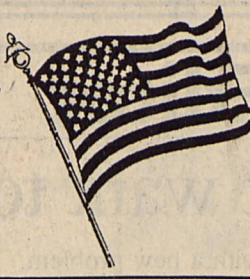


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City Swim Park opens

The Brackettville City Swim Park will open Saturday, from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Next week, the pool will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, and 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Sunday.

The Swim Park will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

"Two days will give us enough time to tidy up, clean up, and prepare to open the following week," City Secretary David Luna said.

The Brackettville City Council agreed last week not to charge admission to the pool.

"I don't want to get into the political activity and all that has just transpired, but I just read the paper and it talked about how much we charge for this and how much we charge for that, we're ripping people off for this and we're ripping people off for that, so let's just quit ripping them off," Luna said when asking the council not to charge admission.

EMS seeks third rider

Kinney County EMS is making plans to provide an EMT course.

The course will be offered to 10 individuals willing to volunteer time to the EMS program. County officials said the service is in need of more volunteers.

For interested persons, the EMS is offering a first hand experience before making a commitment to take the course. A third out rider will be on call like the rest of the crew, pager included, and will go on call only as an observer. This will allow potential EMTs to experience what is involved with becoming a volunteer.

Anyone interested in riding out with EMS can call the EMS office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at (830) 563-9090. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

RGEC, BISD sponsor Plant a Tree Project

The Rio Grande Electric Co-operative (RGEC) has combined efforts with Brackett Independent School District to sponsor the Plant a Tree Project to add some shade to athletic fields.

"Our plan is to get the whole community involved in our Plant a Tree Project," said Trish Taylor of RGEC.

RGEC will dig the holes for the trees and some of their employees will be donating their time to help with the actual planting.

BHS Seniors bid final farewell

Brackett High School will host commencement ceremonies for the Class of 1998 tomorrow night at Tiger Stadium beginning at 8 p.m.

The event will begin with the Brackett Tiger Band playing the processional, "Pomp and Circumstance," and the National Anthem.

Christina Meek will open the commencement.

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Samantha Perez will give the salutatory address, followed by the valedictorian address by J. Wayne Ballew.

Alfred Rodriguez will then introduce Brackett Superintendent Taylor Stephenson, who will offer a message to the graduates.

A presentation of special recognition will be given by Windy Goodloe and Katy Hagler.

Stephenson will then present special awards.

High School Principal Don Sims will certify the graduates, and School Board President Lloyd Lee Davis and Secretary Rose Mary Slubar will present the diplomas.

Cherrise Ward will lead the Brackett Tiger Band in playing the school song.

Caleb Crumley will offer the commencement closing, followed by the recessional by the band and a congratulatory line.

Graduates of Brackett's alternative school will also participate in the ceremony.

Alamo Village to host reunion

Alamo Village Movie Location will celebrate the 91st anniversary of John Wayne's birth as it hosts a once in a lifetime "The Alamo" movie reunion this weekend.

The two-day extravaganza, which is expected to attract Alamo buffs from around the world, will unfold on the famed Southwest movie set built by Wayne and Kinney County rancher James T. "Happy" Shahan, located seven miles north of Brackettville on F.M. 674.

The Duke's Hollywood Cowboys will be special guests at the event billed as the "Alamo Adventure." The organization is a John Wayne fan club dedicated to keeping the spirit of Wayne and the spirit of the Old West alive.

"Basically, we are a group of fans made up of professional and non-professional entertainers, and some cowboy celebrity look-alikes," said Eral Williams. "Many from our group come from organizations such as the Single Action Shooting Society and dress like their favorite Old West or Silver Screen cowboy character."

Williams dresses like and has

an uncanny resemblance to John Wayne and has appeared throughout the U.S. portraying the legendary actor who died in 1979.

"We are excited to be coming to the place where Duke made 'The Alamo' and where many other legendary western movie stars have worked," Williams said, adding that several of the Duke's Hollywood Cowboys will be performing throughout the event.

Joan O'Brien will be on hand for the festivities. She was a relative newcomer to films, having just appeared opposite Cary Grant and Tony Curtis in "Operation Petticoat," when Wayne asked her at a party to play the part of Mrs. Dickinson in "The Alamo."

"I was thrilled when John Wayne suggested the role," O'Brien said. "But I was even more excited about playing Mrs. Dickinson when I read the last great scene in James Edward Grant's screenplay."

"Even if I only had a few lines in the story, I'd have taken the part just to play the final scene in which

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Brackettville's Caesar Daniels, left, leads Mrs. Dickinson, portrayed by Joan O'Brien, during the filming of the Alamo. On top of the donkey is John Wayne's real-life daughter, Aissa. O'Brien will be on hand for this weekend's movie reunion. Photo Special to The Brackett News

County employees receive pay hike

Just seven months after getting six percent raises, Kinney County employees received a \$100-a-month pay hike last week.

County commissioners unanimously voted for the salary increase after a request from Kinney County Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess.

"The county is in good shape," Burgess said. "The county has money."

County Auditor Cordelia Barlow told the commissioners the raises would cost the county about \$16,000 through the remainder of the

fiscal year.

"There are funds in the budget that would cover this," Burgess said. "The money is there without drawing from reserves."

The sheriff pointed out that the raises were only for employees, and not elected officials.

"Elected officials are not involved in this because by law they are prohibited from getting this raise," Burgess said.

"The working people of the county that got the county in good shape are the ones that do the work and they're the ones that should get

the raise," he added.

With the pay increases, all but four of the county's 35 employees will earn at least \$6 an hour. Those four will be raised to \$6 an hour after working six months for the county.

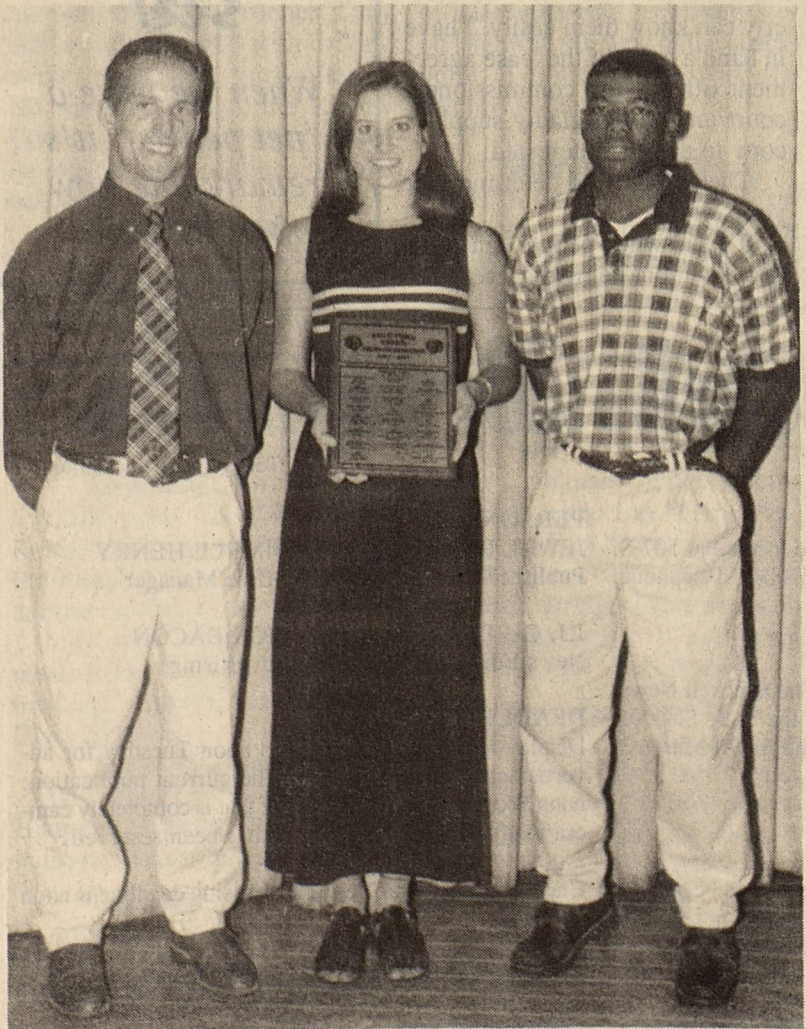
Burgess said that he hopes the commissioners will evaluate the county's salary structure in the future.

"At the jail, I have to hire somebody and start them at the same salary as somebody that's been there for two years," he said. "That's how bad the salaries are."

Girl Scouts to host rally

A Girl Scout rally will be held on Saturday, from noon to 2 p.m. at the City Swim Park. All Girl Scouts are invited.

Anyone interested in being a Girl Scout leader can stop by the rally and sign up, or call Kathryn at 563-2828 during the day.



J. Wayne Ballew (from left), Lindsey Brotherton and Demitrus Williams were named Brackett's Athletes of the Year last week. See related story, Page 9. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Fort Clark renters lose privileges

Renters at Fort Clark Springs no longer have privileges to many of the association's facilities and benefits.

The renters' privileges were eliminated in an amendment to the association's rules and regulations passed by the Fort Clark Board of Directors at Saturday's monthly meeting.

Officials said the decision is geared at increasing Fort Clark memberships.

The amendment also prohibits the use of golf carts for handicapped individuals on the nine-hole course.

The policy was enforced because of the condition of the course, and is subject to change as soon as conditions improve.

"We're certainly not discriminating against handicapped golfers," Assistant General Manager Genell Hobbs said. "They can still play on the 18-hole course."

Budget Review

The board of directors discussed the mid-year budget review.

"That's still underway," Heath said. "We're progressing. We're

still tightening up on certain items that we're reviewing and making determinations on so that we can get the most work done for the amount of money that we have left in the budget."

Award of Bids

The directors approved two bids at the meeting. A \$9,400 bid from Wayne Holloway was accepted for repairs to the Service Club and the board approved a \$7,590 bid from M.B. Construction for repairs to the R.V. Park pavilion.

Bids were also considered on repairs to Post Theater and for flooring at the Las Moras Restaurant.

"We determined that the repairs on the fort theater would have to be delayed," General Manager James Heath said. "We certainly did not eliminate those repairs. We're just going to have to extend the calendar on the fort theater."

"I was very encouraged that the other things -- completion of the swim park improvements, the Shafter Hall steps, the Service Club -- had been approved to pro-

ceed.

"The only reason the restaurant repair was delayed was to get an across-the-board bid on the solid vinyl floor," he said. "There are two or three different kinds of flooring you can put in, and the bids were not consistent with the type of flooring. We want to go back and make sure that we have proper bids."

Committee Appointments

The board of directors made the following committee appointments:

■ **Architectural Committee:** Judy Crosby, David Gonzalez, Mike Holley, John Mattingly, Bill Mitchell, and Horace Troy.

■ **Planning Committee:** Walt Bauguess, Woodie Hornberg, and Joe Partlow.

■ **Recreation Committee:** Jo Entriken, Rosie Mattingly, Larry Mendcke, and Bobbie Waddill.

Appointment of the audit committee was deferred. The group meets quarterly.

In other action, Director Bob Burkpile presented a planning committee report and the gun club agreement was approved.

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Letters to the Editor

Employees do not want to be an issue

We, the city employees have never, to date, replied as a group to any printed article or column as may have appeared in The Brackett News or to Joe Townsend's "Between Us" opinion.

During the recent election, several people, including some candidates, thought to mention us in political handbills, newspaper articles and/or conversation with others in our community. The bulk of information which was printed and/or spoken about us was not of a complimentary nature. This, coupled with Mr. Townsend's column, prompted this letter from us to the public.

Not one of us favors being singled out by name in print in the newspaper, either in rare praise and especially not in criticism.

We would like to thank those of you who support us in our jobs. We consider ourselves a close-knit "family" and we strive to support each other not only at work but also in our personal lives.

We do not consider that one employee is "worth" more than another. We recognize the worth that comes from individual knowledge of certain work assignments, the worth in experience as may have been gathered by an individual by simply having been in service to the city for a number of years and we strive to recognize and to appreciate the worth of each individual's personality and character.

We have not always been such a close-knit "family" striving to support each other. For a number of years, some of us city workers believed in the public's opinion of us. We believed that the work we did wasn't important to anyone, that we weren't deserving of a salary above minimum wage and that paid holidays and sick leave were something that only the school and the electric company were entitled. The idea of receiving health insurance or retirement benefits never entered our little incompetent minds, as we considered those benefits to be for real employees of real companies, not us city workers.

We believed the public's opinion that all we did was ride around in vehicles doing no apparent jobs, that we were indeed a lower class of people than others who were employed elsewhere and that a paid vacation was only five days a year, no matter the longevity of your service to the community.

Then, on April 1, 1993, we

were faced with a new problem. The City Council did, for the second time in two years, fire another city secretary only to hire the police chief to serve in this newly vacated position.

Within three months of this date, the myth we were accustomed to began to fade. This new secretary began to ask questions of us concerning our work schedules, our lunch hours, our duties. We were instructed to actually punch a time clock upon arrival to work and when leaving, for any reason during the normal work day.

We were expected to write down, on work order forms, all requests from the public and after completion, sign our names on those forms for tracking purposes. Some were assigned different duties than we'd previously had, some were doubled up so that, it was explained, no one employee would be alone when completing his duties in case of an accident. The crew was issued uniforms and caps to wear so that the public would recognize them as being city employees.

Within a short period of time, we were being asked to conserve office supplies, overtime hours were prohibited except in real emergencies, a personnel policy was being revamped to include drug testing, inventories were completed and everything to do with the city was under inspection by this new boss.

The budget for the new fiscal year was set. It reflected changes never before put into practice by previous city secretaries.

Conservation was indeed the basis of this budget. We, as employees, were being subjected to employee meetings. During these, we were instructed to express our opinions without fear of reprisal. Most of us were hesitant; only the really bold spoke up, but when none of these bold people got fired or were given the worst job assignments after having spoken up, we all began to believe. We began to believe that the stigma of being city workers was just a myth.

We realized that no matter what the public thought of us, we thought more of ourselves and we reclaimed our self-respect, our motivation, our gumption.

In time, the boss' conservative efforts paid off. We were furnished with new tools, vehicles, computers, spare parts, pay raises, vacation leave commensurate with

our years of service, health insurance and a retirement plan, etc.

Because of these improvements, we began to function similar to other city workers in neighboring towns. We also began to celebrate our years together in the form of birthday and Christmas parties, all of which we funded with our own money. We began to hold fund-raisers for a scholarship we award to a local college bound graduate each year. We spent countless hours in preparation and hosting of the annual Community Unity project each Christmas holiday.

In the past six years, we, as employees, have had the opportunity to act in accordance with our beliefs.

We, as employees are no longer faced with all the excessive constraints that were in place here prior to April 1, 1993. We no longer fear elections and the changing of the council.

We are secure in our jobs, we are very appreciative of our benefits, we are a happy family due to one fact: On April 1, 1993, David G. Luna was hired as city secretary. He is the one person who had the ability and the confidence and used such to show each of us our true "worth."

He gives us respect, friendship, trust and he continually supports us and backs us up when we're right.

He has a record of management second to none. He is the driving force behind our work methods, our scholarship award, our Community Unity project and innumerable other endeavors we have accomplished. He is our city manager and he is a member, the leader, of our "family," and we, as city workers ask that you, Mr. Townsend, the personnel at The Brackett News, some ex-political candidates, and some current members of the City Council and the general public refrain from criticizing our "family" in the public forum. We do not believe that we deserve to be a political issue, nor do we wish to be a topic of debate.

You see, we believe that when you criticize the city, you are, in fact, criticizing yourself.

Debra Bland, Ana Belia Talamantes, Faustino R. Sandoval Jr., Randy Castilla, Richard Ortega, Oscar Martinez, Juan Cardenas, Gilbert Sanchez Jr., Jimmy Salmon Ginger Dodson, Carolina Sandoval, David Martinez Jr.

took Coach Mitchell's analogy personally. I did not repeat it for that purpose.

What it means is this, you should not take anyone else's opinion for your own. That includes mine, the mayor's, Joe Townsend's, or any other person. Go out and do your own homework (research) and form your own opinion.

The mayor deserves an apology for this misunderstanding. However, I can not apologize to someone who has questioned my integrity over the content of a column I do not write nor have any control over.

Wes Robinson
Alderman

Mayor confirms Townsend's statement

It's good to see the mayor confirming Joe Townsend's statement that the landfill fee has been raised from \$3 to \$6.50. Unfortunately, she is wrong in her assumption that the additional money is not a profit.

When a city, or any other entity, comes to the end of a fiscal year and they have received more money for a service than it cost to provide it, they made a profit. That remains a fact regardless of what occurs in the following fiscal year.

The city has made these profits every fiscal year since Sept. 8, 1993. Some of that profit was spent to purchase the City Annex property.

There is \$55,914.80 in two certificates of deposit in the utilities fund. These are not earmarked for any purpose, have no names, and are most likely the remaining profits from previous years.

I know it may seem like a strange idea, but I don't believe the city should be accumulating that kind of money without a specified purpose.

The statement that we're charging \$6.50 now so we don't have to raise rates in the future just doesn't fly. I know the city needs to operate in the black, but a \$24,019 profit on one service is excessive. The rate needs to be lowered.

I truly regret that the mayor

Berlanga is still questioning integrity

To Wes Robinson: I still question your integrity. More so now because of your disrespectful analogy of opinions.

Since you are so smart, you explain. You have the same financial reports that I do. The figures

are all there for you in black and white.

I'll give you two clues. One, each bank account has a specific designation, purpose, and so titled. Two, the loan/bond is still outstanding for the next 38 1/2

years at 4.5 percent interest.

To Bonny Herndon: Bravo! Thank you and good luck.

To Joe Townsend: Hi!
Carmen M. Berlanga
Mayor of Brackettville

Unsung Hero

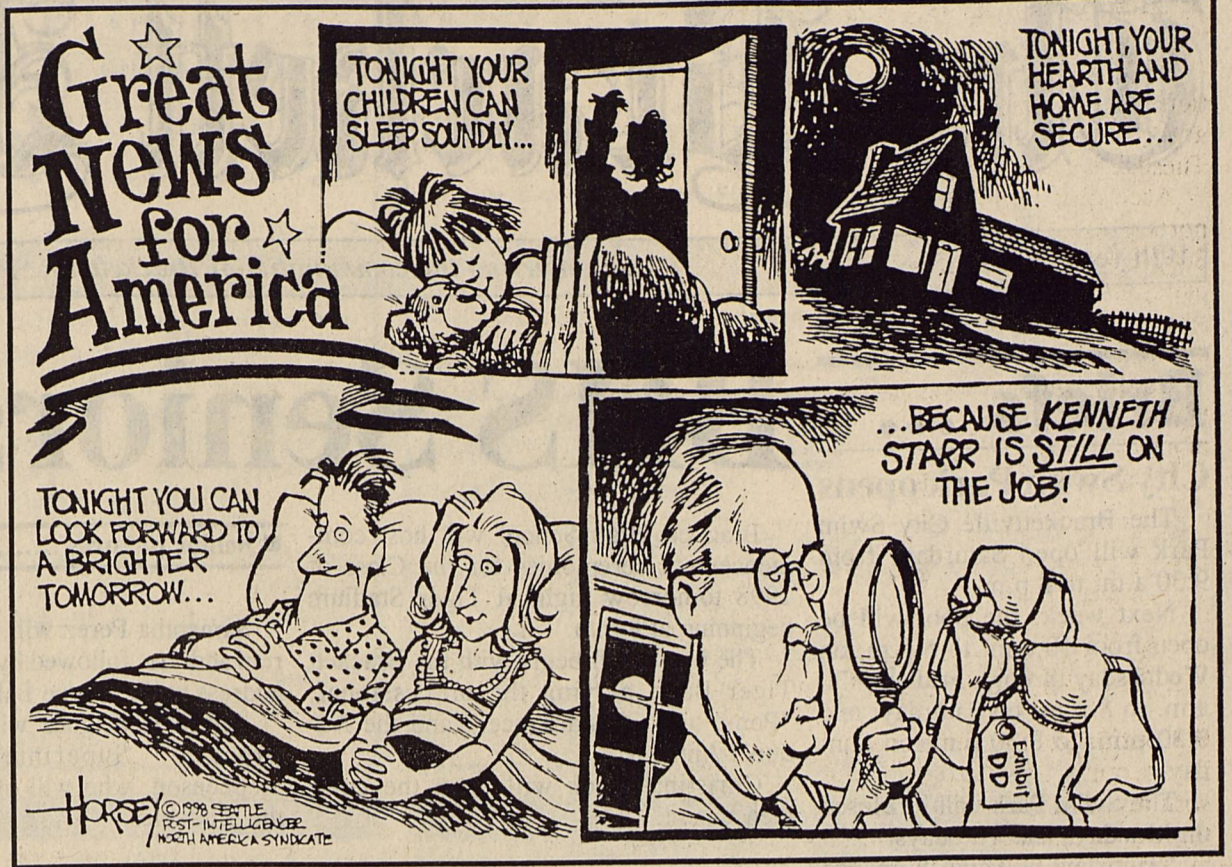
By Joe Townsend

There is a man in our community who was born into a prominent ranching family. He has spent his entire life intimately connected to our part of the world.

He married a young lady from a prominent ranching family and they have three outstanding children. In addition to being a good

and innovating ranchman, he is interested in many community activities.

He is a man of impeccable character who stands firmly on solid convictions. He is amiable and friendly and well liked by all who know him. Surely, Hadley Wardlaw is an Unsung Hero.



Kinney County: Land of Heroes

By Bill Haenn
Contributing Writer

A day or so before this Memorial Day, several volunteers will move silently and reverently through the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery, solemnly placing an American flag on the grave of each veteran scout. They do it each year, because they care.

A flag once flew over the cemetery but, I'm told by a scout descendant, someone kept stealing it and the group that maintains the cemetery could not afford to continue replacing the flag. So now they wait until an appropriate time and place out the individual flags.

When Lt. Francis Henry French first met the scouts, he referred to them as "plantation darkies who afford me a great deal of amusement."

Over time the genuine humanity of the scouts caught the young lieutenant and his diary reflects his changed opinion of their worth with reflections such as, "Most of them have fine forms and all are strong healthy men. With proper drill, I think they would make a very military appearance," and "that this letter was written solely for the scouts, who have been treated unjustly."

Of one morning in the field he wrote, "The night was quiet cold, and did not sleep well. Got up before daylight. Was very glad to find the men laughing and joking instead of growling at the cold weather as white soldiers would have done."

His final diary entry which referred to the scouts was written on April 22, 1890 as he returned from Mexico by train, "We passed through a town near which the Seminoles have their homes. Wonder if any of my old warriors are there now?"

From plantation darkies to old warriors, quite a transformation. I know how it happened, because my experience has been that the Seminoles are the most authentically decent people I have ever had the good fortune to call my friends.

There is a poem etched on an obscure monument tucked away in the woods near Devils Den on the Gettysburg National Battlefield. It has been my favorite since I was a boy. It fits Memorial Day and it fits the Scouts.

As has become my custom, I will go to the Scout Cemetery on Memorial Day, stand in silence, re-

spectfully salute those brave men, and recite that poem for them:

The muffled drum's sad roll has beat
the soldier's last tattoo
No more on life's parade shall meet
Those brave and fallen few
On fame's eternal campground
Their silent tents are spread
And glory guards with solemn round
The bivouac of the dead.

Have you ever been to the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery? Or are you like someone who lives in Philadelphia and has never seen the Liberty Bell?

Go out there once and visit with those brave men. Being among them just may catch you and change you!

A year or so ago, I suggested to the Chamber of Commerce that they might consider adopting a theme for Kinney County. A theme which would capture the essence of our history. We are a "land of heroes."

Per capita there are more Congressional Medal of Honor recipients buried in Kinney County than there are in Arlington National Cemetery. Four Black Scouts in the Seminole Cemetery and one White soldier buried in the Masonic Cemetery.

The white soldier, Clarion Windus (while serving as Brackettville deputy sheriff), killed one of the black scouts, Issac Paine, on New Year's Day 1877 in the Seminole camp on Fort Clark. This is, I believe, the only incident of its kind in American history where one Medal of Honor recipient shot and killed another.

Several other Medal of Honor recipients soldiered at Fort Clark during both the 19th and 20th centuries, to include William "Pecos Bill" Shafter and Jonathan Wainwright.

Kinney County has in fact a long list of heroes, from the ancient Texans who camped at Los Moras Springs 10,000 years ago, to the Spanish explorers, immigrants moving west on the Lower Road, generations of soldiers at Fort Clark, and the movie heroes of Alamo Village. Why each week Joe Townsend gives us another unsung hero from the ranks of today's residents of Kinney County.

If Del Rio can boast it is the "Land of Amistad" why can't Kinney County be the "Land of Heroes?"

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



Facts are available

Alas some people follow the path of Bill Clinton, "If you don't like the message, degrade and debate the messenger."

This is an open admission of the weakness of the position held by the proponent.

Anyone interested in the facts and truth of the task force prop-

erty can know them easily. I have in hand a copy of the lease agreement offered the commissioners court and would gladly supply a copy to anyone interested.

Check it out and determine for yourself.

It's sad when people can't disagree without being disagreeable.



Big Mama Sez!

When we have a "pet peave," it's remarkable how often we pet it.

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Alderman questions financial reports

Alderman J.J. Guidry questioned the use of funds for street and lighting repairs at last Tuesday's City Council meeting.

According to the financial reports presented to the council, \$802.84 was spent on street repairs and \$629.36 was spent on street lighting during the month of April.

Guidry asked City Secretary David Luna exactly where the money was being spent.

"What we have done is order a

base material that we purchased instead of buying caliche that we've used to patch different ruts in alleys," Luna said.

"We fixed some alleys. One was the alley by Conrad's (Trading Post) and the other was Rose Alley. Since then, we have spent more money on Pafford Street.

"All of the street repair expenditures go to buy pre-mix and they go to buy the base," he said. "The base is used in different parts of town."

Luna said the funds spent under the street lighting line item "are spent on any expenditure pertaining to street lighting, everything from complaints to lights that are out and need to be replaced."

Guidry said, "I understand that. I was asking where the new lights were put up."

Luna said no new lights were installed during April.

Alderman Ralph Gonzalez then asked, "Is there a reason for you wanting details in reference to what lights were fixed and what lights were not fixed?"

Guidry said yes, adding that he "would like to know where the money is being used."

Gonzalez said the money "is being used on city projects."

"Obviously so," Guidry said. "But what city projects, that's my question."

Gonzalez responded, "Do you want (Luna) to give you a detail of where every light is fixed in this community?"

"Do you see a problem with that?" Guidry asked.

Gonzalez said, "It doesn't

make any sense to me."

Guidry then said, "\$600 is being spent on street lighting and I would like to know how we're using that money. You think that's not a reasonable question?"

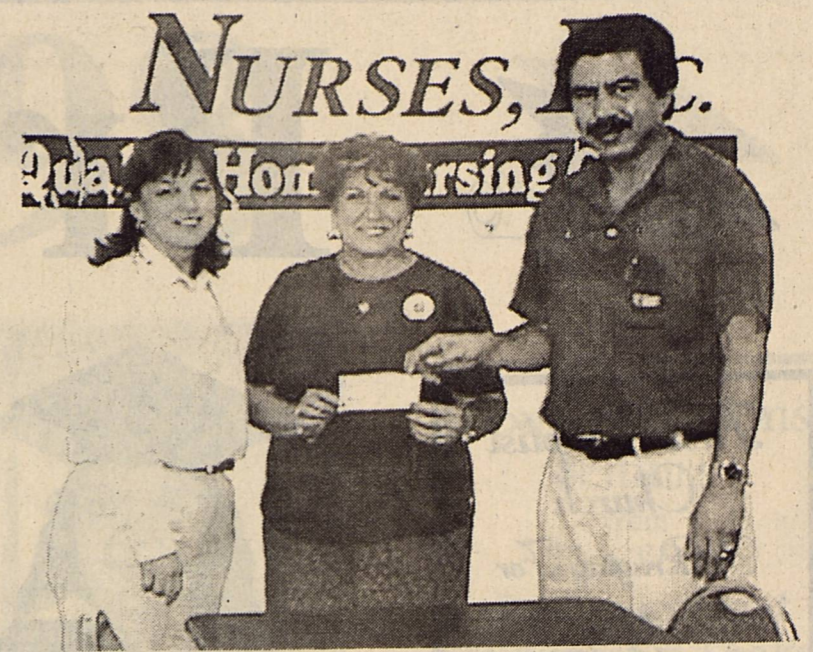
"As far as I can recall, you gave me the authority to administer the things that go on, on a daily basis in the city," Luna said. "If you want accounting on a daily basis, come to City Hall daily and we'll give you a report on anything that took place that day. We have nothing to hide."

"We have bills every day, we do things every day, and I have no problem with accounting for it."

"My understanding is that the City Council sets policy, not dictate to the city administrator what to do," he added. "I may be wrong."

Guidry said, "All I asked was how the money was spent. You all are making this a whole other issue."

"I answered you," Luna said. "OK, it was spent on street lighting," Guidry added.



Mary Martin, center, Brackett Project Graduation donation committee chairman, accepts a donation from Del Rio attorney Robert Garza, right, as his wife, Yolanda, looks on. Garza is a Brackettville native. Photo Special to The Brackett News

Alamo Village to host 'Alamo' movie reunion

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I walk out of the Alamo proudly, with my head held high, through the whole mass of Santa Anna's victorious army. It's a scene that will be remembered forever."

That scene was voted as one of the 100 most memorable scenes in the history of film.

The celebration kicks off at 7 p.m. on Saturday with a Fandango in the shadow of the Alamo chapel. Music will be provided by Rudy Robbins (who played "It Do" in "The Alamo") and his Spirit of Texas band.

Famed Flamenco artists Willie Champion and his wife, Teresa, will entertain guests that evening as well.

Teresa Champion performed the famed table dance inside the Cantina in "The Alamo." Her Flamenco dance troupe will then entertain visitors during Sunday's festivities.

"We are honored to be a part of this historic event," Willie Champion said.

On Sunday, Wayne's widow, Pilar, will be the guest of honor and will participate in a panel discussion on the making of "The Alamo."

Other panel members include Robbins and Dean Smith, a

stuntman on the movie and a member of the Stuntman's Hall of Fame.

"We are also expecting other cast and crew members to take part," said Alamo Village owner Virginia Shahan.

Shahan's late husband, "Happy," is the man who convinced Wayne to film the movie in Brackettville.

"Pilar will also be signing copies of her autobiography and will have on display some of her paintings," Shahan added.

Also performing on Sunday will be the Alamo Village gunfighters, who will also give tours of the movie set, Tommy Worrell and his performing Longhorn steer "Sundance," and a group of living history interpreters from Uvalde.

"We have long wanted to have an "Alamo" reunion, but for one reason or another it just never happened," Shahan said. "Then when Duke's Hollywood Cowboys called and asked if they could come to the village to celebrate John Wayne's 91st birthday, we decided the time was right for the reunion."

"We have tried to plan the event so the people of all ages will enjoy it," she added.

Sheriff's Report

Monday, May 11

7:47 a.m., A Spofford man reported that there were two dogs loose on Standard Lane.

11:10 a.m., Raymond Malaison Jr., 35, of Brackettville was arrested for assault by Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Malaison was released the same day on a \$1,000 personal recognizance bond.

Tuesday, May 12

6:27 p.m., A Kinney County man reported seeing a man standing in the middle of the road and waving his hands in the air. Another Brackettville man reported seeing the same thing two minutes later. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene. He transported the man to Highway 90 West.

10:30 p.m., Ruben Ramirez Moreno, 40, of San Antonio was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley and charged with driving while intoxicated, third offense. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Moreno was released on May 14 after posting a \$5,000 bail bond.

Wednesday, May 13

7:10 a.m., A Kinney County employee reported that a bicycle was left at the county barn.

Friday, May 15

12:35 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that a man was soliciting money from tenants at the Senior Citizen Apartments on W. Spring Street. The man said he was from the Southwest Community Council in Uvalde. The woman said she could not reach anyone from the Uvalde office to confirm his story. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was dispatched to the scene.

3:26 p.m., A Victoria, Texas, woman said her husband had threatened her life. The woman said she wanted to get a protective order.

6:24 p.m., A DPS Trooper Tom Wylie reported two illegal aliens on Highway 90, two miles west of the Cline Checkpoint. Border Patrol officials were notified.

7:35 p.m., A Border Patrol official reported a reckless driver on Highway 90, west of the checkpoint. Trooper Wylie was dispatched to the scene.

Saturday, May 16

10:36 a.m., A motorist reported a reckless driver on Highway 90, one mile east of Brackettville. DPS officials were notified.

Community Calendar

Thursday, May 21

12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Thursday, May 28

12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

Monday, May 25

6:00 p.m., The Fort Club Springs VFW meets at the Service Club on Fort Clark Springs.

Tuesday, May 26

6:30 p.m., The Fort Clark

Shrine Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Thursday, May 28

12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

Monday, June 1

1:00 p.m., The Fort Club Art Club meets at the Art Studio on Fort Clark Springs.

5:00 p.m., The Old Quarry Society meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

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97 FORD ASPIRE

SALE PRICE \$8,769**

MSRP \$10,755
G & B DISC <\$486>
REBATE <\$1,500>

STK# F4745

OR \$149.21 BUY FOR per month

*60 mos., 7.55% APR, total down, \$1,300 plus TTL. Total of payments \$8,952.60, with approved credit

98 FORD ESCORT LX

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G & B DISC <\$700>
REBATE <\$1,000>

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OR \$194.99 BUY FOR per month

*60 mos., 7.55% APR, total down, \$1,300 plus TTL. Total of payments \$11,669.40, with approved credit

98 FORD CONTOUR LX

SALE PRICE \$14,499**

MSRP \$16,505
G & B DISC <\$1,006>
REBATE <\$1,000>

STK# F3371

OR \$248.74 BUY FOR per month

*60 mos., 7.55% APR, total down, \$2,100 plus TTL. Total of payments \$14,924.40, with approved credit

98 FORD RANGER XLT

SALE PRICE \$11,944**

VEHICLE TOTAL \$15,380
FACT OPT DISC <\$1,310>
MSRP \$14,070
G & B DISC <\$1,128>
REBATE <\$1,000>

STK# F3341

OR \$213.53 BUY FOR per month

*60 mos., 7.55% APR, total down, \$1,300 plus TTL. Total of payments \$12,811.80, with approved credit

98 FORD F150 XLT

SALE PRICE \$13,995**

VEHICLE TOTAL \$17,380
FACT OPT DISC <\$1,875>
MSRP \$15,505
G & B DISC <\$1,510>

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OR \$248.66 BUY FOR per month

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SALE PRICE \$18,995**

VEHICLE TOTAL \$23,405
FACT OPT DISC <\$1,800>
MSRP \$21,605
G & B DISC <\$1,610>
REBATE <\$1,000>

STK# F3117

OR \$334.93 BUY FOR per month

*60 mos., 7.55% APR, total down, \$2,300 plus TTL. Total of payments \$20,095.80, with approved credit

98 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR

SALE PRICE \$37,702**

MSRP \$41,845
G & B DISC <\$4,143>

STK# 63279

OR \$489.09 BUY FOR per month

*72mos., 8.25% APR, total down, \$10,000 plus TTL. Total of payments \$35,214.48, with approved credit

98 FORD TAURUS LX

SALE PRICE \$16,995**

MSRP \$18,950
G & B DISC <\$1,955>
REBATE <\$750>

STK# F3372

OR \$294.80 BUY FOR per month

*60 mos., 7.59% APR, total down, \$2,100 plus TTL. Total of payments \$17,088.20, with approved credit

98 MERCURY MOUNTAINEER

SALE PRICE \$25,798**

VEHICLE TOTAL \$30,790
FACT OPT DISC <\$1,275>
MSRP \$29,515
G & B DISC <\$3,217>
REBATE <\$500>

STK# M3381

OR \$427.27 BUY FOR per month

*60 mos., 7.55% APR, total down, \$2,600 plus TTL. Total of payments \$25,636.20, with approved credit

98 GRAND MARQUIS

SALE PRICE \$21,235**

MSRP \$22,735
G & B DISC <\$1,000>
REBATE <\$500>

STK# M3213

OR \$373.85 BUY FOR per month

*60 mos., 7.55% APR, total down, \$2,600 plus TTL. Total of payments \$22,431.00, with approved credit

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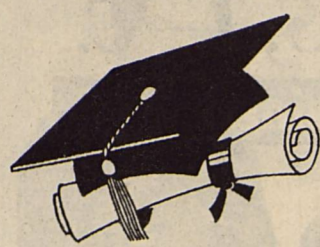
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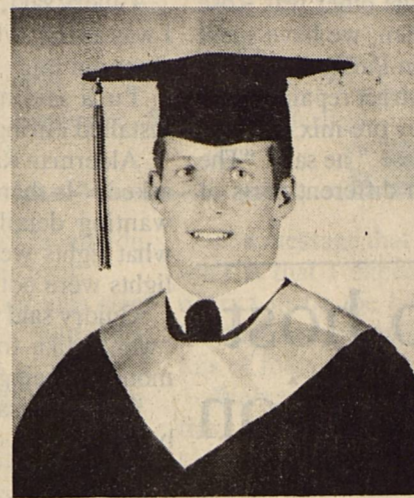
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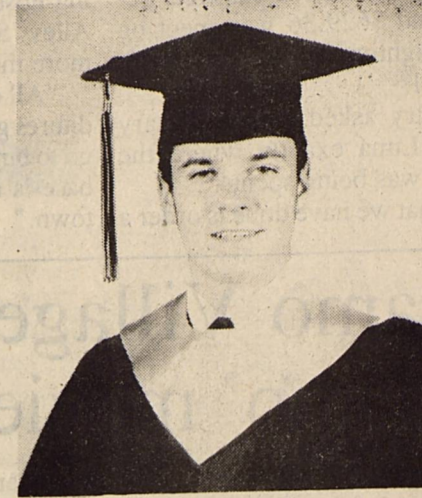
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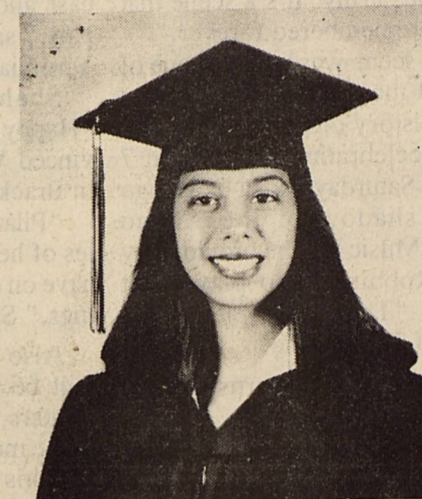
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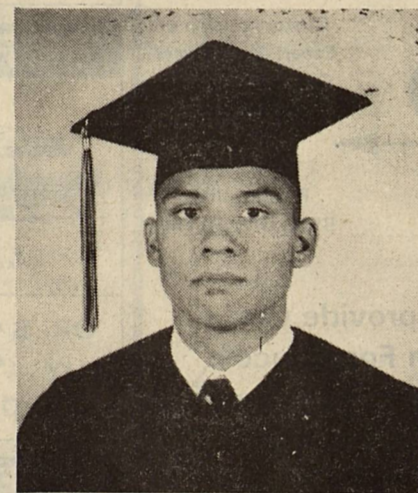
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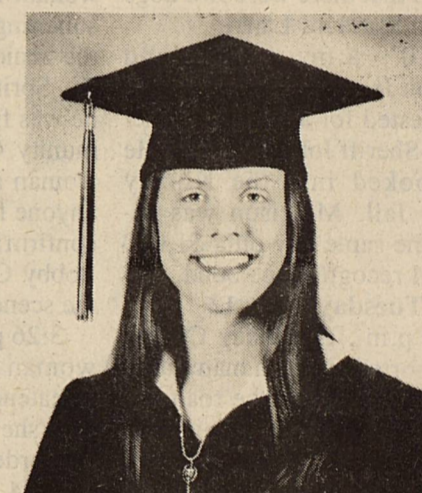
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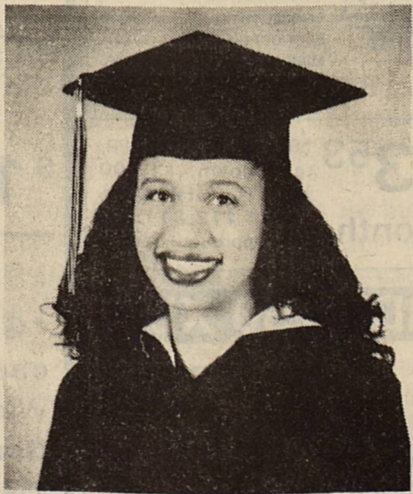
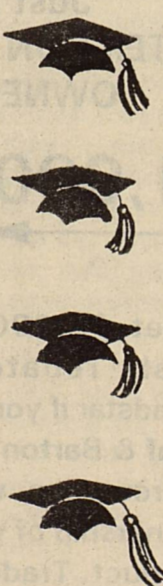
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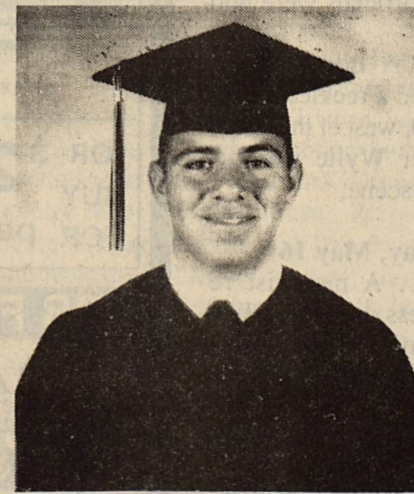
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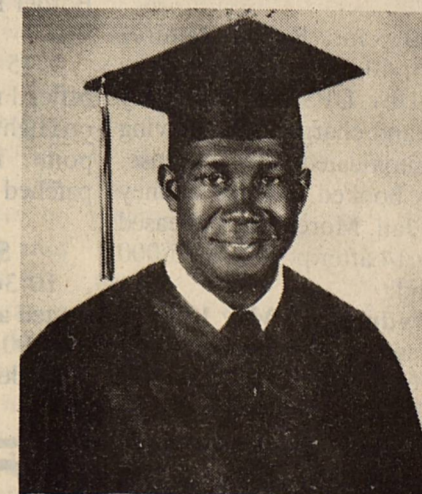
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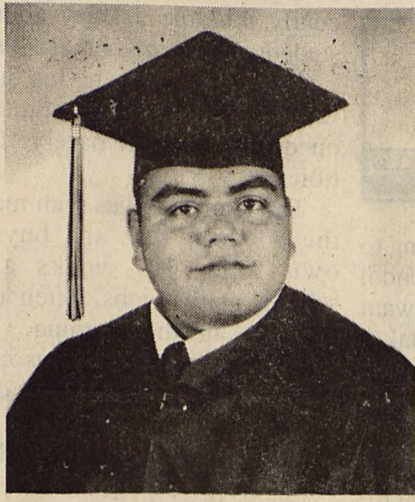
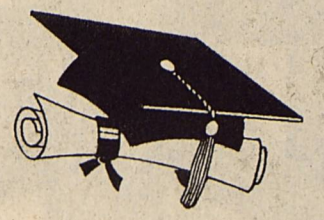
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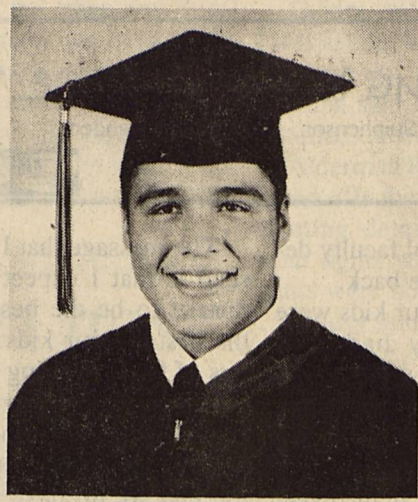
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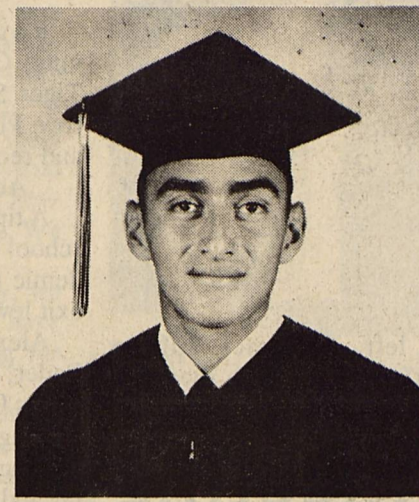
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We pray that God blesses them and their new adventure of life, and thru their choices, doors of prosperity and happiness will be open to them. God Bless You All Corey's Pest Control

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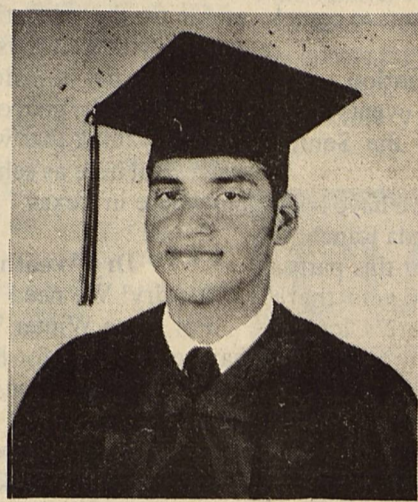
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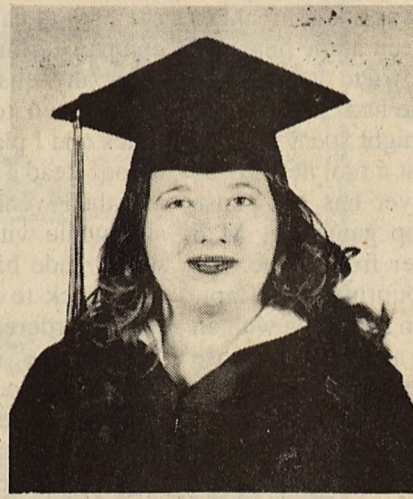
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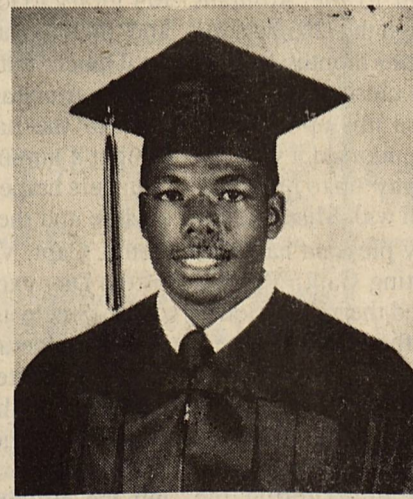
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We Are Proud Of Our 1998 Graduates Best Wishes From Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc.

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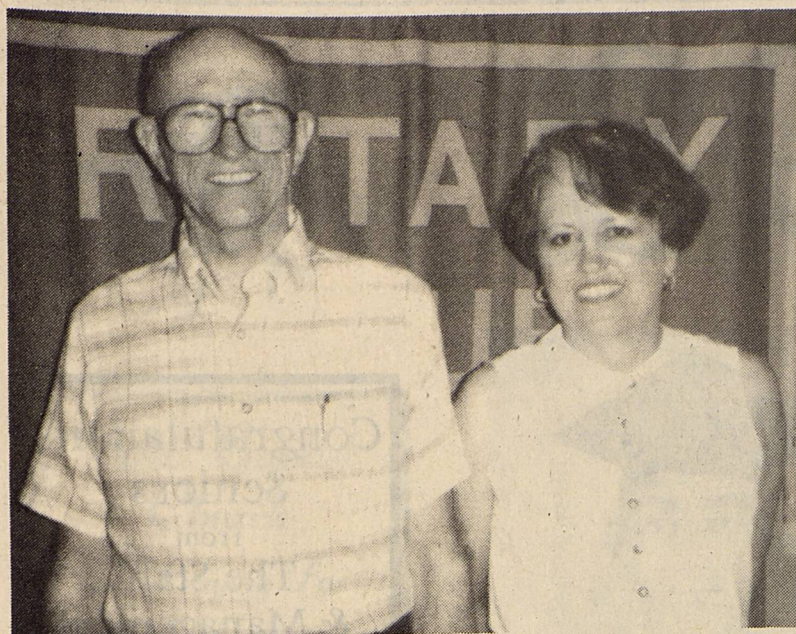
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SENIORS CLASS OF 1998 FROM ALAMO VILLAGE VIRGINIA SHAHAN

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Good Luck Seniors From The Management and Staff of the Kinney County Wool & Mohair



Program Chairman Frank Cheaney, left, welcomes Tulisha Wardlaw of Alamo Village to last week's Rotary Club meeting. Wardlaw discussed this weekend's "Alamo" movie reunion.

Garden club meeting attracts 16 members

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club met last Thursday in the backyard of the Allen and Clara McCord home with 16 members in attendance.

Charlene Simmons was congratulated for organizing the very successful flower show at Las Moras Inn on May 2. Clara McCord, president, expressed thanks to everyone who participated and to Barbara Simmons for the lovely tea and cakes. Plans were discussed for a bigger and better show next year.

Project reports revealed that Norma Conner continues excellent upkeep of the rose garden.

The club will proceed with the wild flower project in front of the museum, working with Curator Larry Mendeke. Members of this committee are McCord, chairman, Bobbie Waddill, Patsy Callnan, and Hazel Ivey.

Ruby Cheaney led a discussion of the tree identification project. Identifications will be made around the R.V. Park, Las Moras Restaurant, administration building and museum.

Juanita Robertson volunteered to help with designing the signs. Members of this committee are Cheaney, chairman, Callnan, Nancy England, and Barbara Simmons.

Plant watering project in front of Las Moras Inn will continue

with England and Callnan serving in June, McCord in July, Charlene Simmons in August, and Pat McKelvy in September.

Amie Skelton made a generous donation for the planting of a mulberry tree around the area in memory of Howard Skelton.

Rosie Mattingly installed the officers for 1998-1999 with a clever theme: "Helping Hands."

Installed were: Clara McCord, president; Helen Peck assisted by Flo Murphy, first vice president; Mattingly, second vice president; Callnan, third vice president; Ivey, secretary; and Skelton, treasurer.

New committees for the year appointed by McCord are: telephone, Joyce Bergey, chairman, Skelton, and Murphy; scrapbook, McKelvy; flower show chairman, Charlene Simmons; service, Marge Geeze; rose garden, Conner, assisted by England; news articles, Ivey; and special projects publicity, Carol Miller.

McCord presented caladium plants to officers for the past year in appreciation of their work.

Allen McCord gave a very interesting and fun plant biology program on fruits and vegetables. Members were given new insights on how to really tell which is which.

A salad luncheon was served in the McCords back yard.

Seniors to graduate tomorrow night at 8

It's graduation time in Brackettville! Graduation will be held at Tiger Stadium at 8 p.m. tomorrow. Please join us in giving honor and recognition to this fine class.

Academic Recognition

A tip of the hat to these 11 high school students who earned academic recognition on the TAAS, exit level:

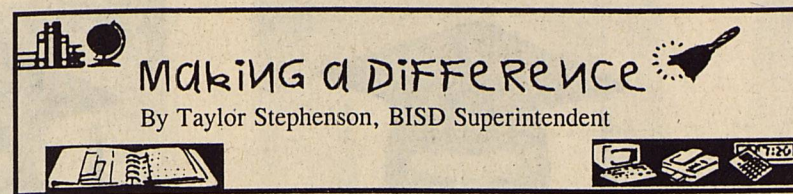
Alex Arreola, reading; Jamie Bader, reading, math and writing; James Burks, math; Zachry Davis, reading and math; Tara Eckenrod, reading; Jania Finkenbinder, reading and math; Jacob Hughes, reading and writing; Jerritt Meeks, math and writing; Seth Moore, reading; Coty Williams, reading; and LaToya Wright, reading.

Academic recognition is earned by a student who answers at least 95 percent of the items correctly on that subject area test. On the writing test, a score of 4 on the written composition is also required.

Congratulations to these nine students who received academic recognition in reading, five in math, and three in writing.

Field Day

The elementary Field Day was wonderful! Coach Ricky Creel, Principal Michael Schooler and



the elementary school faculty deserve a big pat on the back.

Parents helped. Our kids were magnificent. They had fun. Schools can do that as we work our way toward becoming responsible adults.

Our school nurse and EMS were there to help us in the event smoke became too much for any of us.

Thanks for a great day that will be remembered for years to come!

Project Graduation

One of the closing events is the drug free party for the Senior Class of 1998.

For many years, we have been able to use the LaFonda Ranch. It is a perfect setting for this party.

Our senior class gets there about midnight. There's lots of food and fun games to play. The prizes have been donated and purchased from donations.

Susan Harrison is the CEO of this event. It's a good one.

But, I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall



He's just 14!

My daughter, Kasey, recently told me a story about a student in one of her classes.

He has no idea who his father was. His mother, a prostitute, is on drugs and can barely function.

The man she lives with makes the boy pay rent and buy his own food. He works after school, at two jobs, often until 3 o'clock in the morning.

He seldom, if ever, has clean clothes. His homework is done at school or not at all. He was constantly in trouble for drifting off to sleep during class.

If you tell me about your problems this week, forgive me if I don't seem sympathetic.

Her heartbreaking story ended with a question: "How do I save this boy?"

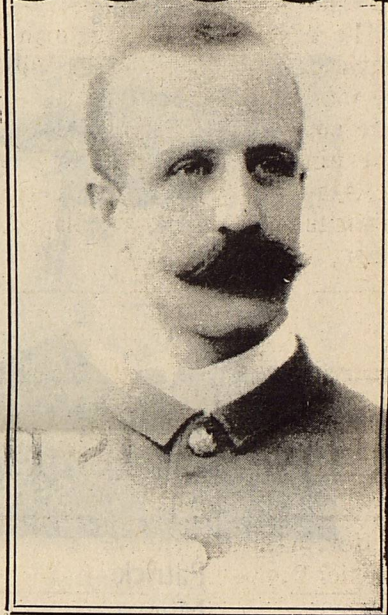
I don't know. I don't even have a clue. Maybe it's already too late. Perhaps his fate is sealed and he's doomed, condemned to a life of failure.

I do know that he only has one possible avenue of escape. Education. Society has failed him. If our educational system lets him fall through the cracks, we all lose. But, I could be wrong.

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Major General Francis Henry French

Courtesy of his descendants



Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he graduated 12th from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lt. of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas, where Lt. French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882, the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.

At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt. French began diaries, which he faithfully maintained for the next 30 years.

Friday, May 21, 1886

Had charge of "F" Co. at drill this morning and got through all right. Guard was not at breakfast and had not been at the house all night. Went down to the store and learned that he had just gone to sleep after a night spent in playing pool. What a fool he is, deep in debt and yet has not sense enough to stop gambling. Mail brought a letter from home. After guard mounting met Capt. Vance going to the office with an application for a certificate to base a request for a sick leave upon. Went to his house a while and find him more discouraged about his health. He has a pain in the region of his bladder which he thinks is due to his trouble diabetes. Returned to quarters, wrote my application to the Adjutant General, through the channels for a leave for three months to take effect after the close of the target season. Carried this up to Capt. Vance's, who endorsed it with his approval. On way up to his house sat on the porch with Miss Folsom and had a very pleasant call with her. After getting Capt. Vance's approval carried the application to Capt. Hall at the office. Hope it will go through all right now. After lunch worked in the yard weeding and watering the grass and had a call from Dr. Schwartzkopf interrupting me while trying to read "Middlemarch." Guard was not at lunch but was at the house just before dinner. He dined at Hammond's. In the evening called at Mrs. Kinney's and then at Gen. Smith's until tattoo listening to the open air concert there. After tattoo sat on Mrs. Lyster's porch with her and had a very pleasant chat with her.

Saturday, May 22, 1886

Weeded in the yard before breakfast and now have part of the yard well cleared. Mail brought the bundle of papers from home. Spent the day at quarters reading papers from home and working in the yard. The grass is coming up well and the weeds are rapidly disappearing. Went in to see Capt.

Vance a while this morning and found him about the same as yesterday. Wrote a letter to King this afternoon about a fox skin which a Cavalry sergeant prepared for him. After dinner took a short ride with Steele and then with Guard in Steele's buggy. Went to office later and found that Gen. Smith endorsed my application for a leave with an approval. Guard came up to call after retreat. Accompanied him and Black to the Company quarters and then we went down to the store where Black and I played billiards until tattoo. Read a while after this call and then went up to Hewitt's to sit a while with Guard and afterwards bade him good-bye as he went back to Del Rio. Hope he will be ordered back soon.

Sunday, May 23, 1886

Had a good bath before reveille. Commenced letter home before breakfast. After inspection went to office for mail but got none. Learned there that Ives was to come tonight and made arrangements to entertain him. Went over to Library to look over the papers and then wrote on letter home until lunch. Sat a while with Capt. Vance afterwards and then went over to the hall to practice for tonight's singing. Escorted Miss Saunders home, watered the grass a while and then completed letter home. Capt. Vance being Officer of the Day excused me from roll calls. Steele took me out for a pleasant ride after dinner. In the evening started to escort Miss Saunders to church but she went over before I got to Gen. Smith's. The music passed off all right. I left the building feeling uncomfortably warm during the sermon and went over to Capt. Vance's a while. Escorted May and Trudie Hall home and spent the rest of the evening calling on Mrs. Hall. Sent a note out to the station for Ives to come to my house and had a bed prepared for him.

Monday, May 24, 1886

Was awakened about three o'clock this morning by Ives who looks about the same as ever. We have not met for over two years. Am very glad that he is back for he is always cheerful and a bright and interesting talker. Had usual target practice. This is becoming very warm work. Mail brought a letter from home and samples of wedding invitations from Homer Lee. Shall wait until those come

from Black, Starr & Frost and then send them all to Lula to choose from. Spent a short time at the office and then looked over the papers in the Library and read "Harpers Monthly" at quarters. After lunch went in with Ives to see Capt. Vance for a while. Read "Middlemarch" and watered the grass for the rest of the day. Had parade in white helmets this evening. After it took a bath and then went to call on Hickey who was not in. He came up with recruits and goes back tonight. Then went over to the hall where Capt. Vance gave a dancing party for the little folks and helped him to entertain them. Had a warm time of it. He took tattoo for me. After it had a very pleasant call on Mrs. Remington. What a beautiful, charming lady she is. Did not have the French lesson today an have stopped now for good. Ives is feeling ill tonight. He has some stomachache [sic] trouble that gives him a good deal of pain.

Tuesday, May 25, 1886

Did not stay long at target practice as Capt. Vance relieved me to let me prepare for guard mounting. Mail had nothing for me this morning. Marched on guard this morning. It was very warm at guard mounting and uncomfortably close and sultry all day at the guard house. Wrote letters to Guard and Dr. Porter and read "Middlemarch" during the day. Received through the Adjutant's office the letter sent to the Adjutant General asking for the approval of the Sec'y. of War to my accounts for rental of the telephone instrument at Brown. Must attend to this matter tomorrow. In the evening wrote to Shunk, read "Middlemarch" and slept until after midnight when the Officer of the Day inspected and then turned in.

Wednesday, May 26, 1886

Mail came before guard mounting but brought nothing for me. Was glad to get off guard as it has been such a hot disagreeable tour. Clipped the grass with the lawn mower and then watered it. Bathed and shaved before lunch and felt much refreshed. Walked home with Miss Saunders at noon and after lunch went in to see Miss Folsom a while, both in order to make arrangements for a quartet tomorrow night for the temperance society. Looked over the papers in the Library and wrote

on letter home until dinner time, stopping to go over to the company and to the office. After dinner completed letter home and wrote to Forsyth enclosing all the correspondence in regard to that telephone business at Brown. Hope he will be able to settle it now. Sat with Mrs. Hammond until tattoo and then went to Gen. Smith's to practice the music. Had some liquid refreshments that were very acceptable. Received a short note from Guard this afternoon by a teamster who came in from Del Rio.

Thursday, May 27, 1886

No drill this morning. Think Gen. Smith has suspended them for the season and we are all very thankful. No mail for me this morning. Cannot understand why the samples of wedding invitations do not come from Black, Starr and Frost. During guard mounting sat on Mrs. Lyster's porch. Saw Chaplain Merrill and was informed that the entertainment tonight would be outdoors in the band stand. This makes it impossible for the quartet to take part. Notified Miss Folsom of this and then went to the school to inform Miss Saunders and over to the company to tell Sergt. Nalon who has charge of the programme. Disliked very much to refuse as we did the same last week but it cannot be helped. Read "Middlemarch" until noon. After lunch sat a while with Ives who is fitting up some rooms down stairs. Spent the afternoon watering the grass and reading "Middlemarch." At five o'clock went over with Ives to Gen. Smith's for dinner, Miss Folsom and Hewitt being the other guests. As usual had an excellent meal and a very pleasant time. The General told Ives & myself not to go to retreat. Stayed there some time after dinner and then sat on Mrs. Hall's porch during the entertainment. Could not hear it all, but it seemed to pass off very pleasantly. Did not go out after tattoo.

Briefs ...

Beta Sigma Phi honors 50-year membership

In 1948, Clara McCord pledged Beta Sigma Phi in a chapter at Corpus Christi. Last Tuesday, the Theta Sigma chapter of Brackettville honored McCord for her 50-year membership with a dinner at Las Moras Restaurant.

At a beautiful candlelight ceremony, Pat McKelvy presented the Golden Circle Ritual assisted by Bobbie Waddill and Marge Geeze. McCord received a yellow rose corsage, 50 year pin and a certificate from the international office.

McCord showed the group a picture of her pledge class and also read a poem that she had written at that time about her sorority expectations.

Special guests were her daughter, Cathy Bader, and granddaughter, Jamie. Other chapter members attending were Nancy Frerich, Alicia Raymer, Jan Chism, Molly Schroeder, and Vicky Bell.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets at Fort Clark

The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club held its weekly game Tuesday in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs. Bob Barnett and Walt Geeze took first, while Arnie and Gertie Trautwein were second and Joyce Bell and Alice Seargeant took third.

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Birth

Schafers announce grandson's arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schafer proudly announce the arrival of their new grandson, Marc Richard Schafer.

Marc was born on May 18, 1998, and weighed 7 pounds and 15 ounces. Parents are Judy and Les Schafer of Brownwood, Texas.

Allemeier selected for pilot training

SAN ANGELO -- Bernie L. Allemeier of Brackettville was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force in a ceremony Friday at Angelo State University's Houston Harte University Center.

Allemeier, a computer science major with a minor in history, has been selected to attend undergraduate pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base in Columbus, Miss.

Allemeier is one of 15 cadets from ASU's AFROTC Detachment 847 who was commissioned in Friday's ceremony.

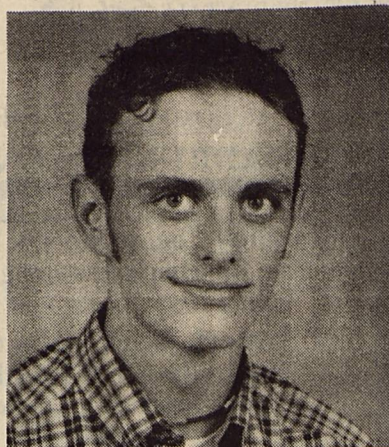
Burks selected to attend youth leadership seminar

James Burks, a sophomore at Brackett High School, will learn about "America's Incentive System" during an all-expense paid trip to the West Texas Leadership Seminar.

The seminar is affiliated with the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) and will be held June 4-7 in San Antonio. More than 270 outstanding sophomores from throughout Central and South Texas will attend, each representing a different high school.

The seminar is sponsored by Optimist Clubs, Kiwanis Clubs, Greater Federation of Women's Clubs, and business establishments in the community.

During the seminar, these future leaders will hear from today's distinguished leaders in business, government, education, and the professions, allowing them to leave the seminar with a better understanding and appreciation of the American economic system and the demo-



JAMES BURKS

cratic process.

In addition, personal improvement skills will be developed and motivational techniques will be discussed.

A HOBY program initiative this year is an emphasis on volunteerism as part of HOBY's commitment to The Presidents' Summit for America's Future.

The foundation was established 40 years ago by movie and stage actor Hugh O'Brian in

the belief that America's greatest resource is its youth.

This is the 16th year of the West Texas Leadership Seminar, one of five seminars held in Texas.

HOBY's goal is to provide sophomores with a stimulating forum for learning about the American economic system and democratic process while broadening their understanding of their leadership potential and quest for self development.

Each year, all students in the sophomore class at Brackett participate in the competition to be selected as the outstanding student with leadership potential to represent the high school at the seminar.

Students are asked to write an essay answering questions about how they have demonstrated leadership ability, sensitivity and concern for others in community service, and the desire to learn and share that knowledge and experience with others.



Senior band members Windy Goodloe (from left), JoLee Jones, Amanda Mulvaine and Alfred Rodriguez were honored at last week's spring concert. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

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Michigan child travels to Texas for dream trip

OKEMOS, Mich. - Jeremy, a 16-year-old from Ypsilanti, Mich., will be traveling to Texas for his wish of a lifetime courtesy of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan and its supporters.

The adventurous young man, who has Ataxia Telangiectasia, will begin his eight day tour of Texas on Saturday.

Jeremy's western adventure includes a busy itinerary as he visits Sea World and the Alamo, goes horseback riding, and spends time at the Alamo Village Movie Location.

Alamo Village will be donating Jeremy's admission ticket, and a local hotel is generously donating a large portion of the cost of his room. Jeremy's trip will be shared by his family and a close friend.

"The wishes we grant to our wish kids provide them with emotional boosts during their struggles with their illnesses and numerous trips to the hospital," said Jennifer Van Valkenburg, manager of program services at Make-A-Wish of Michigan. "We are privileged to make dreams come true for children like Jeremy."

"We are most grateful when local businesses step up and support the foundation as we serve children and families in their communities," she added.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan grants wishes to Michigan children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 17 who suffer with life-threatening illnesses. It is one of over 80 Make-A-Wish chapters located in the United States.

For more information on the Make-A-Wish Foundation, call (800) 722-9474.

RELIGION

There is no cheap way to be a Christian

By Rev. Joe Townsend
Frontier Baptist Church

We make a tremendous mistake when we expect one who has never accepted Christ as his personal savior to be and live the same as one who is in reality a Christian.

The scripture says, "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself so to walk even as he walked."

A Christian should be different from one who has never placed his faith in Christ.

There is a spiritual lameness that afflicts many of us. Christians are urged to walk "Circumspectly, not as fools but as wise."

Jesus and the early church walked the way of the commandments.

The test of one's religion is not in mouthing pious phrases and or belonging to a church, but in the daily practice of the way Jesus taught to live. We glibly accept "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy," but we should actually remember the weekday to keep it holy.

Jesus and his followers centered life in the synagogue and the church.

"As was his custom," Jesus centered his behavior in the church. It was not, however, the manifestation of his concern for the church but simply there was where he met the father and drew strength from that experience. It's great to meet friends at church but the higher experience is meeting God there.

One thief crucified with Jesus on the cross wanted to be delivered from what he was and was blessed with heaven for eternity by Jesus himself.

The other thief wanted to be delivered from where he was and was doomed to an eternity in hell.

Too often we are not concerned enough about who we are. Early Christians chose to walk the difficult road. Jesus faced Gethsamane and Calvary.

If you would dare to escape boredom and make life high adventure and glorious romance, you must rise up to meet the chal-

lenge. It's necessary to rise above shuffling feet in the dust and climb the mountain.

The early Christians were so happy they were accused of being drunk. Jesus, "for the joy that was set before him endured the cross -despising the shame."

Jesus walked circumspectly.

It's good to be saved and know it, but it's better to be saved and show it. The early Christians went out to follow him but to reproduce him. There is no cheap way to be a Christian. Rather to walk as Jesus walked is a daily dying to self. Count the cost of your redemption and realize how much Christ did for you.

Too many centuries have past for you to go to Calvary and run put your arms around the savior and hold him up, to wipe his brow, to offer him water, to swab his bleeding back to ease his broken heart but at least we can live for him.

There will be another message from the Bible at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11. Come and be blessed.

Blessings can be lost by compromising beliefs

By Pastor Charolette Corey
Gateway Ministries

When you choose to compromise God's commandments, you lose your blessings. Perhaps not immediately, but eventually, your choice will lead either yourself or your offspring down a path unshielded by God's favor.

When Eve was deceived and Adam sinned in partaking of the fruit of the tree of good and evil, sin was loosed upon the earth. Man began to die as his relationship to God changed from one of

fellowship and communion into a relationship of law and fear.

When Abraham failed to love Urr without any of his relatives (except his wife and servants), and failed to take charge over the land God had promised him, he opened the door for other nations (representing sin) to take over his land. These nations later fought against Abraham's descendants.

When Abraham chose to believe Ishmael was God's promised seed to him, it brought into existence a nation that would fight

against Isaac and his descendants until this very day.

When Saul let the King of Gaul live (after God said to destroy all of that nation), the children of Israel later had to fight his offspring, including the giant called Goliath.

When Joshua and Caleb stopped short of taking all the land that God had promised Moses through Abraham and his seed, their people intermarried with the heathen nations which brought in false gods and diseases and eventual loss of God's favor.

Jesus has redeemed us from the

curse brought down through our spiritual and physical ancestors.

If we want the fullness of God's daily promises fulfilled in our lives and help to protect our offspring, we must choose to be uncompromising.

Each of us, as a believer, does this by loving others as yourself, and loving the Lord God with all your mind, will, emotions, and with all your strength.

Then the blessings of God will seek you out to overtake you.

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Readings from the book of Thessalonians

By Rev. William Adams Sr.
St. John's Missionary Church

"For they that sleep sleep in the night; And they are drunken in the night."

"But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and, for an helmet, the hope of salvation."

"For God hath not appointed us to wrath but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ."

"Who died for us that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him."

"Wherefore, comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do."

"And we beseech you, brethren, to know them who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,"

"And to redeem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves." 1 Thessalonians 5:7-13

God bless you, the graduation class of '98, Brackett High School. Come by Sunday and eat lunch with us or pick up a plate, beginning at 1 p.m. at St. John Missionary Church.

A recipe for a well-done day

His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Matthew 25-23

Recipe for a Well-Done Day

By Linda Shepherd:
Splash your face with water cold, feel the morning air.
Watch the sunrise edged with gold, breath a humble prayer.
Serve a warm and friendly smile, add a pinch of humor.
See a friend and talk awhile, never start a rumor.
Give your heart to those you

love, work hard for all your pay.
Turn your thoughts to God above, to make a well-done day.

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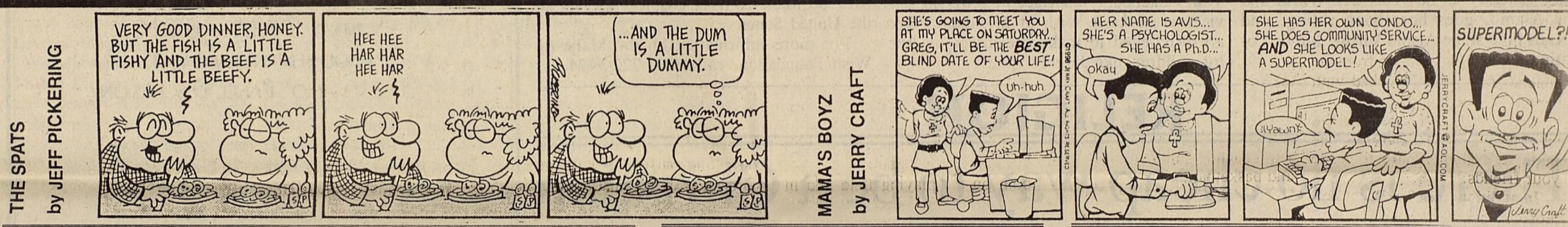
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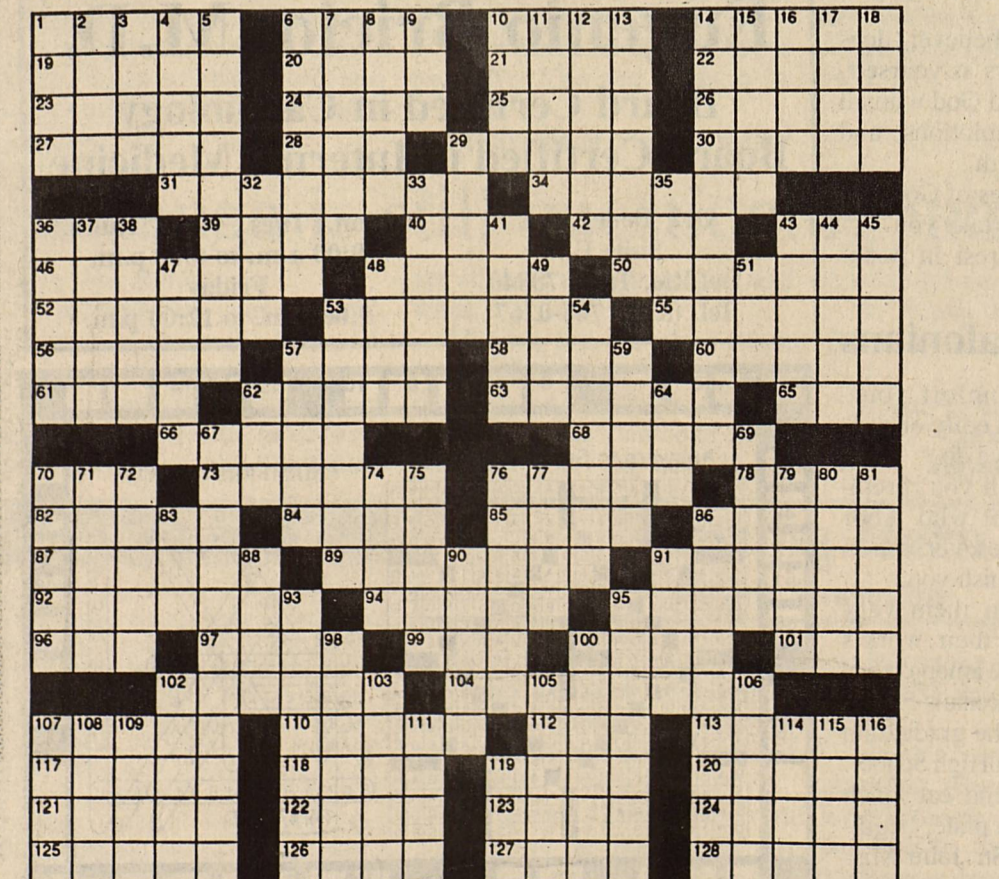
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6 Paragon of redness
10 Tiny particle
14 Exposes
19 Greek shopping center?
20 Singer Guthrie
21 — avis
22 Idolize
23 Biblical name
24 Color for a wolf or a whale
25 Jal
26 Silly one
27 — out!
28 Earned the Blue Ribbon
29 As clear as
30 Wiser?
31 Furnished
34 Refuse bluntly
36 Turkish officer
39 Many are civil
40 Political org.
42 Box or bush starter
43 Sibling
46 Authenticate
48 A thick liqueur
50 Knight of the Round Table
52 Diesel or fire follower
53 Small suitcase
55 The same for all
56 Angered
57 Sand hill, in England
58 Gabor, et al.
60 Artificial waterway
61 Dutch South African
62 Wearing
63 Casual observation
65 Sight or sore starter
66 Belgian violinist
68 Have being
70 Cleo's ex-cutioner
73 Sharp mountain ridges
76 Wooden shoe
78 Horse or course starter
82 Gourd fruit
84 Central point
85 Isles off Ireland
86 Faux pas
87 Oscars, et al.
89 Levee protector
91 Philippine seaport
92 Began again
94 They invaded Spain
95 Summaries
96 Singer Garfunkel
97 Set of nested boxes
99 Wish undone
100 Platform in a synagogue
101 Opposite
102 Gas-pump number
104 One of an Ethioic people
107 Bird sanctuary, often
110 Vigorous
112 Stone or iron
113 English composer
117 "...out like—" tree
118 Oil-yielding
119 Soprano Gluck
120 Climbing vine
121 Yemen's capital
122 Completely engrossed
123 FBI agent
124 Sweater size
125 Employing
126 NCOs
127 Food cans, in London
128 Ancient chariot
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2 U.S. author/critic
3 Golf course unit
4 Ireland
5 Blowhard
6 Moth larva
7 Baseball boo-boos
8 Oxlike antelope
9 Dog of a small breed
10 Bedouin
11 Former German coin
12 Papal vestments
13 Postal pouch
14 Magician's stock in trade?
15 Nazi Fuhrer
16 Cross
17 Gaelic tongue
18 Crystal
19 In Scotland
20 Genus of ground beetles
21 Where Ed Norton tolled
22 Harsh In temper
23 Start for meter or metry
28 Special point of view
41 Winsor's "Forever"
43 Hollywood's Hasso
44 Dental filling
45 Stone pillar
47 Ardant
48 Chaplin prop
49 Overhanging
51 Collection of anecdotes
53 Words in legal documents
54 Quantity of fish caught
57 Dean of a group
59 One of an ancient Germanic people
62 Local tavern
64 Slowing gradually, in mus.
67 Lunchbox item
69 Old standard of weight, in Scotland
70 Genus of ground beetles
71 Where Ed Norton tolled
72 Fix in the mind
74 Yellow cheese
75 Mister, in Madrid
76 Heavy cavalry swords
77 Brazilian macaws
79 Plant of the parsley family
80 Prehistoric
81 Expanse
83 Mine find
86 Trifle
88 Dispatched
90 Version of the Bible
91 Puccini heroine
93 Dealers in cloth and dry goods
95 Lower in status
98 Amount of wool for the master?
100 Racketeers' go-between
102 Founder of the Ottoman Empire
103 Eleusinian initiate
105 Highly-seasoned game dish
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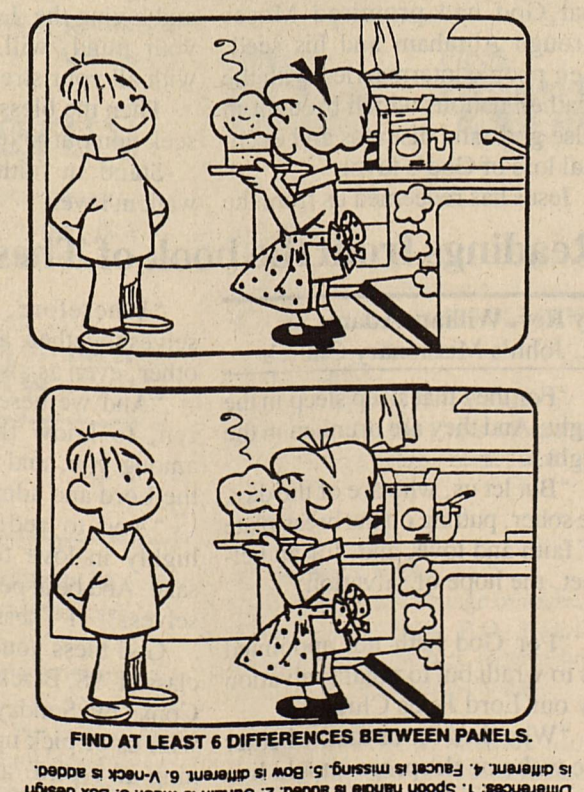
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Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
You'll have to put your foot down when it comes to a co-worker's interruptions early in the week. Later, ethical questions arise in connection with monetary dealings. Some plans should be revised.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Business doesn't mix with pleasure in general this week. For one thing, the other party is not ready to lay his or her cards on the table. Be aware of legalities regarding real estate matters.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Concentration on the job is difficult to achieve, but your enthusiasm knows no bounds about upcoming family plans. Luck comes from afar over the weekend.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Plans involving visitors or travel are subject to change, but there is a secret matter that you are happy about. This week, you work best from behind the scenes.
LEO (July 23 to August 22)
A problem from last week still concerns you, but it doesn't seem as important. There are happy developments in the realm of partnerships and love. Celebrate at home over the weekend.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
There are still some chores you must tend to at home. Although you're good with details in general, you're just not in the mood to tackle them. Social life is iffy at best this weekend.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Think twice before lending that treasured possession to someone you hardly know. Social obligations take priority later in the week. What a lovely time it is for meeting with an old friend!
SCORPIO (October 23 to



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May 22 .Demitreus Williams
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May 24Bernie Allemeir
May 24Willie Allemeir
May 24Lorenza Guajardo
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May 25Paula Samanigo
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May 26Blanca Ortega
May 27John Garberich



Brackett baseball coaches Gary Grubbs, left, and Ricky Creel discuss strategy during the Tigers' season finale against Dilley last week. Grubbs has accepted a coaching position at Pecos, and Creel has been named Brackett's head baseball coach.

Grubbs named offensive coordinator at 4A Pecos Creel takes over baseball program

Gary Grubbs has accepted an offensive coordinator's position at Pecos, a Class 4A school, and Ricky Creel will take over his position as Brackett's head baseball coach.

Grubbs has coached at Brackett for five years. He has served as both offensive and defensive coordinator for the Tigers' football team, and has been head baseball coach for five years and head basketball coach for four years.

"It's been a good five years," Grubbs said. "It's been a real good learning experience. I've had a good opportunity to learn from the coaches that I have worked with here.

"My family and I have made a lot of friends in Brackettville," he said. "It's always hard to leave your friends."

In addition to being Pecos' offensive coordinator in football, Grubbs will be an assistant baseball coach.

"I'm real excited about the Pecos job," Grubbs said. "At this point in my career, I think it's the right place for me and my family."

An added bonus for Grubbs is the opportunity to work again with Dan Swaim, Pecos' head football coach.

"We've had a good relationship," Grubbs said. "I'm real excited about working with him again."

Swaim coached two seasons at Brackett and was the Tigers' de-

fensive coordinator.

"I'm real excited about the opportunity to coach with Gary again," Swaim said. "This is something we've talked about for a long time."

Swaim said he has been coaching for eight years, and five of those years have been with Grubbs.

"I think Gary's a great coach and I think he will be great for the kids in Pecos," Swaim added.

While at Brackett, Grubbs led the Tigers to their first-ever district and bi-district titles in baseball. In 1996, he was also named the Southwest Texas Coach of the Year.

Creel has been Grubbs' assistant for the past two seasons. He also coaches junior high football and basketball.

"Coach Creel will do an outstanding job," Grubbs said. "He's an outstanding coach and role model. He understands the game of baseball real well."

Creel played four years of college baseball at Richland Junior College in Dallas and East Texas Baptist University in Marshall before taking his first coaching job in Brackett.

"I'm excited," Creel said. "I know it's going to be some tough shoes to fill with Coach Grubbs. He's a great coach. He taught me a lot about the game. He started a tradition here in Brackett and that's something I want to keep going."

Perez signs with UTSA

Brackett senior Samantha Perez has signed a national letter of intent to attend UTSA in the fall on a track and field scholarship.

"I'm excited about continuing my athletic career," Perez said. "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to compete at the collegiate level."

Perez finished ninth in a field of 109 runners at the Class 2A state cross country meet in the school's first year to compete in the sport.

She won the Region IV-2A title, finishing first in a field of 154 runners.

At the conference meet, Perez ran the two-mile race in 12:20, breaking the district record of 12:27 set by Asherton's Mary Idelia in 1991.

This fall, Perez won three gold medals at the district track meet. She won the 1600- and 3200-meter runs, and was a member of the mile relay team.

At the regional meet, she finished third in the 3200 and sixth in the 1600.

"Samantha is dedicated and knows what she wants," Brackett track coach Julie Bruce said. "She is very determined."

"I think she will be one of



Samantha Perez (seated) signs a national letter of intent with UTSA as her parents (standing, from left), Pete and Leslie Perez, and Brackett track coach Julie Bruce look on.

UTSA's top runners. She will be a big addition to their program," she added.

Perez is the salutatorian of her class and a member of the National Honor Society.

She will be a member of UTSA's academic honors program.

Ballew, Williams, Brotherton honored

J. Wayne Ballew, Demitrus Williams and Lindsey Brotherton were named Brackett's Athletes of the Year last Thursday at the Tiger Booster Club's annual awards program.

Ballew, a senior, was also named Brackett's most valuable player in football and outstanding defensive back.

"I think he is deserving of the award," Tigers coach Gary Grubbs said. "J. Wayne has shown good leadership throughout the year, both on the playing field and in the classroom. I feel that he has exhibited all the characteristics that go along with winning this award."

Williams, also a senior, was the track MVP and most outstanding

running back in football.

"Demitrus had a tremendous year," Brackett coach Art Finkenbinder said. "I thought he excelled in football and track, and he also did an outstanding job in basketball. He's the kind of guy that all coaches like to coach."

Brotherton, a junior, earned MVP honors in basketball and volleyball.

"Lindsey was well deserving," Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin said. "She participated in three sports and excelled in all of them. She was all-region and all-state in basketball, qualified for regionals in track, and was MVP of the volleyball team."

Samantha Perez and Rene Luna were the winners of the Fighting

Tigerette and Fighting Tiger awards.

Perez, Caleb Crumley, Tina Meek and Lionel Ramos were each awarded a \$400 Booster Club scholarship.

Brotherton and Brent Smith were winners of the Wendy's Heisman Award.

Other awards presented at Thursday's program include:

■ **Football:** Ballew, most valuable; Ramos, most improved; Williams, outstanding running back; Luna, outstanding receiver; Jose Perez and Nat Terrazas, outstanding offensive linemen; Wes Baker, outstanding defensive lineman; Smith, outstanding linebacker; Ballew and Luna, outstanding defensive backs; Luna, outstanding special teams player.

■ **Volleyball:** Brotherton, most valuable; Hilda Aguirre, most improved.

■ **Cross Country:** Samantha Perez, most outstanding girl; Liz Aguirre, most improved girl; Ramos, most valuable boy; James Burks, most improved boy.

■ **Basketball:** Brotherton and La Toya Wright, most valuable girls; Patty Lopez, most improved girl; Luna, most valuable boy; Crumley, most improved boy.

■ **Baseball:** Luna, Michael Meyer and Jorge Rodriguez, most valuable; Zach Davis, most improved.

■ **Softball:** Stephanie Terrazas, most valuable; Liz Aguirre, most improved.

■ **Track:** Samantha Perez, most valuable girl; Sonya Correa and Jania Finkenbinder, most improved girls; Williams, most valuable boy; David Honstein, most improved boy.

■ **Tennis:** Brittany Shewbart, most valuable girl; Tara Eckenrod, most improved girl; Ramos, most valuable boy; Crumley, most improved boy.

■ **Golf:** Perez and Cherrise Ward, most valuable girls; Meek, most improved girl; Jarrett Harrison and Chad Neuman, most valuable boys; Brian Collier, most improved boy.

Ballew, Perez named BHS' Scholar Athletes of the Year

J. Wayne Ballew and Samantha Perez were named Brackett's Scholar Athletes of the Year last Thursday.

The two seniors were presented the awards at the Tiger Booster Club's annual awards program.

Ballew and Perez headed the all-scholar teams, made up of Brackett athletes who finished the year with above-90 averages in all academic classes.

"The All-Scholar Team is a very prestigious award because not only is a student participating in extra-curricular activities, but they're doing what it takes to be successful in the classroom," Brackett Athletic Director David Yeager said.

"These are the kids that you can depend on when the game is on the line," Yeager added.

Members of the Tigers All-Scholar Team are Ballew, James Burks, Colby Crosby, Caleb Crumley, Zach Davis, Schiller Hill, Jacob Mann, Jerritt Meeks, Chris Petrosky, and Aaron Taylor.

Members of the Tigerettes All-Scholar Team are Perez, Hilda Aguirre, Jennifer Ashabranner, Jamie Bader, Laura Lee Ballew, Lindsey Brotherton, Darla Campos, Sonya Correa, April Crumley, Kayla Cruz, Jessica DeLeon, Carissa De Los Santos, Tara Eckenrod, Tiffany Eckenrod, Jania Finkenbinder, Veronica Gonzalez, Katy Hagler, Cindy Jennings, Lindsey Koenig, Tina Meek, Amanda Petrosky, Brittany Shewbart, Graciela Terrazas, Cherrise Ward, and La Toya Wright.

McKelvy takes top honors for low gross

Pat McKelvy won low gross honors Tuesday in Ladies Golf League action at Fort Clark Springs.

Marge Madrich and Joyce Williamson tied for low net in the 18 hole group.

Betty Lee and Orly Simpson tied Rosemary Johnson and Nel Darling in a two-person, alternate shot game. Both teams shot an 87.

McKelvy and Leslie Houk were second and Clara McCord and Mary Stephenson took third.

Joyce Ambler, Dorothy Edwards and Bobbie Waddill shot a 42 to win a three-person scramble in 9 hole group play.

Finishing second was the team of Cindy Anderson, Betty Schlatterer and Eileen Voracek.

OUTDOORS

TPWD announced proposed hunting dates

AUSTIN - The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has announced its proposed dates for mourning dove season.

The proposed dates are Sept. 1 through Oct. 30 in the North Zone, Sept. 1 through Oct. 18 and Dec. 26 through Jan. 6 in the Central Zone, and Sept. 25 through Nov. 8 and Dec. 26 through Jan. 9 in the South Zone.

The department is proposing no change in either the daily bag limit of 15, the season length of 60 days or all-day shooting hours.

TPWD is proposing to fully implement the Migratory Game Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) in Texas this year.

This is a nationwide program administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in co-

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By Henry Lutz
Kinney County Game Warden

operation with the states to obtain more reliable national harvest estimates for all migratory birds. All states will be in the program by the 1998 fall hunting season.

License vendors will certify migratory game bird hunters at the time of license purchase. Hunters will be asked a few simple questions about their hunting activity.

Other proposed changes including simplifying and liberalizing wording for nontoxic shot and requiring documentation for transport of migratory game birds that

are over the possession limit.

The proposed white-winged dove season is Sept. 5, 6, 12, and 13 in the special white-winged dove area of South Texas.

Bag and possession limits would be 10 white-winged, mourning and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, including no more than five mourning doves and two white-tipped doves per day. Shooting hours would be from noon to sunset.

It is also proposed that the closed sanctuaries that have alter-

nated from year to year be eliminated within the special white-winged dove hunting area.

Anyone wishing to comment on these proposed changes can write Jay Roberson at TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas, 78744, or call (512) 389-8011.

Comments may also be made at the public hearing held at the Commissioners Hearing Room at the TPWD headquarters on 4200 Smith School Road in Austin on June 4 at about 9 a.m.

These rules, if approved by the commission June 4, will be tentative until the USFWS sets the federal regulations June 25. If approved by the commission and the USFWS, the proposed changes would go into effect on Sept. 1.

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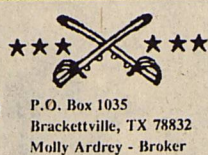
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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN ACCORDANCE WITH Subchapter E, Chapter 5, Property Code, as added by Chapter 994, Acts of the 74th Legislature, (Sections 5.091 and 5.092, Property Code), the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs has determined that the requirements governing residential contracts for deed in Subchapter E will regulate executory contract for deed transactions involving residential property located in the County of Kinney effective June 1, 1998 through May 31, 1999.

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HEALTH

Knowing what to do in an emergency can be critical

Minutes count in medical emergencies. What people do in the time between their call to 911 and when emergency medical technicians or paramedics arrive could prevent death or disability, according to the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

"Some of the most critical moments in a medical emergency are right after the problem has occurred, whether it's a car wreck or heart attack," said Dr. William R. Archer III, Texas commissioner of health.

"If you think it's an emergency, call EMS. Then take steps to help the victim until EMS arrives. Traumatic injuries are the leading killer of young people between the ages of 1 and 44, and more than 9,600 Texans died of trauma in 1996," he said.

As part of National and Texas EMS Week May 17-23 and Trauma Awareness Month, TDH offers these tips on the care that you can give an injured person before EMS arrives:

■ **Heart attack/chest pains:** Call 911 immediately. Have the person sit or recline, whichever is more comfortable. Loosen clothing at neck, chest and waist. If the person collapses and loses consciousness, try to awaken him or her. If there is no breathing and no pulse in the neck, begin CPR, if you are trained.

■ **Bleeding:** Call 911 immediately for serious or spurting blood. Have the person lie down. Apply firm, direct pressure over the wound to stop bleeding. Use the cleanest available pad -- a cloth, handkerchief or clothing if necessary. If the pad becomes soaked, leave it on and put another one on top of it. Do not use tourniquets. Avoid coming in contact with

another person's blood. Elevate the injured limb unless a fracture or broken bone is involved. Raise the person's feet higher than the head. Maintain pressure until EMS arrives.

■ **Broken bones:** Call 911 immediately for a serious injury such as a broken or dislocated bone. Keep the injured limb from moving. Apply cold (not ice) packs to minimize swelling. If a bone protrudes through the skin, cover it with a dressing, but do not try to push the bone back in. For excessive bleeding, use direct pressure around the area. If you suspect multiple broken bones, or the bone protrudes through the skin, or when the neck, back, pelvis or thigh might be broken, do not attempt to move the person unless he or she is in immediate danger.

■ **Burns:** Remove the person from danger and the source of the burn if it is safe to do so. For serious burns, call 911 immediately. Cover the burned area with a cool, wet cloth, but do not over-cool. Raise burned arms or legs higher than the person's heart. Do not break blisters or remove burned skin. Do not use butter, ointments or home remedies. For small or minor burns, immerse in cool water. Keep the body temperature normal -- cover the injured person lightly if necessary and possible.

■ **Convulsions/seizures:** Call 911 immediately. Protect the person from further injury by removing obstacles. Turn the person to one side and do not try to restrain movements. If the person has fallen or shows evidence of injury, do not move the person unless he or she is in immediate danger. Do not prop up the head and do not put anything in the person's mouth.

■ **Head, neck or back injuries:** Call 911 immediately. Do not wait to see if pain or discomfort goes away. Tell the person to remain absolutely still and calm. Do not move the person unless he or she is in immediate danger. Severe, deep cuts should not be cleaned. Cover cuts with a clean cloth and do not apply heavy pressure to bleeding area. Do not attempt to stop bleeding from the ears, nose or mouth.

■ **Poisoning/overdose:** Call 911 immediately. Then call the Texas Poison Control Network at 1-800-POISON-1 and describe the product, the amount swallowed and time it was taken. Look inside the person's mouth. If you see burns or smell something similar to gasoline, do not induce vomiting. Do not use syrup of ipecac unless the poison control center tells you to use it. Send a container of the suspected poison to the hospital with the person.

Whenever you call 911, remain calm or have a calmer person make the call.

Answer the 911 dispatcher's questions, which will usually include the address of where the emergency is, the name of the ill or injured person and what is wrong, and your name and the telephone number of the location.

Stay on the line until the dispatcher tells you to hang up. Have someone wait near the street or in the parking lot to direct EMS to the injured or ill person.

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