

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



Left to Right, Mary Helen Kreiger, Virginia Shahan and Rozetta Pingenot.

Chamber Of Commerce's 1996 Annual Meeting

Rendezvous Park on Fort Clark Springs was the setting for the Chamber of Commerce's 1996 annual meeting. All in attendance were treated to a beautiful day and an excellent B-B-Q meal. This year's meeting was dedicated to the memory of Allen Kreiger, Sr. and James T. Shahan. The Chamber was begun in 1947 with both as charter members. Rev. Joe Townsend honored them with remembrances of their contributions to this community through their work with him on the chamber. Mrs. Mary Helen Kreiger and Mrs. Virginia Shahan were our guests of honor. Nelda Archer made special corsages to present to them and to our outstanding citizen, Rozetta Pingenot. Mrs. Pingenot was given a handsome plaque, made by Larry Sofaly, for her many years of community service.

Following Rev. Gil Ash's invocation, regular chamber business was conducted by acting president, Allen Kreiger, Jr. The annual financial report was given by treasurer, Jean Faulkenberry. Previous year's and planned activities were discussed and the officers were presented to the membership. Barry Williams filled us in on the upcoming Happy Shahan Day Festival planned for July 20, 1996. Jack Schram showed the group an example of The Best Little Information Book In Texas, that we will print in June 1996. It will include everything you ever needed to know about the 90 mile stretch of Hwy 90 from Uvalde to Acuna Mexico.

Mr. Bill Haenn, Fort Clark's General Manager, was the keynote speaker. He asked us to pause and consider all who had come this way before us. He charged the group with a reminder that Kinney County has always been and still is a "Land Of Heroes". (He thanked all who helped fight the large fire on "400 Acres"). The Fort is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Fort Clark Spring Association and the 50th anniversary of the closure of the Fort as a military installation. He mentioned the 75th Anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Brackettville and challenged us to find something significant that occurred in 1896, then we will also have a 100th Year Anniversary to celebrate.

Rev. Sheree Harris offered the benediction and concluded the meeting for 1996. Thanks goes to all the directors who helped set up, serve, and/or clean up. A special thanks goes to Albert Payne for the best B-B-Que in Texas and to all our special speakers.

Your Chamber of Commerce has a hard working board of directors that attend almost 100% of all meetings and functions. They are as follows: Larry Sofaly - President, Allen Kreiger, Jr. - Vice President, Jean Faulkenberry - Treasurer, Kathryn Letsinger - Secretary, Archie and Jil Woodson, Cash Letsinger, Kenneth Hale, Jack Schram, Jewel Robinson, Joan Boutwell, Sondra Meil, and John Ford. They are all available for your comments and suggestions.

International Flyers Hone Skills

By 2nd Lt. Chris Torres

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - Going through the year-long Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training program is often described as the most difficult year of any student pilot's life. But for a handful of international students, that challenge is magnified.

Chosen from the top of their own air force classes, international officers come to Laughlin to participate in the SUPT program. There are currently 32 International Military Students at Laughlin from Saudi Arabia, Italy, El Salvador, Japan, Spain, Bolivia, Senegal, Argentina, Columbia and Uruguay. Other countries Laughlin hosts include Turkey, Albania and Singapore.

Though they participate in the SUPT program, the specifics of each IMS's training differ from country to country.

The typical U.S. Air Force SUPT student goes through three phases of training. The first phase is flight screening, a six-week program designed to train pilot candidates in the T-3 Firefly to determine whether they are capable of continuing on to SUPT.

The first six months of SUPT trains students in the T-37, after which they choose to continue to ei-

ther the fighter/bomber track (T-38s) or the tanker/cargo track (T-1As) based on class ranking for their final phase of training.

Second Lt. Alejandro Cotto from El Salvador, is currently in the T-37 phase with class 97-02. However, his training in the United States is limited to T-37s, after which he will graduate and return to his country to fly the OA-37 (a plane similar to the T-37). He said he won't continue to train on T-38s because his country doesn't fly planes for which that training is applicable.

Students training from Senegal, Columbia and Argentina will also graduate after the T-37 phase of SUPT, and return to their countries.

Of the students that do continue to the second phase of SUPT, none go to the T-1 track. Like 2nd. Lt. Gianluca D'Angelo from Italy, they all go to T-38s.

Prior to training at Laughlin, D'Angelo received about 18 hours of training in the SF-260 propeller plane in Italy. Everyone from his air force academy class was sent to the United States for training, divided among Laughlin, Sheppard and Reese Air Force Bases, Texas, and Vance AFB, Okla. See Flyers on page 9

In Spite of Poor Equipment Fire Department Is On The Job

By Lynda Conrey
Staff Writer

The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department has had their hands full this past month. They responded to 3 grass fires in March; 3-1-96 US 90 West, 3-12-96 West Spring Street, and 3-19-96 Railroad fire on Standard Lane.

Friday April 12th at approximately 3 P.M. the Fire Department responded to a fire on the 400 acres at Fort Clark. The fire burned about 10 acres aided by a 12 mile an hour wind. There were some tense moments for the Fire Department members and Fort Clark Residents as the fire approached the west right of way on FM 3348, with the housing area 100 yards away.

The fire department successfully held the raging fire back with the help of a bull dozer cutting fire lanes thru the thick smoke.

Fort Clark security served as the scouts for the fire department, investigating and reporting hot spots in the fire area.

Fort Clark residents Dick and Norma Rivette served as traffic control, parking their van across the roadway to keep curious on lookers

from the area. Dick said, "They just handed me a radio and told me to keep everyone out."

The fire was under control in less than an hour, thanks to our very efficient, yet grossly under equipped, fire department. Of two fire trucks one was pushed or pulled most of the time. Fire department members did a back burn to extinguish the fire and remained on the scene until after 11 PM.

I have two sons on the Wise County Volunteer Fire Department. When their department responds to a large fire the residents respond with refreshments and sandwiches for the fire fighters. "When you are hot and tired and just think you can't go another minute, you look up and someone is handing you a drink, sandwich and a smiling thank you. You tell yourself, Okay, I can go one more time," stated Keith Gose, Wise County Volunteer Fire Department.

Anyone getting any ideas out there? We don't have to be on the fire department to help out in our own way.

Fire Marshal Debra Hay stated that she was very proud of all of the fire department personnel. Their response time to these incidents and the number of personnel responding has been outstanding.



Off Duty Border Patrol Agent Struck by Illegals

By Lynda Conrey
Staff Writer

At approximately 11 PM, Sunday April 14, DPS officers, EMS and Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department responded to an accident at the intersection of US 90 and Ranch Road 693.

Border Patrol Public Relations officer Thomas Zuniga stated that there were two cars southbound on RR 693. Border Patrol Agents, after observing the vehicles, requested a routine check and were advised to stop the vehicles. The first vehicle, a Ford Escort, stopped and the second vehicle, a Crown Victoria, continued on failing to stop at the intersection with US 90. The Crown Victoria

struck a vehicle driven by an off duty Border Patrol Agent eastbound on US 90, causing the compact car to spin around and flip over. The off duty agent was taken to Val Verde Memorial Hospital where he was treated, and released. EMS attendants checked the passengers in the Crown Victoria; none were injured. The Crown Victoria was not being pursued by the Border Patrol vehicle at the time of the accident.

The driver of the Crown Victoria, Victor Favels-Hernandez is in custody facing various charges. The driver of the Ford Escort will face allegations of smuggling 6 undocumented immigrants. DPS officer Robert Cano is investigating the case, along with Border Patrol Agents.

Troopers Annual Reunion

Fort Clark Historical Society presents the Annual Troopers Reunion starting Saturday, April 27th. Open to the public the festivities will begin with a lecture and slide presentation by Mike Davis of the Texas Historical Commission and Dr. Shirley Mock at 10 A.M. in the Palisado building on Fort Clark. The lecture will cover recent archeological findings at the Fort and history of the famous Seminole Negro Indian Scouts,

including the four medal of honor winners.

A bar-b-que lunch will be served by the Seminoles at Rendezvous Park from 12 Noon - 1:30, tickets will be \$6 for adults \$3 for children.

The finale will be a Fiddlers Green ceremony Sunday, April 28, 8 A.M. at the Fort Clark Amphitheater.

The public is cordially invited to all of the proceedings.



Left to Right, Michelle Bizell, Mrs. Lynn McNew, Beth Ballew, Susannah Davis, Ashley Antoine, Duquesa Hunt and Ashley Smith.

Six Brackett Students Present Rotary Program

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

April's Rotary programs are focused on the Brackettville schools. Lynn McNew presented the children she coached who read poetry in the recent Interscholastic League district competition. Mrs. McNew explained that this is a division of the literary competition of the U.I.L. created to give exposure and credibility to scholars. Areas of competition or high school students are science, math, art, debate, and one act plays. Less range is offered to elementary school students.

All the schools in Texas take part in these competitions, and all are governed by rules set by U.I.L. which regulate such things as eligibility and the number of hours a coach can spend working with the students.

This particular competition covered the 4th through the 8th grades. Poetry alternates yearly with prose as the focus. Sixty students began the program with teams consisting of three students and an alternate who competed locally for a chance to go to district.

Students select the poem they want to read, but it must be by a published author, in good taste, and read in no longer than six minutes. Students are judged on their ability to read and

present the poem in an interesting manner. This includes such things as their facial expression and gestures.

Rotary received a real treat when these children performed. Duquesa Hunt read "I am an American", Michelle Bizzell read Ogden Nash's "The Tale of Custard the Dragon", Susannah Davis presented "Maude and Claude's Adventure". Among the fourth grade students, Beth Ballew read "The Unicorn", Ashley Antoine read "Alexander the Beetle", and Ashley Smith read "The Good-bye Book".

Of these, Ashley Antoine won third place in district and Ashley Smith won first. Each one of these readers was a delight to hear. They read with confidence and expressiveness and impressed their audience with their skill.

Mrs. McNew is to be credited with a fine job of coaching. She is a master teacher and is married to a coach of another ilk. Tom McNew, her husband is the high school golf team coach. Lynn is very active in the community and is director of the Fort Clark Voices. She has taught for 26 years and has been employed by the Brackettville system for 5 years.

Rev. Joe Townsend is program chairman for April and called upon Taylor Stephenson to pick examples of the best of the student activities.



Two Fort Clark Residents Involved in Fatal Accident

By Lynda Conrey
Staff Writer

Two Fort Clark Springs residents were fatally injured in an accident Thursday, April 11.

DPS officers Robert Cano and Richard Slubar, Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department rescue squad and Texas Department of Transportation responded to the call at approximately 3:30 p.m.

The vehicle heading east bound on U.S. 90 veered off the roadway to the left ditch for unknown reasons.

Continuing along the ditch the vehicle struck a tree in the left right of way. Fire Department rescue squad used jaws of life, the spreader and the clipper to extricate the victims.

Mable and Jim Barlow long time residents of Fort Clark were returning from a shopping trip to Del Rio, when the accident occurred.

The DPS, rescue squad and TxDOT departments did an admirable job controlling the scene, in a very difficult situation. Thank you for all of your help to a novice reporter and for your respect to the victims.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor: Update — Adobe Eco-Systems, Inc.

March 6, letter to Mayor Herndon from City of Spofford attorney Rick Lowerre requesting TNRC to require Adobe to withdraw its municipal waste application and file for an industrial waste application, since Adobe proposes to take 80% industrial waste and only 20% household waste.

March 8, letter to Judge Seargeant and Commissioners' Court from Jim Stephens threatening Tootsie Herndon with a lawsuit regarding facts published in Letters to Editor. Also threatening the County Commissioners individually for any mis-statements on the "Whereas" portions of the Resolution.

March 9, after one month's delay an opposing Resolution was finally passed by the Commissioners' Court with Judge Seargeant and Commissioner Frerich abstaining.

March 25, letter to Mayor Herndon from Governor Bush's office "The Governor appointed Mr. Berry McBee as chairman of the TNRC. I have forwarded a copy of your letter to Chairman McBee to make him aware of your opposition. Governor Bush DID NOT ENDORSE the project and company officials have apologized to the Governor for this error."

March 30, Fort Clark's annual meeting, 297 members opposed the landfill, 19 for, and 17 undecided.

April 1, a very unusual and totally unexpected visitor, Sergeant John Allen, Texas Ranger from Del Rio paid a visit to the Herndon residence. Ranger Allen stated that he was sent at the sole request of Judge Tommy Seargeant to investigate mishandling of CDBG grant monies provided and administered by MRGDC. He was

also investigating CARE fund raising monies and City of Spofford budget monies. He was referred to MRGDC, grant administrators; to City of Spofford, and CARE attorneys.

Judge Seargeant should know by now that Federal and State grants are strictly administered to the penny. Perhaps Mayor Herndon should use his authority and have the Texas Ranger investigate the county grants and Judge Seargeant. What happened in 1972 when the engineer ran off with county grant money? Was the engineer bonded? How was that resolved with the grant providers?

This is obviously harassment to me and the City of Spofford to discredit us due to very strong support in opposing the Adobe landfill.

To date we have opposing Resolutions from City of Brackettville, County of Kinney, City of Del Rio, County of Uvalde, City of Uvalde, City of Eagle Pass, County of Zavala, County of LaSalle, and City of Asherton. More resolutions are expected.

A report from Texas Ranger Allen will be submitted as soon as we receive it.

We wonder what else is on Judge Seargeant's agenda for us. We feel sure that he will try something else. Regardless of what he tries we feel assured that we can and will protect ourselves. When one has done no wrong, how can wrong be proven?

April 22, all citizens and CARE members are invited to an international bridge march demonstration in Acuna against any and all types of dumps in the Border Area. Yes, Mexico is in full support of our opposition. We need your support, please join us.

Sincerely,

/s/Tootsie Herndon



From Your Local Game Warden

By Henry Lutz
Kinney County, Game Warden

All state parks and law enforcement offices of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will have switched during April to the new electronic system that enables hunters, anglers and state park visitors to buy dozens of recreational licenses more conveniently.

By July, the old, cumbersome, manual process at more than 3,000 license vendors statewide will give way to the new automated system that officials estimate will save 36,000 pounds of paper annually.

The Texas Outdoor Connection, a new point-of-sale electronic license sales system, went on line in December 1995 at 13 Texas pilot locations, including gun shops and sporting goods stores in Austin, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. Texas becomes only the fourth state - and the largest in the nation - to launch an electronic recreational license sales system.

TPWD sells approximately 3.5 million hunting and fishing licenses annually through its 28 district offices, more than 100 state parks and retailers across Texas. Texas joins Oregon, Michigan, Idaho and Missouri in implementing an electronic system.

"Automation is revolutionizing the way we do business at Texas Parks and Wildlife," said Andrew Sansom, TPWD's executive director. "Technology is the key to faster and more reliable service for our outdoor customers. And for the vendors who sell our licenses, it will mean a major savings of time and money."

The new point-of-sale licensing system was designed by and will be administered by TRANSACTIVE Corporation of Austin, a wholly-owned subsidiary of GTECH Corporation, which operates the Texas State Lottery. TRANSACTIVE Corporation also operates the electronic food stamp and Aid to Families with Dependent Children programs for the Texas Department of Human Services.

"Our company is pleased to be on the leading edge of creating electronic government systems that bring services to citizens in a simple and convenient way," Greg Coler, president of TRANSACTIVE Corporation, said.

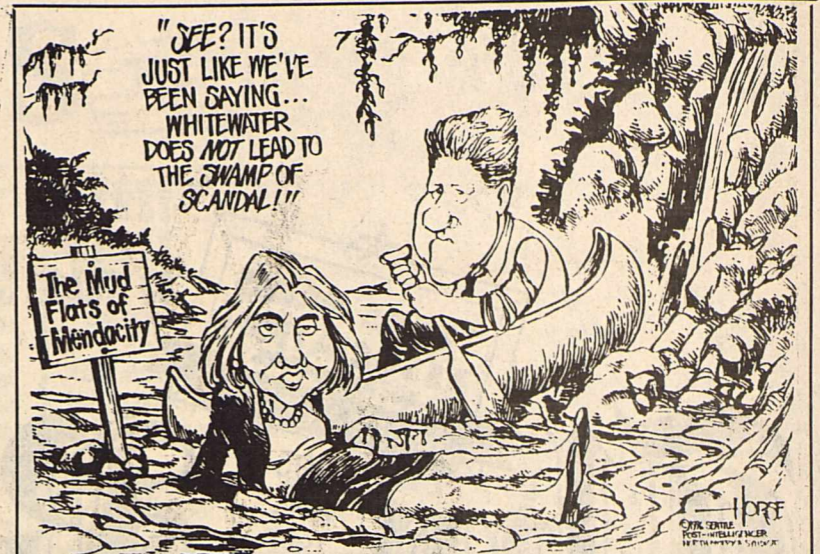
In addition to the electronic, point-of-sale system, Transactive provides a toll-free license issuance service (1-800-TX-LIC-4-U) that serves both Texans and out-of-state residents. This allows customers to buy licenses by phone with credit cards.

An 11-member License Deputy Advisory Committee worked with TPWD to ensure that the new system meets the needs of license deputies, Lynne Lange, TPWD's license supervisor, said. With the Texas Outdoor Connection, she explained, every license deputy can issue all types of recreational licenses throughout the year with no limitations. Collector's stamp editions will still be available for purchase through the licensing deputies, Lange said.

Equipment for the new electronic system consists of small, countertop units that are connected to the TPWD licensing database via telephone lines. In a typical transaction, the purchaser's Texas driver's license number, date of birth and items to be purchased are entered. New driver's licenses with a magnetic strip can be swiped by the seller to speed the transaction. The license or stamp is then printed on generic paper stock, which will eliminate inconveniences to customers caused when a particular license or stamp is not in stock.

Jayna Burgdorf, TPWD chief financial officer, said the new system will save licensing deputies an estimated \$1 million a year by eliminating bonding requirements, the need for inventory control and elimination of manual sales reports, license/stamp books and forms, and other inventory. The agency will benefit from faster collection of license revenue, and quicker and more accurate data on license purchasers than under the paper-based system, she noted.

For more information, call the TPWD license section at 512-389-4820.



Between Us

by Joe Townsend



The continuing hub-bub about "illegal" aliens in the United States is unconscionable. The key word is "illegal". The recent brutal beating in California simply high-lights the fever pitch to which this issue has risen. Keeping in mind that the deputy sheriffs involved did not know (legally) the people involved were illegal aliens their behavior was reprehensible. Had they known they were illegal aliens the behavior was none the less reprehensible. All the blather in defense of their actions is ridiculous. In no way could they have construed the situation to be life threatening to them. To stop the truck was their job. To arrest the two people remaining in the truck was their job. But by no mental gymnastics can their actions be justified. To mercilessly beat the two was certainly police brutality but when one of them dragged the unarmed woman from the truck by the hair of her head and slammed her face down on the ground hard enough to break her nose he certainly proved himself to be an animal out of control. These two men certainly should be stripped of their badges and guns and be forever barred from any position bearing the authority of such badge and gun.

Any financial awards to the victims should be laid on these men and not the taxpayers. To rely on the rationale that these men were agitated and on an adrenaline high in no way exonerates them. The actions simply testifies to the fact that these men were not mentally equipped to handle their responsibilities. On the other hand to try to blame law enforcement officers because a truck load of ille-

gal aliens was trying to outrun officers and was wrecked and people killed is ludicrous.

These incidents along with the man falsely claiming he was beaten by an agent in Eagle Pass indicate a failure of the United States to control its borders. As long as the policy of the United States is to mollify Mexico in these cases, just how long do we exacerbate the situation. Mexico has no part or place in United States' policies or actions.

Action between nations should be reciprocal. Why don't we tell Mexico we will treat their citizens as they treat ours. Make our prisons holding criminal aliens like the jails in Mexico treat Americans. Why should American taxpayers educate and hospitalize illegal aliens? Why does not the federal government send illegal aliens back to where they came from and make them become legal immigrants? The illegal aliens are known. Federal law recognizes and demands that illegal aliens be deported. Why don't we do it? The practice of allowing illegal alien women to cross the border and give birth and make the baby a native born citizen and a means of bringing an extended family, across the border is totally unacceptable, but it still goes on. If every congressman and federal judges had to live and face the problems of illegal aliens something would be done.

Mexico wants as many of her people as possible to immigrate illegally to the U.S. so money can flow back to a nation in need. Until the U.S. sets its policies and actions without bowing to Mexico the problem increases.

The Other Side Of Boll Weevil Eradication

WASHINGTON, March 29 — The boll weevil eradication program is one of the most successful programs in the history of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

But over the last few months, some farmers in a few areas of the Cotton Belt have started petitions to recall or stop eradication programs which have already begun. In January, such an effort shut down the program in Texas' Lower Rio Grande Valley, which had begun less than 10 months earlier. And growers in east Mississippi voted recently to stop their program, which began about 18 months ago.

Recall petitions are also being discussed by some of the growers in South Texas/Winter Garden, the Texas High Plains, and the Tennessee Valley of Alabama.

However, in response to positive grower referenda, the program is expanding into an additional 1.3 million acres in other areas of Texas.

"While the decision to start boll weevil eradication will always rest with the cotton growers, we want to reaffirm that USDA stands behind the boll weevil eradication program," said Gary Cunningham, national program coordinator with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, a part of USDA's marketing and regulatory programs mission area.

"Our record speaks for itself. In the states where we have eradicated boll weevil, the use of pesticides is down by as much as 90 percent, and cotton acreage has increased more than 500 percent. This increased acreage has created many new jobs, and the ability to grow weevil-free cotton has stabilized the industry in these areas of the country," Cunningham said.

"We are disappointed with the recent decision in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and east Mississippi to stop the program, but it is a growers' program, and we respect that. We just want to reassure growers who are currently involved in eradication efforts that the benefits far outweigh any risks associated with the program."

Cotton farmers should consider the following facts when thinking about boll weevil eradication:

—Boll weevil numbers are down significantly in all program areas; all active areas will be very close to eradication in 1996. Even the numbers in the east Mississippi buffer zone should be unusually low this year.

—In 1987 when the program began in Georgia, there were 275,000 acres of cotton in that state. In 1995, there were 1.5 million acres — a five-fold increase. Georgia is now second only to Texas in the amount of cotton produced.

—For the first time in 40 years,

cotton has replaced the peanut in total value in Georgia. The total value of Georgia's 1995 cotton crop was about \$725 million, compared to only \$111 million before the boll weevil eradication program began in 1987. This increase is even more dramatic considering that nationwide yields dropped about 20 percent in 1995 as a result of generally poor growing conditions.

—The cotton industry in Georgia contributes over \$3 billion in annual revenue to the state and employs over 32,000 Georgians. About 20 new gins were built in Georgia in the last 2 years alone, with each worth about \$4.5 million. Three cottonseed crushing mills were also built at about \$12-14 million each.

—Nationwide, the rate of return on funds invested in boll weevil eradication has been estimated to be \$12 for every \$1 in program cost.

—Eradicating the boll weevil eliminates the need for early season pesticide applications in many parts of the country, which allows beneficial insects to increase in number and gives them a good chance to control secondary cotton pests. Growers can actually practice biologically based integrated pest management.

—Weevil-free cotton makes it easier to manage pyrethroid resistance in budworms and bollworms.

—North Carolina had 40,000 acres of cotton before its program began in 1978; they had over 800,000 acres in 1995.

—The boll weevil eradication program has been described by some as a stereotypically large, bureaucratic, government-run program. Not true. There are only two government employees out of about 1,200 in the Texas program and 32 government employees out of 1,000 in the Southeast program. Growers pay 70 percent of the program in the Southeast and up to 100 percent in Texas. It is the growers' program, and local steering committees have a significant voice in the program's daily operation in each area.

—The 1995 problems with beet armyworm and tobacco budworm were unusual, extensive, and due primarily to climatic conditions occurring both inside and outside eradication areas. It is unfair to place the entire blame for the bad 1995 crop on the boll weevil eradication program.

"I emphasize that the boll weevil eradication program is a grower funded and grower-run program. When the growers make a decision, they should know the facts. We need to remember the benefits of growing weevil-free cotton, and that it takes hard work and patience to reach that objective," Cunningham said.

Alternative Fuels Council Offers \$50 Million In Low-Interest Loans

AUSTIN — The Texas Alternative Fuels Council (TAFC) has announced a \$50 million low-interest public loan program to put more alternatively fueled vehicles on the road in Texas and further develop the fueling infrastructure.

"The Texas Legislature has provided a \$50 million bond program to finance alternative fuel projects such as the conversion of vehicles to alternative fuels and the construction of fueling stations for natural gas and propane," said Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, who currently serves as the Alternative Fuels Council chairman.

The Texas Alternative Fuels Council will issue the low-interest rate loans to public entities and some public/private joint ventures to buy new alternative fuel vehicles, or new vehicles to be converted to alternative fuels, for conversions of existing vehicles to alternative fuels, for fueling stations, for alternative fuel heating ventilation or air condition system efficiency improvements, and for cogeneration systems that produce electricity.

"This is a unique chance to put our talk about improving Texas air quality into action," said Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Carole Keeton Rylander. "I encourage cities, school districts and other public organizations to contact the Council about this great opportunity."

Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission Chairman Barry McBee echoed Chairman Rylander, "Motor vehicles are the primary cause of Texas' ground-level ozone problems and I see this type of program as an excellent, proactive step

toward addressing that problem."

"I applaud the Texas Legislature's move in approving this bond program," said Texas Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson. "This program is a clear example of our state's commitment to increasing the awareness about the economic and environmental benefits of Texas alternative fuels."

The TAFC has established priorities for the loan program that will be given to eligible projects. Some of those priorities to be considered for the loans include promoting the purposes of state and federal laws; encouraging the use of alternative fuels; vehicle fleet composition requirements; the placement of alternative fuels vehicles on the road and/or development of a refueling station infrastructure located in Texas air quality nonattainment areas and borderline Texas air quality areas.

"At a time when some Texas cities are working toward better air quality, this low-interest loan program provides an economically feasible opportunity for local governments to use cleaner burning fuels in their fleets," said Railroad Commissioner Charles R. Matthews.

"This loan program is an important step toward cleaner air, greater energy efficiency and further economic development of Texas' natural gas industry," said Alphonso Jackson, Chairman of the General Services Commission. "I hope all of those eligible will take part in this program."

For information about this low-interest loan program, contact TAFC Executive Director Craig Davis at 512-463-3262.

The Quality Home

(NAPS)—Now is the time of year when many families think about buying or building a new home. These hints for getting the most for your money may help:

• If you intend to build a new home, spend time with your builder to review exactly what you want and need.

• Review all the products to be used in building your new home. Look for those with quality seals such as the National Association of Homebuilder (NAHB) Research Center or the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval. These seals mean the products have been tested

by independent third parties for quality assurance.

• Ask your builder about the trade contractors who will construct your home to make sure they're quality craftsmen with strong credentials.

For more information on ensuring quality in your new home, write to The CertainTeed Home Institute, P.O. Box 860, Valley Forge, PA or call 1-800-782-8777 for a free copy of a brochure on the certified contractor program or visit the institute on the Internet at <http://www.certainteed.com>.

Big Mama Sez! Keep going; if you cannot walk, creep.

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By Tom Powell, N.D.
Contributing Writer

Oats are among the richest foods in high-energy substances. Oats were cultivated in the Swiss Alps long before they were introduced elsewhere. The Swiss made *muesli*, a nutritious cereal from oats; The English and Celts for centuries have been preparing *porridge*, an oat based meal.

Over the past few years oats have been extensively studied and analyzed for their nutrients. Vitamins B, D and E, minerals silicon, potassium and zinc; proteins such as peptides and amino acids; polysaccharides like beta glucan; and flavonoids, polyphenols, vanilloglycides and trigonelline are all found in oats. Additionally they are rich in fiber, and are found to contain compound with antioxidant activity.

to treat itching caused by eczema, chicken pox, acne and sunburn.

Scientists around the world are conducting in depth research into the positive properties of the oat plant. Unexpected findings in the areas of natural antibiotic effects, reduction of nicotine craving and in the treatment of impotence have stimulated further studies.

Recent double-blind studies have shown that *oat extract* has a role in sexual dysfunction. In tests of 60 men and 60 women followed by another involving 250 men and women, the oat extract was proven to be an effective enhancer of sexual desire, performance and activity; however this was true only for the men. For women the extract had little or no effect.

The formula has been patented and is very popular in Europe.

The above has been condensed from the *Healthy Cell News* and is meant for educational purposes only. It is not intended as a substitute for consultation with your own health practitioner.

Tinctures of oats may be used to treat insomnia, depression and stress. Oats have hypoallergenic properties which, in dermatology, may be used

Work is of two kinds: first, altering the position of matter at or near the earth's surface relative to other matter; second, telling other people to do so.

—Bertrand Russell.

Congressional Round-Up

By Henry Bonilla
Congressman, 23rd District, Texas

So much has gone on in Congress during the last year and a half that I thought it would be useful to give you a round-up of some of the key reforms that Congress has passed this season. Despite all the smoke that has clouded many of Congress's accomplishments, we've delivered on promises that help keep the American taxpayer, small-business owner and family "number one".

For years before this Congress was elected, the talk around town was the line-item veto. Past Congresses, though, simply sat on this proposal that targets and cuts wasteful pork-barrel type spending. This Congress, however, not only brought the line-item veto up for a vote, but passed it and allowed the president to sign it into law. That's quite an accomplishment considering how hard it was for other Congresses to see any action on this proposal.

Another example of legislation that seemed to go nowhere in previous Congresses but that we've managed to move ahead is the telecommunications reform measure. This legislation, which passed Congress this summer and which the president signed into law, is perhaps one of the most important bills passed during this session. Its passage gives the telecommunications industry the go-ahead to create countless jobs, reduce costs for consumers, and expand our economy.

This Congress has also passed significant legislation that increases the Social Security earnings limit for senior citizens. Current law prevents older Social Security recipients from receiving benefits if they earn above a certain threshold. But why penalize someone if they continue working and paying taxes? Our measure increases the Social Security earnings threshold to \$30,000 over seven years. That's common-sense reform for seniors who choose to continue working.

Perhaps the bill that most directly affects Congress is the Congressional Accountability Act, which makes the House of Representatives and Senate finally abide by the same rules and regulations other workplaces are forced to follow. This Congress believes it's high time lawmakers stop simply making laws for others and instead start abiding by them.

But that's not it. There have been countless other measures Congress has sent to the president which he has chosen to veto, including a \$500 per-child tax credit for families, the first balanced budget to reach a president's desk in 26 years and genuine welfare reform. Many of these congressional reforms haven't received the full attention they deserve. I thought you should know, however, that this Congress is working hard to rein in spending and in turn, bring you better service. The road ahead is still long but we've got a full plate of victories under our belt, and that should give us all confidence that we can get the job done.

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Mariachis And Balet Folklorico At The Amphitheater Friday, April 26

On Friday, April 26, at 8:00 p.m., the Kinney County Arts Council will present another outstanding program at the Fort Clark Springs Amphitheater. Tickets are on sale from any Arts Council member as well as at the First State Bank and the Fort Clark Springs Adult Center for \$5. You won't want to miss this one!

The Eagle Pass High School Mariachi Group is 22 members strong. Its main purpose is to expose students to a different style of music and to the Mexican culture. The group plays a variety of tunes ranging from Boleros to Rancheras. Directing the Mariachis is Raul A. Gonzales. The Mariachis include 3 trumpets, a violin, 4 vocals, a guitarron, 10 guitars and 3 marimabas.

The Balet Folklorico Cuauhtl (meaning eagle) was founded in 1988 by current sponsor/teacher Juan Jose Olivares. The dance group's membership is 23. This year, the Balet Folklorico has competed at Southwest Texas State College, UTSA and was among 15 performance groups selected from 92 schools to perform at the Noche Panamericana in San Antonio.

Among the dances included in this year's program are La Revolucion, El Naranjo, Santa Rita, El Tamatan, and others from the northern region of Mexico. Included are lively "jarochos" from the eastern state of Veracruz. Lively songs from the state of Jalisco close out the program. Cuauhtl exhibits its beautiful costumes in such dances as El Jarabe Tapatio, Los Machetes, La Madrugada and El Son de la Negra.

The Kinney County Arts Council believes that this program will be an outstanding one. The Amphitheater is a perfect performance site for Mariachis and the colorful Balet Folklorico Cuauhtl.

Kinney County Ambulance Report March 1996

The KC Ambulance crews responded to 19 emergency calls to treat 19 patients in March. Three patients were injured and 16 were illnesses. Of the 19 calls, 5 were from Fort Clark and 14 were within the Brackettville City Limits. Patients were transported to Del Rio (13), Uvalde (2) and 4 were treated and released.

EMS plans for April are: April 3, 5 P.M. - Monthly business meeting in the courthouse.

Beatriz Kuhns and Ricky Alvarado will be attending EMT Instructor courses in Devine, TX.

Free White Flowering Dogwood Trees

Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during April 1996.

The free trees are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"White flowering dogwoods will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "Dogwoods have showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries which attract songbirds all winter."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day," and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE DOGWOODS, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30, 1996.

In Loving Memory Of Nick Nixon April 1996

Dear Lord at this Spring time I'll ask again, if yellow roses grow in Heaven, as I know they surely do - Lord pick, a few, put them in my loved ones arms, and tell him they're from me. When he smiles, hold him close and tell him I love him so, and miss him everyday. Tell him nothing here has changed, his memory is with me still and he guides me along the way, I miss his voice and his gentle touch. I miss the sound of his footsteps and his laughter that always meant so much. Tell him I miss him holding me close, and telling me things I wanted to hear. Tell him he will always have a place in my heart that no one else can fill. For doing this Dear Lord I thank you with all my heart, and I thank you again for letting me know that he is living in a much better world than I.

I love you Hon Forever & Always Genie

Clean Cars And Trucks Help Celebrate Earth Day

Spring has finally arrived. For much of the U.S., that means better weather and the start of the annual farming, construction and vacation season. It also brings Earth Day -- a time to celebrate the return to the outdoors, and the continuing improvement in America's air and water quality.

But future springtimes may turn out to be not as pleasant or productive for millions of Americans, if some anti-car enthusiasts have their way. They're busy working in low-visibility but powerful international forums, as they seek to impose their anti-energy and anti-vehicle agenda onto the U.S. and other countries.

What's the connection between conferences in Europe and springtime farming in America? It's "global warming." Or more accurately, it's the theory of potential global warming, which some are using to try and restrict the light trucks used by American farmers, construction workers, and recreation enthusiasts.

Four years ago, many nations participated in a widely publicized "Earth Summit" in Rio de Janeiro, which discussed potential global warming and other environmental issues. Several environmental groups were pressing for harsh international treaties, to force the U.S. and other nations to restrict vehicle use, overall energy consumption and economic activity, on alleged environmental grounds. Most American observers were relieved when the Summit decided to defer those decisions.

But while the publicity is largely gone, those international groups are continuing to meet. Last year, another "summit" was held in Berlin, where countries decided to work toward "goals and targets" for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. And they're focusing primarily on

carbon dioxide (CO2) -- which is not a "pollutant", but is one of the greenhouse gases that occurs abundantly in nature. CO2 also results from burning fossil fuels, at electric utilities, in factories and motor vehicles.

So when environmental groups talk about "curbing greenhouse gases", they're not talking about reducing pollution or improving air quality. Instead, they're talking about reducing fuel consumption -- such as gasoline in motor vehicles, or coal and oil for electricity as a means to deal with a theoretical threat.

Those groups tried and failed to persuade the U.S. Congress to impose harsh fuel-economy standards on American motorists (these are the same groups that are responsible for electric vehicle mandates in some states). Several years ago, they were actively promoting legislation to require an unrealistic 40 percent increase in gas mileage, which would have meant drastic reductions in vehicle size, and performance. A broad spectrum of vehicle users and safety groups lined up against the proposal, and Congress ultimately said "no".

So anti-vehicle groups are now trying an end run. They're pushing first for international treaties on "greenhouse gas reductions," in the hopes that will force the U.S. into a series of steps to reduce vehicle usage -- including dramatic hikes in fuel-economy requirements.

Unfortunately, the U.S. government has not been outspoken in opposing this effort. Some American officials seem to be cooperating with the anti-vehicle groups, and others are simply silent. In 1994, the Department of Transportation threatened to raise its "corporate average fuel economy (CAFE)" standards for light trucks as high as 26-28 mpg over the next decade. Hundreds of consum-

ers wrote to express their outrage, and the DOT has been quiet on the issue since then. The Clinton Administration has sent mixed signals about its views on higher fuel-economy standards.

American motorists want and deserve a wide choice of cars and trucks, to meet their individual transportation needs. That's not only good for personal mobility and the economy, but it's also good for safety, energy and the environment. New vehicles are much safer, cleaner and more fuel-efficient than those of just 10-20 years ago, and the U.S. has led the world in achieving that progress. It's hardly in anyone's interest to restrict our people from buying and using useful and efficient vehicles.

Fortunately, many members of Congress are now siding with the American public on the issue. Both the House and Senate are considering bills to "freeze" CAFE standards at current levels, to prevent any threatened increases by DOT or other unelected officials. The two bills (H.R. 2200 in the House, S. 1506 in the Senate) already have more than 160 co-sponsors, a sign of growing support.

We shouldn't allow extremists to use Earth Day to make us feel guilty about the cars and trucks we drive. Americans appreciate the great outdoors, and want to preserve the ability to use modern, clean, fuel-efficient vehicles, as they explore and enjoy our beautiful country. So tell your representatives in Congress to protect your interests, by supporting the CAFE freeze bills, and opposing any behind-the-scenes international schemes that would restrict our mobility.

Editorial Opinion
By Charles Carter

INS Opens New Training Site To Accommodate Record Numbers Of New Hires

CHARLESTON, S.C. - Chris Sale, Deputy Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), today announced the opening of a temporary satellite training academy at the Naval Base and Naval Weapons Station in Charleston, South Carolina. The facility will help INS train record numbers of new hires this fiscal year.

"Confronted with the challenge of rapid expansion, we have set as our first and foremost goal to maintain the integrity of our training programs and the highest level of professionalism for our officers and agents," Deputy Commissioner Sale said. "I am confident that the Charleston Satellite Training Academy will contribute significantly to our achieving that very important goal."

The Charleston Satellite Academy will become a Border Patrol Training Academy in mid-August, when construction of the physical training facility, weapons ranges, and driving courses will near completion. Until then, to effectively utilize available classroom and dormitory facilities, the Academy has opened its doors to the first of 525 Immigration Officer students.

These students will follow an intensive and demanding 15-week program to become Immigration Inspectors. The core of this program includes blocks of instruction in law, operations, behavioral sciences, Spanish

language and specialized training in firearms, physical fitness and defensive driving. The students will receive most of their training in Charleston, and will receive their driving, physical fitness, and firearms training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia. When they complete their training, these officers will play a crucial role in maintaining security at ports-of-entry while facilitating legal travel.

Congress has authorized INS to hire more than 4,000 new employees in FY96 to enable INS to continue its multifaceted border enforcement strategy - which includes strengthening border control and facilitating legal entry; increasing the removal of criminal and illegal aliens; and enforcing immigration laws in the workplace. To train this large number of new hires INS will be utilizing three sites: the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers in Glynco, Georgia, and Artesia, New Mexico, and the new Charleston Satellite Training Academy. Training programs will be identical in content and quality at all three sites.

Of the more than 4,000 new hires, 1,480 are Border Patrol Agents (700 new positions and 780 attrition slots). In mid-August, the Charleston site will welcome the first of 330 new Border Patrol Agents. The remain-

ing 1,150 Border Patrol Agents authorized for this fiscal year are being trained in Glynco. Once trained, these agents will become an important part of INS' strategic deployment of resources, equipment, and technologies along U.S. borders to deter illegal immigration, drug trafficking and alien smuggling.

Border Patrol training is a rigorous 19-week course of instruction that is widely regarded as one of the best basic training programs for law enforcement personnel. The intensive training program, which is one of the longest and most difficult of any law enforcement agency, encompasses law, operations, Spanish language, firearms, self-defense and driver training.

Aside from the challenging training demands of this fiscal year, an additional 3,500 personnel are expected to be trained in FY 1997, and approximately 3,000 in FY 1998. INS' plan to meet these comprehensive training needs could not be possible without the support and cooperation of officials from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, a branch of the Department of Treasury; the Charleston Naval Base and Weapons Station; the Charleston Naval Complex Redevelopment Authority; and the Appropriations Committees of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives.

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McDevitt Wins Command Award

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — Master Sgt. Mark McDevitt, 47th Operations Support Squadron, was selected as the Air Force Education and Training Command Life Support and Survival Instructor Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year for 1995.

McDevitt is personally responsible for the management of 17 enlisted members and a \$300,000 annual budget.

He is responsible for more than 2,100 aircrew life support items valued at more than \$750,000. McDevitt

implemented an innovative hands-on program enhancing the realism of the wing aircrew continuation training program.

He personally oversaw the development of a life raft accessory kit, vastly improving an outdated design. The new design was adopted command-wide as the standard.

McDevitt also organized and assisted in the outfitting of more than 400 Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets in a four day period during their annual summer encampment.

Rambling Around Kinney County

By THE K.C. RAMBLER



So many folks perform kindness of one sort or another each day - done quietly and with no other motive than that they see a need and offer a helpful hand. Too often these acts of kindness are never acknowledged. But we all know when we have done something nice and it makes us feel good. Why don't you make yourself feel good today? Feel that warm glow that comes with kindness.

Did you know that you never say "thank you" for a gift of a plant? The plant will not flourish if a thank you is extended guess a "you're great" or "you make my garden happy" or "you make me happy" would be appropriate responses when receiving the gift of a plant.

Have you found time to visit the Shahan Children's Library section of our public library? It is large, light, well equipped and a comfortable spot for any child to enjoy himself. Even if he is too young to read, he can look at the picture books and listen to tapes as he follows the text. Summer va-

cation is coming. Put the library on your list of places to spend a pleasant few hours with your child.

J. Lee Ballantyne is visiting her daughter and son-in-law in Midland. She has developed pneumonia and is at present in the hospital there. You can send a card in care of Hollis Brice 2509 Princeton, Midland, TX 79701. The phone number in the hospital is 1-915-685-1111. Know she would enjoy hearing from you.

Troopers Reunion is held on the 26th, 27th and 28th. This is a great reunion weekend for all Cavalry Troopers whether they served at Ft. Clark or other forts. Many men who served before and during World War II get together to remember old times. Fiddlers Green is performed in the amphitheater on Sunday the 28th as a farewell to all who have fallen in battle of past years. As you would expect, the group gets smaller each year - the moments together are cherished more than ever.

BE KIND TO EACH OTHER.

Cameo From The Past

By J. Lee Ballantyne
Contributing Writer

When we first came to Brackettville in 1921 one of the first things we enjoyed was the swimming pool at Ft. Clark.

At that time the swimming pool was very natural - few cement walls, just a beautiful and natural pool. Both those living in Ft. Clark and the people of the town enjoyed the cooling water and at the end of a day there were many happy gatherings.

My dad was born and raised in a small town on the Colorado River near Austin. He was like a fish in the water and a wonder with children. He could take a child who was terrified of water and in a short time he had the child swimming and self confident.

There was one little boy who never got my Dad's name right - he called him "Dr. Fill" and I can still hear his childish voice calling "Take me next, Dr. Fill - take me next."

I don't know who got the most fun from the pool Dad or the children, but there were many pleasant hours spent there.

Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend



There is a man in our community who is outstanding in many ways. His professional life as a teacher has been consistent and dedicated.

As a father he has been outstanding. His dedication to the activities of his daughters is and has been most remarkable. His dedication to his lovely wife is most commendable. His care and concern for his parents has been above reproach. He is faithful to his church and has led his family to be. He is friendly but serious minded. Daily he contributes to the development of young people through his class room. He has served on the city council.

Surely "Chuck" Hall is an Unsung Hero.

FOR PETE'S SAKE

Sometimes the word arrangement in church bulletins is humorous. Below are some examples. All are authentic, taken from announcements made in various churches.

-This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

-Tuesday at 4 p.m. there will be an Ice Cream Social. All ladies giving milk, please come early.

-Wednesday, the Ladies Literary Society will meet. Mrs. Johnson will sing "Put me in my little bed," accompanied by the Pastor.

-Thursday at 5 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become little mothers will please meet with the minister in his study.

-This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Brown to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

-The service will close with "Little Drops of Water" one of the men will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join it.

-The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind, and they can be seen in the church basement on Friday afternoon.

-On Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the expense of the new carpet. All wishing to do something on the carpet please come forward and get a piece of paper.

Bridge Anyone

By NORMA GOULD



The FCS Duplicate Bridge Club met Tuesday, April 9th with 6 1/2 tables playing the Mitchell Movement.

Ben Pingnot and Norma Gould won 1st place in the N/S direction. Lamont and Marie McCandless were 2nd with Nita and Fred Clayton winning 3rd.

Arnie and Gertie Trautwein won 1st in the E/W direction. Diana Daniels and Kay Roberts were 2nd with Walt Geeze and Betty Schlatterer winning 3rd.

VFW Auxiliary & VFW Post #8360

Fort Clark Springs VFW Auxiliary #8360 will join VFW Post #8360 for a pot luck meal at Shafter Hall, 6 p.m., Monday, April 22.

The auxiliary and post will begin separate meetings at 7 p.m. Along with other items of business, officers will be elected for the ensuing year.

Members are reminded to bring items for veterans patients at Kerrville Hospital and for the district kitchen/bath raffle basket.

Earth Day Quiz

(NAPS)—Test your knowledge of our environment.

1. Each year, according to the Institute for Scrap Recycling Industries, Americans use more than 70 million tons of paper, including cardboard—about 580 pounds per person. How much gets recycled? (a) 85 percent (b) 26 percent (c) 54 percent.

2. How much energy is saved by recycling aluminum beverage cans? (a) 95 percent (b) 32 percent (c) 48 percent.

3. By using scrap or recycled steel instead of iron ore to manufacture new steel, how much can we reduce water pollution? (a) 76 percent (b) 15 percent (c) 52 percent.

4. Approximately how many automobiles get recycled in the U.S. each year? (a) five million (b) 25 million (c) ten million.

5. Using 50 percent recycled glass in manufacturing new glass reduces air pollution by: (a) six percent (b) 75 percent (c) 14 percent.

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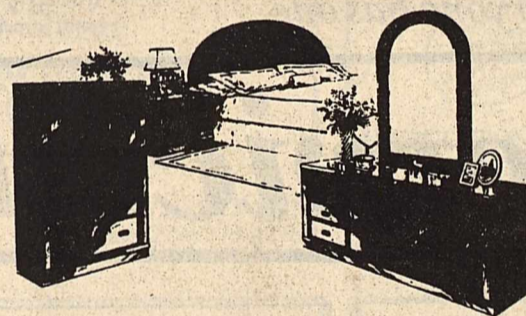
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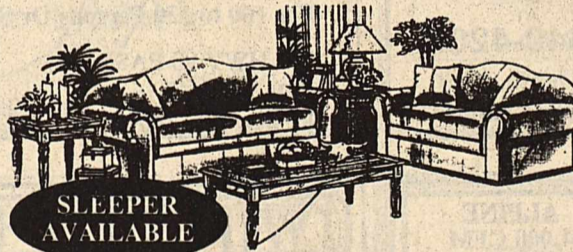


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Fairness for the Elderly
Eliminating the Social Security Earnings Penalty

If you are a Social Security recipient under the age of 70, your reward for energy and enterprise is higher taxes. Fairness in taxation has long been an ideal rather than a reality for millions of American taxpayers. But none are put at a greater disadvantage than Social Security recipients under age 70 who earn more than a modest amount in wages or salary.

Such individuals are our heaviest-taxed citizens. If a married 65-year-old couple with as little as \$22,500 in total annual income earns one more dollar in wages, as much as 83-cents of that dollar can go to taxes. No other Americans pay an 83 percent tax rate on wages or salary. The earnings test does not apply to recipients who are 70 or older, or who are disabled.

This tax law is even more unfair than it sounds on its face, because it punishes those who rely on wage income. Only those earning wages or salaries face the limit. There is no penalty for those who receive income from investments.

And because the tax law punishes productive work, our national income and productivity is smaller than it might otherwise be. Current income limits impose an irrational disincentive to work.

The earnings test has been a part of the Social Security system since its beginning. But last month Congress passed legislation that will allow Social Security recipients ages 65 through 69 to earn up to \$30,000 a year by the year 2002 without penalty.

This allowance will be phased in beginning this year. The exempt amount in 1996 would be \$14,500; in 1997, \$17,500; in 1998, \$20,000; in 1999, \$22,500; in 2000, \$25,000; in 2001, \$27,500, reaching \$30,000 the next year.

Two-thirds of those who would benefit from the repeal of the current law have an earned income of less than \$40,000.

No American should be discouraged or penalized for working — in particular the elderly, whose income quite often is reduced significantly by retirement. With today's high cost of living, especially the cost of health care, many seniors must supplement their incomes.

Seniors have a wealth of expertise gained through their 30-40 years of productivity in the workplace. The companies who hire them appreciate their strong work ethic, punctuality and flexibility. Their contributions in the workforce have the potential to spur billions of dollars in our annual output of goods and services.

The changes Congress has approved will produce other important benefits: tax simplification, lower administrative costs and greater personal choice for the elderly.

If the objective is fairness, this cannot be achieved with tax rates approaching 100 percent for our elderly.

If I had a formula for bypassing trouble, I wouldn't pass it around. Wouldn't be doing anybody a favor. Trouble creates a capacity to handle it. I don't say embrace trouble. That's as bad as treating it as an enemy. But I do say, meet it as a friend, for you'll see a lot of it and had better be on speaking terms with it.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is a vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of a child.

—Carl Jung

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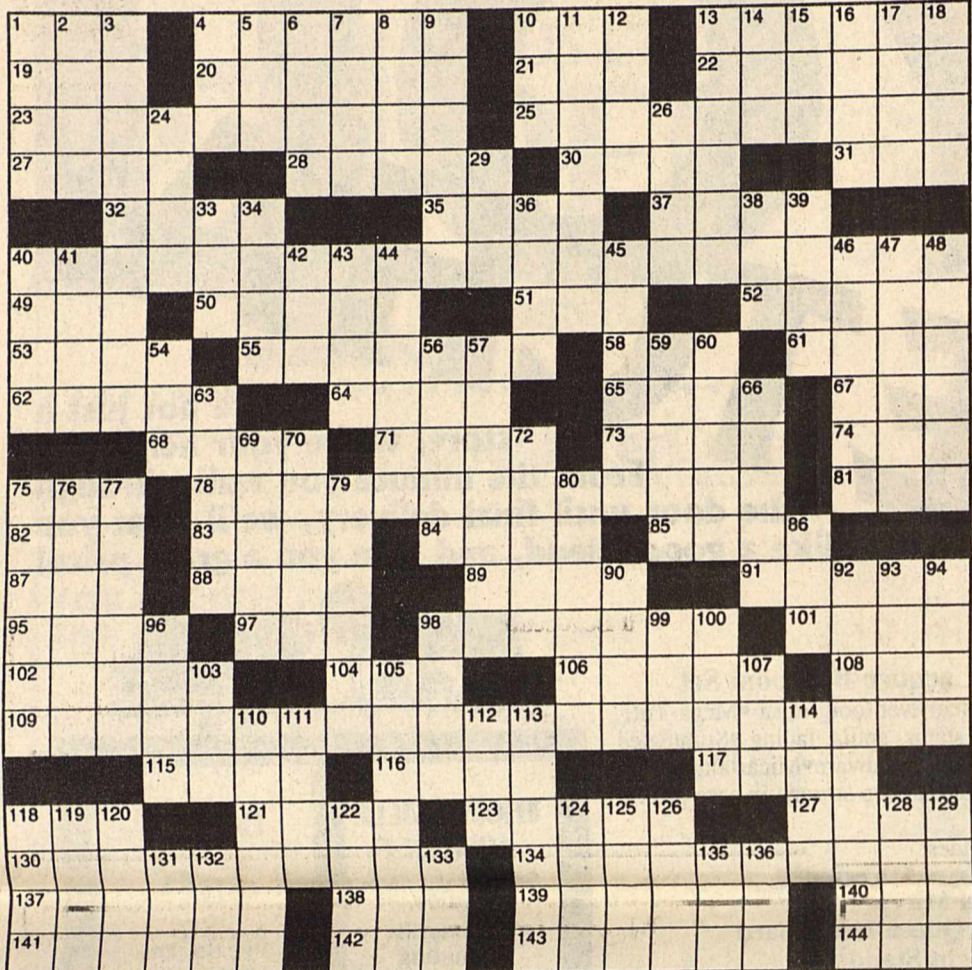
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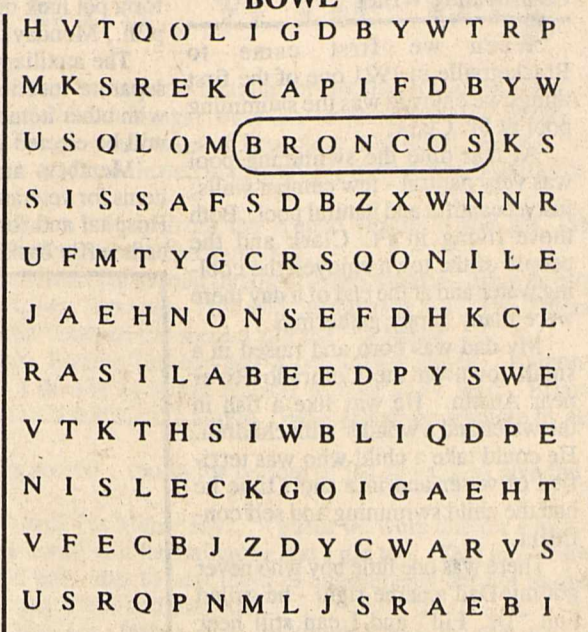
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97 Luau
98 Booth
Tarkington's birthplace
101 Henry VIII's widow
102 Caroline, to Ted
104 Vapor
106 Figure at prayer
108 He may woo ewe
109 Part 4 of remark
115 Nobelist
116 Barbecue
117 McHale's outfit
118 Go in snow
121 Secret scheme
123 Montana city
127 Whit
130 Dictatorial
134 End of remark
137 Climax
138 Kind of chart
139 More pious
140 Cenozoic or Precambrian
141 Shiver
142 Shorten a slat
143 "The — (Babe Ruth)
144 Tear apart
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1 Loy costar?
2 Physicist
Niels
3 In a tasteful manner
4 Palindromic name
5 Columnist Smith
6 Petticoat
7 Away from the wind
8 Assign actors
9 Graceland, for one
10 Angus' uh-uh
11 Force
12 Angler's dangle
13 Fandango kin
14 Ike's domain
15 ABA member
16 Fill to the gills
17 Ridicule
18 Manuscript
24 Actress
26 Clutch
29 Allow
33 "— Rosen-kavaler"
34 Surrealist
35 Tanguy
36 Trigger?
38 Fitting
39 Narcissus' nymph
40 Bulk
41 Sills solo
42 Ending for differ
43 Shanna of "Major Dad"
44 Rumbles
45 Graves or Stratos
46 Sibly
47 Hold on to the wind
48 Snuggle up
54 He's a doll
56 Bounded
57 Call to court
59 Similar
60 "— nice day!"
63 Empire, in Essen
66 Janet
67 Jackson hit
69 Sluggish sort
70 Gleam
72 Golfing great Sam
75 Racy French city?
76 Leisurely, to Lully
77 Prestige
79 Spectrum shade
80 Actor Len
86 Eat in the evening
90 Roseanne, formerly
92 Postpone
93 Zodiac crustacean
94 Host
96 Need a rubdown
98 Gilligan's home
99 A Bobbsey twin
100 Evar's partner
103 Snigler's quarry
105 Linz's locale
107 New Deal agcy.
110 "Oh, joy!"
111 Ridge
112 Apply lightly
113 Indisputable facts
114 Depraved
118 Tiff
119 Legionnaire's chapeau
120 Rock's — Butterfly
122 Klutz's cry
124 G
125 Swiss sharpshooter
126 Give off
128 Austin of "Knots Landing"
129 PDQ, politely
131 Future turtle
132 Tills or Farrer
133 Evergreen tree
135 "The — Wolf"
136 Directional suffix



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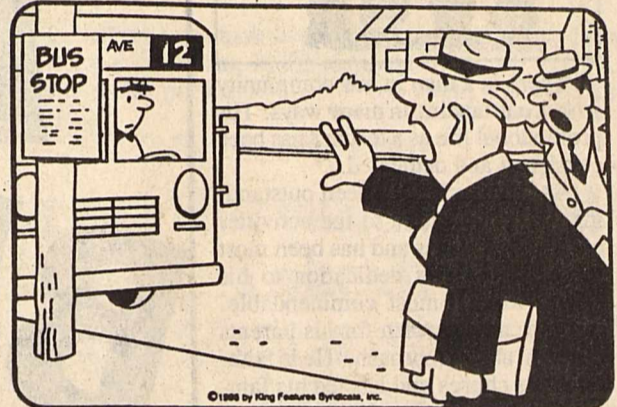
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels. Differences: 1. Bus is moved. 2. Number is changed. 3. Briefcase is larger. 4. Arm is higher. 5. Hat is removed. 6. House is wider.

Natasha's Stars



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Not everything will be to your satisfaction on the workfront this week. However, since nothing major goes wrong, you can breathe a little easier. Later on, you're delighted by unexpected news which arrives over the weekend.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Unexpected business developments which occur now shouldn't throw you since they're ultimately in your favor. However, you need to be careful when pulling out those credit cards. The weekend finds you in a mood to be by yourself.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A relative could be reluctant to go along with something you propose for the family early in the week. Some receive an unexpected favor or gift midweek. However, this weekend, extra duties arise in connection with the home.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Some domestic concerns require your immediate attention in the beginning of the week before you can tackle work tasks. In general, it's not a good week for home entertaining. Couples, though enjoy a fun getaway.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Friendship and money don't mix well at all this week. You could have second thoughts about a business proposition and need to explore them further. Your instincts give you the key to all the complexities.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The week begins on a somewhat sluggish note as you're not feeling your best. By midweek, some could find themselves fighting off a 24-hour bug. Once back at work, you face some minor problems with a co-worker.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Couples aren't in agreement about a potential purchase. It seems you'll have to compromise about a business concern midweek. However, a surprising opportunity arrives at your doorstep over the weekend.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While out shopping early in the week, be careful that you don't pay too much for that desired item. Some are having second thoughts about a previous commitment. This should teach you to say no in the first place when you can't fulfill something.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're not excited about what's on your plate this week and you could drag your heels as a result. However, once you get the grunt work out of the way, you'll be able to really tackle the more important, fulfilling tasks.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're cautious this week with spending, especially since you're trying to get rid of some of that credit card debt. In fact, you decide against making an expensive purchase desired by your mate.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) For a while this week, you feel that you're not getting your point across and you're frustrated as a result. A romantic concern is particularly nettling to singles. This weekend, an impromptu outing fills the bill.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) While you'd hoped to be able to do some socializing by midweek, work obligations get in the way. Be careful since even innocent expenditures can mount into something more formidable.

Happy Birthday

Table listing birthdays for various individuals including Marjorie Taunt, San Juanita Abrigo, Wilma Yates, Roxanna Payne, Corina Muniz, Debbie Smith, Calvin Oliver, Bobbie Schafer, Louis Baur, Inez Sheets, Severo Martinez, Debra Bauntello, Norma Sandoval, Adam Caton, Sara Gonzales, Mirza Erika Clarke, Patrick Gaas, and Angie Gaas.

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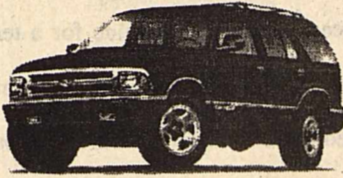


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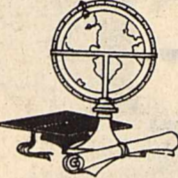
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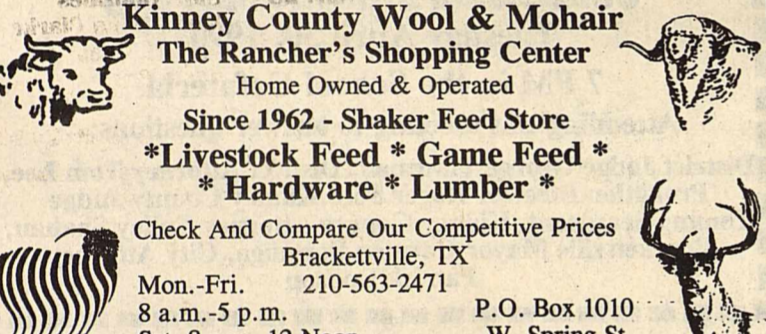
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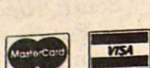
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MONDAY, APRIL 22 Bean & Cheese Burrito Picante Fruit Or Fruit Juice	MONDAY, APRIL 22 Pizza Wedge Veggie Salad Dressing Fruit
TUESDAY, APRIL 23 Fruited Muffins Fruit Or Fruit Juice	TUESDAY, APRIL 23 Mexican Beefaroni Mexicali Corn Fruit Cornbread
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 Mexicali Potato Bake Tortilla Picante Fruit Or Fruit Juice	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 Hamburger French Fries Burger Salad Fruited Jello
THURSDAY, APRIL 25 Crunchy French Toast Syrup Fruit Or Fruit Juice	THURSDAY, APRIL 25 School Made Burrito Pinto Beans Spanish Rice Sweet Potato Bread

Tiger Tracks Tigers Win Big

Friday, the Tigers traveled to Natalia for the district showdown. Both teams, Tigers and the Mustangs, were 3-0 coming into the game. The winner would take sole possession of first place in district 29-AA.

The Tigers are now undefeated in district as they handed Natalia it's first district loss.

The Tigers took a 1-1 tie from the second inning to the 7th. In the seventh inning the Tigers won the game 4-2.

Brian Hooker started the second inning off with a single. He was brought in by a walk to Ruben Terrazas. This tied the game at 1-1. The Tigers left 9 runners stranded between the second and the 7th inning.

In the seventh, Ramon DeLeon led it off with a single. Ramon was brought in with a double by Brian Hooker to take a 2-1 lead. Brian was brought in by Beau Smallwood's single. Beau scored on a single by Ruben Terrazas.

The Mustangs scored 1 run in the bottom of the seventh to give the final score of 4-2.

The Natalia coach Pat Maher says, "I guess we were due for a loss. The kids thought they could win the ballgame and I did too. That is 2 years in a row that we have been able to beat them in tournaments but not in district. We didn't make any plays and they did."

Before the game Mr. Maher said, he couldn't wait to play the Tigers without Shahan.

Tiger Coach Gary Grubbs says, "This win puts us in the drivers seat of our district. It was a big game and our kids prepared themselves mentally for it. It was a great win."

This win gives the Tigers sole possession of first place.

Way To Go Tigers.

Jr. High Tennis

This weekend the Jr. High tennis team traveled to Uvalde for a tennis meet.

Dustin Slubar and Jeffrey Luna took second place in consolation. Schiller Hill and Zack Davis took third place in the tournament.

Other tennis players that participated were Sam Hunt, Chris Petrosky, and Brittney Shewbart.

Way To Go Cubs and Cubettes.

Esparza, Hernandez, and Crosby Take 3rd!

Last weekend the Tiger and Tigrette tennis teams suited up for their district showdown. They were faced against Dilley, Cole, Lackland, Natalia, Lytle and LaPryor.

Cole had a tennis team consisting of 34 players where as Brackett had 7 players. Twelve players go to Regionals and 10 of them are from Cole.

Terry Esparza took 3rd in district in the singles division. Colby Crosby and James Hernandez took 3rd place in the doubles department.

Way To Go Tigers.

Tigerettes Run To A District Championship

Saturday, the Tigerettes and Tigers went to their district track meet in Pearsall.

Lional Ramos will go to the Regional track meet for his first place win in the 2 mile with a time of 10:45:99. Lional also won second place in the one mile run with a time of 4:56:84.

Demetrius Williams will advance in the triple jump with his first place jump of 40'3".

Wes Baker will go to regionals in the pole vault with a vault of 9'9".

The Tigerettes took first place in the girls division with 117 points.

Amanda Meek won the shot put event with a throw of 35' - 9 1/2". Amanda will also advance on her second place win of the discus with a throw of 97' - 4 1/2". Windy Goodloe won the long jump with a jump of 15' - 6 1/4". Just behind Windy with a second place win was Reccia Jobe. Reccia jumped 15' - 2 1/4".

Tina Meek won second place in the high jump with a jump of 4' - 6". Windy Goodloe also won the triple jump with a jump of 33' - 2".

Reccia Jobe took first place in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 16.76 seconds. Reccia also won the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 48.94 seconds.

The Tigrette relay team (1600 meter; 1 mile) won second place with a time of 4:27.80.

In the final lap of this relay, Samantha Perez was tripped by a runner from Cole. Cole was then disqualified and Sam still got up and finished second. The relay team consists of Reccia Jobe, Tina Meek, Katy Hagler, and Samantha Perez.

Track coach Art Finkenbinder says, "I'm very pleased with the way we performed. I think that our kids have put out 110% all year and it's good to see that pay off. I'm very proud of each and every team member that participated."

The regional track meet will be held in Wimberly Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27.

Starting at 1:00 p.m. on the 20th, a regional qualifier meet will be held at Alamo Stadium in San Antonio.

Concerned Citizens Meeting

Tuesday April 30, 1996
7 PM in the School Cafeteria

Attending this meeting to answer questions:

District Judge George Thurman, District Attorney Tom Lee, Probation Director Roger Soto, Kinney County Judge Tommy Seargeant, Kinney County Attorney Tulley Shahan, Brackettville Mayor Carmen Berlanga, City Attorney Patrick Dodson

Tigers Drum Lackland

Tuesday, the Lackland Eagles came to Brackettville only to get drummed by the Tigers.

The Tigers were 4-0 going into the game, whereas the Eagles were 0-4. The Tigers took control early in the first inning. They took a 5-0 lead into the 2nd inning. The Tigers scored 3 more runs in the 2nd inning to take an 8-0 lead into the 3rd. In the third, the Tigers scored 3 more for an 11-0 lead going into the 4th.

The Eagles grabbed a run in the 5th but the Tigers scored 2. This gave us our final score of 13-1.

The Tigers are now 5-0 in district, they are currently in first place.

Way To Go Tigers.

Del Rio Regional Science Fair Results Brackettville 1996

Level 6-8:
Albert Lattimer - 3rd place in Earth Science
Christina Meek - 1st Place Life Science and Best Over All in the level
Samantha Perez - 2nd Place Life Science

Level 9-12:
Courtney Harrison - 1st Place Earth Science
J. Wayne Ballew - 2nd Place Earth Science

Science
Christina Meek - 1st Place Life Science and Best Over All in the level
Samantha Perez - 2nd Place Life Science
Josh Crumley - 1st Place Physical Science
Amanda Petrosky - 2nd Place Physical Science



Since 1983, the world's total output of primary energy—petroleum, natural gas, coal, hydroelectricity and nuclear electricity—has increased steadily at an average annual rate of 2.3 percent.

Brackett Athletic Booster Club Meeting
Wednesday, April 24
7:00 P.M.
High School Library
Very Important Meeting
Please Attend

Making a Difference

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, BISD Curriculum Director

What beautiful weather we've been having. If you still are of the paradigm that the wind is blowing and it's cold, take a look out. Flowers are starting to bust out all over in Brackettville. There are some really beautiful ones near the high school ag shop...don't know whose, but drive by and take a look.. The Purple Martins are back and are entertaining local residents. Many of us are watching for Blue Birds to pair up. We have a lonely little male Blue Bird who sings and sings and sings. It's a nice time of the year.

Our golf team under the great coaching of Tom McNew has had an outstanding season. The Regional Tournament is at San Marcos this next week. Members of the team include Ignacio Aguirre, Michael Aguirre, Alex Moses, Chad Neuman, Jared Shahan and Aaron Taylor. Their score at the District Tournament of 325 was outstanding. Proud of you.

The Baseball team is going great guns. Can you believe Tuesday...as I write...we are playing Lackland...5 and 0 in district to date...and with this win...we can be undefeated as we make the turn into the second half of play. Coach Grubbs has done an outstanding job with this team.

The Track team has been outstanding too. This last week, we qualified for Regionals. More next week. All are at the ball game, and I don't have the information. Ask around and give credit where it is due.

Some thoughts about staff: Dan Swaim did a fine job coaching and teaching at Brackett ISD for the last two years. He has moved to a larger town in West Texas. Dan is a good one. His wife, Kristi, has done a fine job with our ESL program. She'll be moving at the end of the school year. Dorothy Oliver is a fine third grade teacher. She'll be moving to be closer to family at Kenedy (near San Antonio). I have always thought she is one of our finest, most dedicated teachers. I'll miss her and daughter, Nicole big time. Good luck. Bonne Jones is still working at trying to get better. Bonne is a wonderful teacher of 2nd grade. She is fighting the battle of her life. When you have a minute, add a special prayer for a dear, dear lady. By the way, I'll write more about the elementary principal Michael Scholer in future columns. Michael will be joining us June 1. Welcome aboard!

The science fair held at Del Rio this last Friday gave us lots of awards. Once again Mrs. Crumley and young science students, congratulations on your hard work. See the list of winners for more information.

If you're calling the school, work on trying to understand the voice mail, it's worth the effort. After hours, you can leave messages, but you must know the extension. Just follow the instructions during school hours. I wasn't real fond of the system earlier, but it is much more efficient as you get used to it. Hope you have success with the new phone system at BISD.

We've had such a good year. Our kids are good ones. We have strong parent support. Our staff is working hard for the kids at BISD. Have a good week!

Early Voting To Fill Expiring BISD Terms

Early voting by personal appearance, for the election to fill two expiring three year terms on the Brackett Independent School District Board of trustees, began Monday morning, April 15, 1996, at 8:00 A.M. Early voting will continue to 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., until April 30, 1996.

Applications for ballots by mail shall 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 on April 26, 1996.

The BISD Trustee election is scheduled for May 4, 1996, in the central office of BISD, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas, from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Tigers Eye Playoff Bid

beat La Pryor 4-2 Tuesday night and I thought La Pryor was really coming on. It looks like Dilley is improving quite a bit."

On Tuesday, the Tigers will travel to Lytle to face the Pirates at 4:30. Natalia handed Lytle its third loss on Tuesday with a 5-1 decision.

"Lytle is a good team too," Grubbs said. "It should be a tough game. I think there are five terms in our district that can beat anybody on a given night."

Brackett upped its season record to 16-5 Tuesday after routing the Lackland Eagles, 13-1. The Tigers racked up 13 hits in the victory.

"We played real well," Grubbs said. "We hit the ball real well. We had a good pitching performance from Michael Meyer. All of the kids did a good job."

Meyer (3-2) went all five innings on the hill for Brackett. He gave up only three hits while fanning 11 batters and walking four.

Michael Padron led the Tigers' offensive attack. He turned in a perfect four-for-four performance with three doubles and a pair of RBIs.

Ramon De Leon also had a perfect night at the plate. He went three for three and drove in a pair of runs.

Brian Hooker and Butch Lopez were both one for two with two RBIs.

With two wins in the next week, and a little help, the Brackett Tigers can secure a bid in the state high school baseball playoffs.

The Tigers took sole possession of first place in District 29-2A last week with a 4-2 road win over the Natalia Mustangs, who at the time were ranked No. 10 in the state.

"That was a real big win," Brackett coach Gary Grubbs said. "To go over there and beat them at their place is big because I still think they're one of the best teams in the district."

The Tigers are 5-0 in conference action and have a one-game lead over Natalia who is 4-1. Lytle, Dilley and La Pryor are tied for third place with 2-3 marks.

"It's a great feeling," Grubbs said. "The kids feel real good about themselves, and I think that is important. We're in a situation now where people have to come after us."

Brackett will resume action on Friday as they host Dilley at 4:30. Tigers defeated the Wolves 9-2 earlier in the season.

"I think it's going to be a good ball game," Grubbs said. "Dilley

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For free travel-planning guides from the Wisconsin Department of Tourism, call 1-800-432-TRIP/8747.



Moncus' Musings



MIKE MONCUS
Park Ranger, Interpreter
Bastrop State Park

The Well

We sat out on the road to scout around. We knew "Spring Breakers" were everywhere filling every park and watering hole in Texas, but we wanted to simply get away. Away to anywhere and as I said scout around. Sight-seeing sounded fun and besides if we did somehow luck into an available camping site we had a trunk full with tent, sleeping bags and my backpack loaded with survival gear enough for a good 24-hour stay anywhere. We could adapt, overcome and persevere like good Rangers. We were getting "away" just like everyone else.

We had no absolute plan besides getting "away" just like everyone else. Suppose I should have headed out to Brackettville to visit your country but instead we sort of meandered and finally wound up in a beautiful but dry South Llano River State Park with the turkeys. Literally! People were nice and it was crowded like anywhere else and half of the park was really reserved for turkeys.

While we were meandering and came to Wimberly we found ourselves searching frantically for a very beautiful place. The place was one of the State's natural wonders I suppose but as it turned out the place was almost obscure and inaccessible. Have you ever heard of "Jacob's Well"? Swimmers have come from all over the country to swim in this beautiful clear hole of water near the headwaters of Cypress Creek. Divers have lost their way in the cavernous depths and underwater rooms down in Jacob's Well. Though people have come to swim here and camp along the limestone banks many many years it appears that is all in the past.

Our story is that we picked up a well-made perfectly descriptive colorful pamphlet from off the shelves of the well-stocked Wimberly Tourist Center. We picked up other pamphlets and visited the "Blue Hole" and drove along the beautiful drive along Cypress Creek and we noticed "Old Baldy" a prominence famous to the area. We took much notice of the attractive little town with wonderful and diverse little shops. When we were to the purple pamphlet that so clearly described how to get to "Jacob's Well" along with a very well drawn map showing that it was now inside what is called Woodcreek Resort we felt we were nearly to the kind of desirable haven which maybe we would like to camp and spend some leisurely time.

Here's the truth as we found it. "Jacob's Well" is only accessible if you trespass on property belonging to Woodcreek Resort. They have no path nor concession that provides any publicity to the well. A city utility man said he gets a few people like us every year. Thanks to him we found the well. You can park on someone's lawn and stroll beside a tennis court on a footpath littered with condominium people's dog poop and crawl through a rusty barbed wire fence with another "No Trespassing" sign hung on it. In the end you see what's been there forever, "Jacob's Well". It is still a wonderful thing but somehow without people it seems very sad. It may be dangerous, sort of like a beautiful human being, but with proper understanding and treatment it wouldn't have to be alone.

It was worth the trespass!
/s/Michael R. Moncus

County Agent News

By Alan L. McWilliams



Weed Control In Turfgrass

Sometimes it seems like a never-ending problem. We fight them in the spring and summer in hopes of achieving a weedless lawn. There are no secrets to getting rid of bothersome weeds but there are a few little tricks to controlling weeds in turfgrass -- the first being that all weeds cannot be controlled the same way.

Winter Weeds

Broadleaf annual winter weeds are clovers, thistles, mustards, etc. These are best controlled by using a pre-emerge material in the fall of the year. Most people wait until they have weeds and can see them before they try to control them. Remember, if you had broadleaf annual weeds last year, then you will have them again this year, and every year after until you break the cycle. These weeds germinate in the fall - mid September, with the first fall rains and the approach of seasonal cool fronts. In order to kill these weeds, a pre-emerge must be used prior to their germination - which means that the herbicide must be applied about September 10th.

Now these weeds, if you have them now, will be dead soon, with the onset of hotter weather. They will not usually survive if the weather is hot plus the fact that they are too mature to be affected by 2, 4-D or Weed-Be-Gone. Another weed that is beginning to seed out now is rescue grass. It grows faster than your lawn (usually about an inch a day) and is subject to homeowner attempts to be killed right now. But the same holds true for this weed -- the time for applying something for control is in the fall because many things used to control it will also damage your turfgrass.

Summer Weeds

Now let's discuss summer weeds. It is too late for applying a pre-emergent herbicide this spring. Most of the weeds have already germinated.

It should have been done the last part of February or the first part of March. A common one in our area is the prostrate lawn flower or horseherb. It grows flat on the ground and has "aces of spades" shaped leaves. It has a yellow-green color and a little

yellow flower. It does very well under shade trees and on the north side of the house. The best way to control this plant is several sprays of 2, 4-D or Weed-Be-Gone. It is a perennial weed, so it will come back several times and there is seed everywhere, so it is not easy to control, you must stay after it. If you have a bermudagrass lawn, the use of MSMA several times at light rates will do a good job of controlling other grasses and some broadleaf weeds. However, MSMA will hurt St. Augustine and other turfgrasses.

Fertilizing

Warm season perennial grasses like Bermuda and St. Augustine need a balanced fertilizer with a 3-1-1 ratio. If you are bagging your clippings, continue using this formulation throughout the growing season. If you are leaving clippings on the lawn, you do not need to use a balanced fertilizer. Using straight nitrogen such as 21-0-0, 33-0-0, or 46-0-0 will do a perfectly good job. Use fertilizer at low rates throughout the growing season. The goal here is to prevent lush, rapid growth. A good rule of thumb is to put fertilizer out at each holiday.

Generally, we recommend 3-4 pounds per 1000 square feet of lawn area. Now that's 3-4 pounds of actual nitrogen. (21-0-0 is only 21 percent actual nitrogen). To find out how much of a fertilizer that needs to be used to obtain that 3-4 pounds we simply divide the 3-4 pounds into the first number of the formulation. For example, 3 pounds of nitrogen using 21-0-0 would be calculated as follows:

3 divided by .21 equals 14.28 pounds of 21-0-0 to be used every 1000 square feet. Since 21-0-0 is really 21% actual nitrogen, it will take about 14 and a quarter pounds of the 21-0-0 to give you 3 pounds of actual nitrogen on every 1000 square feet of lawn area.

If you have any questions I will be more than happy to assist you in determining lawn and turfgrass needs. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service has some helpful bulletins on lawn care and management. Come by the courthouse for more information.

Laureate Epsilon Iota

Walela Gum was hostess for the March meeting of the Laureate Epsilon Iota Chapter of International Beta Sigma Phi.

President Oleta Townsend called the meeting to order. Nakai Breen led in the recital of the Opening Ritual.

Roll call was answered by 8 members, and Lily Schwandner read minutes of the previous meeting which were accepted as read.

Treasurer's report was made by Walela Gum who reported all bills paid. Orlean Riley made a motion that all officers remain in office until election of officers is held. Motion was seconded by Mildred Borden and passed unanimously.

Yearly dues should be paid by next

meeting.

A secret ballot was held to elect Woman of the year.

Betty Schlatterer made a motion which was seconded by Mildred Borden that the chapter meet at her home at 5:00 p.m. on April 15th for a Founder's Day meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The group will then adjourn to the Fort Clark Restaurant for a Founder's Day dinner.

Marg Mitchell gave a very interesting talk on modern communication.

After closing ritual and the Mispaz beautiful and bountiful refreshments were enjoyed by Orlean Riley, Oleta Townsend, Mildred Borden, Gloria Burroughs, Lily Schwandner, Betty Schlatterer, Nakai Breen, Walela Gum and a guest, Marg Mitchell.



White Jigs - A Well Kept Secret

One of the bass pros' most productive, but least revealed lures is a white jig. During certain times of the year, especially summer time, this dynamite secret weapon can out produce anything in your tackle box.

When bass are feeding on shad, I think a white jig is like turning on a neon light. First of all, you are matching the color perfectly. Also, you must realize that white crappie jigs have always been one of the best producers. White bass and strippers also prefer white lures. So, why not white jigs for largemouth?

In the fall when bass school, swim a white jig through them and enjoy the action. Often I will add a white trailer like a curl-tail grub. Where fishing pressure is heaviest, try a white jig.

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Pd. Pol. Adv. by Rose Mary De La O. Santa Cruz #1814, Mexico, D.F.

Washington wants to know

Change The VA Health-Care System

(NAPS)—It's no secret that the VA health-care system is being stretched to its breaking point. Even though the overall number of America's former men and women in uniform is on the decline, the number of those requiring health-care is swiftly on the rise. The veteran population is aging much more rapidly than the general population.

As veterans in need turn to the VA for the care to which they are entitled, they are confounded by a system that has been steadily eroding through years of underfunding and neglect. Such injustices do not have to represent the future of VA health-care.

At the request of the VFW, Senators Alan K. Simpson and John D. "Jay" Rockefeller, IV, introduced S.1563 and Congressman G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery introduced H.R. 3119, identical bills that would reform the Department of Veterans Affairs' eligibility criteria for determining who can receive treatment in VA medical facilities.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars believes only through opening up the VA health-care system to all of America's veterans and then expanding and enhancing the services it provides that the system will survive. It is only by totally reforming VA health-care eligibility criteria that America's veterans may receive the care they deserve.

The primary objective of the VFW is to provide all veterans access to a full continuum of VA health-care services while at the same time improving the quality of those services. The days of rationing care, denying services, curtailing medical treatments, and forgoing the modernization of facilities must come to an end. Expanding outpatient care eligibility is critical to opening the VA to all veterans. Under current



The VA health-care system can be the provider of choice for all America's veterans.

law, even veterans fortunate enough to access the system are often provided expensive in-patient services. One study shows that over 40 percent of VA's treatment is non-acute and could be more efficiently and compassionately provided in a non-institutional setting.

To bring desperately needed additional federal and non-federal dollars into the system, the Department of Veterans Affairs must be authorized to retain all third-party insurance collections without offset from its annual appropriation. As financially better-off, non-service connected veterans with insurance enter the system, they will bring these much-needed non-appropriated dollars with them. This will eventually reduce the appropriations support required as VA begins to capture more and more private sector dollars.

Anyone is entitled to write to Washington on this or other topics that affect their well-being. The addresses are: The Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510 or Congress, Washington, D.C. 20015.

Falcon Returns To Fight Cystic Fibrosis With Special Opportunities For Customers

Falcon's annual campaign to raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is off and running, and the Company is encouraging all members of the community to get informed and get involved. Throughout April, Falcon is offering new customers the opportunity to get cable installed for \$10.00 and current customers the opportunity to get one month of HBO or Showtime for \$10.00. Falcon will then donate all of the revenue collected from these two offers during the month to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Now in its sixth year, Falcon's campaign helps the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation fund the science which will lead to the cure for cystic fibrosis (CF), the most common fatal genetic disease in the United States today. According to Falcon Regional Manager Mel Zamzow, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation currently supports three branches of research simultaneously—gene, protein, and drug therapies—because scientists believe that a cure for CF will most likely need to combine all three. The Foundation also supports medical care, public policy, and education programs

across the country with the help of more than 250,000 volunteers.

Some scary truths are that one in twenty Americans (more than 12 million) is an unknowing, symptomless carrier of the defective gene which causes CF. Approximately 1,000 new cases of CF are diagnosed each year. And, every day, another precious life is lost as a result of the disease.

On the flip side, some of the uplifting truths are that research funded by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has led to improved treatments to extend the lives of people with CF, to the discovery for the defective gene which causes CF, to human gene therapy trials, and to a better understanding of the cause and progression of the disease. Said Falcon, "We believe that the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the researchers they support are effectively, efficiently, and compassionately working toward a happy ending to the story: A cure for cystic fibrosis. We are proud to be associated with them and to do what we can to assist them in their efforts."

Flyers continued from page 1

Like U.S. students, D'Angelo will compete in an "assignment drop" at the end of his training to determine what type of plane he will move to, but his drop is only with other Italians, of which there are 10 at Laughlin.

Spanish and Japanese students skip the T-37 phase of SUPT and go straight to T-38s. Second Lt. Rafael Munoz Delmas from Spain said that although he has more than 150 hours of flying experience from Spain, he still encountered problems when he entered the T-38 program.

"We flew a propeller aircraft which differs in many aspects from a jet," said Delmas, "but the main challenges we have are with local procedures and regulations. The people who went through T-37s already know those things, so that's what we really have to study."

The flying grade that Delmas and other Spanish students received in their native country was the deciding factor in their coming to Laughlin.

Delmas said that competition to come to Laughlin was aggressive, decided solely by their flying grade. Since their post-SUPT assignment is pre-determined they need only to graduate to receive their assignment.

All records and processing of IMSs is handled by the international training flight office. SrA Patty Jones-Sgro, assistant international military student officer, said the office helps IMSs get their rooms, telephones and anything else to help ease their transition.

Jones-Sgro said the Air Force sponsors IMSs because, "it fosters good international relations." The students, she said, are generally cho-

sen from the top of their classes and are believed to have much potential. "They're very selective when they choose who is going to come here," she said.

Second Lt. Guery Jaldin graduated at the top of his academy class in Bolivia and was thus chosen as the only annual student to be sent to the United States for training. Jaldin experienced the culture shock as soon as he arrived in San Antonio.

"I didn't know a bit of English when I got to the airport," said Jaldin. After a nine-month English course at Lackland AFB, Texas, Jaldin went to the flight screening program at Hondo, Texas, then came to Laughlin. Like Cotto, Jaldin will graduate after the T-37 phase, though he isn't sure what he'll fly when he returns to Bolivia.

Though he doesn't have a problem with English now that he's been here two years, the language difference does pose a problem with some students.

Like Jaldin, Delmas and his fellow Spanish students went to Lackland for a three-month English course. Though their course was much shorter, the area's proximity to Mexico proved to be both good and bad. "When we came (to Laughlin), we thought we knew a lot of English, but found out we didn't. If you don't know how to say something, luckily there's always someone who knows Spanish," said Delmas. It's difficult to learn English when Mexico is so close and so many people here speak Spanish.

In classes, Delmas said the technical terms and emergency procedures are tough for those who are trying to master a second language. "EPs are one of the toughest things

because of the language - it's hard enough to learn it in your own language," said Delmas. "It's already tough for Americans, it's harder for us."

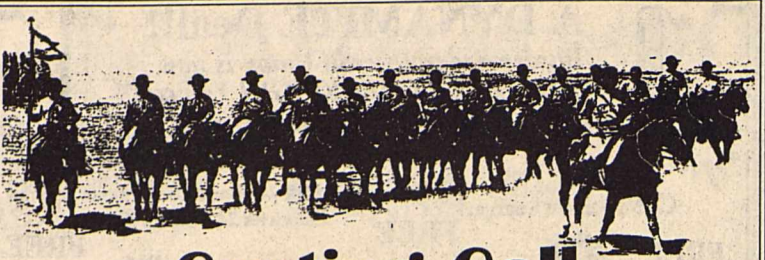
For D'Angelo, it wasn't quite as hard. "At the beginning, language was a big problem," he said. "But once you get used to it, you even start to dream in English."

D'Angelo added that the culture shock of being in Del Rio is another change from Italy to get used to. "Here, I couldn't find anybody walking on the street. If you don't have a car, you can't do anything. The food is different, but you get used to it. If we had a chance to travel a bit, we could see how other areas of the United States are."

And they're getting that chance now. The students left April 3 for Washington, D.C., as part of a quarterly informational program funded by Air Force security assistance training. The trip will allow them to visit sights such as the Pentagon and the White House.

Future trips are planned to Austin, Texas, and more local areas such as the Whitehead Museum, Del Rio News-Herald office and the Val Verde Winery to give the students an idea of what goes on in this part of the country.

One area in which the ITF office needs help is sponsors for IMSs. While most are assigned sponsors, there are currently only three active sponsors for all 32 students and Jones-Sgro said more are needed. "Non-military sponsors are needed to give IMSs an idea of what American culture is like, and to see more than just the military aspects," said Jones-Sgro. Anyone interested in sponsoring an IMS can call 298-5475 or 298-5773.



Casting Call for "The Glory Road"

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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.

April 1884: This month is a turning point in the young lieutenant's experience in Texas. He relinquishes command of the Seminole Scouts and is detailed to Fort Brown, in Brownsville, where he is made the "Supervisor of Target Practice." He suffers from a boil and the difficult good-byes to friends at Fort Clark. While waiting for the train at Spofford Junction he meets Colonel Owen who has come to place the corner stones of the reservation (Fort Clark had recently been purchased by the United States from Mary Maverick for \$60,000). In San Antonio he sees the Alamo where he thinks, "... Davy Crockett was killed." He takes the train from there to Galveston where he uses a telephone to arrange his passage by steamer to Brazos. On board the steamer he "gave back" his meal to the Gulf of Mexico and endures a five day ordeal before reaching landfall and reporting to the garrison at Fort Brown (the previously served at Fort Brown in 1882 during a Yellow Fever epidemic). He moves in with Dr. Gorgas and resumes his social activities, observing that, "The fleas are terrible" and "Why can't ladies get along peaceably?"

Thursday, April 17 1884

Awoke at reveille and after dressing waited a while for Ives & the ambulance. Fearing that I would be too late for the train, walked over to the station carrying valise & cloak and then had to wait 15 or 20 minutes before train came in and about as long afterward before it started. Col. Bliss and family came down on the train on the way East. Had a short chat with them. After getting ticket & checking trunk got aboard. Country just East of San Antonio, rolling & resembles farm lands at home. Settled by Germans and looks very well. New corn about a foot high and every thing growing well. Changed cars at Rosenberg Junction to G.C. & S.F.R.R. & reached Galveston about 6 P.M. going out to Beach Hotel. After washing had dinner & then wrote letter home and sat around on the piazza overlooking the Gulf until lulled to sleep by the noise of the waves. Had a short doze in the chair & then went to bed. Beautiful hotel & fine location, but ought to have been built of stone or brick, not wood. Very good table & sound price. Grand Comman-

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of
Lieutenant General Francis Henry French
Courtesy of his descendants



dery K.T. [Knights Templar] in session in town, several at hotel. Could not find out about steamer for Brazos this evening.

time to time, but spent most of the day in my berth reading & sleeping and longing to go ashore.

Monday, April 21 1884

Friday, April 18 1884

After breakfast telephoned to steamer office & learned that Harris would leave at noon. Introduced myself to Col. Mansfield, Engineers, in charge of improvement of Galveston bar and learned that Fisk of '77 would be found at office. Left instruction to have trunk & valise sent down to wharf in time for boat and then rode down town in street car. Visited dock & then called on Fisk but did not find him in office. Telephoned out to have baggage sent in sooner as steamer was to start before noon. Then bought some novels to read & returned to dock. While waiting on the steamer Fisk came up & spent about an hour with me. He is just as agreeable as ever; one of the honest men that you can swear by. Was very much worried about my baggage, but it finally came about half an hour before the steamer started. After checking trunk & bidding Fisk good-bye, went aft and chatted with Miss Sauter, a Brownsville lady whom I met before who is now on her way home from New Orleans. Dined before crossing the bar after starting and in half an hour gave back all the meal and more too. Was very sick. Stayed in my berth sleeping and reading Lorna Doone when awake. Storming a little. Norther blowing and may delay us.

Another wretched day at anchor. Sea and wind have gone down but not enough water on the bar. Felt quite weak before breakfast. Stewardess fixed me up some toast and a cup of tea. Lay down immediately after eating and retained it feeling much better in consequence. Read and slept and spent the day like yesterday. Ate supper and kept it and enjoyed it. Jim Baker thinks he can carry the passengers over in this boat tomorrow. Earnestly hope he can. Sat on the deck talking to Miss Sauter quite a while in the evening.

Tuesday, April 22 1884

Was awakened early to prepare to go ashore in the pilot boat. Sea was rather boisterous. Had to climb down a ladder on the ship's side and get into the yawl boat which carried the passengers, valises and mail to the pilot boat. Had a good run in, although tide and wind were against us. Struck bottom twice on crossing. Met a number of people in Point Isabel that I knew before & turned Miss Sauter over to some friends. Then went to Forto's, where I boarded for a week two years ago and ate a lot of raw & fried oysters with a cup of coffee while renewing acquaintance. Went up to Wildman's, whom I knew before and waited there with Miss Sauter for the train. Soon afterwards left for Brownsville arriving about noon. Mrs. Bradford, Mrs. Liscum, Gardner, Dracon Smith & Crowder were waiting for me with an ambulance. Was very glad to see them. Smith brought Mrs. Liscum down on the railroad to Matamoros, making the trip between Ringgold and Brown in just 12 hours. Drove to Garrison which is looking prettier than ever but very lonely and quiet. Bradford lives where Gen. Smith used to, Chaplain McMatty in Lyster's, Dr. Happersett in old place, Gardner in same, Mr. Forsyth in Wenie's, Gorgas & Mr. Scott, a lawyer from town in Saint's Rest, Crowder & Hennisee at Cavalry barracks. Gorgas is at Ringgold to assist Dr. Porter in operating on Lee's mother-in-law, Mrs. Pinckney. Met Bradford & then drove over to Saint's Rest to occupy Gorgas' room until his return. Went down town to telegraph home of safe arrival and to mail letter written in Galveston but which I forgot to post there. Met old acquaintances. Dined & joined

Crowder's mess, Scott being present with Crowder; Gorgas is other member. One man runs it a month, taking turns. Mess includes all necessary expenses, house laundry & eating. Hope to save money. Found a letter from Shunk, one from home forwarded from Mayers Springs & a circular. After dinner went down town again and had hair cut. Returned with Smith, who made quite a call & we had a very pleasant time. He leaves tomorrow morning. Bradford was over for a while, but did not tell me what my duties would be. Took a bath before dinner. After retreat met Miss Cummings & Miss Vails just going out

of the garrison with Crowder and walked down home with them. Of all the Brownsville ladies, I liked these two best, so that the meeting was most pleasant to me. Returned & met Dr. & Mrs. Happersett on way down town. Mrs. H. is as charming as ever. Don't think the doctor likes me much although he is friendly enough. Crowder told him something about me when we were here before which made him angry with me, and he has never recovered from it. I like him quite well and am sorry he feels offended at me. Mrs. Gardner being sick did not stop at her house. Seemed quite natural to stop at the Chaplain's where Marie used to live, but it was not pleasant to miss her there. Nobody was home there. Went into Bradford's & called until tattoo. Then returned to Saint's Rest and commenced a long letter home. The steamer has not crossed the bar yet, so my trunk is still tossing around on the Gulf. What a vast improvement tonight's rest will be over last night's except the fleas are terrible here. Am very sorry to learn from Gardner that there is trouble in the garrison, Mrs. Bradford not speaking to either Mrs. Happersett or Mrs. McWatty and daughter. Why cant ladies get along peaceably? Made out mileage vouchers and sent them to Maj. Bash for payment. Want to pay off Friedlander and keep enough to pay mess expenses until May payment. Capt. Hennisee called for a short time after dinner.

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Spofford Reunion Postponed

The annual Spofford reunion set for the first Saturday in May (4th) has been postponed until Saturday, May 3, 1997 because our hosts, Paul and Linda Malone, plan to attend an out of state family get-together this first week of May.

We Hope to Have A Big Reunion May 3rd, 1997

Co-ordinators: Joe, Jr. & Mary Sam York Hosts: Paul & Linda Malone

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—A "Made in the USA" label on clothes you buy can be seen as a metaphor for jobs staying in the U.S.

Many egg-citing video adventures from Disney can be found for under \$15 in local stores in time for Easter.

A good way to clean a grill is with Bon Ami cleanser.

Special edition 1996 models of the Buick Regal and Skylark are on sale to commemorate General Motors' sponsorship of the 1996 United States Olympic Team and the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Veterinarians can now prescribe INTERCEPTOR (mibemycin oxime) Flavor Tabs to prevent heartworm disease, control hookworm and remove and control roundworm and whipworm in dogs in a single monthly flavored tablet.

What a strange illusion it is to suppose that beauty is goodness. —Tolstoy

Community Calendar

A.A.: Open meeting, Monday and Friday, 8 PM, Slator Hall, James St. Las Moras Masonic Lodge 444: 2nd Tue. 7 p.m., Lodge Hall, Ann St. Band Booster Club: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m., High School Band Hall BISS 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. Boot Scooters: Thursday 7:00 PM, Town Hall, FCS Mountain Laurel Garden Club: 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m. Adult Center Kinney Co. Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Thu. 6:30 p.m. FC Restaurant 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., Adult Center 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, 10:00 a.m., Board Room FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 9:30 a.m., Palisado Building. FCS Museum/Sutler's Store: Saturday & Sunday, 1-4 p.m. FCS Ladies Luncheon: 2nd Wednesday, Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Make reservations at Adult Center. FCS VFW #8360 & Auxiliary: 4th Monday, Service Club 6 p.m. Pot Luck, 7 p.m. Meetings FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 6 p.m., Parish Hall. 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 Thursday, 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 Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Las Moras Restaurant. Rotary Club: Every Thursday, 12 Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Methodist Ladies Luncheon: 3rd Wednesday, Noon, Slator Hall. Please make reservations. Kinney County Heritage Museum: 2nd and 4th Saturday, 1-4 p.m., Filippone Building.

Important News For All Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers'

Members, directors and other interested sheep and goat producers in TS & GRA District 3 will meet on Saturday, April 27, 1996, at Ft. Clark Springs Restaurant in Brackettville. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m., and the meeting will get under way at 11:00 a.m. The noon meal will be hosted by Friends of TS & GRA in District 3. Tony Frerich is district chairman and is in charge of local arrangements.

The program will include a report on Association activities by TS & GRA President T.J. Jarrett of Del Rio, a report on State and National legislation and other matters of interest to producers by TS & GRA Executive Secretary Zane Willard, and a most encouraging report on the newly formed Ranchers' Lamb of Texas, Inc. by Dr. Brian May. TS & GRA District 3 includes the counties of Edwards, Kinney and Val Verde.

Directors to serve the district for the coming year will be elected at the close of the meeting. Currently serving are: Brackettville: Jimmy Bader, Jimmy Ballew, Clinton Brown, Hugh Coates, Stan Conoly, James Crumley, Lloyd Lee Davis, Zack Davis, Carl Esser, Stanley Dunbar, Tony Frerich, Hayden Haby, Jr., Pat Rose, III, Tully Shahan, Richard Smith, Bret Trant and Hadley Wardlaw. Del Rio: Jack Brown, Wayne Brown, Robert L. Burk, Roy D. Cash, Darrell A. Davis, John K. Finegan, Charles Henson, Byron W. Hodge, Toots Hutto, Neal Kerr, Gary Leonard, Larry McBee, Henry Mills, III,

Jonella Pride, Fred Rose, Jimmy Sellers, Jim Skehan, Jay Taylor, John I. Wardlaw, John Weston, Will F. Whitehead and David Winters. Rocksprings: Morrison Carpenter, John M. Davis, Brandon G. Douglas, Andy Dunbar, J. E. Epperson, Jr., William Epperson, Gene Graham, Marty Graham, James Leo Greer, III, Mike Grooms, Douglas McNealey, Eddie Rudasill, S. J. (Tooter) Shanklin, Fred L. Speck, George L. Stieren and Roswell G. Wardlaw. Comstock: Claudia Abbey Ball, Dusty Brotherton, Don Duncan, John McCaskle, Jim Perry, Clay W. Sewalt and Bill Zuberbueller. Barksdale: Charles Carson, Jr. and Ben Lockhart. Langtry: Billy Foster. Eddy: Joe Frerich. Ozona: Craig Peel. Honorary Directors For Life: James Bader, Dr. W.A. Belcher, P.H. Coates, III, Sterling Evans and W.B. (Red) Smith, all of Brackettville. Virgil Cauthorn, Clyde Earwood, Ross Foster and Pat Rose, Jr., all of Del Rio. D.L. Cloudt, Alan Dunbar, James Leo Greer, Jr., Ray Moody and Brooks Sweeten, all of Rocksprings, and A.H. (Fred) Walker of Comstock. T.J. Jarrett of Del Rio is current TS & GRA President and Past Presidents are: Martin Wardlaw and F.H. Whitehead, Jr., Del Rio; James F. Wittenburg, Rocksprings and Joe York, Jr., Brackettville.

All sheep and goat producers are urged to attend this meeting and get an update on matters which could have a great impact on the sheep and goat business.



Good Friends

By Lynda

The Loss of Good Friends is not an easy thing. It seems as though we have lost quite a few dear wonderful friends this year and the losses do not seem to lessen with numbers.

We that huddle together in our loss, must remember that we did have these good friends even if it wasn't for the length of time we wanted.

We have the happy times, the silly times, the troubled times and the silent times. All of these times make up our friendships and we must not let any of these slip away from us.

In our most recent loss I can think of times that I could have shared and didn't for whatever good reason. Now the reason has vanished right along with the time I could have shared.

It is just another lesson that our good friends have taught, even in their passing. You don't get two chances at a particular moment, only one, you need to grab hold and hang on to every moment that you can share.

Our friends are never gone until all of the memories of them have vanished. This year we have had to hang onto lots of memories and we should

We would like to express our deepest thanks to all those who participated in the yard and bake sale held to raise funds for Sandi Wills' expenses while she undergoes medical treatment.

A very special thanks is extended to Sandi's co-workers at Rio Grande Electric Cooperative who made the entire event possible AND successful.

The way our Brackettville friends have pulled together for us during this time has been profoundly touching and no words could ever describe our gratitude.

Sincerely,
The Family Of Sandi Wills.

be very thankful for every precious one of them. Maybe it would be a good idea to try to make the moments with our remaining friends, moments that we won't regret for what ever reason. A cross word, what good did it do? An unsettled argument, whom does it benefit? A prideful stand on principle, who will remember? A rushed greeting when you really needed to stay and talk, what is so much more important?

On the other hand, remember when you didn't say that cross word, and every one is still just fine. The argument you had, that afterwards you took the time to talk the problem through. The pride you swallowed and everything turned out just the same. The moments when you sat down with your friends and talked about what seemed to be nothing and later turned out to be very important to you.

I will miss my good friends terribly and morn the loss of times missed while I treasure the time I had to spend with them.

Good bye Mable and Jim, I will remember.

Ladies Golf Association

Tuesday, April 9th
Best Nine - Minus 1/2 Handicap

1st place - Teresa Stevens - 28 1/2
2nd place - Betty Lee - 30 1/2
3rd place - 3 Way tie - 31
Margo Kendrick
Mae Roper
Nell Darling
4th place - 2 Way tie 31 1/2
Kelly Dennis
Lulla Gilliland

24 members and one guest in our group today.



First Baptist Church
Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor
"The Pastor's Pen"

By the time this is published in The Brackett News a momentous occasion should have already occurred in the life of two church congregations, the Hispanic Mission of First Baptist and First Baptist Church. For over two years the Hispanic Mission has been meeting in the fellowship hall of First Baptist. They started with just two or three faithful people meeting in homes with prayers and hopes of a Spanish-speaking Baptist church being established.

In its beginnings the pastor was Bro. Israel Rodriguez. After his departure to pastor a church in Rocksprings Bro. Eugenio Duran was called by the congregation to lead

them as a pastor. Under his leadership of the last few months progress has been made and an agreement has been reached in which both congregations will continue working together for the cause of Jesus Christ and a new place of worship will be built for the Mission congregation which will be known as Primera Iglesia Bautista. What a joy it is to see God's people growing in grace and working together as a community of faith. I trust that all of the Christian community will be in prayer for these believers in this step of faith. Watch for further development and growth in the months to come as the vacant lot at Ann & Sweeney comes alive with activity.



St. John's Baptist Church
Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.
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Praise The Lord

That which was from the beginning, which we heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled of the Word of Life (For the Life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal Life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us)-

That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his son, JESUS CHRIST.

And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This, then, is the message which

we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that GOD is Light, and in him is no darkness at all.

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not speak the truth;

But if we walk in the Light, as he is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his son, cleanseth us from all sin.

1st. John 1: 1-7

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First United Methodist Church
Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor



Second chances. They're hard to come by. Always have been but especially in this age when people are waiting in line to see other people, second chances are pretty scarce. But the truth is, we need them -- lots of them!

We're not perfect, we're human. We're subject to error. We make mistakes. I thank God that the Holy One knows that and doesn't hold it against us for all eternity. I thank God that in divine grace and mercy we are given a second chance. That's what God did on Easter.

Easter means a lot of things. I don't pretend to know or understand all of the implications of Christ's resurrection. One thing I do know, that the resurrection means, however, is that God is giving us another chance. God has loved us and invited us to live in communion with Him in countless ways down through the millennia. And we've found countless ways to refuse the love and decline the invitation. The ultimate love was given

in His only begotten Son and in offering His body and blood. We messed that up too the first go round. But here Christ is again. He is risen! And He's offering us the body and the blood and the love. He is risen indeed!

One thing Easter is about is forgiveness -- letting go of the pain caused by another's mistake, redeeming the good and the possibilities of the relationship. God knows our frail fickle nature and still gives us another chance. And He asks us to do likewise. Jesus asks us to love one another as he loved us, and before he died he taught us to ask for forgiveness as we forgive each other.

Someone once said, "To err is human, to forgive is divine." To inflict pain, intentionally or unintentionally, is human; to heal through forgiveness is to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. It's a hard job -- God gave us a second chance, but He never said it would be easy! Blessings on you.



Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

"The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any two-edged sword, it penetrates even to the dividing of the soul and spirit. It judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." The Bible is the number one selling book in America every year. It is the most honored book in the world. Inspired (God breathed) by God himself it is the Word of God. It does not "contain" the word of God, it is the word of God. It separates sin from right.

While some sinful actions are not mentioned specifically in the Bible, there is no sin in all the world that is not covered in it's teachings. The book itself is just that, a book. The message however is God speaking. It not only reveals sin but reveals the way of redemption from sin. It gives

not just the life and actions of Jesus but the facts of His death and resurrection as an omen of the fact that those who put their faith in Him as Savior will spend eternity with Him in heaven.

The Bible is a living, viable book. It not only points the way to heaven, it points the way to life. A practice of reading from the Bible every day gives continuous vitality to the soul. It helps in living with ourselves and with others. Failure to make the Bible and its teaching the foundation of life puts us in default and robs one of the greatest ingredients to make life important and enjoyable.

Next Sunday will be another opportunity to be blessed by worship and a message from the Bible at Frontier Baptist Church. Come and See.

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First Baptist Church, Brackettville
75th Anniversary

The First Baptist Church of Brackettville will celebrate its 75th year of spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Activities will include a church-wide Musicfest presented by Heart, Mind & Soul on Saturday evening, June 8.

Sunday, June 9, the morning schedule will be adjusted slightly with Sunday School at 9:45 and the worship service beginning at 10:30. Pastor Gil Ash will bring the Anniversary message.

Sunday, June 9 through Wednesday, June 12, 7:00 p.m., the church will be in revival with the Rev. Bob Schmetekopf, Director of Missions, Medina River Association, doing the preaching. Music will be provided by Heart, Mind and Soul.

All activities will be held at the church, Ann and Veltman Streets, and the public is invited. Former members including pastors are especially encouraged to attend.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 210-563-2245, or writing First Baptist Church, Box 308, Brackettville, TX 78832.

Obituary



Mabel A. Barlow

Formerly Of Plainfield, Ind.

Mabel A. Barlow, age 72 and her husband James T. Barlow died April 11 in a one car accident near Brackettville.

Private graveside services were held at the Maple Hill Cemetery in Plainfield, Indiana.

Before her retirement in 1974, Mrs. Barlow had been the Vice-President and Manager for the WJMK-FM radio station in Plainfield. She previously had worked with her husband in the Barlow and Arnold Insurance & Real Estate Agency in Plainfield.

She was born March 7, 1924 in New Richmond, Indiana. She married James T. Barlow on May 26, 1946 in Morton, Indiana. The family had been planning a 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

Survivors include her mother Marguerite Wiatt of Brackettville, Texas. Brother: Lowell Wiatt of Sarasota, Florida. Two sons: Walter H. Creekbaum of Sarasota, Florida and James E. Barlow of Champaign, Illinois. Daughter: Karen B. Alexander of Islamorada, Florida. Seven Grandchildren and seven Great Grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Kinney County Volunteer Ambulance Association P.O. Box 1744 Brackettville, Texas 78832.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of the Brackettville Funeral Home 114 North Street Brackettville, Texas (210) 563-9600.

James T. Barlow

Formerly Of Plainfield, Ind.

James T. Barlow, age 81 and his wife, Mabel died April 11 in a one car accident near Brackettville, Texas.

Private graveside services were held at the Maple Hill Cemetery in Plainfield, Indiana.

He was born on December 26, 1914 in Plainfield, Indiana. He graduated from Franklin College in 1936, and also attended Purdue University. Mr. Barlow built, owned and operated WJMK-FM radio station in Plainfield for 10 years (1964-1974). He was the founder of the Barlow and Arnold Insurance and Real Estate Agency in Plainfield.

Barlow served in the United States Army during World War II in the European Theatre Operation. He was a member of the Elks Club and was a Master Mason. He retired in 1974 and moved to San Antonio, Texas in 1978. He then moved to

Brackettville, Texas in 1986. James T. Barlow and Mabel A. Wiatt married on May 26, 1946 in Morton, Indiana. The family had been planning a 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

Survivors include a sister Esther B. Broyles of Plainfield, Indiana. Son: James E. Barlow of Champaign, Illinois. Daughter: Karen B. Alexander of Islamorada, Florida. Step-son: Walter H. Creekbaum of Sarasota, Florida. Seven Grandchildren. Seven Great Grandchildren.

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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 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.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Congregation E.L.C.A.: Henderson and Fort St., Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship, Bible Study every other Sunday 10:00 a.m., Rev. Nathan La Frenz, 563-2047.

Templo Elim Asamba de Dios: North Street, Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 p.m., Rev. Abundio Mancha, Pastor, 563-9237.

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.

Jerusalem Temple Apostolic Church: 514 E. Louise St, Every Sunday: Sunday School 11:30, Church 12:00, Pastor Rudy Goodloe (563-9468)

NOTICE OF DIRECTORS ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION)

To the Registered Voters of CITY OF CLARK, TEXAS:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on MAY 19, 1996, for voting in a DIRECTORS election, to ELECT THREE (3) DIRECTORS.

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Date - April 20, 1996
Time - 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.
Place - Jerusalem Temple Church (514 East Louise St.)
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"Little Marge" is welcomed by two sisters, Mistie Dawn, 14, Victoria Lauren, 4; and one brother, George Ray, 2. Maternal grandparents are Milburn and Von Vernor of Uvalde. Maternal great-grandmothers are Leora McDonald of Montell and Gladys Vernor of Camp Wood. Paternal grandparents are Dick and Marge Herndon of Uvalde.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Effective March 14, 1996 there will be a maximum charge of \$35.00 for wedding announcements, birth announcements, and engagements. Thank you notices will be charged at the regular display ad rate.

THANK YOU

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Two Federal Grants Will Fund Genetic Fingerprinting Of TB

In what has become a declared war to eliminate tuberculosis in this state, the Texas Department of Health (TDH) has added highly advanced scientific methods to track TB's spread.

With two federal grants to apply genetic identification techniques to tuberculosis samples from new cases of the disease, TDH can now confirm whether any two or more cases of TB are from the same source.

The techniques, made famous as "DNA fingerprinting" in criminal investigations, and sometimes to prove paternity of children, are being used to match related TB bacteria strains from different patients.

According to Dr. David R. Smith, Texas Commissioner of Health, "Our scientists are now able to study the DNA makeup of tuberculosis samples to identify which samples are related. In doing so, they are better able to confirm whether people or groups of people may have acquired TB from a common source or even an individual."

Dr. Smith added, "By more accurately tracing TB's routes of transmission, we can more closely pinpoint which areas and groups of Texans most need aggressive TB elimination resources. If we are to defeat TB in Texas and the nation it will require relentless application of such new strategies. DNA fingerprinting can be a major weapon in the fight."

Dr. Michael F. Kelley, chief of the TDH Bureau of Communicable Disease Control, explained that the grants, awarded April 1 by the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are meant to reveal separate kinds of information, but ultimately they will help determine how best to dedicate limited resources where they are most needed to fight TB.

The funding will last for nine months, with the possibility of extensions and added funding later.

The first grant, in the amount of \$108,986, will fund creation of a regional laboratory for TB DNA fingerprinting, based at San Antonio's Texas Center for Infectious Diseases (TCID). Technicians there will electronically map the microscopic genetic strands of each TB bacterium sample sent from anywhere in Texas or from any of our surrounding states as specified by CDC.

After the unique configuration -- fingerprint -- of each such DNA strand is plotted by computer, it will be compared with fingerprints of all other samples to find whether it matches, or closely matches, bacteria from other TB patients. When the scientists find closely matching samples from two or more people, TDH epidemiologists, or their counterparts in other states, can search for a shared source of the specific TB strain.

The second grant, for \$129,775, will fund tuberculosis surveillance projects in two, separate parts of the state, by studying DNA fingerprints in both an urban and a rural setting.

The Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area, because of its population density and its popularity as an entry point for international visitors to the state, will be studied to learn the area's most common paths of TB transmission. The study also will help sound early warnings of any unusual TB strains which may appear from outside the U.S.

DNA testing of TB samples in two Lower Rio Grande Valley counties (Cameron and Hidalgo) may help determine the paths of TB transmission prevailing among the rural residents and the many migrant workers from the area who follow the harvest seasons throughout the U.S.

Commissioner Smith said, "Our scientists, Dr. Kelley in our Bureau of Communicable Disease Control; Dr. Bruce Elliott, director of our lab's Microbiological Services Division; as well as Dr. Rebecca Cox and Dr. Mitch Magee at the Texas Center for Infectious Diseases in San Antonio, had the foresight and expertise to see the need for these grants and secure them from the federal government. Such excellent work is going to be the key to any conquest of tuberculosis."

Dr. Smith, in a TDH observance of World TB Day, declared war on TB at a press conference in Austin, March 27.

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