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"If a man had half as much insight, as he has hindsight, he would have twice as much foresight."



Brackett Middle School Students Attended Conference At Baylor

Friday, February 24, 1995, Amanda Petrosky and Aaron Taylor, 8th graders in Brackett Middle School, traveled to Waco, Texas, to attend the Interdisciplinary Creative Problem-Solving Conference for gifted and talented students at Baylor University. The conference was held for students in grades 8-12 who were selected by school recommendation and an example of their work sent in to the University. It was limited to 150 students from all over the state.

Upon arrival, the students were divided into teams of 15 and presented a "real-life" problem in their community. They spent the next day working on a solution to their

problem. At the end of the second day, each group had to present their solution in a skit, a banner for their team, and a computer-designed pamphlet representing their solution. Two hours before they had to present their skits, each group was given a box of props that had to be incorporated into their skits so there was a lot of last minute changes to be made.

Both students felt that it was a good experience and they represented their school well. Both of the groups that Aaron and Amanda were placed in received a first place in one of the three divisions.

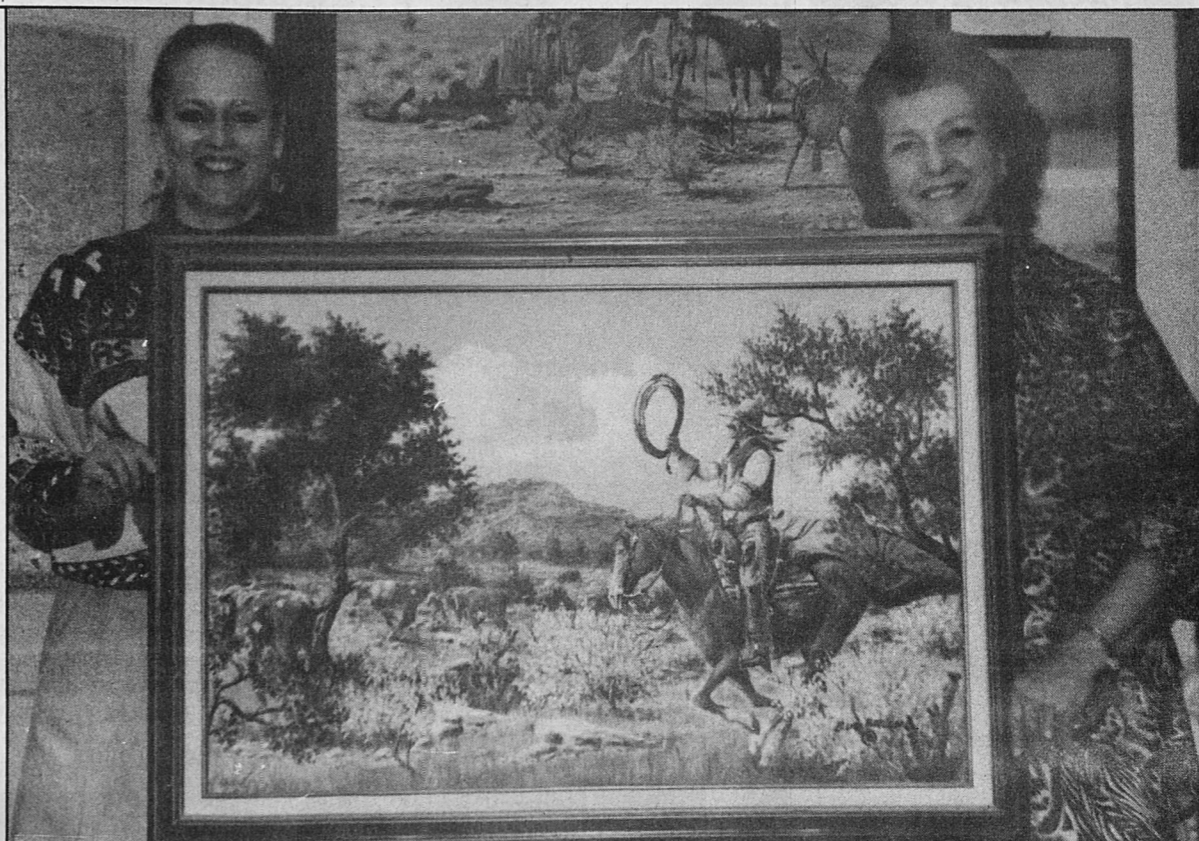
They are looking forward to returning to the conference next year.

Jewel Robinson, right, owner of Breen Gallery presented a 24"x36" original oil painting by local artist Bud Breen to Candy Hobbs, Little League board member. The painting will be used as a fund-raising project for Little League. Tickets at \$1 each or 6 for \$5 will be available until the Little League closing ceremonies in May at which time some lucky person will have his/her name drawn and receive the painting.

The painting will be displayed in various places around the community and tickets may be purchased wherever the painting is on display or from Little League board members, managers, coaches, and some parents. Already committed to displaying "Gathering in South Texas" are the First State Bank and the Kinney County Library. Others interested in displaying the painting may contact Kathy Bader.

Current Little League board members consist of president Woody Massingill, vice president Shirley Holloway, secretary Kandace LaMascus, treasurer Candy Hobbs, Tipps, David Dalton, Manny Pena, Kathy Bader, Liz Frerich, and Mrs. Madrid.

The board also is appealing for additional Little League coaches and managers, Senior Girls managers and coach, Major managers and coaches for both boys and girls.



"Gathering In South Texas"

All coaches need to contact the board for an application. Little League sign-up which began Monday, March 6, will continue through March. The draft will be April 3,

and Opening Ceremonies will be April 22.

One of the greatest needs at this time is Certified Umpires. For anyone interested in becoming cer-

tified, there is an Umpire Workshop March 11 at the Uvalde Holiday Inn. Manny Pena plans to attend and invites anyone interested to contact him. Some financial assistance for attendance can be arranged.

**BISD
Pancake Supper
6 p.m.
Open House
7 p.m.
Tonight**

"Streets Of Laredo"

"Lonesome Dove" Sequel
Films Major Scenes At AV

by Mike Bowlin

Happy Shahan's Alamo Village recently played host to the large "Streets of Laredo" cast and crew.

The famed movie set was transformed into the towns of Laredo, Fort Stockton, and Chihuahua City for the five-hour \$20 million sequel to Larry McMurtry's "Lonesome Dove."

The mini-series stars Emmy Award winner James Garner as Captain Woodrow Call, Academy Award winner Sissy Spacek as Lorena and Sam Shepard as Pea-Eye Parker. Rounding out the all-star cast are George Carlin, Randy Quaid, Charles Martin Smith, Sonja Braga, Alexis Cruz, Tristan Tait and Wes Studi.

Scripted by McMurtry and Diana Ossana, the story follows Call, now an aging bounty hunter, across the Texas wilderness as he tracks down a murderous Mexican bandit Joey Garza (Cruz) who has been robbing military payrolls.

Riding with Call are Ned Brookshire (Smith), an eastern city slicker accountant who hires the former Texas Ranger to track down Garza; Ted Plunkert (Tait), a cocky, just-married Laredo deputy sheriff; and Pea Eye Parker (Shepard), one of the last members of the original Hat Creek outfit who is now married to Lorena (Spacek), the former Lonesome Dove prostitute, turned school teacher.

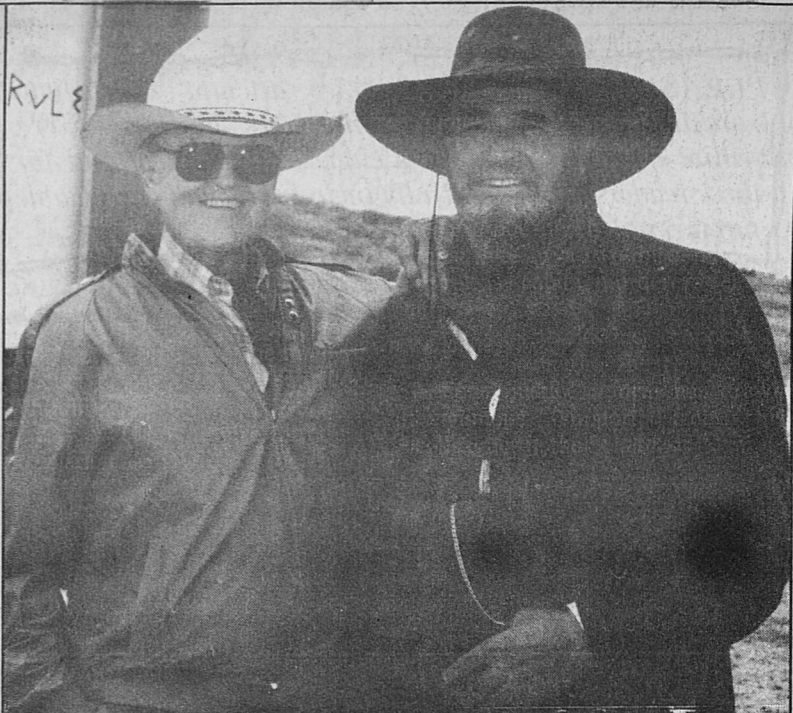
The multi-million mini-series is scheduled to premiere on CBS in November.

Alamo Village owner J.T. "Happy" Shahan, who has been bringing movies to Kinney County for 45 years, plays a cameo role of a Texas Ranger in "Streets of Laredo."

Shahan said he enjoyed playing the part of such a legendary character in Texas history. "However, I'm more comfortable doing what I do behind the camera, but they twisted my arm and I just couldn't say no," Shahan said with a chuckle.

Extras casting was handled by Kinney County's own Lashawn Wardlaw (Shahan's granddaughter) and her partner Kelly Frazier. Wardlaw's comment was, "Gee, it was neat. Granddaddy has hired me for so many jobs and now I got to hire him. That's a switch." A number of Kinney County residents, and in a few cases visitors, were also cast as extras by Wardlaw-Frazier.

Award-winning director Joseph Sargent (MacArthur), who guided the large "Streets" cast through



Alamo Village owner Happy Shahan, left, and "Streets of Laredo" star James Grner share a few "light moments" during a break in the filming at Alamo Village in late February.

their paces, had nothing but praise for the famed Southwest Texas movie set, "this place is just fabulous. Happy definitely has a gem of a set."

Director of Photography on "Streets" was Ed Pei with Jerry Wanek serving as Production Designer.

Also recently filmed were a Brooks and Dunn video and a two-

part segment for the popular NBC series "Unsolved Mysteries" that examines whether or not Jim Bowie stashed his San Saba treasure in the Alamo well.

A Discovery Channel documentary on the Alamo battle is scheduled to be filmed at the Village in May.

The Village is open to the public beginning at 9:00 a.m. each morning

All 31 Senators Voice Support For Phase II Of Criminal Justice Reform

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Senator John Whitmire, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice, has announced his plan to help Texas build on the accomplishments of the "tough but smart" approach to the problem of crime that began last legislative session.

"In 1993 we sent a message to violent offenders - if they choose to commit their crimes in Texas, they will spend a very long time in a Texas prison," said Whitmire. "We got tough. We prioritized our resources by establishing a state jail felony category for non-violent offenders who need to be punished; saving our precious, expensive prison space for rapists, murderers, and child molesters. We got smart. Now it is time to fine-tune the product of our efforts," concluded Whitmire.

Last week, Whitmire introduced legislation (SB 15) to begin the

process. SB 15:

*Expands the punishment range for state jail felons to 1 - 3 years.

*Eliminates mandatory probation.

*Enhances the penalty for a 3rd (state jail) felony conviction.

*Clarifies peace officers are allowed to carry weapons while off-duty.

*Makes assault on a public servant (peace officers, teachers, correctional officers) a 3rd degree felony.

*Expands the admissibility of evidence in child sex abuse cases.

*Clarifies that the entire Parole Board, not merely a panel of three, must vote by a two-thirds majority to release capital murderers serving life sentences.

Whitmire said his proposal to bring about the next level of criminal justice reform has drawn unanimous support from his colleagues in the Senate.



Kinney County Girl Scouts

Girl Scouting has not only been revived in our community but it has been revitalized. In January, 1995, three troops were organized. Monday, March 6, they joined ranks at

the Activity Center on Fort Clark to celebrate the 83rd anniversary of Girl Scouting which originated March 12, 1912.

The troops have just completed a

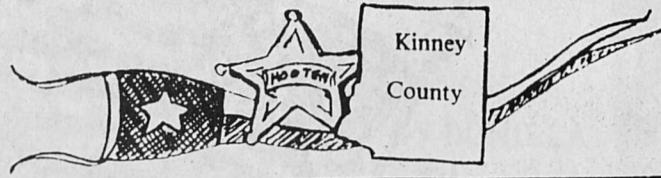
highly successful "Girl Scout Cookie Sale," and extends heartfelt appreciation to Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs for tremendous support. More on page 11.

DON'T MISS THE CONCERT 5TH ARMY BAND

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2 P.M.
FORT CLARK BAND STAND

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



Sheriff's Office investigators have been kept busy this past week or so investigating various criminal acts.

One investigation led to the arrests of three (3) Brackettville youths on charges of Public Intoxication in the early morning hours of February 26, 1995. The result of that investigation led to subsequent charges of 2 counts of Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor

being filed on 22-year old Alejandro "Alex" Martinez and charges on Possession/Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor being filed on his two companions. Martinez was fined \$500.00 plus court costs and laid out the fine in the County Jail. The two juvenile offenders were each fined \$25.00 plus court costs for their first offense. All these cases were heard in Justice Court.

Another investigation involving the theft of three sets of golf clubs from victims living on Fort Clark was also begun February 26th. Sheriff's Office investigators have recovered the majority of the stolen goods valued at \$2,950.00. There are at least three (3) suspects under investigation at the time of this writing and it is believed that arrests in the cases will be forthcoming within the next few days.

All Kinney County residents, especially the golf playing residents of Fort Clark, are urged to take precautions against "crimes of opportunity" such as the theft of golf clubs and golf carts, etc., by securing those items when not in use. Of the several similar cases involving the theft of this type property occurring on Fort Clark, in every incident the stolen property was NOT secured by the victims thereby allowing the "opportunity" for the theft of the property by the criminally minded members of our community. If "it ain't in use, secure it!"

Charges of Criminal Mischief have been filed against a County Jail inmate, Victor Manuel Menchaca-Valles, 33, of Mexico. Menchaca, in jail on illegal immigration charges and additional charges of Possession of Marijuana (over 5 lbs. but less than 50 lbs.), has caused problems in the County Jail since his arrest and incarceration on the drug charges. On Thursday, February 26, 1995, he proceeded to destroy the inmates' television set and portable radio furnished them by the Sheriff's Office (County) for their entertainment by throwing both units on the cement floor of the cell block. The damaged property is valued at \$250.00 making this latest charge a "Class B" misdemeanor.

That's All!

SPECIAL INVITATION

Come Help Us Celebrate
3 Special Birthdays

Ed Snyder
Estalla Gujardo
Esther Roller
Saturday, March 11, 7 pm - ?

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Between Us

By Joe Townsend



Isn't it great when spring nudges its way into our lives? While winter was never much in the mode this year, spring always is welcome.

For the first time I've ever known the poinsettias growing outside never lost their red foliage and froze.

Judge Notified SBA Can Provide Help

Dear Judge Seargeant:

We have received information from the Small Business Administration (SBA) concerning your county. The SBA, in an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, provides Economic Injury Disaster Loans to eligible small businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers in counties that have received a disaster declaration from the Secretary of Agriculture.

I have attached a copy of the information provided by the SBA. If you have any questions please call 512-465-2431.

Sincerely,
Tom Millwee, State Director
Div. of Emergency Management
Texas Dept. Public Safety

Businesses depending on farmers and ranchers in Bandera, Edwards, Frio, Kinney, Maverick, Medina, Real, Uvalde and Zavala Counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster. Excessive rain which occurred from April 30 through May 15, 1994, caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program but may be eligible for disaster assistance through other Federal agencies.

To obtain an application or receive additional information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired. The deadline for filing applications is September 11, 1995.

Due to excessive rain, many producers experienced crop losses and were not able to purchase goods and services at normal levels. Businesses that are dependent upon these producers may have experienced decreased sales, reduced gross profit margins, increased accounts receivable or difficulty in moving inventories at normal levels. To the extent these problems have caused the business difficulty in meeting its normal obligations, these loans may be of assistance. The loan can help a business meet installments on long-term debt, accounts payable and overhead expenses that would have been met had the disaster not occurred. Refinancing of long-term debt, however, is not eligible under this program.

The loan is designed for those businesses with substantial disaster-related needs and is intended to supplement monies the business owner can provide from other sources.

Loans may be approved for up to \$1,500,000 for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business. Interest rates are 4% and terms may extend to 30 years, depending upon the repayment ability of the individual applicant. To qualify, businesses must be small by SBA's size standard. Businesses which can meet their financial needs through other sources are not eligible.

If you or a member of your staff have any questions, please call Jim Atkins at 817-885-7600, ext. 144.
/s/ Raymond P. Chatham
Area Director, SBA

Nevertheless the whole world seems to awaken with the signs of spring.

I saw my first buttercup bloom this week. The first Spanish Dagger plume raised itself majestically in the pasture. The black brush is clothing itself in lavish color.

The first overflight of cardinals has come and gone. The cedar wax wings have passed us by on their way north. The grackles have begun to arrive. The mocking birds fill the air with their songs even through the night.

The roses are leafing out in good order. The apple trees have bloomed lavishly and are fading.

The peach trees are beginning to dress themselves with beautiful pink. The red bud is proudly displaying the lavish color for which

it is named.

The narcissus has bloomed and is fading. The daffodils are adding their beauty.

The pastures are showing a green carpet.

Surely spring is on its way. As nature awakens to a new year it seems to add new zip to all of living. The inspiration of a new beginning should stir each of us to dreams, plans, and actions for greater days ahead.

These days ahead could - and should - be the greatest days we've ever known. It is entirely up to each of us. What happens in the days ahead for each of us depends entirely on us.

Each day can be great. It all depends on us.

NOTICE OF MEETING

COMMISSIONERS COURT KINNEY COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the Kinney County Commissioners Court will be held on the 13th day of March 1995, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Courtroom, Courthouse, Brackettville, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed, considered, passed or adopted:

1. County Judge to call meeting to order and determine quorum.
2. Approve Commissioners Court Minutes of February 13 and 27.
3. Court to examine and approve all accounts and department reports.
4. County Auditor/Treasurer Financial Reports.
5. Consider payment of County bills.
6. Consider Appraisal District to sell property less than appraised value RE: Lot 7, Blk L Brackett. Rescind previous motion (Vol 12 Pg 44).
7. Approve bonds /Sue Castro and Beatrice Kuhns.
8. Consider RCD slide presentation by Herb Senne - Mendeke.
9. Consider resolution to encourage Washington to fund District 22 of the RCD - Mendeke.
10. Consider telephone usage by County employees.
11. Consider personnel policy - Mendeke.
12. Consider amending Purchase Order policy - Mendeke.
13. Consider collection letter from County for delinquent EMS bills - Mendeke.
14. Consider use of Civic Center by Border Patrol - Mendeke.
15. Consider ECA classes for EMS - Mendeke.
16. Consider Pinto Creek bridge and Dept. of Trans. grants status - Mendeke.
17. Consider designated parking for County officials and reserved parking for visitors - Mendeke.
18. Consider SCS and County Agent secretary's clarification on salary and adjust line items as necessary.
19. Consider Model Subdivision Rules and replace/amend as needed.
20. Allied Narcotics Task Force report.
21. Resolution to approve General Soil Map prepared by SCS.
22. Review/approve Historical Exemptions and attach list to minutes.
23. Consider PCI request for tower space and furnish pagers or rent.

Dated this 8th day of March 1995.
Commissioners Court of Kinney County, Texas
/s/ Tommy Seargeant, County Judge
Notice posted on Courthouse Doors and bulletin board at the Courthouse of Kinney County, Texas, on the 8th day of March 1995, at 11:00 a.m. and said Notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.
Dated this 8th day of March 1995.

/s/ Dora Elia Sandoval, County Clerk

1995 Texas Legislative Guide

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Library Notes



Library Hours 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
Closed Tuesday

It was brought to our attention that a morning matinee would be a nice thing to have at our local library. We think that is a wonderful idea and we are going to work toward setting it up.

We are also getting ready for our Literacy program. However, we will be needing volunteers to help teach the class. If you are interested, please let us know as soon as possible.

Just a reminder, March 15th, 12:00 noon, is the deadline for bids on the copier.

Many thanks to all who donate books, magazines and newspapers, and to our volunteers, especially Dena Scott, who spends so much of her time helping out around the library and is of great assistance to everyone. Volunteers are always welcome.

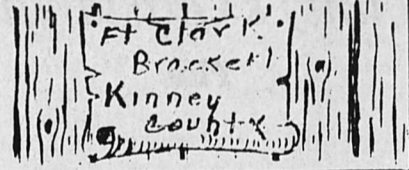
New books: *Sheba* by Jack Higgins; *McNally's Trial* by Lawrence Sanders; *1995 World Books of Facts and Dreams Interpreted*.

This Week In History

On March 6, 1836, the siege of the Alamo ended; the entire garrison was slaughtered ... March 6, 1857, The U.S. Supreme Court ruled, in the Dred Scott Decision, that a slave did not become free when taken into a free state, Congress could not bar slavery from a territory, and blacks could not be citizens ... March 11, 1888, a great blizzard began raging in the eastern part of the United States ... March 12, 1912, the American Girl Guides (later to become the Girl Scouts) was founded ... March 6, 1933, all banks in the U.S. were ordered closed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt ... March 9, 1933, Congress began its special "100 days" session, aimed at passing the New Deal social and economic measures to battle the Depression ... March 11, 1941, the Lend-Lease Act was signed, providing \$7 billion in military credits for Britain ... March 12, 1947, the Truman Doctrine was spelled out when President Truman asked Congress to aid Greece and Turkey to combat Communist terrorism ... March 12, 1956, massive resistance to Supreme Court desegregation rulings was called for by 101 Southern congressmen ... March 10, 1971, a Constitutional Amendment lowering the voting age to 18 in all elections was approved in the Senate by a vote of 94-0 ... March 12, 1993, Janet Reno, a Florida state attorney, became the first woman to serve as Attorney General of the United States when she took the oath of office on this date.

The fellow that says, "I may be wrong, but—" does not believe there can be any such possibility.
—Kin Hubbard

Community Calendar



Altar Society: 1st Monday, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
Band Booster Club: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m., High School Band Hall
BISD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., School Board Room
Beta Sigma Phi
R of J Beta Epsilon Omicron (Sept-May) 2nd & 4th Monday, 7 p.m.
Preceptor Theta Sigma (Sept-May) 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
Laureate Iota Epsilon (all year) 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
Creative Writing Group: Fridays, 9:30 a.m., Golf Club Snack Bar
Mountain Laurel Garden Club: 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m. Adult Center
Kinney County Chamber of Commerce: 2nd Thurs, 7:30 p.m., FC Rest. City Council: 1st Tuesday after 2nd Monday, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
K.C. Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 a.m., Court House
Del Rio Christian Women's Club: 1st Wednesday, 12 Noon San Felipe Country Club. Reservations required.
FCS Pot Luck Supper: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Service Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils.
FC Duplicate Bridge: Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Shafter Hall.
FCS Art Club: Work days Monday and Saturday a.m., Meeting 1st Monday, 1 p.m., Art Studio
FCS Community Council: 2nd Saturday, 10 a.m., Shafter Hall.
FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m., Board Room.
FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 9:30 a.m., Palisado Building.
FCS Museum/Sutler's Store: Saturday & Sunday, 1-4 p.m.
FCS Ladies Luncheon: 2nd Wednesday, Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Make reservations at Adult Center.
FCS VFW #8360 & Auxiliary: 4th Monday, 6 p.m. Pot Luck, 7:00 p.m. Meetings, Service Center.
FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Adult Center.
Friends of Library: No regular schedule. Call library for info.
K.C. Historical Preservation Society: 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House.
KC Kickers: 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Service Club.
Knights of Columbus: 1st Sunday, 12 Noon, Parish Hall.
Lions Club: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
Order of Eastern Star 204: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell, Del Rio.
FC Shrine Club: 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Las Moras Restaurant.
Rotary Club: Every Thursday, 12 Noon, Las Moras Restaurant.
Methodist Ladies Luncheon: 3rd Wednesday, Noon, Slaton Hall, Please make reservations.
Kinney County Heritage Museum: 2nd and 4th Saturday, 1 - 4 p.m., Filippone Building.

Around the Fort



Ladies Exercise

Activity Center. Monday, 10 a.m. Wednesday 9:30 a.m. Friday 10 a.m.

Ceramics & Crafts Hours

Monday, 1:00 - 10:00 p.m.; Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Friday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon.



ANNUAL MEETING HELD

by Bill Haenn

On Saturday, March 4th the Club held its first annual meeting in the Palisado Building on Fort Clark. The Club ended a very successful charter year with 44 members and a foundation of positive accomplishments to build on for the future. Current club officers, Bill Haenn and Bob Conrey, were appointed to another term. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Ron Armbruster who earned the gratitude of the membership for his unselfish and faithful volunteer service to club in 1994. David M. Blair Jr. was named the club's first "Member of the Year" and was the recipient of a handsome plaque honoring his selfless dedication, dependability, sportsmanship and patriotism. Club goals for 1995 are to continue improvements to Schroeder Range, attract new members, and host competitive shoots with other clubs. Firearms safety instruction courses are also planned. The Club is considering a firing demonstration of 19th and 20th century military weapons as its activity during the Troopers' Reunion at the end of April. The Club's lease agreement with the Fort Clark Springs Association (FCSA) remains in force for use of the 64 acre tract which encompasses the shooting range facilities on county road FM 1348, adjacent to the fort. Through its affiliation with the National Rifle Association, the Gun Club secures a one million dollar liability insurance policy which covers members, their guests, and the property owner (FCSA). Inability of FCSA to insure the property for shooting activities would otherwise have kept the facility closed. Through the efforts of the Gun Club a dormant activity is now back in operation with the assurance of safe operations, controlled access, and a clean presentable facility which will continue to show improvements.

Fort Clark Art Club

Fort Clark Art Club is preparing for their Annual Arts and Crafts Bazaar to be held on Saturday, April 1, at Members Service. Most of the tables have been rented, so one presumes many goodies will be available. If you'd like to rent one of the few tables left, register at the Adult Center.

The Ginger Tess watercolor workshop will be March 16, 17, and 18, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The fee is \$30.00 per day and a deposit is required for registration. Two vacancies are left before registration is closed. Call Frances McMaster, 563-9452, if interested.

The Art Club has been asked to paint backdrops for some displays for the Fort Clark Museum. Another worthy project to be undertaken will be re-painting of the Bird Sanctuary signs around the Fort.

Drawing lessons by Frances McMaster are being held on Saturday from 10:30 to 11:30 except when workshops are being held. A still-life set-up created by Mary Batey will be on display each week.

Saturday, March 11, the class subject will be "Understanding Perspective." If you draw crooked houses or things that look mysteriously out of whack, this class can help. Come join us in an informal, free hour of artistic exploration. You don't have to be an Art Club member to attend this class or workshops.

Golf News

Blind Draw Partnership

Tuesday, February 28
1st, 136, Betty Lee and Pat Long
2nd, 139, Melba Turner and Pat McKelvy
3rd, 145, tie, Margot Kendrick and Pat Nelson; Betty Mathison and Arlene Karson.

LADIES
BE SURE TO GET YOUR ENTRIES FOR THE MARCH 28TH SPRING FLING IN EARLY.

Congratulations to Jim Bussey

Hole in 1, February 19, 15th hole

Roger Kurz

Hole in 1, February 22, 11th hole

Red, White, Blue

Saturday, March 4, the Entertainment Committee of the Las Moras Golf Association held their monthly scramble. This event had been postponed from its usual last Saturday of the month due to rain.

The tournament was originally planned to honor Presidents' Day with the play being from the red, white, and blue tees. A theme too good to by-pass it was still used.

Fifty-six players joined in the event and it was quite evident that most of the players thoroughly enjoyed the competition. Six teams shared in the prize money collected from the entry fees.

First place winners with a 59 were Julian Garza, Garland Armstrong, T. Geister, and Vern Ebert.

Second place with 61 went to Jerry Adams, Dee Curry, Marge Maderich, and Jack Gillen.
At 63, third place was claimed by Lou Green, Charlie Rose, Fay Gooch and Ernest Hall.

Sharing scores of 64, there was a three way tie for fourth and fifth places: Tom Beaty, George Miller, Pat Nelson and Jim Bussey; Tom McNew, Phil Land, Roger Stephens, and John Osborne; Roy Dyer, George Clark, Bob Houk, and Pat Connelly.

There was much cheering from the winners and from the not so lucky were heard many comments such as "if only we had sunk that last putt, man if only I could have that shot over I could have put it on the green."
Liquid refreshments were served.

Bridge Anyone

By NORMA GOULD



The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met Tuesday, February 28, with 10 1/2 tables playing the Mitchell Movement.

Norma Gould and Tina Bauguess won first place in the N/S direction. Ben and Rozetta Pingnot won second with Joyce Bell and Alice Seargeant coming in third place.

Peggy Stock and Betty Fitch won first place in the E/W direction. Aldine Edwards and Gloria Burroughs won second place with Ray Kurtz and Evelyn Whitely winning third.

Several out of town visitors played and were welcomed including Peg Woolston's son, Don, from Madison, Wisconsin.

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Kinney County In Revised Edition Of "Day Trips From San Antonio"

Two Lane Press, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri, has published a revised edition of "Day Trips From San Antonio And Austin" by Paris Permenter and John Bigley.

It contains a number of "Getaways Less Than 2 Hours Away" and Brackettville, Fort Clark Springs, and Alamo Village is included.

BRACKETTVILLE
It's a quick trip down US 90 from San Antonio to Brackettville.

Brackettville is the home of Fort Clark, built by the U.S. Cavalry in 1852 to protect the frontier from hostile Indians. Several important soldiers were stationed here over the years, including General George S. Patton. During World War II, Fort Clark served as a German POW camp. At the conclusion of that war, the fort was deactivated. Although Fort Clark's military days may be over, today the compound has taken on a new role as a resort, its stone barracks converted to modern motel rooms. There's also an RV park nearby.

WHERE TO GO
Old Guardhouse Jail Cavalry Museum. US 90, in Fort Clark Springs. Famous generals who served at Fort Clark are featured in this museum, along with many troops who passed through the post. Open weekend afternoons. Free. (210) 563-2493.

Alamo Village. North of Brackettville; turn off US 90 on FM 674 and continue for seven miles. This family amusement theme park, located on a 30-square-mile ranch, is often used as a movie set. It features a replica of the Alamo, built in the mid-1950s for the filming of "The Alamo," starring John Wayne. Since that time, many movies, commercials, documentaries, and TV shows have been shot here.

While there are no amusement rides, visitors can tour the John Wayne Museum, filled with pictures and posters from his many films, as well as an Old West jail (complete with cells), a blacksmith's shop, a chapel, and a bank that's been the scene of many movie holdups. During summer months, gun-slingers bit the dust four times a day at showdowns staged in front of the Cantina. Open daily except the Christmas holidays. Fee. (210) 563-2580.

WHERE TO STAY
Fort Clark Springs Motel and RV Park. US 90, in Fort Clark Springs. The stone barracks of this 1872 fort have been renovated into modern motel rooms. Guests have access to a pool, plus 9- and 18-hole golf courses. \$\$ (210) 563-2493.

Answers to Super Crossword

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1	PALS	BUGS	GRIM	COCOA									
2	EDIE	OWEA	IRATE	AXIOM									
3	TRAPPOUD	SECONDS	SIGHT										
4	PEANUT	RELOCK	DEED										
5		CLYDE	ABOU	ADAPT									
6	ANSEL	ASTRA	PIAF	NAH									
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8	CLOUDY	RODS	ERLING	ATRE	S								
9	ATTN	NEURO	PHILIP	STRAY									
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11	PAH	DENNIS	DAY	HAG									
12	PUNTA	GOP	DIS	ARMED									
13	ANDES	MIST	ALINE	TERI									
14	STY	TIE	THE	KNOT	EROTIC								
15	TRAVERSE	DOOR	AKA	KIWI									
16	URTI	OHMS	PHILIP	STRAY									
17	EDISON	NECTAR	PEACH										
18	ADEN	SECTAR	SARDIS										
19	GREGORY	PECK	FOOT	LOOSE									
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"R" WORDS IN SPORTS

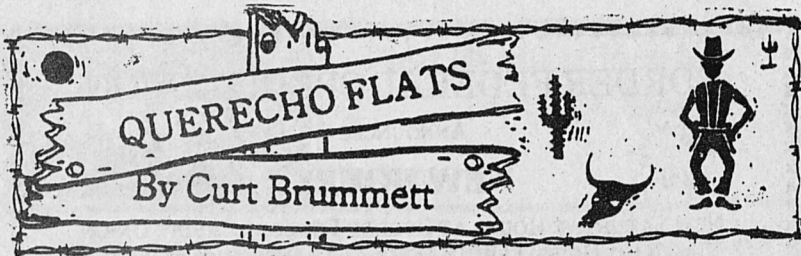
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Press Conference

People, I'm here to tell ya old Arlo and me has the powers in charge a little rattled. There was an anti-independent rally just day before yesterday.

Yep, B.B., Buckshot and Boo-Boo not to mention Hortense & Virginia Sities all got up in front of a crowd of about 13 normal people and 4 wet-backs (that thought it was give-away cheese day) and very plainly spoke against the newly organized political party "Independents Are Us."

"Independents Are Us," of course, is the rather out-spoken group from Querecho Flats. What started out as a joke, has snow balled into a possible real situation. We've already received \$31.16 in the form of campaign contributions and heard a rumor that there is more where that came from.

Since the main topic of discussion was old Arlo and me, we figured we would get semi-serious and fire back at 'em on a different type of campaign note.

They were pretty upset because of our past reputations and were showing definite concern, concerning who we were going to appoint to some of the higher appointed spots in the federale government ladder of power.

I think the present leaders figured there just might be a chance of old Arlo and me getting a few more

votes than first guessed at. But it was the head lines of the day before that probably got the "anti-independents" started anything officially.

Yep, the head lines were pretty special this time: "Chauvinistic X Cattle Rustlers Will Appoint Cholesterol Carrying, Substance Abuser, Womanizing, 'Smoker' To High Political Office."

We (old Arlo and me) called a press conference to enlighten the good voters of Kortman County as to our intentions concerning straightening out the federales.

It is set for next week and we have already started getting our answers ready for any kind of questions that could be asked.

It's not like we're not politically aware. (Actually we aren't but it don't look like any of the elected officials we have now are either.)

I don't think we would 'ave got so involved if they hadn't of started saying things that made us look really bad. But next week, we'll see just how really bad things can be made to look.

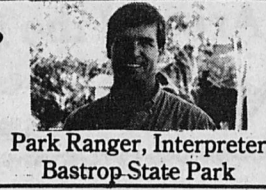
I figure I'll start out the press conference by stated that old Hortense (and this is just a rumor), but it comes from a fairly reliable source, is the end result of a sex change operation that went sour.)

We all decided to let Karl stay in the campaign simply because Old Marthalean is cheap entertainment.

Moncus' Musings



MIKE MONCUS



Park Ranger, Interpreter
Bastrop State Park

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Hawks

A long shrill scream came three times and was so loud I had to raise up from my resting place on the toolbox of my truck. Swiftly over me a shadow came then in the light, swinging in the air up to a nearby limb a hawk carrying a large mouse or a small rat in its clutches came to rest then screamed once more. Then at a distance a second screaming began and if anything it was more intense and more competitive. This time when the hawk came through the trees it was faster and straighter. It landed up beside the first bird and grabbed the rodent and left towards the other side of the park.

Just a short while before I had gone across the road to get something to eat and discovered they had nothing that I wanted and what I wanted wasn't even in the store. They didn't cook on Saturdays. That was all right, I didn't feel all that hungry anyway. I went back to the park and decided to rest during my lunch break and that was when the thing with the hawks happened.

I read an episode out of Ernest Hemingway's "A Moveable Feast" entitled "Hawks Don't Share." I've read it many times because the book is exceptional in the way it describes human actions towards one another, but I had never observed the unsharing in the raw of nature that Hemingway had drawn from in his comparison. After seeing the two hawks and wondering on it a bit I took several different points of view.

Hawks may share but it may not be their choice and hawks can share with their young and do. Also, hawks steal from other hawks. In these observations I came to a conclusion. Hawks are as "Human" as most modern man and probably as unpredictable as man because of that.

Another comparison I'd like to make is that when hawks soar they do it the grandest of any flight I've ever watched and when they dive out of the blue to capture their meals it is the most graceful feast of any creature. If man would only soar with such greatness and feed as simply after his graceful flight it would be easier to overlook his greedy selfishness. Hawks don't need to share while they all can fly and hunt and man might really soar if he'd learn to really share.

Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them—every day begin the task anew.

—St. Francis de Sales

Rambling Around Kinney County

By THE K.C. RAMBLER



Hope you were one of the lucky ones who enjoyed the BBQ prepared by the ladies of Head Start. This was a fund-raiser for a planned field trip to the zoo in San Antonio. Brisket, chicken and sausage prepared to perfection with rice, beans, and salad was served. It was not even advertised and was sold out by 1:00 p.m. Sunday. Better luck next time if you missed this.

The Annual Spring Fling will take place at the Fort Clark Springs golf course on Tuesday, March 28 and Wednesday, March 29. This is a very popular yearly event for lady golfers. They come from San Antonio, Devine, Uvalde, Del Rio, Bandera, Eagle Pass, etc. A full field is expected. Call 563-2726 for more information.

Be sure to hear the 5th Army Band Concert Saturday, March 11. This will be held at the Band Stand at Fort Clark Springs at 2:00 in the afternoon. The public is invited. Just check at the gate on your way in - transportation can be provided from Rendezvous Park to the Band Stand.

A watercolor workshop will be presented by artist Ginger Test on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, March 16, 17, and 18 at the Art Club Studio at Fort Clark Springs. Everyone is

welcome to participate. Call 563-9452.

Speaking of watercolors - wouldn't it be wonderful to capture the beauty of our wild flowers on canvas? The Mountain Laurel is in full bloom - there are carpets of verbenas in unmowed fields - and if you look closely, you will see many, many tiny, almost invisible blossoms under your feet. All reports are that the spring wild flowers will be breathtaking this year. We've had lots of rain so plants are thriving. Enjoy!

Trees have been planted at the Civic Center, the library, and the new ball park as living memorials to people we love. What a nice way for future generations to have a happy remembrance of those who have lived here before them.

There seems to be a few folks who enjoy throwing trash around our county. It would be so simple to keep your trash in your car til the next stop. There are always cans for trash at service stations and if you drive sooner or later you're going to have to fill up. PLEASE dispose of your trash in proper receptacles.

Are any seniors in Kinney County planning to compete in the Senior Olympics? They will be held in San Antonio in the spring.

VOLUNTEER.

News Release From Rep. Gallego

Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College

State Representative Pete P. Gallego, D-Alpine, with the support and backing of civic and university leaders, changed the name of Sul Ross State University - Uvalde Center, by adding a rider to House Bill 1, the General Appropriations Act.

The new name, **Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College**, will take effect on September 1, 1995.

The impetus for this change was twofold. First, according to Frank Abbott, Dean of the Uvalde Center, the name change was necessary because of confusion caused by similarly named institutions in the area, such as the Sul Ross Junior College, and Sul Ross at Alpine.

Secondly, the identification of Sul Ross as an Uvalde institution, hindered a feeling of community with the residents of Eagle Pass, and Del

Rio, who use the center on a large scale. The name change is warranted to clear up this misconception, and to bring these neighbors closer together.

"This name change was necessary," stated Rep. Gallego. "It came about with the participation of students and faculty, and important civic leaders, and was chosen from a list of suitable candidates. In order to clear up the confusion, and to clarify the school's mission, it was imperative that we get this change done as soon as possible."

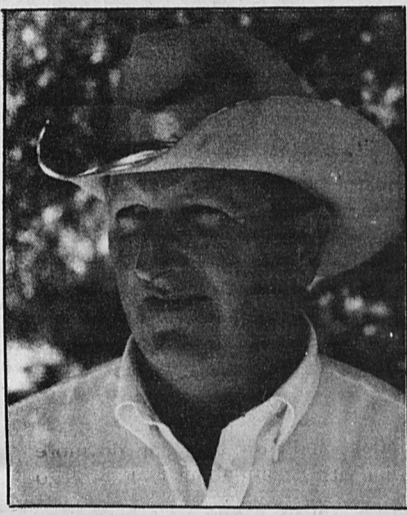
Rep. Gallego is currently serving his third term, representing Brewster, Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Kinney, Maverick, Pecos, Presidio, Terrell, and Val Verde counties (District 74).

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POSTMASTER'S COLUMN

BY **FELIX HERNANDEZ**

Pen Pal Mail Fraud Schemes Are On The Rise

Many people have made life-long friends through being a pen pal. Perhaps they exchanged letters with someone they met at camp, or maybe they acquired a pen pal through a school sponsored program.

But today there are some pen pals who aren't really "pals." They can be part of sophisticated mail fraud schemes, usually involving money orders, that have bilked many consumers out of their hard-earned savings.

These so-called "pen pals" are often prison inmates who place ads in magazines that cater to seniors living alone or others who are looking for relationships. Prisoner pen pal ads have proliferated in recent years, and while some prisoners may be looking for genuine contact with life outside prison, some of them are con artists.

Be aware of the tell-tale signs of this unusual scheme. If you begin to write letters to a prisoner who is attempting to cultivate you for a mail fraud scheme, he or she will slowly attempt to gain your trust and confidence.

Eventually, the prisoner will ask you to deposit money orders in your checking or savings account, because, he/she says, he/she has no one else to trust. The prisoner will send you several money orders, usually in the amount of about \$700 each (the maximum amount allowed for single money orders) for you to

deposit in your account. After the money orders are deposited, he/she will call (usually collect) and urgently request you withdraw most of the money. He or she will probably tell you he/she wants the money sent Express Mail or wired by Western Union to another friend to pay an attorney for his or her immediate release from prison.

What you will eventually find out is that the money order amount has been altered, and you will be stuck with making up the difference. Under current law, the person who cashes an altered money order is responsible for its total value.

The U.S. Postal Service routinely compares cashed money orders that have altered, postal inspectors usually find money orders have been changed from a small amount to about \$700.

Remember to be careful if you see a pen pal ad from a prison inmate and are thinking of answering it, and if you think you've been taken in by a pen pal scheme, report your experience to your postmaster or the nearest Postal Inspection Service office.

Whoever absorbs a work of art into himself goes through the same process as the artist who produced it—only he reverses the order of the process and increases its speed.

—Friedrich Hebbel

LETTER TO EDITOR

We enjoy reading Postmaster Hernandez' column. He has explained the mail process and history so well. We realize how lucky we are to have the U.S. Postal Service.

Our Brackettville postmaster and the clerks are great. We, as Winter Texans, appreciate their courtesies and efficiency.

/s/ Shirley A. Baldwin
South Dakota &
FC RV Park

New VOAD Officers

(Volunteer Organizations Active In Disasters)

Salvation Army officer Captain Ernest Branscum has been elected president of the Texas VOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters). Other officers elected to serve in the 1995-96 term include First Vice President - Director of Disaster Services for the American Red Cross, Second Vice President - John Holt - Seventh Day Adventists, and Third Vice President Bob Dixon - Texas Baptist Men.

An 18-year veteran of disaster work, Branscum currently serves as commanding officer for the Salvation Army's work in San Angelo. According to President Branscum during the chaos of any kind of disaster, VOAD is instrumental in organizing the volunteer relief efforts. This is essential in avoiding duplication of service and assuring that all the needs are met in regards to providing shelter, food, and other forms of assistance not only to the victims of the disaster, but to the emergency relief workers as well. Most people do not think about these needs until it is too late and the disaster is upon us. VOAD not only takes care of these needs during the disaster, but is organized in such a way that we can coordinate efforts before a disaster hits.

Branscum has served during the Mexico City and Los Angeles Northridge earthquakes; Wichita Falls, Saragosa and Lancaster tornadoes; hurricanes Hugo and Andrew; Guadalajara explosions and southeast Texas floods to name a few. "Each one is different, but there are similarities that, by having organizations such as VOAD prepared for, can eliminate unneeded chaos," said Branscum.

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Baseball

Student Reporter BRIAN HOOKER

Tigers Pull A Win Over Uvalde JV

Saturday, March 4, the Tigers traveled to LaPryor to face the Uvalde JV Coyotes in the first round of the LaPryor baseball tournament.

The Tigers jumped out to an early lead of 3-0 in the first inning. They scored again to bring the score to 4-0.

In the seventh, the Tigers scored again to win the game 5-4.

Ramon DeLeon went 3-4 at the plate scoring twice, one being a home run.

Michael Munoz stood on the hill for the Tigers. He pitched the win pitching all 7 innings.

Michael Munoz hung tough behind the plate.

Tigers Faced Dilley In 3rd Place Finish

Still March 4, Saturday evening, the Tigers played the Dilley Wolves in the LaPryor tournament for third place of the tournament.

The Tigers defeated Dilley in seven innings 5-4. This win gave the Tigers third place in the tournament.

The Tigers played well as a team and stole a total of 7 bases.

Pitching to Jesse Turner was Ramon DeLeon. Ramon picked up the win, pitched all seven innings, faced 22 batters, struck 9 people out, gave up 4 hits, and only walked one batter.

Wil Shahan and Ramon DeLeon received well-deserved all-tournament awards.

Tigers Blow-Out Bobcats 12 - 1

Monday, March 6, the Tigers traveled to Medina to face the Bobcats. The Tigers blew them out 12-1.

Early in the game Medina led 1-0. The Tigers turned on the heat in the third inning scoring 2 runs. From there it was all uphill.

Wil Shahan went 5 for 5 hitting a home run, scoring 3 runs, and picking up 4 RBIs.

Michael Munoz picked up his second win. Ramon DeLeon picked up a save and Jesse Turner did a great job behind the plate for the Tigers.

Tigers Fall 6-3 To Natalia Mustangs

The Tigers played the Natalia Mustangs in the second round of the LaPryor tournament on Saturday.

The Tigers came up just short losing a 6-3 ball game.

Jorge Rodriguez went 2 for 3 scoring once and picking up a Run Batted In (RBI).

Wil Shahan stood on the hill for the Tigers picking up his first loss.

Michael Meyer hung tough behind the plate.



The great pitcher, Cy Young, won 511 major league games.

SPARTAN GYM advertisement with logo and contact information.

Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This is an important week of togetherness for couples.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The work week gets off to a fine start early on.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Those of you who are grandparents will enjoy visiting with grandchildren this week.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) This is a good time to begin home improvements and to apply for mortgages and extra credit.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good week for self-promotion and reaching agreements with others.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The steps you take this week to further career interests will lead to timely financial gains.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You could become aware of a need for greater physical exercise this week.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It seems you have much to do about the house this week.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You'll be making plans to visit dear ones who live far away.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It should be clear sailing for you regarding business and financial interests this week.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You have many strong beliefs, and this week you'll speak out about them.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're ready to make some major financial moves because you've done all your research.

Happy Birthday section listing birthdays for various months.

- List of birthdays: Mar. 9 Bob Miller, Mar. 9 Johanna Smith, Mar. 10 Esther Kestleot, etc.

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Spring Break March 13 - 17

Imagine Being Sweet Sixteen With Bad Scars Or Retired With Ugly Tattoos

News Release From The Methodist Hospital System

Imagine being sweet sixteen. In the mirror you see a brown birthmark that engulfs your neck, shoulders, and back, and the scars where doctors tried to fix it with skin grafts.

Or think of a post-sixties baby boomer whose forearms bear the frivolity of his youth: tattoos. "Born to be Wild" is bad enough, but "I Love Rebecca" is downright embarrassing.

Dreams do come true. Pulsed laser systems are a relatively new treatment for people who want to get rid of birthmarks, tattoos, port wine stains, spider veins, freckles, even aging spots and discoloration from scarring.

Until recently, problems like these required traditional surgery, or frequent surgeries, with hospitalization, anesthesia, and skin grafts that themselves left scars.

The pencil-like laser emits a tiny, powerful pulse of light, affecting primarily pigmented tissue while leaving normal skin alone. It may leave the area red and feeling slightly sunburned, but it returns to normal within two to four weeks.

Michael J. Breiner, MD, a plastic surgeon at The Methodist Hospital in Houston, has successfully treated a number of people with the pulsed laser system.

One of them is a young girl whose birthmark covers most of her back.

"It feels sort of like the snap of a rubber band," he tells her, demonstrating the laser on his wrist. When she is ready, he treats several areas of the birthmark, each about half an inch in diameter, each with a different "test dose" of the laser.

Later, he spends about three minutes erasing tattoos from a man's forearms. As he works, he tells his patient to use a topical antibiotic and a bandage.

Laser surgery isn't really new, Breiner says, just different. "In the past, room-sized laser systems were expensive and restrictive," he explains.

Breiner cautions that not everyone is a candidate for laser treatments. He doesn't recommend it for any lesion or discoloration where cancer is suspected, because the laser obliterates the tissue and leaves nothing for biopsy.

Over 60% of all Americans have some form of unwanted pigmentation, and now they can do more than just dream about making it go away.

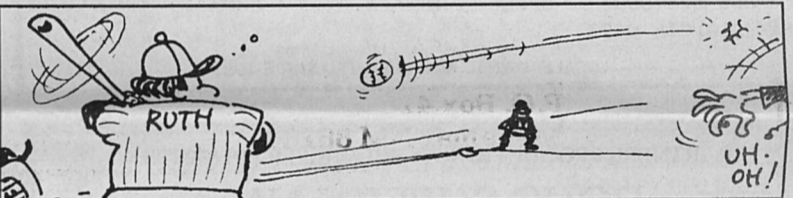
BRACKETT ISD March 1995 calendar listing school events like Friday 7:00am HONOR ROLL BREAKFAST, Saturday BASEBALL - DILLEY TOURNEY, etc.

Brackett ISD Open House

Texas School Week will begin March 6, 1995. The Brackett Independent School District will hold Open House on Thursday, March 9, 1995, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER will be held on Thursday, March 9, 1995, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tickets for the supper may be purchased at the door.

The Brackett Independent School District would like parents to feel free to visit their child's room, arrange to have lunch in the cafeteria with their child, or meet with teachers or administrators anytime during the week.



In 1921, Babe Ruth drove in 171 runs for the New York Yankees.

MagicMaze

"R" WORDS IN SPORTS

Word search grid containing letters for finding words related to sports.

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

- Words to find: Race, Rally, Regatta, Row, Racket, Rappel, Rink, Rules, Rail, Rebound, Rodeo, Run, Rainout, Referee, Roster.

Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Door is missing; 2. Arm is raised; 3. Coat is longer; 4. Door knob is missing; 5. Apron is removed; 6. Shirt is changed.

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Super Crossword

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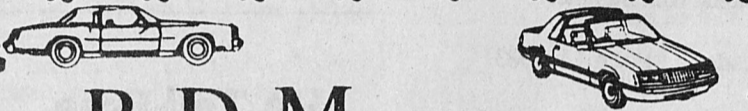


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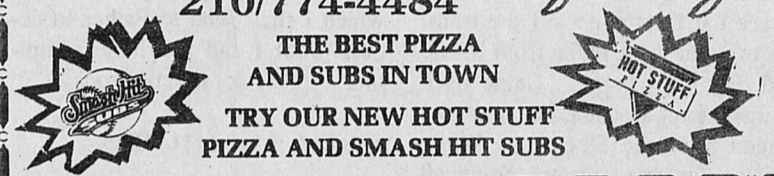
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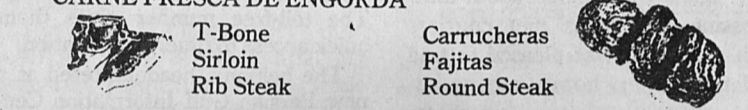


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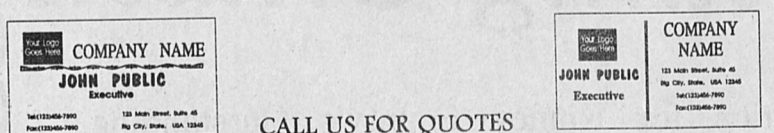
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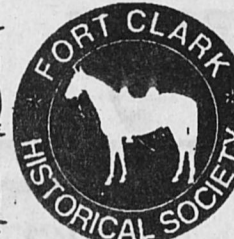


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this evening with a lot of potatoes, eggs & brown sugar which he received as fee for attending the sick man. He kindly turned all these into the mess without making any charge for them. Practiced today as usual. Wrote letters sending checks to pay some bills and read papers.

Saturday, March 10, 1883

Rode over to Thurston this morning and met Paymaster Bash and nephew Dan who come to pay my men. The wagon and escort were there and everything was brought in safety to camp. The men were paid in the evening and I collected some money to pay Friedlander and to take into the wives of the Seminoles in the Post. Mr. Stone a ranchman come over also and will spend the night here. In the evening Maj. Bash & Stone were beaten at seven-up by Dan and myself. Paymaster gave me a check for \$125 my pay for March, which I shall send to Father to deposit until I can use it next summer. Could not practice today.

Sunday, March 11 1883

Major Bash, Dan, Doctor & I rode horses over to the train this morning where I was introduced to Mr. Lincoln who is now at Thurston with a gang of carpenters to build the cattle pen and shoot. MrGeary gave us a San Antonio Express as he always does. Returned to Camp after seeing the Major and Dan start for Davis, wrote a letter home and sent the check to Father for deposit. Saw in the paper an order giving Guest leave of absence for 3 months. So I will start tomorrow morning for the Post taking Blanco with me to see if I can get Guest to correct the Clothing Book before he leaves, and to attend to some other matters. Received nearly \$1000 from the men to be carried into Clark. Hope it wont rain while I am making this trip. Shall carry my letters to the Post instead of letting U.S. do it.

Thursday, March 8, 1883

Rode Harvey over to the railroad this morning and was well pleased to see the Doctor get off the train. He brought me a letter from Marie and one from home. Came back immediately to camp to send the wagon after the Doctor. While waiting for the couriers practiced my music. About noon the couriers came and with them a recruit making the Detachment 40 strong. Four letters from home, one from Marie, one from Capt. Vance, Bradford, Shunk and Helen with two bundles of papers and a lot of O.B.'s made my mail. I enjoy reading letters so much that it was a great treat to get so many. Helen writes the most finished letters of all my correspondents. The Doctor was compelled to go up to Sanderson on the night train to see a sick man, so that I am alone once more. But having all the papers to read I do not feel his absence so much.

Friday, March 9 1883

Sent over to Thurston this morning for the Paymaster but he did not come. The Doctor returned

Monday, March 12 1883

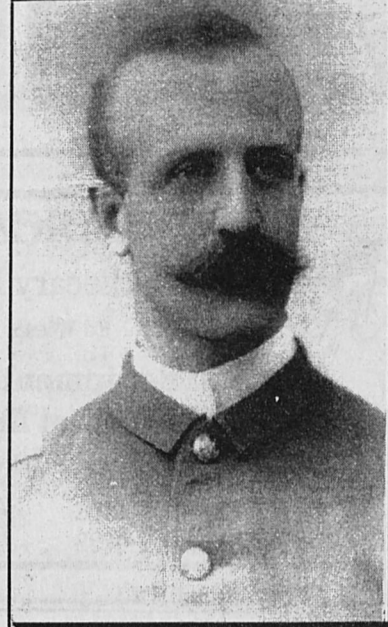
Did not get started until ten o'clock this morning. It is evident that I must attend to all packing myself if I want it done in time as these Seminoles can linger more over a little job than anybody I ever saw. Dr. seems rather blue. Camped at Eagle's Nest, making a march of nearly 40 miles today. It was drizzling almost all day and being rather cool the animals made the march without any injury. Blanco is with me. He is a pretty smart old man. Morell Hall was arguing on some question in the Bible this evening and said "only forgotten son" instead of begotten. How true it is that He is forgotten. Mailed a letter to Father with check for \$125 to be kept until I go home next Summer.

Tuesday, March 13 1883

Rained quite hard last night and the water made my bed wet, so that I was rather damp this morning. Spent a long time in drying the clothes etc., so as to make a lighter load for the mule. Blanco does not attend to me as well as Luce, but he is a better cook. Went up to the station at Eagle's Nest and saw Mr. Tracy who is roadmaster for about 100 miles from Sanderson down past the Pecos. He comes from Arcola Ind. Shall write home about him. Crossing the Pecos met couriers with mail, and was pleased to find a letter from home among it. Made almost as long a march today as yesterday camping at Yellow Banks Arroyo. Reached camp in time to spread the bedding on the grass and let the sun dry it.

Wednesday, March 14, 1883

Reached Del Rio this afternoon and after changing my clothes went up to Capt. Randlett's, who insisted on my remaining at his house. Called on Mr. and Mrs. Fountain in the evening. Mrs. F. is an invalid and I am afraid is not



2nd Lieut Francis Henry French (USMA, '79)

long for this world. Dr. McLain came in from the Post and reports Mrs. Smith very sick with pneumonia, a report I was very sorry to hear. Capt. R. wanted me to ride down town with him, but I was too tired.

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On March 2, 1995 we celebrated the 159th anniversary of Texas Independence. That same day, the U.S. Senate made history by declaring independence from deficit spending when it defeated the Balanced Budget Amendment.

The Balanced Budget Amendment would have fundamentally changed the direction of our government in a way the American people overwhelmingly endorsed in the last election. I voted for the amendment because I believe in it, and because that is how I think Texans would have wanted me to vote.

Congress has become desensitized to the enormity of the harm it is doing by continuing to run up enormous budget deficits, although the people of this country are painfully aware of what is happening. In voting down the Balanced Budget Amendment, the Senate ignored voters' demands that we restore accountability to the budget-making process — the same kind of accountability that is brought to bear on their everyday lives.

Our national debt has become a cancer on this country, and we are passing it on to our children and grandchildren. The national debt is now \$17,815 for every man, woman and child in our country — more than \$70,000 for each family of four.

In the absence of the Balanced Budget Amendment, the Clinton administration plans to increase the debt from \$4.6 trillion today to \$6.7 trillion by the end of the Clinton budget cycle. This is not the kind of legacy we should be handing down to posterity.

Nor has this situation come about because we aren't paying the government enough in taxes. Federal revenues reflected a record increase last year, up \$104 billion over the previous year. But taxpayers were still left holding the bag for a \$203 billion deficit.

The United States is now the largest debtor nation in history. Deficit spending is so far out of control that 26 percent of the federal budget now goes to paying interest on our debt.

The impact of deficit spending already has begun to sap the economy. Government borrows and spends money that would otherwise serve as capital needed for economic growth and job creation. As a result, the Commerce Department predicts that business investment in factories and equipment, a major indicator of economic strength, will slow significantly this year.

Senate defeat of the Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution represents a step backward from efforts to reign in the power of the federal government, in particular its power to cause profound economic harm.

Future generations of Americans will condemn what the Senate did — unless and until another vote is taken and the amendment is approved.

As we remembered the victory of San Jacinto, we also paid tribute to those who lost the Alamo. And just as the Alamo paved the way for future victory, so we will return another day to win the balanced budget battle.

April 25 Deadline For Bids On Forfeited State Land

AUSTIN — A catalogue listing 345 tracts of forfeited state land reserved exclusively for bids from Texas veterans is now available from the Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB). Bids will be opened on April 25, 1995, at 1 p.m.

The catalogue, which contains bidding instructions and a detailed description of each tract, can be ordered by calling 1-800-252-VETS.

Located in 109 counties, the tracts range in size from five to 160 acres. The tracts, known as Type I tracts, can be purchased with no down payment. Bids are restricted to eligible Texas veterans.

The VLB will finance the entire loan amount of all winning bids. There is no limit on the amount loaned or on the number of tracts that an individual can bid on. However, eligible Texas veterans are limited to one land purchase in the sale.

"Since these tracts have never been offered for sale by the board, this sale gives Texas veterans an excellent opportunity to buy good land with 100% financing," said Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro who also is chairman of the VLB.

Tracts not sold in the April sale will be offered to both veterans and non-veterans through local real estate agents.

Texas veterans will receive a 7.64% interest rate with a 30-year assumable fixed-rate loan. A \$25 non-refundable fee for each bid is required. The sale will be by sealed bid only, with a minimum bid set by the board. All bids must be received by April 25 at 1 p.m. Bidders need not be present at the bid opening.



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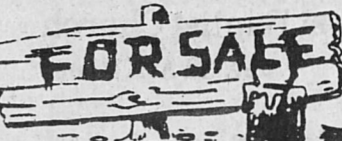
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Texas Senate Week

Last week the Texas passed Senate Bill 480 sponsored by Senator Ken Armbrister of Victoria which prohibits a municipality or county from adopting or enforcing an ordinance, resolution, or any other requirement that establishes safety standards or practices applicable to transportation of gas and gas pipeline facilities. In 1968, the federal government preempted all state and local natural gas pipeline safety regulations when it enacted the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968. Since that time, the federal government has authorized the Texas Railroad Commission to have sole regulation of natural gas pipeline safety in Texas. Any attempt by a county or municipality to set safety guidelines is an attempt to supersede the state's regulatory power.

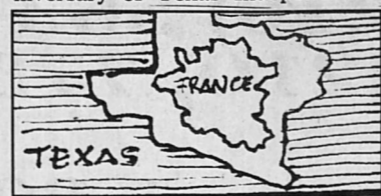
Senator Rodney Ellis of Houston attempted to pass Senate bill 433 which would authorize county commissioners court to establish juvenile curfews. Currently, cities have the authority to enact juvenile curfews but counties do not. Senator Ellis' motion to bring the bill before the Senate failed.

Senate activity with the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, chaired by Senator John Whitmire, Houston, hearing testimony relating to Texans being permitted to carry concealed handguns. Committee Substitute Senate Bill 60, sponsored by Senator Jerry Patterson of Pasadena, would allow citizens who meet certain criteria to receive permits to carry concealed handguns. The bill requires applicants to complete a handgun proficiency and safety training course, and to have a criminal background check. Opponents of the legislation, led by Senator Royce West of Dallas, would like a voter referendum on the issue. The measure was passed favorably from the committee by a vote of 5-1 to be heard by the full Senate. Similar legislation passed the legislature in 1993 and was vetoed by former Governor Ann Richards.

The Senate passed Senate Bill 287 sponsored by Senator Buster Brown of Lake Jackson which authorizes a political subdivision to appoint a disabled person to enforce laws relating to parking for disabled citizens.

The Senate passed Senate Bill 28 sponsored by Senator David Sibley of Waco which defines how much a defendant must pay in a lawsuit in which more than one defendant is involved. The legislation defines who must pay what portion of damages. Senate Bill 28 is part of the tort reform package pending the legislature.

March 2 the Senate passed Senate Resolution 345, sponsored by Senator Carlos Truan of Corpus Christi, marking the 159th anniversary of Texas Independence.



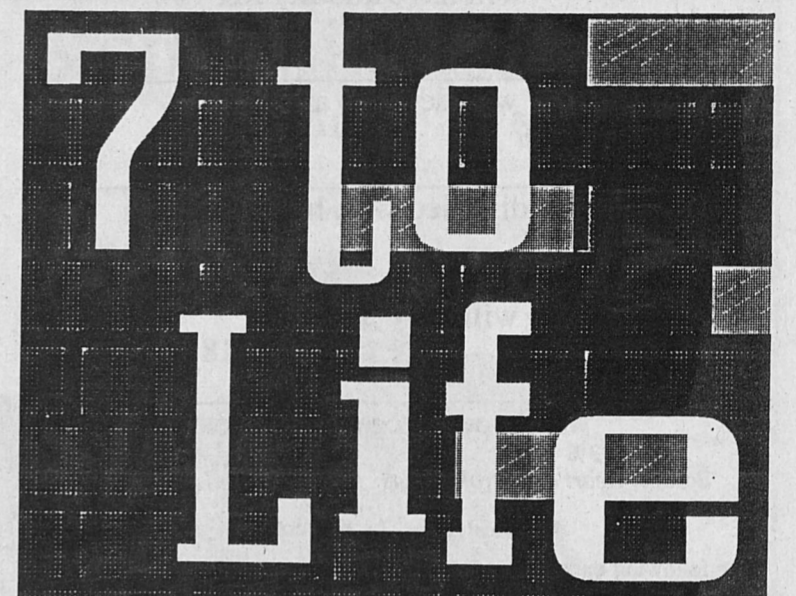
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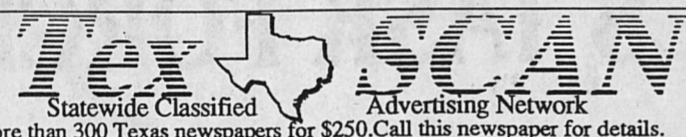
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First Baptist Church

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"The Pastor's Pen"

Sunday evening following the worship service and a meeting of the deacons I found my way home to the living room recliner, propped my feet on a couple of pillows for relaxation and light reading. One of the closest things at hand was a journal my wife receives as a nurse.

The following is a disturbing and somewhat alarming bit of information and statistics that are reprinted from the article titled "Affairs Of The Heart." One in six men and one in eight women over age 45 have had a myocardial infarction (MI) or stroke. For the incidence of complications following an MI, women are approaching and in some instances, exceeding -- men.

Within six years after an MI:

MEN	WOMEN
will have another MI	
23%	31%
will develop angina	
41%	34%
will be disabled with heart failure	
20%	20%
will have a stroke	
9%	18%
will experience sudden death	
13%	6%

Source: Heart and Stroke Facts: 1995 Statistical Supplement, American Heart Association

The following excerpt is advice telling of a cure for a congenital heart disease that if followed will be a life-saving measure:

"If you will confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation. Source: God's Holy Bible, New King James Version.

Here are two known facts: #1 Physical activity reduces risk of heart failure. #2 Spiritual activity eliminates risk of man's worst heart disease .. SIN!

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St. John's Baptist Church

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For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven and returneth not there, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater.

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Isaiah 55:9-11

Sunday, March 12, 3 p.m., at St. John's Baptist Church

Ordination Services for Rev. Carl Tim Walters

Guest Speaker: Rev. Rowe Moore

Pastor, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Crystal City

Everyone Is Invited

What you see can be done with love you must do; what can only be done with debate must be left alone.

—St. Francis De Sales

Church Directory



St. Andrews Episcopal Church: Henderson & Fort, Sunday Church Service 10:30 a.m. Vicar: Rev. Bill Koons, 563-2071.

Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): Sunday Services 11:00 am, 6:00 pm, Joe Townsend, Pastor, 563-2158.

First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:45 am, Sunday Worship 11:00 am and 7:00 pm, Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm, Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.

Baptist Hispanic Mission, 307 N. Ann Street, Friday, 6:00 pm, Rev. Israel Rodriguez, Pastor.

Church of Christ: N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 am, Worship Service 10:30 am, Bible Study Sunday 6:30 pm, Wednesday 7:00 pm.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church: Masses Monday and Friday 7:00 am, Wednesday and Saturday 6:30 pm, Sunday (Spanish) 8:00 am, Regular 10:30 am, Confession Wednesday and Saturday 6:00 pm, Religion Classes Wednesday 6:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wednesday 7:00 pm, Dr. David G. Zumaya, Pastor.

First United Methodist Church: "Celebrate and Witness" Fellowship 9:30 am, Church School Classes 9:45 am, Service of Worship 11:00 am, Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 pm, Gordon Miller, Pastor.

St. John's Baptist Church: Crockett at Keene St., Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am, Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm, Worship Service Thursday 7:00 pm, William P. Adams, Sr., Pastor, 563-9175.

Lutheran Congregation: 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 6 p.m., Shafter Hall, FCS, 563-2047.

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Frontier Baptist Church

Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

The 34th Psalm was the focus of the message of the Pastor Sunday morning at Frontier Baptist Church. It was pointed out that Christians should be a happy people. Verses 1-3 point out that Christians have their thoughts established for "all" experiences of life.

They are happy because their fears are banished, Verse 4. Verse 5 points out that they have their sins covered.

Through the redemption paid for by Christ they no longer face the condemnation of their sin. Verses 6, 15, 17 shows Christians are happy because their prayers are answered. Verse 7 states that their enemies are

scattered. God will handle their enemies. Verses 9, 10 make it plain their needs will be supplied. Verses 19, 21 make it plain their future is assured.

No question about their future and destiny. God has already set it. With all these guarantees there is no real room in the heart of the Christian for unhappiness.

This leads to the carefree enjoyment of life here and eternal joy in the life to come.

Another message from the Word of God awaits those who attend Frontier Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11:00.

Come and see.



St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

Fr. David Zumaya, Pastor



From left, top row, Pat Foster, Jimmy Bader, Bernave Terrazas, Pedro Abrego, Agapito Saenz, Jim Voss, Robert Roberts, Tommy Seargeant, Manuel Pena. Bottom

row, left to right, Orville Frerich, Hubert McKelvy, Fr. David

Zumaya, Bishop John Yanta, Robert Nelson, and Tellis Boutwell.

Bishop Yanta Speaker For K of C 8223

On Ash Wednesday, March 1, 1995, Council 8223, Knights of Columbus, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, honored Auxiliary Bishop John Yanta with a tremendous welcome to the community. During the five masses scheduled for the day, a great number of parishioners were on hand to receive the distribution of ashes and to listen to the ceremonies given by the Bishop and Fr. David Zumaya.

On December 30, 1995, Bishop John Yanta was installed in Panna Maria as the first Polish Texan to be named bishop. People from around the world came to witness and share this special event with him.

Bishop Yanta is a descendant of the first Polish settlers in Panna Maria. Since the town is the oldest settlement in the United States, founded in 1854, it was selected as the place for the installation to honor its roots.

Biblical Wisdom

Facts From The American Bible Society

God Is Our Shelter And Strength

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God Is Our Shelter and Strength



Called "God Is Our Shelter and Strength," the American Bible Society (ABS) booklet contains Bible passages from which the reader can find hope and encouragement and draw strength to begin the process of rebuilding after a catastrophic experience. Copies were distributed to residents of the southeastern states inundated by recent flooding.

Regardless of the disaster, a chapter heading in the ABS booklet reminds the reader that "God Makes All Things New." Other chapter headings for the Scripture passages note that "God Understands Your Fears and Your Anger"; that "God Will Take Care of You"; that "God's Love Is Sure"; and that one should "Trust in God." The passages were chosen as words of comfort and hope from the Bible.

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Obituary



Patricia Joy Garberick

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Mrs. Garberick was born December 29, 1929, in Oradell, New Jersey, and died in a San Antonio Hospital March 1, 1995.

She was married to William E. Garberick in 1948 and they moved to Fort Clark Springs in 1985. She was active in numerous activities on the Fort. Prior to moving here, she had been a long-time employee of AT&T in a Wall Street location in New York.

Survivors include her husband, William Garberick of Fort Clark; sons William Peter Garberick of Brackettville and James Fredrick Garberick of Kingsville; daughters Kathleen Patricia Garberick and Maryanne Alma Roberts both of Freemont, California, and Patricia Anne Havens of Portland, Oregon; sister Maryland Alma Alston of Fairfax, Virginia; and grandchildren Daniel Kenton Roberts II and Avalon Jane Roberts both of Freemont, California.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Brackettville Funeral Home. Mrs. Garberick's final resting place was Del Rio Memorial Park.

THANK YOU

Our sincere thanks to all the people who were so kind to prepare food for us and to provide a place for us to be together at the time of the loss of our loved one, Ben Jones.

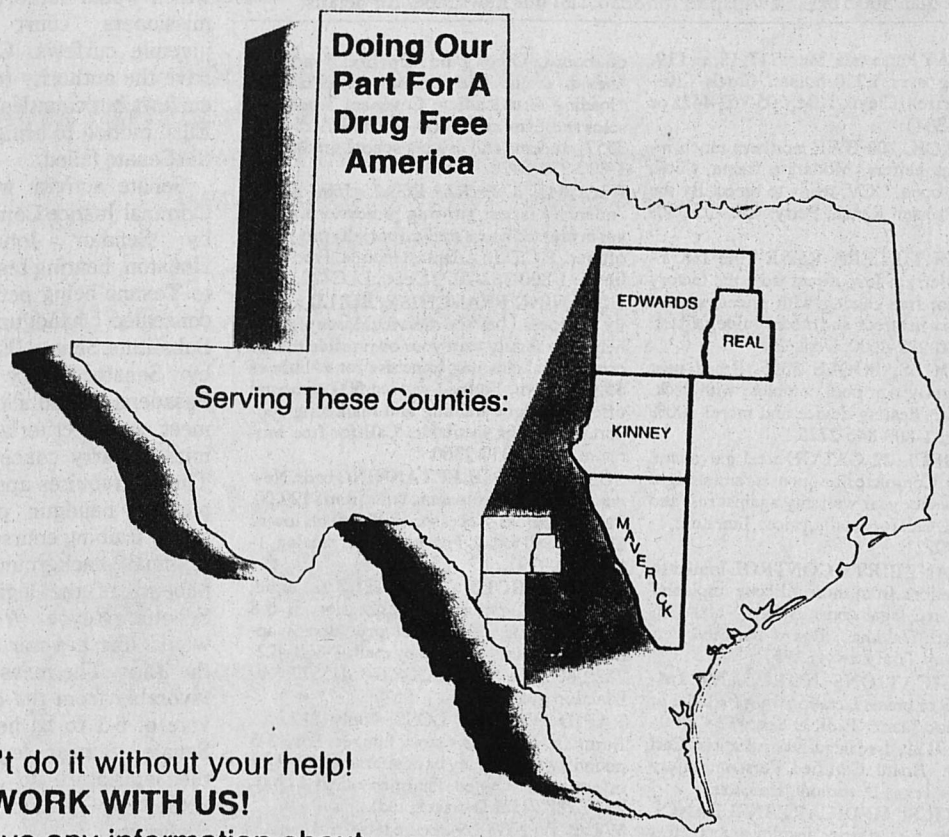
Clara Laman, and the Haller, Burks and Tidwell families



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By TAYLOR STEPHENSON
BISD Curriculum Director



Thoughts On Tree Selection

Right now is the ideal time to select that tree for your home landscape that will provide shade to an area as well as good looks. Winter planting allows ample time for newly planted trees to become established prior to spring growth.

First, let's start off by saying that there simply is no ideal landscape tree. Trees that have many desirable features have some undesirable ones as well. For instance, a tree may have beautiful flowers in the spring, only to be followed by undesirable fruit or seedpods in the fall.

The homeowner must carefully select the tree to fit his particular needs and situations. He must understand the tree's characteristics, growing habits and requirements and good and bad qualities before making a final decision.

Determine where the tree is needed to best benefit the landscape. Know how much growing room is available and the existing conditions that you have to work with such as sidewalks, driveways, overhead lines, water lines, septic tanks, drainage and overall effect the new tree will have on the existing landscape.

Shade needs, or protection from the sun, are determined by the sun's movement or pattern in relationship to indoor and outdoor living areas. The sun travels from east to west, high in the sky in the summer, and low in the sky in the winter.

Other than for shade, trees may be selected or desired for screening, garden accents or wind protection, for balance to the landscape, for children's play, or simply to provide a pleasing environment for the home. When selecting the best tree for the landscape, choose one that will tolerate the local weather extremes of heat and cold and one that is adaptable to our local soil conditions, which are predominately highly alkaline. Observe native trees in the area as these are of course the most adaptable. Know the tree's growth requirements, possible insect and disease susceptibility, and whether it prefers a companion tree, or space all to itself.

Another thing to consider is whether you prefer an evergreen or deciduous (loses its leaves in fall) tree. The deciduous tree will provide shade in the summer and sun in the winter, whereas the evergreen types usually provide dense shade year-round and do not offer the seasonal color change, new leaf buds in spring, or bare branches in winter. If screening is the effect you are trying to achieve, then an evergreen is probably your best bet.

Nurseries offer you the best choice of small trees - those that grow no higher than 25 feet - and larger trees - those which, with age, grow 50 to 60 feet or more in height.

Small trees usually grow fast, provide quick shade and offer a greater choice of seasonal bloom, fall color, and landscape interest. They also demand less growing room and may be planted in groups or masses. Large trees, on the other hand, provide more shade, yet demand a greater growth space. Perhaps the best solution might be a combination of large trees which slowly mature to size.

A tree choice is a personal choice to fit personal landscape needs. All trees have their good and bad qualities, yet they all provide a natural beauty in any landscape setting. Selecting a tree that will grow in our area is the most important thing to remember because if not adapted to the area the tree may have to be replaced in later years and cause heartache and grief later on.

If you would like more information on tree varieties for Kinney County call or come by the Kinney County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service on the second floor of the county courthouse.

TAAS Writing Time in Texas

TAAS is back! Texas Assessment of Academic Skills.

This week, students all over Texas received a writing exam. Students tested were in fourth, eighth, and tenth grades. Some students in eleventh and twelfth grades took a retest in hopes of passing. At the exit level (10th grade or later), a student must pass in order to graduate from a Texas school. Hey, that's heavy stuff for high school students. It's also big for fourth and eighth grade. This week, let's find out more about TAAS Writing Time in Texas.

In Brackettville, 16% of the enrollment or 103 students were scheduled to be tested: 10th grade (Exit) 28; Alternative School 6; 8th grade 37; 4th grade 32.

Everyone who goes to school (employees and students) feels the pressure to achieve. Like Stoney Burks told me, "The sixth and seventh grade helped by being quiet in the hall so eighth grade could concentrate." Eighth grade English teacher Candy Bader had worked hard to get her charges ready for the

test. She did her best to motivate their best as well as to teach the skills needed for the test.

Brackett has three new fourth grade teachers - Candy Hobbs, Judy Hooker, and Lynn McNew. They have spent many hours planning and working to get the kids ready. I know that they gave it their best shot.

Dee Curry has spent four years teaching writing at BHS. Her first year, all sophomores passed the writing except one. That one passed the retest later in the year. Dee said teaching writing is a tough job. The reward comes when students tell you that YOU taught us to write. It takes lots of thinking to produce a quality writing product. Don Sims says that writing is fundamental and to tend to the business of serving kids by teaching them how to write.

Brackett's kids have done well in the past in writing. In fact, it's our best TAAS score. Good show teachers and students!

We have a great curriculum that involves a writing process written by Michael Eaton. We also have superb language arts teachers at every level at BISD. The strong showing in writing begins in the early grades with heavy emphasis in third grade. Our teachers in K, 1 and 2 work hard on reading and writing so that all children have a chance to succeed.

Fourth grade is the lowest level tested. Results from fourth grade show whether our students are on track. Eighth grade is an important warm-up for the exit level.

Eligible types of writing: (from 4th grade TAAS Measurement Specs):

Descriptive: A composition describing an object, person, place, situation or picture such as looking at a picture of clowns at a circus and writing about what you see.

Informative: A composition telling how to do something like making your favorite dessert. What do you do first, next and then...

Narrative: Focus attention on a task and write for a particular audience like finding a package when you come home from school. The box is moving. Write a story telling what happens when you open the box.

Classificatory: A composition that informs and classifies such as writing about the good and bad things about having a best friend.

Persuasive: Making a choice and giving reasons that support the choice to convince a specified audience such as: choosing playground picnic tables OR a running track for a class gift. THEN write a letter to your principal choosing something new for the playground and giving the reasons for the choice.

The process is much the same as the students get older. It involves more prewriting, ideas, drafts and editing. The vocabulary requirements are more difficult, of course, and students are expected to get better each year at the process.

A prompt is given to students that describes what it is they are to write about. The prompt can include a picture. Schools submit student compositions to Austin where graders are hired by TEA to tell if the student has stuck to the required rubrics...staying on topic...number of reasons, extended & elaborated reasoning, etc. We'll see scores of 1 to 4. Four is the highest score.

Dee Curry advised that TAAS involved completing a writing sample. The students write to prove their proficiency in writing and in thinking. Reasoning and getting an argument together is supposed to be the highest level of writing. Though older students focus more on persuasive writing, it is essential that descriptive writing be learned first where you present your argument. Comparison writing is where you argue one side and stay on topic is also important. Descriptive writing just describes the situation as it is. Writing must appeal to the five senses, use metaphors, similes, and hyperboles (exaggeration).

Students are also tested on English grammar: sentence construction, English usage, spelling, capitalization and punctuation. This part of the test is multiple choice.

Well, there you have it. Texas TAAS Writing Time. It's a skill that students need. It's one that is required by our state. Brackett Language Arts Teachers work hard to get students ready for writing a composition and for taking the grammar test. This week, for making a difference, I salute all English teachers who have been under lots of pressure to produce a quality product. Thanks for giving the kids your best.

Kinney County Girl Scouts



Daisy Troop #150

Meets each Monday at the BISD Cafeteria. Leaders are Patty Parker and Anjanette Moore.

Troop members are Skyleer Easter, Sharon Moore, Emily Valenzuela, Catlyn Holland,

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Coronado, Jackie Duncan, Juliann Ashabranner, Emily Petrosky, Vanessa Glass, Courtney Frerich, Christina Benites, Princess Benites, Kaylynn Perez, Nicole Oliver, Kristy Meyer, Stephanie Bonner, Celina Terrazas, Dana Bonner, and Amanda Rosas.



Junior Girl Scout Troop #161

Meets Monday afternoons at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Leaders are Diane Ward and Diane Wilson.

Troop members are Ana Talamantes, Brandi Wilson, Amanda Smith, Duquesa Hunt, Mariana Rivas, Vanessa Terrazas, Michelle Garcia, Amanda Ward, Jessica Bizzell, Isabelle Tovar, Jessica Gutierrez, Megan McWilliams.

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Due to the expansion of state correctional facilities TDCJ is currently hiring certified correctional officers.

JTPA eligible individuals will qualify for paid tuition and other related training expenses. DUE TO A LENGTHY APPLICATION PROCESS, INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INTERESTED ARE ENCOURAGED TO IMMEDIATELY APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM. The Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy will only accept 200 applicants from the 9 county Middle Rio Grande Region.

Following is a timetable for the training program.

JTPA APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 10, 1995
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TDCJ TESTING: April 25, 1995
TDCJ INTERVIEWS: April 26-28, 1995
SWTJC NOTIFICATION TO ELIGIBLES: May 8, 1995
CLASSES BEGIN: May 15, 1995
CLASSES END: June 8, 1995
TOTAL INSTRUCTION HOURS: 149.5
Classes are held 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

REQUIREMENTS:

- *Must be eligible for employment in the U.S.
- *Must have no outstanding warrants for arrest
- *Must have no criminal charges or be serving probation
- *Must be at least 18 years of age (no maximum age cap)
- *Must have a High School Diploma or G.E.D.
- *Must not be active duty in the U.S. Military
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For more information or assistance contact your local JTPA Office.

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Property Owners Gain Ground

What a monumental month this has been for property owners. Reversing the government's trend of imposing more burdens on private property owners, the U.S. House of Representatives last week passed the Private Property Protection Act to provide relief from extreme government regulations. This follows the passage in the House of an amendment to reform the Endangered Species Act just two weeks ago.

The Private Property Protection Act provides much-needed relief for landowners whose property loses value because of endangered species or wetlands regulations. For years, we've heard horror stories about federal bureaucrats coming onto private property without permission, discovering an endangered animal and then ordering you to stop using your land. Because of the endangered species or critical habitat declaration, your property value drops drastically and you're left with nothing.

With the Private Property Protection Act, that's about to change. If this legislation becomes law, property owners would be able to seek compensation if the government

targets their land and causes them to lose at least 20% of their property value. If the regulated property loses 50% or more of its value, the government could be required to purchase the property.

In addition, federal agencies would have to inform property owners of their rights under the Private Property Protection Act and provide them with the procedures for obtaining compensation. The first step is to get government working with property owners, not against them.

House passage of this bill is a victory for property owners and for Americans who believe in free enterprise. As obvious as it may be to you and me, many arrogant bureaucrats in Washington have trouble understanding the principles upon which our nation is built. They think it's more important to impose their special-interest agenda on hardworking families than to respect basic constitutional rights. However, with the passage of the Private Property Protection Act, this new Congress is renewing our forefathers' belief that government should be the people's servant, not their master.

Home Tips

WIRE ROD ALTERNATIVE — Having bought new valance curtains for my kitchen and not wanting to spend extra on the wide rods that were needed, I cut two 1/4-inch wide pieces of heavy cardboard the length of the rod. I inserted them into the curtains and then inserted the rod behind the cardboard and hung as before.

It looks just like the real thing! I saved money and also recycled some cardboard at the same time. Lily K., Mesquite, Texas

PAINT-TRAY LINER — Plastic grocery bags make great paint-tray liners.

Turn the plastic grocery bag inside out so the printing is on the inside. Slip the paint tray into the bag, making sure any open areas on the bottom end of the bag are not inside the tray. Wrap the handles a couple of times around the clip holders at the end of the tray. Fill with paint and proceed to paint as usual.

When finished painting, simply remove your tools, turn the bag right-side-out and discard. Your paint tray will be relatively clean and ready for reuse. Edna W., Highland, Ind.

JEWELRY DISPLAY — Place self-adhesive hooks on the wall in several rows to hang rings, earrings or necklaces on. It makes an attractive display.

Bear in mind, however, that adhesive-backed hooks are hard to remove from sheetrock without tearing the wall. Katie M., Melbourne, Fla.

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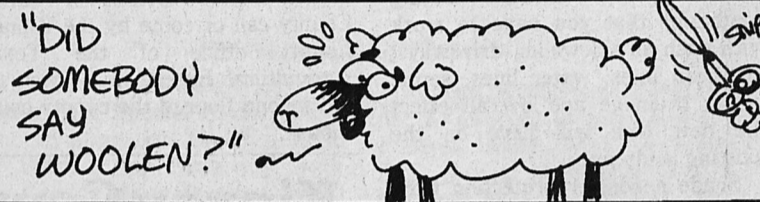
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