

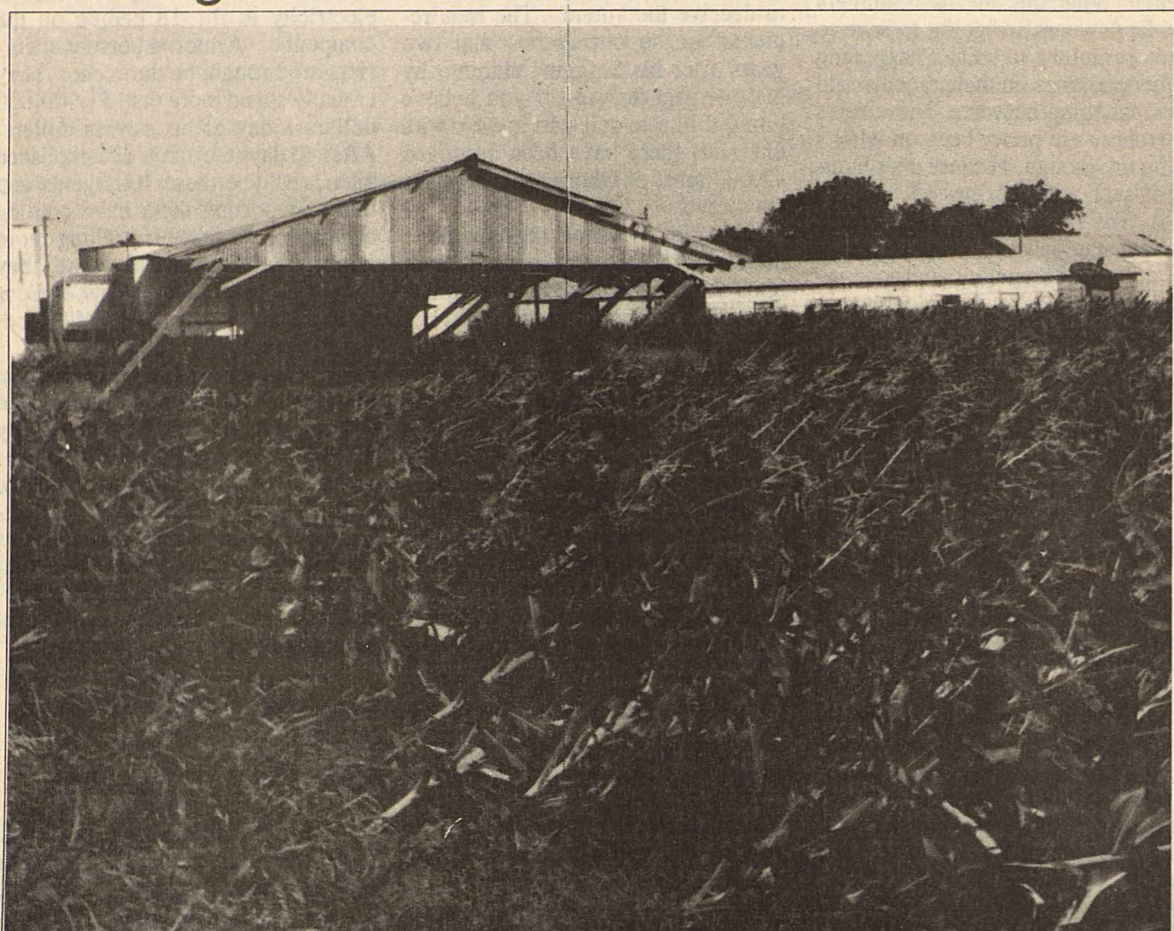
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"If a man had half as much insight, as he has hindsight, he would have twice as much foresight."

Blowing in the wind



High winds blew through Jim McDaniel's farm early Thursday morning, blowing over a barn and his corn field. McDaniel said the corn survived the weather. Photo by Wes Robinson

Stephenson hired as superintendent

New administrator happy to be 'back in the kitchen'

By: J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Taylor Stephenson was hired as the superintendent of the Brackett School District by the Board of Trustees at a special meeting Monday night.

The trustees voted unanimously to hire Stephenson, who has worked four years in Brackett as the district's curriculum director.

"I'm very pleased with the decision," School Board President Jimmy Bader said. "I think the entire board is looking forward to working with Taylor. He has a lot of experience that we're looking forward to tapping into."

"Taylor knows how we operate as a board. He has a very good relationship with the teachers, the staff, the administration, the board and the community. I think it's going to be very good for the school."

Stephenson is filling the position vacated by Steve Mills, who accepted a position in Denver City.

"I'm just ecstatic," Stephenson said. "I'm thrilled to death. This is a great school district with a good board, lots of community support and great kids above all."

Stephenson has served as the district's interim superintendent for the last month.

"It's been pretty smooth," Stephenson said. "I've been working with Steve Mills, and we've worked through some pretty naughty problems."

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President Jimmy Bader, left, and the Brackett School Board unanimously voted to hire Taylor Stephenson as the district's superintendent Monday. Photo by J.J. Guidry

Literacy Class breaks for summer

The five students participating in Kinney County's Adult Literacy evening class broke for summer, after completing Lesson No. 73 in the program.

The students - Lourdes Zamora, Candi Rivas, Lydia Resendez, Linda Goodloe and Felipa Avila - celebrated their accomplishments with a party last Thursday.

The Adult Literacy Program was started by the Las Moras Masonic

Lodge No. 444 A.F. & A.M., the only lodge in Texas with the members participating in the program.

The program was funded by the Masonic Lodge through donations from its members and through a fundraiser during the Veterans' Day Celebration.

There are six Masons - Bruce Clements, Doc Harber, John Clasen, Ray Kurtz, Jack Taunt, and Emet Huntsman - and seven volunteers -

Pat Callnan, Elise Huntsman, Tina Bauguess, Alice Seargeant, Cubie Kurtz, Barbara Hunter and Marcia Clasen - conducting the course.

Members of the Masonic Lodge said the program is productive, and also enjoyable.

"I have never seen a group more dedicated to learning," Ray Kurtz said.

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The newly constructed bridge at Pinto Creek Crossing was washed away Thursday morning. Photo by Wes Robinson

Bridge at Pinto Creek Crossing washed away

By: J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Heavy rains hit Brackettville early Thursday morning, and the recent construction on the bridge at Pinto Creek Crossing was ruined in the process.

The damage was discussed by the Kinney County Commissioners' Court at a special meeting on Monday morning.

"We had a leak before the rise and we knew we had problems," said

Precinct 1 Commissioner Freddie Frerich. "When the river came up, it just cracked it up, put it in three pieces and flipped some of the cement over."

"You can tell where they just laid the rebar on top of what was supposed to be compacted material, and just poured the cement on top of it. The rebar is not even in the cement. It's just laying there."

"The whole job is shot. If the work is consistent with what we can see that's broken up, there's no steel in the right places or in the right

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Freddie Frerich

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Cliff Fritter, the county's road supervisor, was at Monday's meeting and said his crews were going to try and repair what they could of the old bridge that day.

"The old bridge is still there," Fritter told the commissioners. "On the far end of the east side, it has about an inch crack in there, and we're going to fill it up full of concrete, patch it the best we can and then check our roads."

County Judge Tommy Seargeant blamed the damage on "poor construction."

"The contractor had a performance bond so the bonding company will probably hire somebody to fix it," he said.

Suburban stolen from Foyt ranch, found abandoned in San Antonio

By: J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Even though A.J. Foyt wasn't competing in the Miller 500 on Sunday, someone was racing in one of his vehicles last week.

Foyt had his 1983 Burnt Orange Suburban stolen Thursday morning from his 1,800-acre ranch, which is located west of Brackettville. The vehicle was found abandoned in San Antonio on Tuesday.

Kinney County Sheriff Buddy Burgess said he believes the Suburban was taken by illegal aliens from Mexico.

"We found some water jugs there that they left," he said. "Generally, unless they're apprehended, the jugs are taken with them. The jugs were left there so we figured they loaded in the suburban and went towards San Antonio."

"Any prints we took are probably alien's prints. The prints they got in the Suburban are probably alien's prints so they would be unidentifiable. They're probably lost in the crowd in San Antonio by now."

The Suburban was locked in Foyt's huge garage, but the thieves broke into the building in order to get to the vehicle

"The garage has a large sliding door," Burgess said. "It has two latches on each side of it and they were bolted. They found a seven-foot long, three-inch pipe, that just happened to be angled at one end, and they used that to completely knock the side locks off. Then, they just went in."

The thieves then drove through the fence near the ranch entrance, located on U.S. Highway 90.

"The entrance has steel gates, so they cut the fence," Burgess said. "They went to the west side of the gate, it looked like they nipped the fence and just drove the suburban through it. Evidently, they went east."

Construction workers, who were building a house on the ranch, reported that the doors to the garage were left open. Foyt, a four-time Indy 500 champion who is now retired, was at his residence in Houston at the time of the incident.

I'm outta here!



Brian Hooker, center, and the rest of the graduating Class of 1996 sing the school song at the end of Friday's commencement exercises. Photo by J.J. Guidry

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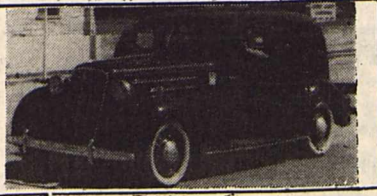
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Rambling
Around Kinney
County
By THE K.C. RAMBLER



Mother Nature certainly staged a great performance last week. The thunder and lightning were awesome. If you enjoy a good Texas storm, you would have been in your element. If you have trepidation regarding storms, you had to feel threatened. At any rate, the heavy rains were a blessing to our parched earth. The whole countryside was smiling the next morning. Can it be long till we see the cenesa in full bloom? The prickly pear blossoms have been extra special this year.

Have you purchased your season pass to Alamo Village yet? The performances are in full swing, the food is good and you can't beat the shops for Indian and Western articles. John Wayne fans can find unpublished photos of him that are a collector's dream come true. Go out soon to enjoy a day lost in fantasy in the wild, wild west of the cowboy. The longhorns wandering around will spark your imagination.

The summer program at the library is in full swing. Take your children down today for story telling and other exciting activities.

Congratulations to the graduates of the year long courses of Spanish-English instruction. A dedicated group of volunteers spends hundreds

of hours teaching English to non-English speaking adults. Have you offered help recently in a volunteer capacity? There is room for everyone somewhere.

Little League is as popular as ever. Do go out one evening and watch a game. You'll soon find yourself rooting loudly for the players.

Rumor has it that James Garner and Jack Lemmon will star in a movie here this fall. Keep an eye out for casting notices. If you've ever been an extra, "you know what fun it is and if you've never tried to be in a movie before, you'll have an exciting new experience.

Remember that school is out for the summer and children are out and about. Drive extra cautiously and be tolerant of little people riding bicycles. Would be helpful if drivers would stop for stop signs. They have been put up for a reason.

Clean-up time is here again. Each year it is apparent that more and more folks are taking pride in their yards. Brackettville is becoming a true little garden in the desert. Everyone joins in - the city will pick up, your limbs and other trimmings if you'll give them a call.

SMILE and you will receive one in return.



From Your
Local Game Warden

Drought Spells Tough Times For Texas Wildlife
Biologists Seeing Impacts On Natural Resources Statewide

By Henry Lutz
Kinney County, Game Warden

While dry spells may be a fact of life in Texas, current extended drought conditions are creating some serious facts of life for Texas wildlife. And, although it may still be too early to predict long-term consequences of the drought of '96, state wildlife officials meeting here this week say the impacts on natural resources are already showing.

"Wildlife is a product of its environment," explains Ron George, deputy director of wildlife with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "Droughts are a fact of life here and wildlife adapt to it. It's probably too early to compare the current drought with the major droughts of the 1950s, but we're approaching that."

In areas where white-tailed deer are at or above carrying capacity for normal range conditions, a lack of food sources due to drought conditions could carry serious consequences.

"For all species, we're probably looking at some die-off from starvation. It's going to be a very serious situation this summer because we don't have anything growing," said Bob Cook, TPWD director of land resources. "Because of the poor range conditions, some landowners and managers may need to think about harvesting more deer this fall in order to save some of the habitat."

In the Edwards Plateau, for example, depleted livestock prices have caused many ranchers to hang onto animals they normally would have already moved in hopes of a rebound in the market. "That additional competition for an already poor range is going to have some long-term impacts," predicts Lampasas-based biologist Mike Krueger.

"Typically, people tend to be more conservative when things are bad, to hold things in reserve. They may believe if they don't harvest any deer then there will be some when things get better," said Krueger. "I think folks should be making plans to adjust both livestock and wildlife populations to meet range conditions."

And, those same poor range conditions are also taking a toll on some of the smaller species, says TPWD non-game biologist Matt Wagner.

"Where resources are scarce, reproduction is limited and there's more competition for existing habitat, which means more stress for all species. No new plant growth means a reduced number of insects for many bird species and reduced cover for small mammals which may become more susceptible to predation. If we don't see some relief, we're going to see some across-the-board die-offs in both game and non-game species."

In South Texas, where dry spells are a given, self-adapting range conditions could provide alternative food sources for deer, says San Antonio biologist Joe Herrera. "The saving grace in South Texas has a diversity of plants that have evolved through droughts and will compensate during dry times. The drought is going to hurt in South Texas, but not like other areas. What this means is hunters and landowners are going to have to be more in tune to what's happening to the resources on their ranches and maybe step up harvest. These folks down here are pretty keen on what's going on, though, because deer hunting is such a big business."

A likely result of the extended drought statewide will be poor white-tail antler development and poor reproduction. Bucks begin taking in nutrition for antler growth early in the spring, and this year, the most palatable and nutritious plants never came. The lack of highly nutritional forbs equally impacts pregnant does and consequently reproduction will be poor.

"Fawns are going to start hitting the ground now and everything points to an off year for fawn survival," predicts Cook. "We're not anticipating making any drastic changes in regulations this year because of this, but if it continues, we could be looking at some adjustments in permit issuance to adapt to changing conditions."

"We should be seeing a lot of green in May, but it already looks like July or August with nothing but brown," Herrera lamented. "If we could get some good soaking rains in the next few weeks, it would help produce some forbs. But, realistically, we're already hoping for some tropical depressions by September because we normally don't see much rain in South Texas during the summer."

Back on the campaign trail, the intelligent discussion of the issues continues...



Between Us
by Joe Townsend



The President in his flip-flopping on the crime problem needs to get serious if he can. 100,000 new policemen on the beat - and idea meant to deceive the voters. The requirements are so outrageous that two years after his bragging signing, by his own figures (and if you believe him I'd like to sell you a stick with one end) there have been approved 43,000 most of whom are not yet on the streets.

Him and his unthinking appointees are so busy trying to make news headlines they focus attention on almost insignificant criminal activities. For almost two months more than 100 F.B.I. agents (from many different areas) and many supporting personnel have been tied down besieging the "Freemen" in Montana. No straight thinking person would justify these "Freemen". There is no logical reason why these problems could not be handled with relatively no cost by state and local officials. But no, Janet Reno and her coterie of publicity hounds have to step in. For reportedly fifteen adults, it takes 100 highly

paid F.B.I. agents to besiege and threaten the compound. To bring in huge generators to furnish electricity to 42 users so they can cut off electricity to the 18 people on the compound. Armored personnel carriers are brought on the scene. They casually spend more than \$1,000,000 dollars a day of tax payers dollars. After 60 days they have accomplished zilch. Maybe these 100 agents and those supporting them have nothing else to do. If there is nothing more important to engage their time, they should be terminated. Few citizens would agree to their tax dollars being so spent.

All the rhetoric and rationalization in the world is as sounding brass and tinkling cymbal when measured by the reality of the situation. One is made to wonder what is the true value of the F.B.I. If the mission motivating the organization is such action as the Montana soiree America should move to reducing the bloated bureaucracy by downsizing this agency out of existence.

Brackettville Rotary Club

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

On May 30th Brackettville Rotary Club honored Steve Mills, Superintendent of Brackettville School System, who is leaving to take the position of superintendent of schools in Denver, City Texas. Steve was given a framed certificate of appreciation and a letter opener with a Rotary emblem. Merry Beth Mills, his wife, also attended the meeting.

Stan Conoly, program chairman for May, presented James Crumley, head of soil conservation for Kinney County, as speaker. He gave members a quiz about the water source for this county which stimulated discussion. After this a video was shown on the role water has and does play in society and in the environment.

The water bearing strata from which Kinney County derives its water is the north shed of the Edwards aquifer. Legally, the aquifer does not extend past Highway 90 around Rock Springs, however, it actually just moves deeper and deeper in this area.

The Edwards consists of a vast honeycomb of caves in limestone which results in water of a very pure consistency. San Antonio is the largest municipality using ground water as its sole source of water.

In 1991 the U.S. Geological Survey Department of the Interior began a program to assess national water quality, (UNAWQA). The long term goals are to describe the status of and trends in the Nation's surface and ground-water resources. It is interested in identifying the major natural and human factors that affect the quality of these resources. This information will help in setting policy and managing national, state and local water levels.

For information on technical reports and hydrologic data, one may contact James Crumley the NAWQA Study, North Plaza, Suite 234, 435 Isom Road, San Antonio, TX 78216. Nothing is more crucial to our survival than water. We thank Stan Conoly for asking James Crumley to speak to Rotary and Mr. Crumley for providing this program.

Mohair Council Of America

A delegation of Texas mohair growers recently returned from a five-day trip to the United Kingdom where they learned that the work mohair supply pipeline is empty and that both major producing countries anticipate a decrease in production for 1996.

The group attended the annual meeting of the International Mohair Association, held May 18-23 at Shipley, near the mohair textile trading centers of Bradford and Leeds in Yorkshire.

Layton Black of Goldthwaite, president of the Mohair Council of America, headed the delegation. Others in the group were Lanny Leinweber of Mountain Home, council vice president; Gwyn Lundgren of Eldorado, council director; and Durey Menzies of San Angelo, council executive director.

"We learned that South African growers are having similar economic problems as U.S. growers, which is causing them to look at other profitable enterprises," said Menzies. "Also, South African growers expressed some concerns about recent government changes."

Menzies said U.S. mohair production for 1996 is projected at 6 to 8 million pounds, while South African production is expected to stay at about the 5 million kilo level.

While attending the IMA sessions, the growers learned that men's and women's suiting manufacturers are looking for a good year, but knitwear is still questionable.

"The pipeline being empty confirms what we learned during our trip to the Far East in early May," Black said.

Kerrville, the council's secretary-treasurer, visited the People's Republic of China, Hong Kong and Taiwan on May 3-11. The Far East market, which has been valuable to American mohair producers in the past, may open up again, council officials say.

While visiting an import-export firm in Beijing, Menzies and Groff were told that the China market was price-driven. However, mainland China is becoming a consuming nation and could utilize a large portion of the American mohair clip.

During their visit to Hong Kong, Menzies and Groff had a number of appointments with knitters, spinners and even a fashion journalist for Inside Fashion Magazine. The editor, which participated in a Texas Mohair Tour of the Hill Country a few years ago, was planning a feature story on mohair.

A large portion of the knitwear made in Hong Kong is for the Japanese market, the men said.

Taiwanese spinners expressed concern about the wide fluctuations in the price of scoured mohair or tops. They would rather pay a stable high price.

A textile company executive told the team that he was "not worried about the supply of mohair for the next six to eight months," but was deeply concerned about the availability of mohair in 1997.

"We had two very productive trips," Menzies said. Detailed information gathered during the UK and Far East trips will be given to directors and members at the summer directors meeting on August 15 in Kerrville.

Menzies and Jack Groff of

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Moncus' Musings
MIKE MONCUS
Park Ranger, Interpreter
Bastrop State Park

For Jan

This week I visited Brazos Bend State Park. Seldom do I get to enjoy work like I did those four hours. I delivered a fellow employee to a safety meeting and with my supervisor's permission I toured the parks Visitor Center, Park Store and numerous hiking trails. I scouted the camping grounds and peeked in on the George Observatory and Challenger Learning Center.

The park is a paradise of natural settings. One trail I stood in one place and observed black-bellied tree ducks, grebes, white-tailed deer, ibis, a raccoon, and three foot long alligators and one eight foot long gator all at the same moment in time. I felt like I was in a Disney movie. These creatures roamed in a sea of wild rice, penny royal and cattails surrounded by dark pools filled with giant lily pads and lotus blossoms. Great old elms and oaks everywhere shrouded by Spanish moss. Large open meadows mowed beautifully bordered on wetlands. Along a new handicap accessible trail giant tree trunks were sliced and utilized to make the most novel interpretive signs I've ever witnessed. Inside the Visitor Center I browsed among turtle shells and deer skulls and alligator skeletons. There were cages and glassed boxes with living snakes. A real live cottonmouth and a copperhead and

hognosed snake sedately licked their glass enclosures. Taxidermied hawks and hides of squirrels and foxes and pressed preserved samples of plants and weeds instructed all of what was in the park. Hands on "Create a Bird" puzzles and hidden answer boards where guests could challenge themselves made the center a memorable experience.

I met happy volunteers, park hosts, and Rangers all over the park. I gave a ride to a man who was misplaced about 2 miles from where he thought he ought to be.

Yes and children and teachers on field trips noisily paraded from natural area to not so natural areas. The restrooms were clean and the camp grounds all snuggled under green foliage were the most inviting I've seen in some time.

Inside the Observatory children busily fidgeted with computer monitors. I was glad by what I found at Brazos Bend and I owed four hours to everyone who ever lent a hand to make it the wonder that it is. The memory of one who passed here before me who had this wonderful park as her preview to Heaven, touched me and at once I saw it through her eyes. Jan must have loved the place so much.

/s/ Michael Moncus

Not The Same Old Boring Salad

(NAPS)—When the mercury climbs, and the thought of a hot stove makes you shiver, salads quickly come to mind. However, man cannot live by lettuce leaves alone, and even on the steamiest days, "bunny rabbit food" doesn't really look like dinner.

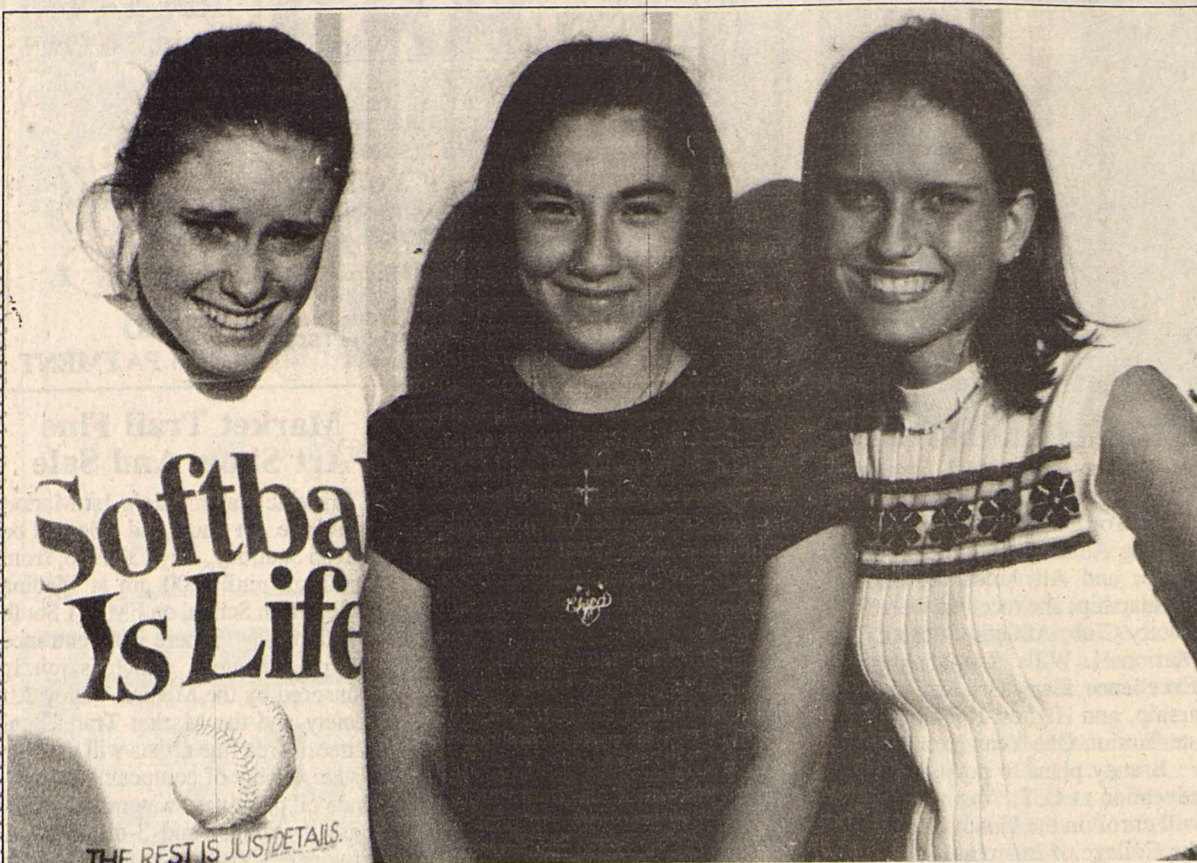
Consider the Layered Salad. You "build it" using whatever's in the fridge—give leftovers fresh pizzaz—alternating different colors and textures of raw or steamed vegetables...cooked meat, chicken or fish...any handy greens, fresh or dried fruits, perhaps chopped nuts and of course cheese.

A good choice for the latter is Jarlsberg Lite—deceptively "creamy," with most of classic Jarlsberg's mellow richness, it's surprisingly low in calories, sodium and fat. This versatile cheese complements and harmonizes other, contrasting ingredients, providing solid amounts of calcium and protein.

Layer your hearty, well balanced salad in a glass bowl for maximum eye appeal. Or use a clear, microwave-to-table pan and warm slightly so cheese begins to melt...unlike other reduced fat cheeses, Jarlsberg Lite melts readily and smoothly, intensifying flavors.

Drizzle with a light vinaigrette and microwave frozen rolls or biscuits to complete this easy, satisfying meal.

Three Tigerettes garner area honors in softball



By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

Brackett's Debra Frerich, Lindy La Mascus and Francisca Garza were named to the All-Southwest Texas Area softball team, which was released Thursday by The Brackett News and The Devine News.

"I was real pleased with the selections," Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin said. "We had three players on the team, and that's as many as anybody else had."

"There are excellent players on the team. If you put that team on the field, they can beat just about anybody in the state. They would be pretty awesome as a team."

Frerich played second base for Brackett. The senior batted .486 this season and had 27 stolen bases and 20 RBIs.

"Debra had a tremendous year," Nowlin said. "She was our most improved player this year. She improved in all of the statistical categories."

"She did a good job. This kind of makes up for the disappointment of her not making first team all-district."

La Mascus was selected to the team as an outfielder. The junior, who also pitched for the Tigerettes, bat-

All-Southwest Texas Area softball team

The All-Southwest Texas Area softball team, released Thursday by The Brackett News and The Devine News:

- Coach of the Year: Walter Stein, Natalia.
- Pitcher: Vanessa Olguin, Eagle Pass, senior; Traci Stehle, Devine, senior; Trisha Hollebeak, Natalia, junior; Elizabeth Milward, Medina Valley, junior; Sabrina Orona, Pleasanton, junior; Kendal Young, Lytle, senior.
- Catcher: Lacey Simmons, Jourdanton, senior; Annette Salinas, Eagle Pass, senior; Monica Limon, Del Rio, junior.
- First base: Beth Wells, Natalia, junior; Audrey Adam, Jourdanton, junior.
- Second base: Debra Frerich, Brackett, senior; Valerie Banda, Pearsall, sophomore.
- Third base: Amanda Muellar, Medina Valley, senior; Natalia Hill, Del Rio, sophomore.
- Short stop: Nadia Muraira, Del Rio, junior; Tara Delaney, Lytle, sophomore.
- Outfield: Wendy Saenz, Devine, senior; Lindy La Mascus, Brackett, junior; Dana Krampetz, Pleasanton, junior; Lee-Ann Stinson, Natalia, sophomore; Connie Lopez, Eagle Pass, senior; Francisca Garza, Brackett, junior; Amber Tschirhart, Medina Valley, senior; Mandy Wolff, D'Hanis, senior; Maricela Zepeda, Carrizo Springs, sophomore.
- Utility: Lydia Pacheco, Pleasanton, junior; Shawna Nihart, Bandera, junior.
- Designated hitter: Ronda Savage, Devine, senior; Leslie Davila, Poteet, senior.

ted .600 with 35 stolen bases and 25 RBIs.

"Lindy had an excellent year," Nowlin said. "She had the kind of year that a lot of people dream about."

Garza also made the team as an outfielder. She also caught for Brackett this season. The junior batted .510 with 43 stolen bases and 22 RBIs.

"Chica did a real good job of catching," Nowlin said. "She started out in the outfield, and then played the last half of the year at catcher."

"We needed a little more consistency at the catcher's position, with her experience she stepped right back in and filled that spot for us."

De Leon named district's MVP

Brackett pitcher Ramon De Leon was named the conference's Most Valuable Player and 10 of his teammates earned honors on the 29-2A all-district baseball team, released last week by the league's coaches.

"It's wonderful when you have 11 kids earn honors," Tigers coach Gary Grubbs said. "Those are the top 11 kids that we had on our team and they all earned some kind of recognition."

De Leon went 8-0 on the mound in district. He was 15-1 in the regular season and had a 1.27 earned run average. In 94 innings, he fanned 78 batters and walked only 15.

Offensively, the junior batted .575 with 50 hits, 36 runs and 33 RBIs. He had a .630 on-base percentage.

"Ramon led our team in hitting and in RBIs," Grubbs said. "When you go 8-0 in district, I believe that's going to earn you the MVP award."

Representing Brackett on the all-district first team are catcher Brian Hooker, infielders Jorge Rodriguez and Michael Padron, and outfielders Beau Smallwood and Ruben Terrazas.

Hooker picked off 15 base runners this season. The senior captain batted .440 with 33 hits, 26 RBIs and 23 runs scored.

"Brian did a great job," Grubbs said. "He did a good job and he got better as the year went on. I think any team that doesn't have a good pitcher-catcher battery can't go anywhere, and we had that."

Rodriguez, who is a sophomore, batted .444 with 36 hits, 29 runs and 29 RBIs.

"Jorge did a great job," Grubbs said. "He's a good defensive player. He has a great stick at the plate and he has good bat speed. He continues to get better. He also got better as a pitcher as the year went along."

Padron was the Tigers' lead-off batter. The senior hit .484 with 46 hits, 36 runs and 20 RBIs.

"Mike had been our center fielder for two years," Grubbs said. "We moved him to short stop and he did a wonderful job there. He anchored our infield. He was a great lead-off hitter. He only struck out a few times and he had a great on-base percentage (.529)."

Smallwood, a junior, batted .354 with 28 hits, 21 runs and 18 RBIs.

"Beau was one of our most improved players," Grubbs said. "As the year went on, Beau just got better and better at everything he did, in the field and at the plate."

"About a quarter of the way through the season, he decided to change the way he was hitting. He began to relax a little bit more and he really started stroking the ball."

Terrazas, who is a senior, batted .348 with 23 hits, 22 runs and 19 RBIs.

"Ruben is a good leader," Grubbs said. "Along with the other two seniors, Ruben turned out to be very valuable to our team."

"He's a great defensive player. I thought he was the best defensive left fielder in the district. As the year went on, especially in district, he really started picking up with his bat."

Brackett had two players named to the second team - infielder Rene Luna and pitcher Michael Meyer.

Luna, a sophomore, batted .536 with 23 hits, 21 runs and 17 RBIs.

"Rene is a great second baseman," Grubbs said. "He committed only one error all year long. Rene is going to be good for the next two years. He'll probably slide over to short stop next year."

"He did a great job hitting this year. I moved him around in the lineup this year and I finally found a spot for him hitting No. 2. He's a great contact hitter. He didn't strikeout much. He'll probably move to the lead-off spot next year."

Meyer compiled a 3-3 mound

record (1-1 in district) and had a 2.33 ERA. In 24 innings, he struck out 36 batters and walked 19. Offensively, the sophomore batted .300.

"Michael is definitely the most conscientious player on the team," Grubbs said. "I had somebody hit for him most of the year and he never complained about it. He just continued to work hard at hitting. Next year, I think you'll see a good left-handed hitter on our team in Michael."

"He was a great defensive player at center field. As the season went on, he continued to work at pitching. He worked hard on his mechanics and began to get better control as we saw in the area game, when he came in and pitched the last two innings and struck out five of the last six batters. He's going to be a force to be reckoned with next year."

Earning honorable mention for the Tigers were infielders J. Wayne Ballew, Patrick Munoz and Butch Lopez.

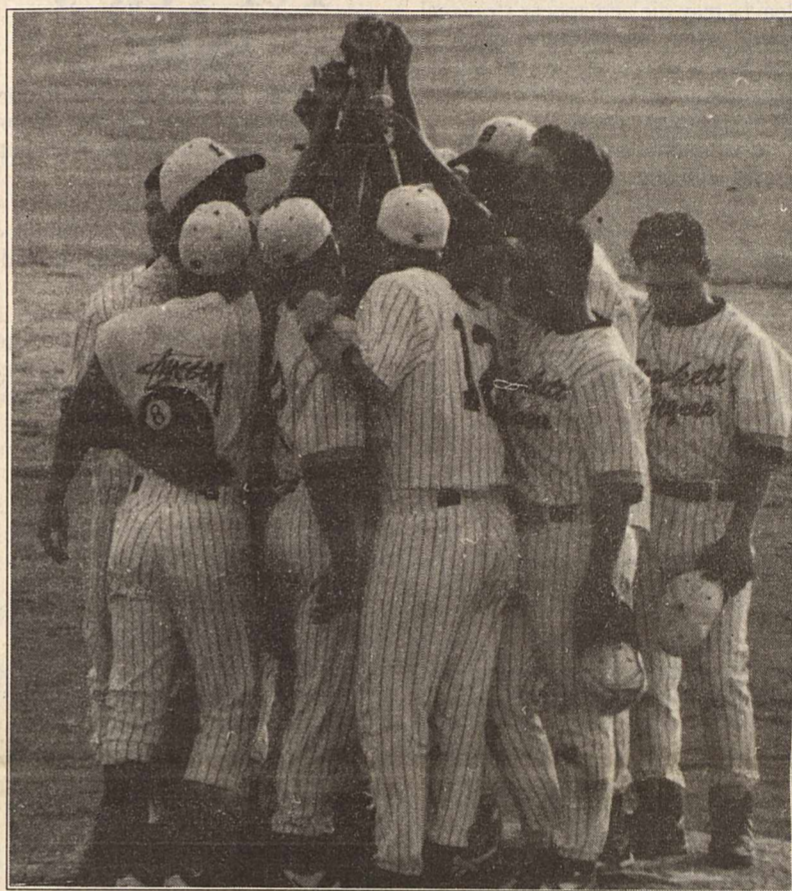
Ballew, a sophomore who was Brackett's designated hitter, batted .275 with 11 hits, eight runs and five RBIs.

"J. Wayne had a little bit of a slow start but he kept working hard," Grubbs said. "By the end of the year, he was one of the better hitters we had on our team. In both playoff games, he hit the ball extremely well. He has a great bat."

Munoz batted .367 for the Tigers. The sophomore had 12 hits, 10 RBIs and scored seven runs.

"Patrick started out with rotator's cuff tendonitis," Grubbs said. "He was going to be our catcher and I thought he would be our No. 2 pitcher. As it turned out, that sidelined him so we had to find a place for him to play."

"He ended up playing at first base. He moved over there and did a great job. He continued to improve as a hitter. I look forward to him to come



The Brackett Tigers had 11 players named to the 29-2A all-district baseball team.

back next year as possibly our catcher, pitcher or to play somewhere in the infield."

Lopez, a junior, batted .378 this season with 17 hits, 14 RBIs and he scored 10 runs.

"Butch did a good job this year," Grubbs said. "He was also one of the most improved players. Him and Patrick split a lot of time at first. When Butch had the opportunity, he made the most of it. As the year went on, I think Butch began to get more and more confidence in what he was doing."

The Tigers graduate only three seniors and have 12 lettermen returning from this year's ball club that posted a 21-7 record and won the area championship.

Stafford takes first

Flo Stafford took top honors last Tuesday at the Fort Clark Ladies Golf Club putting competition.

Stafford won first place with 26 putts for 18 holes. Betty Lee Green was second with 27.

Fern Dyer and Lou Green tied for third place honors after both finished with 29 putts.

The club welcomed a new member to the organization - Beth Waller and her husband - who moved here from Lubbock.

Setting it straight

At the Brackett Athletic Banquet, Susie Hernandez was left off of the All Scholar Team and John Castro was a second team all-district defensive tackle and honorable mention running back.

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UIL loses Brackett in alignment shuffle

By: J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

Brackett remained in District 5-2A in the University Interscholastic League's 1997 district alignment for softball, but the Tigerettes were the only team left in the district.

This past season, the local conference was made up of Brackett, Blanco, Center Point, D'Hanis, Lytle and Natalia.

Under the new alignment, Blanco, Center Point and D'Hanis have gone to District 6, along with Johnson City.

Natalia has moved south to District 7 with Charlotte, Freer and Three Rivers.

Lytle made the jump to the 3A, joining Devine, Medina Valley, Bandera, Somerset and Hondo in District 26.

"I'm extremely disappointed with the realignment," Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin said. "They stuck us in a district with ourselves and with no district competition."

"They have always told us in the past that we are at least guaranteed a district opponent, and that wasn't done this year."

School officials have already contacted the UIL in an effort to join another district. One possibility is to create a conference with Brackett, D'Hanis and Natalia.

"We're trying to get into a new district," Brackett Athletic Director Roy Rokovich said. "I talked to the UIL the other day, and I showed them the other districts - six, seven and

UIL 1997 district softball alignment

CLASS 2A	
Region I	
■ 1: Sierra Blanca	■ 13: Blum; Bynum; Covington; Itasca; Kopper; Rio Vista
■ 2: Coahoma; Hermleigh; Westbrook	■ 14: Blooming Grove; Grandview; Italy; Venus
■ 3: Anson; Clyde; Eula; Hawley; Tuscola; Jim Ned; Velera; Panther Creek; Winters	■ 15: Bosqueville; Eddy; Bruceville; Eddy; Crawford; Moody; Valley Mills
■ 4: Albany; Cisco; De Leon; Gorman; May; Ranger; Sidney	■ 16: Coolidge; Dawson; Hubbard; Mart; Riesel
■ 5: Brackettville; Brackett	Region III
■ 6: Blanco; Center Point; D'Hanis; Johnson City; Johnson	■ 17: Blue Ridge; Ladonia; Fannindel; Ivanhoe; Rayburn; Merit; Bland; Nevada; Community; Savoy
■ 7: Charlotte; Freer; Natalia; Three Rivers	■ 18: Bogata; Rivercrest; Cooper; Paris; Chisum; Pattonville; Prairiland; Saltito; Sulpher Bluff; Sulpher Springs; North Hopkins
■ 8: Bye	■ 19: Alba; Alba-Golden; Campbell; Como; Como-Pickton; Fruitvale; Grand Saline; Lone Oak; Cumby; Miller Grove; Yantis
Region II	■ 20: Cayuga; Malakoff; Cross Roads; Scurry; Scurry-Rosser; Trinidad
■ 9: Archer City; Bellevue; Henrietta; Midway; Holliday; Petrolia; Windthorst	■ 21: Arp; Big Sandy; Gilmer; Harmony; Hawkins; Ore City; Overton; Troup
■ 10: Godley; Lipan; Millsap; Peaster	■ 22: Bllomburg; Elysian Fields;
■ 11: Alvord; Chico; Krum; Paradise; Ponder; Slidell; Valley View	Harleton; Hughes Springs; Maud
■ 12: Anna; Aubrey; Collinsville; Gunter; Howe; Van Alstyne	■ 23: Alto; Douglass; Elkhart; Slocum; Grapeland; Frankston; Wells
	■ 24: Beckville; Chireno; Gary; Joaquin; Martinsville; Nacogdoches; Central Heights; Shelbyville; Timpson; Woden
	Region IV
	■ 25: Anderson; Bremond; Centerville; Franklin; Iola; Jewett; Leon; Normangee
	■ 26: Bye
	■ 27: Chester; Deweyville; Livingston; Big Sandy
	■ 28: Danbury; High Island; New Waverly
	■ 29: Granger; Holland; Huto; Jarrell; Little River; Academy; Rogers; Salado
	■ 30: Burton; Lexington; Milano; Somerville
	■ 31: East Bernard; Fayetteville; Mount Pleasant; Chapel Hill; Wallis; Brazos
	■ 32: Bloomington; Flatonia; Ganado; Schulenburg; Shiner; Weimar

eight - and I pointed out that D'Hanis and Natalia are great geographical opponents for us."

"D'Hanis has to travel north to Blanco, Center Point and Johnson City, and they're away from them. Then, Natalia has to go to Charlotte, Three Rivers and Freer, and they're away from those towns."

But this is nothing new to Rokovich. Last year, Brackett was aligned in a district with Marathon, who wasn't even fielding a team.

"I just don't think it's right," Rokovich said. "This has happened the last two years in a row, and I have had to fight it."

"Last year, we petitioned to go into a new district. We were aligned with Marathon and they didn't even have a team. This time, the UIL is working with us."

The Tigerettes have competed in softball for three seasons. The first two seasons, Brackett had one district opponent - Marathon in 1994 and

Center Point in 1995. This year, the Tigerettes competed in a six-team district and finished third.

"We would like to be in a district with at least more than one opponent," Nowlin said. "The district we had this year was excellent. We had 10 district ball games."

"We didn't make the playoffs, but if we would have, we would have been ready. The teams that did make the playoffs, Natalia and Lytle, competed well."

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Making A Difference

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, BISD Curriculum Director

It's summertime! School is finally out. It took us until the last day of May to get the school shut down for the summer. Next year, it looks better. We will be out a week earlier. I'm speaking from the kid's viewpoint. Anyway, this week I want to talk about BISD's activities for the summer of 96. Here we go!

The graduation was a good one. The Class of 96 had its commencement at the Kinney County Civic Center. It was a hard decision to move away from the traditions of Tiger Stadium. But yet, if there's doubt about lightning and rain when it comes to the safety of human beings...count on me everytime to go with safety. I've been around schools for 36 years as an employee and believe that the important thing about graduation is that it is a celebration for young people and their families. It's important to remember that graduation should be a happy and safe experience. Weather is a big concern. The center was air-conditioned...was beautiful...and I am thankful that KC has a facility this nice. Judge Tommy Seargeant and maintenance supervisor, Albert Payne, need special thanks. Our County Commissioners were most helpful in this venture.

A special tip of the hat to Susan Harrison for the All-Night Party given to the seniors of 96. Susan and volunteers work all year long planning and soliciting funds for a fun night that is above all an exciting, but safe night for our Seniors. It's my understanding that this group of seniors had as much fun as any group that has ever experienced the All-Night party. I'm proud of you Seniors 96. Thanks Susan, volunteers and contributors.

I have been relegated to one office. You'll have an easier time finding me. Oh, I'm still on the move checking out things, but it's easier to find me now. The Board of Education selected me to be your superintendent for the next 3 years at BISD. I am honored to be serving. Every

day I will work to make our schools better and more efficient. We have a great staff and tremendous public support. The board is made up of 7 people who represent you in making policy. My job is to administer the policies of the Board in accordance with state and federal law. Above all, my job is to guide the education of the children of Kinney County, so that they are afforded the best education possible. Our seniors will move on to compete with our graduates from all over Texas. We will have to compete with seniors from outside of Texas. We will even have to compete with seniors world wide before the challenges of adult life are fulfilled.

This summer, check out the gym. It is open on week-day mornings and afternoons and evenings from about 3 till 7 for the youth of Kinney County. The gym is supervised recreation. Check with Coach Rokovitch for more information.

At school, we are starting our summer school where we will be reinforcing basic skills for students who are having difficulty in reading and math in grades 1 through 8. Check with Michael Schooler for more information at the elementary level and with George Burks for Middle school information. We will begin classes at 9:30 Monday, June 10 and will continue Monday through Thursday from 9:30 to 12:30 (noon). If your child needs help with reading and math, call and check out this program. Don't forget the summer lunch program that begins June 17th and lasts until July 19th. Breakfast is served at 9 Monday through Friday and lunch is served at noon. For more information call, 563-2491, extension 100.

That's about it. There's a lot going on. I know that you will want to check it out. Teachers are working hard on their curriculum as they plan for the 1996-97 school year. We plan to make it our best. Have a good week.

Brackettville Area Host Families Needed For International Students

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it be a single parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50.00 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

For the upcoming programs, P.I.E. has students from Spain, Denmark, Germany, Poland, Russia, Finland, Denmark, Argentina, Brazil,

Colombia, Paraguay, Australia, New Zealand, Croatia, and many other countries. P.I.E. has also been invited to participate in a special government-funded program to bring scholarship students from the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union to the United States. P.I.E. is a non-profit education organization that has sponsored more than 18,000 students from 40 countries since its founding in 1975. The organization is designated by the United States Information Agency and is listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with the standards set forth in CSIET's Standards for International Educational Travel Programs.

Doty encourages families to contact the program immediately, as it will allow the proper time for the students and hosts to get to know one another before they actually meet for the first time.

Brackettville area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-800-631-1818 or via the internet at <http://www.pieusa.org>. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school students as well as possibilities for community volunteers to assist and work with area host families, students and schools.

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Amber Davis, center, does the limbo at the Project Graduation party early Saturday morning as Susan Harrison, left, and Mary Petrosky look on. See story in next week's edition. Photo by J.J. Guidry

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Thomas R. Faulkenberry donated 10 books entitled ELECTRONICS, ECOLOGY, DOGS, DICTIONARY OF NATURE, THE DORLING KINDERSLEY SCIENCE ENCYCLOPEDIA, FOREST: THE LIVING WORLD, OCEAN: THE LIVING WORLD, CORAL REEF, SEASONS AND WEATHER and MAKE IT CHANGE in memory of Jean Faulkenberry.

We would also like to thank Ken & Dee Curry, William Clements and Charles Bushart for their recent donations to the library.

Jay's Meme donated LOVE YOU FOREVER dedicated to Jay Rokovitch.



Picture: Back row left to right: Fifth grade teacher Mrs. Laura Jane Wardlaw, Rotary Club president Frances McMaster, fifth grade teacher Hector Jimenez. Front row left to right: Pedro Pacheco, Shonte Ward, Lacey Dodson, R.C. Franklin, outstanding students.

Outstanding fifth grade students receive prizes

By Frances McMaster Contributing Writer

Four Brackettville fifth graders won prizes as outstanding students for May. Winners were Pedro Pacheco and Shonte Ward from Mrs. Laura Jane Wardlaw's class and Lacey Dodson and R.C. Franklin from Mr. Hector Jimenez's class.

Tension was high when Taylor Stephenson, acting superintendent of Brackettville schools, and Frances McMaster, Rotary Club president, visited the room where the fifth grade students gathered. Two youngsters from each class were to be selected for these rewards and given handsome black T-shirts with gold letters proclaiming them outstanding students. As the names were called, each winner handled his or her success in an

individual way, however, sparkling eyes betrayed any efforts to be "cool".

Mr. Stephenson told the youngsters that they are at the end of their years in elementary school. Next year they'll be thrown in among the older students. They will be exposed to occasions when they must exercise choices that reflect the values they have been taught. As he wished them well, he reminded them that they do have choices, and these choices will determine whether or not they succeed in life.

The Rotary Club is dedicated to fostering programs that help children prepare for success in life. Providing the T-shirts given as awards allows Rotary to take part in this effective venture. Rotary congratulates the winners and the Brackettville School System.

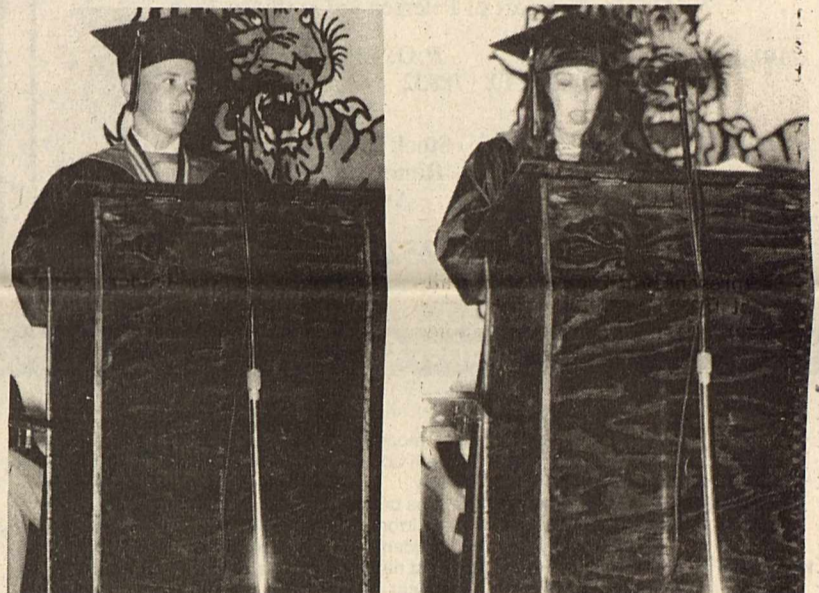


Local Cub Scout Pack has busy month in May

Tiger Cub Den 1 was treated to visits by special guests Ricky Alvarado and Marie Sofaly of Kinney County EMS and County Agent Alan McWilliams. The young scouts received expert instruction from Ricky and Marie on EMS operations and were thrilled to tour the EMS ambulance. County Agent McWilliams gave the Tiger Cubs a very informative presentation on poisonous insects common to our area. He explained the dangers involved in close encounter with these critters and subsequent treatment measures in case of being bitten.

Cub and Webelos Scouts were active last month working on advancement projects and activity badges. Activities also included learning new skits, songs, and cheers in preparation for the upcoming June 11th Pack Meeting.

Pack 257 wishes to thank all guests and parents who volunteered their services to benefit our scouting program.

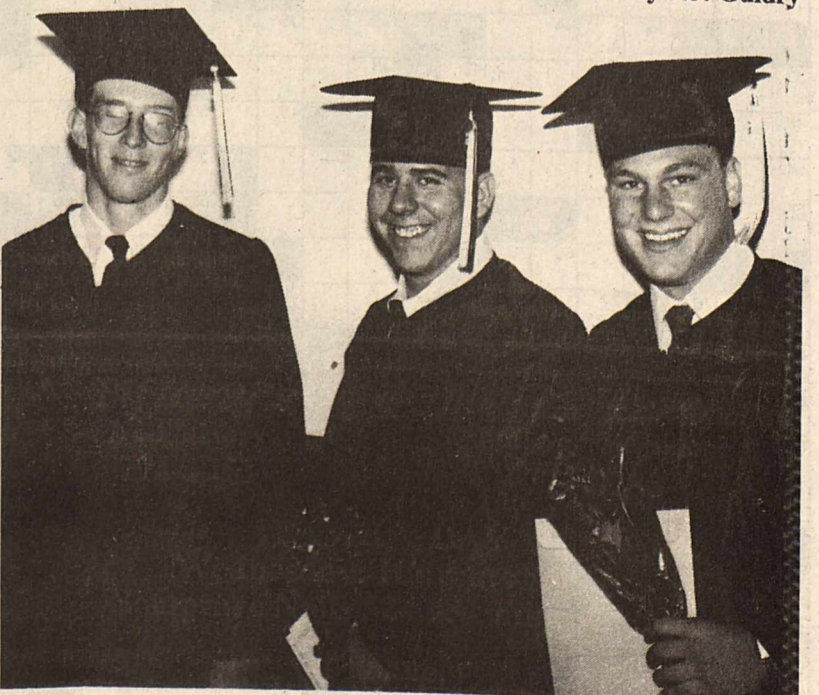


JARED SHAHAN 1996 Valedictorian

VALERIE JIMENEZ 1996 Salutatorian



Debra and Denice Frerich present roses to their family at Friday's graduation exercises. Photo by J.J. Guidry



Brackett had three graduates from alternative school this year. Patrick Conlin (from left), Rob Garcia and Curtis Cypher went through commencement ceremonies Friday night. Photo by J.J. Guidry

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Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Someone who keeps changing his or her mind is hard to deal with in business this week. A work concern from last week still isn't resolved, so try to tend to this early on. Use patience in your dealings with loved ones.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Your best approach in business this week is a conservative one. It's a wise move to avoid getting involved in any fly-by-night schemes, particularly where investments are concerned. Check out the fine print.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
This isn't the week for gambling or taking financial risks. Some meet with unexpected expenses in connection with travel. Others find they spend too much on pleasure. This weekend, accent home life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Your concentration could tend to wander this week since you're dwelling on a personal matter rather than work. Changes this week involved travel. You're likely to opt for time for yourself this weekend over socializing.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
You're inconsistent this week in your dealings with others and are likely to incur unfavorable reactions as a result. Later in the week, a friend who drops by could overstay his or her welcome. Feel free to speak your mind.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
While you are loath to do so, you have to say no to someone's request for financial assistance. Later in the week, a pressing work matter takes precedence over socializing. Weekend plans are subject to change.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Travelers could meet with unexpected delays, so be patient. Rumors and hearsay make it hard this week to know what to believe. Later on, red tape and inconsequential have your hands tied.



SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
A close partner is unpredictable and hard to fathom this week. Examine your own recent behavior for clues to this development. Surprise events later in the week could cause a change in your work schedule.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
A friend keeps you waiting early in the week. Some people you'll be dealing with are evasive and hard to pin down in business. A home appliance is at the end of its usefulness. Look to replace it over the weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
You're liable to receive conflicting advice this week, so rely on your own gut feelings instead. It's hard to make plans since others have the maddening propensity to delay making any concrete decisions.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
This isn't the week to play fast and loose with your finances. Also, be careful not to misplace something of importance, such as a driver's license or credit card. A partner is reluctant to follow your lead on a domestic concern.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
You and a loved one find yourself disagreeing this week about a domestic matter. Be leery of overpriced items while out shopping later in the week. At work, ask for help if you need it regarding a certain project.

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Masons sponsor adult literacy program

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Taunt said, "What amazes me is how much I had forgotten since I was in school."

The Adult Literacy program, which was developed by the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital, consists of 160 one-hour video tapes. The instructional tapes are available outside of the class for anyone wishing to view them.

The evening students will resume class in the fall, beginning on Monday, Sept. 2.

A morning class, which consists of two students, is continuing through the summer. The class meets at 10 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

For more information on the Adult Literacy Program, call the Kinney County Library at 563-2884.



Students in Brackettville's Adult Literacy class are, sitting, from left: Lourdes Zamora, Candi Rivas, Lydia Resendez, Linda Goodloe and Felipa Avila. Volunteers conducting the course are, standing: Emet Huntsman, Bruce Clements, Marcia Clasen, John Clasen, Elise Huntsman, Pat Callnan, Ray Kurtz, Tina Banguess, Cubie Kurtz, James Harber, Jack Taunt and County Judge Tommy Seargeant. Photo by Wes Robinson

The afternoon Literacy Class would like to thank each and everyone of the Masons and Volunteers who have helped us.

Thank You Again, "The Class"

Hope to see you all again next September.

Kinney County Chamber of Commerce Makes Plans For Happy Shahan Day Festival

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce is making final plans for The First Annual Happy Shahan Day Festival.

The day-long event, will take place Saturday July 20th from 10 a.m. to Midnight at the Kinney County Civic Center, in Brackettville.

The festival honors James T. "Happy" Shahan, longtime Kinney County business and civic leader, who passed away January 30th after a long bout with cancer.

Shahan is the man credited with turning Brackettville into the "Movie Capital of Texas." He brought the first movie show to Brackettville in the early 1950s to film "Arrowhead," starring Charlton Heston. He is most famous for convincing legendary actor John Wayne to come here in 1959 and make his epic film "The Alamo." After Wayne left Happy dubbed the massive movie set built by Wayne on Shahan's ranch, Alamo Village Movie Location. Over the last 37 years more than 100 feature films, TV movies, mini-series, commercials and music videos have been filmed at Alamo Village and the Brackettville Area.

The State of Texas, Kinney County and City of Brackettville honored Shahan last year as the "Father of the Texas Film Industry." County and City officials declared Shahan's birthday, July 24th, an annual "Official Day of Celebration," to honor

TimeSmart Tips

Nature's cleaning supplies

Mother Nature has her own line of cleaning products that are effective and easy to use. And, says Whirlpool home economist Carolyn West, most are probably already sitting in your pantry or refrigerator. Why not give one of them a try the next time you tackle a kitchen cleaning project!

- To keep your copper items looking like new, wet the copper and sprinkle salt on it. Rub to a shine with a lemon slice, then rinse.
- Baking soda sprinkled on a damp cloth or sponge makes a good non-abrasive cleaner for porcelain-topped appliances.
- Use 1/2 cup vinegar mixed with 1 tablespoon salt as a substitute for copper and brass cleaner.
- Undiluted white vinegar on a damp cloth dipped in baking soda can be used to clean cloudiness or water spots from stainless steel.
- To remove rust stains from your sink, rub the surface with a cut lemon. If the stain is stubborn, keep working at it until it fades.
- An occasional handful of baking soda down a drain, with boiling water poured over it, will keep the drain clear and fresh.

Making do with substitutes

How many times have you started preparing a recipe only to discover you were out of an ingredient? Sometimes you can still save the day and the dish by simply substituting a comparable item, says Whirlpool home economist Carolyn West. For instance:

- If a recipe calls for 2 tablespoons of flour for thickening, you can replace it with 1 tablespoon of cornstarch.
- 1 cup of honey can be replaced with 1 1/4 cups sugar and 1/4 cup of whatever liquid is used in the recipe.
- 1 cup of granulated sugar is an adequate substitute for 1 cup of packed brown sugar.
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder can be used in place of a clove of garlic.
- 1 cup of tomato juice can be replaced with 1/2 cup tomato sauce plus 1 cup water.
- 1 cup fine, dry bread crumbs can substitute for 1/4 cup fine cracker crumbs.
- 1 cup of beef or chicken broth can be replaced with 1 cup boiling water plus one bouillon cube or one envelope instant broth granules.

Monopolies Cost Texans Dearly

Typical Texas Household Would Save \$272 A Year If Consumers Had Choice In Electric Provider

(Austin, TX) — The typical Texas household would save \$272 a year — or 26 percent of their utility bill — if residential customers had the opportunity to shop for their electricity. This is the conservative estimate presented in a study commissioned by Citizens for a Sound Economy (CSE) Foundation. The study, simultaneously released today in Washington, D.C., and Austin, also examines the impact of electric competition on commercial and industrial users.

Peggy Venable, Director of Texas CSE Foundation, said the study's findings show that residential ratepayers will benefit substantially from competition in the electricity industry. "Texans have a tremendous amount to gain. Our dollar savings would be among the highest in the nation, second only to Arizona," said Venable.

Paul Beckner, President of CSE Foundation, said lawmakers should embrace the study's findings and bring the benefits of competition to all ratepayers.

"Across the U.S. economy, competition in the electric industry would result in benefits valued at almost \$110 billion a year, which is a tremendous potential for job creation, wage increases and reduced prices for everyday goods and services," says Beckner. "Without competition in the electric industry, we will be a trillion dollars poorer in the next five years — a trillion dollars that won't be available for job expansion or higher wages. Until we have competition, Americans will have no choice but to pay higher prices for everything from food to transportation to medical care."

The \$200,000, 112-page study, "Customer Choice, Consumer Value: An Analysis of Retail Competition in America's Electric Industry," was conducted by Michael T. Maloney and Robert E. McCormick, professors of economics at Clemson University. The authors determine the past government efforts to ensure a dependable, affordable supply of electricity, while well-intentioned, "have in fact left consumers with an expensive, clumsy structure that is substantially inferior to what consumers could bargain for in a free and open marketplace." The study is national in its scope, but includes some important state-by-state analysis.

Dr. Wayne Brough, Director of Research at CSE Foundation, said that while residential consumers across the country could save an average of \$216 a year in electric costs in the short run, once a fully competitive market was reached, that same residential customer will save approximately \$360 a year, or 43 percent off their monthly bill.

The significant savings seen by residential customers will be mirrored by the commercial and industrial markets as well under competition. The average savings to commercial customers would eventually approximate \$2,176 annually, and larger industrial customers would save on average nearly \$36,000 a year.

The study also examines the economic and financial theory surrounding the issue of "stranded costs." The Public Utility Commission of Texas has defined these stranded costs, or stranded assets, as "excess costs over market costs." The study finds that there is no scientific economic justification for stranded cost recovery, and that generating facilities will not be idled as a result of competition. Rather than an economic issue, stranded costs are best considered a political issue, having more to do with fairness than efficiency.

The study finds that delaying competition in the interest of providing a transition period of up to 10 years must be weighed against lost economic growth during that period on the order of two trillion dollars nationwide.

For a complete copy of "Customer Choice, Consumer Value," contact CSE Foundation at (202)783-3870, or Texas CSE Foundation at (512) 476-5905.

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Summer Time Is Reading Time
 By Richard W. Riley (U.S. Secretary Of Education)

Soon, kids all over America will be pouring out of school doors, racing toward summer fun. They'll leave their desks and classrooms behind. But will they also leave their learning behind? Unfortunately, many will.

Studies show that over the summer, students can lose up to three to four months of the reading and writing skills they acquired during the school year. The fact of the matter is, when it comes to reading and writing skills, you either use them or lose them.

That's why it's so important to keep students reading over the summer months, even for only 30 minutes a day. Kids can still read and have plenty of time for playing ball, swimming, and other summer activities.

Good reading habits, like all other educational activities, begin in the home. So my message to parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and all other adults who are responsible for raising a child is this: Get involved this summer! Here are some tips:

- Read to your young children and share books with your older children.
- Make a place for newspapers, magazines, and books in your home. Read the important news stories of the day with your children, or the sports pages or the family section. Let your children lead the way -- ask them to pick out something that interests them. But just read! And make sure your children see you read.
- Take your children to the library and make sure they get a card. Show them that there are other places in the world to visit besides the video arcade at the mall.
- Limit TV viewing. Yes, I know that's a tall order. But when kids watch six, seven hours a day, we've got to say as parents, "Enough's enough - close the set and open a book!"
- Ask your children to write to relatives and friends. If you have access to a computer, have them send regular e-mail messages, because in this day and age, literacy means computer literacy, too.
- Participate in READ * WRITE * NOW!, the summer reading initiative sponsored by the national Partnership for Family Involvement in Education.

READ * WRITE * NOW! encourages children to practice their reading and writing for at least 30 minutes a day, five days a week, for eight weeks throughout June, July, and August. Children also team up with a learning partner who provides extra guidance at least once a week for 30 minutes. A learning partner

Researchers Take Giant Step In Finding Diabetes - Causing Gene

HOUSTON - A multinational team of 33 researchers from the United States, Japan and Germany are one step closer to identifying a gene responsible for non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus, NIDDM, in Mexican Americans. The gene is located on chromosome 2 and has been named NIDDM1, as reported in the June 1996 issue of *Nature Genetics*.

Lead author Craig L. Hanis, Ph. D., and senior author Graeme Bell, Ph. D., announced that the research has been narrowed considerably by identifying a linkage for a gene responsible for NIDDM. Hanis is professor of genetics at The University of Texas-Houston School of Public Health, and Bell is the Louis Block Professor of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology in the University of Chicago Howard Hughes Medical Institute. The identified linkage allows researchers to narrow their research from the three billion base pairs that make up the human genome down to a region of only five-to-ten million base pairs - about three percent of the total.

"What we now have is the evidence for a gene that has a major effect on diabetes mellitus in Mexican Americans," Hanis said. "This is very exciting. This is the first evidence that we've found that there is a gene that will confer risk."

Although genes responsible for rare subtypes of non-insulin-dependent diabetes have previously been reported, "This is the crucial first step toward finding a gene that is a major contributor to the common forms of this extremely prevalent disease," Bell said. About 90 percent of people who have diabetes have NIDDM, often referred to as type II diabetes.

The team of researchers has been analyzing genetic samples collected from 330 Mexican-American adult pairs of siblings, all with NIDDM. Blood samples collected by Hanis and UT-Houston Human Genetics Center researchers were taken from residents of Starr County, Texas, which has the highest number of diabetes-related deaths to any county in Texas. Starr County has been the site of long-term genetic and epidemiologic studies of diabetes by UT-Houston researchers since the late 1970s.

The National Institutes of Health Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases awarded grants to a consortium of four research centers to screen the entire genome, except for the male-only Y chromosome. Bell's University of Chicago team took chromosomes 1-4 and 20 (where they had previously found a marker for an unusual form of NIDDM). Hanis and the UT-Houston team took chromosomes 12-17. A team led by Patrick Concannon, Ph. D., associate member of the Virginia Mason Research Center in Seattle, took chromosomes 5-11, and a team led by Richard S. Spielman, Ph. D., professor of human genetics at the University of Pennsylvania, took 18, 19, 21, 22 and X. Nancy Cox, Ph. D., associate professor at the University of Chicago, and others of the consortium carried out the analysis of the genetic data.

To search through every chromosome, nearly 500 DNA markers had to be examined for each individual. Several regions of interest were identified, but a marker on chromosome 2 stood out because of its significant evidence of linkage.

"We now believe that late-onset NIDDM in Mexican Americans results from the action of at least one relatively major susceptibility gene," Hanis explained. "Now that we've found the region, which is on chromosome 2, our next step is concentrating on that one region to locate the gene."

Curiously, there are no likely candidates for a diabetes-causing gene in this region of chromosome 2," Bell said. "In fact, there are no known genes nearby. That means we're on to something new, something unexpected. This finding may introduce us to a whole group of as yet unknown genes involved in regulating blood glucose levels."

"Once we isolate this gene and determine how it interacts with environmental factors to trigger diabetes in this population, it should provide insights about the cause of this disease and its complications," Bell said. "It could point us toward new ways to predict who is at risk, prevent, treat or even cure this chronic disorder."

Hanis and Bell estimate that the gene could be identified in as early as two years. Once the gene is located, researchers will then identify the function of the gene. "It has long been recognized that both genetic and environmental factors contribute to the development of late-onset NIDDM," said Hanis. "This gives us another clue that environmental factors play an important role in triggering development of NIDDM."

In NIDDM, which most often occurs in adults, the pancreas usually produces insulin, but the body does not use it effectively. Too much glucose builds up in the blood stream, causing damage to the cardiovascular system, kidneys, eyes and nerves if left untreated. This places diabetics at much higher risk for cardiovascular disease, blindness, loss of feeling in the hands and feet, and amputation of extremities. NIDDM is a major public health problem in many developed countries, affecting 10-20 percent of the population older than 45 years of age. It has been estimated that the direct cost of medical care for people with diabetes in the U.S. was \$85.7 billion in 1992.

Others involved in the study include researchers from the University of Washington at Seattle, the University of Pennsylvania, Stanford University, the University of Chicago, Tokyo Women's Medical College and the University Clinic Carl Gustav Carus of the Technical University in Germany.

Support for this project has been provided by the National Institutes of Health, the American Diabetes Association, the Canadian Diabetes Association, the State of Texas, Bristol-Meyers Squibb, the UT-Houston Health Science Center and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Additional support for comparison with the Japanese and European populations has been provided by the Ministries of Education, Science and Culture, and Health and Welfare Japan; the Yoyoi Yoshioka Scholarship Fund of Tokyo Women's Medical College; and the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst.

Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm/ranch loans for damage and losses caused by prolonged drought, which occurred from January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995, and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Uvalde, FSA Farm Credit Manager Sara K. Webb said today. Zavala, Dimmit, Frio, Kinney, Maverick, Medina and Uvalde counties are seven counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from prolonged drought, which occurred from January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995, and continuing.

Sara Webb said farmers/ranchers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers/ranchers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer/rancher must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Webb said. Farmers/ranchers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Application for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until January 13, 1997, but farmers/ranchers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Webb said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers/ranchers who work at and rely on farming/ranching for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers/ranchers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperative in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in Uvalde is open from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. Call Sara Webb at 210-278-4571.

Interest Rates For Veterans Land Loans Lowered To 6.65%

AUSTIN -- The Texas Veterans Land Board (VLB) has reduced interest on land loans to Texas veterans to 6.65 percent interest.

The board set a 6.65 percent interest rate for loans up to \$20,000 on a 30-year term. On loans up to \$40,000 the new rate will be 8.85 percent on a 30-year term. A 5 percent minimum down payment is required.

The rates had been 7.64 on loans up to \$20,000 and 9.80 on loans up to \$40,000.

"This reduction reflects the board's commitment to keeping interest rates for veterans well below market rates in general in both our land and housing program," said Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, VLB chairman. "And it reflects the VLB's intention to react quickly and efficiently to market conditions."

In addition to the land program, Texas veterans can receive both home and home improvement loans - a total \$110,000 low-interest loan package.

Since all Texas veterans loans are funded by bond sales and there are no discount points charged, loan costs under the program have consistently been among the lowest in the nation with rates that usually range from a point to a point-and-a-half below market rates. Small fees on each loan cover the costs of administering the program and the bonds are retired as the borrowers pay off their loans.

Mauro said the VLB programs have never been more popular with Texas veterans.

"This cost-effective method of financing allows this great program to function at no cost to the taxpayers," Mauro said. "At the same time, VLB loans stimulate the Texas economy by creating new jobs in construction and real estate in every region of the state."

"Texas veterans know that our loan programs are far and away the best deal in today's home and land buying market," he said. "No other state has anything that compares with these special benefits. It's a special way of saying 'thanks' to our veterans for the sacrifices they've made in the service of our country."

The VLB has made nearly 150,000 loans to Texas veterans totaling \$2.5 billion since the program began making loans in 1949. Economists estimate that for each dollar through the program six dollars are created in the economy, which means Texas has benefited by more than \$14 billion in the overall VLB ripple effect.

Last November Texas voters approved a constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of an additional \$500 million in bonds to finance low-interest housing loans for Texas veterans. The measure won landslide approval from Texas voters with 59.7 percent statewide.

Texas veterans can call the VLB at 1-800-252-VETS for information on the new rates and eligibility requirements.

For information, contact Ron Calhoun or Steve Speir at 512-463-5339.

CAPITOL COMMENT
 U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



A Tax Break for American Families

The Senate moved one step closer to giving America's one-income families a break in saving for their retirement when it voted, in a sense of the Senate resolution May 20, that any tax bill passed this year should include a Homemaker IRA provision.

The Hutchison-Mikulski Homemaker IRA Act, which I first sponsored in 1993, will provide homemakers with an equal opportunity to save for their retirement. The idea behind IRAs is to enable Americans to set aside money for their retirement security. If both husband and wife work outside the home, our tax code allows them to save \$4,000 tax free each year.

But if one spouse stays home to raise the children and manage the household, their annual tax-free IRA contribution is limited to just \$2,250. In other words, families will pay a price if only one spouse works outside the home: \$1,750 each year in lost savings opportunities.

The Homemaker IRA will allow every American couple to set aside \$4,000 tax free, regardless of whether the couple has one income or two.

In Washington, D.C., where billions of taxpayers' dollars are spent each day, taking away \$1,750 a year in tax-free savings from a middle-income family may not sound like much.

But over time, a change in the law to make it more equitable will mean a huge tax benefit to working families. Setting aside an extra \$1,750 in an IRA each year (assuming a 6 percent rate of return over the 30 years), the increase in their savings under IRA equity would be \$146,653 for a total family nest egg of about \$335,000.

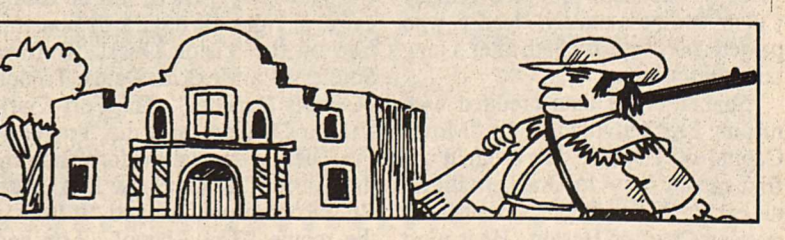
The Homemaker IRA will correct what is a blatant inequity in our tax laws. It was included in the Balanced Budget Act last year, but the president vetoed it. This year I am determined to see it enacted into law.

By limiting the amount homemakers can set aside, tax free, for their retirement, the current rule unfairly penalizes nearly 10 million middle-income American families, and sends them the wrong signal about the value of the work homemakers perform.

There is a lot said on Capitol Hill about the importance of families, but failure to address the IRA fairness issue tells homemakers: If your hard work doesn't produce taxable revenue, it doesn't count. It is just plain wrong to discriminate against some American families this way.

A homemaker who loses her spouse still should be able to count on a retirement nest egg. And it's no secret that single-income couples have the same retirement needs as two-income couples. We must permit everyone to save, on an equal basis, for their retirement years.

One key to balancing the federal budget is to help Americans help themselves. We must encourage savings for education, for economic investment and, most important, for retirement. IRAs and other pension plans which encourage us to save regularly each year are the best way to provide for retirement savings and financial independence. It's time to reform the tax code and make it fair for all Americans -- including homemakers.



Crockett, Texas, was named for Colonel David Crockett who fell at the Alamo.

Mrs. Gutierrez

Mrs. Gutierrez was presented a plaque by her first grade class and parents for her outstanding work as a teacher. She taught her kids Spanish and Sign language and she incorporated that as an everyday teaching. She also had several portfolio parties during the year to inform parents about what each child was doing. She took special interest in each child and we as parents are very grateful for everything she's done. Jones Elementary and Brackettville are very lucky to have her.

A plaque was also presented to Miss. Mary Jane Garcia for all her great help. Mary Jane has worked with Mrs. Gutierrez's class in sign language and helping the class communicate with special needs students in the class.

Bertha Knight Landes was the first woman to serve as mayor of a major U.S. city. A Republican, she was mayor of Seattle, Washington, from 1926 to 1928.



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

A couple had a set of twins who were identical in every way except one was always optimistic and the other was always pessimistic. He was so pessimistic that he thought Murphy of Murphy's Law was an optimist.

The parents contacted a psychologist who suggested the parents could balance their twins' personalities by giving them different gifts for their birthdays. He told the parents to place the kids in different rooms and shower the pessimist with wonderful gifts and give the optimist a box of manure.

The desperate parents followed the psychologist's advice. They bought expensive gifts for the pessimist, but when he opened them he immediately began to complain about everything. He said the computer was the wrong brand and color; the calculator would break, and he wanted a different

game. In the next room, his optimistic twin brother exclaimed over the box of manure. He gleefully threw it in the air, exclaiming, "You can't fool me! Where there's manure, there's gotta be a pony!"

There are some that just cannot be discouraged or pessimistic. No matter what is said or done they just seem to find the positive in it and keep on going, undaunted and seemingly unaffected. What a joy it is to be around them. They always have friends. It is no wonder why. They are also the encouragers in life.

We are taught by the principles of agriculture that we reap what we sow. That is true in other arenas of life as well. If you want optimism and encouragement be an optimist and an encourager. It will come back to you.



Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Memorial Day was high-lighted Sunday at Frontier Baptist Church. Memorial Day was begun soon after the Civil War and has until recently been a highlight day of the years. It was begun to commemorate service men who died in battle. It is nothing short of ridiculous the way America has distorted national days of recognition. A week in some cities taken to try to make Martin Luther King a hero.

In many places in Texas great to-do's commemorating Cinco de Mayo. Schools dismissed for Martin Luther King day, for all sorts of "live stock" days. These may be acceptable to many people, but the failure to recognize Memorial Day is unconscionable. Do we really believe Martin Luther King, Cinco de Mayo and such frivolous activities are more important than brave Americans who occupy graves marked by white crosses in cemeteries across America, in Europe, in Islands of the South Pacific? Do we believe these frivolous actions are more important than the many bodies entombed in the Arizona in Pearl Harbor? Are these more important than American G.I.s whose bodies are claimed by the deep blue seas? We would all certainly say "NO". Without men giving their lives there would be no U.S.A. Had not men given their lives "Kaiser Bill" would have ruled the world. Without men giving their lives Hitler and Hirohito would be ruling the world. And yet when the National Holiday to remember these brave souls comes, there is hardly a passing mention.

Schools go their merry way. Businesses open their doors hoping for business. Life generally goes on as usual. Were it not for banks, post offices and government offices closing it would hardly be noted as a Holiday. Surely it's not too much to expect America to pause for one day and widely commemorate these men who gave their all for each of us.

There are multitudes of great Christians whose bodies we buried awaiting the resurrection. The Apostles of Jesus, all but two who died a martyr's death. Men such as Martin Luther who braved death to open the channels to God by all man kind. Men like Roger Williams who was jailed and prosecuted for teaching every man has opportunity to worship God as he chooses. Too often we forget those who have given us the opportunity to walk with God. There is however one day that has lived through the ages to help us always to remember our Savior, Jesus Christ. While multitudes give Him no heed and his day little notice, Sunday memorialize Jesus Christ around the world.

Frank Cheaney presented a Bible to Brian Hooker, graduated Senior of Frontier Baptist Church. This has been the practice of Frontier Baptist Church from her birth. Following the service the Lord's Supper was observed followed by the regular fellowship luncheon.

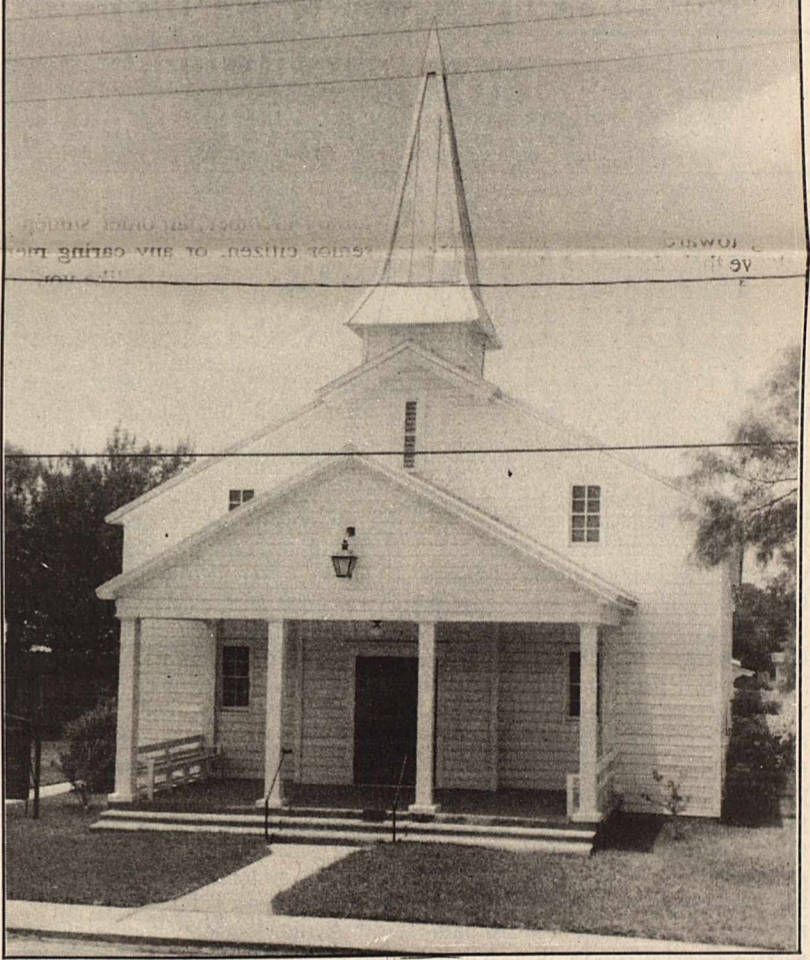
There will be another message from the Bible at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday at 11:00 A.M. Come and be blessed.

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First Baptist Church Celebrates 75th Anniversary June 8-12, 1996
All of the community is extended an open invitation to the special 75th anniversary celebration services of First Baptist Church. This will be a reunion time also as it is anticipated that several former pastors and members will return for this grand occasion. Special events planned but not limited to include:
Saturday, June 8, 7 p.m., a concert by HEART, MIND & SOUL. This group will be presenting music during each service.
Sunday, June 9, 10:40 a.m., Anniversary service in which former pastors are recognized and the anniversary message will be given by current pastor, Gil Ash.
On Sunday through Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., Rev. Bob Schmeltkopf of Kerrville, Texas will bring evangelistic messages for revival services.

Religious Poems Sought In Free Contest
A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a free poetry contest, open to everyone in the Brackettville area. There are over \$3,000 in prizes, and the deadline for entering is July 12, 1996. Winners will be announced on or before October 1, and a winner's list sent to all entrants.
"Poems must be written on a religious theme such as love," says Daisy Rudge, Contest Director of the famed New York Poetry Alliance. "Poets are the brief chroniclers of our time. In a world so full of hate, we'd like to see what poets say on a spiritual level. We feel this contest will produce exciting results and, as such, reserve the right to publish the winning poems."
To enter, send one poem 21 lines or less to: Poetry Contest, Box 1588, New York, NY 10116-1588.



In half of the states in the U.S., welfare paid more than a \$19,000 a year job.

St. John's Baptist Church
Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.
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And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died.

And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of GOD, and shut the door upon him, and went out.

And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again.

And he said, wherefore wilt thou go to him today? It is neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, it shall be well.

Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slacken not thy riding for me, except

I bid thee. He went in, therefore, and shut the door upon (the two of them) and prayed unto the LORD.

Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro, and went up, and stretched himself upon him; and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. 2 King 4:20-24; 33, 35.

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Gateway Ministries
By Charlotte Corey

TRUTH!! The truth will set you free and he who is free is free indeed! Most of us in this world desire to be free. Those who are not free are captive to something or someone. God sent Jesus to speak the truth to us so that we could understand how to become free. Much of Jesus's speech included the words "I tell you the truth", yet Jesus combined the truth with grace. We are still living in the age of grace that allows us to receive the truth as the truth spreads light on any darkness we have in our lives, we can repent (turn 180 degrees away from it) and receive God's forgiveness through grace. Truth is exhilarating. It cuts through the fog of confusion that tries to surround us in this world today.

Truth is like the smell of clean air after a lightning storm. It allows the fresh breezes of God's healing word to come and minister to our hearts through the precious love of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. God's word is truth, God is truth (there is no particle of lie in Him), taste the truth, taste God for He is Good. Let truth reign in your life, and it will be long and prosperous. Living in truth honors your heavenly Father and He in turn will bless you with wisdom and understanding. Take joy in truth it will set you free in all areas of your life!!!

Stand In Faith
Rest In Hope
Walk In Love



First Baptist Church Adds To Staff For The Summer

First Baptist Church adds to their staff for the summer. Christi Landrum, of Georgetown, Tx is a sophomore at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas. She is majoring in Christian Studies/youth ministry. Christi will arrive June 15th to begin her internship with the youth department of First Baptist. She brings talents of singing and playing the trombone. She also brings youthful exuberance, a desire to lead youth in a closer relationship with Christ, and sincere desire to learn by practical application in ministry.

The summer promises a lot of spiritually productive, and fun activities for the youth of the community. Everyone is invited to meet her this Sunday as she will share a part in the 11 a.m. service.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—The Popeyes Chicken & Biscuits restaurant chain now features black-eyed peas with rice.

A million dollar racing challenge and contest was run by Reese's Peanut Butter Cups.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention led the fight to prevent syphilis and end small pox.

The comfort and support of a full-size latex pillow rolled down to an easy to carry size is the Pillow-to-Go by Talatech, available for \$19.95 from 1-800-TALATECH.

Ants can be eliminated with the help of Dursban insecticide.

An EPA-registered disinfectant, such as LYSOL Spray should be used wherever germs are most likely, such as bathroom faucets, changing tables, kitchen door-knobs and children's toys.

The Department of Veterans Affairs health-care system can be the provider of choice for all American veterans, say the experts at the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The prizes at the prestigious North American Hairstyling

Awards, produced by the Beauty and Barber Supply Institute, went to talented artists from throughout the United States and Canada.

A new insecticide, Merit, developed and manufactured by the Bayer Corporation, is effective and easy-to-use against lawn grubs.

In a phone survey of 105 top athletes, 89 percent preferred the level of carbohydrates in POWERADE over that in other sports drinks.

Fans of *The X-Files* are now able to enjoy uncut episodes on videocassette.

2nd Grade Class Visits LAFB

The Second Grade Classes enjoyed a wonderful time at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio. The children toured the fire station and saw the K-9 security police demonstration.

They even climbed aboard the T1 airplane. At the end of the tour the children played at the spectacular playground and picnic area on the base. The trip was topped off by pizza at Mr. Gatti's.

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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PUBLIC NOTICE

Bids will be received by Judge Tommy Seargeant, no later than 10:00 a.m. June 24, 1996 at the County Judge's Office located on the first floor of the Kinney County Courthouse, Brackettville, Texas, for the purchase of three (3) new vehicles for the Allied Area Narcotics Task Force. The method of payment by the Allied Area Narcotics Task Force will be net 30 days upon delivery of vehicle and receipt of invoice.

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Applications Now Being Accepted For Hero For Children Award

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INS Removal of Deportable Aliens Continues At Record Rate

Washington, DC - The Clinton Administration today announced that removal of criminal and other deportable aliens from the United States continued at a record pace. In April, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization (INS) removed 5,337 aliens during the month of April, said General Counsel David Martin. Overall, INS has removed more than 37,000 criminal and other deportable aliens during the first seven months of the fiscal year.

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May Marks Official Beginning Of Lightning Season

May 17, 1996 -- April showers may be winding down, but watch out for those May thunderstorms. That's the advice of the National Weather Service, which marks May as the beginning of lightning season in the U.S. Most Americans can expect to witness roughly 30-35 thunderstorms from May through September, with most occurring in the central and eastern regions of the country.

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