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



Rotary president Taylor Stephenson welcomed NRA Executive Director Con Mims to Thursday's (April 20) noon meeting at Las Moras Inn. Mims discussed the organization and mission of the Nueces River Authority and its relationship to Kinney County.

Rotary Learns About Nueces RA

Con Mims, a 1965 graduate of Texas A&M University, has worked for nearly 30 years in the field of water resource planning and development. He joined the Nueces River Authority (NRA) in 1976 as Chief of Plans and was elevated to Executive Director two years later. He is a member of the National Water Resources Association, a director and past president of the Texas Water Conservation Association, past chairman of the TWCA River Authorities Panel, and past chairman of the River Authorities and Water Districts Managers Council.

His office is located in Uvalde and he comprises the one-member staff.

His topic for the Rotary Club meeting was "How the Nueces River Authority and Kinney County can work together and compliment each other." To answer his own question, he explained the NRA, its strengths and limitation.

In 1917, there was a Texas Constitutional Amendment allowing for the creation of political subdivisions having specific authority to conserve and develop the state's water resources. This occurred after the public decided that something had to be done about the cycle of droughts and floods, and particularly, after being inspired by the terrific floods of 1913 and 1914.

The amendment allowed for creation of special purpose districts such as flood control, irrigation, drainage, navigation, and municipal utility districts. Practically every major river basin in the state has one or more river authorities associated with it, with a notable exception being the Rio Grande Basin. The Nueces River Authority was created in 1935.

"We are a unique governmental agency in that we operate at substantially no cost to the public. Our income is derived only from contracted services and interest on investments. Further, we regulate no one, issue no permits, and enforce nothing," said Mr. Mims.

NRA is governed by a board of 21 directors appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate. NRA is the only public agency having jurisdiction in water matters exclusive to the Nueces River Basin. Service area includes all or parts of 22 counties (part of Kinney County is included) in South Texas, covering about 17,000 square miles. The river basin extends from Rocksprings on the north to Corpus Christi on the south and from about Castroville on the east to Brackettville on the west. Las Moras Mountain to the northeast of Brackettville and the community of Spofford to the south are located on the divide separating the Rio Grande and Nueces watersheds.

1974 was a turning point for NRA, financially, as it began to issue tax exempt revenue bonds to finance construction of industrial air

and water pollution control equipment needed to meet increasingly stringent federal pollution control standards.

To date, NRA has issued over \$207 million of pollution control bonds, earning nearly \$800,000 in fees, before this type of tax exempt financing was substantially restricted by changes in the federal tax code in the mid-1980s.

Through the years, NRA has devoted efforts more toward regional water planning and protection of water resources than toward project construction; however, NRA has statutory authority to finance, design, construct, operate and maintain every type of water related project, including water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control and recreational facilities, as may be needed by its constituents.

Considering some of NRA's other activities, a determination can be made if NRA and Kinney County can work together and compliment each other.

NRA has been very active in protection of water resources. Among involvements:

- worked with McMullen County in preventing a saltwater injection well from being located on the banks of the Frio River that posed a threat to the City of Tilden's groundwater supplies;
- worked with Live Oak County and a school district in preventing use of lands near Three Rivers and Pawnee for disposal of uranium mining waste;
- worked with local citizens in preventing use of land near Cotulla for storage of low-level radioactive waste;
- worked with LaSalle County, McMullen County, and local citizens to prevent the state's use of lands near Asherton and Tilden for disposal of low-level radioactive waste;
- worked with the City of Corpus Christi and local citizens in changing state law to prevent the state from locating its low-level radioactive waste disposal facility within 20 miles of an existing or proposed surface water reservoir;
- worked with local citizens in causing groundwater monitoring wells to be installed as part of the City of Camp Wood's new wastewater treatment facility because of its closeness to the Nueces River;
- worked with local citizens to cause more stringent chlorination requirements as part of the City of Uvalde's new wastewater discharge permit;
- worked with Uvalde County in developing septic tank regulations for the county;
- worked with local citizens in intervening, in three cases, objecting to illegal channel diversions on the Nueces River;
- worked with local citizens in challenging a permit application for a large dairy operation to be located

on 55,000 acres on both sides of the Nueces River in LaSalle County; -presently working with Live Oak County, McMullen County, cities of Corpus Christ, Tilden, and Three Rivers in opposing an application for an industrial solid waste permit for a facility to be located 1½ miles from the banks of Choke Canyon Reservoir;

-so far, all but one of these issues have been successfully resolved. The industrial landfill application in McMullen County is proceeding to hearing at this time.

NRA also presented a letter opposing awarding the application to construct a radioactive waste facility at Spofford. Party status was not sought since the location fell just outside the boundaries of NRA watershed.

NRA, for many years, has worked in partnership with the state in conducting state or federally mandated water quality studies.

NRA generally coordinates everything, manages citizen advisory committees, subcontracts all technical aspects to professional firms (for minimal compensation), managed studies of wastewater treatment facilities as required by the federal Clean Water Act, and presently assessing water quality conditions in the Nueces and adjoining coastal basins.

As needed, NRA will initiate, organize, and conduct special studies of water quality problems. Addressing regional water planning and water policy issues are major NRA functions.

Mims, as NRA Executive Director, is currently serving on: -Nueces Estuary Advisory Committee; -Local Governments Advisory Committee; -Corpus Christi Bay National Estuary Program; -two policy management committees and one advisory committee connected with part of the state's Trans-Texas Water program; -special committee created by the Court Monitor in the Sierra Club vs Bruce Babbitt, et al.

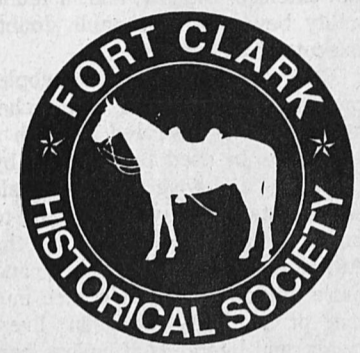
NRA has organized and managed three separate studies with the Edwards Underground Water District, the City of Corpus Christi, the South Texas Water Authority, and the Texas Water Development Board.

"As can be seen, we are a different type of governmental organization. We try to work with our constituents. On the state and federal level, we can bring a unique understanding of the Nueces Basin. At the local level we, often, can serve as an unbiased facilitator. We make a concerted effort never to be intrusive in local affairs. By the way, we operate with a total full time staff of one. Well, that is the Nueces River Authority. Can we and Kinney County work together and compliment each other? Certainly, And we look forward to doing so," concluded Mr. Mims, after recognizing Nueces River Authority board member Tom Faulkenberry, who was appointed by Gov. Ann Richards in 1994, and was also a guest at the Rotary meeting.

Support Project Graduation

Texas Water Development Board Awards Grant To City of Spofford

AUSTIN — On April 20, 1995, the Texas Water Development Board awarded a \$13,000 grant to the City of Spofford to study the feasibility of supplying the 100 colonia residents with wastewater service and improving existing water service. The area is currently provided water service by the City of Spofford. The grant is funded through the Board's Research and Planning Fund of the Economically Distressed Areas



**Please join the Fort Clark Historical Society
at 5 P.M. this Saturday, April 29, 1995
when we will formally dedicate the
"FORSYTH BRIDGE" historical marker.
The site of the dedication ceremony is the entrance to
the Fort Clark Springs Golf Course.**

Board President Responds To TSTA Editorial

Upon reading Richard Kouri's guest editorial in last week's paper, I felt the need to respond to his statements about Home Rule School Districts and especially the role of local boards in governing public education. Mr. Kouri provides an excellent illustration of the "me" instead of "we" attitude that prevails in education today.

The notion of teachers vs administration, administration vs board, academics vs athletics, rich vs poor, advantaged vs disadvantaged, and as Kouri insinuates, board vs teachers is all too prevalent across the state and nation. People become defensive and reactive instead of being proactive. The loser in these conflicts is always the children. Only when we finally realize that we are on the same team with the same goal of educating our children can truly beneficial reform be accomplished.

Mr. Kouri's article was more of a board bashing than a true concern for education. TASB (Texas Association of School Boards) is an association of school boards from across the state and provides these boards insurance programs, legal assistance, data sources, financial services, governmental relations, policy service and board member training, to name a few. TASB's mission statement "To provide visionary leadership to Texas school boards and to support, through quality services, their pursuit of educational excellence for each student," explains its purpose. Most districts could not afford or provide these services on their own.

TASB salutes improvement in student achievement with an on-going campaign called "What's Right in Public Education". It has publicized improving test scores and favorable FAIR comparisons with other countries' educational systems. I stress fair because only in the United States do we truly try to educate everyone regardless of ability. This is the true meaning of Public Education!

The study will determine if the proposed construction and any related supply improvements are the most cost effective long-term alternative for supplying water to the city. Possible solutions include constructing a six-inch transmission main from Brackettville, purchasing water from Fort Clark Springs MUD, and developing an Edwards well near Brackettville.

I'm afraid Mr. Kouri misinterprets the idea of Public Education. The school boards he so maligns are an extension of the people. They are not an entity of themselves. They have been entrusted to govern the public's schools for the best interests of their students and the people of their district. These interests vary across the 1100+ school districts within the states and who knows better the needs of their students than locally elected boards.

I agree with Mr. Kouri that Home Rule School Districts will not work in most places. It is not intended to work in all districts. HRSB, which is part of new legislation being discussed, simply allows some CHOICE for districts that want to go through the chore of writing and

receiving permission for their own guidelines. District will still be accountable. Students will still have to pass all state standards for student achievement.

TASB, and the boards it represents, has never opposed student improvement. The concern with class size, salary increases, teacher training, etc., is that these are legislative regulations (not Standards) imposed on school districts without providing the money needed to implement them. This effectively places the burden of increasing taxes on local school boards, not the people in Austin. State politicians seem to suffer from the delusion that local taxes are not taxes. Remember Ann Richards' "No New Taxes?"

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John M. Frank Recognized As "Most Influential Teacher"

John M. Frank of Greenwood, Indiana, the son of John and Dorothy Frank of Fort Clark Springs, has been cited as a teacher who most influenced a student's academic career.

Kirk G. Hanson, a senior at Center Grove High School, Greenwood, Indiana, nominated John M. Frank, as the most helpful school employee, who was then recognized by the 1995 Indiana Academic All-Star. In 1994, Mr. Frank received the same distinction after being nominated by Kirk's older brother.

Coverage of the awards that went to 40 people out of 250 nominees was also carried in the April 10, 1995, issue of Time Magazine. Hanson, age 17, is the son of John D. and Bonnie R. Hanson, and plans to become either an international lawyer or college professor after a college career at Harvard or Princeton.

He is a member of the National Honor Society, participates in speech, theater, Spanish, German, science and drama clubs, ranks first in his class, and is a National Merit semifinalist. His community activities include delivering four newspaper routes, church activities, adult choir, Easter breakfast cook, and collecting money for needy families.

His nomination of Mr. Frank as the "school employee who most influenced my academic career" stated...

"With all of Mr. John M. Frank's talents and skills as an educator, his greatest influence on me was developing my ability for independent thought. Mr. Frank goes

beyond the textbook and facts, searching for correlation between the topic in class and events in today's society. He brings his subject closer to his students by uncovering its pertinence to their lives.

Mr. Frank abhors the number crunching style utilized in some classes, memorizing dates and quoting statistics.

He prefers for students to analyze events and documents and to develop hypotheses independent of textbooks.

I discovered this quickly in government class, as he required us to write our own Supreme Court decisions on various issues.

My level of critical and independent thinking, which Mr. Frank developed in class, has extended into every other aspect of my academic career and personal life. Using these abilities I have achieved a greater sense of awareness for not only government and current events but also literature, history and academics as a whole.

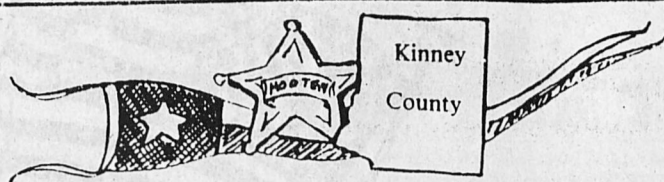
Mr. Frank's devotion to teaching independent thinking undoubtedly stems from his own desire to learn. He displays an interest in learning about new topics and ideas equal to the level he wishes his students to possess.

The openmindedness and dedication of a true academician is what makes Mr. Frank such an insightful and influential member of the teaching community."

Mr. Frank is a history, government honors instructor, teaches an Economics at the college level and is a member of the New York Stock Exchange.

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



The bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City last week was a terrible, terrible tragedy that is both mind-boggling and heart-breaking in scope, a tragedy that shocked the nation as no other in recent memory, but one which must be endured, somehow, by those who lost loved ones in the terrible blast. Truly, domestic terrorism at its most cruel and most senseless.

Yet, even as shocking, frightening, and heartbreaking as the act was, it perhaps highlights the fact that something is going terribly wrong in this country, terribly wrong. And to listen to the political rhetoric that has come forth from the mouths of politicians and government officials following this tragedy is perhaps in some ways even more frightening in its long term meaning for the American people as a whole if those individuals have their way.

When the president of this country starts hinting that "freedom of speech" is subversive to "order and discipline", that is frightening. When both he and U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, both longtime anti-gun proponents, start intensifying their efforts to have more laws passed to allow federal officers to use wire-taps without warrants on the phones of American citizens, kick in doors and make warrantless searches, seizures, and arrests, this is frightening. When they ask for laws of "special authorization" to form 2,500 man "strike forces" of elite, highly trained commandos to use in "cases of national security within our domestic borders", this is frightening. When they suggest that laws be passed making it illegal for American citizens to have more than

a 30-day supply of food and supplies in their own homes, this is frightening.

No sane, honest, law-abiding American citizen wants to see a repeat of the Oklahoma tragedy. Nor do we want to see people like those who perpetrated the senseless bombing allowed to plan, organize, and carry out such senseless domestic terrorism. Nor does any sane, honest, law-abiding American citizen desire to see radical paramilitary groups of individuals plot, plan, and execute efforts to terrorize the American people or attempt to overthrow our government by armed, illegal force.

Yes, the bombing in Oklahoma City was a terrible tragedy and the perpetrators of that terrible act should be hunted down, brought to justice quickly, persecuted to the full extent of the law, and, if found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, executed for their crimes.

But we, the American people, must not allow the pain, heartache, and emotions generated by such a tragedy to be used as a catalyst by politicians and government officials and agents who have an agenda to further oppress and disarm the American people with more and more government interference into the private and personal lives, rights, and freedoms of honest, hardworking Americans. This has happened in nearly every other national tragedy that has occurred within my memory.

Yes, go after the suspects of violent crimes against society, track them down, bring them to justice, give them a fair trial, and punish them if found guilty. But leave the rest of the American people alone.

Let us live our lives under the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and the various state constitutions. Do not under any circumstances strip away more of our rights and freedoms by tearing down, amending, or abolishing the Constitution.

Yes, there is something going terribly wrong in this country, but stripping away even more of our constitutional rights will not make things right.

That's All!

LETTER TO EDITOR

Let me see if I understand this right: the latest rhetoric from the news media and the white house has put the blame for the Oklahoma federal building bombing on those that listen to and agree with Rush Limbaugh, Newt Gingrich, and the contract with America. Rush and Newt supporters are labeled the "extreme radical right."

Nice try, but bologna. Efforts to place the responsibility for acts of crime or criminal behavior on someone or something other than the criminal is getting old, as is the "not responsible, just a victim" bit.

This letter is to the Brackett News, because in the past, my letters to the Express-News were either ignored or published with my words changed to fit their political belief.

Regards,
/s/ Rick Bacon

The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances: if there is any reaction, both are transformed.

—C. G. Jung

Response To Editorial

(From page 1)

Yet local property taxes have increased many times during this same period. Taxes are Taxes! Kouri states, and rightly so, "The Constitution of the State of Texas charges the state with the responsibility to provide free public schools and that it cannot relieve itself of this constitutional responsibility by handing it off to local school boards." Yet this is precisely what it has done by giving the responsibility of funding mandates to the local boards.

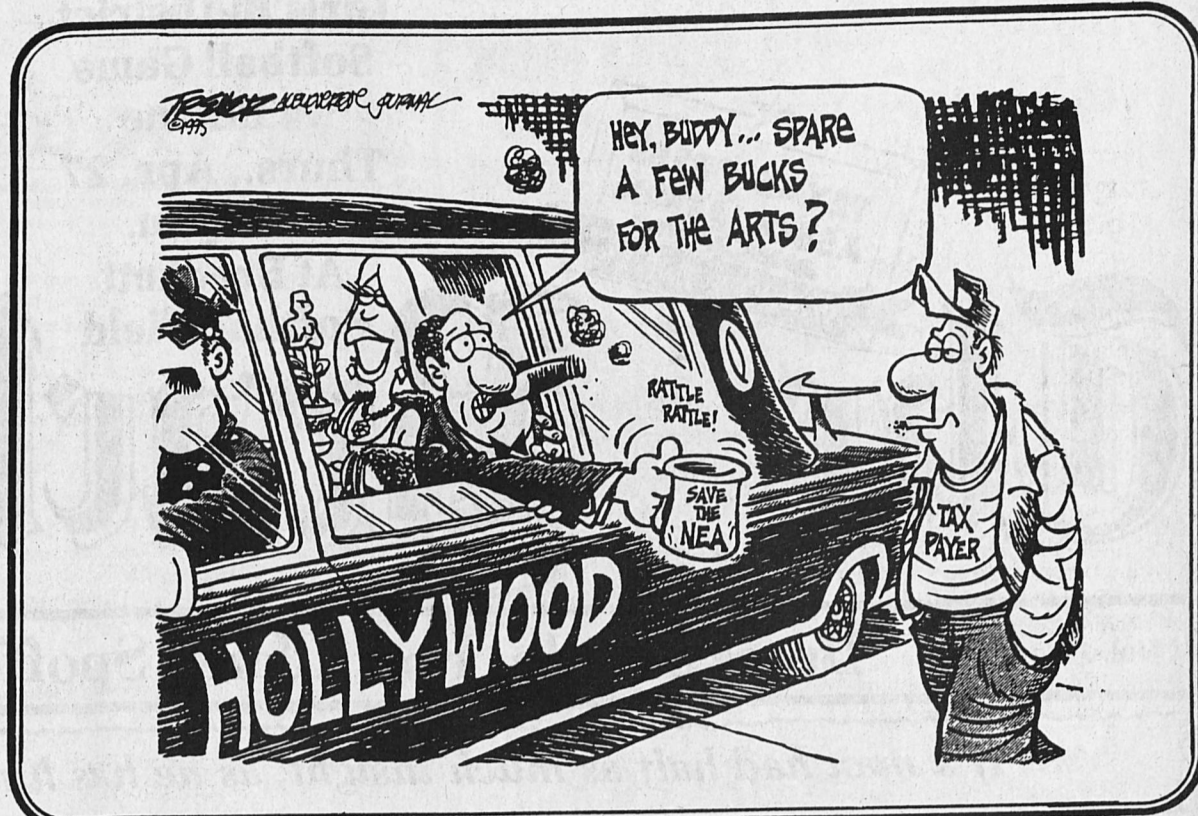
When voters turned down Amendment 2 on unfunded mandates it was directly due to an unprecedented lobbying effort by TSTA and other teacher organizations who were afraid that unless the state MANDATED pay raises, funded locally, they would not receive a salary increase. Remember, no new taxes at the state level.

Unfunded mandates have cost our district many thousands of dollars over the past several years. For example, class room size greatly affects a school our size, often requiring an additional class because of one or two students. Another example, state mandated salary increases cost the district (in local funds) \$50,000 per year each year. This equates to \$.07 additional cents of your school tax rate each year. There is talk in Austin of an \$8,000 increase to all teachers. If there is no aid from the state to help fund this, we're looking at \$400,000 or over \$50 of the tax rate to pay for it. Our current rate is \$1.32. It doesn't take a math major to see where this is leading. I'm sorry but I do not feel it is a mean-spirited concept (Kouri's words) to save money. I think it is common sense and an obligation when dealing with taxpayers money.

Now, before I'm accused of teacher bashing, I think teaching is the MOST noble profession a person can choose. No one affects more lives or contributes more to mankind than a teacher. We will never be able to pay a true teacher what he or she is worth and we seldom express enough appreciation for the job they accomplish. I feel we will get help from the current state administration to fund raises and I feel they are deserved. We have a great teaching staff at BISD. I know we will do the best we can for them and we will get the same in return.

There are a lot of good things going for education today. Unfortunately there are also some bad ones. To blame these on TASB and boards in general only emphasizes Kouri's lack of responsibility. Boards need to be able to make choices in directing their districts and to base these choices on the needs of their students.

/s/ Jimmy Bader



Between Us

By Joe Townsend



One of the outstanding events of the year is the Troopers Reunion.

This week many of the Troopers of Cavalry gather at Fort Clark will gather to reminisce and swap yarns of the past and present. Many people will hardly give a thought as to the "why"?

These men are living reminders of days gone by. They bespeak a time when all Americans loved their country and were willing and anxious to lay their lives on the line for her.

They faced hard, tough times in the South Pacific. Every year the number shrinks as more of the troopers go to "Fiddler's Green."

The present historical revisionism is a slap in the face to these and others who so admirably served the nation's call.

The present apologetic words and actions catering to the demands of Japan is insidious. These men gave themselves for V-J, "Victory over Japan."

To negate that reality and call it "Victory in the Pacific" is ludicrous.

As these men gather they call us all to attention to the facts of yesteryear. It makes our hearts beat a little faster and makes us stand a little taller to remember the toil and sacrifice of the men who so bravely served to keep American the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave.

We tip our hats and proudly salute all those troopers who so nobly served.

Awareness Of Defects Caused By Alcohol

The problem of birth defects caused by pregnant women's abuse of alcohol and drugs is the focus of National Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) Awareness Month throughout April.

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) has joined national health authorities and non-profit organizations in the observance.

Gladys Sanchez, an epidemiologist with the TDH Bureau of Epidemiology, said that as many as 600 Texas babies may be born each year with fetal alcohol syndrome. Thousands more have other side-effects of their mother's use of alcohol or drugs during pregnancy. FAS is now one of the conditions being monitored by the Texas Birth Defects Registry being pilot-tested in two of the state's public health regions.

"So far, I have only been able to estimate the frequency of FAS and similar disorders, since these birth defects are so rarely reported by physicians," Sanchez said. "Although we know that hundreds of cases occur yearly in a population the size of Texas, our own Bureau of Vital Statistics had birth certificate records of only nine such cases during 1993. From 1987, when Texas birth certificates were required to include medical details, through the end of 1993, physicians reported only 162 cases of FAS in newborns," Sanchez said.

The bureau of Vital Statistics compiles and analyzes all statewide data from entries on birth and death certificates. Sanchez explained that alcohol and some drugs used by pregnant women are able to pass through the placenta to affect the unborn child. Substance-abusing mothers also can pass alcohol and drugs to their children in their breastmilk.

A child with FAS has irreversible physical and mental impairments. "Typically, an FAS baby will have wide-set eyes, a small head and a smaller-than-normal nose bridge. They can also suffer from heart defects and deafness," Sanchez said.

However, other symptoms may be more subtle, appearing only as unusual learning disabilities. Also, not all children born to alcohol-abusing mothers suffer the same effects. What is certain, according to Sanchez, is that although FAS can be prevented by education and treatment of at-risk women before they are pregnant, it has become the leading cause of mental retardation in the U.S.

"Early intervention with expectant mothers can make a vital difference in whether their babies are born both physically and mentally healthy. It is a difference which can determine the direction of the child's entire life," Sanchez said.

Sanchez urged all women who need help avoiding alcohol and drugs while pregnant to call TDH's toll-free maternal and child health referral line at 1-800-4-BABYLOVE. The referral line offers information on a full range of services and resources for mothers and their children.

"We also desperately need more information than we are receiving about the incidence of FAS and similar conditions seen by physicians and nurses," Sanchez added. Medical personnel can call Sanchez at 512-458-7232, extension 2004, for more information and reporting forms.

Big Mama Sez!



Some People, like Flowers, give Pleasure just by Being.

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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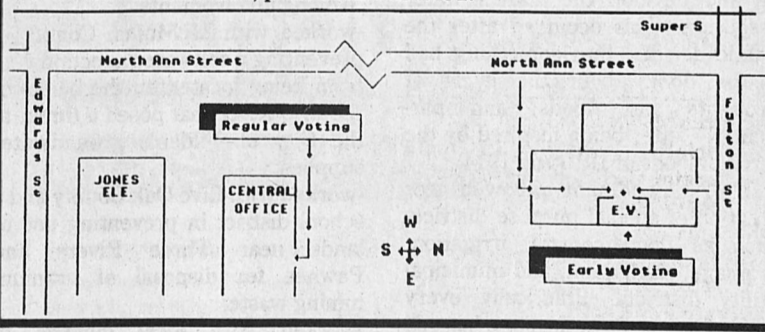
Election Notice School Board Trustees Brackett I.S.D.

The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees will hold a general election for three (3) trustee positions for terms of three (3) years on May 6, 1995. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. the polling place is the Central Office at Brackett I.S.D. located at 400 North Ann Street.

Early Voting will be held in the High School Principal's office located in Building 700, High School Annex, SE Corner of Ann and Fulton. Early Voting will be conducted from April 17 through May 2, 1995, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Address for Early Voting is:
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Library Notes



Library Hours
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We have some more good news. I attended a workshop in Leakey last week on CD-Rom programs given by the San Antonio Area library. The program was very interesting, but more important we were informed that the San Antonio library will be providing us with another computer this summer. The computer will have a CD-Rom built in. We are very excited, however, we will be needing CD-Rom programs. If you have some or know someone who has some and would like to share them with us we would really appreciate it.

We have a morning matinee for the senior citizens every Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. for those of you who would like to come in and enjoy a movie. If you have any suggestions on other activities or programs we would like to hear them.

NEW BOOKS: *The Carousel* by Belva Plain and *A Tangled Web* by Judith Michael.

A World Wide Pictures Presentation

That Heel
 The true life story of Dave Roever.

First Baptist Church
Sunday, April 30
7 p.m.

Unsung Hero
 by Joe Townsend



Another stalwart of our community has joined the hosts of heaven leaving us the loser. One of the kindest, nicest people of our domain will no longer bless us with her gracious presence.

She was the mother of a lovely daughter and a grandmother. She spent the major portion of her life in the county clerk's office.

She was always gracious and accommodating. She was capable in her responsibilities.

She was one where even the most draconian of people would have to work hard to be unkind to her or about her.

Her many friends will certainly miss her presence but for her suffering these last months we can only heave a sigh of relief and joy that she no longer suffers but enjoys the peace and comfort of heaven.

Surely Dolores Raney is an "Unsung Hero."

Bridge Anyone



Six full tables played Duplicate Bridge on Tuesday, April 18.

Lamont and Marie McCandless won first place in the N/S direction. Tina Baugness and Rozetta Pingnot won second place with Alice Seargeant and Joyce Bell taking third place.

Dena Scott and Mona Miller won first place in the E/W direction with a big score. Peggy Stock and Betty Fitch won second place with Ruth Wilks and Dorothy Edwards winning third.

Around the Fort



Golf News



Ladies Golf

Tuesday, April 11

Low Gross - Flighted

1st flight: 1st place, Gwen Ladd; 2nd place, Betty Lee

2nd flight: 1st place Kelly Dennis, 2nd place Carol Benefield

3rd flight: 1st place Joyce Williamson, 2nd place Betty Mathison

4th flight: 1st place Flo Stafford, 2nd place Margo Kendrick

Nassau

Tuesday, April 18

Front 9: 3-way tie, Pat McKelvey, Mary Stephenson, Barbara Miller

Back 9 - Betty Inman

Total: tie - Flo Stafford, Margot Kendrick

Thanks to Barbara Miller
 Pairings - Scoring Volunteer

Sorority News

Theta Sigma Chapter

Theta Sigma Chapter met April 17 at the Adult Center. Hostess Jan Chism served dessert to the eleven members present. President Dee Gaston presided over the meeting.

Dee again thanked all those who helped with the Highway Cleanup on April 8. She discussed plans to celebrate the 64th anniversary of Beta Sigma Phi and joining with 12,500 chapters throughout the world to celebrate Founders Day.

Founders Day honors Walter W. Ross, a man who during the Depression, saw a need among the young women he met in his work as a traveling encyclopedia salesman. He believed they needed more in their lives than work, responsibility and hardship, and decided to devote his life to providing them with a social and cultural outlet.

His efforts brought seven young women in Abilene, Kansas, together in 1931 to form that sort of organization. This spring, Walter T. Ross will be remembered by the largest Greek letter sorority in the world. The local chapter will hold this celebration May 1. Basic to Beta Sigma Phi are the socials for its members, one of the most important is Founder's Day.

Jan Chism presented the program "Deep In The Heart of Texas - At Fort Clark." She asked each person how they happened to come to Fort Clark and to tell some experience. A variety of interests was revealed: horseback riding, golf, community theater, crafts, bridge. All agreed that Fort Clark offers a quiet, secure, unhurried place to live and all seemed to appreciate the lack of police, ambulance sirens, and heavy traffic.

The next meeting will be May 1.

Beta Epsilon Omicron

Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Monday evening, April 10. President Flo Stafford led the opening ritual and called the meeting to order. Barbara Miller called the roll and read thank you notes from Patsy Callan and Evelyn Whitely. Helen Lynch reported on get well cards sent to sorority sisters.

President Stafford reported on the good attendance of the sorority at the dinner theater at the school on March 26.

Pam Melancon reported on plans for the Founder's Day Celebration and asked members to make menu selections. Founder's Day starts a new year in Beta Sigma Phi. Secret Sister names will be revealed and gifts exchanged.

Dee Curry read a chapter from the "Invitation To Life" book noting the Cultural Programs are a basic element to the organization.

By vote of members present, the meeting time was changed to 8:00 p.m.

Dee Curry presented the Nominating Committee's slate for new officers which was accepted: Marla Madrid, president; Lynn McNew, vice president; Barbara Miller, recording secretary; Helen Lynch, corresponding secretary; Evelyn Whitely, treasurer. Named as committee chairmen were: Lynda Conrey, scrapbook; Ruby Cheaney, ways & means; Opal Groce, telephone; Cathie Conrey, service; Betty Mathison, cultural & social; Sue Sims, membership; Pat Callan, publicity; Marge Maderich, reader;

(Continued next column)



TROOPERS' REUNION AND 'FORSYTH BRIDGE' MARKER DEDICATION HIGHLIGHT HISTORICAL SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

This weekend the Fort Clark Historical Society will host returning troopers from the 5th Cavalry and 112th Cavalry who served at Fort Clark in the 1930's and 40's. The Society will also dedicate its own historical marker to identify the "Forsyth Bridge" at the entrance to the Fort Clark Golf Course.

The troopers will spend their time enjoying Fort Clark and visiting with old comrades. The Palisado building is being readied to provide an appropriate focal point for reminiscing by the troopers. The troopers and their wives will be treated to an historic home tour on Saturday morning followed by a luncheon in their honor to be held at the Las Moras Inn.

Three members of the 4th Cavalry (Memorial), Fort Concho's superb living history group, will be on hand in 1940's cavalry attire to help the troopers feel at home.

The "Forsyth Bridge" marker dedication ceremony is scheduled for 5 P.M. on Saturday, at the bridge site. Mrs. Elizabeth Forsyth Scheuber, "The Colonel's Daughter" will be our guest of honor. Miss Elizabeth is a Fort Clark Springs member who resides in San Angelo where she is a prominent rancher. She is the benefactor of the marker.

A F.C.S.A. sponsored fish fry at the golf course restaurant follows the marker dedication.

The traditional "Fiddler's Green" memorial service will be held Sunday morning in the Old Quarry amphitheater to complete the 1995 Troopers' Reunion activities.

KEEP HISTORIC KINNEY COUNTY CLEAN & BEAUTIFUL

Lynn McNew, secret sisters; and Dee Curry and Pam Melancon, program.

Hostess Hazel Ivey served refreshments to Flo Stafford, Dee Curry, Lynn McNew, Pam Melancon, Helen Lynch, Barbara Miller Sue Sims, Francine Collins, Marla Madrid, Hazel Ivey, Betty Gibbs, Lynda Conrey, Cathie Conrey, and Opal Groce.

Helen Lynch presented the program on "Change In Our Life," pointing out that many of the world changes eventually affects us all. These changes include environmental, scientific, political, economic, and medical trends. Her challenge was: How do we respond to these changes - do we accept them and go with the flow or do we resist and fight the change.

Laureate Epsilon Iota

Sorority chapter Laureate Epsilon Iota met in the home of Mildred Borden for the April meeting.

Opening ritual was repeated in unison and the president Oleta Townsend declared the meeting opened.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read by secretary Lily Schwandner. Treasurer Mildred Borden presented the financial report.

The vote for Woman of the Year ended in a tie between Oleta Townsend and Lily Schwandner. A dinner honoring these nominees will be held at Fort Clark Restaurant May 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Townsend presented Founder's Day information and the pledge was read in unison. Theme for Founder's Day program this year will be "To Catch A Dream."

Election of officers resulted in Oleta Townsend as president, Lily Schwandner secretary and Nakai Breen vice president. Walela Gum was elected treasurer.

Ritual of Jewels was bestowed on Walela Gum by Oleta Townsend, Mildred Borden, and Betty Schlatterer.

Following the closing ritual, refreshments were served to Betty Schlatterer, Oleta Townsend, Mabel Parham, Orlean Riley, Walela Gum and Lily Schwandner by hostess Mildred Borden.

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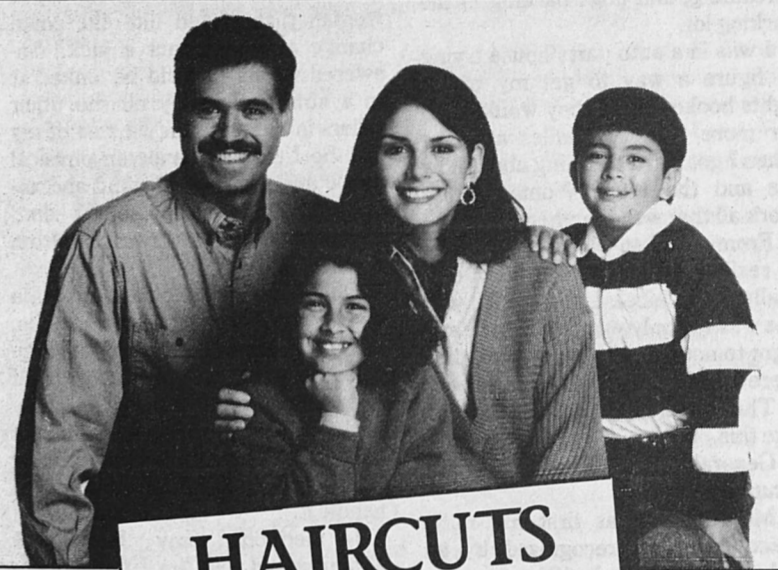
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Spring Stages '95 At Laughlin

If you enjoy great entertainment, Spring Stages '95 is just what you are looking for.

Spring Stages '95 is the base variety show set for Friday, April 28, at the Laughlin Community Center. According to Denise Booth, the show's program director, 24 acts feature base military and civilian people and people from the Del Rio community. "There are all sorts of acts and the music ranges from gospel to contemporary," Booth said.

The show is open to the public and free of charge and begins at 6:30 p.m. with a pay-as-you-go bar and snacks. At 7 p.m., there is a special video preview that has "bloopers, outtakes and candid shots of the performers during rehearsals." Following the video preview, door prizes, including Sea World, Fiesta Texas, Schlitterbahn and Upstagers tickets, and Spring Stages '95 T-shirts, will be given away.

The variety show begins at 7:15 p.m. Booth said there will be a special appearance by SrA Chris Lawver, 47th Aerospace Medicine Squadron. "Chris just returned to the base after touring with the Air Force's Tops in Blue show," Booth said. After the show, the community center turns into a dance hall with music provided by Laughlin's "East Side Productions."

For more information about Spring Stages '95, call Denise Booth at 210-298-5474.

LAFB Suggestion Program

LAUGHLIN AFB - The Suggestion Program was recently recognized for having the best small base program in Air Education and Training Command.

According to Anita Cox, base suggestion program manager, "it takes a dedicated, combined effort by the suggesters, evaluators, and commanders to make the program really work and that's exactly what has been done."

During Fiscal Year 1994, Cox said that 106 ideas were submitted to her office. "Of the ideas submitted, 42 % were adopted for use. The adopted suggestions saved more than \$548,000 in first year tangible benefits to the Air Force. The suggesters knew their ideas made a difference and received a total of \$25,000 in awards."

Cox added that the base is on course to surpass last year in the number of ideas submitted. So far this fiscal year, 34 suggestions have been submitted with a 40% adoption rate. The ideas have resulted in \$191,000 in tangible benefits to the Air Force and more than \$7,000 in awards have been given to the suggesters.

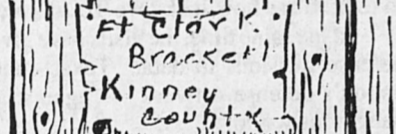


Reptiles that are active at night have slitlike pupils that help the animals see in the dark. Reptiles active in daytime have eyes with round pupils.

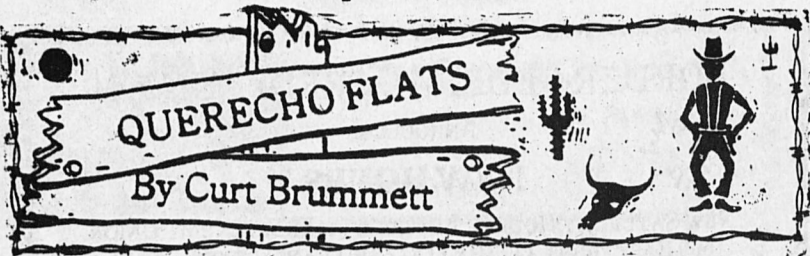
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IDENTIFICATION

Community Calendar



- Las Moras Masonic Lodge 444:** 2nd Tue. 7 p.m., Lodge Hall, Ann St.
- 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.
- FCS VFW #8360 & Auxiliary:** 4th Monday, 6 p.m. Pot Luck, 7:00 p.m. Meetings, Service Center.
- FCS Old Quarry Society:** 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Adult Center.
- Friends of Library:** No regular schedule. Call library for info.
- K.C. Historical Preservation Society:** 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House.
- KC Kickers:** 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Service Club.
- Knights of Columbus:** 1st Sunday, 12 Noon, Parish Hall.
- Lions Club:** 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
- Order of Eastern Star 204:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell, Del Rio.
- FC Shrine Club:** 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Las Moras Restaurant.
- Rotary Club:** Every Thursday, 12 Noon, Las Moras Restaurant.
- Methodist Ladies Luncheon:** 3rd Wednesday, Noon, Slaton Hall, Please make reservations.
- Kinney County Heritage Museum:** 2nd and 4th Saturday, 1 - 4 p.m., Filippone Building.



Moncus' Musings



MIKE MONCUS
Park Ranger, Interpreter
Bastrop State Park

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Those Trails

Those trails I no longer walk are closing. Limbs I normally would bend back or break off now protrude into the walk-way. I've changed territory. Very unlike any wild creature I've left my well known trails. Those trails I could walk on in the dark and feel just as safe as in the light now are growing closed and leaf matter fills the places my feet so often trod. I often remember those paths and visualize every step. I've run down through the forest and I've virtually crawled while stalking game. The trails meander up and down hills and around small ponds and through gullies. They cross fences and skirt fields. Others could be walking those paths I left now but I doubt the time is spent on them like I had and if not I'm sure the trees and brush will dominate the natural pattern and soon only the slightest resemblance of a path will remain.

Those were good trails that led me to and through much happiness. Deer and birds and foxes visited me along those trails. Family shared the path with me many times and I can still remember growth and training in those woods. There's been tears there and also feasts and fasting.

There's limbs and special trees and wet places along the paths and even rocks with well-known faces. Places out there where I can remember plants that are going to return to the very same place every Spring from now on. I've hunted well and long out there and felt the presence of the unseen watchers. You know the ones. I've learned to wonder along those trails and dream and though the trails are closing, the picture of them will always remain.

I've gone to new trails not so very far away and I'm still within the same great forest. I'm still a part of the system and the song. I just owed something to that trail that I may never be able to repay.

County Agent News

by Alan L. McWilliams



New SuperSun Coleus Plants To Hit Nurseries Soon

For the first time, traditionally shade-loving coleus plants venture out of the shadows this spring with the introduction of the new SuperSun varieties which truly tolerate our hot Texas sun. More than 70 varieties have been tested over the past three years to find two fully sun-tolerant ones called SuperSun "Plum Parfait" and SuperSun "Burgundy Sun".

Bedding plants of this popular annual grown for its colorful foliage will be available in nurseries this spring. These plants will retain their beautiful color and at this same time, stand up to the hot dry summer sun.

They are vigorous long-lasting plants that will provide color from mid-spring through the fall. "Plum Parfait", a purplish-plum color which develops gorgeous pink margins, is more suited to plantings enjoyed from close up, whereas "Burgundy Sun" demonstrated its deep color most effectively in large plantings viewed from a distance. Be sure to ask for SuperSun coleus by name to be certain you have the sun-tolerant ones.

Due in part to their low maintenance properties, both varieties received the Texas A&M "EarthKind" designation. They adapt well to almost any soil type and thrive in a wide range of climates. The most important thing for this plant is good drainage. Plants that stay wet in the root zones become stunted and their leaves turn muddy brown in color. Poorly drained soils and watering too frequently can cause you some problems. Water the plants only when the soil is dry one inch below the surface. Simply stick your finger in the soil and check it.

Other than drainage, these plants are highly resistant to serious disease or insect problems, which means they require little or no pesticides to keep them healthy -- a very important factor in their being chosen as "EarthKind" plants.

The plants do extremely well grown in containers, which can be

used to highlight patios, porches and garden terraces. As annuals, they will freeze outdoors during the winter, and will need to be replanted next spring.

Persons holding a private applicators license with the Texas Department of Agriculture will have an opportunity to receive 5 Continuing Education Units or CEUs in Brackettville on Tuesday, May 2, at the district courtroom in the courthouse.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 9:00, break at 11:30 and continue from 12:30 until about 2:30. There will be a \$10.00 registration fee. If you are unsure as the number of CEUs that you currently have toward certification, you can call TDA.

If you cannot attend this course, you have another chance for CEU credits on Thursday, May 11, 1995, at the Uvalde County Fairgrounds. A Predator Appreciation Day will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. There is a \$10.00 registration fee.

The morning's session will include discussions from Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension Wildlife Specialist, from San Angelo, speaking on topics ranging from physical evidence of predation, costs of predators to your operation, alternatives to reducing predation and livestock protection collars. Dr. Rollins will give a calling demonstration.

This afternoon session will feature Feral Hogs in Texas, Prevention of Illicit Use of Pesticides in Predator Control, Mountain Lions in Texas, Update from the Sheep and Goat Commodity Board and Coping with Migratory Bird Predation.

This course is also for 5 CEUs but you do not have to need the CEUs to attend the program. The public is welcome to attend this informative program. Please register your attendance by calling the Kinney County Extension Office at 563-2442 to be sure adequate food is prepared for the noon meal.

Just A Little Confrontation

I just love confrontation. It stirs the blood and keeps the old adrenalin going. Fact is, I've been confronted by some fairly good confronters here lately.

One example of a major confrontation...

I was in Artesia just the other day when I was confronted by a 5 and a half star general in the Women's Liberation Army. I'm saying 5 and a half star because she wants to be better than the regular 5 star generals. Yep, it was a frightful experience.

When that old bat was done with me there was babies crying, men screaming, and dogs barking in the parking lot.

I was in a auto parts house trying to figure a way to get my trailer lights hooked up so they would burn for more than two miles at night when I got started talking about how me and the Little Woman didn't work all that well together.

From out of no where came a rush of really warm air (in the form of a really loud voice). I might add, that she was the only woman in there and I got to noticing the other men, they were kinda easing towards the door.

The conversation went something like this.

General: "You've got to be Curt Brummett."

Me (thinking at first my radio voice has been recognized by an admiring listener): "Yes mamm, what can I do for you?"

Now I need to tell you calling this old bat mamm sure didn't help none.

General: "First off, don't call me mamm, second off, I resent the hell out of you referring to your wife as the Little Woman. That's degrading to all women and I demand to know just why you seem to want to degrade her by calling her 'The Little Woman'."

Me (I'm not no dummy, I have been trained in CPR and Emergency First Aid and I was taught to recognize the fact that goofy acting people could be dangerous when riled, so I thought I would try and sooth the savage beast with a little humor): "Well, Mamm, I call her the Little Woman because she gets plum snarly when I call her a mean old bat." (Bad move.)

Old General is visibly upset and in my face while poking me in the chest with a finger that could be used to poke bolt holes in a cross tie. (I'm getting a little nervous.)

General: "Don't get smart with me, I know all about you male chauvinistic types. You're the type that thinks all women are sex objects, don't ya? Don't ya?"

I glanced around and noticed that I was the only one in the store that hadn't taken up refuge behind some form of bullet proof shelves. I noticed, too, that me and that old gal were the only ones that didn't have a really stupid grin on our faces.

Me (being the quick witted and smooth talking feller I am, I caught on right quick that this was a trick question) Answered right I had a good chance of getting hit by a woman that looked like she could change a flat without a jack. Answered wrong I would be looked at in a strange way by all the other fellers in the store for the rest of my life. So I took a chance on physical abuse and stood my ground and answered her: "Yes mamm I do." Things kinda went down hill from there.

Old General knocked over a display of custom radio knobs, kicked a 5 gallon bucket of anti-freeze over the rebuilt starter shelf and headed for the back door.

One old boy mentioned the fact that the confrontation was starting to worry 'im but he knew I could handle it.

I mentioned my First Aid Training and told 'im I figured she was a Vegetarian that had eaten too many doughnuts for breakfast and her sugar level had driven her off the deep end. (None of us had noticed that she had come back in and was standing there fuming.)

She wanted to know just how the hell I knew she was a vegetarian.

Me (I've had this problem with timing for quite a while): "I knew you were a vegetarian simply because of the pale color of your skin, your bowed legs and your really bad attitude." (Another bad move.)

After the police had left and the damages were settled I made up my mind to be a little more careful about getting into confrontations. I'm here to tell ya, if I hadn't 'ave gotten behind that counter when she started throwing cans of power steering fluid and socket sets I could 'ave been hurt. And getting hurt by a little old gal like that wouldn't look good on a resume.

Y'all take care.

Rambling Around Kinney County

By THE K.C. RAMBLER



Hope you didn't miss the Friday evening performance of the San Antonio Brass at Fort Clark's Amphitheater. The performance was sponsored by the newly formed Kinney County Arts Council in cooperation with the Texas Arts Council through a program designated to help underserved counties host performing arts. Kinney County previously had not received any assistance, so the TAC provided \$1,000 from this special fund.

The chicken barbecue hosted by the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce, with proceeds to the K.C. Arts Council, served just prior to the "Brass" performance added just the right touch to a nice evening outdoors in perfect weather.

Little League Opening Ceremonies Saturday morning kicked off an exciting season of ball. A pat on the back to all those involved in the program. County Auditor Cordelia Barlow was chosen to "pitch out the first ball." The "New Kids" were a little embarrassed when their coaches and manager were not present for the opening. Most evenings and Saturday mornings from now into late June you will be able to stop by the Little League Park and support our young people. Don't deny yourself the pleasure. And, of course, the concession stand will be open so you can choose from hot dogs, nachos, frito pie, etc. for your supper plus candy, soft drinks, and Sno Cones.

The Fort Clark Historical Society will be welcoming The Troopers to the 7th annual reunion this weekend. More than 50 have already indicated they will be attending. These are men who were stationed at Fort Clark. A few troopers have attended every reunion: at least four live in Kinney County, Allen Kreiger, Sr., Emet Huntsman, Gene Holt, and Aaron Beene. A few will be coming to Fort Clark for the first time since they were stationed here. Visiting troopers express surprise

and appreciation at how well the Fort has been preserved and utilized.

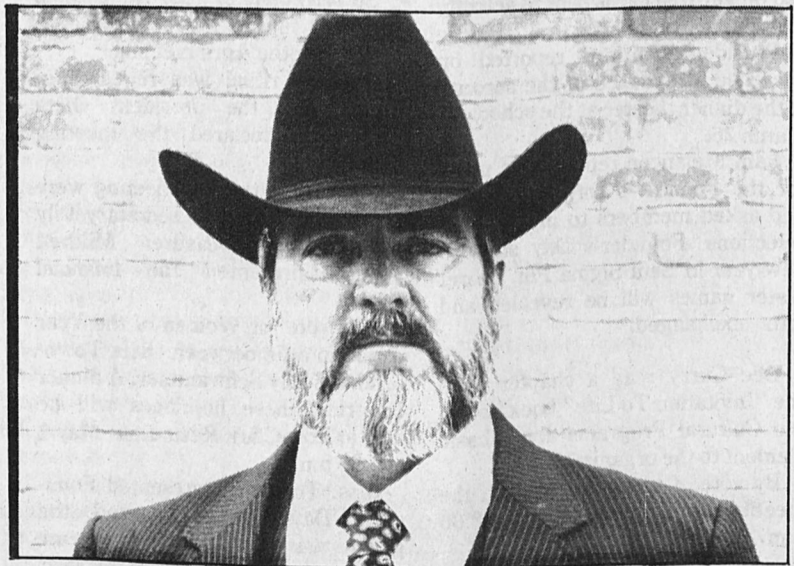
If you are registered to vote in Kinney County and live in the city limits of Brackettville, you are entitled to help elect two City Council members. All registered voters in Kinney County are eligible to vote in the school board election where three will be elected. Election day for the two elections is Saturday May 6, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m....city council at City Hall, school board at the Superintendent's office; however, early voting in each election has been in progress since April 17 and will conclude May 2...city council at City Hall, school board at High School Principal's office. No reason is required to vote early by personal appearance.

The City Cleanup Campaign officially begins May 1. Please join me in taking advantage of the opportunity to get our city even cleaner and neater during this time when the City will provide "hauling off" service. Pile the debris where it is accessible to city workers and they will pick up brush, tree limbs, old appliances, etc. Working together, we can make our community even nicer and just in time for the many, many visitors who come to Kinney County in the summer.

May 5 is the deadline for students to sign up for the JTPA summer program. If you are eligible, and are interested, and have not done so yet, contact JTPA Field Specialist Joy Ralston immediately. Her office is at Brackettville Housing Authority, 305 West El Paso. Her phone number is 563-2021.

As summer comes on and we press into use the lawnmowers, weed eaters, tillers, and other garden equipment, and low and behold, they won't start, you can contact John Jones who is a whiz at fixing gasoline powered engines and his shop, The Right Hand, is across the street from the post office.

WELCOME TROOPERS



VV Farm Bureau Reconstructed

The Val Verde County Farm Bureau was reconstructed during a board meeting January 28, 1995. Michael Baker, pictured, was elected president along with John Raymond Riggs, vice president, Jim McDaniel secretary and board members chosen were Wayne Brown, Tony Frerich, and Roy Jay Harris. The directors regular meetings will be the last Tuesday of odd months.

The Farm Bureau is starting up again with a membership drive during April and May with John Raymond Riggs as chairman. Members prospects will include not only those making a living from stock raising, forage production, wildlife management, and related industries, but also those interested in preserving the values of a rural life style.

Anyone interested in joining may contact Riggs at 210-775-6168 or any of the other board members. Annual dues are \$31.00. New members will receive a personalized Farm Bureau gate sign and be invited to the annual barbecue.

POSTMASTER'S COLUMN

BY FELIX HERNANDEZ

Mail Privacy A Postal Promise

Webster's Dictionary defines "sanctity" as holiness or piety of life, or sacred or hallowed character. "Sanctity of the Seal" is a term used by the U.S. Postal Service. As you can well imagine, it has nothing to do with the character of a sea man.

In the simplest terms, Sanctity of the Seal stands for mail privacy. It means that any free citizen of the United States can mail a letter with the knowledge that its seal will not be broken and contents examined by anyone other than the addressee. Although, on rare occasions, properly sealed letters may be damaged in the handling by modern mail processing equipment.

Privacy of First-Class Mail has been an intrinsic right enjoyed by U.S. citizens for more than 200 years. Our founding fathers felt mail privacy was vital to the exercise of

freedom, therefore, it must not be violated.

This means a parent who endorses a check in a birthday card and mails it to a daughter or son at college can expect it to arrive intact. It means when businesses send bills and statements of account to customers, the transaction will take place with guaranteed privacy.

Undeliverable First-Class Mail not bearing a return address is opened as a last resort at one of the Postal Service's official Dead Letter Offices, where specially-sworn personnel make every effort to discover who sent the mail and where it should be returned.

The Postal Service welcomes this sacred trust and recognizes that customers must be able to rely on the Sanctity of the Seal in order to mail their letters with complete confidence.

Try A New Reduced Fat Caramel Apple Dip

(DM)-Caramel lovers beware! A new Reduced Fat Caramel Apple Dip from T. Marzetti adds a "sweet touch" to a midnight snack, a light lunch, or a meal's final course. With half the fat and calories, Reduced Fat Caramel Apple Dip is great news for those concerned about dietary fat intake. This new dip joins the popular line of caramel apple dips which includes Old Fashioned Caramel and Peanut Butter Caramel. Although originally developed as a dip for fresh apple slices, the dips are proving to be popular as a recipe ingredient in cakes, cookies, and pies. Warm caramel topping makes this Caramel Apple Cheese Pie scrumptious to eat, and attractive to serve for family meals or a company dessert.

CARAMEL APPLE CHEESE PIE

- 2 (3-oz.) pkgs. cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1 (6-oz.) graham cracker pie crust
- 2 small Golden Delicious apples, peeled, cored, and sliced
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 to 3/4 cup T. Marzetti's Old Fashioned or Reduced Fat Caramel Apple Dip, heated

In mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar until fluffy and well-blended. Spread on bottom of pie crust. In skillet, over medium heat, melt butter and cook and stir apples until tender-crisp, about five minutes. Drain well on paper towels. Arrange apple slices on top of cheese mixture, overlapping slices to fit. Sprinkle with cinnamon. Cover; chill thoroughly. To serve, cut pie into slices and drizzle with warm T. Marzetti's Old Fashioned or Reduced Fat Caramel Apple Dip. Makes 8 servings.

Per serving: About 294 calories, 16 mg. fat, 32 mg. cholesterol, 270 mg. sodium.

CAPITOL COMMENT
U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Return to Texas a Reminder of Home Truths

Dorothy was right. There is no place like home. Since Congress recessed at the beginning of April, I have spent the first real break we have had traveling around our state talking to Texans and visiting our military bases. These past weeks at home have served to remind me how lucky we Texans are.

At the same time, the visits have given me an opportunity to study Texas' defense missions in detail. Texas continues to play a pivotal role in the nation's defense network -- against a backdrop of uncertainty in a still-dangerous world.

The terrorist bombing of an Oklahoma City federal building April 19 provided even more proof that national defense remains the paramount function of the federal government. When such attacks can occur on our own soil, clearly, defense warrants our closest attention.

And it provides a provocative backdrop for ongoing deliberations of the federal Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission. The third and final round of the commission's work is under way. I have consistently advocated that the base closure process take into greater account growing concern over military readiness, and the need to ensure our military forces continue to have the training and logistical support they need.

Texas' military facilities have a record and reputation for bolstering readiness that can be compared favorably with those in any other area of the country.

I remain confident that a close examination of all of the military facilities will demonstrate their continuing value to our defense effort.

During my recent visits I also have been reminded that the quality of life for military personnel stationed in Texas communities is outstanding -- unparalleled, in fact. Texas communities are extraordinarily supportive of the military and its mission. They remain committed to the armed forces.

When you combine those factors, any objective analysis can't help but conclude that these military missions can be performed better and cheaper in Texas than anywhere else.

The other issue that has been on my mind since returning home is Texans' continued desire for smaller, leaner government. While still smarting from their interaction with the IRS on April 17, many Texans have told me how burdensome they find their federal government -- both in its inclination to over-regulate their lives as well as to tax them for a disproportionate share of their incomes.

They want the government to allow them to keep more of what they earn. And they know, in the long run, restoring their freedom will only be accomplished by putting their government back on a short fiscal leash and keeping it there.

Protect our children...

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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.



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 The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Maj Gen Francis Henry French
 Old Fort Clark Guardhouse Museum
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2nd Lieut. Francis Henry French (USMA, '79)

either tomorrow or next day. Doctor returned this morning from Lozier. Read a little law in the evening.

Sunday, April 29, 1883

Wrote a letter home this morning and took a bath. About one o'clock P.M. saw "E" Troop coming over the hill. So the Doctor and I did not go over to Thurston as we intended. Sent a man over with note to the men over there saying good-bye and letter home and to John Hoagland congratulating him on his promotion. Capt. Kauffman and Kendall came with "E" Troop. Gen. Smith has made Weeks, the 1st Lieutenant, Post Commissary. I supposed Vedder would get this. Made out inspection reports to have some tents condemned and shall turn over property early tomorrow. Shall try to leave camp tomorrow and camp at Lozier. It was very pleasant to have these new officers in camp, some new people to talk to. I shall go to bed early tonight as I have a great deal to do tomorrow.

Tuesday, May 1, 1883

Left camp this morning at sunrise and made new camp near Langtry. Everything went along nicely. Saw Mr. Tracy at Langtry and was promised by him a pass from Spoford to San Antonio. Mr. McGeary was conductor of the train in the evening and told me that the Doctor had come down to Lozier with him but had stopped there. Said good bye to McGeary and Tracy.

Monday, April 30, 1883

Completed the transfer of property and made all preparations to start but had to wait until noon in order to get some rations from Capt. Kauffman. Started the men off and kept Luce behind with me as I lunched with Capt. K. Before starting. It was a motley crew that left camp, some of them riding in old wagons. After lunch said good-bye and started to overtake the "Army". Now that it is really time to leave Mayer's Springs, I don't feel so anxious to go. Here I am in control and can do as I please. At Clark I shall have to obey others. But then there will be pleasant society there which will more than make up for a little brief authority. Camped near Lozier where we found water and grazing. Dr. Harmer did not come down on the train this evening, but Mr. Young did.

May 1883: Lt. French returns to Fort Clark with the Seminoles renewing his pursuit of Marie and the "society" of the fort. His quarters are in the west side of the Harrison House closest to the Headquarters building (which he refers to as "the office"). He travels to Fort Duncan attempting to locate the treaty the Seminoles made with the army in 1870. His

courting of Marie takes many twists and turns resulting in a great deal of time spent sitting in the bandstand. As June approaches he prepares to relinquish command of the Scouts and go home on leave for the summer.

Wednesday, May 2, 1883

Sent Sgt. Kibbets and four men ahead to repair the ferry at the Pecos if possible, or if not to cut the banks down so as to make a good ford. "E" Troop had sunk the boat and I was afraid we would have trouble to cross the river. Left camp at sunrise and got to the Pecos soon after twelve o'clock

without any trouble. The boat was sunk near the farther shore, i.e. the eastern shore but an excellent ford was made by the Sergeant and the wagons and horses were soon crossed without difficulty. Felt much relieved when they were over as I had been anxious about this crossing all day. Camped at Seminole Caves and feel happy in knowing that the worst part of the whole road is past.

Thursday, May 3, 1883

Started at sunrise as before and went along without any trouble and camped the eastern side of Devil's River. Starting out of camp was much provoked by Luce's putting my saddle & bridle on his horse and turning Sgt. July's horse loose. He has been anxious for me to ride his horse all the time but I have refused. So this morning he was determined I should ride him and saddled him while I was absent. The herd had already started before I found out what he had done, or I would have made him change the saddle. Cussed him out and told him if he did it again I would make him do duty with the detachment. Got into camp early in the afternoon and spent the time in eating mulberries which grow in quantities there. Crossed the river on the railroad bridge, a fine iron structure. Scenery is beautiful. Some of the men brought a deer into camp and a great many fish were caught.

(To be continued next week)

17 15 Homeowners Left To Buy An Air Conditioner Or Heat Pump With No Payments For 6 Months

*Read on to see how Homeowners can get the Second year free

HERE IS WHERE THIS CONCEPT REALLY IMPRESSED ME

Mr. Peterson said "If you are replacing an old system, the money you save on your energy bills in the first two years could be enough to make all the payments in the second year."

By LIZZ RAMIREZ

For the first time in Brackettville, Mr. Dan Peterson has created a program that will allow 15 Homeowners to buy a new air conditioner or heater and not make any payments for 6 months. Actually, with his program homeowners will probably get the second year free. In a moment, I'll tell you how this works.

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Texas Senate Action

The Senate passed SB 654 sponsored by Senator Mike Moncrief of Fort Worth which authorizes persons over 65 or with a physical disability to vote early by mail. The bill authorizes a qualified voter to receive an early-voting ballot by mail for each election to be held during the calendar year for which application is made. Currently, older and disabled voters have to apply for a mail-in ballot for each election.

involving landlord-tenant; personal injury, death or property damage; and insurance, and provides venue rules for multiple, intervening plaintiffs, and multiple claims. The Legislation creates the judicial panel on multi-county litigation, and authorizes the panel to change the venue of certain lawsuits.

The Senate passed CSSB 141 sponsored by Senator Rodeny Ellis of Houston which increases penalties and sets forth requirements for the prosecution of hate crimes. A growing number of cases have occurred in Texas involving harassment, physical intimidation, and assault against persons because of their race, color, disability, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation. The bill raises the penalty for committing a hate crime to the punishment prescribed for the next highest offense.

The Senate passed SB 32 sponsored by Senator John Montford of Lubbock, the fifth civil justice reform bill to be approved by the Senate. The bill limits forum shopping, the practice of seeking out favorable courts, and clarifies where lawsuits may be filed. The bill amends venue rules for cases in-

The Senate passed two pieces of legislation relating to home equity lending. Committee Substitute Senate Joint Resolution 25 sponsored by Senator Jerry Patterson of Pasadena, allows a constitutional amendment to be submitted to the voters authorizing voluntary home equity loans on homesteaded property. CSSB 301, also by Patterson, is enabling legislation setting forth rules for home equity lending should the constitutional amendment pass. Texas is the only state whose constitution prohibits home equity loans.

The Senate passed CSSB 194 sponsored by Senator Gonzalo Barrientos of Austin which provides for the operation and expansion of the Communities in Schools programs. The purpose of the program is to offer an alternative to young people, especially the economically disadvantaged, who have dropped out of school before graduation and are headed for a lifetime of under-employment or unemployment. With the help of government, business and social service agencies, Communities in Schools is an attempt to help school and community leaders address these problems.

At 12:00 noon Friday, April 21, a ceremony was held on the south steps of the State Capitol celebrating the rededication of the historic building upon completion of the restoration project. The project took seven years and cost 187 million dollars, providing a new underground extension of the building and much needed repairs to the existing Capitol. Attending the celebration were Governor George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and his wife, Jan Bullock, House Speaker Pete Laney and his wife, Nelda, and former governors Ann Richards, Bill Clements, Mark White, Dolph Briscoe, and Preston Smith.

TxDOT Report On Traffic Fatalities

Partially because of one catastrophic seven-hour period last July, traffic fatalities in Texas increased by 3.5% in 1994 compared with the previous year, according to DPS statistics.

During 1994, 3,142 persons died in traffic accidents in Texas, 105 more deaths than the 3,037 fatalities reported in 1993. This is the first increase in traffic deaths in the state since 1988.

"Despite this increase, the traffic death rate, which is the number of deaths occurring for every 100 million miles driven, remained at the 1993 level of 1.8 last year," said Jim Templeton, head of the DPS' Accident Records Bureau.

Templeton said the 1994 increase would have been nearly a third smaller if fewer accidents had occurred during the July Fourth holiday.

"July 3, 1994, will be remembered as the deadliest day in Texas traffic history with 46 fatalities," Templeton said. "During a seven-hour period that day, 31 people died in three accidents. This was the first time in history Texas has had three accidents in one day with six or more killed per accident."

On the other hand, Templeton said, Texas had two days in 1994 during which no traffic deaths were recorded. "This is extraordinary," he said. "Normally we don't see a single deathless day. The last time we had one day without a traffic death was April 16, 1991."

In 1994, 37.2% of all fatalities involved alcohol or drug intoxication, the lowest rate of DWI-related deaths since 1986, when the Department first began collecting blood alcohol levels shown on traffic fatality reports.

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Childhood Immunization A Wise Investment In Our Future

Protecting our children against disease is a goal we all share. By the time they enter elementary school, nearly 95% of all American children have received the immunizations they need. While that statistic is impressive, our system falls short in serving babies and toddlers. In spite of the level of education and technology we have in America, our nation is one of the lowest-ranking countries in the Western Hemisphere for vaccinating our youngest children.

This week, **National Infant Immunization Week**, provides an opportunity for us to spread the word that families must do more to protect their babies.

Why don't parents make sure their children get their shots on time? Obviously, it's not that parents don't love and care about their children. It has more to do with a lack of awareness. While most parents know that their children need to have shots before starting

school, they may not realize that 80% of all immunizations should be administered before a child is two years old.

It's also easy to dismiss the danger of diseases which were well-known earlier in this century but no longer seem threatening. Not very often do we hear about wide-spread epidemics. However, without immunization, diseases like the measles, polio, mumps and Hepatitis-B still pose a very real threat to our children.

The following is a list of the nine infectious diseases which are preventable with vaccines:

- 1) polio; 2) measles; 3) diphtheria; 4) mumps; 5) pertussis (whooping cough); 6) rubella (German measles); 7) tetanus; 8) hepatitis-B; 9) Hib (a common cause of spinal meningitis).

I strongly encourage you to call your doctor or your local health clinic and immunize your children as soon as possible. Don't wait until they start school. Protect them when they're young. Childhood immunization is a wise investment in our future.

National Small Business Week MRGDC Schedules Seminar

In observance of National Small Business Week April 30 through May 6, the Middle Rio Grande Development Center's Small Business Development Center in conjunction with Camino Real Bank present "SBA Loan Programs." The seminar will be held at the Camino Real Bank Center, Board Room, 700 Quarry Street, Eagle Pass, Texas, May 2, 1995, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

"There are new developments in the SBA's loan programs and a growing interest in international trade and export financing in this region," said Mario Riojas, SBDC Director, "so this seminar is of great interest to our area."

Registration and fee of \$5.00 will be at the door. The MRGDC SBDC under cooperative agreement is partially funded and is in a partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration. All SBDC programs are nondiscriminatory and open to the public.

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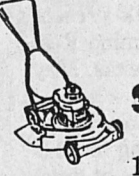

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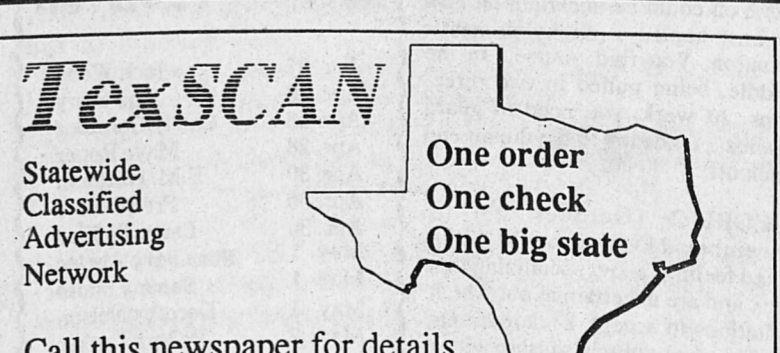
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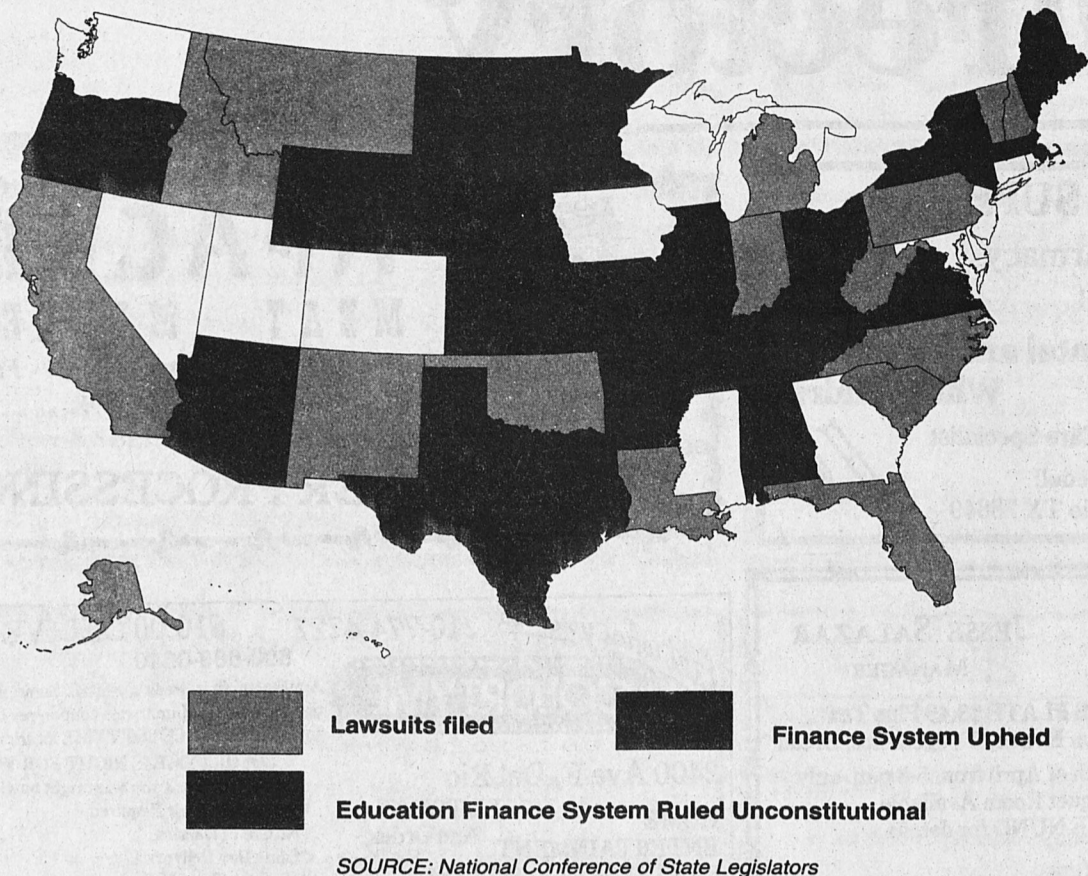
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\$25,000 In Environmental Education Grants Are Available For TX Schools

In conjunction with the 25th anniversary of Earth Day, Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro and the HEB Grocery Company have announced that \$25,000 in environmental education grant money will be available to Texas schools in the 7th annual Environmental Challenge program. The grants, to be announced September 18, 1995, will range from \$100 to \$740 each.

Prior to last year, the Environmental Challenge awarded a total of \$10,000 to schools upon completion of innovative, hands-on environmental education projects. Last year, Mauro and HEB officials asked teachers for their input into the program's operation and heard about the budget constraints of initiating such special projects. The sponsors then changed to a grant program for the sixth annual Environmental Challenge and awarded \$10,014 in grants for teachers and students to have up-front money for their projects.

"Increasing the total of grant funds to \$25,000 this year is an exciting new aspect of the Environmental Challenge and the 25th anniversary of Earth Day is a very appropriate time to make this announcement," said Mauro.

Numerous Earth Day events are being held throughout the state during the week leading up to the official day of celebration on Saturday, April 22.

The Environmental Challenge grant funds are available to classrooms, schools, school districts, and school clubs statewide. Those seeking funds fill out a simple application form with their project proposals. Proposals must be postmarked by September 29, 1995. For more information and to obtain application forms, contact Jane Velasquez, Texas General Land Office, San Antonio, 210-736-5247, or Elna Christopher, Texas General Land Office, Austin, 512-463-5169.

Aggies Replant for Bonfire
 COLLEGE STATION — An estimated 2,000 Texas A&M University students turned out for Replant, the Aggies' new tradition of planting seedlings and young trees to replace those used in building the Aggie Bonfire. Replant now in its fifth year, is coordinated by a committee of Texas A&M's Student Government.

Nearly 20,000 seedlings and 15,000 trees from seedlings potted at the 1994 Replant have been donated by the National Tree Trust, a nonprofit organization that serves as a catalyst for growing, planting and maintaining trees in urban areas.

Vaccinate Dogs For Lyme Disease

Pet owners who live near wooded areas, and even those who occasionally visit the woods and forest with their dogs, should have their pets vaccinated for Lyme disease — and the earlier the better. At a recent meeting of the American Veterinary Medical Association Dr. Steven A. Levy, of Durham, Connecticut reported on a study of the Lyme disease vaccine.

The vaccine was introduced in 1990 and, according to Dr. Levy, has proven effective in protecting pets from the disease. The vaccine is not only effective in protecting dogs that have not been infected from the disease, but even dogs that have been infected with Lyme Disease may benefit from the vaccine.

"With most vaccines you wouldn't expect protection in the animals already infected — but with this vaccine, antibodies can be produced in dogs already infected," Dr. Levy said. The vaccine was effective in about 58% of previously infected dogs.

Lyme disease is the most common tickborne illness affecting both dogs and human beings. It was first discovered in the Northeastern U.S. in 1975 and became endemic to the area. Today, the disease can be found in the northern Midwest, Pacific Northwest and in northern California — and it continues to spread.

According to Dr. Levy, a 1988 study in northern California indicated that 40-50% of dogs in the area had been infected with Lyme disease. The disease is emerging in new areas, including Missouri and parts of eastern Texas. Lyme disease has been reported in 46 of the 50 states.

Both people and dogs can get Lyme disease when they are bitten by infected ticks. In people, the bite usually results in a rash. The rash may be followed by severe neurologic, cardiac, or arthritic symptoms. Dogs that are bitten most often show signs of lameness and in some cases may suffer kidney damage.

If it is detected early, Lyme disease can be treated with antibiotics, which are effective in about 85% of the cases. Even when the disease is treated successfully, it may flare up again later.

Dr. Levy recommends that dogs who spend any time at all in wooded areas be vaccinated as part of their puppy series of vaccinations. Dog owners should discuss the disease and the need and advisability of vaccination with their veterinarian.

For more lifestyle and pet care information — listen for Around The House on your favorite local radio station.



The following events are just a few of the many entertaining activities going on across Texas. Dates are subject to change without notice. For a free 272-page Texas State Travel Guide, call 800/888-TEX. To speak with a professional travel counselor call 800/452-9292. For information on these and other events, call 512/462-9191. TDD: 512/936-0555; Relay Texas 800/735-2988.

May 4-5—Cinco de Mayo, Del Rio. South Texas comes alive for Cinco de Mayo with fiestas and festivals like this Cinco de Mayo celebration in Del Rio. Live music from local talent will show off great South Texas music. A colorful Ballet Folklorico, one of Mexico's most beautiful traditions, will perform both evenings at the Del Rio celebration. Games for the young and not-so-young will be a large part of the activities. Ethnic food booths and Mexican-American arts and crafts will fill the town plaza, adding to the excitement and tradition of Cinco de Mayo. Del Rio is located near the border of Mexico 150 miles west of San Antonio on Highway 90. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce, 1915 Ave. F, Del Rio, 78840. 210/775-3551.

May 6-7—5th Annual Cinco de Mayo and Cabrito Cookoff, Alpine. Alpine's Cinco de Mayo is one of this West Texas town's big-

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gest events. Saturday will feature a day in the park that starts off with a parade to pave the way for the celebration. A cabrito/menudo cookoff will offer some of the best cabrito and menudo West of the Pecos. In the evening you can dance the night away at the Alpine Civic Park. On Sunday, enjoy a day of music at Kokernot Park, where you can sit back and enjoy the beautiful weather and clean mountain air of the Davis Mountains. For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce, 106 N. 3rd St., Alpine, 79830. 915/837-2326.

May 12-13—Western Heritage Classic, Abilene. If you think real cowboys are a thing of the past, think again. Cowboys are alive and well in Texas and to celebrate Abilene hosts the Western Heritage Classic. This three day event rejuvenates the spirit of the ranch cowboy. Event activities include cowboy poetry and music, the world's largest bit and spur show, harness driving, a celebrity art show, and of course, a rodeo. The rodeo features working cowboys from some of the most famous ranches around. Cowboys will demonstrate their skills ropin,' bronco ridin,' team penning, and the always

entertaining wild cow milkin.' Each night after the rodeo grab your partner for a little "boot skootin.'" "Stick Horse Rodeo Production" and the young cowboys' corral will entertain little cowboys and cowgirls. For more information, contact the

May 20-21—Wings 'n Things, Midland. Bring a chair and get ready for take off with the Confederate Air Force at Midland's spring festival, Wings 'n Things. Wings 'n Things begins with a pancake breakfast that will get your propellers going. Full of fuel and ready to go, you can "fly by" the World War II and modern military aircraft at the static display or, for more "grounded" transportation, take a look at the many antique cars and motorcycle displays. Also showcased will be a variety of remote controlled airplanes and cars. A trade show will feature everything from aviation items to arts and crafts. On Saturday, participate in the 5K Fun-Run. While you're there, plan to visit the world-class American Air Power Heritage Museum that will be open free to the public during Wings 'n Things. For information, contact Confederate Air Force, Inc. Headquarters - Midland International Airport, P.O. Box 62000, Midland, 79711-2000. 915/563-1000.

Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Unexpected career developments could cause a revision of a plan. Try to accept this gracefully. You feel that a partner is out of tune with your feelings. A good heart-to-heart chat will bring you closer.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Plans involving travel are subject to change. Distractions and a wandering mind could slow you down a bit at work this week. A talk with higher-ups is productive and leads to a variety of new responsibilities.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You could change your mind about an investment you've been contemplating. In romance, you're on shaky ground and uncertain of your feelings. It probably is time for a sincere talk. Creativity is a plus.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Those involved in an academic situation could have second thoughts about the pursuit of a certain course of study. Guests will probably be an inconvenience, but you'll be making important domestic plans this week.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) There could be changes in your work schedule early in the week and someone is slow in answering your correspondence. However, it's still a good week for reaching agreements with others. Talks with loved ones are productive.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This week isn't a good one for financial risk-taking or gambling. Shoppers need to be wary of defective items. Work goes smoothly and offers new changes for advancement and financial gain. However, pay attention to detail.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You could be uncertain on how to best handle a sticky domestic situation. You find yourself in the middle, being pulled in two directions. At work, you need to guard against a tendency to daydream and slack off.

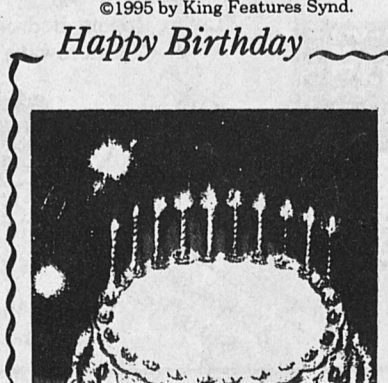
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You could have mixed feelings about socializing this week and are uncertain about which invitations to accept. Undercurrents are affecting your relationship with a close tie. Don't allow others to interfere.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're tempted to make an expensive, impulsive purchase of something for your home early in the week. However, it's best to try to avoid this. You'll be sorry when the bill comes due. It's not a good week for entertaining.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's best not to present new ideas to others until you have your thoughts better organized this week. However, once you've developed your plans, feel free to consult with those who can be of the most help to you now.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You could be wrestling with an ethical problem within yourself early in the week. However, your high sense of moral values comes to your rescue and you make the right decision. Later in the week, you revise travel plans.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A friend is somewhat confused and that's why he or she seems unpredictable at present. If possible, try to talk to this person to find out what's really going on. Don't involve yourself in risky financial schemes.



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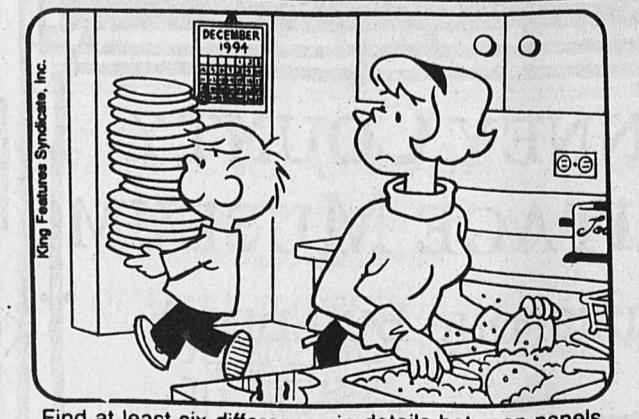
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Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Calendar is moved. 2. Cup is added. 3. Plates are missing. 4. Toaster is moved. 5. Handles are different. 6. Cupboard is longer.

Super Crossword

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First Baptist Church
Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor

"The Pastor's Pen"

An Arab once lost his way in the desert and was in danger of dying from hunger. At last, he found one of the cisterns out of which the camels drink, and a little leather bag near it. "God be thanked!" exclaimed he. "Ah, here are some dates or nuts: let me refresh myself."

He opened the bag, but only to turn away in disappointment. Alas! they were only pearls. What value were they to one who was, like Esau, "at the point to die"?

What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?...Matthew 16:26.

The church family cordially invites the community to attend the showing of *Scars That Heal*, the true life story of Dave Roeber, Sunday evening, April 30, 7 p.m. There will be no admission but a love offering will be taken, not for the church, but for the production of Christian movies.

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St. John's Baptist Church

Rev. W. P. Adams, Sr., Pastor

My brethren count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations, knowing this, that the testing of your faith worketh patience.

But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. James 1:2-4

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PRAISE THE LORD

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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.

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

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

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

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

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Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

The story of the thief on the cross gives more of the real basics of the Christian faith than any like passage.

Two of the worst criminals world were crucified with Jesus, one on either side. For a time they railed on Jesus to come down from the cross and save them also.

Finally, one of them realized the truth and after castigating the other malefactor turned to Jesus. He had seen the sign over the head of Jesus saying He was the King of the Jews. He had recognized the sacrifice of Jesus and proclaimed it to the other malefactor.

Now he asks of Jesus, "When you come into your kingdom, remember me." Jesus instantly replied, "This day you will be with me in Paradise."

This man would never study a class on doctrine, he would never walk down a church aisle, he would never give a dollar to the church or the Lord, he would never minister to the needy, he would never repeat a ritual prayer. He would not spend a

lengthy in the grave asleep. He would never have the blessing of another human being.

And yet he would be with Jesus that very day in the realm beyond this world. The secret of it all is simple.

Jesus died that everyone who trusts in Him will be with Him in heaven. It makes no difference how sorry or sinful the individual, faith in Jesus saves the worst of sinner.

This is certainly true because salvation is the "gift" of God. If there were any strings attached, any conditions, any demands, it would not be a gift.

Christ paid the total price for sin and God's gift of His Son guaranteed a ticket to heaven for anyone who will recognize his sin and with faith in Christ ask Jesus, "When you come into your kingdom, remember me."

Another message from God's Word awaits all who worship God at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11:00. Come and see!

Obituary
Dolores Raney



Dolores Raney died April 21, 1995, at Uvalde Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness. She was 65.

She was born June 28, 1929, in Taylor, Texas, to Floyd and Ruby Adams, and graduated from Taylor High School and Western Union Telegraph Academy of Springfield, Missouri. In 1948 she came to Uvalde as an operator for Western Union.

She and Jesse Raney were married June 28, 1948, and moved to Spofford, Texas. In 1960, Mrs. Raney moved to Brackettville.

Mrs. Raney began serving the citizens of Kinney County in 1956 as Deputy County-District Clerk. In 1972 she was elected to that position and served until her retirement September 1, 1994, a total of 38 years of service.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Jack Stone, granddaughters Elizabeth and Rebecca Stone of Uvalde; mother,

Ruby Hanzelka of Lampasas, Texas; sister and brother-in-law Virginia and Alvin Ezell of Marble Falls, Texas; brother and sister-in-law Tom and Theresa Hanzelka of Lampasas, Texas; niece Bonnie Jehl of Round Rock, Texas; and a special friend Leroy Slubar of Eagle Pass, Texas; and loving caregivers Gloria Arizmendi, Dora Cuellar, Maria Rios, Lucy Ybarra and Maria Zavala.

Cremation will be under the direction of Rushing-Estes-Knowles Funeral Home of Uvalde with memorial services to be held for the family. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made in Mrs. Raney's honor to the Kinney County Library or to the Uvalde Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

The family asks blessings for Drs. John Shudde and Harry Watkins, the loving nurses of the hospital and Hospice of San Antonio, Uvalde Branch for all support and concerns.

THANK YOU

We would like to express our most sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions shown to Blake and our family. We were overwhelmed by the many kind gestures and it is impossible to put into words just how much your thoughtfulness and prayers have encouraged us during this difficult time.

God has blessed in taking care of Blake and with the many friends He has sent our way.

Blake is home and doing much better.

Thank you! May God bless each of you!

The Wards
Tim, Debbie, Cherrise,
Chase and BLAKE

No matter how fair the sun shines, still it must set.

—Ferdinand Raimund

Trivia Test

by Linda Luckhurst

1. Nationalities: Where does a Breton come from?
2. Superstitions: Where is it considered bad luck to say "Macbeth"?
3. Getting Organized: What organization was founded by Rev. Jerry Falwell?
4. Literary Characters: Who was Fagan's protegee?
5. The Mating Game: What stingless, non-working bee mates with the queen bee?
6. Salud!: What cocktail contains as many types of rum as will fit in the glass?
7. Music: What teenage television actress sang "Johnny Angel"?
8. Choo Choo: What was the name of the first railroad to traverse the U.S.?

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the drone; 6. a Zombie; 7. Shelley
Moral Majority; 4. Oliver Twist; 5. the
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Trivia Test Answers

Behavioral Survey Shows Heart Disease Risk

Heart disease claims more lives than any other cause of death in Texas, but when it comes to taking preventive action against this killer, Texans weigh in no better than other Americans.

This was the conclusion of an annual survey conducted by the Texas Department of Health's Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System. The recently published Texas Risk Factor Report on Cholesterol summarized the results of random telephone interviews with 2,484 Texans during 1993.

"It's a crying shame to suffer the consequences of heart disease when so many of the associated risk factors can be controlled by changes in our personal habits. French fries and cigarettes aren't worth dying for," Dr. David Smith, Texas Commissioner of Health, said.

The annual survey helps to measure the state's progress toward certain health objectives for the year 2000.

"When determining who's at risk for heart disease we look at risk factors such as smoking, sedentary lifestyle, diet and high cholesterol level. Cholesterol tests check the amount of this substance in the blood. The recommended cholesterol level is 200 or less. A

level over 200 requires dietary modification or further medical evaluation," according to Dr. Philip Huang, Chief of the Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention and Control.

The survey concluded that of those interviewed, 26% were overweight, 19% had been told they had high blood pressure, and 30% had never had their cholesterol level checked. Some 68% of the Texans interviewed had their cholesterol level checked in the past five years, a percentage corresponding to the national average. Among those interviewed, smoking, another significant risk factor, matched the national average of 24%.

The survey also found that from 1988 to 1993 cholesterol screening has risen an average of 3.8% a year. Women were more likely than men to have been tested for cholesterol in the past five years. The amount of education, income, and health insurance Texans have also influenced the likelihood of having been tested.

"Cholesterol screening is one way of learning if you are at risk for heart disease," Dr. Huang said. "The best ways to prevent heart disease are to not smoke and to exercise regularly, eat a healthy low fat diet and have your blood pressure checked regularly.

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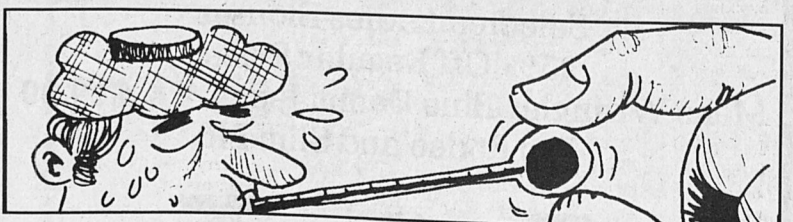
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An officer from the Texas Department of Public Safety will be at the County Courtroom, Kinney County Court House, each 1st and 3rd Thursday and each 5th Thursday during the normal working hours of county offices. The officer will be available to give driving tests or to renew drivers licenses.

Hearing Screening Free

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BALLANTYNE CEMETERY

More On Care Of K. C. Cemeteries

In addition to pictures of cemeteries in Kinney County printed last week, these are also prominent and prompt visits from family, friends, and historians. A word of caution, when in one of the cemeteries, regardless of whether it has been mowed, be on the alert for rattlesnakes.

The Ballantyne Cemetery in Brackettville, and the two at Spofford were in need of some TLC early this week when these pictures were taken. Either one, or all of them, would make an excellent community project, especially during this period of "Clean Up."



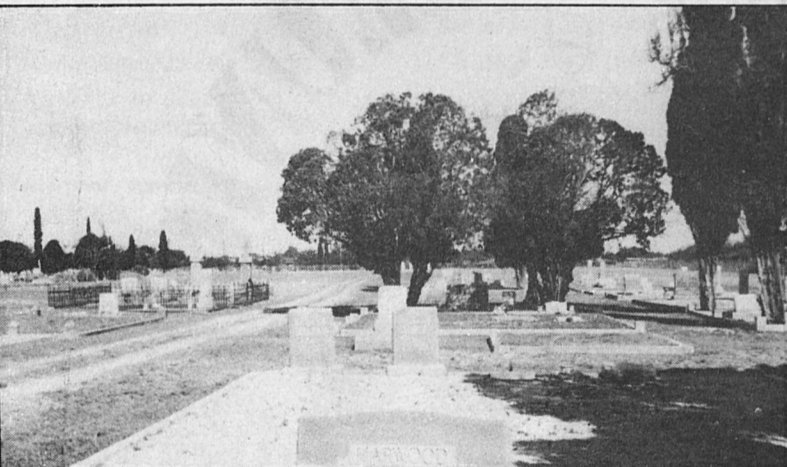
BALLANTYNE CEMETERY. Spring wildflowers have been beautiful in the Ballantyne and other cemeteries but they are fast passing into the "dead weed" stage that requires hoeing and raking.



CATHOLIC CEMETERY AT SPOFFORD



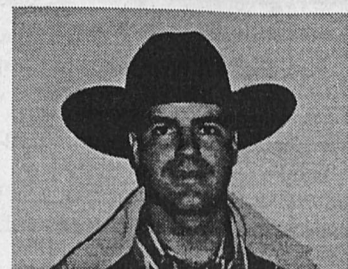
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TEXAS LAW ASK THE OFFICER

Ask the officer is sponsored by the Texas Highway Patrol Association and seeks to answer questions on law enforcement, public safety and other concerns involving the welfare of Texas citizens. You can write Ask The Officer care of the Texas Highway Patrol Association, 610 Brazos, Fourth Floor, Austin, Texas 78701.



Trooper Kevin Wilke is a Texas Highway Patrol Association board member, and works in West Texas.

the stop run smoothly. Also, to those drivers who pass an officer who's stopped someone alongside the road or highway, move over to the left. There's only a foot and a half between the officer and the stopped driver's car. Pulling over to the left lanes may prevent an accident from happening. Everyone on the road is responsible for maintaining safety.

WALK TALK

Q: I'm 10 years old and I walk to school and from school every day. The traffic is sometimes heavy, and I want to know which side of the road I should walk on.

D. G., Burnet

A: It's best to walk on sidewalks and use marked crosswalks when provided. If sidewalks aren't provided, walk facing oncoming traffic as far into the shoulder area as is possible and practical. Never run in between cars.

STRANDED

Q: I often pass people in vehicles stranded alongside the highway. I'd like to stop and help but feel this could be dangerous. What advice can you give me?

T. W., Plainview

A: Without stopping to help, you should try to get as much information about the situation as possible, for instance, the license plate number, a description of the car and its occupants and a landmark near the scene of the incident. Then you should get to a phone and contact local authorities by dialing 911.

People often ask me what's the best thing to do when stopped by an officer. I'm always eager to give them my advice because I think knowing how to act in these situations can help to keep everyone

safe. First off, if stopped by an officer, pull your vehicle far to the right of the road or highway. Stay in your car. It's also best to keep your hands in view—don't reach for

things (i.e., your insurance papers in your glove compartment) or make any sudden movements. I recommend keeping your hands on the steering wheel. This way, the

officer won't confuse your movements with hiding something or reaching for a weapon. Lastly, cooperate with what the officer tells you to do. This helps to make

Task Force Report On Rural Underserved Area Of Texas

Unanimously accepting a special Task Force report that was a collaborative effort of more than 40 providers of addiction services and other interested citizens, the governing board of the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse directed TCADA staff to work diligently to implement the report's recommendations when feasible.

"We're very proud of this report," said TCADA Commissioner John B. McDonald of Palestine, who has long been concerned about rural addiction services in Texas and provided leadership to the Task Force. "It's a clear message of what our rural providers need to better meet the addiction needs of their clients. I intend to do everything in my power to ensure that we take action on these recommendations."

According to the Texas Department of Health, 196 of Texas' 254 counties are considered rural. Less than three million people, however, live in those rural counties. This means that in a state with more than 18 million residents, approximately 16% of the population do not have a strong collective voice, particularly when they are distributed over large geographic areas. The Department of Health also defines "medically underserved populations" as those people located in an area that has an insufficient number of physicians serving eligible clients. What the Task Force has addressed are those "underserved" areas of the state where addiction services are painfully lacking. Where rural residents - under normal conditions - have to drive one or two hours, in one direction, for appropriate services that urban residents can access by traveling blocks rather than miles.

Report recommendations include: *Development of model programs to be shared/adapted, such as a federally funded mobile treatment unit currently offering services out of Presidio in West Texas.

*Development of a bed-identification system - accessible through a toll-free helpline - to daily keep track of bed capacity.

*Establishment of a service delivery system within particular geographic regions that will address a lack of affordable public transportation in rural areas.

*Reassessment of funding mechanisms for rural communities and populations.

*Special in-depth studies to identify and assess unique rural needs.

*Paying special attention to the needs of "hidden" populations such as migrant workers and people with disabilities.

*Working closer with existing health-care facilities, including community hospitals, to expand upon services such as detoxification.

According to Jane Maxwell, Director of TCADA's Research Department, total alcohol and other drug abuse rates in rural areas are not significantly different than urban rates - but the drugs of choice are different. "The 1994 Texas Secondary School Survey found that students outside the most urban areas reported higher lifetime use rates for all substances except hallucinogens and Ecstasy," she said, "as well as higher rates of current use for tobacco, alcohol, cocaine/crack, uppers, downers, and steroids."

"All of the Task Force members have been incredibly focused on this project," said Commissioner Mc-

Donald. "They've been meeting and traveling at their own expense to put this report together within an extremely short time frame. Working with them has been one of the most rewarding experiences for me since my appointment to the Board in 1993."

The TCADA Task Force on Rural and Underserved Areas was established in December 1994 by the governing board of the agency. Its purpose was to ensure that people living in rural and underserved areas of Texas are not penalized, with regard to services, based on where they choose to live."

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