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

City Council Meets In Regular And Special Sessions Tuesday

The Brackettville City Council met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, 1995. Answering roll call were Mayor Carmen Berlanga and Council Members Ralph Gonzalez, Rudy Goodloe, Charles Bushart, Jean Seargeant, and Mary Flores.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved after one name correction. Financial statements were also approved.

Fire Marshall Debra Morelli made a report stating that she has inspected one building, United Medical Service, and found no violations. The U.S. Post Office will probably be the next building inspected and then at least one building a month. Reports, to be co-signed by the fire chief, will be sent to the state monthly. The next key-rate (for insurance) evaluation will be in July. Ms. Morelli hopes to see the rate reduced at least by one point although there will be a penalty because the fire department is entirely volunteer...20 volunteer fire fighter members are required with an average attendance of 11 at meetings. The department currently only has 16 members but the attendance requirement is being met. Required certification is ahead of schedule. The department responded to three fires in February, 2 grass and one a structure housing chickens in which a number of baby chicks were killed.

JTPA Field Specialist Joy Ralston appeared before the council and asked them to pass a resolution to be sent in support of the JTPA program. Congress is due to vote this next week on whether to dissolve the program. In support of her request, she distributed figures indicating that in the summer of 1994, 37 Kinney County youth were employed - 20 in remedial programs and 16 in work experience programs. This entailed \$24,548 that went directly to the youth in the program. In addition, two students

(filling one slot) were able to attend Southwest Texas Junior College. The council passed the resolution.

(Editor's Note: Any citizen who is interested in seeing the program left intact is encouraged to add support and reading and responding to Mr. Jose Luis Balderas letter on page 2 and contacting Congressman Bonilla and Senators Gramm and Hutchinson whose addresses are also on page 2).

Juan Hernandez, supervisor for the Texas Department of Transportation in Kinney County, addressed the council concerning a Municipal Maintenance agreement between the City and TxDOT relating to maintenance/control/supervision of certain state highways and portions of highways within the city. The council passed Ordinance 03-14-95 in support of and in cooperation with TxDOT.

The council voted to approve an assignment of release with Hicks & Co. to Macaw Consulting and Research so that Mike Davis could do the archeological work necessary before construction can begin on the waste water disposal facility. Mr. Davis had developed the proposal for Hicks Co. who was awarded the contract but then left the company to join Macaw Consulting, the city's attorney, Pat Dodson, had checked the legalities.

At 6:30, the meeting was recessed to enter into a Special Council Meeting, Urgent Public Necessity, that has been called and posted in correct form.

A resolution was passed for incurrence of obligation to Farmers Home Administration, New Waste Water Plant. A voice vote was taken and all council members voted yes.

The special meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 6:46 p.m. Matias Sandoval reported that the city has

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Special Meeting K.C. Commissioners

The Kinney County Commissioners Court will meet in a Special Session to take care of unfinished business at 9 a.m., Monday, March 20, 1995, County Courtroom.

The agenda was not available at press time but will be posted by 9:00 a.m. Friday.

Board Approves Teachers For '95

The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, March 13, with Jimmy Bader, Rose Mary Slubar, Stan Conoly, Jim McDaniel, Gloria Garcia, and Darlene Shahan present.

Among action taken, the board accepted recommendations from administrators for 1995-96 Professional Staff. Included were Taylor Stephenson, Gloria Benacci, Kristi Swaim, Candy Hobbs, Jamie Ballew, Candance Bader, George Burks, Tammy Coggins, Karen Crumley, Delia Curry, Jack Frerich, Mary Lee Haby, Chuck Hall, Connie Hall, Angie Meeks, John Paul Schuster, Tom McNew, Merry Beth Mills, Greg Nowlin, Mary Petrosky, Carol Petrosky, Dan Swaim, Antonio Ramon, Phyllis Stephenson, Sue Sims, Frank Taylor, Susan Harrison, Pauline Hillard, Susan Davis, Gary Grubbs, Walter "Dutch" Wardlaw, Chris Cantrell.

Also, Judy Blankenship, Maxine Bonner, Judy Burks, David Burton, Billie Foust, Bo Hagler, Lila Holland, Judy Hooker, Kathy Hoyle, Julie Ireton, Hector Jimenez, Bonne Jones, Kandace LaMascus, Lynn McNew, Pamela Melancon, Shelly Naylor, Dorothy Oliver, Janelle Senne, Mary Louise Veltman, Stephanie Wallace, Laura Jane Wardlaw, Mary Sam York, and Betty Inman (1/2 time).

No action could be taken on teacher salary increments because no estimated fund figures have been released from the state and also the legislature is scheduled to yet debate teacher pay increments.

As a routine matter, the board approved a Notice of Election for three trustee positions for terms of three years on May 6, 1995. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Central Office, Brackett ISD, 400 N. Ann Street.

Early voting will be held in the High School Principal's Office, Building 700, High School Annex, from April 17 through May 2, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Approval was given for bus routes in 1995-96 identical to current routes.

The board reviewed and approved placement of computer equipment provided by the \$51,200 grant from the Hillcrest Foundation.



Rotarians Hear Top Story Tellers

Thursday, March 9, 1995, Brackett Rotarians were privileged to hear the UIL Story Tellers from Jones Elementary School at their noon meeting.

Students from the third grade, from left, Vanessa Glass, Emily

Petrosky, Amanda Davis, and Deitrich Davis make up the UIL Story Telling team for 1995. In

competition they are read a story one time and then required to tell the story in their own words before a

live audience which includes the judges.

Proud parents of these students

are Carl and Robin Glass, Carroll and Mary Petrosky, Lloyd Lee and Susan Davis, Zack and Kayla Davis.

Their sponsors are Mary Sam York and Shelley Naylor.

It's Time To Stop "Good Time" Abuses In Texas Prisons

By ALLAN POLUNSKY, Chairman Texas Board of Criminal Justice

Texans should no longer tolerate state prison policies that contribute to the mandatory release of hardened criminals freed on "good time" credit after serving only a fraction of their actual sentences behind bars.

It is time to reform the so-called good time credit system which was used in the past to help reduce prison overcrowding. By this fall our prison expansion program will have added more than 100,000 prison beds during the past five years and that will provide efficient capacity to keep violent and repeat offenders incarcerated.

Reforming the policy is the responsibility of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice and both Governor George W. Bush and I are encouraging the Board to act swiftly and decisively on several badly needed reforms.

The basic concept of good time credit, properly used, is a valid tool in prison management to encourage better inmate behavior. But because of prison overcrowding in the past,

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County Commissioners Vote To Participate In RCD

The Kinney County Commissioners Court met in regular session Monday, March 13, 1995, with Commissioners Freddie Frerich, Joe Montalvo, Cordelia Mendeke, and Paul O'Rourke present. Judge Tommy Seargeant presided. The minutes of February 13 and 27 had been printed and distributed to the court. They were reviewed, corrected, and approved.

After bills and department reports were examined, on a motion by Cordelia Mendeke, seconded by Joe Montalvo, they were approved with all commissioners voting to do so.

Following an explanation of the procedure by Chief Appraiser Marcus Tidwell, Kinney County Appraisal District, on selling a lot held in trust (after being taken for unpaid taxes a number of years ago) Freddie Frerich moved to rescind previous action and accept Tidwell's recommendation to sell the lot for less than the appraised value. Paul O'Rourke seconded the motion and all four commissioners voted yes.

On a motion by Freddie Frerich, seconded by Joe Montalvo, all four commissioners voted to approve bonds for Sue Castro and Beatrice Kuhns.

Herb Senne presented RCD (Resource Conservation and Development) slides to explain a possible source of grant funding for rural projects in an eight county region that can include Kinney County. Projects in funded areas could include Land Conservation, Water Management, Community Development, and Other Elements. Federal money would average 10% and private/foundation/corporate funds would account for the other 90%. Senne suggested that Kinney County would be the ideal location for headquarters of the district. If Kinney County opts to become a part of the program, an annual \$50 membership fee would be required. He also stated that the program's annual convention would be in San Angelo in mid-April. Cordelia Mendeke moved to approve a resolution to participate in the District 22 RCD, to partition Washington to fund District 22, and for the county to offer complimentary office space for headquarters. Paul O'Rourke seconded the motion and all four commissioners voted affirmatively.

At this point Ponce Padron, manager of the local Super-S, presented a check in the amount of \$1200.00 to Mr. Senne to help buy books, to be placed in Kinney County, for use in grant writing.

Judge Seargeant led in a discussion that telephone use by county employees for personal use needed to be curtailed and County Attorney Tully Shahan agreed that not only should "County" phones be used for county business but the personnel policy could include a statement to that effect.

No action was taken on "personnel policy" to allow time for department heads and other interested persons to meet with Attorney Shahan to review the document developed by an employee committee. The meeting was scheduled for March 21. Consider to amend the purchase order policy was also deferred.

The court gave approval for EMS to develop a collection letter to be sent to delinquent accounts in an effort to collect approximately \$30,000 in past due accounts. Mrs. Kuhns reported that 17 had signed up for the EMS course that begins March 21 and ends May 31. Three slots are still available for the course.

On a motion by Paul O'Rourke, seconded by Joe Montalvo, all four commissioners voted to deny use of the Civic Center unless the proper contract is signed.

Grant administrator Charlie Trost reported that the meeting at the Pinto Creek bridge site had gone well, the engineer has staked the center of the roadway, and the county could start clearing the right-of-way. Actual construction could begin by July and be completed in September.

Mr. Trost also reported on his trip to Austin to meet with the Texas Historical Commission on courthouse restoration and was hopeful everything would be worked out to eliminate some of the expense mandated by the Commission.

Action on Model Subdivision Rules were deferred at the request of the County Attorney who stated he, Charlie Trost, and Ana Hernandez, MRGDC grant supervisor, would seek to get the document in acceptable order in time to meet the timeline Spofford is facing on a grant application for water enhancements.

On a motion by Freddie Frerich, seconded by Joe Montalvo, approval was given to the General Soil Map prepared by SCS. This, too, was a required part of Spofford's grant application.

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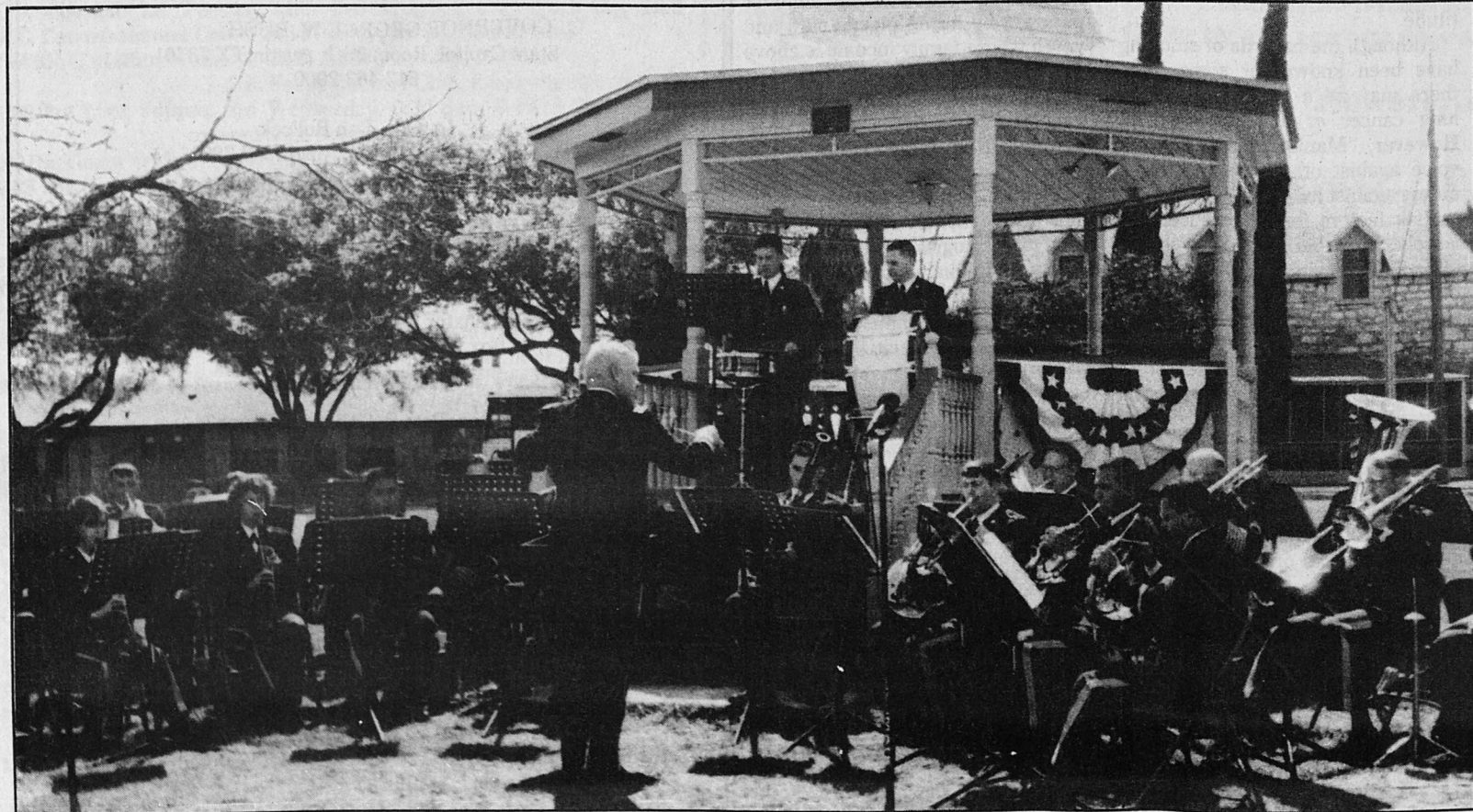


5th Army Band Performed At FC Bandstand

The Fifth Army Band "At The Bandstand On Fort Clark" Saturday, March 11, 1995, 2 p.m. was made possible through the efforts of Bill Haenn, president of the Fort

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Bill Haenn, left, co-ordinated arrangements for the 5th Army Band's visit to Fort Clark.



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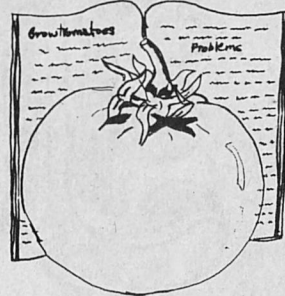
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of the course qualifies students for Team Tomato certification.

Each participant in Team Tomato receives a manual covering the course, a 6-pack of tomatoes, and a t-shirt that proclaims him or her a "certified member of Team Tomato." A registration fee covers costs of materials.

Adams will present the Team Tomato certification program three times for state gardeners this spring. The first session will be February 25 at the Harris County Extension Center; a second is offered at the Baytown Community Center March 4. Call (713) 855-5600 to register for either of these sessions.

A third session will be presented in Waco at the State Garden Show of Texas, March 11. Call (800) 727-9020 to register.

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Between Us

By Joe Townsend



I'm tired of un-American activities being carried out in the name of the United States. I recognize that Ambassadors to other nations are political plums given by the President usually to defeated and discredited "over-the-hill" politicians.

It still "galls" me however when a defeated politician is sent to represent our nation before a foreign government. When a soundly defeated Walter Mondale is sent to represent a nation that disavowed him, this in itself is a disgrace. But when he appears before a great crowd gathered in memory of the bombing of Toyko and stands before the throng to "apologize" for the

people killed by the U.S. bombs, it's time he be defrocked of his position and held to open scorn and ridicule by the American people.

When the Smithsonian seeks to display the "Enola Gay" in such a way as to condemn the U.S. it's high time the perpetrator of the despicable act be exiled from any benefits of this land.

Those of us who remember that fateful Sunday afternoon, December 7, when the Japanese made their dastardly attack on Pearl Harbor in no way feel the U.S. owes any kind of apology for any attack bringing victory to the U.S.

To the millions who lost loved ones in battles such as Iwo Jima, Tarawa, and Guadalcanal, it is a slap in the face to be apologetic to the Niponese. To those who remember the death march of Bataan and Corregidor it is a stab in the back to

even sympathize with the land of the Rising Sun.

The inhumane treatment given American POWs by the Japs is enough to turn the stomach of a normal human being.

There can be no doubt the bombing of Toyko and the atomic bomb at Nagasaki hastened the end of the war and saved the lives of many American GIs and sailors.

If the President had any integrity he would have already removed Mondale from any opportunity to defame the greatest nation the world has ever seen.

There has to be something wrong with the thinking power of anyone who is apologetic for the actions of the United States during World War II. To continuously bemoan the Holocaust and forget the inhumane acts of Japan show an unacceptable inconsistency.

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Women and Tobacco

CANCER DEATH RATES: In the female population, LUNG CANCER is the primary cause of cancer deaths. Over 30 per 100,000.

Lung Cancer takes 16 years off a life.

Until now, breast cancer claimed the most lives among women. Now because more are smoking, lung cancer takes more women's lives - approximately 50,000 every year.

Women in the United States have the second highest death rate from lung cancer in the world.

In 1994 an estimated 72,000 American women will be diagnosed with lung cancer, and about 59,000 will die of the disease, according to the American Society's Cancer Facts and Figures. No other cancer has increased so dramatically (over 400% in the past 20 years.)

The number of women who smoke continues to increase. Alarmingly, the fastest growing segment of smokers is now women under 23 years of age.

According to a recent study "Texas Youth Risk Behavior Survey Report" more girls than boys between the ages of 13 and 17 have tried smoking.

More money is being spent by tobacco company advertising campaigns to target women "You've Come A Long Way, Baby" associates smoking with women's liberation. But being addicted to nicotine is anything but being liberated. It is probably the hardest addiction to stop. One little girl's comment after her grandmother had died a horrible death from lung cancer was, "they wanna make you think that cigarettes will make you beautiful, but really they just wanna make money. Those ads are dumb because cigarettes make you die." Lets hope that when she arrives at her ten years she still has this attitude.

Although the hazards of smoking have been known for some time, there may be a tendency to view lung cancer as a man's disease. However, "Mankind...is raising its voice against other disease, let us outcry against lung cancer!"

Risk factors for lung cancer are largely avoidable and exert strong effects. Approximately 87% of lung cancer deaths among women are attributable to smoking, not to mention deaths from other smoking-related cancers and heart disease.

Not smoking is as effective in preventing death from lung cancer as is screening for breast cancer.

We as a community need to work together to keep our youth from using tobacco products. If they do now, we need to offer programs to help them quit.

The American Lung Association, the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society and the Texas Department of Health have free information about smoking and health. The Department of Health can be reached by calling 800-345-8647.

Big Mama Sez!



To share with a friend is to see twice the beauty.

PLEASE REMEMBER that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our paper. We realize that that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Often what happens in our nation's capitol seems very removed from our daily lives. Recent actions in Washington, D.C., however, will hit our communities "close to home" this summer. The U.S. House of Representatives will vote any day now on a proposal to eliminate the summer jobs program for youth.

For more than twenty years, this program has provided needed jobs in this area for low income, disabled, and at risk youth.

The House Appropriations Committee voted recently to eliminate the summer youth employment and training program funded through the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA). This program provides 615,000 jobs for disadvantaged youth nationwide with summer jobs and learning opportunities to help improve basic math and reading skills.

Without this funding residents of Kinney County will lose approximately 20-30 jobs this summer.

Eliminating the summer jobs program is very short-sighted. These programs engage youth in positive work experience, provide needed income, reduce drop-out rates, and help youth make the connection between success in school and success in the workplace.

Furthermore, the employed youth provide services that benefit all of us while working for the school, city, and county in addition to gaining workplace skills. In short, the JTPA summer youth program is a minimal investment that yields a high return.

Congressional leaders are calling upon the private sector to pick up the slack where federal support is reduced. Local employers do hire young people where possible. Many already complement our summer program by hiring older youth and youth whose family income is above the federal guidelines.

However, the loss of the federal jobs cannot be made up through private efforts (at least not in the rural area of the Middle Rio Grande Region.) In fact, for 14- and 15-year olds, the federally-supported summer youth program is often the only option for finding employment.

As Chairman of the Middle Rio Grande Private Industry Council and a concerned citizen, I urge parents, teachers, employers, and everyone concerned about creating productive work for our youth to contact Senator Gramm and Senator Hutchinson and our Congressional Representative Bonilla to express support for the summer jobs program.

Sincerely,
/s/ Jose Luis Balderas
Chairman, MRGDC
Private Industry Council

(Tommy Seargeant and Jean Faulkenberry are Kinney County's representatives to the MRGDC Private Industry Council and Joy Ralston is the JTPA Field Specialist).

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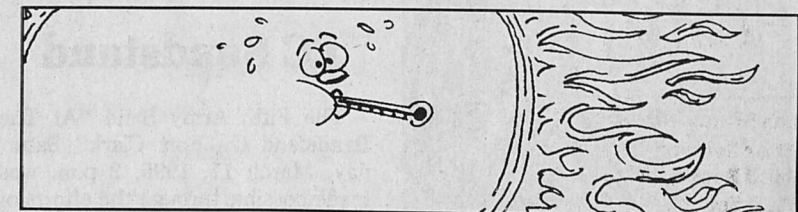
Ranching For Wildlife Meeting In Del Rio

The Texas Chapters of the Wildlife Society and the Range Society are co-sponsoring a symposium for ranchers and land managers on Saturday, March 25, in Del Rio.

Speakers from around the state will be on hand to discuss a diversity of subjects including: current local range and wildlife status; livestock grazing systems; white-tailed deer, quail and turkey ecology and management; future of fishes in the Devil's River and San Felipe Creek; black-capped vireo ecology and management; the status of black bear and mountain lions; and the endangered species act.

The meeting will be held at the Eagle Room of Ole Distributors at 1990 Bedell Avenue, Del Rio, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and a \$5 registration fee will be accepted at the door.

For more information contact Sylvestre Sorola at 210-774-7406 or Bill Armstrong at 210-238-4483.



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Library Notes



By Sara Terrazas

Library Hours
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Do you enjoy reading but have no way of getting to the library? Well, we will be glad to deliver books, videos, or magazines to you. Give us a call.

In the month of February, we had 747 patrons use the library, 15 were new patrons, and a total of 5,628 books circulate. We also had 5 volunteers spend 68 hours helping. That is really wonderful. A big thank you to our patrons for their contribution to the library.

We are also very excited that the Garden Club has decided to take on the library yard as a project. We look forward to seeing some flowers and pretty plants around the library. God bless you.

New books: *The Complete Guitarist*, *The Worth Book Of Softball*, *Kiss The Girls*, and *Never Die In January*.

As always we invite you to visit the friendliest little library in Kinney County.

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Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend



One of the finest men on the faculty and coaching staff of Brackett Schools is Greg Nowlin. He is a dedicated professional. He is a fine coach whose teams are winners.

He is a fine family man and is well liked by all who know him.

He is a tremendous asset and contributes much to our school and community.

Surely Greg Nowlin is an "Unsung Hero."

Beta Epsilon Omicron

Bridge Anyone

By NORMA GOULD



Tuesday, March 7, the Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club had 9 1/2 tables playing the Mitchell Movement.

Nita and Fred Clayton won first place in the N/S direction. Dena Scott and Ann Malin were a close second with Ben Pingenot and Norma Gould winning third.

Walt Geeze and James Harber won first place in the E/W direction. Molly Schroeder and Carol Benefield won second place with Dorothy Edwards and Ruth Wilks coming in third place.

Trivia Test

by Linda Luckhurst

1. Geography: Where in the United States would you find the largest population of Indians?
2. Music: Where do the pesky flies land in the song, "Skip to My Lou"?
3. Scandal: What revelation was made by Alexander Butterfield to the Senate Watergate committee?
4. Literary Nicknames: What was Natty Bumppo's nickname?
5. Gems: What is referred to as "The Bishop's Stone"?
6. Ends in K: What is the only state in the U.S. which ends with the letter, k?
7. Count It Out: How many times in a year is a bimonthly publication put out?
8. Game-Playing: How many hoops are there on an Association croquet court?

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TRIVIA TEST ANSWERS

Around the Fort



Ladies Exercise

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

Golf News



Mens League

Wednesday, March 8

41st: Choppy Ambler, Bob Williamson, Ken Frost, and Pat Connoly.

2nd (3-way tie) C.M. Smith, James Stafford, Phil Fordahl, Stan Sterling; Blake Hinton, George Clark, Rick Bacon, Bob Burkepille; Bob Gaston, Bill Walston, Don Herron, and Ernest Hall.

Couples Tournament

Thursday, March 9

1st flight winners: Roy and Fern Dyer, Clem and Pat McKelvy

2nd flight winners: Margot Kendrick, Carl Bordiga, Dale and Mylo Unruh.

3rd flight winners: Gordon and Jean Petaja and the Hintons.

9-Hole League

Tuesday, March 14

Seven ladies played and the game was Poker Hand. Connie Gillen had 5 of a kind for first place. Mylo Unruh and Jean Land tied for second with 4 apiece. Tee-off time each week is 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

3-Par Scramble

Thirty-two golfers teed off the "new" regular tee boxes on a beautiful morning, Monday, March 13. Appreciation was expressed to James Stafford, Bob Slate and his

crew for the course being in good shape and also the maintenance crew for the work they do on the course.

There were eight 4-person teams. Sunday night's rain made the fairways a little soft and the ball didn't run as much as normal. There was also a two-club wind that kept fishtailing, therefore scores weren't as low as they normally are in the scramble.

1st place, even par 27, went to Tom Faulkenberry, Lee Carpenter, Margot Kendrick, and Harold Kaufman.

Two teams tied at 1 over par 28: Don Herron, Camile Niel, Jim Palmer, Ed Boyko; Harrell Floyd, Dave Yates, Carol Benfield, Tom Sampson. In a chip-off the Herron team was declared winner of second place.

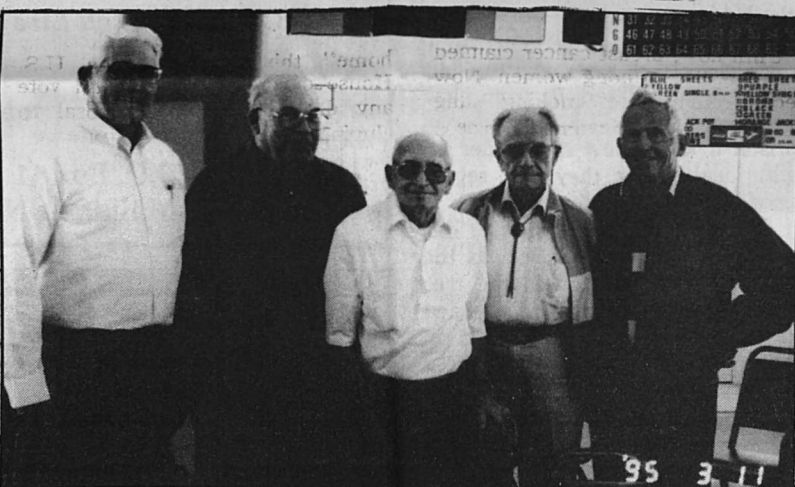
Three teams tied at 2 over par 29: Bill Woolston, Al Folenwinder, Mert Miller, Bob Burkepille; Alfredo Pena, Ruth Pack, Bob Barnett, Ken Bell; Joe Genualdi, Ted Thatcher, Dick Wolters, Jason Bell.

At 30 was the team of James Stafford, Elaine Crane, Lyle Niel, Dale Kendrick.

Bill Koons, Beverly Highland, Ken TeGrotenhuis, and Chuck Bell finished at 32.

Thanks to Harrell Floyd and Bill Koons for a well-run scramble. It was about as evenly paired as possible with this type of play.

See all you Guys and Gals next Monday, March 20, for the 9:00 a.m. tee off.



Fort Clark Community Council

Saturday, March 11, 1995, the Fort Clark Springs Community Council met at Shafter Hall. Part of the business transacted was election of officers for 1995-96. Chosen were, from left, Les Roper - president, Jerry O'Brien - first vice president, Harold Kauffman - treasurer, Guy Hibler - secretary, and Micky Braun - second vice president.

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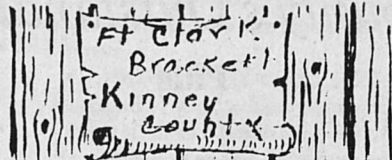
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- Altar Society: 1st Monday, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Band Booster Club: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m., High School Band Hall
- BISD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., School Board Room
- Beta Sigma Phi
- R of J Beta Epsilon Omicron (Sept-May) 2nd & 4th Monday, 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 VFV #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.

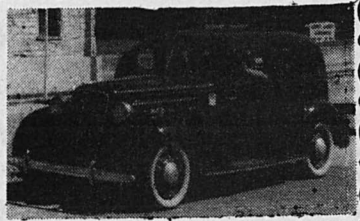
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Rambling Around Kinney County

By THE K.C. RAMBLER



Remember the 10¢ sale at the Thrift Shop this week-end. The doors will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 2:00 p.m. The bargains here are outstanding on a regular basis and when all the clothing is marked down to one dime, each customer can only be a WINNER. Be there this Saturday, March 18, for a shop till you drop day.

The annual Arts and Crafts Fair sponsored by the FCS Art Club is quickly filling up with booths. Many unique ideas will be displayed. The sale will be on April 1 - booths are still available. If you want a booth, sign up at the Adult Center. This promises to be very special.

Perhaps you could enjoy the BBQ at Columbus Park (kitty-corner from City Hall) being sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce on the same day. You can't go wrong on BBQ in this county. Don't think they know how to fix anything but excellent.

Spring has sprung -
Our birds are back
Our beautiful sunsets are back
Our beautiful days are back
A bignette from a very special

lady. She has said a lot in a very small space. Why don't you cut it out, hang it on your refrigerator door and think about it each day. We are all prone to say "let the other guy do it," aren't we?

Know your neighbors? One definition of the word is "one who lives nearby." Now that is the kind of neighbors I have - "those who live nearby."

"I never see them. I see their lights at night or their cars going by but I never see these neighbors!

"So one day when I was setting reading, I looked out the door and coming up the walk was a man holding the hand of a small child and a woman with a baby in her arms - who could they be?"

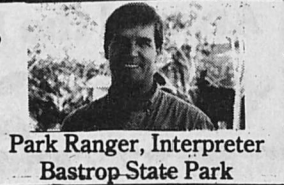
"I opened the door and they all stepped into the living room but wouldn't be seated. They had come to tell me that they had just moved into the community and they wanted to introduce themselves!

"Glory be! At last I had neighbors - some that I could see and talk to! I also learned a lesson - what had I done to welcome new neighbors! "It works both ways!"

Moncus' Musings



MIKE MONCUS



Park Ranger, Interpreter
Bastrop State Park

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Across The Dam

Very early at not quite 5, I was out because the electric space heater that usually warms me at night decided to cease all normal functions. My other substitute heater was down at the cabin where I write sometimes. I had gotten very cold or I would have waited till my normal wake up time at 6:30. The early morning was a terrific surprise. It was so very clear and all of the known constellations were right before my eyes. I know it's a fact they never cluster that way and indeed they hadn't but the clearness made it a very real assumption on my part. Especially with the way my imagination works early in the morning.

As I walked a story seemed to formulate in my shivering head. At least I felt I had a desire to write one. It would be a story about an awakening fishing community on the Northshore of the lake. A community whose early morning lights were coming on at a far distance. A community with a small store that had bait and a few tables for breakfast meals. People were always there early buying the things fishermen need and can't do without. Before I reached the cabin with my substitute space heater I had heroes and villains and a very sound problem working out in a plot. When I opened the door to the cabin and saw all my stuff and my writing files and the things I had piled around in the room I instantly forgot all about the little story I was working on as I walked down.

On leaving the cabin on the trek back to my trailer I noticed the constellations were gone and there was a heavy mist rising off the water. I looked back across the dam and still there were early morning lights but very little story remained in my head and it hardly seemed cold enough to have gotten up so early to make the trip. My dog whimpered as I crossed the little bridge and I worried about something I could no longer remember.

Now that I remember this story it no longer seems worth the remembering and I don't have much desire to write about those things. I only wished I had gone there just to write and come back with feelings good like those I have when there's good true stories about nature I have written.



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Fresh Head Lines

Well, the paper just came out with some fresh head lines concerning the militant group of chauvinists that would go to any limits and extremes to keep women from being a part of their organization. Yep, pretty neat head lines.

Anti-Woman Group Backs Militant Chauvinists For Political Power

"It has been discovered by this reporter that the newest declared candidates of America (running on an independent ticket) are not only members of an organization that down grades women and does every thing in the organization's power to keep women from advancing in society, they are high up officials in the same organization."

"It has been learned from a very reliable source that in the past this organization has held meetings (in closed door sessions) and discussed the little if any actual use for women other than what women were really put on this earth for."

(Now this reporter is pretty handy with words, but me thinks her and her reliable source just did more damage to them than they did to old Arlo and me).

Now old Arlo isn't used to people shooting at him like that and he is some what miffed about the way the powers that be are treating us.

No problem. The front page news went on.

"From my reliable source, I also learned that this anti-women organization flat out refused to let

any women become involved in any kind of activities this so called organization got involved in for the betterment of the community or country."

That wasn't exactly true, we did want a few women to get involved on some of our community outings. Most of us had been in the Boy Scouts of America and all of us had taken those kids on camp-outs and things like that. We did want their mothers (women) to get involved.

We wanted 'em to pack plenty of sweets and neat things to eat and be ready to pick the little darlings up after a week end of serious camping. But do you think that goofy reporter would let some thing like that count? NOOO!!!

But, we will survive the terrible attack on our character one way or the other. We set another trap.

Old Arlo and me mentioned to Garian and the others (Karl included) that if we were to be elected we would appoint B.S. Thrower to the position of Surgeon General.

For those of you that don't remember B.S., he's the one that no one can work for, he drinks roughly a half gallon of whiskey a day, smokes three packs of cigarettes a day, eats only the fattest of beef and fried ham, and has been involved in more paternal lawsuits than any man alive. He also weighs in at about 290 pounds of not so perfect example of physical excellence.

Can't wait to see what that old gal does with this.

POSTMASTER'S COLUMN



NOT AVAILABLE THIS WEEK

Time To Stop "Good Time" Abuses from page 1

the penitentiary system was forced to carry the practice to an extreme, thereby endangering public safety and emasculating the department's disciplinary policies.

The most critical reforms needed are:

1. We must stop restoring previously earned good time credits to inmates returned to prison for any type of parole violations.

2. As an inmate earns his way up the good time scale, we must stop recomputing and backdating at higher rates the previous credits earned at his lower rate.

3. We need to lengthen the time an inmate must wait to be "promoted" to a higher good time earning status after committing a violation of prison rules.

4. We should bring all inmates into the system at a lower good time earning status rather than at the present level. Currently, an inmate comes into the system automatically earning 40 days of good time credits for every 30 days actually served. This makes no sense whatsoever. An inmate should work his way up the ladder and not receive undeserved benefits.

As Gov. Bush has said, criminals will not be deterred from bad behavior either on the streets or in prison if they know that under institutional policy they can regain good time credits automatically.

Good time credit inside our prisons should function just as the criminal laws function in the free world. Our policy on awarding -- and revoking -- good time credit in prison should be penalty-driven just as the penal code is.

These four reforms will go a long way toward returning the good time system back to the workable program it was before court intervention and overcrowding.

Tightening of the policies will certainly assist our prison administrators by giving them a meaningful tool for rewarding good behavior and punishing deviant actions.

As James A. Collins, executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, has said: "The inmate who keeps his nose clean, works hard and avails himself of vocational and educational opportunities has nothing to fear from a strict good time policy. Tightening up on good time is aimed at the prisoner who refuses to follow the rules and whose behavior endangers the staff, other prisoners and state property."

The current liberal good time policies were adopted by the Legislature and past prison boards under duress in trying to cope with a vastly overcrowded system. But today Texas taxpayers have paid billions of dollars to construct sufficient capacity to alleviate that situation, and the state's citizens are due assurance that the money spent will bring an end to the revolving doors in our state prisons.

Texas Senate Action

The Texas Senate convened Monday, March 6, with a quorum present, but was unable to conduct business due to fog in several Texas cities. The Texas Constitution prohibits the consideration of legislation during the first sixty days of the legislative session. In order to suspend the rule it takes an affirmative vote of 4/5 of the membership. Monday was the 55th day of the 74th Legislative Session.

On Wednesday the full Senate confirmed the gubernatorial nominations of Susan Howard and Nolan Ryan to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, and Dr. Michael Alton Moses as Commissioner of Education.

Also on Monday, the Senate State Affairs Committee met to hear testimony on Senate Bill 473, sponsored by Senator Jerry Patterson of Pasadena, which would repeal the mandatory motorcycle helmet law for adults over 18. The law still calls for individuals under the age of 18, both operators and passengers, to wear a motorcycle helmet.

The Senate passed Committee Substitute Senate Bill 9 sponsored by Ken Armbrister of Victoria, which amends the membership requirements, appointment process, and duties of the Board of Trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas. The bill amends the collection process for state contributions, and creates new provisions and requirements for participation by active employees of public school districts in the Texas Teacher Retirement System. The system has supplied benefits to retired employees of the public schools since 1937. The Legislature is responsible for the system's financial stability and its ability to pay retirement benefits. However, there has never been an evaluation of the investment activity of the

system. The Texas Sunset Commission recommended increasing benefits to all retired members of the retirement system, and in particular to approximately 6,000 persons whose current average annuity payments are lower than the poverty line for persons over age 65.

The Senate passed Senate Bill 445, sponsored by Senator Gregory Luna of San Antonio, which makes it an offense to operate a vehicle with a child in an open bed of the vehicle or in the open bed of a trailer being towed by a vehicle. Current law prohibits anyone under the age of 12 to ride in the open bed of a vehicle; this legislation amends the law to anyone under the age of 18.

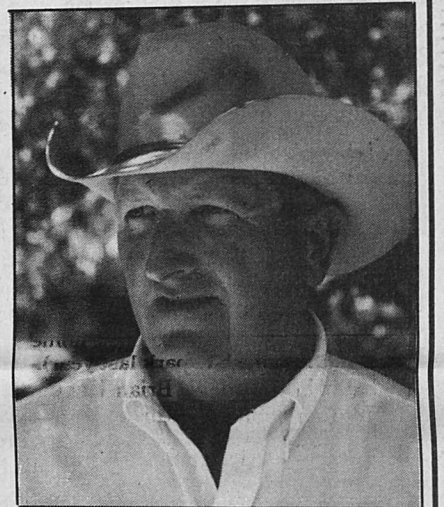
The Senate passed Committee Substitute Senate Bill 200 sponsored by Sen. Ken Armbrister of Victoria which authorizes the adoption of rules by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to require the use of an alternative fuels program for motor vehicles of the public and private sector.

The Senate passed Senate Bill 3 sponsored by Senator Teel Bivins of Amarillo which relates to the regulation of commercial motor carriers. Senate Bill 3 brings the state into compliance with federal law relating to trucking by prohibiting the Texas Railroad Commission from regulating rates, entry into the market and routes served. In addition, Senate Bill 3 gives authority to the Texas Department of Transportation to register trucking companies and ensure compliance with insurance regulations, and to adopt consumer protection regulations of household movers similar to those that apply to the interstate shipment of those goods. In addition, the Department of Public Safety would have greater authority to enforce trucking safety regulations.

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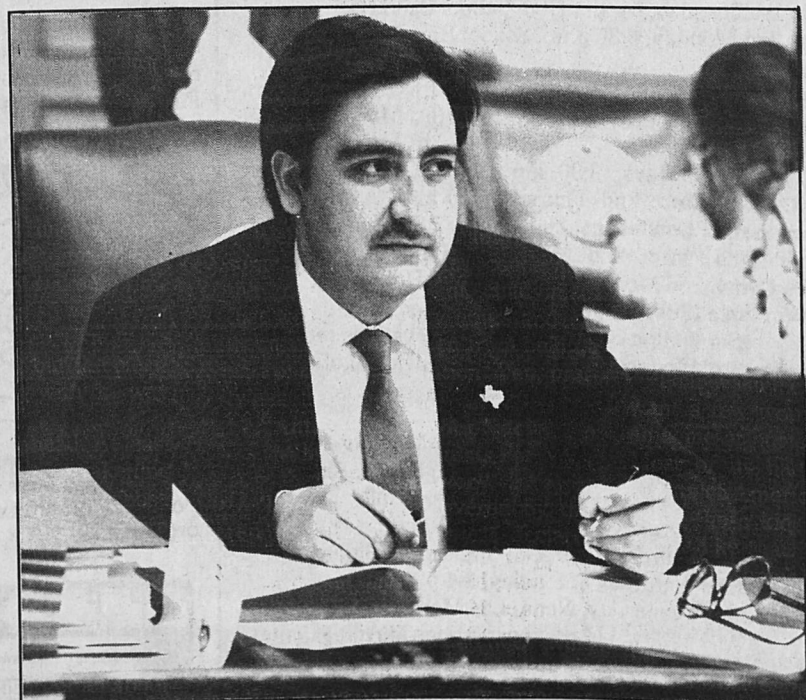


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Baseball

Student Reporter BRIAN HOOKER

Tigers Win Dilley Tournament In 3 Solid Games

LaPryor...11-10

Thursday, March 9, the Tiger Baseball team traveled to the Dilley Tournament to face the LaPryor Bulldogs in first round action. Still smarting from the past week-end when the Bulldogs taunted and made fun of the Tigers at the LaPryor Tournament, on this Thursday afternoon turned the tables and paid the Bulldogs back.

The Tigers racked up 9 points in the first inning against the Bulldogs who went through 2 pitchers in the first inning.

Then, the Tigers gave up 10 runs but managed to pull out and win the game 11-10 in the bottom of the 7th inning.

Ramon DeLeon hit his second home run of the year.

Tigers Beat 3-AAA Devine 6-4

After the tournament victory over LaPryor, on March 10, the Tigers met the 3-AAA Devine War Horses in the second round of play.

The Tigers played excellent baseball throughout the game. They pulled ahead 6-4 in the fourth inning. That score remained through the calling of the game due to darkness.

With this win, the Tigers advanced to the Championship battle of the first annual Dilley Tournament with an 11-10 win over LaPryor and a 6-4 win over Devine.

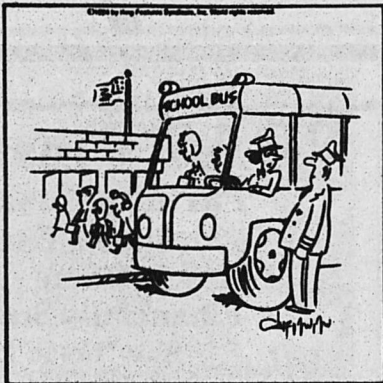
Tigers Run With CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, March 11, the Tigers faced the Crystal City Javalinas for the tournament championship.

The Javalinas offered no contest to the Tigers who blew them away 14-3. With this win the Tigers were the CHAMPIONS of the first Annual Dilley Tournament.

In the first inning, Ramon DeLeon hit his second home run of the tournament and third of the year. Later in the game Moses Hernandez brought back some memories smashing a home run as well. (Moses hit back-to-back home runs in the same ball park last year).

Later in the game, Brian Hooker hit his first home run ever!



"It's getting so I can't stand the smell of peanut butter anymore."

Blake

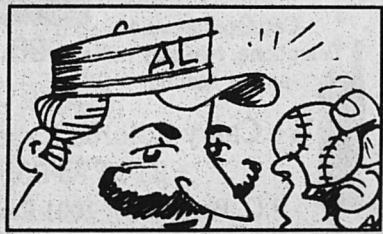
Last Thursday, March 9, Brackett Independent School District was deprived, temporarily, of one of its most prized students, Blake Ward.

Blake was the victim of an accident involving an 18-wheeler. He was taken to the hospital in Uvalde where he sat and nothing was done for him. Finally, he was air-lifted to Methodist Hospital in San Antonio where he remains.

Blake is one of the "toughest" 3rd graders in the world. He shed no tears Thursday but instead hung tough while the doctors did their work.

At Methodist Hospital, Blake is undergoing treatment and hopes to be able to return home next week.

GET WELL SOON BLAKE WARD WE (KINNEY COUNTY) LOVE YOU.



The American Baseball League was organized in 1900, but did not gain recognition as a major league until 1903.

Spring Break

You're right! The teachers and students of BISD are enjoying their spring break this week, something they were deprived of last year.

Well, no, Brackett is no "party spot" for spring break like the coast is, but it's still a place for students to relax and get a break from school.

Some people are taking vacations. That's great! Just remember to be careful.

Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An investment could pay off for you, but you still feel that you just don't have enough hands to accomplish what needs to be done around the house. Don't be afraid to enlist the aid of family members.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A partner has an inspirational effect on you. Unfortunately, however, a friend seems to drain you. Try to avoid this person for now. It's not a good week, either for getting your views across.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Business interests receive a nice boost, but care is needed in financial dealings with others. Someone is looking for an opportunity to take advantage of you in this area. An acquaintance made now doesn't follow through on a promise.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) There's no need to rush in making a decision about a financial concern. Though you'll have fun at a leisure event, partners really aren't on the same wavelength this week. It's best to keep away from controversial issues.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Joyous times come at home, but you could have trouble in getting an unfinished task out of the way. This is due to a lack of attention on your part so do your best to remedy this. Concentrate more effectively.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You'll be hearing some good news from one friend this week, but overall, it's not the best week for socializing. Unanswered romantic questions are on your mind. However, it's best not to push your mate too hard right now.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Though the workweek begins on a productive note, later, you could encounter delays and obstacles to your plans. Others are just not being cooperative. Concern about home matters also interferes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You could be doing some decorating at home this week. You'll also be receiving good news from a distance. Some are in for a

surprise financial windfall which helps tremendously.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It's a poor week for selling an item, as you could waste time dealing with people who aren't really serious or interested. Word-of-mouth serves you best. It's wise to be conservative now about financial matters.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're likely to receive a nice social invitation this week for the coming weekend. However, you could be restless and in an independent mood. This causes delays in making any commitments, social or otherwise.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Though new business opportunities arise, it could be tough going regarding the completion of current assignments. Try to buckle down and concentrate on tasks at a backlog of work.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You could be invited to a party that will take place in the near future. This week, though, your social plans seem to be up in the air. Someone is keeping you waiting, but try to be more patient.

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- Mar. 16 Stephen Foster
- Mar. 16 Denese Bowers
- Mar. 16 Taylor Pinnell
- Mar. 16 Norman Hooten
- Mar. 17 Buck McKnight
- Mar. 17 Tami Clardy
- Mar. 17 Jason Smith
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- Mar. 20 Virginia Smith
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- Mar. 21 Mary Lue Smith
- Mar. 22 Celia Ramon

BISD Cafeteria Menu

Parents Welcome To Join Their Children At Breakfast Or Lunch.

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Three choices for breakfast:
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- MONDAY Tiger Toast Fruit or Fruit Juice
- TUESDAY Bean & Cheese Burrito Fruit or Juice
- WEDNESDAY Pizza Bagel Fruit or Juice
- THURSDAY Biscuit/Gravy Fruit or Juice
- FRIDAY Pancakes/Syrup Fruit or Juice



LUNCH

Milk Served At All Meals
Salad Bar Available Everyday
"B" Line Everyday

March 20 - 24

- MONDAY Hot Dog - French Fries Apple Sauce
- TUESDAY BBQ or Baked Chicken Gravy - Whipped Potatoes Choice of Vegetable - Roll
- WEDNESDAY Hamburger - Burger Salad French Fries Fruit
- THURSDAY Turkey Fajitas Spanish Rice - Pinto Beans Fruit
- FRIDAY Grilled Cheese - French Fries Fresh Fruit

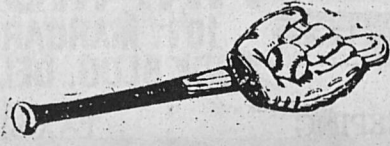
Dinner/Theater Scheduled For March 27

Come to Brackett High School for an evening of dinner and theater on Monday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m. After a delicious dinner of roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, and sweet potato pie, served in the cafeteria, the One-Act Play group will present this year's entry in the UIL One-Act Play contest.

The play, titled "Louder, I Can't Hear You, follows a mother's humorous efforts to get her family to recognize her presence. The talented cast includes Charlie Hall as the mother, Brian Hooker as her husband, Katie Hall and Jared Shahan as her children. Denise Frerich is a receptionist, and Patrick Melancon plays the part of a very strange physician.

The crew consists of Sean Burks and Zoila Herrera. Presented with the permission of the Dramatic Publishing Company, the play is directed by Merry Beth Mills. Tickets, which sell for \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for high school and middle school students, and \$3.00 for elementary students, are on sale from any of the cast or crew members or from the High School Office. The price of the ticket includes dinner and the play.

The Brackett High School One-Act Play group has advanced beyond the district level four times in the past six years, so the audience can expect to see a quality presentation.



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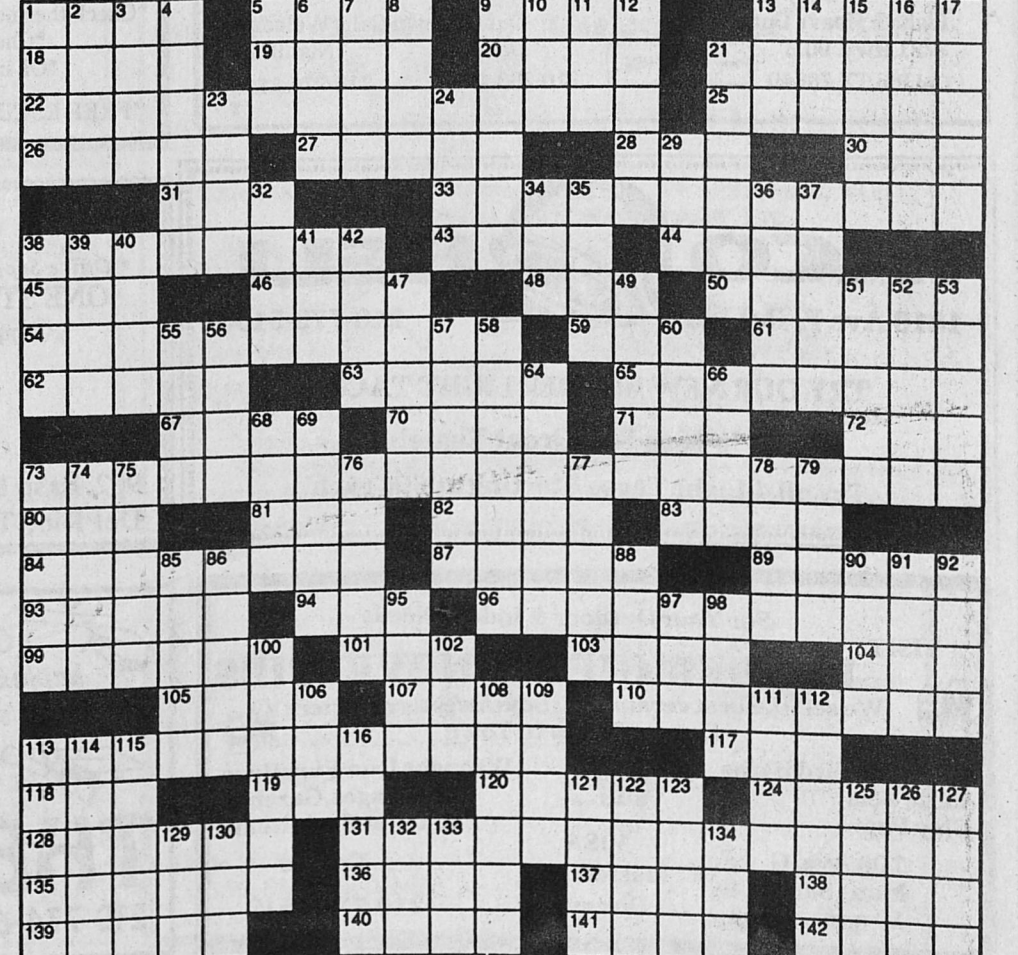
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Super Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Nourish
- 5 Niger's neighbor
- 9 Relative of PDC
- 13 Stationed
- 18 Summit
- 19 Dock support
- 20 Offensive
- 21 - Sue Martin
- 22 Silky
- 25 Diving bird
- 26 Wreck the Rolls
- 27 Card for Carmen
- 28 At once
- 30 Ms. Merkel
- 31 Corporate VIP
- 33 Fuzzy actor?
- 38 Andretti's millau
- 43 Rabbit or Fox
- 44 Navigation hazard
- 45 - a Camera
- 46 Overhead
- 48 Lamb's mother
- 50 Pre-pupal
- 54 Durable humorist?
- 59 Actor Brynner
- 61 Old hat
- 62 Zhou -
- 63 "Some Like -" (59 film)
- 65 75 Peace Nobelist
- 67 Mother of Horus
- 70 Try one's patience
- 71 Native: suffix
- 72 Stout relative
- 73 Flurry vocal duo?
- 80 Make a midl into a mirl
- 91 - Mince
- 92 Approx- mately
- 93 - a France
- 94 Pirate's quaff
- 96 Synthetic golfer?
- 99 Urgently
- 101 Pull hard
- 103 Field of study
- 104 "Exodus" protagonist
- 105 Raindrop sound
- 107 Othello's inducer
- 110 "Jumbo shrimp, e.g.
- 113 Coarse comic?
- 117 Utter
- 118 Clark's "Mogambo"
- 119 Rowan or Rather
- 120 Morocco's capital
- 124 Long Island town
- 128 Take in
- 131 Soft actress?
- 135 Plinck or Howard
- 136 "Hi - -, Hi-Lo"
- 137 Harness part
- 138 Cain's nephew
- 139 Kildare
- 140 Very impres- sive
- 141 Computer "food"
- 142 Carry on DOWN
- 1 Certainty
- 2 Reverberation
- 3 Give off
- 4 Write graffiti
- 5 Sgt. s counterpart
- 6 Suggest
- 7 Alan of "The Four Sea- sons"
- 8 Antlered
- 9 Incarnation
- 10 Tynemouth title
- 11 Every last bit
- 12 Showy shrub
- 13 - relief
- 14 Current unit
- 15 Antitoxin
- 16 Actress
- 17 Moshe of Israel
- 21 Former military chairman
- 23 Took off
- 24 Prop for "Kookie"
- 28 Man - (racehorse)
- 34 Basketball's Auerbach
- 35 Hors d'oeuvre holder
- 36 Indisposed
- 37 - incognita
- 38 Location
- 39 Hostage
- 40 Actor
- 41 From - Z
- 42 Hindu mediator
- 47 - dish (lab vessel)
- 49 Orchestra offering
- 51 Like a cold
- 52 Coral outcrop
- 53 Mississppi mound
- 55 Temporal
- 56 Bonet or Whelchel
- 57 Horned herbivores
- 58 Hospital areas
- 60 Wood- working tool
- 64 Not as loose
- 66 Quick-witted
- 68 - facto
- 69 Singer Kay
- 73 Bangkok natives
- 74 Opening remark?
- 75 Brazier bit
- 76 Kayak commander
- 77 Reed or Mills
- 78 1492 vessel
- 79 Superstar
- 85 Proficient
- 86 Yo-Yo Ma's instrument
- 88 Flying start?
- 90 General library
- 91 Caligula's nephew
- 92 Davis of "The Sinbad Show"
- 95 "The Ghost
- 97 Villainous Luthor
- 98 Shells out
- 100 Over there
- 102 Guy's friend
- 106 Cops' org.
- 108 Vampire repellent
- 109 Fall birth- stone
- 111 Cardinal
- 112 Pearl harbor
- 113 Devilfish
- 114 Tower material?
- 115 Time for chores?
- 116 Quilter's cry
- 121 Ornitholo- gist's concern
- 122 On a cruise
- 123 Dweeb's cousin?
- 125 - the Hyena (Capp character)
- 126 Heavy metal
- 127 "Yo!" at the library
- 129 - Got a Secret?
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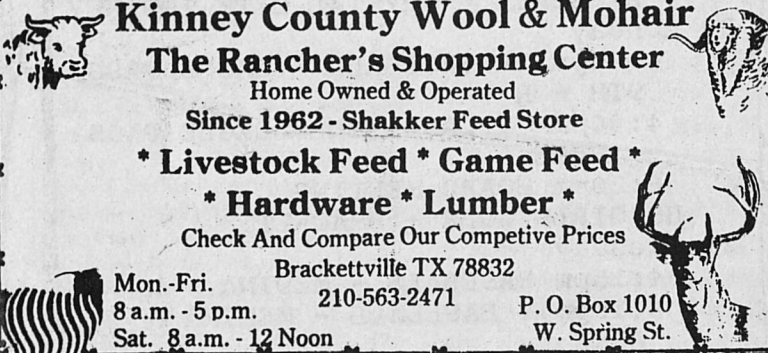
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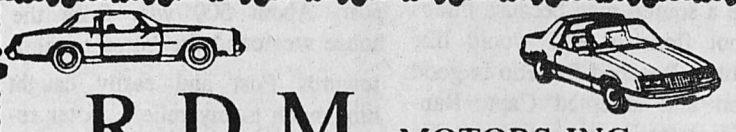
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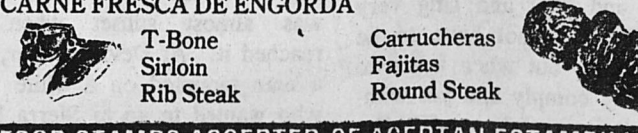
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Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York where he graduated twelfth from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lieut of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas where Lt French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882 the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.

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

Lt French is in camp, as commander of the Seminole Scouts, at Mayer's Spring (now Meyer's Spring) on the newly completed Southern Pacific Railroad, near present day Dryden. His references to O.B. are "Official Business" correspondence. He begins to experience trouble with his horse "Harvey" and his own hypochondriac nature. He briefly returns to Ft Clark to take the Scouts' pay to their wives in the Seminole village and to pay the Scouts' debts with Friedlander the Post Sutler. Later he hunts for Indians and hears stories of the Scouts from Sgt. Kibbets.

Thursday, March 15, 1883

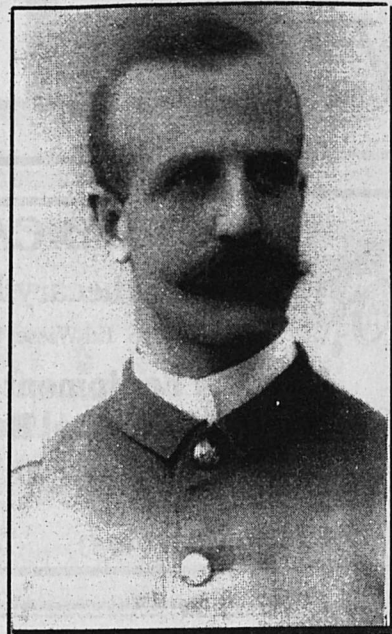
Had hard work to get started this morning as the men had been drinking last night and were very tired, Blanco especially so. Finally got off after a cup of coffee with Capt. R. He is an excellent company commander and has his troop and horses in fine condition. About five miles from Clark Harvey became frightened at a burnt log in the road and succeeded in running a short distance before I could stop him. As we had travelled about 125 miles in four days most of the time at a trot, this showed very well for his endurance. Rode into the Post about two o'clock and met Eckerson at the house. He is looking well & hearty notwithstanding his recent love affair. I guess it is all up between Miss Florence and him. Capt. Fache't called before I could change my clothes and stayed a long time. Took a bath and went to Q.M. & store to settle some business, and then to Capt. Vance's. Straightened out accounts with him. I am under great obligations to Capt. Vance and I hope I shall never forget them. Saw Guest & told him I had the Clothing Book and he could get it to make any corrections he wished. He seems inclined to be distant, but had better make these changes if he wants to avoid trouble. Took dinner as usual with Capt. Vance. He is growing grayer all the time, but I notice more change during the short time I have been at Mayer's Springs than before. After dark called at Gen'l. Smith's and was happy to learn that Mrs. Smith was improving rapidly. Saw the General, Miss Johnson and Mrs. Hall there. After a short call went into Col. Lyster's to spend the rest of the evening and had a very pleasant call there, spent in talking and playing cribbage with Miss Marie. She seems the same as ever. The man who marries her will get a true woman, one that will be faithful to him. Left about ten o'clock, rather early for me to leave Col. Lyster's but I felt rather tired after the ride.

Friday March 16, 1883

Sat on Col. Lyster's porch with Marie this morning to witness guard mounting. Afterwards attended to some business at the office and then got an ambulance and rode out to the Seminole Camp and paid out the money to the women that their husbands had sent in. Then went to the store and paid Mr. Friedlander money owed him by Sgt. Kibbets and Sgt. July and for several checks and de-



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FOOTSTEPS ECHO
 The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Maj Gen Francis Henry French
 Old Fort Clark Guardhouse Museum
 Courtesy of Bill Haenn
 Curator, Guardhouse Museum



2nd Lieut Francis Henry French (USMA, 79)

posited some money for Bill Williams. Then went to town and deposited some money for Luce Casasas. After this returned to Post and got a detail of men and began to make an inventory of property in the Post for which I am responsible. In the evening called upon Capt. Feche't, Dr. Heger and at several other places, but not at Col. Lyster's.

Saturday, March 17, 1883

St. Patrick's Day. Spent all day making inventory of property. Sat on Col. Lyster's porch at guard mounting this morning. Wanted to finish with my property so as to be able to start Monday morning but it was impossible. Took dinner with Guard today, just a family dinner but very pleasant. Mrs. G. invited me to dine with her tomorrow. After dinner she played and sang for me. Called in the evening at a number of places but not at Col. Lyster's, as it was too late.

Sunday, March 18, 1883

Palm Sunday. Took a bath and wrote a letter home today. Walked out to the Seminole Camp with Dickerson this morning to change the day of departure to Tuesday. Had a very enjoyable dinner at Mrs. Guard's. In the evening escorted Mrs. Hall to church and afterwards went over to Col. Lyster's. It was a beautiful moonlight night and Marie and I took a walk. She then asked me to release her from her engagement. She said what I have to acknowledge that ever since we were engaged we have not been as friendly with each other as before. I wish now that I had controlled myself, and had striven to be a true friend to her instead of a lover. We are now on the same terms we were while at Leavenworth and it shall be my duty to see that she never has cause to regret our friendship. We sat on the band stand and had a long talk there. She told me candidly that she did not ask for a release on account of loving any other man, which satisfied my jealousy. What a fool a jealous man is, anyhow.

Monday, March 19, 1883

Made out the necessary papers today and had the property all disposed of. Vedder is a hard man to turn over property to, but I guess he is right. If I had been more careful, I would not be short now. Guest does not speak to me now and has done nothing about the Clothing Book. Poor fool, he must think he is hurting me, but he is the only one that will suffer. In the evening, there was a promenade concert in my honor to which I had to happiness of escorting Marie. It was not well attended, but I enjoyed the evening very much. It was amusing to see John Payne waltzing. Before going to it, I called at Gen'l. Smith's to say good-bye, and had the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Smith for a short time. She is still confined to her bed, but is improving. After the concert took Marie home, said good-bye to her and to Col. and Mrs. Lyster. This may be the last time I see her for some time as she expects to return to Cincinnati soon. Perhaps we may never meet again. I cannot help thinking that her society has not only been a real true pleasure to me, but that it

has also helped to keep me from indulging in many vices. I know very well she is not perfect, but she is a sincere loving girl, of whose friendship any man may be proud. Called at Capt. Hall's and said good bye and then went to my quarters to pack up.

Tuesday, March 20, 1883

Arose early this morning and after transacting some business started about 8-30 for Mayer's Springs. Before leaving the Post Capt. Hall sent for me to show me a letter from Dr. Harmer reporting Indians in this vicinity. Must look out for any signs on the way out. Felt somewhat blue on the way to Del Rio, but I do hope I shall never give way to this feeling nor become a soured man because things do not flourish as I would like them to. Reached Del Rio in good season and accepted Capt. Randlett's invitation to remain at his house. In the evening saw Mr. and Mrs. Fountain for a few minutes. Rode down town with the captain, and while he was transacting some business went to call upon the Misses Ffoulkes. Their house is not plastered nor ceiled inside and has no floor either, but they never allude to it and so do not make a visitor nervous. These young ladies have kept up their music notwithstanding their misfortunes and play and sing very well. They do not have to be coaxed either, but when asked to play readily comply and yet without any desire to "show off". Dr. McLain was there. He seems quite devoted to Miss Chrissie. I inferred that Miss Florence & Eckerson are not engaged and will not be, from some remarks that Miss Florence made when we were alone while the others were at supper. Poor Eckerson has had a

rough time of it during the past two or three months but he seems to be recovering now. When I went into the house to call, I tied the horse by the bridle to a post, but he had broken the bridle and run off before I came out. I went back to the house, and with Dr. McLain started to walk back to the post. About 500 yds. from the house we found the horse running towards Post and easily caught him much to my relief. After returning wrote a letter home and had a call from Dr. McLain.

Wednesday, March 21, 1883

After thanking Capt. Randlett for his hospitality, I started this morning for camp. Harvey was quite stiff and I was in doubts whether to ride him or to borrow a horse from Capt. R. and send Harvey out by a courier. We made a short march to Nine Mile Hole, but it was almost sunset when we reached it. At Devil's River, met a man mounted on a white mule who wanted to go to Sierra Blanca, and so accepted my invitation. He was a prospector and talked like those prospectors who hung around us near Garland. These men live entirely in the future; all the pleasure is in anticipation.

(To be continued next week)

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Range Safety

Almost from the time they can walk and talk, children are warned about the potential dangers of hot kitchen ranges, but another serious kitchen hazard—range tipping—is seldom considered.

As a matter of fact, most people are simply unaware that free-standing ranges will tip forward if too much pressure or weight is placed on the open oven door. This can result in injury by the tipping range, and scalds and burns caused by hot pans and cooking foods falling from the range top.

While anyone can be a victim of a tipped range, Whirlpool home economists point out that small children and elderly persons are especially vulnerable to accidental range tipping.

They caution: never lean on an open oven door. This applies particularly to older people who may have difficulty stooping or bending. Children

should be taught never to use an open oven door as a seat or stepping stool.

You should check to see whether your range is installed with an anti-tipping device that secures it to the floor or wall to prevent tipping. All new free-standing and slide-in ranges sold in America today must include such a device. If yours is an older unit it may not be so equipped.

Anti-tip devices are made available free of charge by Whirlpool to owners of older Whirlpool brand gas and electric ranges. Just call the Whirlpool Consumer Assistance Center, toll-free, at 1-800-253-1301.



Tomorrow Is Deadline For Making A Nomination For Outstanding Citizen

PREVIOUS HONOREES

A complete list of previous honorees is not available, but the past eight are:

- 1987 Tim Ward
- 1988 Don Ralston
- 1989 Philip Bell
- 1990 J. Lee Ballantyne
- 1991 Jewel Robinson
- 1992 Agapito Saez/Hortencia Pena
- 1993 Sid Spohnoltz
- 1994 Howard Wakefield

Anyone having information on other previous honorees is invited to report it to the Chamber of Commerce or The Brackett News.

EMU Processing Plant Sells Meat In Houston

The American emu industry takes a major step into the commercial and consumer markets in March as Houstonians get the first opportunity to buy and enjoy Emu Prime™, the low calorie, 97% fat-free red meat similar in texture and taste to beef but made from "the new American livestock," emus.

Emu Prime Processors, Inc. (EPP) of Austin purchased its first birds in late February and began training meat cutters on processing techniques at its Rosebud, Texas, plant. The first shipments in March go to Rice Epicurean markets in Houston, where customers are already inquiring about availability of the heart-healthy meat.

The EPP plant is the first, full-service emu processing and marketing operation in the United States. The 5,000-square-foot processing and packaging plant is located in the former Kirksey Locker Plant in Rosebud in Central Texas, 20 miles east of Temple.

EPP, which pays a minimum of \$300 for the five-to-six-foot, 11-month or older birds, expects to humanely process between 10,000 and 30,000 emus in 1995 for their meat, oil, leather and feathers. The plant will operate under inspection regulations set by the Texas Department of Health (TDH), which will stamp the meat with a "legend" (state seal) until the U.S. Department of Agriculture issues mandatory inspection.

"Emus, indigenous to Australia, are a flightless bird (ratite) which has been around for 80 million years," explained David "Rocky" DeMarco, chief operating officer at EPP. "For thousands of years, emus were at the core of the Aborigines' existence, providing food, clothing, and shelter. Now, 10,000 American families (3,000 in Texas) pen raise emus - an estimated 1.5 million birds after the spring hatch. The bird is 95% consumable."

"We have developed a full line of products, including emu filet steaks, roasts and ground meat; "Country Breakfast" sausage, snack sticks, hot links, summer and smoked sausage; smoke-cured roasts, steaks and dried emu," DeMarco added. "We plan to sell the meat through multiple grocery chains and our EPP smokehouse catalog, as well as sell it to restaurants. One day, we hope to have emu hot dogs, microwave dinners, and even emu drive-thrus."

This Is Your Opportunity To Nominate Kinney County's Outstanding Citizen

Make your nomination for Kinney County's Outstanding Citizen. Use this form (or plain white paper) complete, and mail to Kinney County Chamber of Commerce, Box 386 Brackettville TX 78832

NOMINATION FOR OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

Nominee's Name _____

Nominee's Address _____

Nominee's Phone _____

Reason for nomination: _____

(Attach additional sheet if needed)

Nomination submitted by: _____

Deadline for entries March 17, 1995

The Outstanding Citizen will be announced at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Barbecue Saturday, April 1, 1995

HISTORIC EXEMPTIONS

IF YOUR PROPERTY HAS BEEN ALLOWED COMPLETE OR PARTIAL EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAXES AS AN HISTORIC SITE, IN PAST YEARS, PLEASE NOTICE:

YOU HAVE TO APPLY FOR THIS EXEMPTION EACH YEAR PRIOR TO APRIL 30.

YOU FIRST CONTACT THE TAXING UNITS AND GET THEIR APPROVAL. YOU THEN GET A FORM FROM THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT AND FILL IT OUT.

YOU THEN FILE THE COMPLETED FORM WITH PROOF OF APPROVAL WITH THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT BEFORE APRIL 30.

SOME HAVE COMPLETED ALL THESE STEPS. THIS IS JUST A REMINDER TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT.

/s/ MARCUS TIDWELL
 KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

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FOR SALE

'78 Olds in running condition, all power. Body in poor condition. Make an offer...all offers considered. Call 210-563-2932.

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Four (4) tires, excellent condition, Goodyear Invicta GA P-195/75 R-14. Call 563-9220 after 6:00 p.m.

FOR SALE

Door for mobile home, opens OUT, complete with locks and keys. 6ft 4 1/2 in high by 2 ft. 8 in wide. Call 563-9220 after 6:00 p.m.

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Sutler's Store Fort Clark Springs Books, Post Cards, Honey Jewelry, Bolo Ties, Belt Buckles T-Shirts, Caps, Dolls, Knives Open Sat.-Sun., 1-4 p.m.

Driving Tests License Renewal

An officer from the Texas Department of Public Safety will be at the County Courtroom, Kinney County Court House, each 1st and 3rd Thursday and each 5th Thursday during the normal working hours of county offices.

The officer will be available to give driving tests or to renew drivers licenses.

Hearing Screening Free

Each Wednesday 9 am - noon; 1 - 4 pm Front Lobby Val Verde Memorial Hospital 801 Bedell, Del Rio No Appointment Necessary.

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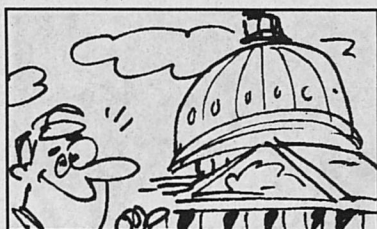
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FOR SALE

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Brackett Independent School District G. Steve Mills, Superintendent P.O. Box 586 - 400 Ann Street Brackettville TX 78832 Telephone 210-563-2491

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Tax Your Tax Knowledge With This Financial Quiz

If your score on this quiz is less than perfect, you may be paying more in taxes than you need to.

1. The maximum contribution an individual can make to a 401(k) plan for 1994 is:

\$2,000 \$3,960 \$7,000 \$9,240

2. The maximum percentage of Social Security benefits that can be taxed is:

36 percent 50 percent 85 percent 100 percent

3. In connection with your business, you take a customer to dinner in 1995. The cost is \$50. Provided that you keep the necessary records, you can deduct:

\$10 \$25 \$40 \$50

4. Your rich uncle died and left you unimproved real estate that cost him \$25,000. At his death, it was worth \$150,000. You sold it seven months later for \$155,000. Your taxable gain is:

\$0 \$5,000 \$130,000 \$155,000

These questions are fully discussed in "Guide to Income Tax 1995 Edition" from Consumer Reports Books, available now at local bookstores.

ANSWERS 1. \$9,240 2. 85 percent 3. \$25 4. \$5,000

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To bring up a child in the way he should go, travel that way yourself once in a while. -Josh Billings

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Tax Deferral Available For Elderly Homeowners

Texans aged 65 or older may postpone paying delinquent and current property taxes on their homes. They may take advantage of a tax option called "over-65 deferral" by signing an affidavit at the Kinney County Appraisal District office.

This special form of tax relief also halts a lawsuit filed to collect delinquent taxes on an older Texan's home, according to Marcus Tidwell, chief appraiser of the Kinney County Appraisal District. "To stop a delinquent tax suit," Tidwell said, "the over-65 homeowner files the deferral affidavit with the court in which the suit is pending."

"If the affidavit is on file, an older homeowner cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent taxes," Tidwell said. Once a homeowner files an over-65 tax deferral affidavit with the appraisal district, no taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit for delinquent taxes as long as that person owns and lives in that home.

Tidwell stressed that tax deferral for the elderly only postpones paying delinquent taxes on the home; it does not cancel them. During the deferral time, taxes and interest of 8% per year continue to add up he said. "When the elderly taxpayer no longer owns and lives in the home, the taxes become due. If the taxes are not paid, taxing units can then sue to collect all the deferred taxes and interest."

There is no penalty on the delinquent taxes during the deferral time. However, filing the deferral affidavit will not forgive penalties that were already due. Also, if the taxes remain delinquent more than 90 days after the deferral ends, a taxing unit may charge an added penalty if the account goes to a delinquent tax attorney.

Tax deferral forms are available at the appraisal district office. "The homeowner should fill out the form and have the signature witnessed by a notary public," Tidwell said. For more information, taxpayers may contact the Kinney County Appraisal District, Brackettville, 210-563-2323.



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Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor
"The Pastor's Pen"

Through the course of a week's time a large quantity of mail, writings, books, and bits and pieces of information pass across my desk. Some goes to the bookshelf after light perusal, a little bit gets filed for future reading or catalogued for use at a later time and to be quite honest a portion ends up in file thirteen (the waste basket).

There was one tidbit I found in a newsletter from another church that arrived a couple of weeks ago that I felt preached as strong a message about commitment as could be preached in such few words. It is a story of the *Strangest Man*...

He said he believes the Bible...but he never reads it. He says prayer changes things...but he never prays. He said he thinks well of the church...but he never attends. He said people need the Lord...but he doesn't lead them to Him. He said a man should be honest with God about money matters...but he never tithes. He said the church needs dedicated people...but he isn't one. He said the Lord is coming soon...but he lives as though He never will. He is a strange man indeed!

Don't be strange. Don't be estranged from the church. Don't be a stranger to God.

Hispanic Worship Services

Each Friday Night at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday School and Worship each Sunday beginning 9:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church
Ann & Veltman Streets
Spanish Services by Rev. Israel Rodriguez, Pastor
Everyone Welcome!



St. John's Baptist Church
Rev. W. P. Adams, Sr., Pastor

SUNDAY SERVICES
9:45 am Sunday School; 11:00 am Worship Service; 6:00 pm Bible Study
PRAYSE THE LORD.
COME GROW WITH US IN THE LORD
Services each night at 6:00 p.m. Everyone invited.

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

And these signs shall follow those who believe: In my name shall they cast out demons; they shall speak with new tongues;

They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Mark 16: 15-18

PRAYSE GOD!
OLD TIME HOLY GHOST REVIVAL

At St. John's Baptist Church, March 19-25, 7 p.m. nightly

Rev. M.T. Johnson, Del Rio, Evangelist

Every one invited! There's a blessing just for you!

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8

"The Chimes" will bring special music to the Revival Services Wednesday, March 22, 7:00 p.m.

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.

Templo Elm Asambleo de Dios: North Street, Sunday 10:00 am and 6:00 pm, Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 pm, Rev. Abundio Mancha, Pastor, 563-9237.

Jerusalem Temple, 514 East Louis St., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Gateway Ministries (Non-Denominational) 301 E. Spring St. (across from post office), Praise & Worship Fellowship Sunday 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Robert W. Corey, Pastor, Charollette Corey, Associate Pastor, 563-9331



Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Sunday was another outstanding day at Frontier Baptist Church. A special emphasis and presentation of the work of the Gideons was the highlight of the morning.

Happy Shahan gave an inspirational resume of the work of this great organization. Emphasis was, of course, on the Bible.

The Bible is the Word of God. It is infallible and irrevant. The Bible makes one humble when he reads it. The Bible makes us honest when we confront its message.

It demands honesty about self, the world, and others. The Bible points us to worship of the one true God. The Bible challenges us to be God like.

The Bible makes us confident in ourselves and our God. The inevitable result of feeding on the Word of God brings joy to the heart.

It brings joy from the discovery of the message from God. It brings joy from fellowship with God and His children. It holds infinite riches that need to be dug out by continuous reading and studying.

This realization is the motivation of the Gideons who distribute 43,000,000 Scriptures and Bibles to over 200 nations around the world every year.

Next Lord's Day will find another message from the Word of God at Frontier Baptist Church. Come and see.

5th Army Band Concert

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Clark Historical Society. Working with him and providing lodging for band members were Roland and Rosalea Boysen, Frank and Ruby Cheaney, Pete and Georgia Cook, B.B. Cox, Tom and Jean Faulkenberry, John and Dorothy Frank, Bill and Suk Haenn, Emet and Elise Huntsman, George and Helen Miller, Dr. James Moore, Pat and Fran Owens, Ben and Rozetta Pingenot, B. Peter Pohl, Jewel Robinson, Edith Sharp, Henry and Marian Yeackle, Brackettville Lions Club, Fort Clark Chapter TROA, Fort Clark Community Council, Fort Clark Gun Club, and Fort Clark Springs Association.

Providing meals for band members and their families were Fort Clark Springs Association, Fort Clark Historical Society, Fort Clark Community Council, and The Old Quarry Society. A special thanks to Jake Cook, Larry Sofaly and Harrell Floyd in connection with the meals.

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON

There was a line that I liked: "I'd Thank My Lucky Stars For Being Here Today! God Bless The USA." We recognize the lyric, but it seemed particularly appropriate at the Bandstand this last Saturday where the Fifth Army Band from Fort Sam Houston entertained us.

The band looked great dressed in impressive military uniforms. The crowd numbered about 300 included folks sitting in lawn chairs, on blankets, and in golf carts. It was an unusual scene, but one that I would like to see repeated over and over: The Fifth Army Band presenting a concert to Fort Clark, Brackettville, and Kinney County folks. We were able to forget our worries and concerns for about an hour and a half.

The Director, Chief Warrant Officer, Donald Barton displayed good musicianship as well as the ability to establish a rapport with the audience. The program included music for all: Broadway, lyrical Danny Boy, Aladdin, country, dixieland, and lots of patriotic music.

Opening the concert in a traditional way, folks sang the National Anthem and wiped tears away during a stirring rendition of America the Beautiful. Marching Down Broadway with 76 Trombones while listening to strains of Hey, Look Me Over got us all to tapping our feet in time with the music. Private Harper, Violinist from New York, City NEW YORK CITY!, entertained us with Danny Boy and The Orange Blossom Special. He was a fine musician. I enjoyed knowing that Sousa usually had a violinist in his band.

Next, the Genie of the Lamp, Sgt. Harvey, appeared to sing Aladdin. The Liberty Bell March was well played with all the accents and crescendos that I know used. Folks seemed to enjoy the Country Combo that featured Blues for Dixie as played by Bob Wills.

Amparita Roca, was a fun paso doble that I used to play as a high school student. I liked its spirit. Bill Bailey featured the 4 Tubas. It

was unusual and fun to listen to. The Steel Guitar Rag with a 20-string steel was one of the favorites of the crowd. It's one of those songs, like the Orange Blossom Special, that we all have heard during a happy time in our lives. It made us smile. We need more of this.

The concert closed with Lee Greenwood's God Bless the USA, Irvin Berlin's God Bless America and Sousa's Stars & Stripes Forever. The tenor soloist sang Greenwood and Berlin in a beautiful lyrical way. Stars and Stripes included the usual piccolo solo on the last strain accompanied by full brass to the front. You could feel the excitement as the audience began to stand and clap long after the march was concluded.

The anecdote told by Bandmaster Barton about Col. Kindred's recommendation of Stars and Stripes to Congress as the USA National March was particularly interesting to me. In checking notes with Barton following the concert, I noted that Jon Kindred had played in a high school band with me in San Antonio years ago. This was just one of those special facts that made the concert even better for me.

We need more of this. It's nice to see folks enjoying the beautiful bandstand. Music can do so much for us. I thought the band was wonderful.

Congratulations to Bill Haenn, those that provided meals and

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Obituary

Jesus G. Davalos



Jesus G. Davalos, 85, died Monday, March 13, 1995, at his Brackettville home. He was born December 16, 1909, in Brackettville.

Mr. Davalos was a World War II veteran having served in the United States Army. He was a well known house painter in the Brackettville area and was an active member of the Catholic Church.

A rosary was recited Wednesday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. at the Brackettville Funeral Home. Funeral services are scheduled today, Thursday, March 16, 1995, 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church with Rev. David Zumaya officiating. Burial will be at the Catholic Cemetery with military graveside services conducted by the San Felipe-Del Rio Honor Guard.

Mr. Davalos is survived by his wife of 65 years, Aurora R. Davalos of Brackettville. Other survivors include a son, Jesus Davalos, Jr. and

wife Linda of Port Neches, Texas; daughters Emma Lambright and husband Lloyd of Nederland, Texas, Bertha Sandoval and husband Joe and Terri Frerich and husband, Freddie, all of Brackettville, Oralia D. Cortez and husband Adolfo of Port Arthur, and grandchildren Dora and Ruben Terrazas, Tony Esqueda, Dolores Rodriguez, Joe Esqueda, Ernest Esqueda, Eddie Esqueda, Maggie Segada, Magdalene Orta, Gus Sandoval, Mona King, Elena Reiner, Stewart Davalos, Adolph Jr. and Michael Cortez, Jesus (J.D.) Davalos IV, Lisa Frerich, Tanya Frerich, Denise Frerich, and Debra Frerich. He is also survived by 30 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Del Rio Funeral Home dba Brackettville Funeral Home, 114 North St., Brackettville.

lodging and helped with this show. You can be proud of your efforts. I thank my lucky stars that I was there at the bandstand that special day!

Pictures from the 5th Army Band's Concert on Saturday. It was a delightful afternoon including the weather.



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County Agent News

by Alan L. McWilliams



Ag Week - March 19-25

This year's National Agriculture Week may be one of the most important ever due to the close look that American consumers and legislators are giving agriculture production in general. Americans are getting more benefit from American agriculture than they sometimes realize. Only a handful of farmers are producing a large quantity of high quality food at reasonable prices.

National Agriculture Week will be celebrated March 19-25. The 22nd anniversary of National Agriculture Day is March 20. The observance is an annual celebration of the many women and men who provide Americans and others worldwide with food and fiber.

While the event promotes unity among the food and agricultural commodity community, it also serves to provide an opportunity for the non-farm public to learn more about agriculture.

For most, farming is not a get-rich-quick business. In 1993, there were 2.1 million farms in the U.S., with a net farm income of a little over \$21,600, according to figures from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In Texas, there were 185,000 farms, and net farm income of \$22,151, according to Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

Only 10% of the people living in rural areas derive a majority of their income from farming, according to a March 6 U.S. News & World Report article. Still, these farmers are feeding America and many people overseas. In 1940, one U.S. farmer fed 19 people. By 1960, that had increased to 46. Today, an agricultural producer feeds 129 people.

U.S. consumers presently spend only a little over 9% of their income for food, according to figures from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. That compares to 11.5% in the United Kingdom, the closest rival. In Japan, consumers spend 19% of their income on food; in Venezuela, 34.3%; and in India, 53%.

American farmers produce 1/5 of the world's cotton, 1/3 of the world's corn, and about half of the world's soybeans. The nation will export \$48.5 billion worth of farm products this year, according to the USDA.

Former Governor Briscoe Receives Distinguished Texan Award

Former Gov. Dolph Briscoe, Jr. of Uvalde, recognized for his lifetime of public service and leadership in the agricultural community, has received the Texas A&M University Distinguished Texan in Agriculture Award.

Kinney County Quarantined For Fire Ants

Mr. Alan L. McWilliams
Brackettville TX 78832

Dear Mr. McWilliams:

During the months of March through July of 1994, the department surveyed the counties of Texas that were not previously quarantined for imported fire ants to determine whether the infestations had spread to those areas. As a result, we discovered infestations of imported fire ants in your county. Unfortunately, the degree of infestation is so widespread that effective treatment of the county is not practical.

Regrettably, the department must take steps necessary to quarantine Kinney for imported fire ants. The quarantine will require the treatment of all plants for fire ants before they are shipped to non-quarantined counties. It will also require a permit to be obtained from the department prior to that shipment. Furthermore, this action will severely limit the shipment of hay out of the quarantine areas into your Northern and Western markets.

We would like your help in getting the word out to your constituents about the imported fire ant. One of our inspectors will contact you shortly to discuss our plan regarding the quarantine of Kinney for imported fire ants. We look forward to working with you and appreciate your assistance in this very important endeavor.

Please contact Lisa Alexander at the South Central Regional office, 8918 Tesoro Drive, Suite 120, San Antonio TX 78217 or call her at 210-820-0288 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
/s/ JoAnne Noble
Regional Director
Texas Department of Agriculture

Briscoe was honored at an Austin banquet on March 8. He was sited for numerous achievements, among them his leadership in implementing a screwworm eradication program in Texas and the Southwest in the 1950s and 1960s that saved producers millions of dollars in livestock losses.

Briscoe has been a businessman, a statesman, and a leader for Texas agriculture for more than half a century. He served eight years as state representative for Uvalde, Medina, Zavala, and Dimmit counties and was governor of Texas from 1973 to 1979. Briscoe has been a staunch supporter of the livestock and meat industry and continues to provide outstanding leadership for Texas.

He currently serves as board chairman of Briscoe Ranch Inc., First State Bank of Uvalde, and Security State Bank in Pearsall.

He also chairs the Agri-Food Education Council and the Agriculture Leadership Council of the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership (TALL) program, both initiatives of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Congratulations go out to Dolph Briscoe, Jr. for his recent award as Distinguished Texan for Agriculture.

Editors Note: On February 16, 1995, at the annual meeting of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council held in Del Rio, Gov. Briscoe was recognized for his leadership in getting roads in rural areas paved. It was pointed out that he was the one who started the program of paving county roads while he was governor. Thanks, Sir! We appreciate good roads!

Governor Withdraws Coastal Program

AUSTIN — Governor George W. Bush has withdrawn Texas' request for federal approval of the Texas Coastal Management Program, citing concerns expressed by legislators and citizens that the plan goes beyond the legislature's original intent and constitutes a new layer of government bureaucracy.

Gov. Bush, in a letter to Jeffrey R. Benoit, Director of the Federal Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, said that members of the Texas Legislature have expressed reservations about the Coastal Management Program. "These legislators are concerned that the CMP imposes far more regulatory burdens on Texans than they envisioned when legislation authorizing creation of this plan was passed in 1991," the Governor said.

"At a time when the people of Texas want less government intrusion in our lives, I am concerned about creating another layer of bureaucracy with authority to second guess, delay, or overrule the actions of existing regulatory agencies and local governments," said Governor Bush. "We need stability and certainty in our regulatory process, not delay and uncertainty," said the Governor.

Gov. Bush, in his letter to federal officials, also said the December submission of the coastal plan was premature. A task force created by the Coastal Coordination Council is currently reviewing the boundaries necessary to protect Texas' coastal natural resources and, "it appears that the CMP boundary may be substantially narrowed within the next few months," Governor Bush wrote.

Several bills relating to the coastal management program are currently pending in the Texas Legislature. Gov. Bush said the withdrawal of the plan will allow members of the legislature to debate and clarify their intent for the Coastal Management Program.

Sports Quiz by Larry Duncan

1. Who won the Olympic gold medal in hockey in 1960?
2. What basketball player has 23,924 rebounds to his credit?
3. What golfer has been referred to as Ohio Fats or Blobbo?
4. What would an umpire declare if a line drive hits the third-base bag and bounces into the stands?
5. Who was known as the "Say-Hey Kid"?
6. What is par on a 245-yard golf hole?
7. What do you call a baseball hit which falls between the infield and the outfield?
8. What consists of an eagle in golf?

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Under part on a hole three; 7. a Texas leaguer; 8. two ground-nule double; 5. Willie Mays; 6.ortal; 3. Jack Nicklaus; 4. a-bortain; 1. the United States; 2. Will Cham-

Sports Quiz Answers

Making A Difference
By TAYLOR STEPHENSON
BISD Curriculum Director

Brackett ISD Open House

Teachers and students made great efforts to make it a good one. We had a variety show, pancake supper and open house all rolling during the same hours. So, folks had to make choices. I walked through and noticed that we had quite a few parents at the Middle School. Teachers that I talked with seemed pleased with the turnout. By the time that I escaped pancake supper duties (I am not very good at this), folks had left the high school so I didn't get much information.

There were lots of folks in the Instructional Support Lab (ISL). The staff had done a nice job getting the facility ready. They were pleased with the turnout.

Some observations:
Fifth grade had lots of visitors that were working hard with teachers on helping their children.

Fourth Grade students had been studying body parts. There were paper figures sitting in the desks with the important body parts identified. They worked hard on these and it showed.

Third Grade did a research project on broken bones. The results of their research were posted in the

hall. The age group from 6-12 seemed to be the most susceptible for this problem.

Second Grade - Enjoyed Bonnie Jones' T-shirt children. Decorated sacks that children had decorated themselves. All classrooms were attractive -- most decorated with dinosaurs. This is always a fun subject for children and parents.

First Grade did some neat things with a Texas theme - like a map showing where children were born. There were shapes of Texas that generated lots of interest from parents. Loving Texas as I do, it pleased me to see this much emphasis.

Kindergarten had some neat displays with cowboys, saddles, and bales of hay set up as a beautiful centerpiece for each room. Lots of work, but a good job.

Throughout the halls you could see kites, sheep, Texas, jelly bean classrooms and really attractive art work.

This week, I want to salute the National Honor Society students and the staff at BISD for a great job with Open House.

Hope you are enjoying Spring Break!

Installation of NHS Students

We don't know the world in which our children will live. Parents who are raising children today have a difficult job. Teachers do too! Dr. Tim Wilson, Sul Ross University, Uvalde, challenged our students to learn to think NOT TO MEMORIZE. That's quite different from my generation, where we spent most of our time memorizing facts. Because knowledge changes so rapidly in the 90s, we must learn to think, to process information and to realize that information is changing faster than it can be written down. We want to learn basics, but it's more difficult because the basics keep changing. The scene was the NHS installation at BHS this past week. I want to spend some time talking about the honor organization, our students, and about Dr. Wilson's remarks.

As adults guiding children, whether we be parents, educators or friends, we need to interact with kids. Adults need to teach the young to be more humane. All knowledge should be used to make this a better world. I liked Wilson's remarks which stressed developing scholarship accompanied by the service, leadership and character. These are the four basic principles of NHS. They are basics that are important to all young folks.

The need for scholarship or the quest for knowledge ends only with life. Service is helping others without monetary reward or recognition. Leadership is helping others to reach goals. It's teaching those that follow to go forward with self-confidence even when others hesitate. Character is the trait that distinguishes one person from another. It guides us through life as we strive to maintain reliability, honesty and sincerity.

Dr. Wilson stated that it is the support from moms and dads that makes educational achievement possible. Maybe this was the best lesson of the day. Moms and dads, don't minimize your importance in the education of your children. Education must be a partnership among students, parents and educators.

The National Honor Society Sponsor is Sue Sims. Members are: Zoila Herrera, Manny Ramon, Wil Shahan, Chris Hale, Patrick Melancon, Kelly Henrich, Charlie Hall,

New members are Amber Davis, Debra Frerich, Denise Frerich, Kathleen Hall, Valerie Jimenez, Max Mendoza, and Jared Shahan.

Probationary members are Amy Bader, Josh Crumley, Naiya Garcia, Chica Garza, Courtney Harrison, Sandra Hernandez, Lindy LaMascus, Amanda Meek, Brandy Meeks, and David Melancon.



Eleven Brackett High School students were inducted into membership of the National Honor Society in an afternoon ceremony at the high school auditorium on March 8, 1995.

Members were selected by a faculty council based on meeting

high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

Junior students who were inducted were Amber Davis, Debra

Frerich, Denise Frerich, Kathleen Hall, Valerie Jimenez, Maximo Mendoza, and Jared Shahan.



Sophomore students who were inducted as probationary members were Michael Aguirre, Amy Bader, Josh Crumley, Naiya Garcia, Francisca Garza, Courtney Harrison, Sandra Hernandez, Lindy LaMascus, Amanda Meek, Brandy Meeks, and David Melancon.

"National Honor Society members are expected to continue their exemplary contributions to the school and community," said Sue Sims, Chapter Advisor.

National Honor Society ranks as one of the oldest and most prestigious national organizations for high school students. Chapters exist in three-fourths of the nations high schools and, since 1921, millions of students have been selected for membership. Thousands of dollars in scholarships have been awarded to senior members since 1945 by the sponsoring organization, the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Apply Now For Correctional Officer Training

The local JTPA office is accepting applications for Correctional Officer Training classes to be held at the Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy on the Southwest Texas Junior College campus, in Uvalde. Upon successful completion of the course, individuals shall be placed in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice employment application pool for consideration of positions as Correctional Officers with the State of Texas' Criminal Justice system.

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
- *Must have had no Class A misdemeanor convictions within the past 12 months; No Class B misdemeanor convictions within the past 6 months; No DWI or DUI convictions within the past 2 years; and no completion of a sentence for a felony conviction within the past 15 years.

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Beginning Pay:	\$19,344	\$1,612
After 6 months:	\$21,348	\$1,779
After 1 year:	\$22,776	\$1,898
After 18 months:	\$24,324	\$2,027

INTERESTED PERSONS SHOULD APPLY AT:

Kinney County JTPA
Corner Sweeney & El Paso Sts.
Brackettville TX 78832
210-563-2021

For more information or assistance contact your local JTPA Office.

This project is sponsored by the Middle Rio Grande Development Council in association with Southwest Texas Junior College, The Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy, and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. All entities subscribe to EEOC practices.

Brackett ISD Trustee Election

The last day to sign-up for a position on the May 6, 1995, ballot for the Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees election is Wednesday, March 22, 1995, at 5:00 p.m.

There are three positions this year. Trustees currently holding these positions are Jewel Robinson, Gloria Garcia, and Darlene Shahan.

Darlene Shahan was elected in May 1994 to fulfill the unexpired term of Lloyd Lee Davis, Jr.

Brackett ISD Seeks Athletic Director

The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees is seeking community input on the qualifications the community would like to see in an Athletic Director. Your written comments may be mailed to the following address:

Brackett Independent School District
G. Steve Mills, Superintendent
P.O. Box 586
Brackettville TX 78832

Written comments may also be hand delivered to the central office of the district. Please limit your comments to the qualifications of an athletic director, qualification you would like to see in a person who holds this position.

The district is looking for guidelines in four specific areas: 1) classroom abilities; 2) attitude toward students, parents and community members; 3) leadership qualities; and 4) sports knowledge. Please do not call the office, comments need to be in writing in order to compile a list to be considered by the Board of Trustees.

It is by teaching that we teach ourselves, by relating that we observe, by affirming that we examine, by showing that we look, by writing that we think, by pumping that we draw water into the well.

—Frederic Amiel

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Mon-Sat 10-8
 Sunday 12-5



Plaza Del Sol Mall, Del Rio

COMMISSIONERS COURT FROM PAGE 1

Historical exemptions of 100% was granted to the Las Moras Masonic Lodge and 25% to the following:

Donald Swanson, Mary Hobart Key, Ben Pingent, Tracy Gilbreth, John Frank, George T. Wilkerson, William Haenn, Russell Williams, Frank Christian, James S. Moore DDS, Margie Hale, Elsa O'Rourke, Helen Lynch, Charles Downing, Barbara Niemann, and Molly Schroeder.

This action came after the motion was made by Freddie Frerich, seconded by Joe Montalvo, both of whom voted yes along with Judge Seargeant. Mendeke voted no (desiring a more defined procedure) and O'Rourke abstained since one exemption went to property owned by his wife.

March Sales Tax Rebates

State Comptroller John Sharp delivered a total of \$122.6 million in March sales tax rebates to 1,073 Texas cities and 111 counties.

This month's payments include local sales taxes collected in January and reported by businesses filing monthly returns in February.

Brackettville received \$2,362.09 compared to \$2,796.80 or a decrease of -15.54%. However, the year to date rebate shows an increase of 3.49% or \$12,515.29 compared to \$12,902.50 for the same period last year.

Kinney County received \$1,608.85 compared to \$1,917.93 in March 1994 for a decrease of -16.11%. The year to date total, compared to last year's same time period, is \$7,539.29 to \$6,919.86 or an increase of 8.95%.

Kinney County EMS received \$2,023.99 compared to \$1,623.30 for an increase of 24.68%. The year to date increase is 10.97% or \$7,916.44 over \$7,133.34.

Consideration of PCI's request for tower space was tabled.

On a motion by Cordelia Mendeke, seconded by Paul O'Rourke, approval was given for SCS and the county auditor to work together in arranging salary payment to the secretary with SCS paying all of it temporarily. All commissioners voted for the arrangement.

LETTER TO MAYOR

March 1, 1995
 Dear Mayor Berlanga:

I am writing to tell you about Falcon Cable TV's participation in a new industry-wide On-time Guarantee program developed by the National Cable Television Association in order to promote across-the-board standards for quality customer service.


Effective March 1, Falcon guarantees to be: 1) on-time for installation appointments, or the installation is free; and 2) on-time for service calls, or the customer receives a \$20.00 credit. Under our Guarantee program, "on-time" means that we will arrive within the appointment window to which we have committed. And, in accordance with FCC Customers Service Standards, we will be offering customers 4-hour appointment windows for both installation and routine service calls.

Although we have always worked to provide our customers with quality service, we are excited about this program because it gives us a new way to demonstrate our commitment. We're joining the rest of our industry in putting our money where our mouth is to show our customers that their satisfaction is our #1 priority.

If you have any questions about this new program, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,
 /s/ Mel Zamzow
 Regional Manager
 Falcon Telecable

CONGRESSMAN
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 1529 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515



Bringing Common Sense Back To Our Legal System

Whether you realize it or not, frivolous lawsuits have touched your life. Maybe you've never sued or been sued, but it is estimated that each and every one of us pays at least a thousand dollars a year in higher prices directly related to lawsuits.

Lawsuits have become very popular in modern America. In the last three decades, the number of federal lawsuits nearly tripled from 90,000 in 1960 to 250,000 in 1990. In 1990, there were more than 100 million lawsuits filed in state courts alone. It's hard to believe some of the lawsuits are real. For instance, a New York woman was using a knife to separate a package of frozen hors d'oeuvres she bought at the grocery store. The knife slipped and she cut her hand. With the help of a trial lawyer, she sued. She sued the grocery store, she sued the manufacturer, she sued the packager.

Or take the man who, after enjoying a few drinks at a Colorado wedding reception, went to use a pay phone outside. While on the phone, he lost his balance, fell over a railing and landed in the stairwell below. He broke his neck and is now paralyzed. Guess who he sued? Was it the hotel where the reception was located? No. Was the host of the reception? No. He sued the phone company and actually won more than a million dollars.

Trial lawyers will tell you that

they are there to protect the little guy from big, rich, evil corporations. They tell you that businesses can afford to pay millions of dollars in punitive damages, even if they were not directly at fault for someone's misfortune. The truth is that million-dollar awards come out of your pocket. The truth is that most of those million-dollar awards go into the pockets of trial lawyers.

Just the threat of frivolous lawsuits means higher prices for just about everything. As much as \$500 may be added to the price of your new car because of litigation costs. Add \$20 on the price of a step ladder. If you have a baby, you can figure about \$500 will be added to your hospital bill to pay for liability costs. This is the real problem of lawsuit abuse.

However, since the House passed major legal reform bills last week, that nonsense soon may change. For example, under the House-passed bill, if a person insists of bringing a frivolous lawsuit and loses, he or she will be responsible for paying the other side's attorney fees. This will encourage people to pursue lawsuits only when they have a legitimate case. It's the system used in England, and it works.

The legal reforms the House passed are designed to unclog our judicial system so it serves the right people. Our judicial system should serve the citizens, not the trial lawyers.

Congressional Field Hearing On Endangered Species

At the invitation of U.S.Rep. Henry Bonilla, the Congressional Endangered Species Reform Task Force will conduct a field hearing in Texas:

Monday, March 20, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Kindall County Fairgrounds
 Highway 46 East, Boerne, Texas

Boerne is on the boundary between the districts represented by Bonilla and Rep. Lamar Smith. Bonilla and Smith have been actively involved in the bipartisan effort to reform the ESA and protect property rights. They worked together to bring this congressional field hearing to Texas.

All interested citizens and members of the media are encouraged to attend Monday's field hearing.

When the well's dry, we know the worth of water.

—Benjamin Franklin

UNITED STATES SENATE

CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
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Addicts Need Treatment, Not an Allowance

Drug addicts and alcoholics don't need an allowance from the government to feed their addictions. They need treatment.

Yet that is what the Supplemental Security Income program, run by the Social Security Administration, currently does: It guarantees substance abusers an entitlement based upon their addiction.

As strange as it sounds, the government now classifies substance abuse as a disability. This means addicts and alcoholics qualify for SSI payments which they can — and do — use to supply their addictions, rather than to obtain food, shelter and treatment. Such a program seems to defy common sense.

SSI payments made under these circumstances provide a perverse incentive to beneficiaries: We pay them to stay on drugs, we pay them not to work, we pay them to avoid recovery.

The drug addicts and alcoholics program within SSI was intended to support these individuals while they were under treatment. But that's not how things worked out. The program is easy to qualify for, but difficult to monitor. Rehabilitation is actually discouraged, because rehabilitation results in beneficiaries being dropped from the program.

In the words of one doctor who has spent her professional career dealing with the problems of addiction, SSI payments "...Undermine the very thing they are supposed to be doing for my patients — promoting their rehabilitation."

In 1994, 101,000 drug addicts and alcoholics were on the SSI rolls and received an estimated \$382 million in federal benefits — benefits that came out of the pockets of responsible, taxpaying Americans.

The SSI caseload of drug addicts and alcoholics has expanded 700 per cent since 1988, when there were only 13,000 such individuals in the program. At the current rate of increase, their numbers are expected to rise to 200,000 within five years.

Sadly, only 10 percent ever recover and drop off the SSI rolls. Taken as an indicator of the efficacy of this program, such a recovery rate is devastating. Government has botched its attempt to provide a safety net, and is instead providing these individuals the means to continue their freefall into addiction.

There is something fundamentally wrong with a government program which pays drug addicts to remain addicted and pays alcoholics to continue drinking. Congress cannot in good conscience continue this policy.

So this week I introduced a bill to stop payments to individual addicts, and instead re-dedicate those resources to addiction research and treatment programs. Public funds will be put to more constructive alternative uses, and society as a whole will benefit because treatment programs reduce criminal justice expenses and the costs of lost productivity.

Substance abuse is taking a horrible toll on our society. The current SSI program is doing nothing to remedy that unfortunate fact. My bill would alter our fundamental approach to substance abuse — and abusers.

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365 days	6.15 %	6.15 %
2 years	6.35 %	6.35 %

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Protect your rights! "Render" your taxable property by April 14th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year. The rendition form is available at your local appraisal district office... or you may draft a similar form.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 1994. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 1995.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing or postmarking 1995 renditions is Friday, April 14. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 14 deadline.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
 MARCUS TIDWELL, RPA, RTA
 CHIEF APPRAISER
 P. O. BOX # 1377 - BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS 78832
 AREA CODE 512 - 563-2323

For more info, stop by your appraisal district and pick up "Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies, Responsibilities"

Or contact:
Comptroller's Property Tax Division
 P.O. Box 13528 - Austin, TX 78711-3528

A public service announcement courtesy of this newspaper

CITY COUNCIL, from page 1

responded to 115 calls from city residents ranging from animal control matters to water and gas connections to shredding brush plus a trip to haul scrap metal to Eagle Pass.

City manager David Luna and Mayor Berlanga reported on a meeting with FmHA representative Larry Jones, on Tuesday morning, in regards to the waste water grant. Lots of paper work is yet to be done in connection with the \$2,253,000 loan.

Mr. Luna also reported that the Rabies Clinic has been highly successful with 243 animals vaccinated.

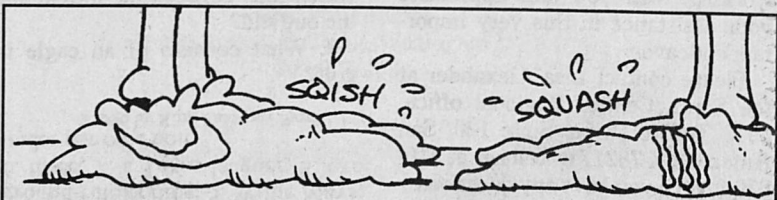
Councilman Berlanga read a letter from the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce inviting the city's participation in the annual meeting and Outstanding Citizen nomination; a

letter from Mel Zamzow, Falcon Cable (which is printed elsewhere this week), and another letter from Falcon, pertaining to a rate increase effective April 15, that all Cable users are scheduled to receive in statements.

Mr. Luna spoke a reminder that the last day to file for City Council positions was March 27. Early voting is scheduled to begin April 17. He also stated that candidates were not permitted to campaign on City Hall premises. Other announcements included a site water inspection for a new 6-inch water line was scheduled for Wednesday.

Randy Castilla reported that he had received confirmation that he had passed the training course he had recently taken.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Long ago, Indians of Central and South America made rubber waterproof shoes by spreading latex, the milky white juice of the rubber tree, on their feet and letting it dry.