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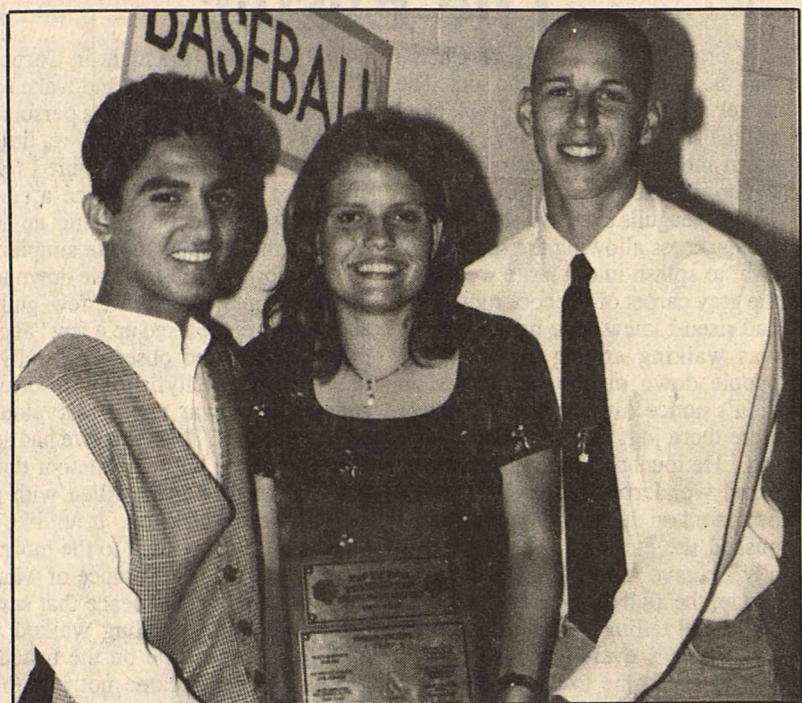
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"If a man had half as much insight, as he has hindsight, he would have twice as much foresight."



Left to Right - Michael Padron, Denice Frerich and Brian Hooker.

Hooker, Padron And Frerich Named Athletes Of The Year

By J. J. Guidry
Contributing Writer

Brian Hooker, Michael Padron and Denice Frerich were named Brackett's Athletes of the Year Thursday at the 1996 Tiger Booster All Sports Athletic Banquet.

Hooker was also named Most Outstanding in football and baseball. Padron earned Most Outstanding honors in basketball.

"It was too hard to give the (Athlete of the Year) award to one person because Brian and Michael were both just clearly outstanding as far as their credentials, their leadership and the things that they did," Brackett Athletic Director Roy Rokovich said.

"As coaches, we were very pleased that those were the two that were picked because we thought both of them were deserving."

Frerich led the Tigerettes to district championships in volleyball and basketball. She was named Most Outstanding in both of those sports.

"Denice had a tremendous year," said Gregg Nowlin, assistant athletic director in charge of girls' sports. "She was real consistent throughout."

"It was a tough decision. As a coaching staff, we sat down and discussed the award and her name kept popping up as the most outstanding athlete."

Hooker, Frerich, Jared Shahan, Katie Hall, and Brandy Meeks were all awarded Booster Club Scholarships. Shahan and Amber Davis received Scholar Athlete Awards.

Ruben Terrazas and Raymond Talamantez were presented the Fighting Tiger Award, and Chica Garza was the recipient of the Fighting

Tigerette Award.

Individual sports awards were presented to:

***Football:** Brian Hooker, Most Outstanding; Moses Hernandez, Outstanding Running Back; Michael Padron, Outstanding Receiver; Jared Shahan, Outstanding Offensive Lineman; Butch Lopez and Juan Hernandez, Outstanding Defensive Linemen; J. Wayne Ballew and Jorge Rodriguez, Outstanding Linebackers; Ramon DeLeon, Outstanding Defensive Back; John Castro, Most Improved.

***Volleyball:** Debra and Denice Frerich, Most Outstanding; Naiya Garcia, Most Improved.

***Basketball:** Denice Frerich and Amanda Meek, Tigerettes' Most Outstanding; Tina Meek, Tigerettes' Most Improved; Michael Padron, Tigers' Most Outstanding; Kirk Hill, Most Improved.

***Baseball:** Brian Hooker and Ramon DeLeon, Most Outstanding; Beau Smallwood and Butch Lopez, Most Improved.

***Softball:** Lindy La Mascus, Most Outstanding; Debra Frerich, Most Improved.

***Track:** Lionel Ramos, Tigers' Most Outstanding; David Honstein, Tigers' Most Improved; Reccia Jobe, Tigerettes' Most Outstanding; Tina Meek and Casey Tipps, Tigerettes' Most Improved.

***Tennis:** David Melancon, Tigers' Most Outstanding; Caleb Crumley, Tigers' Most Improved; Terrie Esparza, Tigerettes' Most Outstanding; Jackie Smith Tigerettes Most Improved.

***Golf:** Jared Shahan, Most Outstanding; Chad Neuman, Most Improved.

Las Moras Masonic Lodge No. 444 Presents Golden Trowel Award

June 4th, 7:00 p.m., Las Moras Masonic Lodge No. 444, in an open meeting, will present to Brother Aaron Bruce Clements The Golden Trowel Award.



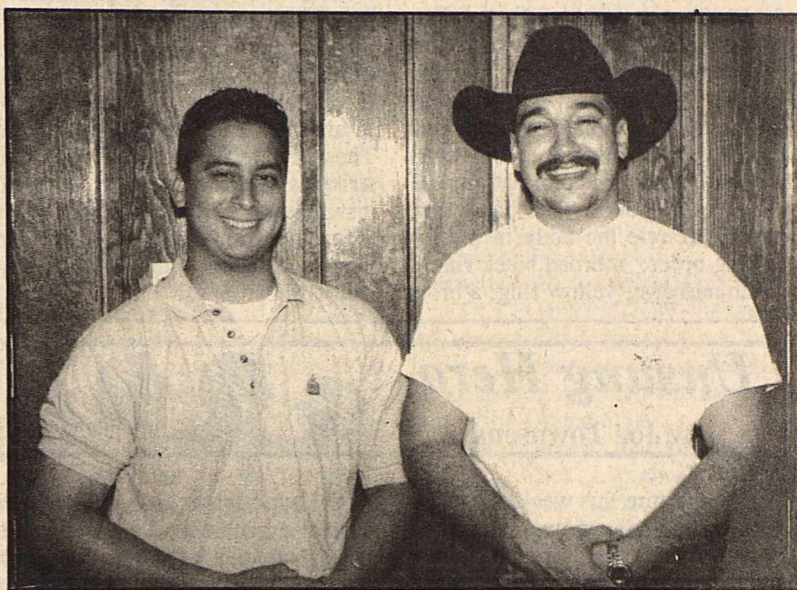
The Golden Trowel is a lodge's formal recognition of a Brother for his devoted service to Masonic principles in general or to his lodge. It is intended for the Brother who, year after year, quietly but actively demonstrates his devotion to the teachings of Masonry without thought of recognition or special honors. Every lodge has such members.

They spread the living cement that binds our Fraternity into a true Brotherhood.

Brother Clements served as Worshipful Master, of Las Moras Masonic Lodge, in 1983 and 1991. He served as the District Deputy Grand Master, of Masonic District No. 43, in 1990. He has served as secretary of the lodge from 1988 to 1990 and from 1992 to present. In 1995 he received the 50 year Service Award. He has also been president of the local Rotary Club and occasionally writes news paper articles on Masonry. In addition to being devoted to his church, he also assists those in need by providing them transportation to hospitals or for medical appointments. This is a small list of some things, Brother Clements has quietly accomplished, without thought of receiving personal honors.

It is to Master Craftsmen, such as this, that the Golden Trowel Award is designated, as the highest award a lodge can bestow upon an individual member.

Your attendance would help us honor this man who has and continues to serve our lodge and community in a very special way. The Public is invited to attend this ceremony, at 7:00 p.m., June 4th, at Las Moras Masonic Lodge, located above the Tax Office.



Left to Right - Adrian Pena pictured with Jimmy Spurlock of the Dilley P.D.

Pena On Night Patrol Duty At Dilley Police Department

Adrian Pena began his law enforcement career officially May 2, 1996, when he accepted the position of night patrolman with the Dilley Police Department.

Adrian will be working under Corporal Jimmy Spurlock, who has been with the Dilley P.D. for four years. Corporal Spurlock visited with Adrian and his family this past week.

"Dilley reminds me of home and the work is exciting" were Adrian's comments. "The first day of work he didn't want to go home after his shift. I feel guilty getting paid for this, I just love it."

There are 6 officers on the Dilley Police Department, none of the officers are from the Dilley area. We like to hire new graduates from the Police Academy and train them in our procedures, stated Corporal Spurlock.

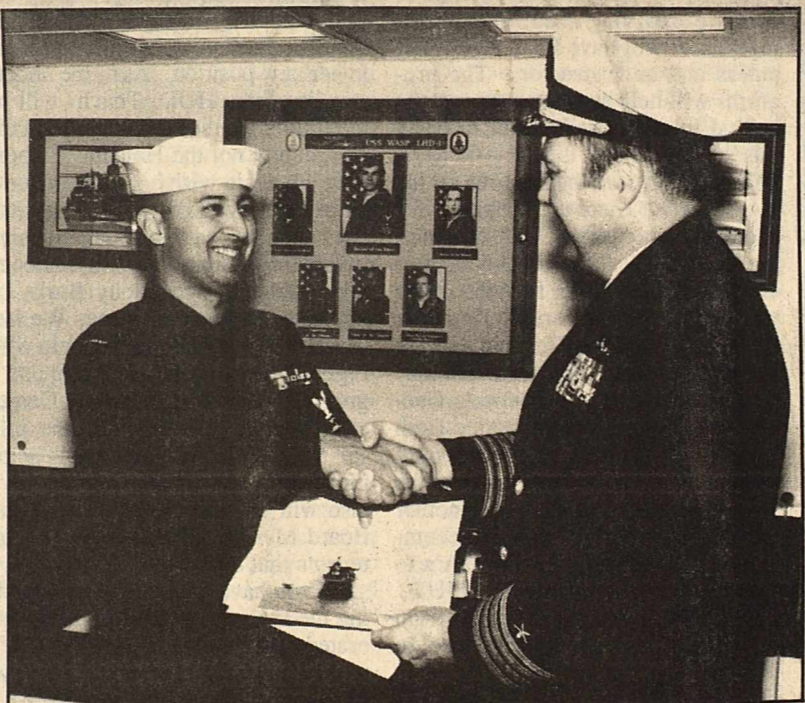
Two years ago Dilley had a serious juvenile problem. The trouble was so serious that the officers dressed in black swat team type uni-

forms. Dilley responded to the problem with force. They applied for and received a grant from the Alamo Area Council of Government to hire a juvenile officer. The juvenile officer works directly with the school, and the Police Explorers Group.

"Kids will be kids," stated Corporal Spurlock but they must know there are consequences. They must be punished and punished quickly. One of the punishments for minor crime in Dilley is washing the police department and fire department vehicles, on main street. Dilley uses the Bootcamp in Cotulla for serious offenders, and according to their experience a 6 month stay for a juvenile is "worth every penny", it will change a child.

Corporal Spurlock said that he would be available at anytime to discuss juvenile procedures.

Congratulations to Adrian, we wish you the best in your career.



Wardlaw Re-Enlisted For Second Tour of Duty

Petty Officer Third Class Geovanni E. Wardlaw reenlisted on board USS WASP LHD-1 homeported Norfolk, VA. The ceremony was held on April 10, 1996. Captain R.A. Duffy Commanding Officer of the USS WASP reenlisted Wardlaw into his second enlistment. Wardlaw reenlisted for three years. Wardlaw's wife Bonnie was awarded with a certificate of appreciation from the Captain for her support in her husband's accomplishments thru his enlistment.

A small reception was held afterwards where friends and family celebrated. Wardlaw entered the Navy March 1992. He has been on the

WASP close to four years. He has done numerous operations with two major overseas deployments while stationed on the USS WASP. The WASP has just recently returned from a major deployment in the Adriatic Sea in support of the Bosnia Crisis. In addition to Wardlaw's reenlistment he recently received a letter of commendation from Vice Admiral Pilling Commander of Sixth Fleet for Wardlaw's damage control duties during the recent deployment in the Adriatic Sea. Wardlaw is a 1991 graduate of Brackett High School. His parents Mr. & Mrs. Leonard A. Wardlaw and family are very proud of his success in the Navy.



Mayor Presents Plaque To Joe And Esther Cruz

Joe Cruz celebrated his 70th birthday on Saturday, May 25th at a Bar-B-Que given by his family and friends.

During the Bar-B-Que J. B. Herndon, Mayor of Spofford presented Joe and Esther with a plaque honoring them for their many years of dedication and loyalty to the City of Spofford. The plaque is engraved with "These will stand as an example for all to follow."

Most of the Cruz's children were able to attend the get-together. Attending were, Grace & Jerry Gonzales, daughter with their three children, Veronica, Jerry Jr., and Clarissa; David Cruz, son; Sonya Cruz, daughter and Cynthia Cruz, daughter; Joe Cruz Jr. was unable to attend due to his job.

We salute Joe & Esther Cruz and Happy Belated Birthday Joe.

Spofford Awarded \$404,079. Grant

AUSTIN (May 16, 1996) - The Texas Water Development Board (Board) today awarded a \$404,079 grant to the city of Spofford for water system improvements. The grant will be funded through the Board's Economically Distressed Areas Program.

The improvements to the existing water supply system include six new 4-inch gate valves, four combination air valves, two flush valves, two three-inch master meters, 180-feet of eight-inch PVC casing, 240 feet of highway/railroad bore, and about 50,000 linear feet of four-inch PVC pipe to connect the city's distribution system to the city of Brackettville's water supply. The City is currently

providing water service to its 31 residential customer connections through a temporary two-inch line placed on top of the ground and running seven miles from Fort Clark Springs Municipal Utility District. In addition to the Board's grant, the city is receiving a \$103,686 grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). A portion of this TDHCA grant was used to construct the temporary line. The remainder will be used for improvements to individual septic systems in the city.

Spofford is located in Kinney County about nine miles south of Brackettville and has a 1995 population of about 66.

Three Brackettville Make Deans List

May - Three Brackettville area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, are listed on the Dean's List for the Spring semester at the University.

Those listed include Bernie L. Allemeier, a Computer Science major, Charles M. Frerich, a Government - Criminal Justice Option major, and Jenifer Shahan, a Chemistry major all from Brackettville.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.



First Grade With Rescue Annie

Certified CPR instructor, Mary Jane Garcia, led Mrs. Gutierrez's 1st grade class in a very detailed and educational Basic Cardiac Life Support lesson. The children learned the basic CPR practices for choking victims. They also learned how to administer a one man CPR and the two men CPR. The children are preparing themselves for a safe and fun summer.

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From Your Local Game Warden

By Henry Lutz
Kinney County, Game Warden

The single representative of the Elapidae family of snakes in Texas is the Texas coral snake. It is small, slender and brightly colored with rings of red, yellow and black. The head is small and rounded and the eye pupils are circular. The venom-conducting fangs, in the front of the upper jaw, are small and fixed. The coral snake possesses a venom of high toxicity, much more potent than that of most of the pit viper family. Because this poison produces scarcely any localized symptoms, the danger from a bite may be overlooked and treatment delayed. Although pain is present, the usual dramatic symptoms of snake poisoning, such as extensive discoloration and great swelling at the site of the bite, are scarcely noticeable.

The Texas coral snake is generally under 21/2 feet long with a body diameter of about 3/8ths of an inch. The largest known specimen is one 44 inches long collected in Kenedy County. It is our most colorful venomous snake. The color pattern consists of red, yellow, and black rings which encircle the body in the following order: a broad black ring, a much narrower yellow ring, a broad

red ring, a narrow yellow ring, a broad black ring and so on. Note that the red rings are bordered by yellow rings, not black. The snout is black and a broad yellow ring crosses the back of the head.

Identification of this snake would be simple if it were not for the fact that several harmless snakes resemble it in form and coloration. The harmless snakes are marked with yellow, red, and black rings, but the arrangement is consistently different. The red rings of the coral snake are bordered by yellow rings whereas in the harmless snakes the red rings and the yellow rings are separated by black rings. If all of that is a little confusing, just remember the common rhyme used to identify the poisonous snake: "Red and yellow kill a fellow."

This is Texas' only poisonous snake that lays eggs. Brood sizes vary from 2 to 9 young. This snake is found in a variety of habitats, but is most common in East Texas. It is an efficient burrower and feeds on small lizards and snakes. It is also found in and under logs and other debris. The coral snake does not coil and strike as does the pit viper. Instead, it swings the forward part of the body from side to side until it can bite and then begins a chewing motion to imbed its short fangs.

Between Us

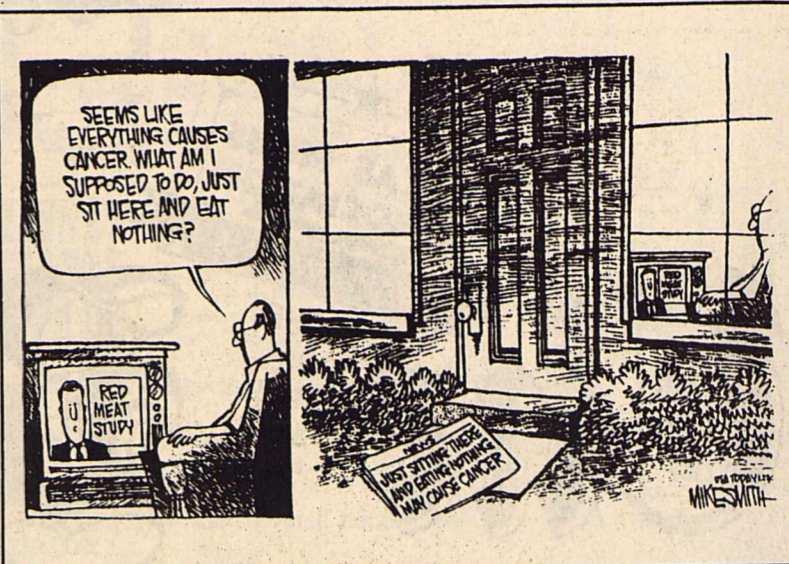
by Joe Townsend



If you missed the Sports Award banquet you missed one of the most inspirational events of the year. There was an overflow crowd. From start to finish it was a plethora of exciting segments. This school is double blessed with a wonderful staff of coaches. It was of great interest to see how many were involved in the many sports activities. From football then came basketball both boys and girls. There was girls volleyball both J.V. and varsity. There was girls softball. There was girls and boys track. There was tennis and golf, and baseball. In competition all Brackett participants did exceptionally well. This was particularly true of the baseball team. The boys won district and bi-district only to lose in the regional. The outstanding award of the evening went to the "Scholastic Team". All contestants who were

on the "A" and "A-B" honor rolls were singled out. It seemed as though almost every participant was on this "Scholastic Team". This is a tribute both to the school and the coaches. The coaches demonstrated their concern for basic academics. They were dedicated also to character development. It's difficult to imagine a better coaching staff.

The speaker of the evening was a former pro-footballer. He wore a Super Bowl ring from the winning days of the 49ers. He also served his position with the Philadelphia Eagles. This writer has never heard a more appropriate message to a panoply of high school students. From the opening moment until the singing of the school song to close the meeting, it was a most outstanding and memorable evening.



Moncus' Musings



Mike Moncus
Park Ranger, Interpreter
Bastrop State Park

The Easter

Corpus Christi (body of Christ) was the first place to see the sun. The motel room curtains all but blocked out the sun's first sharp rays. I anticipated morning a few hours before I got up to peek through those curtains. I heard seagulls even as I shyly parted the darkness allowing the sparkles of light to splash into a large wedge on the gray carpet of the cool room. He had risen I knew. He had come and was walking among all the early people down on the beach. Most didn't notice him from what others were there jogging and beach combing. He touched them all and whispered wonderful things and I knew he soared on the incoming winds that pushed the eternal waves. Personally he gave me a sweet and gentle nudge, the kind that was both encouraging and telling. It said to me the things I was everyday hesitating to do, he urged me to do them boldly and with confidence.

I was journeying to the Rio Grande Valley to attend a brother's wedding and because I didn't want to get into town when my folks would already be resting I thought of how good it

would be to stay the night in Corpus Christi (body of Christ) and wake up on Easter morning. It was a personal act and because of it somehow a little less spirit lead but all the same I felt afterward that it brought me a certain blessing and opened me up to seeing simple things a little simpler.

After breakfast we drove down to the beach and scattered a few gulls and sandpipers, picked up a few handfuls of shells and observed a jellyfish. It was a jellyfish not a Portuguese man-of-war and a marvelous creature at that. It seemed we had so very little time but the time-out that we took seemed to be filled with a very particular blessing. It felt like I owed a part of my time to the morning and to the remembrance of what was done for me. A peace that surpassed all understanding walked a little there beside me on the beach. Corpus Christi became not just the body but the Holy presence of the Man who was there at the laying of the foundations of the earth and Easter poured out like the waves upon that shore.

Michael R. Moncus

News From Housing Authority

It seems there are rumors out in the Community with regards to the Housing Authority! So that the Community will be kept informed, I will write a monthly article to inform the Community as to "WHAT'S HAPPENING WITHIN THE HA".

First on the list: as requested from the HUD office in San Antonio as well as the Washington office to notify the public: there are a lot of changes that have come about and a LOT MORE to come! (1) There is no more Federal Preference as to who would be accepted in housing, the HA's can adopt their own preference, allowing working families to live in Housing.

(2) There is a base rent for all units: one bedroom \$25.00, two bedroom \$35.00, three bedroom \$45.00 and four bedroom \$50.00. (Note, this is just a base rent, income is still to be reported), there is also a ceiling of \$275.00 on rent, in order to help the working family to get established. The trend of welfare is turning towards those that work. (3) There will be no renting to Non-citizens. As the changes come down from HUD the public will be notified. The HA in Brackettville is working on a Learning Center, and this is with HIGH approval of the HUD office in San Antonio. They are very aware of what we are trying to do. Our Learning Center will have Plato Lab Computers and an Instructor. The programs will help students who may be behind in their grade level to bring this up to the level they should be, it will help increase their scores on the TAAS Test. There are programs for adults to receive their GED, job training skills. The Instructor will also teach computer skills for jobs in the work force. The Learning Center is working with JTPA, Brackett Schools and there are other programs that may be worked out in the Learning Center. We have received notice from Meadows Foundation that they will fund Plato Lab, we are seeking the balance that is needed from another foundation. This is highly recommended from HUD for the HA's to seek funding other than from HUD.

The HA has with approval from the HUD office rented space to Marsha Harrell for the Consulting business. Marsha, has helped several of us, including the City of Brackettville with our computer and programing problems and several individuals of Brackett. Her services are very much needed. Ms. Harrell

and myself are writing the grants for the Learning Center, we have also written a grant to finish the baseball field for our kids and have several more to do within regards to Housing and the Community. Ms. Harrell has written a grant for the Nutrition Center, and they were granted \$6,000 towards a new van.

The HUD office has requested that the HA's use its tenants for work that is needed to be done in the office or out in the field. We are to promote work, and help the tenants to become self-sufficient. We receive CIAP funding because we do use our tenants. Out last CIAP money, we were able to do a lot for our elderly units, including putting in central heat and air. For this year our CIAP money, will be used for painting (inside and out), new doors and hopefully to repair windows and screens.

We have contracted Ruben Jimenez & Associates, P.C. to do our audits to begin within the next month. Copy of contract is in the office.

The HA has a five member Board, which is appointed by the Mayor of Brackettville. At this time we have an opening due to the fact that one of our Board Members was elected to the City Council. We would like to thank Hortense (Tencha) Pena for her time and help during her tenure on the Board and wish her great success in her new position. As to the understanding from HUD, Tencha will be the liaison for the Housing within the community not the Housing Authority. We again wish her great success in working with the community and the much needed help in the housing in Brackett community. It has been requested that Mr. Stony Burks be appointed in Tencha's place. We feel Mr. Burks would be a great help with regards to our kids in Housing and a great help with the Learning Center to know which kids need the most help for their education, so they may be more prepared for the future. We also will have opening for a Tenant Board Member, we do have several tenants that qualify.

If you have any questions regarding the HA and how the office is operated please come by anytime. We welcome visitors and we will always listen to any suggestions you may have to offer.

Thank You
Shirley Holloway
Executive Director

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend



A departure this week. I want to high-light an entire group. Our school system is more than fortunate to have the coaches we have. From the Athletic Director to the last coaching position every person involved is of the highest caliber. From the classroom to the athletic venue and the role

model opportunity each one exceeds normal expectations by a wide margin. They are loved by their students

and proteges. They are respected by the faculty and administration. They are all fine citizens. Each one should be recognized as an Unsung Hero.

Big Mama Sez!



There's no point burying a hatchet if you're going to put up a marker on the site.

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



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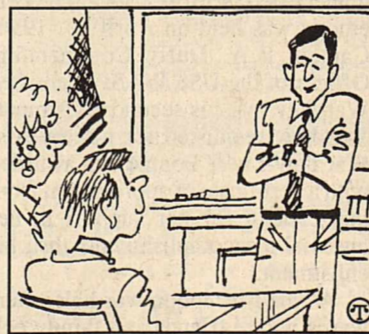
Need To Earn A High School Diploma?

(NAPS)—If you've been thinking it's high time you earned your high school diploma, you're not alone. More than one-fourth of the U.S. and Canadian adult populations don't have a secondary school credential.

The Tests of General Educational Development (GED) are an option for adults who'd like to receive the equivalent of a high school diploma. The GED is a battery of five comprehensive exams in writing skills, social studies, science, literature and the arts, and math. The tests are designed to measure intellectual power and the ability to think and reason rather than memorize facts.

A GED is recognized throughout North America by most employers and many colleges as the equivalent of a high school diploma.

Explains Peter Kilburn, the GED administrator for New Brunswick, Canada, and a firm believer in the program, the GED diploma is especially valuable for adults who have been out of school for years because it assesses life experience. The exam is challenging, he says, but it doesn't require a lot of classroom "seat time." It opens doors for people, he says, and can be used just like an ordinary high school diploma when seeking admission to community colleges and universities throughout the U.S. and Canada. "Adults learn through life and work experience



More than 700,000 people take the GED each year.

outside the classroom and this is one mechanism for assessing the value of that learning," Kilburn points out. Because it is recognized and valued throughout North America, he adds, someone who moves around can find it particularly useful. That's because employers and postsecondary schools recognize the GED as equivalent to a high school diploma. The fact that it has been in existence for more than 50 years helps ensure recognition of the diploma and also its validity, he goes on to say.

For more information on the GED tests, call 1-800-62-MY GED and mention this article.

Know What To Do Before EMS Arrives

Even if you don't have medical training, what you do before emergency medical technicians or paramedics arrive could prevent a death or disability. As part of National and Texas EMS Week, May 19-25, Texans are being urged to learn that minutes count in medical emergencies -- and Texans can make a difference.

"Some of the most critical moments in a medical emergency are right after the problem has occurred, whether it's a car wreck or a heart attack," says Texas Commissioner of Health, David R. Smith, M.D. "If you think it's an emergency, call EMS. Then take steps to help the victim until EMS arrives."

Smith added, "Calling EMS in nonemergencies can unnecessarily tie up the response system and make it harder for EMS personnel to do their job -- which is responding to emergencies. But if you think it's an emergency, don't hesitate. Call EMS."

TDH's Bureau of Emergency Management offers these tips for what to do before EMS arrives:

Bleeding Call EMS immediately for serious or spurting bleeding:

- * Have the person lie down and apply firm, direct pressure over the wound to stop the bleeding. Maintain pressure until EMS arrives.

- * Elevate the injured limb, but do not raise the person's feet higher than the head.

- * Do not use tourniquets.

Broken bones Keep the injured limb or area from moving and do not move the person unless he or she is in immediate danger:

- * Apply ice pack to minimize swelling.

- * If a broken bone protrudes through the skin, cover with a dry dressing but do not try to push it back in. If excessive bleeding occurs, use direct pressure over the area to stop the bleeding.

Seizures Protect the person from further injury by removing obstacles:

- * Turn the person onto one side.
- * If a person has fallen or shows

signs of head injury, do not move the person until EMS arrives.

- * Do not force anything into the person's mouth.

- * Do not try to restrain the person's movements during the seizure.

Head, neck and back injuries Do not move the person until EMS arrives unless absolutely necessary to save his or her life:

- * Cover severe, deep cuts on the head with a clean cloth but do not try to clean. Do not apply heavy pressure to bleeding areas as this could cause brain injuries.

- * Do not prop up the person's head if you suspect neck or back injuries. This could cause further damage to the spinal cord.

Heart attack A heart attack victim may feel pain or heavy pressure in the chest area or jaw, shoulder and arms:

- * Do not wait to see if the pain or discomfort goes away. Call EMS.

- * Have the person sit or recline, and make him or her as comfortable as possible by loosening clothing at neck, chest and waist. Keep the person warm but not hot.

- * If the victim suddenly collapses and loses consciousness, try to wake the person. If you cannot locate a breath or pulse, begin CPR if you are trained.

"What you do before emergency medical help arrives could mean the difference between life and death for someone you love," said Smith.

"And now is the best time to learn what to do in an emergency. You may be the only person available to perform CPR on someone or to stop serious bleeding."

To receive a copy of TDH's brochure "When Minutes Count: A Citizen's Guide to Medical Emergencies," call the Bureau of Emergency Management at 512-834-6700 or write TDH Bureau of Emergency Management at 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756.

For Pete's Sake

We heard a story the other day about a woman who divorced her husband and obtained custody of their 12 year old son. When she remarried after a year or so, her ex-husband was somewhat concerned about the boy.

On one of his visiting weekends, the boy's father asked his son "How do you get along with your stepfather?"

"Fine," said the youngster. "He takes me swimming every morning. We go to the lake, he rows me out to the middle, and then I swim back in."

"Isn't that a pretty long swim for a boy of your age?" asked the father.

"Not too bad, really. The only tough part of it is getting out of the burlap bag."

A few days ago, two men flagged down the same cab. After a short discussion, one man came walking back to his wife at the downtown curb.

"Why did you let that man take our cab?" his wife asked.

"Oh, he needed it more than we did," the husband replied. "Besides, he was late for his karate class!"

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Drought Impact On Agriculture In The Billions Of Dollars

This week's article is taken from a variety of reports I have been following from economists at Texas A&M University concerning the current drought situation in Texas and what it means in terms of industry dollars. If agricultural producers cannot produce a product at a reasonable cost then that added expense will be felt by consumers in the form of higher prices for clothing and food.

The statewide economic impact of the record-setting drought for Texas agriculture could be more than \$6.5 billion, according to figures released by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

There have been projected direct economic losses to agricultural producers at about \$2.4 billion. The remaining \$4.1 billion economic loss could result for industries associated with the harvesting, transportation, processing and marketing of agricultural and food products in the state. One in five Texas jobs depend on agriculture and agribusiness.

In 1995, sales of farm and ranch products in Texas totaled about \$14 billion. Adding the economic multiplier effect, the total impact of agriculture in the state was about \$45 billion last year.

Firm figures on the drought's devastating effects are not available because in the northern areas of the states, not all crops have been planted yet, Smith said.

Precipitation statewide has ranged from 68 percent of normal in Far West Texas to 12 percent of normal in the Panhandle during the February to April reporting period, according to the National Weather Service. This is a critical growing period for wheat and for building soil moisture reserves for spring-planted crops and pastures.

The rainfall in San Antonio over the previous seven months is the lowest since 1886-1887. The precipitation in Amarillo over the last 211 days in the lowest on record, breaking the record set in the drought of 1954-1955.

The condition of only 6 percent of the range and pasture land in Texas is rated good and 62 percent is rated poor to very poor, according to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service. Last year at this time, 39 percent of the rangeland was rated good and only 12 percent was rated poor or very poor. About 71 percent of Texas' 157 million acres of agricultural land are in rangeland and permanent pasture.

The Texas wheat crop, some of which is usually used for livestock grazing, can all but totally be ruled unavailable due to wide-spread crop failure. Cotton and corn planting in the southern regions of Texas was delayed by a cool spring and emerging crops are struggling to stay alive and there have been high winds, further damaging growing plants and soil and pasture conditions.

Cotton
Texas normally leads the nation in cotton production. That may not be so this year because the estimated economic loss to cotton producers in the central and southern regions of the state due to dry weather increases each day it does not rain. Most of that region's crop is grown on dry-land acreage.

If half of the crop across that region is lost -- which is a very real possibility -- the estimated dollar loss to producers is \$207 million and the resulting statewide economic impact, including the agribusinesses that provide production supplies and services

to producers and transport and handle cotton, is about \$700 million.

The western cotton producing regions of Texas also are very dry and in dire need of timely rain to provide moisture to plant and get the crop started and adequate rainfall in the next month will be critical.

About half of the Lubbock cotton region of 3 million acres is irrigated but is still dependent on rain to make a full crop. Therefore, the cotton crop in that region has some potential with limited rainfall.

A possible 40 percent loss across the approximately 4 million western acres would equal about \$500 million in losses to producers -- a third of the production value in 1995 of \$1.5 billion -- and a \$1.6 billion total economic loss to the mostly rural areas of the region in 1996.

Wheat And Feedgrains
Wheat and feedgrain producers are caught in the grips of one of the worst droughts in many years. With only about half of the state's corn acreage, 5 percent of the sorghum acreage, and 2 percent of the state's wheat acreage under irrigation, grain producers are very susceptible to the weather.

The wheat grain loss is estimated at \$319 million and grazing losses is pegged at \$39 million. The statewide economic loss from wheat is then about \$1.1 billion.

Economists are predicting that if the current situation continues, an estimated 40 percent of sorghum could be lost. For grain sorghum producers, the loss could amount to \$256 million, with an economic impact loss of \$978 million.

Corn producers could see a 20 percent loss, or \$203 million, with a statewide economic impact loss amounting to \$682 million.

Beef Cattle
Cattle producers see losses coming at them from several different directions. Producers could see a \$330 million loss in feeder calf sales, \$90 million in cull cow sales, and a \$374 million added feed cost for beef cows in 1996. The total economic impact of losses in beef cattle could be \$794 million.

The 1995 Texas calf crop had been estimated at 5.5 million head, but because of market prices and drought conditions, only about 10 percent were retained as potential breeding herd replacements. The rest were sold as stocker or feeder cattle, putting another strain on the already-weak cattle market.

Additionally, corn and wheat prices were at record highs and supplies were low. Hay supplies are tight and will get even tighter as summer, which is the normal hay growing season, continues. Ranchers who want to keep their cattle will have to give them supplemental feed. Livestock economists have estimated that it would cost \$1.25 per day to keep a 1,100-pound lactating cow based on current prices of hay and cottonseed meal.

Dairy Cattle
Since the fall of 1995, Texas milk producers have experienced nearly \$38 million in increased feed costs as a result of drought-related increases in grain and hay prices and if the drought continues and supplies of both grain and hay grow tighter, Texas dairy farmers could easily see these feed cost increases double by the end of 1996.

Texas dairy farmers milk about 348,000 cows per day, and Texas ranks sixth in the nation in the size of its dairy industry.

First Team Quality Award

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- The 47th Operations Support Squadron intelligence flight has won Laughlin's first team quality award.

The award is presented to the team best demonstrating its performance, achievements and improvements in customer satisfaction, quality and productive levels.

"The 'intel team' showed us how they promote the development and growth of student pilots and build a cooperative culture between aircrews and intelligence," said Maj. Mary Velarde, 47th Flying Training Wing quality officer.

"They did this by developing and implementing an in-depth and far-reaching specialized flight program where all 14 student flights were briefed on two current intelligence subjects each week, resulting in more than 30 flightline presentations a month."

Comprised of Capt. Kelly Fedel, 1st Lt. Shaun Miller and SSgt. Lance Waring, the "intel team" also developed briefings for students and instructor pilots on different contingencies worldwide to prepare them for future mission readiness.

Nominations under each of these teams addressed identifying an improvement opportunity, evaluating the process, analyzing the process, taking action, studying results, standardizing the solution for the future and giving a presentation using the seven-step process.

Four teams presented their seven-step continuous improvement processes, with the 47th OSS intelligence flight selected as the winner. They now will compete for the Air Education and Training Command Annual Team Quality Award.

The 47th Mission Support Squadron education and training team is comprised of Donna Gibbs, 2nd Lt. Roland Akins, Ray Norton and Leo Weber.

They identified an improvement process for tracking Air Force tuition assistance funds. This program was non-existent and the potential for loss or over-commitment of Air Force funds was present. The flight was able to determine where the "black holes" were and developed alternative methods of tracking and managing TA. The tracking process now available is providing accountability down to the penny.

The 86th Flying Training Squadron requalification section team of Maj. Daryl Conner, and Capts. Wayne Olson, Frederick Royal, Brent Lyon and Bob Rick also competed.

The current banked pilot training program was analyzed to determine why banked pilots were not meeting customer needs at their next flying assignment. Recent feedback for check pilots has been favorable and indicates the first banked pilots to complete the modified training program display a better grasp on instructor procedures and restriction. The true test of this modified program will be from the follow-on training units when visited in the near future.

The 47th OSS quality team, is comprised of Capts. Malcolm Johnson, Ronald Hebert and David Seaver.

They felt there was no direction of focus for the squadron's quality program. They concentrated their efforts in identifying all key customers and suppliers, both internal and external, compiled key processes and flowcharted each. Then, establishing measurements at the key points in the process, they implemented and improved surveys and other feedback methods to improve customer service.

The quality office is also nominating the 47th OSS intelligence and the 47th MSS education and training teams for the 1995 Rochester Institute of Technology/USA Today Quality Cup Award.

Texas Trauma Forum Adopts New Symbol For Alcohol-Related Trauma

After a spring break in South Padre Island, the Kocsis family was returning at night to their Fort Worth home. In Austin, Guadalupe Alonzo Jr., 19, allegedly had spent the evening drinking at a local bar. Just after 5 a.m. on I-35 north of Austin, their cars and lives collided when Alonzo drove south in the northbound lane of I-35. Alonzo was pronounced dead at the scene. Also killed were Diane Stanco Kocsis, 47, Antal Kocsis, 10, and Erica Kocsis, 25. Two other members of the Kocsis family were injured. Tests showed that Alonzo's blood alcohol level was 0.11, above the legal intoxication level of 0.10.

Trauma is the fourth cause of death in Texas and the leading cause of death for Texas children. To increase the public's awareness of traumatic injuries, May has been declared Trauma Awareness Month. And since alcohol often is cited as a factor in motor vehicle crashes, the Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum (TTCF) has begun a Black Ribbon Campaign to help educate Texans about the dangers of driving while intoxicated (DWI).

"More than 50 percent of people treated for trauma in emergency rooms have alcohol involved in their injuries, whether the injury resulted from a car wreck, a gunshot wound or a fight," said Cindy Crocker, injury prevention coordinator and trauma nurse for Parkland Hospital in Dallas. She also is chair of TTCF. "We chose the black ribbon because ribbons are familiar symbols of Texans and the color is to remind people of the fatalities that DWIs already have caused." The ribbons are similar in shape to the red ribbons worn for AIDS awareness and the pink ribbons for breast cancer awareness.

In 1994, more than 37 percent of auto crash deaths in Texas involved alcohol. That averages to one person dying in an alcohol-related crash every seven hours. More than 34,000 Texans -- or about one per-

son every 16 minutes -- received injuries in alcohol-related crashes in 1994.

Dr. David Smith, Texas Commissioner of Health, said, "Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death in Texas. Alcohol contributes to about one-third of these crashes. While the number of people killed in motor vehicle crashes has lessened in recent years because of seat belt and helmet laws, educational programs and creation of a statewide trauma system, the number of alcohol-related crashes has remained fairly constant. Trauma facilities, which treat alcohol-related injuries daily, know first hand the need to decrease the total number of people injured or killed because of alcohol."

Texas has created a statewide trauma system of 22 Trauma Service Areas (TSAs) that organizes emergency medical services and hospitals to save time in appropriately treating injured patients. The system classifies each hospital according to one of four care levels. A level IV trauma facility offers first care to severely injured patients before transfer, while a Level I trauma facility offers highest levels of subspecialty care and medical research. Level II and III hospitals provide care at levels between that of Level I and Level IV hospitals. The trauma system also collects facts on how people are injured and develops injury prevention programs. Overseeing each TSA is a Regional Advisory Council (RAC), which maintains communication between the emergency services and the hospitals.

The Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum also works to decrease the number of injuries and deaths from alcohol-related incidents.

For more information, contact Kelly Harrell, Bureau of Emergency Management, at 512-834-6700, or David Vaughan, Communications and Special Health Initiatives Division, at 512-458-7400.

Pointers For Parents The GED Tests

(NAPS)—Parents eager to help their offspring should know the best teacher for your child isn't found in school. That teacher is you. You don't need a degree in education either, for children learn

by example. When you show you respect knowledge, love learning, and can spend time and effort to improve your mind, your children are more likely to want to do so too.

Let them see you reading and show them how math, spelling, and geography are useful at work, in the store, on a trip.

If you were not able to get a

high school diploma when you were younger, you can earn a GED high school equivalency diploma.

The American Council On Education says before you take the GED Tests, you can get an official GED practice test to tell you if you are ready to pass the GED. While the test measures writing skills, social studies, science, literature and the arts, and math, the GED also determines the ability to think and reason rather than memorize facts.

To order a GED practice test, call 1-800-62-MY GED and mention this article.

Texas A&M University

Rattlesnake Venom Key To New Anti-Cancer Drug?

COLLEGE STATION - The striking molecular resemblance of enzymes from rattlesnake venom and human cancer cells may help nature bite back at the deadly disease with potent new drugs.

Batimastat, an experimental drug manufactured in Britain, was found to stop the invading cells like "putting a stick in the mouth of an alligator," according to Dr. Edgar Meyer, a biochemist for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Texas A&M University.

Meyer's previous observation that the molecular structure of rattlesnake venom enzymes is almost identical to those of human cancer cells has aided research into finding ways to block the spread of cancer by letting the researchers design new inhibitors.

"When venom is injected into a human who is bitten by a snake, the fluid penetrates the surrounding tissue to enter into the blood stream," Meyer explained. "In the same way, metastatic tumor cell penetrates surrounding membranes to enter the circulatory system."

He said the enzymes that make up the venom differ, but the molecules -- with some 2,000 atoms -- have fundamentally the same structures as a cancer cell. His 3-D models constructed with a special computer program show the structure as a mouth-like opening with an atom of zinc and a molecule of water in the middle. It is that zinc compound in both the cancer cell and snake venom that begins chewing through healthy tissue.

Maroon Carrot Now Called "Beta Sweet"

COLLEGE STATION - A maroon carrot first developed as a novelty for the school colors at Texas A&M University but later found to have superior health attributes has been named "Beta Sweet" in a contest that drew entries from across the country.

"Beta Sweet" has a pretty good ring to it. This carrot is a good source of beta carotene and it's sweet," said Dr. Leonard Pike, director of Texas A&M's Vegetable Improvement Center in announcing the winning name.

About 400 names were submitted in the contest which started with a column in Progressive Farmer magazine last November. A "Name the Maroon Carrot" committee deliberated for about one hour on a list of about 40 names that had been narrowed by Pike. The three runners-up were Beta King, Sweet Beta and Texas SunSet.

Beta Sweet was submitted by John Duncelman of Clewiston, Fla. He will receive a collection of books from Progressive Farmer magazine, according to regional editor Karl Wolfshohl of Lubbock.

Parasite Pitted Against Fire Ants
COLLEGE STATION - Scientists at Texas A&M University are looking to a tiny parasite to take the sting out of the red imported fire ant problem in the United States.

"We are hopeful that it will work," said Jerry Cook, a graduate assistant with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station. "It's got a lot of promise."

The almost microscopic insect, called "Caenocholax fenyesi," is closely related to beetles but looks more like a fly, Cook said. Even magnified 30 times, its larvae appear only as a small dot.

The association between the parasite and the fire ant was found by Dr. Spencer Johnston, associate professor of entomology at Texas A&M University. He was dissecting fire ants for genetic material when he found the parasite.

The parasite is extraordinary in that the females give birth to live larvae. The male larvae finds a fire ant while the female finds a bush cricket in which to develop, Cook said.

The male larvae attaches itself to a foraging ant to be carried back to the nest. It then infects an immature ant so that it can mature as the ant does. It bores into the abdomen, feeding on the ant. When it exits, it leaves a gaping hole and the ant basically "bleeds" to death, he said.

While infected, the ant does not carry on its normal activities - it doesn't sting or forage - making it even more of a detriment to the colony.

Public Water Systems Attack Drinking Water Report As Misleading

A statewide trade association representing small water utilities in Texas attacked a report issued today by the Environmental Working Group (EWG) as being "the latest in a long line of pseudo-reports designed to scare the public by casting unnecessary doubts on the safety of public drinking water supplies." Tom Duck, Executive Director of the Texas Rural Water Association said, "The EWG report is peppered with misleading information carefully timed to confuse the public about legislation currently pending in Congress which would rewrite the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)."

The EWG report, entitled "Just Add Water" claims that many of the nation's drinking water supplies, particularly those in small communities, are dangerous and harmful to public health. The report cites that there are 2,016 public water systems in the U.S. currently in violation of federal drinking water standards. The EWG report claims the rewrite of the Safe Drinking Water Act, which passed the U.S. Senate by a vote of 99-0, will worsen contamination problems by easing federal requirements.

TRWA contends the bipartisan Senate bill so comprehensively engages strong public health standards that even the most environmentally focused Senators endorse it - along with the EPA and President Clinton. The House version of the Senate passed bill is scheduled for floor debate later this month. Duck said, "Environmental groups such as EWG hope their 'Just Add Water' report will cause the House to impose more stringent public health standards on local water systems. TRWA argues that additional regulation is unnecessary and will only result in a significant increase in the cost of water to the consumer."

TRWA's membership consists of 800 public water systems in Texas whose customer base includes 2.5 million people. Duck said, "The pub-

lic should not be alarmed. Public water supply systems in Texas are required to regularly test and monitor water quality. There are numerous procedural details in these regulations and failure to follow the exact procedural detail is recorded as a violation. Often it is an error on paper only and has nothing to do with water quality."

Last year, EWG was publicly chided for issuing a similar report in Kentucky. It claimed more than 700,000 people served by the Louisville water system were exposed to tainted water. After investigating, the Louisville Courier-Journal reported, "...fatal flaws," in the report. Apparently the sample in question was tainted by a junior mopping the floor, subsequent testing showed no contamination. "...this report, with its sloppy methods and overblown conclusions, does more harm than good," the Courier-Journal reported.

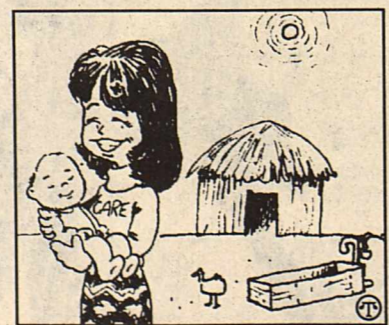
Duck said, "The safety of drinking water is a serious concern for all water systems, and there is no doubt rural and small water systems are waging a tireless battle against contaminants in order to protect the health of their customers. Efforts under consideration in Congress to amend the SDWA can only help small water systems by empowering state officials to regulate water quality without overly burdensome costs. Misleading reports like "Just Add Water," however, could derail the current bipartisan effort in Congress that benefits both the public and water systems."

"Sadly, it seems that extremist positions and misleading reports aimed solely at advancing hidden agendas are what the public has to look forward to from many of today's environmental organizations. The public should place no confidence in such groups until they prove their ability to level with us without relying on fear and misinformation," Duck said.

A Pop Quiz On Moms

(NAPS)—All moms have some things in common, mainly that we love our children and provide the best we can for them. But mothers in poor countries raise their children in conditions we take for granted. What are some of their challenges? Test your knowledge with this mom (not pop) quiz from CARE, the largest private relief and development organization.

- The average mother in a developing country has how many children?
a. 8 children b. 6 children c. 4 children
- 85 percent of American children are immunized in the United States. How many get their shots in sub-Saharan Africa?
a. 20 percent b. 50 percent c. 85 percent
- How many women in developing countries are moms before their 20th birthday?
a. 20 percent b. 50 percent c. 80 percent
- What is the single most cost-effective way for mothers to have healthy children?
a. Feed them more protein.
b. Space births through family planning.
c. Take them to the



- In poor countries where diarrhea can kill, what simple solution do mothers use to save 1.5 million children each year?
a. water, sugar and salt b. baby formula c. carbonated soda
- How much would it cost you to help provide a meal to 116 malnourished pre-schoolers and mothers in rural India through CARE?
a. \$200 b. \$100 c. \$1

ANSWERS:
1. c (20 years ago it was 6). 2. b (12 years ago it was 20 percent), 3. b, 4. b, 5. a, 6. c
For more information, call 1-800-521-CARE.

TIGER TRACKS

Tigers Fall To Freer, 6-3

By J. J. Guidry
Contributing Writer

SAN ANTONIO - Freer rallied for four unearned runs in the top of the fifth inning as the Buckaroos slipped past the Brackett Tigers 6-3 Friday in the area playoffs at Burrows Field.

The Tigers, who won their second-straight district title this year, finish the season with a 21-7 overall record.

Brackett committed four errors in the game and three crucial errors in the top of the fifth.

"I wasn't disappointed," Tigers coach Gary Grubbs said. "These are young men and they're going to make mistakes. We didn't capitalize on their errors."

Freer's Manuel Salinas was the winner, going all seven innings on the hill for the Buckaroos. He gave up two earned runs on six hits with three strikeouts and two walks.

Ramon De Leon (16-2) started for Brackett and was credited with the loss. In five innings of work, he allowed one earned run on five hits while fanning three batters and walking one.

"Ramon pitched well," Grubbs said. "They didn't hit him hard but we had some costly errors in the fifth. When you give up five unearned runs, it's tough to win."

Michael Meyer relieved De Leon and pitched two perfect innings. He faced six batters, striking out five of them.

"I was ecstatic about Michael's performance," Grubbs said. "I think it's awesome when you can give the ball to a kid and he goes out and

throws with so much emotion. That's something special."

Freer was trailing 3-2 until the top of the fifth. Danny Cantu led off the inning with a single to left and he went to second on an error.

Rodney Salinas reached first on a fielder's choice. He advanced to second on an error and Cantu scored. Kenny Vickers then reached second on an error, which allowed Salinas to score.

Memo Hernandez then walked and stole second. Vickers scored on a ground-out by Aaron Anderson and Hernandez scored on a ground-out by Manuel Salinas.

Brackett took a 3-2 lead in the bottom half of the third with one run on two hits. De Leon tripled to the right-center field fence and scored on Brian Hooker's squeeze bunt.

The Tigers were down by one before tying the score at 2-all in the bottom of the second. Beau Smallwood led off with an infield single, he went to second on Ruben Terrazas' single, moved to third on Butch Lopez' sacrifice, and scored on J. Wayne Ballew's sacrifice.

The Buckaroos took a 2-1 lead in the top of the second. Javier Gonzalez tripled to the left-center field gap and scored on Orlando Garza's ground-out.

Brackett was down by one before tying the score at 1-1 in the bottom of the first. Rene Luna drew a walk and went to second on a passed ball. Hooker then reached first on an error, which allowed Luna to cross home plate.

Freer scored its first run in the top of the first when Vickers reached first on an error and scored on Hernandez' RBI single.

Making A Difference

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, BISD Curriculum Director

A Loud Cheer For Jones Elementary School!

The day has finally arrived when Jones Elementary Principal, Michael Schooler, has arrived from Midland. As you know, Carl Glass left Brackettville in mid-January, and the staff and I have been working together since. It was difficult not having a full time principal, but we managed to work things out. Teachers did more of the preventative work in the classroom. There were many more talks about responsibility and choices. When I was able to be there, and I tried to be available for the teachers, I talked a lot about choices. You see, if children understand the choices that could have been made early on, more than half of our battle has been won.

It's choices that allow some children to have productive lives when they reach adulthood and others to have lives marred by unhappiness and struggle. When we know the consequences of choice, we are better able to make decisions that lead to responsible adulthood. The point that I am making here is that strong, responsible behavior must come from within a student. Good behavior comes from wanting to make the right choice and a feeling of responsibility to other children in the room. It's not the fear of the enforcer that makes the difference (although, we must know that there is someone there who expects you to follow the rules). We're working to understand that everyday we have choices to make. Make the good ones because it makes for a better life. I hope that is the message that went out. I think that our kids did a magnificent job at Jones Elementary this last semester. They did it with the help of a grand bunch of teachers and kids. I was thrilled to be part of it. Kudos to Roy Rokovich for assisting me in Jones Elementary during the past three or four weeks when my professional life became more complicated through being appointed interim superintendent. Roy is stable and supportive. He has earned my respect, and I'm sure that of the kids and teachers at Jones Elementary.

So, Michael Schooler is on the job. He's the fourth that's right 4th principal this semester...count them...Glass, Stephenson, Rokovich, and Schooler. He is tremendously energetic and believes in the students and staff at Jones Elementary School. In behalf of the school district, I wish him and his staff the greatest degree of success as they work to improve a fine school. We're betting on you. One of the best programs that I have attended this year was a small GT program given this past week by Kristi Swaim and her GT kids. There were 5 who had completed a special project of writing and illustrating a book. These students wrote and produced a school newspaper first semester. This semester they each wrote a book complete with art work and cover design. The five students and their books are:

Maria Martinez My Working Family. Maria is a migrant student who has already left our school to be with her working family as they spend the summer together in Washington State. Her book was biographical and was dedicated to her hard working family.

Allison LaMascuso who wrote Bart, the Beaver. The story is about an animal that eats too many green leaves and has weird dreams. Bart meets a mean gorilla and is chased by a dinosaur. The idea is imaginative and fun.

Amanda Davis wrote Pioneer Girl. Her book takes Mattie through pioneer experiences that included being close to starvation. Amanda said that this was her first experience writing a "successful" book. She intends to write many more books in her life.

Ashley Smith wrote a book called Michael's Angels. Ashley has always been fascinated by angels. Her book tells of "a little kid who is lost in a forest" and is saved by angels. Ashley says that the art work was the most difficult. Her art work was very detailed.

Beth Ballew wrote about Ben, the Little Lamb that Was Lost. Her story came from her lamb, Bubba, and experiences at the Houston Stock Show. Most of all, she was expressing personal feelings about a lamb that she had spent lots of time with as she reflected "I miss my lamb."

Each student had to give a summary of their book and explain the story and plot development while showing the art work. The class established a publishing company with advisor Swaim and formed departments such as an art department that made recommendations on art work for each student's book. It was a cooperative learning experience that emphasized the higher level thinking skill of creating a book. During the party, each author would take the prize chair and sit in the big chair to report on their book. Teacher Swaim served refreshments to celebrate the accomplishments of her young charges. Good show!

That's about it. This week, the news is mostly about the older kids who will be graduating from Brackett High School and Brackett Alternative School. As our graduates prepare themselves for the step into adulthood and increased responsibility, let's remember that education begins in the home and is continued through elementary and middle school into high school. The culmination is graduation. We must have superb elementary and middle schools if we are to be successful with the last stage of this well planned scenario. I think we do at Brackett ISD. Good luck graduates. Thanks Jones Elementary for doing your part! Don't forget graduation this Friday night at Tiger Stadium!

Thank You For Your Unending Support!!!

The Brackett Independent School District cheer squads would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Brackettville and Kinney County for your never ending, unselfish support. The Brackett high school and middle school cheerleaders held a Summer fundraiser for the second year during the month of May. Last year, the gracious support of community members allowed each squad member to earn \$100 toward individual camp expenses and had additional monies to pay for paint, paper, brushes, etc. This year, just like last year, each squad member has earned \$100 toward camp expenses or uniform expenses and there are additional funds to help pay for paint, paper, brushes, etc.

Great American Opportunities located out of Nashville, Tennessee offers school clubs and organizations across the nation an opportunity to earn additional monies. Each squad member is encouraged to sell as many items as possible and is awarded with prizes such as T-shirts, shorts, cups, etc. depending on the number of items sold. The cheer squad is placed in competition with other cheer squads in each representative's district. Currently the Brackett ISD Cheer Squads of 1996-97 are sitting in First

Place in our representative's district. This opens additional competition with regional sales groups. Two squad members, Francisca Garza and Stephanie Gomez, have been entered in competition individually for selling more than 100 items each.

- Brackett Cheer Squads of 1996-97**
Brackett High School
 Francisca "Chica" Garza
 Cherrise Ward
 Jennifer Ashabranner
 Patty Lopez
 Mandy Petrosky
 Gracie Terrazas
 Laura Lee Ballew
 Jessica DeLeon
 Zandra Negrete (Mascot)
Brackett Middle School
 April Crumley
 Brittany Shewbart
 Susannah Davis
 Stephanie Gomez
 Duquesa Hunt
 Brandi Wilson

The 1996-97 Cheer Squad once again say **THANK YOU!!!** to the citizens of Brackettville and Kinney County. Without your help camp and uniform expenses would be more difficult to meet. We may not say it often, but we appreciate each of you!!!

Athletic Banquet Dubbed A Success

Over 200 people attended Thursday's Tiger Booster All Sports Athletic Banquet, which was dubbed a success by officials.

"I was very pleased with the banquet," Brackett Athletic Director Roy Rokovich said. "I thought all of our coaches did a tremendous job honoring our kids."

The guest speaker for this year's banquet was Bruce Collie, a former offensive lineman with the San Francisco 49ers.

"The banquet was absolutely wonderful," Collie said. "I speak at banquets across the country, and it seems to be that kids aren't afraid to talk about their faith in Jesus and what it can do."

Collie spoke to the students about how religion has made his life more enjoyable. "Bruce was a tremendous hit," Rokovich said. "The message that he gave to our kids and to the families here is something that they will remember forever."

"I think the banquet was real nice," said senior Brian Hooker, who was named Athlete of the Year along with Michael Padron. "I thought Mr. Collie did a great job. The message that he delivered was awesome."

Collie was San Francisco's fifth-round pick in the 1985 NFL college draft. He played for the 49ers from 1985 to 1989, winning two Super Bowl rings in Super Bowl XXIII and

Super Bowl XXIV.

"I'm not playing football anymore but I have a construction company and I still love Jesus," Collie said. "It's an honor to be able to come do this."

"With all of the garbage that's going on in the world, it's refreshing to see young athletes like this that are setting goals and attaining them."

"I was very impressed with all of the student-athletes with 90-and-above averages that were on the scholar team. That's incredible."

Named to the Scholar Team were Elizabeth Aguirre, Miguel Aguirre, Jennifer Ashabranner, Amy Bader, J. Wayne Ballew, Caleb Crumley, Jose Crumley, Amber Davis, Ramon DeLeon, Terrie Esparza, Debra Frerich, Denise Frerich, Naiya Garcia, Francisca Garza, Jose Gonzalez, Windy Goodloe, Katy Hagler, Courtney Harrison, James Hernandez, Sandra Hernandez, Kirk Hill, David Hönstein, Brian Hooker, Jessica Jasso, Reccia Jobe, Jo Lee Jones, Crystal Juarez, Lindy La Mascuso, Patricia Lopez, Carlos Martinez, Amanda Meek, Christina Meek, David Melancon, Michael Meyer, Amanda Mulvaine, Michael Padron, Jessica Payne, Samantha Perez, Amanda Petrosky, Lionel Ramos, Jared Shahan, Aaron Taylor, Melissa Terrazas, Cassandra Tipps, Xavier Toms, Moses Villarreal and Charise Ward.

No gossip ever dies away entirely, if many people voice it: it too is a kind of divinity.

—Hesiod

A Special Thanks to Everyone

There are times in a persons life when joy and pride are so overwhelming that it feels as if your heart will explode. I can think of several such occasions, saying "I do" to my wife, being with my wife at the birth of all three of our children, and seeing our community share in the success of our High School Baseball team this past Friday in San Antonio. Seeing 150 to 200 people fill the stands on our side. Hearing these same people cheer with every play and watching them share in our disappointment at the end of the game was enough to fill anyone's heart with pride.

It's never easy to face defeat with grace and a positive attitude, but our young men and community did. As we prayed together a feeling of warmth came over me. As I addressed the crowd on behalf of the team and looked into the eyes of the people in the crowd I knew that coming to Brackettville 3 years ago had been a good decision. The support I saw relatives and townspeople giving after the games was one of the greatest scenes I have ever witnessed. Sharing a tear and a hug with my play-

ers was one of the hardest things I have ever done.

The game was lost on the field. There were mistakes made during the game. But we must keep in mind the precious age of these young men. It's not the mistakes I will remember but the great plays these guys turned in after game. Their accomplishments are many, District Champions, Bi-District Champions, Area Qualifiers, a 20 win season, and a .410 batting average as a team. The one accomplishment they would tell you they achieved was learning how to function as a team and learning that every player has a role on that team.

A tradition has been started with these young men, one the underclassmen are determined to carry on. To the seniors on this team, Brian Hooker, Michael Padron, and Ruben Terrazas I would like to say thank you. Its been fun and I wish you the best in the future. To the community I would like to say thank you. The support you showed our team was fantastic.

Coach Gary Grubbs

The Brackett Sr. League Girls

The Brackett Sr. League Girls traveled to Del Rio to play the 4th game of the season last Tuesday night. They played the Alcoa Aces. Patty Lopez pitched 6 innings for Brackett and pitched a no-hitter in a losing effort 6-8. In the second inning Patty walked 4 batters with several errors in the infield it created a lead for the Alcoas that Brackett could not overtake. Brackett had several opportunities late in the game to tie the score but base running errors stopped the rally.

Jamie Bader had one hit on 4 at bats. Stephanie Terrazas had 2 hits in 4 at bats. Patty Lopez had one hit in 3 at bats. Patty also had 4 stolen bases. Jennifer Sandoval had 3 stolen bases. Jamie Bader, Latoya Wright, and Hilda Aguirre each had two stolen bases. Tina Luna had one stolen base before being removed from the game with an injury. Patty had a total of 11 strike outs and 12 walks in the no-hitter. No balls were hit out of the infield.

The Brackett Sr. Girls are now 3-1 in league play. They play on Tuesday night 6:00 at Buena Vista field in Del Rio and Thursday night at 6:00 at Tigerette field. Come watch some fun softball!

Training Seminar Offered

A Texas Review and Comment System (TRACS) Training Seminar will be held on Wednesday, June 5, at 2:00 p.m., at the Willie De Leon Civic Center Reading Room in Uvalde. The free seminar is open to all county judges, mayors, county commissioners, city council members, and other chief elected officials of Dimmitt, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Vai Verde, and Zavala counties.

Tom Adams, of the Governor's Office of Budget and Planning, will conduct the seminar. "The purpose of the TRACS Committee is to provide local governments an opportunity to review and to comment upon State plans, applications for federal and state financial assistance, and environmental impact statements related to projects or programs that affect their jurisdiction," noted Ann Bracher Vaughan, Director of Economic and Community Affairs of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council. Interested officials are urged to reserve seating for the event, as space is limited. Reservations may be secured through Erma A. Alejandro, MRGDC, 210-278-4151, phone; 2929, fax.

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Bonilla Votes To Save Jobs; Protect Small Business

By Henry Bonilla
Congressman, 23rd District, Texas

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla voted today to save jobs and protect small business from the latest government mandate that raises the minimum wage.

"On the surface this measure sounds good, but it'll only end up costing jobs," Bonilla said. "Small businesspeople all over South and West Texas desperately asked me to vote against this legislation. Their businesses are the engines of growth in our country and I listened to their call to protect jobs."

Economists project that an increase in the minimum wage will cost the private sector \$17 billion over the next five years, according to Congressional Budget Office figures.

"I'm happy to preserve and protect small businesses in anyway I can," Bonilla said.

This legislation will increase the minimum wage by 90 cents an hour, raising it from its current level \$4.25 to \$5.15.

The House passed the measure today by a vote of 266 to 162.

Southwest Texas Genealogical Society

Members (guests welcome) of the Southwest Texas Genealogical Society will be celebrating the recent release of Real County's history book entitled *Wagons, Ho! A History Of Real County, Texas* when they meet June 1, 1996. The program will be presented by Marjorie Clark Kellnar who, as Project Director of the book's production, reached new levels in her love of history and the people of the Canyon area.

Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Frio County Restaurant in Leakey. A fee of \$8 will cover all cost relating to the dinner meeting.

Plans have been made to tour the Real County Historical Museum and the Leakey (Floral as it has been known) Cemetery when the meeting adjourns around 1:00 p.m. Contact person is Program Chairman Nell Evins (phone 210-376-4571) of Batesville.

The Southwest Texas Genealogical Society is comprised of eight counties and boasts membership from California to New York as well as the eight counties. The Society welcomes membership additions and will have application forms on hand.

Ft. Clark Ladies Golf Club May 21 Game - Point Par

A Flight
First place with 41 points Mary Stephenson. Second place with 40 points, three way tie: Pat McKelvy, Shirley Stephenson and Lou Green.

B Flight
Two way tie with 39 points Luella Gilliland and Mae Roper.

CTSA Announces Changes In Programming And Management

(May 13, San Antonio) Today Archbishop Patrick Flores announced major changes in the focus and schedule of CTSA (Catholic Television of San Antonio). That announcement was followed with news of changes in the management and structure of the station.

Father Virgilio Elizondo has been appointed as Director of Program Development for CTSA, effective immediately. Father Elizondo will develop and implement a three-year plan that will focus on expanding locally-produced programs in three content areas: education, family and youth.

New programs have already been incorporated into CTSA's weekly schedule, such as "C.A.F.E.: What's Percolating in the Church?" *Catholic Adult Faith Enrichment*, a series on the Catholic Catechism. A block of Spanish language programming has been instituted on Friday evening, from 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., as well as on Sunday afternoon, from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. The "God Squad," a show featuring Msgr. Tom Hartman and Rabbi Marc Gellman, the popular priest and rabbi from "Good Morning America," has also been added to the CTSA Tuesday night line-up at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Richard Hemberger, CTSA's Director of Operations, has completed the first phase of a capital campaign for CTSA. Funds raised through this phase have been used to upgrade the station's production and editing equipment. CTSA has also purchased new equipment that allows for remote

shooting outside of CTSA's studio in the Chancery.

This new equipment enables the CTSA staff to cover events throughout the archdiocese for CTSA viewers to enjoy. It will give a new, lively look to some of CTSA's most popular programs. It will also permit broader coverage of significant archdiocesan events in the months to come.

The next phase of the capital campaign is currently being initiated. Funds generated in this phase will be used for expanded programming facilities and outreach.

Archbishop Flores plans to meet with the priests, religious and other Archdiocesan personnel to describe these changes in detail. Accompanying him will be members of the CTSA Board, CTSA staff and two media consultants who are assisting the archdiocese in planning for the growth of CTSA.

Plans are underway to extend the reach of CTSA's signal to areas of the archdiocese beyond the San Antonio city limits. Catholic radio broadcasting will also be enhanced throughout the archdiocese in the coming months.

Archbishop Flores commented: "Television is one of the best means we have for educating and evangelizing in our Archdiocese. I want all the people of our Archdiocese to share in the gift that CTSA is for us here in San Antonio. We intend to encourage CTSA's growth and extend its influence so that we can all share in this gift as soon as possible."

Beta Epsilon Omicron Hosts Senior Tea

Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi entertained the girls of the BHS Senior Class and their mothers at a formal tea on Sunday, May 26, 1996. The tea was held in the lovely Fort Clark Springs home of Evelyn Whitely. The guests were met at the door by chapter president Delia Curry, who presented each girl a guardian angel pin as the guest book was signed. Finger sandwiches and cookies were served from a beautifully appointed table, centered with a blue runner, topped with a blue floral arrangement in a crystal vase and blue candles in crystal holders. An elegant silver punch bowl held a delightful punch. A wonderful time was had by all.

Following the tea, Beta Epsilon Omicron held a final meeting for the year. Called to order by President Delia Curry, roll was answered by members: Pam Melancon, Ruby Cheaney, Francine Collins, Hazel Ivey, Lynn McNew, Opal Groce, Evelyn Whitely, Flo Stafford and Dorothy Frank.

A discussion was held on the high-

way clean-up project. It was the feeling of the members present that we no longer desire to continue this project. The other chapters will be contacted to see if they wish to continue with the clean-up. Members were asked to be thinking of other service projects we can take on.

Further discussion was held on committee chairmen. Last year's president Marla Madrid has the list of chairmen and it was agreed that all members will serve on at least one committee. Service chairmen Lynn McNew reported on a letter received from Chamber of Commerce asking for man-power help for the Highway rest stop on Monday, May 27. Other dates will be acted on closer to the time.

Our fall rush party will be in September. However, we will invite prospective pledges to our summer socials. Our first social will be on Monday, July 1st, at Dee Curry's house to introduce prospective pledges to members. We will plan an ice cream party for late in the summer.



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Remembering The Calvary (Recuerdos De La Caballeria)

By Anita Torres Smith Ed. D.

The United States Cavalry passed through Uvalde on many occasions while on reconnaissance missions along the Texas-Mexican border. The soldiers and their horses caught the attention of the *barrio* children, providing them with entertainment and capturing in them the fantasies of youth.

Stationed along the border from the southernmost tip of Texas and up the Rio Grande all the way to Arizona, the Calvary's objective was to ensure that the lives and property of American citizens were not placed at risk. The times were the 1920's and 1930's, during the Mexican Revolution days and, until the end of General Jose Gonzalo Escobedo's rebellion. The Calvary's goal included keeping track of Mexican rebel soldiers. As the Rebels moved west in Mexico, the cavalry moved west on the American side, vigilantly monitoring the combating units and watching for the smuggling of arms across the border.

World War I
Aniceta Mata Gonzales remembers a 1918 Cavalry march in Uvalde. She was "sitting on the fence in front of (the Mata) home watching the soldiers marching westward after the World War I victory in Germany. It was a beautiful sight", she wrote. "We would climb up on our front yard fence and watch them go by day after day not even knowing they were coming home from a war. We were just babies then - (and) to us kids they were just soldiers on horseback (riding) on big horses and in big numbers, like (the march) would never end. They could be seen as far as our eyes could see from East Main to West Main. You can imagine what a sight that was to 3-4 year olds", Gonzales stated.

The Depression Era
Twelve years later, in the South Park barrio, Telesforo F. Torres, Frank Gonzales, Anastacia Gonzales Lara, Carolina Flores Pena, Anita Flores Penalzoa, and Beatrice Rojas Herrera recalled the Cavalry stopping on several occasions in the pasture east of South Grove, south of West Calera, and west of what is now South Crisp Street.

According to Torres, the first neighborhood child to spot the regiment would yell much like the town crier of early times to all the others, "The soldiers are coming! The soldiers are coming! ¡Corranle (Run) Let's go see them!"

"Immediately, all the neighborhood children came running" Torres said, "mostly to the West Mill gate where the Floreses lived. Other children running to investigate were my older brother and sister, Valeriano and Apolonia. Eagerly, we'd all stand in awe" and with wide eyed eagerness "we looked through the openings in the fence," Torres added.

Setting Up Camp
Most of the soldiers came on horseback. Others were in wagons pulled by mule teams. "The first time I saw them, the sergeants were yelling out their orders and the soldiers were doing what they were told. They placed the posts in holes that they dug. Then they tied the long, heavy, thick rope strung with heavy rings to the posts", said Torres. The soldiers appeared to be exulting in their work.

"I was about 8-years-old and I wondered if maybe they were getting the grounds ready for a circus. Then I found out what the rope was for", said Torres. He added that "About 6-8 soldiers at a time, tied their horses by their halters to the rings on one side of the rope and then, another group tied theirs to the opposite side," explained Torres.

Three rifles were hooked together

with the stacking swivels in a standing position with the rest around them, much like the shape of a teepee and Gonzales remembers other soldiers neatly setting up the pup tents in a line. "Then, they took the McClellan saddles and carefully set them down beside their tents. After that, they groomed the horses. The horses were always taken care of first", he said.

The Chuck Wagon
According to Torres, other soldiers set up the field kitchen. Once ready, coffee was brewed on the chuck wagon. "One time, a soldier was unloading a big pot with boiling coffee, and someone may have bumped into him or something, causing a big spill. The coffee splashed all over the soldier's face, chest, and stomach.

"All of us kids heard the foot steps of running soldiers coming to help and somebody yelled, 'Quick, get a doctor! There's no infirmary!' They did have a doctor; however, we never found out anything about the burned soldier. Within a few minutes, everything was quiet. This was something we discussed amongst ourselves forever, it seemed," recalls Torres.

Kitchen Patrol
The soldiers on KP helped in the kitchen area building campfires for cooking. When chow was ready, "the soldiers stood in lines with their aluminum mess kits and were served food much like what we ate in the service (World War II): beans and potatoes", said Torres.

"I do not know if they ate meat or how they carried it in the wagons without spoiling if they did. I was so little, I never questioned that. What I do remember is the soldiers discussing things with us", declared Torres.

The Farrier
Farriers and blacksmiths accompanied the group. Torres remembers that "as soon as a horse started wobbling, the farriers took care of it. I watched one of them. He had big, well developed shoulders. Big muscles."

Another thing that impressed Torres was that the farrier checked the horse's hooves before he started working, and if the horse needed a shoe on his rear foot, the farrier turned his back toward the horse's rear end, stooped forward and picked up the horse's hind leg from between his legs to try on the shoe. In that position, with a long file he shaped the edges to the hoof and cleaned up the horse's hoof to get it ready to shoe.

"I thought the farrier was very brave to turn his back on the horse. Horses kick. I admired him. I also thought he was very brave to pick up the horse's foot. When the horse tried to pull his leg back, the farrier held on tightly to it and I could see his muscles. He also had big, fat wrists that helped him with his work", explained Torres.

The Blacksmith
According to Torres, the blacksmith always stood by a stand like a barbecue pit with a door at the bottom, "probably so the coals could breathe. He had a pair of long pliers with which he set the shoes on the fire. A helper carried a big contraption in the shape of a fan that opened and closed. With this blower he kept the coals burning bright red in color", said Torres.

"At this time, the helper picked up the horseshoe from the fire with the big tongs and set it on the anvil. He hit it with a large, heavy hammer to straighten it, and rounded it to the shape of the horse's hoof. Then he dunked it in a tub of water, the water sizzling as he did so. When it cooled, the farrier tried it on the horse for size, said Torres. "If the shoe did

not fit, he closed or opened it to size. "Once ready, the farrier took off his shirt and I could see he wore suspenders. He nailed the shoes on with big, long nails that were not round. The holes in the shoes were not round, either", Torres added. "And the horse was ready to travel."

Recalling cherished memories of her childhood and her parents' home on the south side of the alley between Calera and Mill Streets, Lara emphatically stated that as soon as word came of the arriving Cavalry, all parents immediately gathered their young daughters and locked them in the house. (This offers an explanation as to why the other ladies interviewed did not recall any specific details.)

Lara also remembers peering through the windows watching the soldiers walking in an easterly direction with 6-8 horses each, down the alley towards the Leona River. "The Leona at that time had lots of clear water and springs and the soldiers took the horses to drink", said Gonzales clinging to a memory of a cheery scene, whistling as he spoke.

Lara also remembers that several families got their water from a neighborhood hydrant behind Edmundo Gomez's house and all the neighbors from the alley down to Mill got their water from there. This hydrant was also used by the Calvarymen. Soldiers came, filled big buckets and carried the water back to the pasture.

Kindness And Gentleness
Regarding the Cavalry's camping at the same place at different times, Torres said, "At any given time, all of us children found the soldiers doing many interesting things. We thought they were kind and generous", said Torres.

"Always, they helped us understand what was going on, explaining things to us in a very respectful manner. They never said 'Children get away from here. You might get hurt'. Nothing like that. We felt welcomed to watch. Sometimes they gave us a penny or a nickel. At that time, we could buy a lot with a penny. With a nickel we considered ourselves rich!", said Torres explaining their generosity. The soldiers were a very gentle influence in the course of the lives of these *barrio* children.

Hasta La Vista!
The next morning, with rested horses and having packed everything, the soldiers got their horses in formation and "Using the gate on Calera Street they turned right on Grove and took a left on Main", explained Torres.

"Later, all of us scoured the area for souvenirs. The soldiers usually cleaned up everything very carefully, even the horses' manure! So, the only telling-sign of the Cavalry's visit was the tall, padded-down grass", continued Torres.

"We usually found our treasure. Old horseshoes that I believe the soldiers threw away when nobody was looking because I know that a soldier is not supposed to throw anything away. Trash can be buried", said Torres, "but never thrown away."

Much can be said about these elderly *barrio* citizens and their mental museums. They contain long shelves of carefully arranged experiences garnished with the visiting Cavalry of early times, carefully sculpted for posterity.

Perhaps these soldiers did much in safeguarding the welfare of the border residents of the 1920s-30s and perhaps they symbolized the country as a whole, but no honor they might have earned later could have proved to be so precious as the privilege of teaching these *barrio* children a few values on moral excellence and devotion to one's duty and country.

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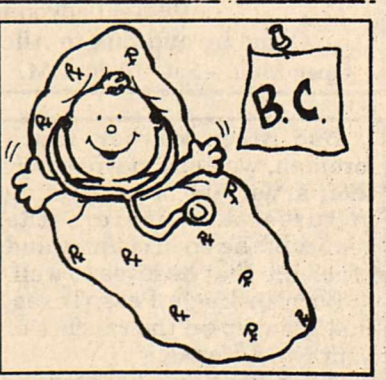
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Bridge Anyone?

By Norma Gould
The FCS Duplicate Bridge Club met Tuesday, May 21st with 4 1/2 tables playing the Howell Movement. Betty Inman and Ann Hibler tied with Nita and Fred Clayton for 1st place. Evelyn Whitely and Ray Kurtz won 3rd place. We welcome all bridge players.



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Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Hole punchers
 - 5 Wolf gang?
 - 9 Sweat and slave
 - 14 Bizarre
 - 19 Secular
 - 20 With 1 Down, "California Suite" star
 - 21 Bring to mind
 - 22 Cornered
 - 23 Unreal
 - 25 Speaker of comment
 - 27 Pianist Watts
 - 28 Cat calls?
 - 30 Lend a hand
 - 31 "Norma —"
 - 32 Jason's vessel
 - 34 Game ending?
 - 38 Agent Smart
 - 41 Start of a comment by 25 Across
 - 46 Part of EMT
 - 47 Vigor's partner
 - 48 Roman or Italian
 - 49 General Powell
 - 51 Indigence
 - 54 "— Restaurant"
 - 57 "Ms." co-founder
 - 59 Elizabethan
 - 61 South African province
 - 62 All-star game side
 - 63 Hazardous gas
 - 65 Refrain syllable
 - 66 Classroom sound
 - 69 Native: suffix
 - 70 Role for
 - 75 Across
 - 71 Mineral seam
 - 72 Part 2 of comment
 - 75 Part 3 of comment
 - 79 Charleson or Carmichael
 - 80 "Gothal"
 - 81 Marsh duck
 - 82 Identity
 - 83 Singer O'Day
 - 85 Hawaii's
 - 87 Hold up
 - 91 Pearl or Riperton
 - 93 Distinguished
 - 95 Singer Peter
 - 96 "The Subject Was Roses" star
 - 97 Philosophy
 - 98 Caspian's neighbor
 - 100 Hog heaven?
 - 101 Melodious McEntire
 - 103 Part 4 of comment
 - 107 Cheeseboard choice
 - 110 Besides
 - 111 Roads scholar?
 - 112 Loser to DDE
 - 113 Priv. pension
 - 115 Tennis legend
 - 118 Available
 - 122 End of comment
 - 128 December birthstone
 - 130 "— Breath You Take"
 - 132 Screenwriter James
 - 133 Check
 - 134 Hardly Einsteinian
 - 135 Synthetic fabric
 - 136 Funny Foxx
 - 137 Mile, farther south
 - DOWN**
 - 1 See
 - 2 Across
 - 2 Caution
 - 3 Talked about fishing?
 - 4 Amulet motif
 - 5 Joey, for one
 - 6 Splitting headache?
 - 7 Solidify
 - 8 Had no doubts
 - 9 Pantyhose part
 - 10 Salute for Caesar
 - 11 Start to cry?
 - 12 Southern veggie
 - 13 Diet and exercise, e.g.
 - 14 NY gambling option
 - 15 Montevideo's loc.
 - 16 — Haute, Ind.
 - 17 Kidney-related
 - 18 Collector's car, today
 - 24 Pere's chere?
 - 26 Gouda alternative
 - 29 — Vicente, Brazil
 - 33 Obtains
 - 35 Kind of plastic
 - 36 Shortly
 - 37 Gentleman of leisure?
 - 39 Vacuum-tube gas
 - 40 Small songbird
 - 41 Lendl or Turgenev
 - 42 Home-improvement pro Bob
 - 43 Send out
 - 44 Basilica area
 - 45 Sell in a store
 - 50 Reputation
 - 52 Senator Kelauger
 - 53 Andrea —
 - 55 Director Frank
 - 56 Literary lioness
 - 58 Punta del —
 - 59 Foster of "Neil"
 - 60 A Bobbsey twin
 - 64 "Stop!"
 - 67 Pen pals?
 - 68 Bangkok native
 - 71 Jeeves or Passepartout
 - 72 "Oliver Twist" villain
 - 73 It's up in the air
 - 74 Among: prefix
 - 75 Amusement-park cry
 - 76 Role for Mia
 - 77 Act like an ibis
 - 78 Jewel
 - 80 Vexes
 - 83 Felt ill
 - 84 It multiplies by dividing
 - 86 Raison d'—
 - 88 Minus
 - 89 Jocular
 - 90 Lee Dorsey hit
 - 92 Biblical ointment
 - 94 Baal, e.g.
 - 95 Singer Laine
 - 97 Persevere
 - 99 Stuck fast
 - 102 It's sometimes jumped
 - 104 One — customer
 - 105 "— Ben Adhem"
 - 106 Contributors
 - 107 Raved like a raven
 - 108 Throw forcefully
 - 109 German steel center
 - 114 Pale
 - 116 Night light?
 - 117 Colossal
 - 119 Row
 - 120 Didion's "Play It — Lays"
 - 121 Fastballer Alejandro
 - 123 Hosp. areas
 - 124 Carrie or Louis
 - 125 Adjectival suffix
 - 126 — Magnon
 - 127 Barbie's boyfriend
 - 129 Theorem initials

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

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- Ski jump
- Skating
- Skijoring
- Sledding
- Snowboarding
- Snowmobiling
- Tubing

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Distractions and interruptions are likely to interfere with your concentration on the job this week. No matter how hard you try, your accomplishments fall short of your good intentions. By week's end, you're fatigued and stressed out and need to rest.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Place the accent on cooperation and diplomacy early in the week. Someone is trying to undermine your accomplishments and you need to overcome this. Little things are likely to interfere with getting your way over the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll need to be tactful in your speech this week, particularly with co-workers. A loved one or friend also could easily take offense at something you say offhandedly. A weekend entertainment may be too costly for you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your efforts to read between the lines may lead to faulty assumptions this week. Avoid a tendency to jump to the wrong conclusions. It will take extra effort to be productive this week. However, you do end the week on a happy note.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Unexpected company dropping by could upset your domestic schedule early in the week. In business, a moody higher-up or associate will have to be handled with kid gloves. This person is getting pressure from above and is not really out to "get" you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A close partner is sensitive this week and easily offended. Be careful of ill-considered remarks that could give offense. You sometimes open your mouth before you think about what you're doing. Avoid this.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Don't put too much stock in what a person who tends to exaggerate has to say this week. This person has proven in the past to be untrustworthy. It's not the best week for getting

your ideas across to others. Mix-ups are likely.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Not much will come of big talk you hear in business this week. Those rumors of layoffs and downsizing are more hot air than anything else. However, be sure your skills are finely honed just in case.

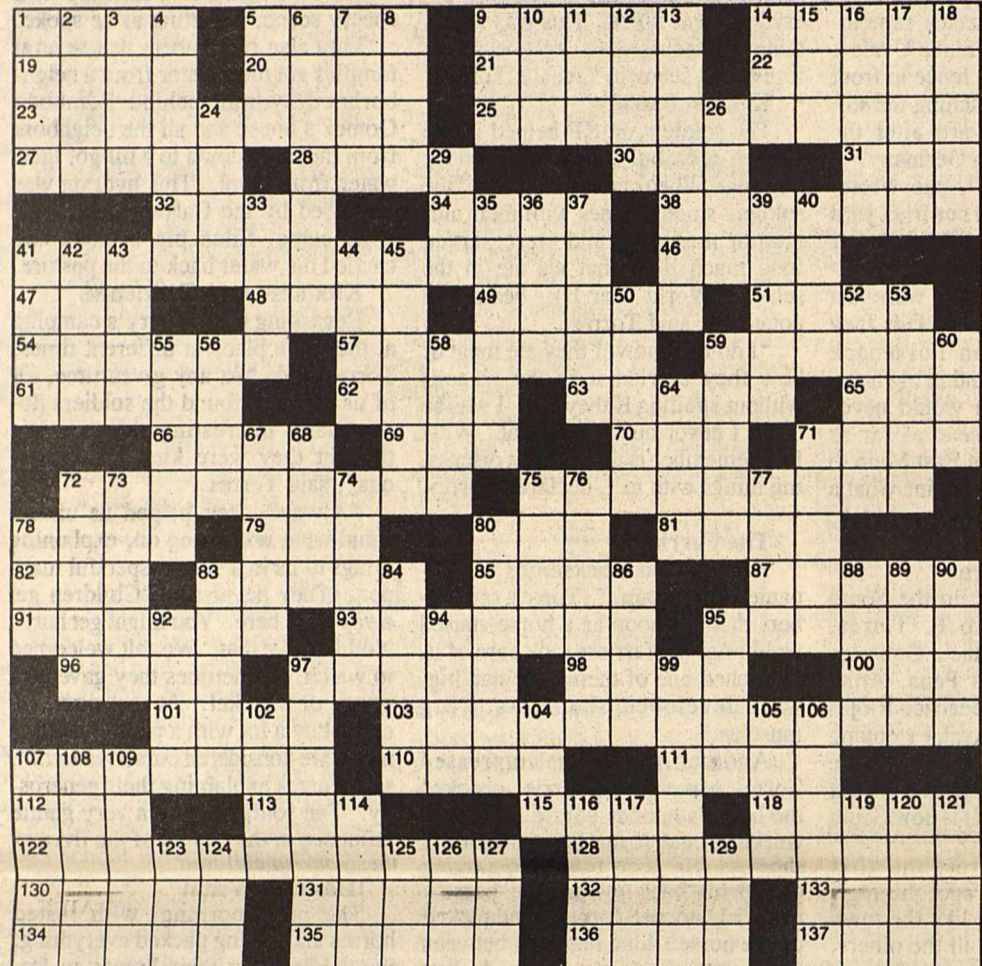
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Judgment could be off this week regarding spending. You may be making a friendship matter more complicated than it needs to be. You're really reading way too much into this. This evening, you're inclined to overspend on pleasure.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Double-check costs in connection with travel. Slight strain could exist with a loved one. Also, others' sensitivities may get in the way of achieving agreements this week. Some feel you're stealing their thunder.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Extra expenses may arise in connection with another person this week, particularly a child. A business proposition which is put on the table midweek requires revisions. This weekend, guard against unnecessary spending when shopping.

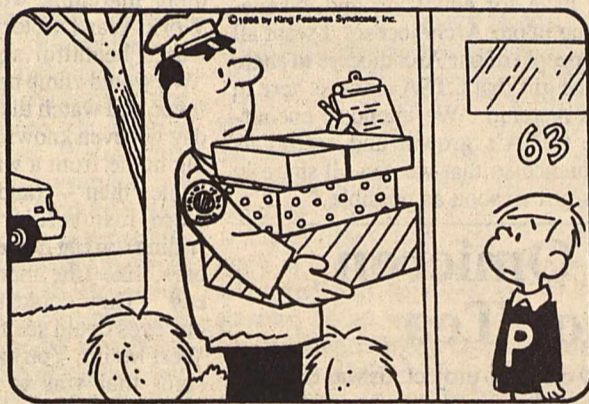
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Keep the lines of communication open with close partners, particularly early in the week. Don't put others in the position of having to be mind-readers. Your tendency to do this causes hurt feelings and frustration.

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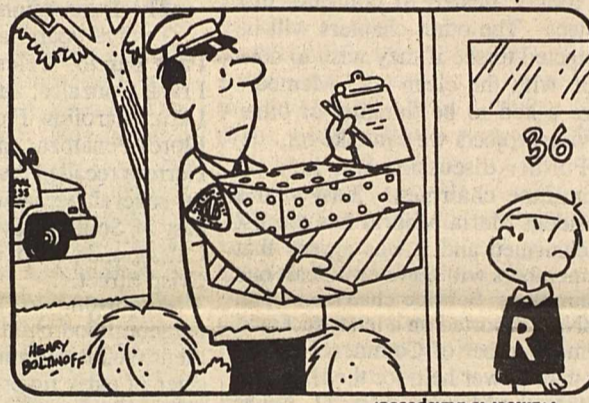


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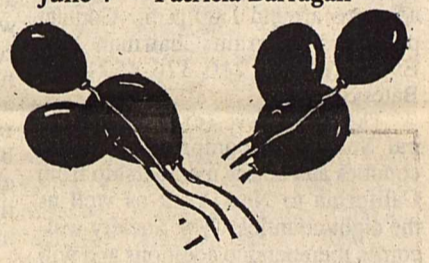
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Medicare HMOs often provide more services than traditional Medicare, including prescription drugs.

Another advantage of Medicare HMOs is they usually accept seniors and disabled Medicare beneficiaries for coverage, regardless of medical history. Exceptions are people who are receiving hospice care or have end-stage kidney disease.

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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.

May 1884: Lt French has been posted to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas. His is responsible for target practice and is living with Dr. William Crawford Gorgas (later Surgeon General of the United States Army). He visits Matamoros for Cinco De Mayo and fires the 21 gun salute for the post. On other visits he smuggles bottles of perfume back into the United States. Gorgas becomes sick and the married officers' wives continue to provide comfort for the bachelor French. Military duties concentrate on construction of the rifle range and an "experimental march" which takes Lt French on an 86 mile trek making him footsore and weary. Finances, ladies, socializing and his mail are the focus of his existence.

Monday, May 26 1884

During the night it rained very hard and the roads were terribly muddy and heavy. Tried to persuade Bradford to go seven or eight miles so as to make 35 miles from Brown the amount called for in the order, and then return to camp where we did last night; but he would not consent. Camped at La Blanca about 43 miles from Brown and tomorrow we are to return. Very hard march. Right heel is skinned & a blister is on big toe. Had a poor place for camp on bank of river. Latter is rising rapidly this evening. Hope it won't be so high as to interfere with our return to the Post. After dinner Bradford & I went over to see the others, their camp being about 1/4 of a mile from ours. Later in evening they came over & we sang songs until bedtime.

Tuesday, May 27 1884

Left camp as early as usual and reached old camp at Santa Maria after a tiresome march as the road was quite muddy in places. Today was a hard day on the men. My



left heel is skinned also, but I intend to walk. Stopped at Col. Tucker's where I messed when on duty with a cavalry detachment in January '82, and spent a pleasant hour chatting with him & his family. Played cards with Crowder for a while at Haynes' house. Had a hard shower during day. Hope road will be passable tomorrow.

Wednesday, May 28 1884

Were rather late in leaving camp this morning on account of the poor watch of the Corporal of the guard. Camped at twelve mile hole. Hard march although ground was better than we expected. Reached camp just after noon. Both heels are sore today but hope to walk in all right tomorrow. Spent the evening at the cavalry Camp singing.

Thursday, May 29 1884

Very hard trying march. Reached Post about ten o'clock and felt about used up. Left heel is quite sore. After a bath, change of clothes and a lunch felt much better. Found letter from home & bundle of papers, one from Gen. Smith, Harry with bill and from Mrs. Witherell with postal note for \$2 with request that I decorate her son's & Weine's graves, they having died here in '82 of yellow fever. Went over to see Mrs. Happersett about the flowers & was very sorry to find her suffering from another chill. After dinner went down town in the buckboard cashed the postal note, ordered the flowers and attended to one or two other matters. Did not go out in the evening but sat at home reading papers and nursing my feet. Wrote letter home & mailed it & sent pay accounts to Maj. Bash so as to go out tomorrow morning. Have walked the whole trip 86 miles. Bradford rode the first day and two hours the second.

Friday, May 30 1884

Feet are too sore to wear shoes, and slippers were almost too much. Went to the office & then rode down town with Mrs. Gardener to get the flowers. After returning went in for a moment to

see Mrs. Happersett and was very much pleased to see her sitting and feeling almost well. Commenced a letter to Marie but stopped in order to go over in the ambulance to the cemetery with Mrs. Gardener and Miss McWatty. The river is quite high but is not over the road yet. Mrs. Gardener carried flowers to decorate the graves of some men of "G" Co. who have died here. Placed a big bouquet at the head of Frank Witherell's grave and of poor Weine's, and covered the remainder with the cut flowers. Mrs. Witherell sent money enough to buy a great quantity of flowers. Miss McWatty helped me to put them on Frank's grave, while Mrs. Gardener attended to the other. After decorating the graves of the men, we made a call on Mrs. Smith wife of the Superintendent, a rather coarse English woman but very kind hearted. Just two years ago to avoid a shower Miss Marie and I went into the Lodge & there met Mrs. Witherell, her husband, Frank & Mr. Weine. Today I am decorating the graves of two of them whom yellow fever carried off in '82. Little did any of us think what trouble was so soon to come upon all except myself, as all the others had the fever, Mrs. Witherell & Miss Marie almost dying. After returning to the Post rode down town to attend to a few errands. Finished letter to Marie after dinner. Did not go out in evening on account of sore feet. A letter from home came today. Completed arranging my papers today.

Saturday May 31 1884

Rode down town just after breakfast and got enough money from Dudley Brown to pay A C S bill. Then went over to office & settled with Capt. Bradford, mess account for trip. Read papers in Library & then returned to house and wrote letters to Mrs. Witherell and to George. In the evening put on a pair of dancing shoes & attended choir practice. Afterwards escorted Miss McWatty home and then called at Bradford's until tattoo. After this called on Miss Valls & made an engagement with her to go down to Point Isabel to see the Happersetts off. Then spent a few

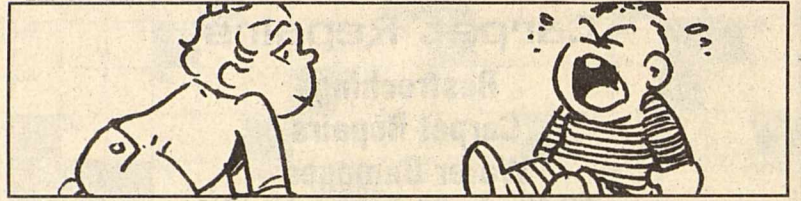


minutes with Miss Mamie. Tried to make an engagement to accompany her to church tomorrow evening but Crowder was ahead of me.

Sunday, June 1 1884

Went over to the office to read the papers this morning. Afterwards bathed and wrote on letter home until dinner. After dinner went over to Mrs. Bradford's to eat some ice cream. Marched on guard this morning and took retreat and tattoo, being obliged to leave chapel before services were over for the latter purpose. Walked home with Mrs. Happersett after services and then left sword at Saint's Rest and returned to Mrs. Happersett's and drank a glass of champagne [sic] with her, the Doctor, Gorgas and Hennisee. Then went down to Mrs. Valls with her, the two doctors coming after and had some ice cream and cake in honor of their departure. Had very pleasant time but all seemed sad at the idea of departure. Walked up with Mrs. Happersett and then inspected the guard. This A.M. about 1, Gorgas, Scott, Crowder & I serenaded Miss McWatty, Mrs. Happersett and Miss Mamie, hiring three Mexicans to play for us. They played Mexican airs on a violin, flute & guitar and it sounded quite well. After serenading had something to eat and some lemonade and returned to garrison about three o'clock. Feet are getting better. Letter & bundle of papers from home came in tonight's mail.

The commencement of this book found me at Mayers Springs; the end finds me at Fort Brown, Tex. in good health and spirits.



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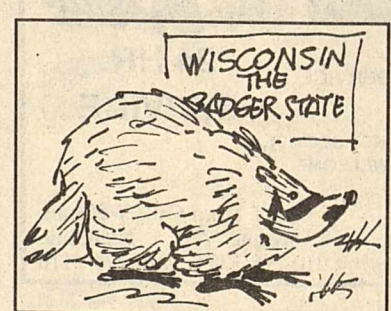
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Actor Charlton Heston's real name is Charles Carter.



The state of Wisconsin is known as the "badger state."

OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS

I APPRECIATE THAT THE MEN ARE ENTHUSIASTIC BEFORE A BIG BATTLE, BUT COULD YOU TELL SIR MALCOLM TO LOSE THE FOAM FINGER

Bonilla Blasts Clinton Assertion He Serves In Military; Signs On To Congressional Letter Urging President To Get Real
By Henry Bonilla
Congressman, 23rd District, Texas

WASHINGTON — U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla signed on to a letter today rejecting President Clinton's claim that as commander-in-chief he is in the military and therefore immune to the sexual harassment case pending before him.

Bonilla and other members of Congress joined in sending a letter to the President urging him to drop his false claim of active duty military service. The letter to Clinton states, "You are not a person in military service, nor have you ever been."

The president's petition to the Supreme Court concerning Paula Jones' suit against him was filed a week ago. In it, Clinton claims he is protected under the Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Act of 1940, which grants automatic delays in lawsuits against military personnel until their active duty is over.

"His ridiculous assertion that as the civilian commander-in-chief he is just like active duty military personnel is an insult to the millions of servicemen who proudly serve and protect our country every day," Bonilla said. "He should not be hiding behind a law designed to protect our military personnel in uniform."

The letter urges Clinton to take the honorable course and withdraw the military service argument saying "By pursuing it, you dishonor all of America's veterans who did so proudly serve."

The Supreme Court could decide as early as next month or as late as September whether to accept the case.

TDA Drought Relief Efforts

Emergency Feed Programs
Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry has worked with Governor George W. Bush to help Texas counties receive assistance from two federal emergency feed programs. Counties become eligible for these programs when they lose 40 percent of their overall feed production due to a natural disaster. 196 Texas counties have been approved for emergency feed assistance.

Emergency Declarations
At the Governor's request, federal disaster declarations have been granted for designated areas of Texas to assist agricultural producers impacted by the drought. Disaster declarations are county specific, with eligibility to contiguous counties. Assistance is in the form of low-interest loans from the Farm Service Agency, as well as aid for non-insurable crops through the Non-insurable Assistance Program (NAP).

Grazing on CRP Land
Commissioner Perry pushed the U.S. Department of Agriculture to allow haying and grazing on land set aside under the Conservation Reserve Program. Texas has a little more than 4 million acres enrolled in this program, which sets aside land from agricultural production. An exception to allow grazing has been approved, which should provide some feed for livestock, and also reduce the fire hazard many counties are facing.

Hay Hotline (1-800-687-7564)
In April, the Texas Department of Agriculture established the Hay Hotline. The goal of this toll-free number is to connect Texas ranchers - who are facing a severe hay shortage due to drought - with hay sellers nationwide. About 30 states have responded to the Texas request for hay. The Hotline receives an average of 40 calls a day with approxi-

mately half of the callers offering to sell hay and the other half seeking to buy it.

Linked Deposit Loan Program
TDA's Linked Deposit Loan Program is a low-interest loan program that helps producers resume crop or livestock production after a natural disaster. A producer is eligible to borrow up to \$250,000 for crop or livestock production, if they are located in a county declared a natural disaster area by the federal government. In addition, this program also makes funds available to buy water conservation irrigation equipment.

Texas-Israel Exchange Research and Development Grant Program
TDA has teamed up with Israel, where a desert nation has been transformed into a major agricultural exporter. Joint research that will help Texas stretch our existing water supply is funded under the TIE program. Texas provides \$250,000 annually, which is matched with another \$250,000 by Israel's Ministry of Agriculture.

Cattle Hotline (1-800-660-COWS)
Due to ongoing drought conditions in Mexico, Commissioner Perry established the Cattle Hotline in an effort to further expand the market for Texas cattle. Mexico's herds are nearly depleted and need restocking. The U.S. government is attempting to finalize a loan program that will allow Mexican ranchers to borrow funds to restock their herds. To ensure Texas ranchers are involved in the majority of these sales, the Cattle Hotline was introduced in February. Those calling the Hotline are sent a TDA-prepaid kit on how to conduct export sales. In addition, a database has been developed to assist Mexican buyers in locating cattle and sellers across the state.

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Gateway Ministries

By Charlotte Corey

"LIFE IS A GREAT ADVENTURE!!" Many of our young people have set out on such an adventure recently as they have graduated from high school. If you are such a person, I would like to encourage you with a few words. You are loved by God and He desires the very best for you in your life. The wisest man of his time, a ruler and king, Solomon wrote in the book of Proverbs 15:14-16 "The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly. All the days of the oppressed are wretched, but the cheerful heart has a continual feast. Better a little fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil," and in Proverbs 9:10-16 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For through me your days will be many, and years will be added to your life. If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you, if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer. The woman Folly is loud; she is undisciplined and without knowledge. She sits at the door of her house, on a seat at the highest point in the city, calling out to those who pass by, who go straight on their way "Let all who are simple come in here! She says to those who lack judgement."

So then, having a close relationship with God assures you of success, joy, happiness, peace, and love. That relationship started with you on God's part before you were born as noted in Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart..." and again in Psalms 139:15-16 "My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret places when I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." Knowing this and that He loved you enough to give his only begotten son, Jesus Christ,

to die on the cross to pay for your sins, that Jesus is our mediator who had become sin on the cross and experienced all things that may try to attack you, and yet overcame sin and made a public display of the demons from hell, stripping them of their power, and taking the keys to death and the grave, then giving those who believe in Him, who have simply received Him into their hearts by faith, the same power to be "more than conquerors", better yet, being called by His name, we are "overcome" and have knowledge that as it says in Hebrews 13:5-6 "God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you, so we say with confidence.' "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid, what can man do to me?" With God's armor girded about you, you as a believer can step out into the unknown of this world and know that you have complete security through Jesus Christ because God has already planned your days, yet given you free will choices and that you can face the future no matter what it may try to throw at you. You can have the confidence that if you make a mistake and "blow it" or make wrong choices that cause you to fail, you, personally, are not a failure as long as you repent from the mistake (turn 180 degrees from the mistakes and wrong choices) and receive God's forgiveness (which He is ready and eager to give us when we ask it in Jesus' name) and go on with your life, determined to make better choices in the future.

Having made plenty of mistakes in my youth and even later in life, it gives me great peace and joy to know that God has a ready ear, a large lap to crawl up on, and more love than anyone on earth can ever conceive.

God be with you all as you start out on this great adventure!!
STAND IN FAITH!!
REST IN HOPE!!
WALK IN LOVE!!



St. John's Baptist Church

Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.
210-563-9175

And he (Jesus) spoke a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always pray, and not to faint, Saying, There was in a city a judge, who feared not GOD, neither regarded man.

And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary-

And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not GOD, nor regard man.

Yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.

And the LORD said, Hear what the unjust judge saith.

And shall not GOD avenge his own elect, who cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?

I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. St. Luke 18:1-8. Praise GOD

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First United Methodist Church



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

This summer at First Methodist we will be taking a trip through the Holy Land. Our tour guide will be the Old Testament and the Holy Spirit. We'll get into the skin of those larger-than-life characters to see what got under their skin. We'll eavesdrop on their conversations with God and each other and discover their secrets.

In June, we'll begin our travels with a married couple who get a job transfer to a new location and a new position. They finally overcome their infertility problems only to almost lose their child. Meanwhile they're struggling with marital problems (complete with an extra-marital affair). Along the way, we'll meet a single mother and her son who find

themselves on the outside looking in after having been used, abused, and cast aside.

Sounds like a regular little Peyton Place, doesn't it? It promises to be exciting to say the very least! As these characters come to life, we may discover that these people are not larger-than-life but are precisely the stuff life is made of. In their stories, we may hear familiar strains from our own stories and those of our loved ones. We may also hear a word of encouragement, hope, or grace.

The journey begins this Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Won't you at least come along for the ride?

Blessings on you.



First Baptist Church

Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor

"The Pastor's Pen"

It is time for some "Quoteable Quotes."
Humility is to make a right estimate of one's self—Spurgeon.
The mind of guilt is full of scorpions—Shakespeare.
Habit, if not resisted soon becomes necessity—Augustine.
The heart has reasons that reason does not understand—Bousset.
Heaven must be in me before I can

be in Heaven—Stanford.
Victory in life's conflict is impossible without prayers—Unknown.
Without faith, a man becomes sterile, hopeless and afraid to the very core of his being—Erich Fromm.
A saint is a dead sinner, revised and edited—A. Bierce.
God has two dwellings: one in heaven, and the other in a meek and thankful heart—Izaak Walton.

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John Freddy, D.O.-Family Practice, OB, 278-7101
Vinod Nair, M.D.-Internal Medicine, 278-7105
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Frontier Baptist Church

Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

"The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth" is the theme of the book of Revelation. The church was being persecuted by the Roman government. In a picture language of the time that Christians understood God dictated (inspired) the book to say to the Christians that the Roman government would fail and fall and the Christian Church would conquer and triumph because, "The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth."

God said to Adam and Eve that they should not eat of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge. Being beguiled by Satan they ate but God prescribed and carried out punishment for the rebellious act. God commissioned Moses to lead the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage. The Pharaoh scorned all the pleas from God until God stepped in and brought death to the first born of the Pharaoh and then the Pharaoh allowed the captives to be freed and to go back to their land of Caanan. David decided to build a house of God. He gathered all the materials and God stepped in to remind David of grave sins of his life and denied David his dream by calling forth Solomon to build the

Temple. Under Jeremiah's ministry the people had departed from God and were worshipping Pagan Gods. God told them through Jeremiah that unless they turned back to Him the army to the north would come and lay waste to the land. They refused and God raised up a pagan land to come and conquer the land. Paul worked devotedly to destroy Christians whom he considered enemies of God. God met him on the road to Damascus and when all was done, Paul became the greatest preacher, evangelist and missionary of his day.

It's easy for anyone to turn a deaf ear to God and the teaching of the Bible. We need never forget that, "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth." Whatever we do or wherever we go we are never beyond the reach of God. Better to stay in tune with Him than know His wrath.

Sunday will be another big day at Frontier Baptist Church at the close of the morning service The Lord's Supper will be served. This will be followed by the regular monthly fellowship luncheon. Come and be blessed.

Church Directory



St. Andrews Episcopal Church: Henderson & Fort Sunday Church Service 10:30 a.m. 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 Asambea 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.

New Jerusalem Temple Apostolic Church: 514 E. Louise St, Sunday School 10:30, Church 11:30, Bible Study: Wed. 7 p.m., Mission: 3rd Thurs. of each month 6 p.m. Pastor Rudy Goodloe (563-9468)

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Fresh food not only tastes better, it also retains vital nutrients that less-than-fresh foods have lost. Here are a few tips from Whirlpool home economist Carolyn West to help you make that freshness last as long as possible.

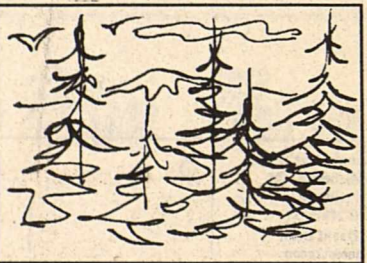
■ Shop carefully and buy fresh to begin with. Fresh food looks bright and colorful, smells fragrant and is usually firm to the touch.

■ When you bring food home, a little preparation can pay off in lasting freshness. Allow fruits, especially plums and pears, to ripen at room temperature to improve flavor. Before refrigerating fresh vegetables such as carrots, radishes and turnips, remove any leafy tops which tend to speed up deterioration.

■ Keep fresh fruits and vegetables in the crisper or in loosely closed moisture-resistant bags. Don't wrap them airtight—they will spoil faster.

■ Make sure your refrigerator maintains a temperature below 40 degrees F. To check the temperature, place a thermometer in a glass of water overnight in the middle of the fresh-food section. If necessary, adjust the temperature according to the instructions in your refrigerator's use and care guide. For most efficient operation, keep your refrigerator fully loaded, but leave enough space between items for air circulation.

■ Prepare salad ingredients and store in a plastic container—this instant fresh salad will last three days in the refrigerator. And the next time you cook, chop up a little extra onion or green pepper. The vegetables keep up to a month in a sealed freezer container and will add fresh flavor to future meals.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

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Specifications may be obtained at the County Judge's Office on the First floor of the Kinney County Court House, Brackettville, Texas or by contacting Administrative Assistant Mrs. Alicia Rush or Project Director Stephen G. Woollen at 210-563-2199.

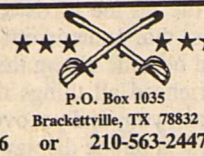
Bids will be opened by the County Judge at 10:00 a.m. on June 24, 1996 at a special meeting of Commissioner's Court, Kinney County, Kinney County Commissioner's Courtroom, Brackettville, Texas. The award will be made on the same day.

The Kinney County Commissioner's Court shall award the Contract to the responsible bidder who submits the lowest and/or bid that has the best interest of the Allied Area Narcotics Task Force or reject all bids and publish a new notice.

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AKC Offers Tips To Allergy Sufferers

Allergy season is rapidly approaching and the American Kennel Club would like to share some helpful tips with the public regarding this health problem and its relation to pets.

During the springtime "allergy season," allergies to pets are often exacerbated. An allergy to the family dog, for example, is a reaction to the animal's dander, the dead skin that flakes off a dog, similar to human dandruff. The dander becomes airborne and settles into furniture, clothes, carpets, etc. and then the allergic person breathes the particles in repeatedly, allowing the classic sneezing, wheezing, itchy and watery eyes, and other discomfort to develop.

In the interest of keeping dogs and their owners happy together, the AKC wants allergic dog owners to consider the possibility of removing the allergens from their homes to reduce or even eliminate their discomfort. To get started the AKC recommends the following:

1. Thoroughly wash and vacuum all bedspreads, blankets, rugs.
2. Wet-dust and air out all rooms, paying special attention to the bedroom.
3. Two to three times a week, groom the dog carefully with a brush

and then use a damp towel to wipe down the dog.

4. Shampoo the dog every two weeks, rinse well, squeezing out excess moisture. Dry normally.

Many experts believe that if an allergic person breathes "pure air" for seven to ten hours a night, he can cope with the allergens in the environment the rest of the day. Often, removing allergens only in the bedroom alleviates much suffering.

Some breeds known to shed less hair and dander than other breeds are the Poodle, Bichon Frise, Bedlington Terrier, Miniature Schnauzer, Kerry Blue Terrier, Soft Coated Wheaten Terrier, Maltese, Portuguese Water Dog, Basenji, and the rare hairless breed the Chinese Crested. For information on these breeds and others, write for a free AKC Dog Buyers Education Packet, at 5580 Centerville Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606.

For additional information on allergies, write to the Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America, 1717 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Suite 305, Washington, D.C. 20036 or the American Academy of Allergy & Immunology, 611 E. Wells Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202.



Congratulations Maria E. Martinez

Maria E. Martinez attended the 40 hour in-service training at Chase Field in Beeville, Texas from April 29 - May 2nd, 1996.

Martinez, has 2 yrs. employment with Texas Department of Criminal Justice. She is a Department Representative for the Windmill Fund, she has qualified as Staff Interpreter for language assistance in the monolingual inmates program. She works as a Primary Visitation Officer, and also on the Perimeter Security Team. Martinez works as a Correctional Officer III in Ruben M. Torres Unit Hondo, Texas.



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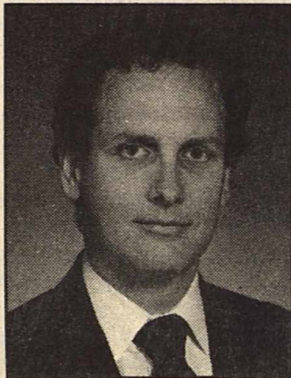
Characteristics, Prevention, and Treatment of Fungus Nail

Preston Goforth, D.P.M.

Question: I have what is referred to as fungus nail on my right big toe, and recently one of the middle toes looks discolored. What can be done for it? So far it hasn't bothered me except looking odd.

Answer: The condition you refer to as fungus nail is called "onychomycosis" in medical terminology, and it can be a stubborn and difficult situation to treat effectively. The infection often results after repeated minimal trauma to the nail, particularly from tight or poorly fitting shoes. In patients with onychomycosis, the toenail becomes thickened, deformed, discolored and, eventually brittle and separates from the nail bed (onycholysis).

Clinical management of fungus nail includes removing affected tissue by mechanical, surgical and chemical means and topical antifungal agents for control. Even removing the nail is of little use as the infection returns with the new nail growth. In severe cases, the nail may be removed permanently and treated with chemicals.



There are oral medications which are used to treat serious fungal infections. While they may be successful in eradicating the infection, for a small percentage of people they may pose a risk of serious side effects (including hepatitis and other liver disorders) which are more frequent in older people. You can understand why they find little favor among physician treatment of fungal nail infections.

Your physician might prescribe a cream or liquid to help control the situation, but this method seldom cures them. Since it isn't bothering you much I wouldn't be surprised if his (or her) advice is to just leave it be, and keep your feet as clean and dry as possible.

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