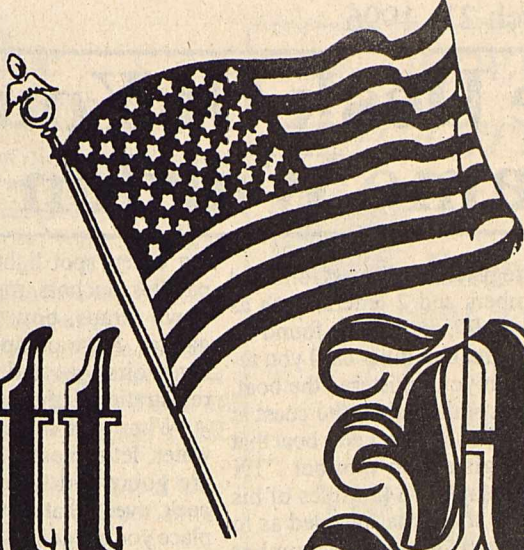


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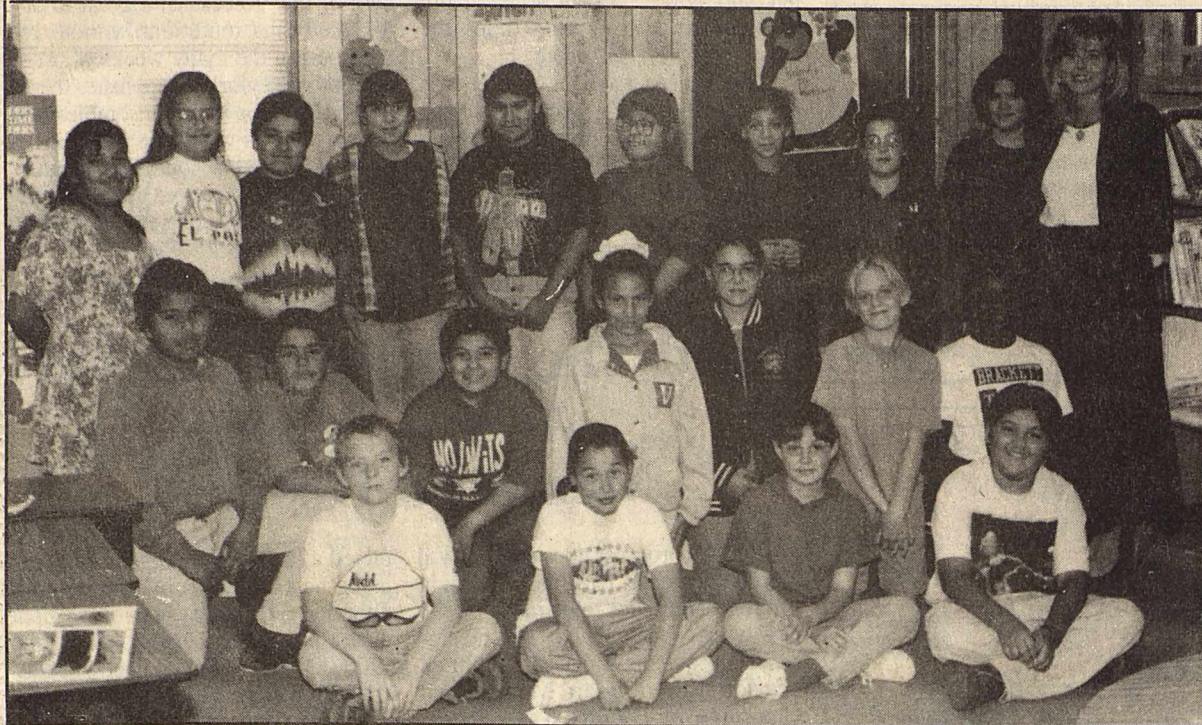
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*"If a man had half as much insight, as he has hindsight, he would have twice as much foresight."*



## "Book-It" Reading Program

"Book-It" is a reading incentive program sponsored by Pizza Hut for students K through 6. It motivates children to read more by rewarding them for their reading accomplishments. It also helps pre-readers develop a positive, enthusiastic attitude towards learning to read.

The "Book-It" program, under the direction of Mrs. Laura Jane Wardlaw, fifth-grade teacher began October 2, 1995, and ended February 29, 1996.

Individual students who met the monthly reading goals were given a "Pizza Award Certificate" for a free one-topping Personal Pan Pizza.

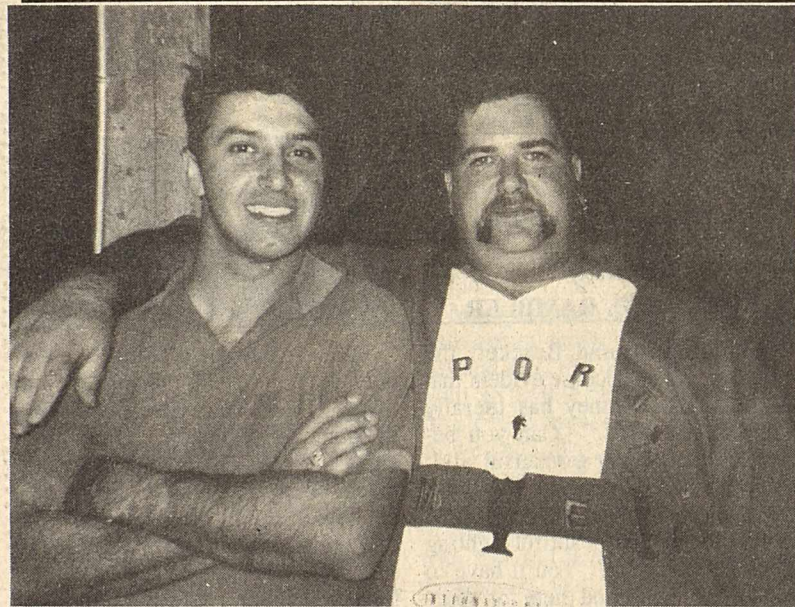
Fifth grade students who met the class reading goals in any four (4) of the five (5) months of the program will be having a free pizza party in Del Rio on Friday.

Pictured are the fifth graders who will get to go to the Pizza Hut this Friday.

Mayra Aguirre, Celina Cano,

Erica DeHoyos, Ashley Antoine, Andrew Durkee, Victor Hernandez, Elizabeth Jennings, Douglas Sanchez, George Martinez, Maria Martinez, Laura Negrete, Pedro Pacheco, Jessica Terrazas, Shante Ward, Megan McWilliams, Nicole Mata, Jose Pineda, Lacey Dodson, April Martinez, and Brit-tany Moore.

Not pictured are Jake Bestick and Erica Garza.



## Hepline and Picard #1 Touring Group

The good news according to Marie Sofaly is that Clyde is back, the bad news is that he'll only be here about 2 weeks.

Clyde Hepline returned this week from his two-and a half month tour with Kevin Burrell and the Wild Ride. They have been to Kerrville and San Antonio in Texas, Albuquerque, Hobbs, Yuma and Alamogordo in New Mexico.

Clyde says the road is both exciting and boring. It is hard work to set up (2 hours) and tear down equipment (1 1/2 hours), but the entertaining is great. He says one of the things he misses is good ole home cooking. Send Food!!

The group has been named the #1 Touring group by the agents. This means that they are the most booked group, being already booked for the rest of the year. The group was recently picked to be one of the groups to play the Rodeo Circuit, they will be playing 3 or 4 Rodeo's on their next tour.

Clyde says that he will rehearse at least an hour and a half a day by himself, then the group will have a 4 hour rehearsal on Fridays. Clyde being an early riser finds quite a bit of time on his hands and is envious of the guys in the band staying in the other motel room who have a Sega Game Machine.

Looks like Brackettville has a new resident. Carl Picard the light and sound engineer for the Kevin Burrell and the Wild Ride group, came to visit Clyde for one day. Clyde said that

the day was last Friday and Carl is still here. Carl says he loves it here and is thinking of moving his between tours residence to Brackettville.

Carl is from Lafayette, LA. and joined the band 1 1/2 years ago in Corpus Christi. He has been traveling with various groups for the last 16 years and loves it. Carl has engineered the sound for such greats as: Lori Morgan, Vince Gill, Steve Warner, David Allen Coe, T. Graham Brown, George Jones, Sammie Kershaw (who is also an old friend from LA), George Jones, Tracy Byrd and many others.

Carl said he started as a roadie (the person who helps set up and tear down equipment). He watched for 3 years before he got his chance to do his own work. "The Good Lord above gave me my talents" stated Carl, and he is using those talents very well. Carl has written 4 songs performed by the group and is working on another 3.

Carl says everyone in the band calls him Daddy because he is the one who takes care of them. He enjoys classical music, walking in the mountains, reading, meeting new people and bird watching. He says he tries to learn something new every day and it's not too hard with his lifestyle.

We welcome Clyde and Carl home and hope their next tour (starting Monday) will be even better and that they will return safely.

Clyde says to tell everyone Thanks for making the housewarming a great success.

## Three suspects arrested for burglaries of The Jug Store, Sunshine Garden Center

By: J.J. Guidry  
Contributing writer

One adult and two juvenile Brackettville men were arrested and charged with two counts of burglary Tuesday, according to local law enforcement officials.

The three men, who are 19, 16 and 14 years old, are suspects in the burglaries of The Jug Store and the Sunshine Garden Center.

The 19-year-old is being held at the Kinney County Jail, and the two juveniles have been transported to the Juvenile Detention Center in Del Rio.

"It's not (surprising) with the juvenile problem we have," Kinney County Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Bur-

gess said of the burglaries.

Officials said The Jug Store burglary occurred at approximately 4 a.m. on Monday morning.

An estimated \$4,500 was taken. Officials have recovered between \$1,800 and \$2,200 in cash and \$1,300 in checks. Money orders, charge slips and lottery tickets were also taken.

The burglars also stole numerous alcoholic beverages. An estimated 42 bottles of liquor were taken off of the shelves, in addition to a case of Jack Daniels, a case of Smirnoff Vodka and six to eight cases of beer.

Also reported stolen were approximately 46 cartons of cigarettes, 17 lighters, a knife, a remote-control car and cash out of a piggy bank.

*"It's just real disheartening. It makes you wonder what our youth is coming to."*

Don Woodson

"It's just real disheartening," said Don Woodson, owner of The Jug Store. "It makes you wonder what our youth is coming to."

Officials said the burglars used some of the items they stole at the Sunshine Garden Center to break into The Jug Store. Those items included two wheel barrels, a garden cart, a pair of bolt cutters, a hammer, pruning shears and two bags of air freshener.

## New 4-way stop signs

The City of Brackettville has installed signs for four-way stop intersections at three different locations, Pafford and Veltman Streets, Gove and El Paso Streets, and Gove and Veltman Streets.

These are the first four-way stop intersections in Brackettville.

City Manager David Luna requested that all motorists be very cautious until drivers are accustomed to stopping at these intersections.

## Eight Tigers named to all-district team

By: J.J. Guidry  
Contributing writer

Brackett's Gary Grubbs was named the conference's Coach of the Year and eight of his Tigers were named to the 29-2A all-district team.

"I think we did real well," Grubbs said of the selections. "The eight players that got all-district were the top eight players that we had."

Earning first team honors for the Tigers were senior guard Michael Padron, junior guard Ramon De Leon and junior forward Beau Smallwood. Padron started at point guard and averaged 14 points, nine assists and four steals a game.

"Michael had an outstanding season," Grubbs said, "I think he was the best point guard in the area. He was definitely the best point guard in our district."

"He was a good leader on the court. He did a little bit of everything. He scored for us and he made a lot of steals and assists."

DeLeon averaged 14 points and six steals per outing for the Tigers.

"Ramon is a streak shooter," Grubbs said. "He would get on a roll and score a lot of points. He had a couple of games where he hit close to 30 points for us."

"He is a great defensive player. Him and Mike working together really triggered our press and our half-court defense."

Smallwood contributed 10 points and seven rebounds a game for Brackett.

"Beau was probably our best inside defensive player," Grubbs said. "He has good ability to block shots and rebound. He was a streaky offensive player, too."

"He did a real good job as a junior. He was in Kingsville's right up until the start of basketball season. He came in and gave us a boost. He's a good rebounder."

Brackett had three players named to the second team, senior center Brian Hooker, senior guard Ruben Terrazas and junior forward Moses Hernandez.

"Brian is a great hustler inside," Grubbs said. "A lot of times, he would have 10 rebounds in a game but you could easily say that he had 15 or 16 because he would keep the ball alive for somebody else to rebound. He was a good defensive player too."

"Ruben was one of our leaders this year," he said. "He was also streaky on offense. He did a good job rebounding."

"He had been playing post as a sophomore and a junior but I moved him to guard this year in the new offense and break we were running. He did a good job shooting the ball."

"Moses was probably our most consistent player inside," Grubbs said. "He is a great shooter. He has a pure shot. He's a good rebounder, on offense and defense."

Senior center Kirk Hill and senior guard Eric Rivera both received honorable mention all-district.

"Kirk did a good job," Grubbs said. "He's a good defensive player. He did a good job rebounding. Between him, Brian and Moses, he allowed us to have some depth inside. Kirk's a real coachable kid."

"Eric was our first guard off the bench. He's a good defensive player and a good hustler. When we got in foul trouble, he was very dependable."



Bagpiper Patrick Regan, will be performing in concert on March 29th at the Fort Clark Amphitheater at 8:00 p.m. sponsored by the Kinney County Arts Council. Ticket prices are \$5.00



Georgie Mae Shields & Felipa Avila display awards surrounded by supervisors, County & City officials.

## Avila and Shields receive awards

Felipa Avila and Georgie Mae Shields were honored Monday morning for their achievements as employees for the Senior Texas Employment Program (STEP).

The Kinney County Aging Center under the direction of Myron Caton invited Mayor Carmen Berlanga, Judge Tommy Seargeant, and Commissioners Frerich, Montalvo, Mendeke and O'Rourke to a party to sign the Proclamations in appreciation for the work Felipa and Georgie Mae have done for the Center.

Georgie Mae has been with the STEP program for 7 years. Felipa has worked with the program for 2 years.

The Proclamation states: Thousands of older Texans offer employers the experience and wisdom of a lifetime of hard work and dedication. Our mature expertise at work for the benefit of our great state.

Texas is proud of the contributions made by our mature workers in

today's society and we must maintain and strengthen this valuable resource in our labor force of the future.

For over twenty years, the Senior Texans Employment Program, administered by the Farmers Union Community Development Association, Inc. and founded through the Texas Department on Aging and the U.S. Department of Labor, has provided older workers the opportunity to apply their lifelong skills and abilities to many local projects while receiving marketable training for employment.

We appreciate the contributions that older workers make to our community and during Older Worker Week, March 1996, recognize their accomplishments.

We join in with the organization and say a great big Thank you from all of us Georgie Mae and Felipa. Job Well Done!

## BISD Board Election

ELECTION - MAY 4, 1996 — The Brackett ISD will hold their annual Board of Trustees Election May 4, 1996. Two three-year term positions are to be filled. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday, at the High School Principal's office, located in the High School Annex, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 15, 1996 and ending on April 30, 1996. Applications for ballots by mail should be mailed to BISD Early Voting Clerk Theresa Davis, P.O. Box 586, Brackettville, Texas 78832. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business April 26, 1996. The deadline for candidates to be placed on the ballot was March 20, 1996.

# From The Desk Of Your Local Game Warden

By Henry Lutz  
Kinney County Game Warden

With the warmer weather and spring approaching, I thought this might be a good time to review some of the requirements for boaters headed to their favorite fishing hole.

Rules and regulations differ somewhat by size of boat and each boat owners situation. The following is a general listing of requirements. Your situation may be different. If you have a question about the rules or regulations and how they apply to you, please call me or the Parks and Wildlife Department before you put your boat in the water.

First of all, if your boat is required to be registered, be sure that you have done so and that it has a current decal displayed on the side next to the registration numbers. In addition to the numbers and decals displayed on the sides of your boat, you are required to carry the certificate of number with you on the boat. The certificate of number is the blue card, about the size of your driver's license, that has the information about your boat on it. You get one when you register your boat or renew the registration on your boat.

Speaking of registration numbers on the sides of your boat, be sure they are the right numbers and properly displayed. It should have the letters

"TX" (if registered in Texas) followed by 4 numbers and 2 letters, such as "TX 1234 AB", and can be found on the certificate of number card you received when you registered the boat. When I was stationed on the coast at Port Isabel, I once checked a boat that had the registration number "TX 78520" displayed on the sides of his boat. I was somewhat puzzled as to where he had gotten that number from. I asked him for his certificate of number card and looked at his address on the card. He had used his zip code for the registration number.

Check to see that you have the proper fire extinguishers on board and that they are properly charged and accessible. Check your life jackets and throw cushions. Be sure that you have one Coast Guard approved, wearable type, life jacket for everyone on board your boat. Check to see that it is in good condition and accessible. On motorboats under 26 feet long, a child passenger under 13 years old must wear a life jacket at all times while underway or moving. This life jacket must be one that fits the child, not an adult size jacket.

Check your other equipment to see that it is working properly, such as boat lights, horns or whistles, flares (if required), rearview mirror (if required). Here is a checklist of other items you might want to have on hand or be sure that they are in good work-

ing order; spot lights or flashlights, paddles, anchors, ropes, batteries, tie down straps, bow lines, gas tank, gauges, bilge pump, boat plugs, oil reservoirs, gas and oil lines, trailer registration, lights, and tires.

When you are going out on the water, let someone know where you are going and when to expect you back, even what boat ramp or launch place you are going to use. This saves time if or when problems occur and someone needs to search for you. Another thing to check before launching is the weather report. Each year many boaters lose their lives or equipment or need to be rescued or searched for because they get caught in a storm or high winds. It is not worth risking your life for just a few hours of fishing. Not only do you put your life in danger when boating in bad weather, but you put the lives of your rescuers in danger.

Many people do not know that they can register their boat right here in Brackettville. They can do this at the County Tax Assessor - Collectors Office on the first floor of the Courthouse. Of course, you can also do it by mail through the Parks and Wildlife office in Austin or in person at any Parks and Wildlife office in the state. If you have any questions about boating, boating safety, or boating rules and regulations, contact me or call the Parks and Wildlife Office in Austin at 1-800-792-1112.

## Cameo From The Past

I have said that the day Mama went to the Ladies Aid was the day I experimented with cooking. The day I experimented with the rice was long remembered by my family.

There were four of us so I thought one cup of rice per person and one extra cup was just about right.

I poured that rice three or four times always to a larger pan. I added the large can of tomatoes but it was pale compared to Mama's rice.

When Mama got home she was greeted with a kitchen stove covered with pans and all filled with rice.

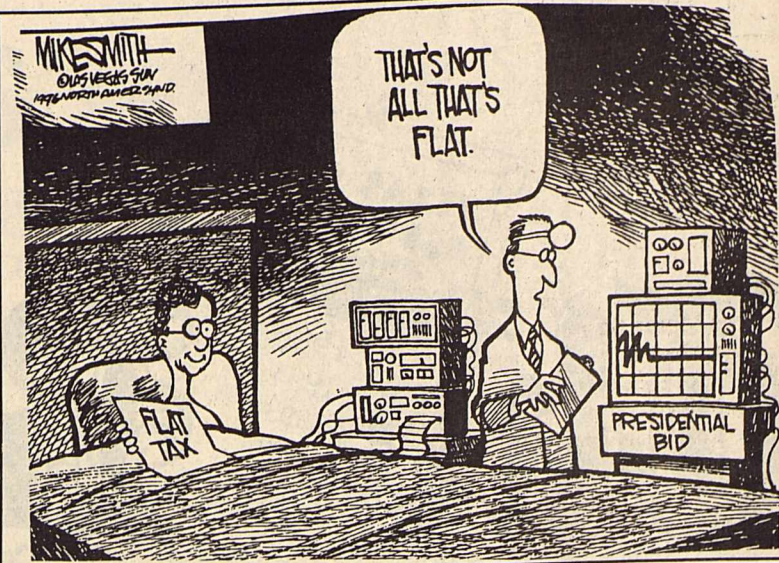
Needless to say what our main dish was for a week! It took a long time for me to look at a cup of rice, but I guess that was a good learning experience - I can look at a cup of rice now without flinching!

My poor mother should have received a gold medal for all of those rice recipes she came up with!

## Margaret E. Holt & Ernest A. Hall

The families would like to announce the marriage of Margaret E. Holt and Ernest A. Hall March 23, 1996 at the home of Ernest A. Hall. The bride and groom will be given away by their children.

Bless them with a happy life  
Love Family



## Between Us

by Joe Townsend



If you did not attend the Spring Concert of the Voices at Ft. Clark Springs you missed a most entertaining evening. The repertoire was varied and wide. From songs from World War I to current times the music was well presented.

The Voices have never been as good as they are this year. They have a good balance of male and female voices. They have a number of outstanding voices and they are melded into an excellent singing group. Held together and squired by Lee Herron and under the direction of Lynn

McNew the group gave evidence of a great amount of hard work.

The superior accompanist, Cathie Conrey is no small part of the success of the Voices. It's great to enjoy their fine renditions without remembering the many weeks of practice and hard work that polishes them. From the solos to the ensembles and the group as a whole the entire evening was to be loudly cheered.

The Voices are now preparing for the Easter Sunrise service in the Amphitheater at Ft. Clark. Kudos to the Voices.

## And The Progress Goes On At Val Verde Memorial Hospital

And the progress goes on...at Val Verde Memorial Hospital! "Steady progress continues to be made on the new wing of the hospital with no significant problems or delays," reported Waylon Cowan, Board Member and Chairman of Facility Task Force. Mr. Cowan continued, "the spirit of cooperation and teamwork between the contractor, architect, hospital administration, and the Board of Directors has been the key to keeping this large project moving forward within the budget."

Scott Evans, Hospital Administrator stated, "Mr. Cowan has provided great leadership in directing this project. His experience as a bank officer has been a valuable asset in maintaining construction progress within budget." Bob Ellzey, Assistant Administrator, added "with construction approximately 56% complete, the project to date is progressing right on target within the budgeted amount of \$4,682,000."

In addition to the expansion project, the hospital has just com-

pleted a major replacement of its existing heating, vacuum, and air conditioning (HVAC) system throughout the hospital. Mr. Cowan noted, "the \$700,000 cost of this project will generate annual operational savings to the hospital of approximately \$80,000." Glenn Scallorn, Board Member, serves as chairman of the hospital Planning Committee for capital equipment purchases. This committee provides oversight and approval for the purchase of equipment and furnishings throughout the hospital, including the new area under construction. Mr. Scallorn says that "with the hospital's new management contract with the Methodist Healthcare System in San Antonio, significant savings are already being realized on the purchase of medical equipment."

The targeted completion of the new wing is July, with additional renovation scheduled for completion in December.

Val Verde Memorial Hospital, Partners In Caring For YOUR Good Health!

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March 30, 1996  
9 AM - 5 PM

Bake Sale and Refreshments  
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All to benefit the Aging Center

The number one foreign language studied in the public schools is Spanish.

**Big Mama Sez!**

The promise of some people to be on time carries a lot of wait.

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## New City Project

The City of Brackettville is beginning a new project. It was brought to the attention of City Manager, David Luna and Judge Seargeant that the Kinney County tennis courts were in such bad repair that they could not be used. The following day City crews began cleaning up the area.

They are scraping all of the courts and will resurface them soon. The City also plans to paint, mow and trim the area. New tennis nets will be provided.

Thanks again to the City of Brackettville for another project to enhance our community.

## Poster Raises \$17,000 For 4-H, FFA

In late 1994, Purina Mills unveiled a commemorative poster of the major North American dairy cow breeds. At that time, the company pledged the proceeds from the first year's sale of the poster would be donated to the 4-H and FFA organizations. A year later, those proceeds have totaled more than \$17,000, divided equally among the two organizations.

"Together 4-H and FFA educate more than four million American youths each year about food production and the role of agriculture," said Purina Mills dairy marketing manager Richard Poepfel. "The educational role of the poster meshed perfectly with the educational mission of these two organizations."

Local 4-H clubs and FFA chapters also sold the poster as part of their fund-raising activities. Each participating local group also received a portion of the proceeds for their own use.

The FFA was organized nationally in 1928 from local and state groups that date back to 1917. FFA chapters are established in schools as part of vocational education in agriculture. The first national 4-H organization was founded in 1921. State 4-H programs are administered by the Cooperative Extension Service.

## Commissioners Court

Judge Seargeant called the meeting to order and a quorum was determined. The Commissioners present were: Commissioner Freddie Frerich, Commissioner Joe Montalvo, Commissioner Cordelia Mendeke and Commissioner Paul O'Rourke.

The minutes were approved for the 2/2 and 2/26 meetings with some questions concerning the 2/7 minutes. The correction will be made.

Bills and reports were approved. Martha Pena Hooten made a request to the court for payment to Martha Martinez for 25 hours of training. Martha had not requested this payment earlier because she was unaware that the court would pay for training. The court approved this payment with 3 votes for and Commissioner Paul O'Rourke against.

Sara Terrazas, KC Librarian requested a new phone line be installed at the library. This new line will be used for the satellite system. This new system will provide college courses, Spanish and English among other opportunities and should be available by the end of the year. The \$75 fee for the phone line will be paid by library funds.

City Manager David Luna advised the court that the City of Brackettville will be passing an ordinance prohibiting parking along US 90. This ordinance will be enforced by Department of Public Safety officers.

The Tex-Mex Club will be having a Cinco De Mayo celebration on May 4, 1996 and requested free use of the Civic Center in case of rain. The club also requested the use of the Happy Shahan Park for a Bar-B-Q on Sunday, March 17, at 11 A.M. Approval was given by the court for both events.

The court expressed its thanks to the City of Brackettville for their assistance both now and in the past for indigent burial. The City provides the man power and equipment for the task.

The court approved an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Spofford to maintain the roads.

The court approved Historical Exemptions for buildings with Historical Medallions. Commissioner O'Rourke abstained due to one of the buildings belonging to his relatives.

The court addressed the issue concerning the Drivers License division needing a larger room which can be locked. It was decided that the Drivers License office will be moved to where the EMS offices are now, and EMS will be moved to the Filippone Building.

The court went into executive session at 1:00 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 1:45 p.m.

The court approved the lease purchase of 2 vehicles for the Sheriff's Department.

The court voted to pass a blanket resolution against all industry of the waste dump type anywhere in Kinney County. Commissioners Montalvo, Mendeke and O'Rourke voting for the resolution Judge Seargeant and Commissioner Frerich abstaining.

The meeting was adjourned.

Rambling Around Kinney County

By THE K.C. RAMBLER

Rambling around Brackett the other day, it has become evident that this county of Kinney has literally "gone to the birds." Can you believe, besides all our wonderful wild, native feathered friends. There are now numerous emus, exotic birds of vivid coloring and beautiful fighting cocks in our midst? You'll have to wonder around to find them for yourself - but they are being raised right here.

Remember to eat BBQ on Sunday, 24th The Senior Class of Brackett High is raising money for their "safe and sane" graduation party. It's a good cause and you can't beat Kinney County BBQ. The meal is available 11:00 - til it's gone. Drop by the Happy Shahan Park after church to have a great treat and help our "young-uns".

J. Lee Ballantyne will turn 95 this month. An opportunity for all of us to wish her Happy Birthday will be on the 31st - Sunday at 418 East El Paso Street. J. Lee would be delighted to see all her friends and all her former pupils who still reside in this area. Please share a piece of birthday cake with her in the afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

How long has it been since you visited our local library? There is a great selection of books on any subject - tapes for viewing, reference materials for research, tax forms needed to file your 1995 Income Taxes. A new children's room is in the planning stage - your help will be appreciated. It will be known as "Happy Shahan Room". Such a lovely idea.

Remember the Senior Class BBQ Sunday, March 24 at 11:00 A.M. Happy Shahan Park.

Spring has arrived - right on schedule.

## Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

There is no more undersold individual in this town than Bud Breen. Bud is truly a remarkable person.

Bud first came to Brackettville to paint on the set of the filming of the Alamo. When the movie making was history Happy made it possible for Bud to have a place to paint his pictures.

I've never known an artist who could put as much action and reality into his work. It's almost unbelievable the refinement that Bud has developed in his work. His works hang in many banks, office buildings and homes of many notables.

It's impossible to count the number of paintings Bud has donated to many fund raising efforts by various organizations. People often do not realize that these paintings are a part of Bud Breen. He has given of himself in generous fashion.

Bud was an integral part of the organization and workings of the Chamber of Commerce while he served on the Board of Directors. In striving to find some type extravaganza to develop, Bud came up with the idea of a "County Fair". From this idea grew the Frontier Fair.

If you are not familiar with Bud's work you can find a good display of it in the gallery at the office of The Brackett News. Truly Bud Breen is an Unsung Hero, deserving of recognition.

## Letters To The Editor

Why do we care? Because of the water, air, land, and ultimately life.

All the cities on both sides of the Rio Grande from El Paso to Brownsville obtain their drinking water from the Rio Grande, the exceptions being Del Rio and Brackettville. Del Rio has the San Felipe Springs and Brackettville has the Las Moras Springs.

Las Moras, an artesian spring, flows from Brackettville and Fort Clark to within four miles of the proposed landfill and on the Rio Grande. The miles were determined on the original 429 acres, not on the proposed total of 8600 acres.

Texas is publicized as the state with over one thousand artesian springs. Where this water starts or springs from is not completely determined. What is definitely determined is they all flow through subterranean faults into the Rio Grande.

The proven geological faults at the dump site are being completely ignored by Adobe. Do we want to take this risk of contamination that will effect Eagle Pass all the way to Brownsville, both sides of the Rio Grande?

The proximity of the Edwards Aquifer, a major aquifer, is of concern. Edward's water was found at approximately 1900 feet depth two to three miles from the site. The Austin Chalk, a minor aquifer is also below the landfill site.

Several hand dug water wells exist in Spofford that range from 17 feet to 40 feet.

Prevailing winds at the proposed site are from the southeast. Winds

will blow toxic waste dust and pollution across Spofford, Fort Clark, and Brackettville, plus thousands of acres of agricultural rangeland.

Kinney County's primary economic base is made of agriculture production, tourism, hunting, and a pretty stable retirement population. We worry about being able to market livestock for meat, wool, mohair, and breeding in future years as the county gains the reputation of being in a toxic waste disposal area. We have concerns about animals raised in the immediate vicinity with the possibility of contaminated stock water and airborne toxins on grazing.

The food chain cycle is of great concern. If wild game and livestock become contaminated, the subsequent hunting and consumption would contribute to human doses.

Kinney County is in a migration path for various species of birds. A landfill will draw many fowl, carry toxins in their migrating flights, and interfere with the FAA privately owned landing strip. Laughlin's auxiliary landing field will also be affected.

The 1983 La Paz Agreement, an environmental agreement, between the US and Mexico protects a sixty mile strip on both sides of the border. Is Adobe in violation of this agreement? Our area is selected for several reasons, some being high minority area, low income area, weak political clout, and less educated.

This is briefly why we care. Don't you?

/s/Tootsie Herndon

## Brackettville Rotary Club

This week's program was introduced by Rotarian Marcia Thurman Schmidt. Dr. Charles Schmidt gave a presentation on his trip as a Rotary Volunteer last August to Clinica Rio Dulce, Guatemala. If you remember a similar program from last year. This was not a repeat of that program. Dr. Schmidt gave highlights of his second trip as a Rotary volunteer dentist to the Rio Dulce clinic. His report was favorable thanks to the many volunteer Rotary dentists from around the world who have donated their time and talents to bring dental care to the villagers in Guatemala. Dr. Schmidt reported that oral hygiene has greatly improved even in the remotest jungle villages in Guatemala. Volunteers from all skill levels are bringing dental hygiene programs to all regions, with a remarkable change in the dental awareness of the villagers who have little or no access to the dental care we take for granted.

This year Dr. Schmidt was accompanied by Marcia, his wife, who served as part time dental assistant

when they traveled to the remote villages for two days of each week. They have already signed up to go to Kenya in September of next year as Rotary volunteers.

Dr. Schmidt encourages anyone willing to donate time and services to sign up as a Rotary volunteer. You don't need to be a member of Rotary to be a volunteer. There are many areas of the world where not only medical and dental skills but also teaching, public health, agriculture, construction, and a multitude of other skills are needed. Dr. Schmidt has a partial listing of services needed, and you can contact him or Rotary International if you would like more information concerning any of the projects. You can receive a copy of the Rotary Volunteers Site Registration Form or other information by contacting the Rotary Volunteers office at Rotary International, International Support Section, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201, telephone 847-866-3361 or 847-866-3298.

## Cutting Grass AT 200 M.P.H

By Dr. Ellen Henke  
John Deere Lawn And Garden Expert

How would you like to mow your grass as fast as NASCAR drivers round the oval at Daytona? Surprisingly enough, you already do - if you use a power mower.

The tip of your mower's cutting blade can clock in at speeds of up to 200 miles per hour. That's why a power mower is a serious cutting tool that should be treated with respect. And regardless of how long you've been mowing, it's important to consciously think about measures you can take to ensure your safety.

Safety measures and mowing techniques vary depending on the type of mower you have, but there are some things that always remain the same. Like proper clothing - always wear long slacks, sturdy shoes with traction soles and tucked-in shirttails. Walk the lawn before mowing and remove any yard debris or toys that could be thrown by that speeding cutter blade.

If twigs or other yard debris clog your mower's discharge chute, turn off your mower. With a walk-behind mower, disconnect the spark plug wire. This will keep the engine from restarting if you accidentally turn the blade while examining the mowing chamber. Never place your hands or feet near the blade; use a

stick or tool to dislodge any clogs. Avoid touching hot engine or exhaust surfaces.

Mow across slopes with your walk-behind mower. That way if you slip and fall, the mower will be less likely to tumble on top of you. Hills too steep to mow safely shouldn't be mowed at all. Add a decorative ground cover or plant the area in native wildflowers. Steer clear, too, of embankments and drop-offs. Fill with soil and level any low spots or depressions that could cause you to turn an ankle.

Regardless of the type of terrain you negotiate, be sure that children and pets are far away from the area you are mowing to protect them from flying debris. Be particularly careful to check behind you when backing up.

Remember: Even if you move in slow motion, your mower's cutting blade is operating at NASCAR speed. So, as you and your mower blade round the corners, always think about safety for yourself and your family.

America's Plant Doctor and John Deere lawn and garden expert, Ellen Henke, is a botanist, garden writer and nationally recognized authority on "Earth Friendly" gardening.

## \$1,000 Poetry Prize Offered In Contest

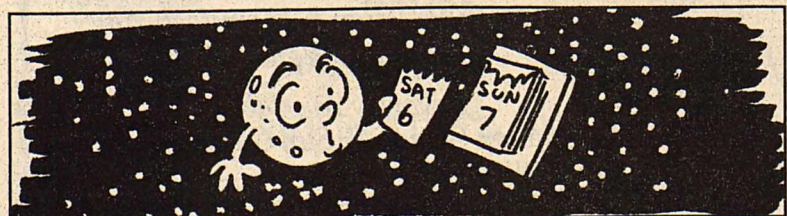
Poets, listen up! The Bards of (beautiful downtown) Burbank are hosting their second annual poetry competition, and everyone is welcome. There are 28 prizes in all totaling \$2,898.75, and grand prize is a whopping \$1,000. There is no entry fee.

"Even if you have written only one poem," says famed Poetry Director Keven Scribner, "you are welcome to enter. Indeed, if you have never

entered a poetry contest before, this is your big chance. I promise you I will find exciting new talent among Texas poets."

The deadline for entering is May 1. Your poem may be written on any subject, using any style, and may be 21 lines or less. Prizes will be awarded in June.

Send one poem only to: Bards of Burbank, 2219 W. Olive Ave., Suite 250, Burbank, California 91506.



A full moon is considered unlucky on Sunday, but lucky on Monday, Moon Day.

## For Pete's Sake

A fellow was stopped by a local policeman. "I'm sorry, but I'm going to have to give you a ticket for speeding," the officer said.

"But I was only doing 40 miles an hour," the motorist replied.

"No," the cop said, "you were doing 50 miles an hour in a 30 mile zone."

"No!" Exclaimed the motorist! "I was only doing 40!"

And then his wife popped up and said, "Don't argue with my husband when he's been drinking."

The preacher was all worked up and preached a fire and brimstone sermon.

"Someday," he roared, "every man of this town will die!"

Suddenly he heard a man laughing in the third row. But he continued. "As I was saying, every man of this town will die!"

Again, the third row giggler laughed aloud.

"Why do you laugh," the preacher asked, fixing him with a stern look. "Why do you laugh when I say everyone in this town will perish some day?"

"Ha! Ha!" The fellow exclaimed. "I'm not from this town."

Some time back an area newspaper ran an obituary of another fellow called Pete Dykes. It caused a bit of confusion around our house. I called a friend.

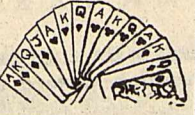
"This is Pete Dykes," I told him, "did you see that newspaper obituary?"

"Yes, I saw it," he said, "where are you calling from?"

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## Bridge Anyone

By NORMA GOULD



Four and 1/2 tables played the Howell Movement on Tuesday, March 12th.

Harry and Marge Jones won 1st place. Nita and Fred Clayton won 2nd place with Walt Geeze and Jerry Strother taking 3rd.

We welcome all bridge players Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. at the adult center.

## The Stitchery Group

The STITCHERY group at Fort Clark met last month to review the Anniversary Quilt progress and for a program featuring tatting. The old fashioned art of tatting was interesting and this month will bring us Mr. and Mrs. Finger, both experts in tatting, to show some of their work and discuss the process. Mr. Finger carves tatting shuttles, often from exotic types of wood, and Mrs. Finger has been a teacher of tatting for many years. They both say tatting is wonderful therapy for keeping hands and fingers flexible. STITCHERY meets the third Thursday of each month at 9:00 A.M. at the Adult Center. Call 563-2024 for additional information.

## Boy Scouts Troop #257

The Boy Scouts meet every Monday 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 upstairs at the Filippone building.

Right now the scouts are working on their astronomy merit badge, studying the constellations and how to navigate by the stars. They just completed the requirements for their aviation merit badge. They have gone to Laughlin Air Force Base to study the planes and learn how they work.

If you are interested in joining the Boy Scouts contact Kurt Partlow, or Joe and Mary Partlow 563-9157. Scouts are for ages 11-18 years.

The scouts are planning to attend the Spring Camporee April 12-14, at Camp Faucett in Barksdale. All the troops will get together for some friendly competition.

Notice: The Scouts will accept any and all donations of camping equipment to help the Scouts out. They also welcome adults interested in helping with the activities.

Come and see what you have been missing.

## Monthly Grief Support Group To Meet Friday, March 22

Hospice Uvalde Area's grief support group now has a new name. HUGS (Help Using Grief Support) will continue to base its purpose on the needs of people who are going through loss associated with the death of a loved one.

The purpose of HUGS is to support, to educate, to serve and to help the bereaved through their unique experiences in the stages and tasks of grieving. HUGS provides a safe and confidential environment to do that with others who come to share, to listen, to give and receive hope.

HUGS meets next on Friday, March 22 from 2:00-3:00 P.M. in Slater Hall at the First United Methodist Church on James Street. (HUGS meets on the fourth Friday of the month at Slater Hall at the same time). Each meeting has a topic introduced to start the discussion, and this month's topic is "Living a Day at a Time."

Hospice Uvalde Area, a not-for-profit agency of Hospice San Antonio, invites anyone from the Brackettville area to participate in HUGS. For more information please call Edwin Sasek, Bereavement Services and Pastoral Care Counselor, at 1-800-339-6691.

## ICA Board Urges USDA To Complete Packer Investigation

AUSTIN - The board of directors of the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas (ICA) is urging the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to complete a comprehensive investigation of packer concentration. The investigation is being conducted by a commission organized by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman. The panel is due to issue its findings in June.

The investigation will focus on the fact that three major meat packing companies are buying more than 80 percent of the cattle in the United States. Packer profits have risen steadily in recent years, while prices at the producer level have dropped 50 percent in the past two years.

"We are looking for avenues to get something done," said ICA President Jim Selman. "The packers are causing prices to be depressed."

The ICA board voted to make its views known to USDA after a presentation by Cuero ranchers David Warzecha and Stayton Weldon.

"As a result of a monopoly by packers, prices at the cow-calf producer level have dropped drastically since the first quarter of 1994," Warzecha said.

At that time, Warzecha said, calves were averaging \$400 a head. In January of this year, the average was \$213 a head.

"We are asking everyone to write their congressman and to urge Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman to expedite the completion of his investigation," Warzecha said.

I am never bored anywhere: being bored is an insult to oneself.

—Jules Renard

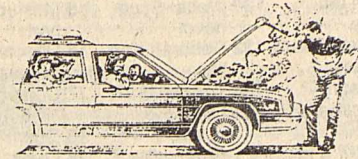
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Lights are added. 2. Hat is removed. 3. Hand-bag is larger. 4. Polka dots are missing. 5. Ties are switched. 6. Sign is moved.

Natasha's Stars



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Early in the week, the news you receive from a distance is good. Later, a work concern seems complicated, but that's due to your own lack of clarity in the matter. Over the weekend, you have a tendency to withdraw, but a loving companion gets you to open up.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A disagreement with a friend is likely to occur during the early part of this week. This is due to an unresolved financial matter. At work, it seems the pieces of your puzzle are beginning to fit well. Enjoy quiet pursuits this weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're happy with what occurs this week on the business or financial scene. At the same time, where romantic interests are concerned, there's a need for cooperation and compromise. You're just not listening well.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Communications with your mate improve this week and together, you find the solution to a mutual domestic problem. Some are faced with a major life-altering decision, whether it's moving the homestead or a career change.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) On the social scene this week, mixed trends are influencing what happens. A friend is being very recalcitrant and you're tempted to tell this person off. Instead, tact and diplomacy will bring peace once again.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A financial concern is resolved this week to your ultimate satisfaction. Be careful what you say to touchy family members, or disputes could result. This weekend, you find something nice while out shopping.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The early part of the week finds you concentrating every fiber of your being on a business-related concern. Co-workers are allied with you. Later on, responsibilities at home are likely to take precedence over socializing.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your faith in someone who disappointed you recently is restored this week. Toward midweek, extravagant urges are strong and you need all your willpower to resist spending more than you can afford.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A situation crops up during the early part of the week concerning a child, either your own or someone in your immediate family. In business, you need to exercise patience. Eventually, everyone comes around to your way of thinking.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You make a lot of headway early in the week on a business project that had you somewhat stymied for a while. At the same time, you have to deal with some touchy egos on the work front. Be understanding, but don't pander.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A domestic problem is yours to deal with as the week dawns. Toward midweek, a new understanding is possible with a friend you'd lost touch with. Twosomes are favored over large gatherings during the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) When a dilemma arises on the job, you're the one who can find the solution. Your romantic feelings are intense, but you should try to avert a quarrel by pushing for your own way. This weekend, social life is iffy. ©1996 by King Features Synd.

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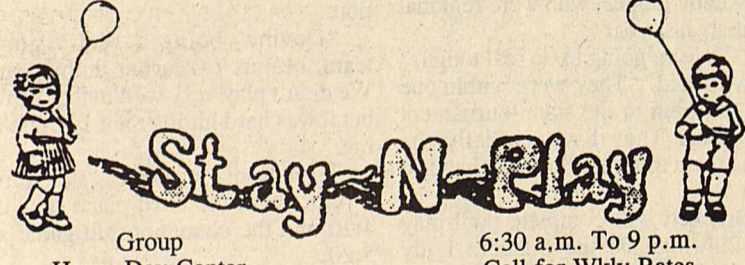
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**Are other exemptions available?**

If you're disabled-- or if you're 65 years old or older -- you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home.

**Do I have to apply each year?**

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 1995, you won't need to reapply for 1996 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home-- or if you've moved to a new home-- you'll need to file for an exemption for 1996. And if you turned 65 or became disabled during 1995, you need to file for the additional exemptions.

**When and where should I file?**

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*Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York where he graduated twelfth from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lieut of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas where Lt. French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882 the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.*

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

*March 1884: Finally back at Fort Clark after two months in the field commanding the Seminole Scouts, Lt. French settles into his daily routine. He walks each morning with another officer who teaches him the "secret work of Masonry." Athletic pursuits of baseball, lawn tennis, and billiards dominate the days while card games and dances occupy the nights. His activities are a far cry from the boredom most historians would have us believe was the lot of the frontier army. He persists in doing what he can to help the scout's receive fair treatment. While on guard duty he has an incident with a soldier being insubordinate and Seminole Scout Carolina July also causes French to deal with discipline problems. The post veterinary surgeon dies from a morphine overdose and officers squabble and spread rumors about each other. He visits a murder trial in Brackettville and continues to juggle his finances to help his family.*

**FOOTSTEPS ECHO**  
*The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Major General Francis Henry French*  
Courtesy of his descendants



absent from fatigue this morning. Reported all to the General after dinner and was advised to prefer charges. The Officer of the Day inspected about 11 P.M. and sat in the guard room a while telling me of the trouble he had with Vernon today. The latter is circulating a report that he went into Towle's house, knocked him down and pulled his beard. Towle says this is a lie. Think he does not intend to let the matter rest here but will punish Vernon in some way. A letter from George came today.

**Thursday, March 20 1884**

Was relieved by Cunningham. Then had haircut. Afterwards examined two sergeants in reference to charges against July, and then played lawn tennis. In evening took clothing rolls and book out to be signed. Called at Dr. Heger's afterwards with Shunk, accepting an invitation to play whist tomorrow night. Then went to Vernon's where Mrs. V. and I played whist against V. & Shunk and were beaten. Judge Paschal of Circuit Court in session in Brackettville, called at Vernon's. Found him quite a pleasant gentleman. Had lunch. Returned about midnight. Practiced vocal lesson today.

**Friday, March 21 1884**

Took usual walk this morning. After breakfast had July confined & preferred charges against him. Then played lawn tennis with Mrs. Lyster, Miss Kauffman & Hewitt. Afterwards played billiards with Hewitt and Weeks. Practiced vocal lesson and wrote to Capt. Simonds. Did not go out to stables this evening, but played tennis with same party as this morning. After

dark called with Shunk at Gen. Smith's and then played cards at Dr. Heger's. Mrs. Hall & Capt. Boyd against Mrs. Thomas & Shunk made one table, while Capt. Hall & Mrs. Heger played against Dr. H. & myself. He is an excellent player, and we won six games to three. Would like to play of tinner with him as I am becoming very rusty. Had lunch and then watched others play for a while. Came home about midnight, feeling tired from the tennis. This is doing me a great deal of good. My stomach has not bothered me since commencing this exercise. A letter and bundle of papers came today from home.

**Saturday March 22 1884**

Overslept myself this morning; did not walk as usual. After breakfast Hewitt and Hammond played tennis against Guard & self until afternoon. Enjoyed the games very much. The exercise is doing me a great deal of good. We beat them but had hard work. Went to the store to read the papers and then practiced vocal lesson and wrote to Miss Smart and to Second Auditor for pay due John Thompson's widow and children. Commenced to rain at dinner time; did not go out to stables. Spent the evening playing whist, Capt. Vance & Mrs. Hall against Hewitt & me, we beating.

**Sunday, March 23 1884**

Took usual walk this morning. After inspection played violin duets with Shunk until noon. Hammond accompanied us part of the time on the guitar. Weeks was in to listen. In the afternoon was interrupted while writing home by calls from

Remington, Feche't & Hewitt. Completed the letter after returning from Seminole Camp. Eckerson, Cunningham & Hammond were here for a while after dinner. Cunningham & Vance dined with us today. Went to chapel in the evening, escorting Mrs. Heger home. Then called at Col. Lyster's, Vance's Jr. and Hewitt's. Commenced a letter to Mr. Nason today to withdraw from the pig ranch. Want to use the money to pay Father for that land so that they can have the house altered.

**Monday, March 24 1884**

Very close and sultry this morning. Took a walk as usual. Attended the trial of Carolina July this morning but was not called to testify. Think he will be found guilty as the testimony plainly proves it. Afterwards Guard & I beat Hewitt & Hammond at tennis, but it was too hot to play long. Hewitt & I wore blue shirts to play in. Practiced vocal lesson and finished letter to Nason and wrote to Capt. Simonds before dinner. Went out to stables as usual returning in time to witness parade a while. In the evening called with Shunk at Capt. Feche't's, Maj. Witherell's, and Col. Bernard's. After tattoo went to the store with Geary and played billiards until midnight.

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**TAX DEFERRAL AVAILABLE FOR ELDERLY HOMEOWNERS**

Texans aged 65 or older may postpone paying delinquent and current property taxes on their homes. They may take advantage of a tax option called "over-65 deferral" by signing an affidavit at the Kinney County Appraisal District office. This special form of tax relief also halts a lawsuit filed to collect delinquent property taxes on an older Texan's home, according to Marcus Tidwell, chief appraiser of the Kinney County Appraisal District. "To Stop a delinquent tax suit," Tidwell said, "the over-65 homeowner files the deferral affidavit with the court in which the suit is pending." "If the affidavit is on file, an older homeowner cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent taxes," Tidwell said. Once a homeowner files an over-65 tax deferral affidavit with the appraisal district, no taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit for delinquent taxes as long as that person owns and lives in that home. Tidwell stressed that tax deferral for the elderly only postpones paying

**Wednesday, March 19 1884**

Took the usual walk this morning. After breakfast marched on guard relieving Hammond with Col. Towle as Officer of the Day. Spent the day at the Guard House reading Woolsey's "Socialism and Communism". Wrote usual letter home and also wrote to Henry. Did not go out to stables. Carolina July is making trouble again; was

**Bonilla To Be Honored By National Breast Cancer Coalition**

By Henry Bonilla  
Congressman, 23rd District, Texas

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-TX) will be recognized by the National Breast Cancer Coalition (NBCC) for his unwavering and influential support of breast cancer research. The Board of Directors of the NBCC voted unanimously to honor Bonilla at the Annual Congressional Awards Breakfast

to be held in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, May 6.

"Breast cancer is one of the leading causes of death among women in the U.S.," Bonilla said. "I am honored to play a role in the fight to eradicate this deadly disease."

Bonilla is a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education which has jurisdiction over funding for breast cancer research and prevention.



**Visitors Gordon and Sally Hunt**

The Brackett News had some very interesting visitors this week. Gordon and Sally Hunt from British Columbia, Canada stopped in. Gordon is a retired news anchor person from station CBC in Canada. Gordon started as a staff announcer and has worked with Peter Jennings, Al Hamill, Alex Kriwitt and Lauren Green. He said he loved the job and interviewed many famous people. Sally has led a much different life style. She owned her own taxi and was named #1 Taxi driver. Sally also was a cement finisher making as much as \$100 an hour. Both Sally and Gordon retired a year ago. Since retiring they have become boat people. Buying a 35' boat and moving to Duncan BC, Canada. One story they told was about braving 6' foot seas to get to port. Sally said she had never been so scared in her life. Gordon swears you can still feel the impression in the railing where Sally was hanging on. She almost quit boating after that one, but after a short time on safe land she was ready for another adventure. In December the couple said "Lets Go South". Now they are learning

to be RV'ers. They drove down the Pacific Coast and along the Mexican Border. They visited Fort Clark among other places on their way to Florida. Now they are on their way back home and just had to stop again at Fort Clark. Gordon and Sally say that Texans are by far the friendliest people they have seen. After arriving in Texas people kept waving at them. Being new to RVing and Texas they thought there must be something wrong on their rig, maybe something was falling off. They pulled over to check everything and found nothing wrong, but people kept waving! Sally likes to tell of one day here in Brackettville. They were riding their bikes around to see the sites. She said everyone would stop and talk to them, one person even invited them into the house. "We love the people," Sally said. Gordon said he is also fascinated with the old buildings and all of the history. He said "In Canada we don't have the violent beginning to study like you have here. When Sally and Gordon left they said they will be back again next year. We wish you "Smooth Sailing" and will be looking for you!

**Golf News**



Winners of the Mens' Golf Club Championship are, from left, Alfred Pena, Bob Gaston, Charlie Smith and Vern Kailey.

**Fort Clark Springs Mens Golf Association**

The Mens Golf Club Championship, A, B, C, & D Flights, was held in an elimination format during the month of February. The winners were presented with plaques at a Mens Club breakfast, 3/13/96 by club president, Wayne Schwartz. A perpetual trophy with each years winners will remain at the golf course.  
**95/96 Winners:**  
Flight A -Charlie Smith  
Flight B -Bob Gaston  
Flight C -Vern Kailey  
Flight D -Alfred Pena

**When Spring Showers Won't Fall...**

By Dr. Ellen Henke  
John Deere Lawn And Garden Expert  
"Rain, rain, go away. Come again some other day." This little rhyme may be great for kids who want to play outside, but it's not so great for your lawn. It's much more likely that you'll be singing, "Rain, Rain, please remain. My water bill's too high again!" If Mother Nature doesn't provide enough moisture for your lawn, you should help. Grass plants have to take in almost all of their nutrients dissolved in water. Without enough water in the soil, a lawn can't get the nutrients it needs for food production, growth, strength and reproduction - making it susceptible to disease and insects. The soil is generally moist enough in early spring and doesn't need water. Toward the end of spring and throughout the summer, the sun's searing heat will dry out your lawn unless you give it regular attention. Your lawn needs at least one inch of water a week. Use a rain gauge to monitor rainfall. Use sprinklers to supplement the amount of rain your lawn receives - placing sprinklers evenly around your yard. It's also a good idea to measure the amount of time it takes for your lawn to receive the needed amount of water by placing plastic containers around the lawn with a one-inch mark. If you do this once, you'll know how long to water every time. When you water, water deeply. If possible, water in the morning. Grass blades left wet overnight are susceptible to disease and fungus. Even if you monitor the amount of water your lawn receives, watch your lawn for signs of thirst. Sandy soils need more water while rich organic soils generally need less. Evaporation, heat, length of grass blade, shade and wind all affect your lawn's watering needs. If your grass blades begin to curl or turn bluish-green, your lawn needs to be watered. Another sign that it's time to water is when you walk across the lawn and can look back and see your footprints. If you're having a long dry spell, either water regularly or don't water at all. If you don't water, your lawn will go dormant - you can bring it back to life when the drought is over. If you decide to water, be sure you water regularly and deeply. The worst thing you can do is tease your lawn with little bits of water now and then. If you live in an area where water conservation is requested or enforced during a drought, you simply have to do the best you can and hope your lawn survives the stress. Be responsible. Water only when you're lawn needs it, and follow water regulations in your area. ...and keep singing! I know I will... "Rain, rain, may come and go... but I prefer the rain to snow!"





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You perhaps have commented, "the youth of today just aren't responsible and respectful like they used to be." If you have even thought that, read on.

"Our earth is degenerate in these latter days, bribery and corruption are common, children no longer obey their parents; every man wants to write a book." "Our youth today love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority, disrespect for older people. Children nowadays are tyrants. They contradict their parents, gobble their food, and tyrannize their teachers." Do these statements sound current? Notice that they were quotes. The first was quoted from a 4,700 year old Assyrian Tablet. The second is from 425 B.C. the words of Socrates.

It is my thinking that the youth of today really aren't that much different from centuries ago. They need

direction, instruction, love, and praise. We often forget the latter two. Yes, we may occasionally tell them they are loved; but how often are they given praise for a job well done? A phrase of praise will work wonders. Here are just a few phrases you might try this week with the youth and children in your life.

You are getting better every day! I knew you could do it! Good thinking! You are doing a great job! You are learning fast! I am proud of the way you worked today! That is the best you have ever done! Sensational! Now you've got the hang of it! Keep up the good work! Exactly right! Outstanding!

Try these for a month and I am sure your perspective of youth will change and you will be "OUTSTANDING!" Go ahead, try it. Have a great month!!!

This particular season cries out to give attention to the triumph Christ. As that Sabbath dawned there was celebrations; Jesus Christ had been crucified. Pilate was a smooth and successful politician. He had pleased Rome with sending the tribute demanded. He had kept the peace and prevented uprisings. He had washed his hands of the "Jesus" affair. How smug he was that Sabbath. But consternation seized his thought and near panic gripped him on that first day of the week when soldiers brought him word that a Roman seal on the tomb and Roman soldiers to guard had been useless, Christ had risen from the dead. Jesus was triumphant.

The priests and pharisees were jubilant that Sabbath. No longer would this Jesus call them "whited sepulcher." No more could he drive the corrupt from the temple. No more could he bring elation and adulation from the crowds by healing the sick. How wild the change when on that first day of the week word came that Jesus had risen from the dead. How disturbing and frightful this Triumphant Christ.

The apostles had thrown up their hands in frustration and had gone back to their fishing. Their great dreams had been shattered but that first day of the week they too were gripped by consternation. The Triumphant Christ had risen.

Satan danced with glee on that Sabbath. He had been unable to entice Jesus into sin for forty days in the wilderness and for 3 1/2 years in His ministry but now Jesus was dead. No one could contest his domination of the world. What a bitter defeat when he saw the Triumphant Christ rise from the dead.

Jesus came with the purpose of dying to pay the penalty of sin. The "wages of sin is death" and so He died and sin was atoned for all who would put their faith in Him. What a great triumph was Jesus in those final days.

There will be another message from the Word of God at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday morning. Come and see.

**First United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

This is my fourth article in a Lenten series on the spiritual disciplines. Last week we looked at prayer and next week we'll look at the concept of spiritual journey. This week we'll concentrate on the study of God's Word as contained in the Holy Bible.

There are many, many books available to help in our study of scripture. There are books on different methods or ways of going about our study. There are commentaries that give us the literary and historical background of the different books of the Bible and offer varying interpretations of each book. Some of these books are valuable resources, some are questionable to say the least. It's worth leafing through them to find the good ones because it can aid in our contemporary understanding of scripture to know the context in which it was written.

Some parts of the Bible were written upwards of 5,000 years ago and had already been part of an oral tradition for up to 2,000 years when they were just put down on paper. Some scripture is VERY old! Even the newest parts of the holy writ are approaching the 2,000 year mark! Yet we Christians are bold enough to claim that it is living Word. But then I suppose that's not too strange when you consider that we also claim a crucified Savior as the risen Lord of our lives.

If you ask Christians how they

know Christ lives, they're likely to respond, "Because he lives within my heart. The same is true for scripture. God's Word can live only if it finds a host. We are the host. Therefore, we read the Bible with our heads and with other books but also with open hearts. We let God's Word enter us and we enter the Word. We do this prayerfully as we allow God's Spirit to move within us and as we allow God's scripture to invite us to move into it.

One way of moving into the scripture we're studying is to ask ourselves who or what we are in this particular passage. What is our role? What are we doing? Next we ask where God is in the passage. What's God doing and how? What is the Holy One like? Then, how do we and God respond to one another in the passage? Then we reflect on how we feel about that. Finally, we ask ourselves what we're going to do about all of this and make a commitment to do it.

The Holy Bible is the primary source of God's Word and as such I commend it to you for study during the remainder of Lent as you prepare for Easter and for the remainder of your life. Set aside a special time each day to study and hear the Word. You will know that its the living Word of God when it pushes you into action. If it doesn't, well I guess your Bible is just another dust-catcher. Blessings on your study.

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
Pastor Nathan LaFrenz

Frequently we ask ourselves, and perhaps ask our God, "Why do bad things happen to good people." We cannot help but ask this question as we are confronted by hideous massacres such as what happened recently to those children in Scotland. The time honored response frequently has been that is has been God's will that such a madman would take the lives of sixteen or so children. Frequently we tell our children when a pet dies by being run over by a speeding driver, that God wanted the pet in heaven. We think that will calm the grief of our child. Do you think telling those grief stricken parents that God willed such a massacre to happen because God has a purpose for those children in heaven, will calm their grief? Do you think such an understanding will bring solace to those parents?

Are we merely puppets on a string, being manipulated to and fro in a game of life? On a whim God decided to pick and choose who will live and die today. I challenge all of you readers to rethink such a concept of God. God created all of creation to live in harmony. But because of sin, because of humanities burning desire to be gods of our own destiny, that harmony was destroyed. God didn't create humanity to live as automata. Rather we have free will to

choose how we will live. The result of this freedom is that some people will develop into madmen such as Hitler, Stalin, John Wayne Gacy, and that sick destroyer of children's lives in Scotland. Do we really think God needs an extra pet or an extra pair of hands in heaven? God wants children to grow up and live loving responsible productive lives. God doesn't want children cut down by bullets before they have even had a chance to live. God grieves over the suffering inflicted upon His creation because of sin. But our creator and redeemer is present in the darkness of grief and loss. God doesn't cause the tragedies, rather God is present to accompany those grieving families through their suffering and grief. Our God knows only too well their suffering as He witnessed the torture, suffering, and death of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. May our prayers and thoughts be with all those families in Scotland; may our prayers and thoughts be with those who suffer tragedies throughout our world on the account of the power of sin and darkness in the world. May we have faith, trust, and confidence in the power of our God who can indeed over come the power of darkness and sin through the Light of Christ.

The two biggest sellers in any bookstore are the cookbooks and the diet books. The cookbooks tell you how to prepare the food and the diet books tell you not to eat any of it.

—Andy Rooney

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Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.  
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And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the Army, and to say, Praise the LORD; For his mercy endureth forever. 2nd Chronicles 20:21. Speaker PASTOR: Rev. "Capt." Malcolm T. Johnson of Del Rio, TX.

If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 2nd Chronicles 7:14.

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- Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church):** Sunday Services 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Joe Townsend, Pastor, 563-2158.
- First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church):** 307 N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m., Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m., Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.
- Baptist Hispanic Mission:** 307 N. Ann Street, Sunday 9:45 a.m.; Wednesday 5:30 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 p.m., Eugenio Duran, Pastor.
- Church of Christ:** N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study Sunday 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
- St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church:** Sun. Masses at 8:00 A.M. (Spanish) and 10:30 A.M. (English); Mon., Thurs. and Fri. Mass at 7:00 AM; Wed. Mass 6:30 P.M., Religion Classes Wed. 4:00 and 7:00 PM; Sat. Rosary 7:30 AM, Sat. Mass 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Confession Wed. & Sat. 5:30 PM, Rev. Donald R. Lavelle, C.M.F.
- St. Blaise Catholic Church:** Sun. Mass 12:30 noon. Adult Catholic Explanation and Convert Classes Thurs. 7:00 PM Rev. Donald R. Lavelle, C.M.F.
- First United Methodist Church:** "Celebrate and Witness" Fellowship 9:30 a.m., Church School Classes 9:45 a.m., Service of Worship 11:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 p.m., Sheree Harris, Pastor.
- St. John's Baptist Church:** Crockett at Keene St., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Worship Service Thursday 7:00 p.m., William P. Adams, Sr., Pastor, 563-9175.
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- Gateway Ministries (Non-Denominational):** 301 E. Spring St. (across from post office), Praise & Worship Fellowship Sunday 10:00 a.m., Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 p.m., Robert W. Corey, Pastor, Charolette Corey, Associate Pastor, 563-9331.

**Obituary**



**Ethel Erie Shockley Hubbard**

Ethel Erie Shockley Hubbard better known as "Ma" was born March 19, 1921. She passed away March 15, 1996 at the age of 74.

She is survived by her son Thomas Hubbard of Pearsall, daughter-in-law Carolyn Hubbard of Rockport daughter Edith Mae and husband Daryl Boatright of Fort Stockton. Daughter Dorothy Sue and husband Calvin Oliver of Brackettville. Two granddaughters Amanda Elizabeth Hubbard of Rockport and Ethelyn Nichole Oliver of Brackettville. One grandson Jonathan David Hubbard of Rockport. Niece Vena Mae Barnard of Camp Wood, nephews Jerry and Jackie Swift of Camp Wood and several great nieces and nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

Pallbearers: Don Nance and Charles Bushart from Brackett, LJ Dean and J.B. Hutto, Jesse Lockhart and Milburn Woodriddle Camp Wood.

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The City of Brackettville will hold a second public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on March 26, 1996, at the City Hall, 119 W. Spring Street, in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. Topics to be discussed will include the application for water system improvements for the City of Brackettville in the amount of \$103,686.00 and the estimated amount of funds proposed for activities that will benefit low and moderate income persons. The application will be available for review at City Hall during regular business hours. The City Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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