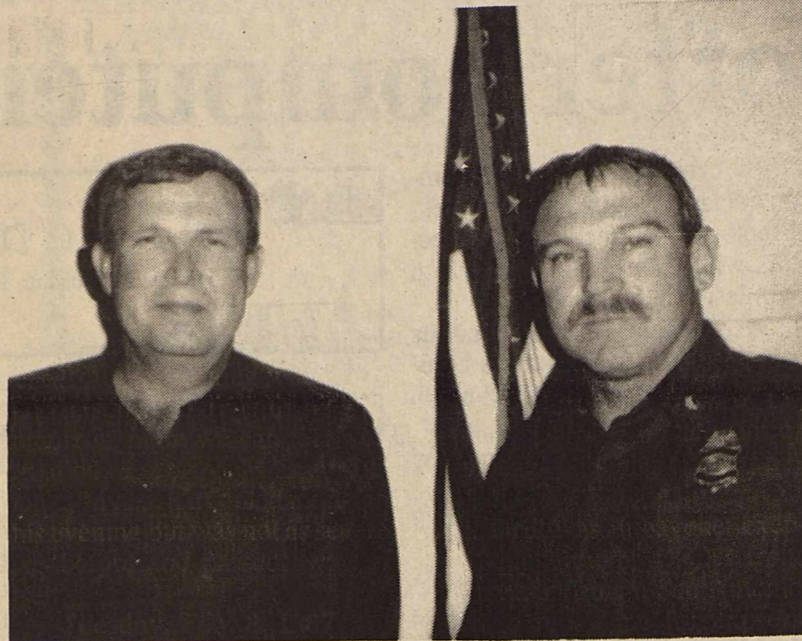
Runyan, a former local club member, is the patrol agent in charge of the Del Rio sector of the U.S. Border Patrol.

In spite of the responsibilities accompanying his job, Runyan is dedicated to community service. He is president of the Del Rio Rotary Club and also a devoted member of the Shrine Club.

Runyan began his talk by describing his puzzlement at the "funny looking hats" he saw both his father and grandfather wear as members of the Shriners.

Only when he was much older did Runyan realize the significance of the Shriners' organization and the worth of service it performs.

Shriners raise money, and build and operate hospitals nationwide to treat children who have serious health problems as well as provide various kinds of



Jim Runyan (left) is welcomed to the Rotary Club meeting by David Moody, program chairman. Photo by Eric McMaster

rehabilitation. They provide expensive and specialized treatment for children whose families may not be able to afford, or even find, such excellent treatment.

Receiving exceptionally proficient treatment early in life, or soon after an injury occurs is an invaluable service to these small patients.

This may well be a matter of life or death. At the least, the quality of their life will definitely be improved.

This is available to children with birth defects, such as spina bifida, and injuries such as severe burns and spinal chord injuries.

The Shriners also provide for emotional well being. One type

of rehabilitation project, for instance, is like a small town. Patients who have acquired physical disabilities can learn to operate in such facilities as a bank, a market and movie theater instead of being thrust back into society.

Most of the original research in treatment of burns was done by the Shriners.

The U.S. Army uses their methods, and these are also shared with other medical facilities.

Much research has been done in spinal chord injuries also.

The Shriners have an analysis laboratory which is one of the best in the world. Focus is on any kind of disorders involving movement. They study how muscles react to stimulation and cause movement.

Runyan became a Demolay when he was still in high school. He joined the Shriners in 1977.

Shriner organizations are located in North America. If you know of a child who needs medical help, just talk to a Shriner. They are ready to be of help.

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Major General Francis Henry French

Courtesy of his descendants

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, Feb. 4, 1887

It was quite cold this morning preventing drill. The sleet froze on the ground and at breakfast it was still freezing. Mail brought the regular letter and bundle of papers from home. Read the latter until 11 o'clock when went to Mrs. Kauffman's to try on second costume. Went to the tailor's to see how first costume was progressing and then to store for more material which carried up to Mrs. Kauffman's, and remained there until lunch to have costume fitted. After lunch had usual French lesson at Capt. Vance's and then read the papers in the Library. Witnessed some clothing rolls at the company just before retreat. Escorted Miss Jordan and her sister to the hall to rehearse. Went through the whole piece tonight but some men of the orchestra had been drinking and they played poorly, so that we did not do well. After the rehearsal Miss Coleman and I went over to Mrs. Guard's and practiced different things until midnight. Feel that this has been very beneficial to me. Learned a great deal of the "business" part of the opera. Capt. Vance took tattoo for me tonight.

Saturday, Feb. 5, 1887

Dr. Harris came up from Duncan last night en route to Ringgold where he has been ordered, and was at the mess for breakfast. Was very glad to see him. Mail brought a letter from Lula, from Mrs. Hall and a receipted bill for the tights. Read the papers in the hall and helped to work on the stage until noon. After lunch accompanied the Hammonds over to the hall and spent most of the afternoon there rehearsing. We went through the entire piece dialogue and all, and were more successful than at any previous practice although not yet perfect. Ives announced that the piece would be given Tuesday evening. Think he is too early but shall not say anything. Gen. Smith was over and seemed to enjoy the piece. We are to have a dress rehearsal on Monday evening. Took my tights to the tailor to be repaired and was measured for my sandals. Read the papers from home after retreat and then spent rest of evening at Guard's practicing parts of the Mikado. Had on second costume part of the time. Escorted Miss Coleman,

who was also practicing, home and then read home papers.

Sunday, Feb. 6, 1887

Inspection was in overcoats this morning on account of the damp weather. Mail had nothing for me today. Wrote on home letter until about eleven o'clock, when went over to hall to practice with the choir for tonight. After lunch completed letter and commenced one to Lula and John but did not have time to finish it before dinner. Wrote on it after dinner and had a short call from Hewitt. Attended service as usual in the evening and had a right good sermon without any jokes. The Chaplain preaches very well, but he usually spoils a good sermon by putting in it two or three jokes. Miss Coleman was tired out and unable to be present; so we did not sing any voluntary. Escorted Miss Jordan home and then sat in Capt. Vance's until tattoo. Read a chapter in the Bible and dozed afterwards.

Monday, Feb. 7, 1887

Took reveille as Guard was on guard and then prepared Lula's letter to be mailed. No drill on account of the wet weather. Mail brought a letter from home and a bill from a store in town. Went to tailor and shoemaker in the morning to see about costume for the Mikado and then carried part of dress to Mrs. Hammond's to be completed and worked rest of morning at Capt. Fechet's preparing mandolin for the play. After lunch completed this and then went to Mrs. Hammond's where she helped me to cover it with gilt and silver paper. Went over to town then to get some material and paid bill at Roach's and express charges for a package for Walcutt. Got my tights on the way back and then went to Mrs. Guard's a moment. Had dress parade this evening. After dinner went up to Capt. Vance's a short time and then had all my costume carried over to hall. We had a full dress rehearsal this evening which was quite a success. If we do as well tomorrow night we can feel well satisfied. Escorted Miss Jordan home. My back troubled me again this evening but was not as severe as before and passed away of itself.

Tuesday, Feb. 8, 1887

Had company skirmish drill this morning but it was interrupted by rain when about half through. After breakfast was surprised to see Roberts out on the porch. He came last night and went over to a boarding place in town instead of coming here. He looks about as usual. Was very glad to see him, and arranged for him to stay with me. Mail had nothing for me

this morning. Spent the morning in getting things ready for tonight.

Carried tights to the tailor to be completed and was measured for a pair of sandals. Also helped work on the stage a little and looked over the Library papers but did not find Spencer's retirement. After lunch went to the hall a few moments and then to shoemaker's and got sandals. Spent rest of afternoon in quarters with Roberts & callers and in preparing for tonight. Capt. Vance took retreat. Cut off moustache after dinner and put on cit clothes and then went to Mrs. Guard's who fixed my hair and face for the opera. This is the first time have shaved off moustache since leaving West Point; feel strange without it. After finishing at Mrs. Guard's went over to Library and dressed there and then took the part of Nanki Poo in the opera of the "Mikado." [Program in Guardhouse Museum Collection] Made a few trifling errors but got through without any serious mistake. Ives & Guard forgot a little of their songs but the thing was a grand success on the whole. Everybody in the audience was pleased. Expected to be very much frightened but did not feel so at all. Am very glad it was so successful. They want to have another performance soon. Dressed at the Library leaving clothes over there in case of another performance and walked back with Guard and wife, both of whom did very well. The honors lay with Miss Coleman and Guard. Was very glad that the former did so well as she has worked very hard. Hewitt called after the performance and was quite complimentary. Had to work a long time afterwards to get the paint off my face and head. Dr. Pope, wife and three small boys came last night and are staying temporarily at the mess. They seem like very pleasant people. He is to be post surgeon.

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 1887

Dreaded to go in front of the men this morning on account of my moustache being off, but put on a bold face and got through all right. Drill was in bayonet exercise. Mail brought a letter from Walcutt enclosing a San Antonio check to repay me for express charges and to pay for his dictionary holder. Went over to town to get a postal order to pay latter, and then paid shoemaker for sandals and had hair cut. Went to the Library to see about things pertaining to the Mikado. Guard came in for a while after lunch and played cards. Then wrote usual letter home enclosing money order to pay hired girl. Bought this



several days ago but have neglected to send it home. Also wrote to Keil & Brother enclosing the postal order for the dictionary holder. In the evening called for a while on Mrs. Guard who was talking with me about a small party she wants to give. Then called on Mr. Masters, Mrs. Remington's father who has been visiting here for some time but Mikado has prevented me from calling before. Found him quite an agreeable gentleman. Then went down to the store where Ives had invited all the officers to drink champagne in honor of his promotion. Went up to Gen. Smith's to call on Miss Coleman later on but found nobody at home. Wanted to congratulate her on her success as Katisha last evening as there has not been a word of criticism about her performing & singing, nothing but praise. Sat in Col. Jordan's until tattoo and after the call went to Hammond's for about an hour.

Thursday, Feb. 10, 1887

The drill this morning was a battalion skirmish drill and went through all right. After guard mounting went down to the printers and got some extra copies of the programme of Tuesday's performance and then went to the store to get some matches. Went into Hammond's then to leave some of the programmes after pasting one in my scrap book [Scrapbook page in Guardhouse Museum Collection], and then we marked out the tennis court. After lunch beat him a set and enjoyed the exercise a great deal! The time for running the trains has been changed and now they pass Spofford Junction during the day, a big improvement. The mail does not come in until afternoon which is not so convenient as before. It brought me nothing today. Had a short rehearsal at four o'clock as the Mikado is to be repeated tomorrow night and after this walked home with Miss Coleman. After dinner callers on Roberts kept us in quarters until near tattoo when we went up to Cunningham's for a while. Called after tattoo on Dr. and Mrs. Pope and stayed quite a while. They have not selected quarters but are camping in the house vacated by Eckerson.

Briefs ...

Shaw wins first flight in golf league action

Cyndi Shaw won the first flight and Gwen Ladd was second Tuesday during Ladies Golf League action at the Fort Clark Springs golf course.

Jackie Marrs won the second flight, while Carol Benfield and Fern Dyer tied for second. The third flight was won by Marge Maderick, and Barb Miller and Sheri White tied for second. Ann Malin took first in the fourth flight and Camille Neil was second. Orlene Alvis won the fifth flight and Joyce Williamson was second.

In Couples League action last Thursday, three teams tied for first place in the A flight. The teams of Green-Miller, Malin-Peters, and Smith-Stephenson all posted scores of 60.

The team of Boucher-White won the B flight with a 62. The teams of Darling-Maderick-Nikolai and Ebert-Marrs tied for second as each shot a 63.

The Daniels-Mayberry team shot a 65 to win the C flight. The teams of Barnett-Roberts-Schlatterer, Burkepile-Buscher-Horning, and Dillahunt-Strother each shot a 68 to tie for second.

J.V. Tigerettes fall short against Comfort

Comfort outscored Brackett 10-2 in the second half Tuesday as the Deer defeated the Tigerettes 20-8 in junior varsity basketball action.

Comfort led 4-1 after the opening stanza and then went up 10-6 at halftime.

B'Ann Gomez led the Tigerettes with five points. Helen Flores scored two and Susannah Davis made a free throw.

On Friday, Brackett dropped a 21-15 decision to the Jourdanton Squaws on the road.

Flores, Gomez and Erica Meyer all have five points against Jourdanton, Cuddy De Los Santos scored two, and Davis added one.

Brackett teams come up short against Comfort

By J.J. Guidry Sports Editor

Brackett lost a double-header to Comfort in District 30-2A basketball action last night.

The Deer put together a 10-3 run in the second half en route to a 35-24 win over the Tigerettes.

"I thought we played alright, we were just outmatched," Brackett coach Gregg Nowlin said. "We blocked out real well, but Comfort's girls were more physical down low."

The Tigerettes pulled within three at 22-19 with 4:55 left in the third period on a three-point play from Duquesa Hunt, but the Deer pulled away with a 10-3 spurt.

Brittany Terrell capped the run with a turnaround jumper with 2:40 remaining for a 32-22 advantage. She finished with a game-high 18 points.

Hunt and Lindsey Brotherton each had six points for Brackett, Jamie Bader scored four, Tricia Robinson had three, Queta Garza and Samantha Payne each scored two, and Laura Lee Ballew added one.

In other conference games on Tuesday, Dilley defeated Center Point 44-34 and Jourdanton routed Natalia 56-31.

Comfort and Jourdanton are tied for the district lead at 7-1, Dilley is 5-3, Brackett is 3-5, and Center Point and Natalia are both 1-7.

Brackett hosts Natalia on Friday and travels to Dilley on Tuesday. If the Tigerettes win out and Dilley loses to Jourdanton Friday, the two teams will have a playoff for the third playoff spot.

"A lot of things are out of our hands, but we still have an outside chance of making the playoffs," Nowlin said.

In Tuesday's finale, the Bobcats picked up a 38-20 victory af-



Brackett center Steven Hagler (30) puts up a shot against Dilley. Hagler and the Tigers will be looking for a win against the Wolves on Tuesday night. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

ter outscoring the Tigers 17-6 in the final period.

Brackett played a slow-down game and it worked through three quarters. But Comfort made two big runs late to pull away.

"We did what we had to do in order to give ourselves a shot at winning," Tigers coach Jimmy Thomas said. "Comfort is real talented. We knew we couldn't run with them."

Schiller Hill paced Brackett with eight points, Jacob Hughes had six, Matt Smallwood scored four, and Coty Williams had two.

In other league games on Tuesday, Natalia surprised Jourdanton 52-48 and Dilley defeated Center Point 68-57.

Comfort leads the pack with a 6-0 conference record, Dilley is 4-2, Jourdanton and Natalia are 3-3, Brackett is 2-4, and Center Point is 0-6.

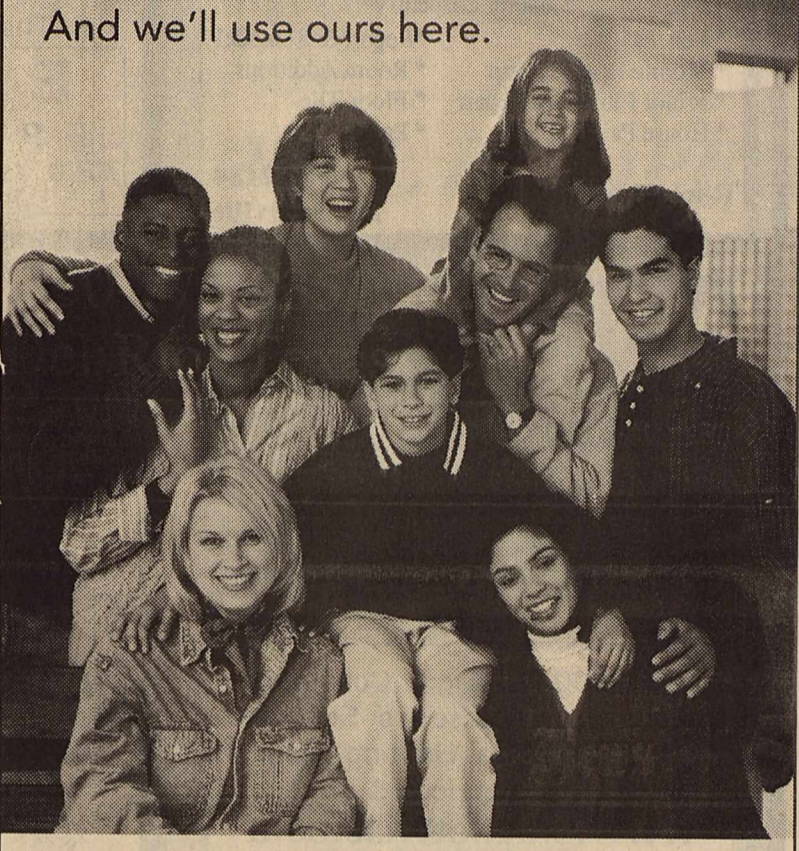
The Tigers host Natalia Friday and travel to Dilley on Tuesday. Both games begin at 8 p.m.

"We've got to win on Friday," Thomas said. "It's a must-win game if we want to stay in playoff contention."

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OUTDOORS

A look at field notes from Texas game wardens

AUSTIN - Following are some excerpts from recent field reports filed by Texas game wardens.

It's a boat, no it's a car ...

The Midland Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) Law Enforcement office received a telephone call from a couple asking how to register a six-wheel ATV.

When they were advised to contact the Department of Motor Vehicles about titling the vehicle, the woman informed the office personnel that she was planning to drive it into the lake and fish from it.

After further investigation, it was discovered that the vehicle was amphibious and could, indeed, float on the water.

Eventually, it was determined that the ATV should be registered and titled through TPW so that TX numbers could be issued.

Here come da judge ...

A Gray County game warden received a call in November about shots fired from a roadway.

At the location, he met a deputy along with the husband and wife landowners who had reported the violation.

They had apprehended a father and one of his sons, with another son hiding in the brush.

After some coaxing from the father, the other son soon appeared and led everyone to the doe they had shot.

Upon returning to the warden's vehicle, the father noted how mad "the lady landowner" seemed to be and asked what would happen.

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

The warden explained that they would have to go see the judge.

Now sounding worried, the father asked, "Well, how bad do you think it's going to be?"

The warden calmly stated that he thought it was going to be pretty bad.

"Why is that?" the father asked.

The warden replied, "Because 'that lady' is the judge."

Rude behavior not tolerated ...

During the opening weekend of deer season, a Travis County warden was called to respond to a hunter harassment complaint.

The person doing the harassing was able to see a deer blind and deer feeder from his house.

When he would see deer at the feeder, he would jump in his car, drive around honking his horn, discharge fireworks, whistle loudly, and anything else that would scare the deer away.

The warden tried to persuade the guy to stop the harassment, but to no avail.

A case was filed against the man for the harassment of a person while hunting.

You don't look like granny ...

A Lufkin man was cited for hunting under the license of another person - his 91-year-old

grandmother.

Interestingly, the man had been cited for that exact violation by the same warden seven years earlier when he was using the grandmother's tag.

They were warned ...

Just after Christmas, a Willacy County warden encountered two men in Port Mansfield and one of them asked, "What's to stop someone from shooting a deer off the highway, because there are so many?"

The warden replied, "Only the game wardens, and that would not be a good idea."

About 30 minutes later, Warden Martinez apprehended the same two men for shooting deer from a public road.

The local judge assessed fines totaling \$1,000 and a stern lecture.

That would be a problem ...

A Grayson County warden recently cited a duck hunter for hunting with an unplugged shotgun and confiscated the illegal weapon.

While explaining the procedure for retrieving the gun, the man asked, "What if the shotgun is stolen? Would I be in trouble?"

A computer check revealed the gun was indeed stolen. Additional charges are pending.

Wild birds to visit Del Rio on Saturday

Amistad National Recreation Area is hosting a free wildlife program at the Del Rio Civic Center on Saturday at 11 a.m.

Last Chance Forever will bring their live hawks and owls for an "up close and personal" look at the avian predators.

The program will last about an hour and will be held on the grassy area near the display plane. Pets and food are not allowed, since the birds are wild animals.

The event coincides with the Winter Arts and

Crafts Fair also being held at the Civic Center. There will be no evening program on Saturday.

Last Chance Forever is a non-profit San Antonio-based raptor rehabilitation, release, research, and public education organization that has worked with injured birds since 1978.

The National Park Service is also hosting a presentation for students at Chavira Elementary School.

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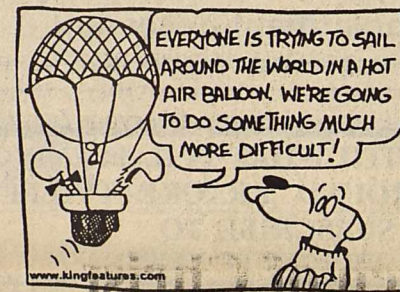
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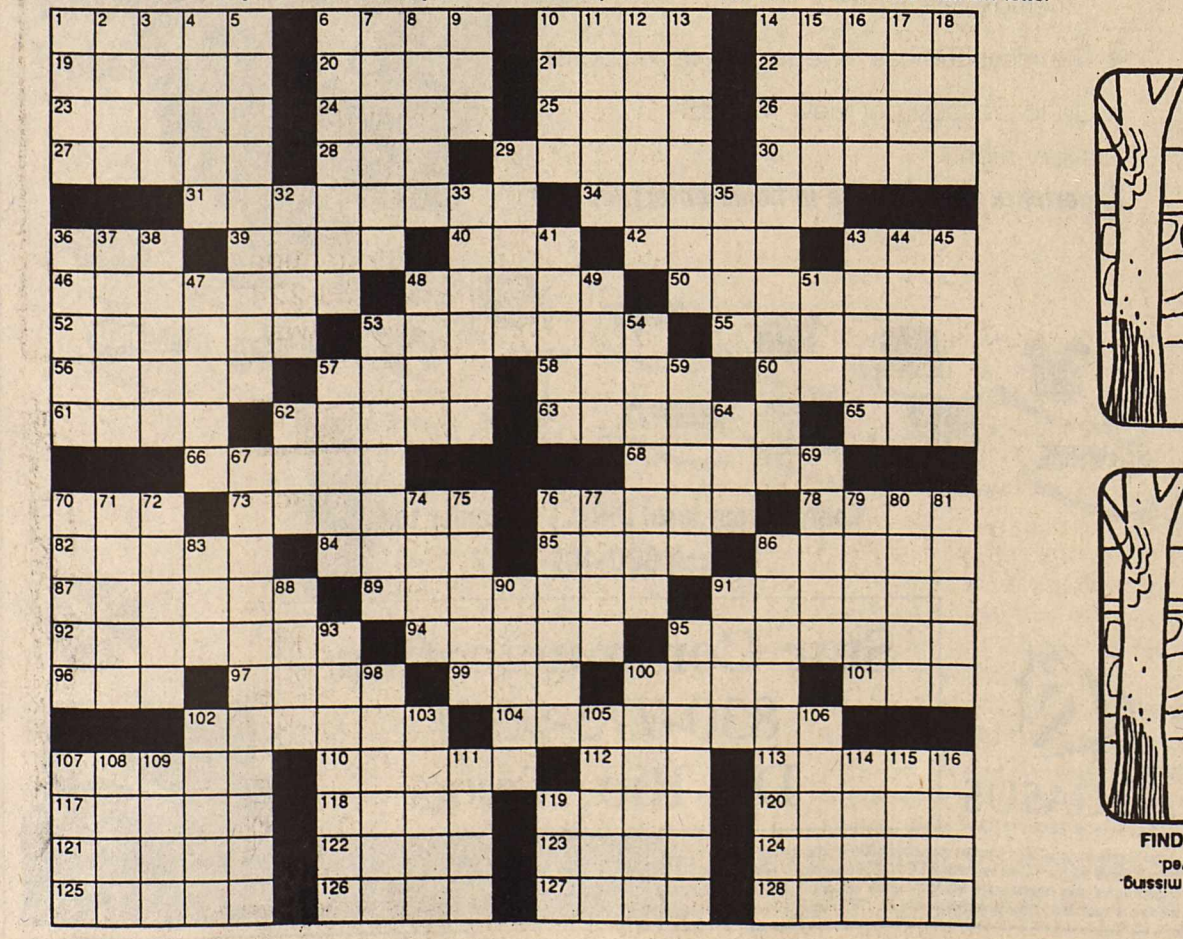


THE SPATS BY JEFF PICKERING



Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Stern or Newton
 - 6 Roughen the skin
 - 10 Thick slice
 - 14 Razor sharpener
 - 19 Edison's — Park
 - 20 Platinum wire loop
 - 21 Luxury car, for short
 - 22 Nonsense
 - 23 Noted couturier
 - 24 Redgrave or Fontaine
 - 25 Eastern nanny
 - 26 "The — of Wakfield"
 - 27 Guide
 - 28 ETO commander
 - 29 Steeple
 - 30 White poplar
 - 31 Ship's freeloader
 - 34 Mexican food
 - 36 French painter/sculptor
 - 39 Vacillate
 - 40 African antelope
 - 42 Function in trigonometry
 - 43 Yale graduate
 - 46 Back or neck lead-in
 - 48 Unskilled laborers
 - 50 Appropriates without asking
 - 52 "Take the —" (Elliington hit)
 - 53 Sweet gifts
 - 55 Try very hard
 - 56 Stiff and brittle
 - 57 Shed feathers
 - 58 Venezuela copper center
 - 60 Prefix for change or connect
 - 61 Distance measure of India
 - 62 Rams down firmly
 - 63 Sinew
 - 65 "I'll — You in My Dreams"
 - 66 Orange or Indian
 - 68 Swellings
 - 70 Chatter idly
 - 73 Actress Ryder
 - 76 Swimming and diving bird
 - 78 Rose from sleep
 - 82 Concur
 - 84 Southwest wind
 - 85 Far into the day
 - 86 Black-and-blue
 - 87 On the schedule
 - 89 Fragrant gifts
 - 91 Going at an easy gait
 - 92 Spanish coins
 - 94 Sierra —
 - 95 Retaliation
 - 96 Anglo-Saxon letter
 - 97 Slight intimation
 - 99 Stewart or Taylor
 - 100 Frenchman's dream
 - 101 Dangerous curve
 - 102 Streetcar's name?
 - 104 Injurious
 - 107 Nest-building fish
 - 110 Pier supports
 - 112 Miss Gardner
 - 113 Mountain nymph
 - 117 Happen again
 - 118 Habitat plant form
 - 119 Labor council
 - 120 Rudely concise
 - 121 Acknowledge
 - 122 Dull routine
 - 123 English composer
 - 124 Alleviates
 - 125 City in England
 - 126 British gun
 - 127 Competes
 - 128 Chateaubriand
 - 1 Mischievous children
 - 2 Standlee's lack
 - 3 Poker stake
 - 4 Lotion ingredients
 - 5 A serenade can aid it
 - 6 Hostility without actual conflict
 - 7 Time of greatest success
 - 8 As good —
 - 9 Female swan
 - 10 Social rebuff
 - 11 The sky's the limit
 - 12 Ground beetles
 - 13 Former kingdom
 - 14 Patron of those in love
 - 15 Social group
 - 16 University at Houston, Texas
 - 17 Gem stone
 - 18 French father
 - 29 Church council
 - 32 Actor Reginald
 - 33 Deputies
 - 35 Miller and Sothorn
 - 36 Partner of alias
 - 37 Grade or active lead-in
 - 38 City of Light
 - 41 Eastern Christian
 - 43 Theater signs
 - 44 Daytime reception
 - 45 River in France
 - 47 Italian epic poet
 - 48 Jointed feeler
 - 49 Withered
 - 51 Sea eagle
 - 53 Prove effective
 - 54 Some romantic poems
 - 57 — Carta
 - 59 Hacienda brick
 - 62 Randy's skating partner
 - 64 Pindar's forte
 - 67 Those in love
 - 69 Pilfer
 - 70 Canadian peninsula
 - 71 Metal tag
 - 72 Offensively bold
 - 74 English actress Gwyn
 - 75 Biblical name
 - 76 Jackson or
 - 77 Uncommon
 - 79 Sheeplike
 - 80 "All the — Men" (1949 movie)
 - 81 Outer margins
 - 83 French summer
 - 86 Billets-doux
 - 88 Speaker's platform
 - 90 Oak and pine
 - 91 Son of Jacob and Leah
 - 93 Those shooting from ambush
 - 95 Entertains sumptuously
 - 98 Fabric resembling knitting
 - 100 Deep gorge
 - 102 Member of a Celtic religion
 - 103 Gladden
 - 105 New Zealand native
 - 106 Word with ape or auk
 - 107 Inland sea
 - 108 Yield
 - 109 Highest point
 - 111 First garden
 - 114 Gaelic language
 - 115 Confused
 - 116 "— Set" (Hepburn movie)
 - 119 Hebrew letter



MAGIC MAZE

THINGS THAT RETURN

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

- Bad penny
- Boomerang
- Bottles
- Checks
- Lies
- Orbits
- Pigeons
- Prodigal son
- Radar
- Reflections
- Rentals
- Replies
- Reruns
- Rockets

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Those you meet casually can open doors for you career-wise. Your determination to make the most of your natural abilities is admired. Follow through on hunches.

TAURUS (April 20 May 20) A friend seeks you out to share a particularly titillating confidence. This person knows you can be trusted implicitly. Partnership interests have you happily occupied this weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The financial developments that occur behind the scenes are to your ultimate benefit. You feel left out, but you don't have to be privy to everything. Over the weekend, your creativity is highlighted.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Shopping is not favored as your finances need some reorganizing. Your usually good judgment is off the mark. The weekend favors cultural interests and pursuits.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're apt to drive yourself batty looking for something you lost early in the week. This is just a waste of time. This object soon resurfaces of its own volition.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're at cross purposes with a family member who just refuses to meet you halfway. Rather than going at this head-on, try a different tactic. Cleverness wins the day eventually.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It's a good week to reorganize and get rid of any clutter in your closets. Out with the old and in with the new is a good idea. However, watch your wallet.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) What you think is a snap to do actually proves to be your



undoing. It's best to call in an expert to complete this project. Later in the week, it's time to get out and have fun.

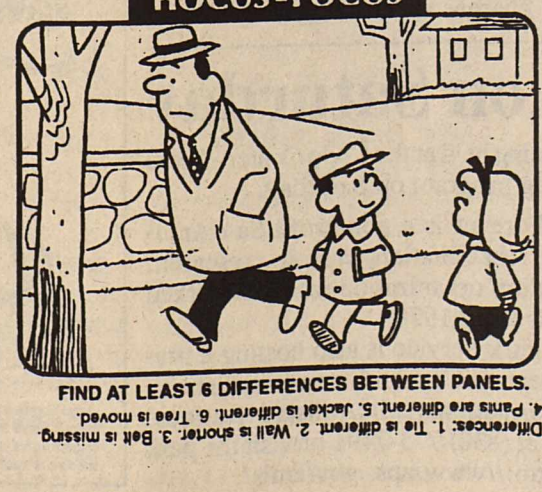
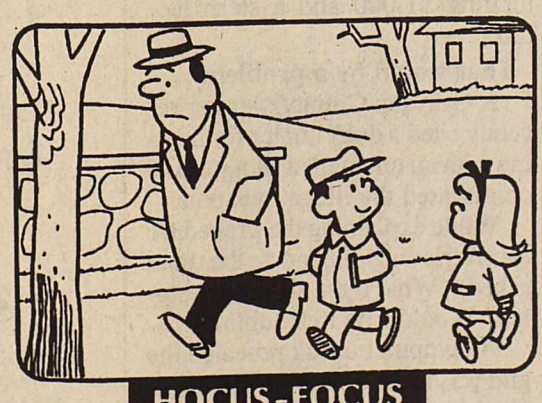
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You spend some time burning the midnight oil to complete work tasks. You can save yourself some steps by implementing new procedures. Your accomplishments give you satisfaction.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is the week to get niggling little errands out of the way and to spend some time visiting with friends. Partnership interests are favored, as well as any activities of a group nature.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) If traveling, check to be sure you have all your belongings. You are inclined to lose things this week. Mixed messages come from a contact at a distance over the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You receive conflicting advice on a business matter and you could be misled as a result. Sports and leisure activities are favored; get out and enjoy the weekend.

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The key to really living is faith

By Rev. Joe Townsend
Frontier Baptist Church

The key to really living is faith. There is faith, hope and blind optimism. True faith is based on a God-led intelligence.

The Scripture says we are "justified by faith." To be justified is to be redeemed, called before God and declared "just." It is not as though we had never sinned, but rather that we had sinned but because of our faith in Christ our sins had been paid for.

The Scripture also says we "live by faith." Martin Luther because of faith that dictated his living under the threat of death fought the sale of indulgences and other wrongs in the church and thus came the reformation and the rapid spread of the Gospel even into the new

world.

The Scripture says also we "walk by faith." So much of life is an expression of faith. We drive down the highway in faith expecting oncoming traffic to keep its lane. When we walk in a crowd, we have faith to believe people will avoid running into us.

When we buy food, we have faith to believe it will bring nourishment and not death. When we fill our gas tanks, we have faith to believe it is gasoline and not water. Faith undergirds almost everything we do.

The Scripture also says we "overcome" by faith. Mountains became molehills when confronted by faith.

The Scripture says we are "sanctified" by faith. This is not saying we are made perfect, but that we are "set aside" or "chosen" by

God as his children to be different than those without Christ.

Finally, the Scripture says we are "kept by faith." As children of God, by faith we are kept from the dominion of sin.

We are kept within the good graces of God. We are kept for an eternity as God's children.

Once we put our faith in Jesus Christ, we become children of God and it becomes God's responsibility to keep us in that relationship for eternity. It's not a question of our holding on to God, he holds on to us.

Sunday will be the regular observance of the Lord's Supper at worship at Frontier Baptist Church. This will be followed by a fellowship dinner. Come and receive a blessing through all these activities.

God is closer than you might think

Submitted by
St. Mary Magdalene Church

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever," Hebrews 11:8.

God is sort of like the wind in that we see evidence of his presence, yet he isn't easily grasped.

We can't touch him, yet we can feel his presence as surely as our own. We don't hear an audible voice, yet at times he speaks as definitely and clearly as anyone we've heard.

We see God's fingerprints in his handiwork: a sunrise, a shooting star, a lilac bush, and a newborn's smile.

We observe a measure of his strength in a hurricane, an earthquake, a thunderbolt.

We can see his creativity in a kangaroo, the Grand Canyon, and a blue-eyed, red-headed

baby. We detect his humor in a porpoise, a cactus, and a 2-year-old's twinkling eyes.

He is in our prayers guiding our words and he is in our songs as we worship him.

Sometimes we can search so hard for the miraculous we miss the obvious reality of his ever-present nearness. Count your blessings. He is in them, too.

We can't command the Lord into our awareness. He is king, we are his beloved subjects.

When our hearts are tenderly responsive ("Whatever, Lord") and it suits his greater plan, then the Lord will lift the thin veil that separates us, and we will be stunned to realize that he has been closer than our own breath all along.

You are invited to worship with us at St. Mary Magdalene Church.

God has only three simple requirements

By Rev. Ken F. Sellers Jr.
First United Methodist Church

Micah 6:8 (NRSV) reads, "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Three simple requirements of us - do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

When we speak of justice and/or kindness, we generally are thinking of the justice and kindness we want for ourselves.

Surely, what is good justice and kindness for me is good for everyone. Or is it?

Whose justice and kindness do we want for William Jefferson Clinton? The justice and kindness of Democrats? Of Republicans? Of newspaper or TV editorialists?

Which of these versions of

justice and kindness is God's? Is it the one we think we are so sure of?

How would God have us be just and kind to a sinner like William Jefferson Clinton ... if he weren't president of the most powerful country in the world?

How are we to get a "God's eye" view of this, or any, great problem of today?

We really can't without giving up on walking humbly with God. So, I suggest that judgement belongs to God alone.

While our senators, congressmen, congresswomen and editorialists are spending their valuable time arguing over how to judge the president, we know the only judgement that counts is before God. And I'll pray for God's justice and mercy for William Jefferson Clinton just as if he were you!

Go! And be the just, kind church! Now!

Your heart is good ground for the root of God's word

By Pastor Charolette Corey
Gateway Ministries

A "stony" heart is a hardened heart and unable to produce the fruit of righteousness.

It is a heart without the fruitful root of Jesus Christ in it (Mark 4:16-17, Romans 15:12, Rev. 22:16).

If your heart is good ground for the root of God's Living Word, it will accept it even when it doesn't seem logical.

If you walk strictly by logic, you are living your life in way that says, "I'm in control."

When your heart is soft and led by God's spirit of faith, even when things do not appear to be working out, you are stating, "God is in control."

The soft heart, when tested by trials and tribulation, produces the fruit of the spirit which is evidenced by changes in your life such as love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temper-

ance.

The hardened heart cannot and will not maintain victory in the face of tribulation or persecution, but ends up blaming God for allowing the problem to exist.

A person can fake being a true Christian for a while, but not forever because when the "going gets rough," all the "head knowledge" he has will not save him and ends in him blaming God for allowing the problem to exist.

You can't put on Jesus-like clothes, wearing him one day and taking him off the next.

You wear Jesus on the inside, in the very essence of your being. This is where, in the soft ground of your heart, his root goes down deep and maintains his strength in you when you are weak, where the power of the name of Jesus makes the demons tremble, and where his holy ghost power makes miracles happen.

Be real, be truly Christian, be blessed. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

HEALTH

Percentage of cardiovascular deaths in Kinney County match Texas' averages

The percentage of cardiovascular deaths in Kinney County is equal to the state's average.

On an average day in Texas, 156 residents die from cardiovascular diseases, according to data released by the American Heart Association (AHA), Texas Affiliate.

The AHA compiled the statistics using 1997 mortality information recently released from the Texas Department of Health.

Cardiovascular disease remains the number one killer in Texas, claiming the lives of 57,050 people in 1997, accounting for 40 percent of the 142,569 Texas residents that died. That translates into two of every five deaths.

As a comparison, in the same year cancer was the state's sec-

ond leading cause of death, claiming 32,144 lives. Accidents accounted for 7,150 deaths and 1,196 people died of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection in 1997.

In Kinney County, cardiovascular disease claimed the lives of 16 people in 1997, accounting for 40 percent of the 40 deaths in the county. In 1996, 52 percent of the deaths (26 of 50) were because of cardiovascular disease, which was up from 46.4 percent (13 of 28) in 1995.

Nationally, statistics shows that from 1986 to 1996 the number of deaths from cardiovascular disease has declined only 2.0 percent.

One reason for the small decline is that the total U.S. population, and particularly the popula-

tion of middle-aged and older people, is increasing.

Another reason is that recent advances in medical treatment have allowed more people to survive previously fatal cardiovascular events, and now these people are dying of subsequent cardiovascular illnesses.

The mission of the AHA is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke. To accomplish this, the association concentrates its efforts in four areas: education, community service programs, research and revenue generation.

Last year, the Texas Affiliate reached over five million people in Texas with interactive programs and awarded over \$7.4 million in research funding in Texas.

To reduce your risk of heart attack and stroke, the AHA recommends having your blood pressure checked regularly, not smoking, eating nutritious foods in moderate amounts, having regular medical checkups, and exercising.

If you feel that you might be one of the 60 million people in the United States who has some form of cardiovascular disease, you can call 1-800-AHA-USA1 for more information.

A non-profit health organization funded by individual and corporate donations, the AHA, Texas Affiliate is the state's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to reducing disability and death from heart and blood vessel diseases.

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3 PITFOU LYRINK AMXAR VITICAR
4 STEER ODE SPIRE ABELLE
5 SIOWAWAY TAMALLE
6 ARP SWAY GNO SINE EELT
7 LEATHER PEONS ANNIEEES
8 ATRAIN CANDLES STRIVE
9 CRISP MOLT AROA INTER
10 ROSS TAMPI TIENDON SEE
11 OSISAGE NOISES
12 GAB WINONIA GREBE WOKE
13 AGREE AFER LATE LIVID
14 SLATED FLOWERS LIGHTING
15 RESISTAS UGONS REVENGE
16 ETH NINT ROD REVIE EIS
17 NIORA PILES AVIA OREAD
18 REGUA EGROD TILL TERSE
19 ADMIT ROTIE ARNE EASES
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ADOPTIONS

Note: It is illegal to be paid for anything beyond medical and legal expenses in Texas adoptions.

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DRIVERS WANTED

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DRIVERS - OWNER OPERATORS. Feel like you're in neutral? No Canada, NYC & NE...

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Table with columns for days of the week (Monday to Friday) and dates (1-26), listing various medical specialists and their contact information.