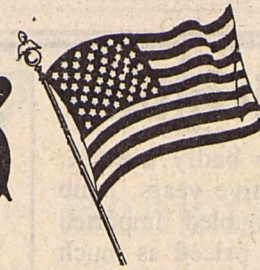


# The Brackett News



Happy Birthday  
Woody Hornburg  
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## BISD TAAS scores up Road reconstruction contract awarded

Tanya Kay McClure  
Staff Writer

Brackett School TAAS (Texas Academic Assessment Skills) test shows a significant rise in testing scores for the 1998-1999 school year.

"I have never seen this much improvement across the board grade by grade, like your going to see this particular year," said Susan Harrison, BISD Guidance Counselor.

The Brackett Independent School Districts Board of Directors met this past Monday evening and were informed of a substantial rise in TAAS test scores.

"This year we did come up considerably. I'm talking 20 to 30% over last years grades," said Harrison.

This year, for the first year in history, all of the 10th grade class (100%) passed the Reading portion of the exam. Many other classes from third through tenth grade came very close to passing with a 100% ratio.

The students take various tests from Reading, Writing, Math, and Social Studies. This is a state required exam and all high school students are required to master all levels of the test before they can graduate

high school.

The Brackett ISD Landscaping Committee met and gave a report on their suggestions for landscaping of the new high school building and other spots around campus. Sarah Terrazas, Tim Ward, Taylor Stephenson and Rose Mary Slubar are on the Landscaping Committee.

"I would describe it more as a wish list and maybe some thoughts for the future and just some ideas that the board can consider for the future," said Tim Ward.

Some of the suggestions were as follows: In back of the library, place concrete benches in a circle around the tree; Open area between little gym & middle school add a gazebo (memorials) use concrete block & stucco...metal roof & barrel tile, if possible; Add shade trees on elementary grounds...line of trees to stay off of fields; Old Ag building...take it out... Build an outside covered slab for the elementary PE classes; Drainage outside band room: Add an 18 to 20" tube...like a gutter underground to take out the excess water...it floods the band room during heavy rains now; Go back to the city & ask that the street between the Annex & the HS be closed; Get a plat of all

buildings and grounds so that the board can identify the areas described; Add Palms in front of the auditorium; Move gym sign away from the building and put on pipes; Standardize the trim on all BISD main campus buildings to be a red brick color to match the barrel tile on the new high school. Repaint the trim on Jones Elementary school (2 buildings PK-4 & 5-6); and add a flower box by the gym entrance... The committee is wants to stay with a semiarid sort of landscape, that would not require a whole lot of water but that would give some real value to the new high school building.

The old High School building was started in a Spanish theme many years ago and they are trying to stay with that theme.

"There are some really neat things that can be done over there (at the new high school building), mainly on the side that faces the old high school annex and the street side," said Ward.

They are wanting to imitate some of the surroundings that you may see at some of the Mexican Food Restaurants in San Antonio.

The old shrubs have been removed from around the front of the Auditorium entrance and will soon be replaced with

palms.

"I agree that we need to try and tie everything together. Jones Elementary when it was built had that blue style. It is getting to be an assortment of architecture and we need to start trying to tie everything together as best we can. The Spanish theme is what everybody is looking at," said Lloyd Lee Davis, School Board President.

A memorial granite bench was donated by "The Melancons, The Nowlins, The Ashabramners and The Hobbs families in memory of Ronney Armbruster.

The granite color is called "Mountain Red," and it will be four inches thick and four feet long, by one foot and two inches wide.

These benches are running around \$100 each and anyone who would also like to donate a memorial bench like this one can contact Taylor Stephenson at BISD for more information. All memorial donations have to go through the School Board for approval before they can be donated.

This is because the Board would like to give recommendations as to what is most needed on the campus.

Tanya Kay McClure  
Staff Writer

The Kinney County Commissioners Court held their regular scheduled meeting this past Monday morning and awarded the bid contract for road reconstruction for \$309,060. Construction is set to begin within the next ten days. The contractor will have 120 days to complete the project.

County awarded the bid for the County road reconstruction and improvements to Mapco Incorporated and Nixon Construction, out of Carrizo Springs. Kenneth Nixon is a representative of the company and was at the meeting.

A total of eight roads will be worked on. These roads consist of: Schubach Road, Anacacho Road, Kinney County Ranch Estates, Chapman Road (river road), Tularosa Road, Las Moras Road, and Standart Road 1 & 2.

According to Judge Herb

Senne, these roads were the ones that were damaged during hurricane Charlie and the low spots are in dire need of repair.

The publication of the Proposed Ordinance Prohibiting The Disposal of Municipal Waste in Certain Areas of Kinney County with Civil and Criminal Penalties on July 15, July 22, and July 29th, 1999 in the Brackett News was approved by the Commissioners.

A Public Hearing on this matter will be held on August 9th, 1999 at the Kinney County Courthouse at 9 a.m. All citizens are urged to attend this very important meeting and voice their opinion on the proposed dump in Spofford.

The proposed EMS building is having to be rebid as per the Commissioners Court request. The current bid has almost tripled in price going from the approximated \$40.00 per square foot to almost \$95.00 per sq. ft. Thus the contract is being rebid.

## Citizens are urged to attend the City's Budget Workshop

Tanya Kay McClure  
Staff Writer

The City of Brackettville held their regular City Council meeting this past Tuesday night.

During the meeting the Council voted to approve the termination of the water contract between the City of Brackettville and CiviGenics.

Fort Clark Springs Municipal Utility District has been awarded the water contract with CiviGenics.

Fort Clark Springs Municipal Utility District, Board of Directors approved to supply water to the new Detention facility on Monday, May 24th.

Sealed bids for two trucks were opened at the meeting. Graf and Barton was awarded the bid on a 1999 1/2 ton, Ford

Extended Cab Pickup for \$19,588 and Winkler Motors was awarded the bid on a 1998 Chevy 1 ton, CrewCab Pickup for \$22,987.

Lingo Sandoval, Fire Marshall gave his monthly report and stated that three automobile fires were reported in the past month. On June 15th an automobile fire was reported on Highway 90 West, on June 16th and automobile was reported on fire at 414 East Henderson and on June 25th, a Motor Home caught on fire 16 miles east on Highway 90.

A total of \$5,342 dollars in traffic citations were given out within the past month by Chief of Police Ron Ring. Ring stated that in the month of June he gave out 52 citations, 67 violations, responded to 18 disturbances

and had one non-injury motor vehicle accident. No citations were given out over the fourth of July weekend.

During the meeting City Manager David Luna had this to say: "I want to bring to your attention, and I'm sure most of you have already read it. When it comes to public hearings, the public hearings are exactly public hearings. You hear the public. It doesn't mean that you have to do anything they say. It doesn't mean you have to do anything they don't say. It means that you listen to them and you decide based on your actions whether it needs to be changed or not."

The next Budget Workshop will be on Tuesday, July 20th from 2 - 4 p.m. at the City Hall Annex.

## Athletic Physicals to be given

Athletic physical will be given on Thursday, July 22 at the United Medical Center for any incoming 7th through 12th grade athlete. All athletes must have an updated physical on file for the 1999-2000 school year. The girls will take place from 9:00-12:00 and the boys will take place from 1:30-4:00. The athletes will be receiving the physical form and acknowledgement of rules form in the mail from their coach. However, if they do not receive this in the mail, they may pick them up from the fieldhouse or from central office. All forms must be signed by the parent or guardian in the proper places. This will be the only time that physicals will be given at no cost to the individual.



Pictured above left to right is Stephanie Alsop, Taylor Stephenson, Board member, Alicia Bocanes, P.T., Dinorah Cano, Tracy Slate and Patrick Garman, Administrative Director, all of Warm Springs Rehabilitation Center Brackettville. Warm Springs held their "Grand Opening" in Brackettville on Friday, July 9th.

Photo by Tanya Kay McClure



## Kinney County Public Library

The Staff and Library Board would like to thank everyone who helped make our Summer Program a big success this year. It takes a group of special people willing to give their time to the children in our community, to make a difference. This year we were able to provide students of all ages with different educational and recreational programs. We were able to participate in both the Juneteen Parade and the 4th of July Parade. We served approximately 73 students. With out their help this would not have been possible.

## Kerr appointed as New System Engineer

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative is proud to announce the appointment of Edward Hudson Kerr, II to the position of System Engineer. The cooperative, which provides electric service to 27,000 square miles of rural Southwest and West Texas, is headquartered in Brackettville.

Kerr, a graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering, was employed with Texas Power and Light Com-

pany as a Civil Engineer and Transmission Engineer from 1979 to 1984. He then returned to West Texas where he was, until recently, president and manager of Kerr Mercantile Co., Inc., located in Sanderson.

As System Engineer, Kerr will be involved in all aspects of design, construction, maintenance, and operation of distribution, transmission and substation facilities.

## Second rabies case reported

The Texas Department of Health has had another report of rabies in the Kinney County area. This is the 24th case for Region 8 in 1999. The 2nd case for Kinney County. The other case was a skunk.

A cat tested positive for rabies after being killed 14 miles southwest of Brackettville. A farmer was plowing when he noticed a cat following him. The cat ran over by the barn and went under the shredder. The man went over and looked under the shredder and the cat ran at him, scratching his knuckle with its mouth. When the man

opened the truck door to get his gun, the cat was on the floor board. He grabbed his gun and the cat left the truck, he shot it. He then transported it to Herman Rathke, D.V.M. for rabies testing where it tested positive for rabies.

All citizens are urged to stay away from wild animals and to report any that seem sick.

Animals such as skunks, bobcats, raccoons, possums, and ever our dogs and cats should be watched for illness and peculiar activity. If you see such an animal report it to the Sheriff's Department at 563-2788.

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## Strengthen Texas Agriculture

Submitted By  
Kay Bailey Hutchison

Agriculture is still the backbone of the Texas economy, and a key element of American success in the global marketplace. To ensure that American agriculture prospers in the next century, we need to free it from government policies established in the last century. By strengthening our agricultural competitiveness, we benefit from strong exports while the rest of the world benefits from the availability of high quality, affordable American agricultural products.

In June I unveiled a comprehensive proposal to boost agricultural competitiveness, designed to stabilize farm income, increase exports and address unfair trade practices. In addition, we need to revisit the way Congress provides farmers and ranchers with emergency relief when weather-related disasters occur.

My proposal has four primary provisions. Taken together, I believe it will address the farm sector's most pressing concerns:

**Tax Relief:** I want to create Farm and Ranch Risk Management (FARRM) Accounts. FARRM accounts will allow farmers and ranchers to contribute up to 20 percent of their income to a tax-deferred, IRA-type account from which they could draw during bad years.

Last year Congress permanently restored income averaging for farmers. Combining FARRM accounts with income averaging should help farmers combat the year-to-year fluctuations in income that are a hallmark of the agriculture business. And it would give farmers and ranchers the freedom to manage their own incomes and the opportunity to make their own business decisions with less government intervention.

**Trade Equity:** The next provision of my bill would require the development of a comprehensive, government-wide strategy to address foreign market-distorting practices that affect the U.S. agriculture industry.

Texas' ailing sheep industry offers a textbook example of

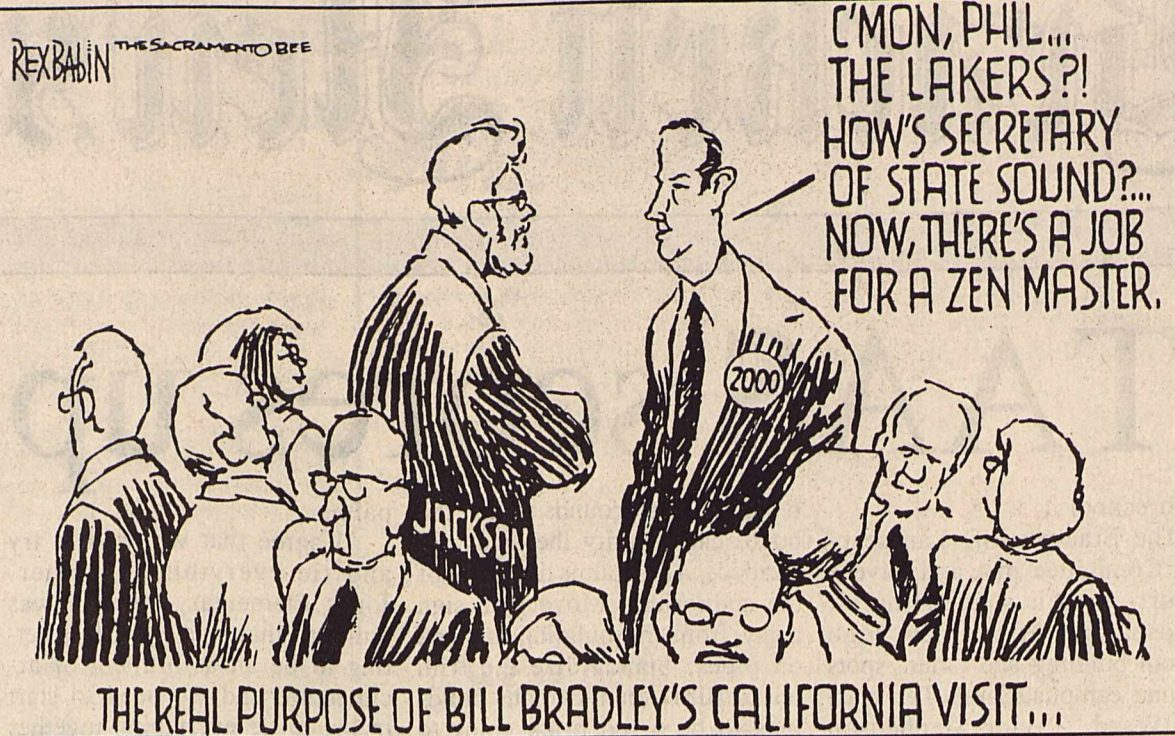
why this is so badly needed: Over the past five years, lamb imports have doubled. Imported lamb has been priced as much as 60 percent below domestic prices.

In accordance with the requirements of current law, American lamb producers filed an action with the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) in accordance with the 1974 Trade Act. Last February the ITC voted 6-0 to approve a finding that a surge in imports has hurt domestic producers. To date the administration has taken no action on the ITC finding, which would permit appropriate restrictions on imports according to current domestic and international law. I wrote to the president in June urging him to seek action on the finding, but Texas lamb producers and I are still waiting.

**Sanctions Reform:** My proposal would prohibit the imposition of agriculture sanctions on any country unless it were listed by the U.S. State Department as one that supports terrorism. It directs the Secretary of State to undertake a comprehensive review of this list of nations and revise it as appropriate.

**Emergency Aid:** The bill would create a congressional commission to overhaul the current emergency spending process and develop new procedures for providing federal assistance in the event of natural disasters such as floods, droughts and tornados. Families plan for emergencies, the federal government should, too. The commission would be charged with developing a way to set aside a certain amount each year for true emergencies. Once such a fund is established, it could be tapped without throwing the rest of the federal budget out of balance. We should be able to meet emergency needs without resorting to last-minute, crisis budgeting.

Agriculture is at a turning point. The production of food and fiber by family-owned farms and ranches in America is too valuable an asset - one we can't afford to lose. Tax and trade measures which strengthen agriculture, in the long run, will benefit all of us.



## Why does first class postage keep going up

Between Us  
By Joe Townsend

Even a clock that is stopped is right twice a day. I thought it would never come that I would read an editorial in the Express News but finally one came along.

The editorial concerned the United States Postal service. Even the title is a misnomer. Have you wondered why your first class postage keeps going up? We are told it is necessary to cover the losses incurred by handling corporate junk mail. What they don't tell is that their ventures into private business has and continues to sustain losses which must be covered

with first class postage.

The Board of Governors and the Post Master General arbitrarily step into competition with private businesses. They are not charged with collecting taxes nor paying taxes so the competition is not on a level playing field.

When one buys a tee shirt, a tote bag, greeting card, envelope, box or any of the multiplicity of items sold by the U.P.S. In addition utility bills collected in many offices extend the U.P.S. beyond all reason. Losses sustained by activities in Cyber space are shifted to 1st Class postage. Special rates for delivering packages for corporate entities call for subsidy by

1st class postage.

This microcosm establishes a weird interpretation of the mission of the Postal service. Given a monopoly on mail delivery makes it simple for them to do what they want.

It's apparently no concern that it takes from 4 to 6 days to deliver a letter from the Austin area to Brackettville or 4 to 6 days to deliver a letter from the Houston area. If the laws of "truth in advertising" were applied to the U.P.S. most of their ads would be proved illegal.

This is another example of a quasi governmental bureaucracy run wild. And the people have no say. This is a travesty.

## What are you afraid of, we all have fears

But I Could be Wrong  
Chuck Hall

We all have fears. It's natural. Some we were sort of born with. But many of our fears were also acquired.

Some fears developed because of our experiences. Still others were formed by cautious parents. Not necessarily over-cautious, just good, rather-be-safe-than-sorry, cautious parents. I can still hear my mother telling me to "be careful".

Don't misunderstand, this is normal and healthy. Very

healthy. Had my mother said "Be careless.", or "Take chances.", or, even worse, "Act foolish. Take all the risks you can.", there is no telling how much trouble little Chuckie would have gotten into.

I've been involved in some unbelievable storms, on a pretty regular basis, while trying my best to behave. I know, at this point you expected to see the "I could be wrong.", didn't you? Most of you don't believe I ever even tried to behave. Well I did. So if I act somewhat paranoid at times, don't hold it against me.

And if you do, then I'll understand.

But the whole point of this article is not to let your fears stand in the way of your life. Bad events happen to us all. But so do good ones. Never let your fears cause you to miss out on a great experience. Don't be so afraid of things that you stop living! Seize the moment! You might have to take great risks to have great things happen. Don't let life pass you by. Take one more chance. Or two or three. You'll be glad you did. But I could be wrong.

## He had it coming to him

The Way I see it  
Steven R. LaMascus

My brother in Boise, Idaho just sent me an e-mail. He was angry and needed to get it off his chest. Seems he and his wife had gone camping over the weekend looking to get away from the rat race of urban living. They found a nice secluded place in the mountains and set up camp. It was a peaceful, beautiful, almost idyllic spot. Randy and Marsha could almost feel the crud and grime of civilization begin to flake from their souls like so much dead skin. Everything was perfect - until about 8:00 pm that is. Just as they were settling in for a peaceful evening of communing with nature a large group of young folks arrived for a weekend beer bust. The music blared, the kids screamed, the dust from many car tires drifted through camp on the wind. By 10:30 Randy and Marsha had absorbed all they could handle. Feeling justifiably violated they broke camp and headed home.

Everyone has rights! That is a basic American concept on which this country was founded. Those kids had just as much right to enjoy the outdoors as Randy and his wife. But where does the basic concept say that the rights of those partiers to play loud music and throw beer cans all over the countryside override Randy's right to enjoy a peaceful evening with his wife? Why do their rights supercede Randy's? Why, when two groups with diametrically opposed desires come into conflict, do the rights of the more obnoxious always win?

If Randy had gone over and asked them to keep it down they would have laughed at him and informed him of just exactly what their rights were. They would have told him that if he didn't like it he could leave. If he had gone to a police officer he would have been told that the kids weren't breaking any laws and that they had just as much right to be there as he did. If he had then taken matters into his own hands he would have been prosecuted. It didn't matter that he was there first, the carousers had rights!

Would someone, please, explain to me why the only right we seem to have when faced with such obviously unfair situations, is to bow to the inevitable and forfeit our rights in favor of the rights of someone who does not respect ours! I simply fail to understand the logic in this.

This nation was based on two basic concepts. One is respect for the rights of others, and the other is respect for, and obedience to, the laws of God. We have abandoned both of those concepts in favor of the concept of "look out for number one." The "Me Generation" has found a weakness and is taking full advantage of it.

As Randy says, the Old West was a place where respect and politeness were expected and given. The rights and desires of others were respected. A lady was treated as a lady. Foul language was not used around women and children. Did you ever wonder why?

I suspect it was primarily because no other course of action was accepted. If you did not treat a lady with the proper respect

someone bent a pistol barrel over your thick skull. If you tromped all over someone else's privacy, or didn't respect their rights, they took steps to remedy the situation. They did not run to the nearest police officer or threaten to sue you for everything you own. They asked you, probably politely the first time, to cease whatever action it was that was causing them distress. If you refused you had better be tough enough to back it up. The law officers still had enough reason in those days to understand that sometimes such actions were justified. They also had the freedom to act on that knowledge. You just didn't file charges on someone for teaching some manners to some fool who really "had it comin' to him."

Today we have lost the right to act on our own. The bad actors get away with it because they know we are afraid to act. If we try to force someone to respect us, we are arrested or sued or both. The law has become a tool for the abuser and we are handcuffed by the very laws that were enacted to protect us. So what can we do? Well, one thing we can do is remember that Jesus Christ says:

"But I tell you who hear me: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." (Luke 6:27-28) and hope that those who mistreat us eventually learn what Jesus goes on to say. "Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them." (Luke 6:31)

## The American dream is alive and well

Submitted by  
Henry Bonilla

Try hard and you shall succeed. That is the American dream in a nutshell. America's greatness is built of the foundation of each and every American's individual success. Since the start of our great republic, individual Americans have overcome obstacles to achieve greatness and in the process have become inspirations to us all.

Abraham Lincoln grew up in a log cabin and had to walk to school. He worked hard, earned a law degree and became the 16th president of the United States. He was honest, hard working and stood by his principles. He led our nation during its greatest crisis, he did not give up.

The decades following brought another kind of greatness, as individuals built new industries which are the foundation of our nation's strength today. Henry Ford conceived the concept of mass production making the automobile affordable for average Americans and transformed the lives we all lead today.

Our nation has also witnessed great Americans who were willing to dream and make the unimaginable a reality. Thomas Edison made the light bulb, phonograph and motion pictures a reality of our everyday lives. Alexander Graham Bell brought the telephone and instant communications to all of us. The Wright brothers conquered the skies, inventing the airplane and making the world more easily accessible.

The American dream has made all these extraordinary achievements possible. All it has taken is hard work, courage and willingness to dream the dream. Each and every one of us can make it happen in our own lives today. We are fortunate to have a perfect example of this in our own corner of Texas, the San Antonio Spurs.


The Spurs dared to dream the American dream. They dared to strive to be their best and become champions. They dared to try when others said they were too nice, too soft, too smart and too decent to become champions. Instead of listening to the nay sayers they pushed their limits. Today they are world champions. The San Antonio Spurs are living proof that the American dream is alive today. We can make the American dream a personal reality when we try.

## Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

Another dear friend has left us for her eternal home with God in the realm beyond the skies.

Marie Mangrum was rather an outstanding person. Starting as a waitress in a cafe she kept her act together and had a most successful life. When she lost her first husband she married a somewhat ordinary man who from the beginning had kept his act together and in a very ordinary life accrued enough money that when he died, knowing his wife was well cared for left \$750,000 to the Odessa Jr. College for scholarships for needy students. When he passed on Marie continued her normal life until physical problems sidelined her. Marie was first and foremost a person devoted to God. She daily read her Bible. Before sleep at night she prayed first for her family, for her church and next her pastor and his family and to everyone and every cause on her lengthy prayer list. Marie was a friendly person with high standards of right and a big heart for helping any in need. She was a dear friend and will be surely missed until the time we'll all go to join her in her eternal home. Surely Marie Mangrum was an Unsung Hero.

**Big Mama Sez!**   
I have simply tried to do what seemed best each day, as each day came.

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# Things are working well at BISD **Obituary**

*Making a Difference*  
Taylor Stephenson

Brackett students scored well on the Spring TAAS tests! Susan Harrison, school counselor, said that she had never seen this much improvement in test scores in Brackettville. We're proud of hard work done by teachers and students this past year. Some examples of improvement: 10th grade reading has improved from 79 to 100 in two years. The high school math has improved from 57 to 89. Writing is 97 at high school.

In Middle School, reading improved from 71 to 90 in one year. Math improved from 83 to 90 in the same year. In the 7th grade, reading improved from 81 to 89 and math went from 76 to 85.

At Jones Elementary, fourth grade writing improved from 73 to 88. 3rd grade reading improved from 84 to 94. Math at the 3rd grade improved from 76 to 85. Math at grade 5 improved

from 77 to 90. Things are working well at BISD. Our major goal is student learning. Along with the learning, we're trying to learn about citizenship, values and about the world outside of school. Last week, I talked about the necessity for early learning. Children who don't learn to read and who haven't developed math concepts by the end of the 2nd grade have a long road ahead in school. It's possible to improve at any age, but early learning almost guarantees success when children go into the higher grades.

Take stock of what is going on in our school system. We have one of the lowest tax rates in Region 20. That's good; I'm not complaining about that. Our test scores are tremendous. Our facilities are improving daily even as you read this column. The Board wants to begin a landscape fund to improve grounds at Brackett ISD. If you have a buck or two lying around and would like to see us add trees,

shrubs, benches or sidewalks, make out a check to Brackett ISD and mail to P.O. Box 586, Brackettville. Send it or bring it by the school business office (by the flagpole off the school parking lot). Help us make things better for our community.

Our staff is hired for 1999-2000. The first day of school is Monday, August 16. The new high school will be ready. It's slower than July 14, but we look to get in by the first of August. The building is beautiful. Architect Kerry Andrews commented that the pecan trees add so much to the beauty of this building.

The Warm Springs Rehabilitation Center had a grand opening house last week. We are so fortunate to have this service in Brackettville. The new office is in the first floor of the Masonic building where the Kinney County Appraisal District was previously located. The therapists are first class and the organization is the same.

The board is calling for bids

on the old superintendent's house. The bid can be made for moving the home or tearing it down for the building materials. For more information, call 563-2491, extension 1.

We're sad to hear about Mary Lea Haby's accident in Canada. At last word, she was fighting a hard fight for her life. Mrs. Haby is a lady who gave many years to the teaching profession. Ben Pingenot was well known as a scholar and writer. I'll miss Ben. He was proud of Fort Clark Springs and did what he could to improve it. Prayers for Mrs. Haby and for Mr. Pingenot's family are needed.

That's it for this week. We're working as hard as we can at school to make things better for our kids in Brackettville. The school staff that works year round to get the school ready includes maintenance, custodial and school business office. There are many dedicated folks in those departments. Have a great week!

## Benjamin Edward Pingenot

Benjamin Edward Pingenot departed the joys and vicissitudes of life on July 7, 1999. Born in Galveston, Texas, December 20, 1926, the only child of William Edwin Pingenot and Ruth Clayton Pingenot. At Fort Clark he served on the board of the Municipal Utility District both as a member and president. He served on the Planning Committee, the Rules Committee, and on the Board of Directors of Fort Clark Springs, Association, where he served as vice-president and secretary. He was a life-member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8360; and a member of the Fort Clark Historical Society, serving on the board and as president. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Rozetta Howard Pingenot, his daughter, Polly Alexis Pingenot, of Uvalde, and his grandson, William Dalton Pingenot.

Funeral arrangements are at the Brackettville Funeral Home, and burial will be in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio. Memorials should be directed to the Fort Clark Historical Society (Box 1061, Brackettville, TX 78832), the Humane Society of the United States (6262 Weber Road, Suite 305, Corpus Christi, TX 78413), or The Uvalde Animal Shelter (Garden St., Uvalde, TX 78802).

Mr. Pingenot was in state at the Brackettville Funeral Home Friday July 9 from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m. Funeral Services will be held Saturday July 10th at 10 a.m. at the Frontier Baptist Church of Brackettville. The burial will follow Tuesday, July 13th, in the Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery will full military honors.

The Brackettville Funeral Home, Brackettville, Texas was in charge of the funeral services.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report

**Monday, July 5**  
9:49 a.m. A local man reported a one vehicle accident at Fritter Park. No injuries were reported.

3:24 p.m. A local man called the Sheriff's Office to report that he needed an officer at his residence and that there were some kids shooting fire crackers and almost hit his son. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter responded to the scene. The man's wife stated that her two son's were at the B.I.S.D. Tennis Courts and that some unknown kids were shooting off bottle rockets and almost hit her youngest son in the face. The children could not be located.

7:57 p.m. An officer from the Del Rio Police Department called the Sheriff's Office and stated that there was a vehicle headed toward Brackett and had

an expired motor vehicle inspection ticket and also believed to have some drugs. DPS Trooper Ashley stopped the vehicle and stated that everything was ok.

**Tuesday, July 6**  
Marcus Favero, age 28, of Brackettville was arrested by DPS Trooper Ashley for driving with his drivers license suspended and speeding.

2:00 p.m. A local woman called in to report that she had a cellular phone stolen.

**Wednesday, July 7**  
11:21 p.m. A 911 call was received from a local woman about her children who were missing from the camp area. The kids were later found fishing.

2:00 p.m. A missing tool box was reported stolen out of the back of a pickup. The value of

the tools ranged between \$2,500 and \$3,000. The tool box was last seen when the vehicle left the Texas Highway Department. The tool box was later located.

**Thursday, July 8**  
Joey Garza, age 30, of Brackett was arrested by Deputy Bobby Guidry for deadly conduct.

**Saturday, July 10**  
3:30 a.m. A local man called in to report the attempted burglary on his neighbors house. The man called in to report that two subjects had broke one central light on Henderson Street and was trying to break another light at the residence. One subject was wearing a white t-shirt and blue shorts the other could not be identified. The man reporting the incidents mother has scared the two subjects away from the residence. Deputy Karl

Chism responded to the scene. A rear screen had been removed from the door. Nobody could be located due to heavy brush behind the home.

9:37 p.m. A local woman called in to ask the Sheriff's Office to patrol her home while her and her family were out of town due to a recent attempted burglary that happened that day.

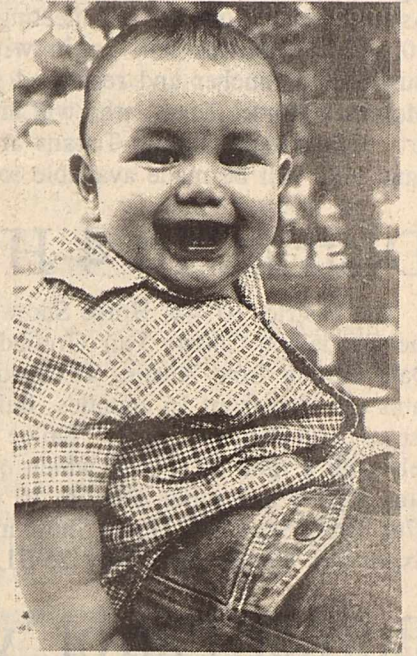
9:56 p.m. Threats were made to three individuals living on 1st Street by a local male citizen. The man was stating that these individuals owed him money and was threatening to break into one of the individuals homes and take something. The three individuals stated that they did not owe him money. Deputy Karl Chism took care of the situation.

**Sunday, July 11**  
4:43 a.m. A local boy called

the Sheriff's Office concerning a domestic disturbance involving his parents. The subjects son, wife and brother were located at the residence. They stated that the man had been loud and intoxicated, but that he was in bed. They said that calling the police was their way of getting him in bed.

9:26 a.m. DPS Del Rio called and stated that there was a vehicle that had ran off the road, but no injuries had occurred. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar responded to the scene.

8:02 p.m. A local woman asked if a Deputy could patrol her residence. There was some individuals that had a big fire going and she did not want her house to be burned. Deputy Karl Chism responded to the call. Everything was ok.



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**Briefs ...**

**Ladies Golf League meets**

Winning 1st place was Betty Lee in the game of Field Shots. Placing 2nd was Pat McKelvy. Chip-ins were won by Luella Gilliland and Mary Stephenson. Betty Lee won 7 skins and Pat McKelvy won 1 skin.

**SISCA President to Travel**

Clarence Ward, President of Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery Assn., Brackettville, has been invited by the National Park Services to travel to Columbus, Ohio for a meeting to take place on July 16th and 17th. The NPS Researches the Underground Railroad used during Slavery (National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998). If SISCA can find out the year the Old G. W. Carver School was built and formed - The tunnel or cave under the building may add a great significance to the link of the Underground Railroad Network.

**Tigerette Volleyball Camp**

The 2nd Annual Tigerette Volleyball Camp, 6th-9th (Grades 1999-2000 school year) July 19-23, 1999, 8:30-12:00, \$25 includes T-shirt. Any question, call Dusty Brotherton at 563-3303.

**Sheep & Goat raisers to meet**

The Holiday Inn of San Angelo is the site for the annual meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Assn. Date and time for this meeting is Saturday, July 17, 1999 at 10 a.m. Activities will begin with a presentation from Joan Bushong, a rancher and respected property rights advocate from Mountain Home, Texas, who will inform the membership on property rights issues facing Texans at this time. Many informative hand outs will be made available to attendees.

**District 10 4-H Horse Show**

The District 10 4-H Horse Show was held on June 17 & 18, at the Guadalupe County Fair Grounds in Seguin, Texas, with Mr. Dale Barnett from Austin, Texas judging. A total of 111 contestants attended from 16 counties. Bailee Allen and Stefani Schuster represented Kinney County. Bailee placed 4th in Cloverleaf Barrels with a time of 17.032 which qualified her for state competition. Bailee and other District 10 qualifiers will compete at the 37th Texas State 4-H Horse Show in Abilene at the Taylor County Exposition Center from July 25-31.

**Border Patrol weekly report**

Del Rio, Texas - The following is a report of the apprehensions by Border Patrol agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector for the period July 5-12, 1999. The information is provided by station, and includes sector total. Abilene-13, Brackettville-295, Carrizo Springs-298, Comstock-75, Del Rio-444, Eagle Pass-997, Llano-15, Rocksprings-60, San Angelo-18, Uvalde-71. Sector total-2,286.

**Border Patrol seizes marijuana**

Border Patrol Agents with the Del Rio Sector were kept very busy over the past week seizing 989.25 pounds of marijuana in seven incidents. Agents from the Carrizo Springs Station seized 106.7 pounds of marijuana Tuesday, July 6, near the intersection of Highway 277 and FM 191. The marijuana was valued at \$84,360. Agents also seized the vehicle being used to haul the marijuana. Wednesday, July 7, agents from the Eagle Pass Station located 110.5 pounds of marijuana along the Rio Grande River approximately 9 miles east of the Eagle Pass Port of Entry. The marijuana was valued at \$88,400.

Friday, July 9, agents from the Eagle Pass Station seized 25.6 pounds of marijuana near the river approximately 5 miles East of Eagle Pass. The marijuana was valued at \$20,480.

Also on Friday, agents from Eagle Pass seized 76 pounds of marijuana from a 1987 Cadillac Sedan DeVille about 9 miles east of the Eagle Pass Port of Entry. The driver of the car ran from the vehicle and escaped when he saw the Border Patrol Agents approaching. Agents also seized the vehicle being used to haul the marijuana. The marijuana was valued at \$60,800.

Saturday, July 10, agents from the Del Rio Station seized 253.75 pounds of marijuana approximately 1.5 miles east of the Del Rio Port of Entry. The marijuana was valued at \$203,000.

Sunday, July 11, agents from the Brackettville Station seized 202.5 pounds of marijuana from an abandoned 1992 Oldsmobile Cutlass Sierra on Highway 90 approximately 3 miles east of Brackettville. The marijuana was valued at \$162,000.

Also Sunday, agents from the Carrizo Springs Station seized 214.20 pounds of marijuana approximately 10 miles west of Carrizo Springs. The marijuana was valued at \$171,360.

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**Public Notice**

On August 9, 1999 at 1:00 p.m., the Commissioners Court of Kinney County, Texas will hold a public hearing in the Kinney County Courthouse, 501 Ann Street in Brackettville, Texas, 78832, to consider an ordinance prohibiting the disposal of municipal solid waste in two areas of the County as shown on the attached maps and described in the proposed ordinance. The ordinance, if adopted, would limit the areas where municipal solid waste could be disposed of in Kinney County. The terms "municipal solid waste" and "disposal" are used as they are defined by the Texas Solid Waste Disposal Act found in Chapter 631 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. Any interested person may attend and testify at the hearing.

The Kinney County Commissioners Court has conducted a Takings Impact Assessment concerning the proposed action. In summary, the Takings Impact Assessment resulted in the following determinations: (1) that the proposed action is a "covered action" as defined in the Private Real Property Rights Preservation Act because it consists of the adoption of an ordinance; (2) that no existing private property rights will be affected because no person who presently has the right to dispose of solid waste in specific areas will be affected by the ordinance; (3) that the proposed action is exempt from the Private Real Property Rights Preservation Act; and (4) that the proposed action will not reduce the market value of any property owner's property by more than 25%. A copy of the complete Takings Impact Assessment can be obtained from the Office of Kinney County Judge Herb Senne in the Kinney County Courthouse, 501 Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas, 78832, or by calling (830) 563-2401.

The proposed ordinance is attached. A copy of the proposed ordinance and the Takings Impact Assessment are available for public inspection during the normal office hours at the Office of the County Judge in the Kinney County Courthouse, 501 Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Commissioners Court may take action on the proposed ordinance.

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE IN CERTAIN AREAS OF KINNEY COUNTY AND PROVIDING CIVIL AND CRIMINAL PENALTIES**

Be it ordered and adopted by the Commissioners Court of Kinney County, Texas;

**SECTION I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

WHEREAS, the Kinney County Commissioners Court has both the responsibility and the authority to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Kinney County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Section 364.012 of the Texas Health and Safety Code allows the Kinney County Commissioners Court to designate areas of the County in which solid waste disposal are allowed and not allowed; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Solid Waste Disposal Act, Chapter 361, TEXAS HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, specifically defines the terms "municipal solid waste", and "disposal" of solid waste in Section 361.003 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the regular collection and management of municipal solid waste materials attracts birds to a municipal solid waste disposal facility such as a landfill; and

WHEREAS, the normal and legal management of municipal solid wastes at individual homes, farms and ranches does not create a significant risk of attraction of birds; and

WHEREAS, Kinney County is home to and in the migration corridor for a number of types of birds, many of which are large or otherwise create risks of accidents with aircraft; and

WHEREAS, there is a high population of vultures in Kinney County, particularly during the winter; and

WHEREAS, the location of municipal landfills has the potential to change the migration patterns of birds; and

WHEREAS, flight paths for aircraft from two air fields of United States Air Force are in Kinney County, those air fields being Laughlin Air Force Base air field in Val Verde County and the Laughlin auxiliary air field near Spofford, in Kinney County Texas; and

WHEREAS, both air fields are used by the Air Force for training new pilots using aircraft that are at risk of serious damage from bird strikes; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Air Force has previously had to pay millions of dollars to move one of Laughlin's air fields to the Spofford site because of the problems with bird strikes at the prior location; and

WHEREAS, even without the location of facilities for the disposal of municipal solid wastes near the Spofford auxiliary air field, the Air Force has had to restrict its training activities and the flying of aircraft for training purposes due to the presence of birds; and

WHEREAS, the Air Force is planning to change its aircraft for training to one that is much more expensive but is still very susceptible to accidents resulting from collisions with birds; and

WHEREAS, since 1990, there have been at least 20,800 bird strikes involving U.S. Air Force aircraft worldwide in which 33 military personnel were killed; the cost of those bird strikes was \$470.76 million; and

Whereas, since 1985, there have been 750 bird strikes at Laughlin Air Force Base and its Spofford air field; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact region of Laughlin Air Force Base (AFB) is a 50 mile radius from the base, which includes Kinney County; during fiscal year 1993, total off-base spending within the 50 mile radius of the base was \$54.15 million, with the total economic impact of the base during fiscal year 1993 \$89.26 million; and

WHEREAS, during fiscal year 1993, Laughlin AFB created approximately 459 jobs within the economic impact region, including within Kinney County; and

WHEREAS, currently, Laughlin AFB employs 1,256 persons; and

WHEREAS, Kinney County has 3,289 residents; and

WHEREAS, the welfare and economy of Kinney County is dependent on the presence of Laughlin Air Force base; and

WHEREAS, if bird strikes caused the closing or limitation of use of any air strip of Laughlin Air Force Base, the base closure committee would be more likely to consider closing Laughlin Air Force base; and

WHEREAS, the United States government is currently existing air force bases for closure; according to the U.S. Air Force, if the Spofford air strip had to be closed, it would make it difficult for Laughlin Air Force Base to meet its current and future mission requirements, which would, in turn, decrease the base's military value and make it more susceptible to closure under the base closure criteria; and

WHEREAS, the closure of Laughlin Air Force base would be a very significant loss to the welfare and economy of Kinney County; and

WHEREAS, the risk of airplane crashes from bird strikes threatens the safety of residents of Kinney County; and

WHEREAS, the areas designated for no municipal waste disposal are appropriate to reduce, although not eliminate, the risks of bird strikes with air force planes because they keep the disposal of municipal solid waste far enough away from the air fields that the risk of attracting birds into the flight paths or near the air fields is significantly reduced; and

WHEREAS, areas outside the designated areas for no municipal waste disposal would not create significant risks of bird strikes if municipal solid waste disposal facilities were located there; and

WHEREAS, areas outside the designated areas for no municipal waste disposal may have other problems such as being recharge areas for the Edwards Aquifer, however, the Commissioners Court is not evaluating areas in Kinney County except for risks of bird strikes; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the development of Kinney County that the future siting of municipal solid waste disposal facilities be consistent with existing land uses to protect the public health, safety and welfare;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that municipal solid waste disposal as defined in the Texas Solid Waste Act, is only permitted in Kinney County, Texas, if done in a location outside the designated area that is a 10 mile radius around the center of the Spofford landing strip and a 10 mile radius around the east end of the Laughlin Air Force Base landing strip as shown on Map A to this ordinance, and provided that the disposal complies with all other applicable requirements of local, state or federal laws or

regulations pertaining to such disposal; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that municipal solid waste disposal, as defined in the Texas Solid Waste Act, is not allowed in the designated area that is a 10 mile radius around the center of the Spofford landing strip and a 10 mile radius around the east end of the Laughlin Air Force Base landing strip as shown in Map A in Kinney County, except that any permit or other authorization that is effective as of the date of the ordinance shall not be subject to the ordinance; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that municipal solid waste management, including disposal, by individual landowners or home owners, is not subject to this ordinance due to the insignificance of the risks associated with such management; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Commissioners Court of Kinney County reserves the right to designate at a later date other areas of the County as suitable and not suitable for municipal and other solid waste disposal based on the need to protect the health, safety and welfare of the County, and the lands and residents of the County, including the need to protect the limited surface and ground waters in the County.

**SECTION 2. CIVIL REMEDIES AND PENALTIES**

(a) Any violation of this ordinance is subject to a civil penalty of \$10,000.00 for each violation. This penalty is to be forfeited to Kinney County Texas. Each day that a violation con-

tinues is a separate ground for recovery.

(b) The Commissioners Court of Kinney County, Texas may bring a legal action to enjoin violations of this ordinance and seek judgment for any civil penalties.

**SECTION 3. CRIMINAL PENALTY**

(a) Disposal of solid waste in violation of this ordinance constitutes a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

(b) Each day that a violation continues constitutes a separate offense under this ordinance.

**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY**

If any portion of this ordinance is deemed to be in violation of the statutes or the constitution of this state or the United States by a court of competent jurisdiction, said portion shall be severed, and the remaining portion shall remain in full force and effect.

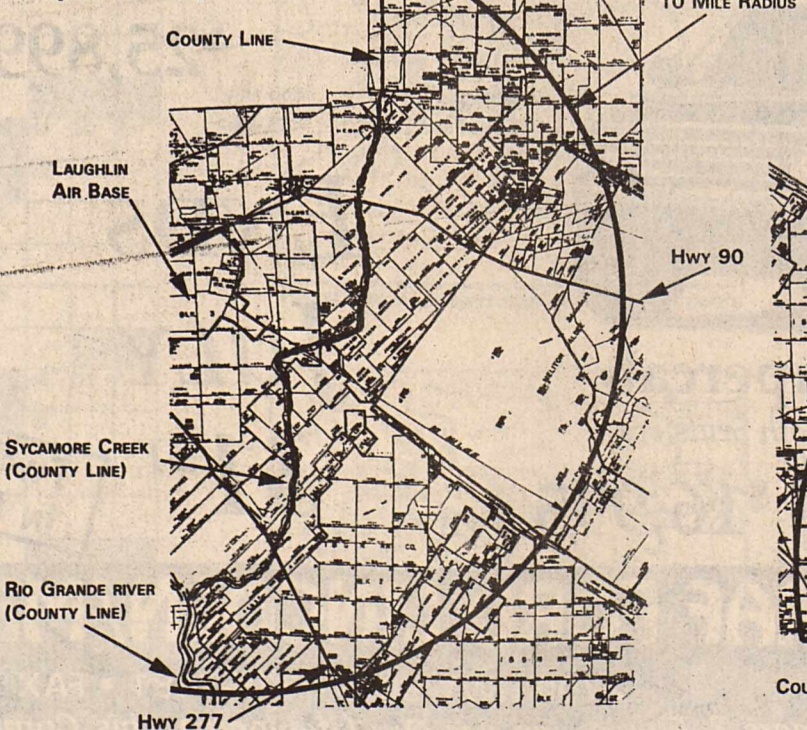
**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

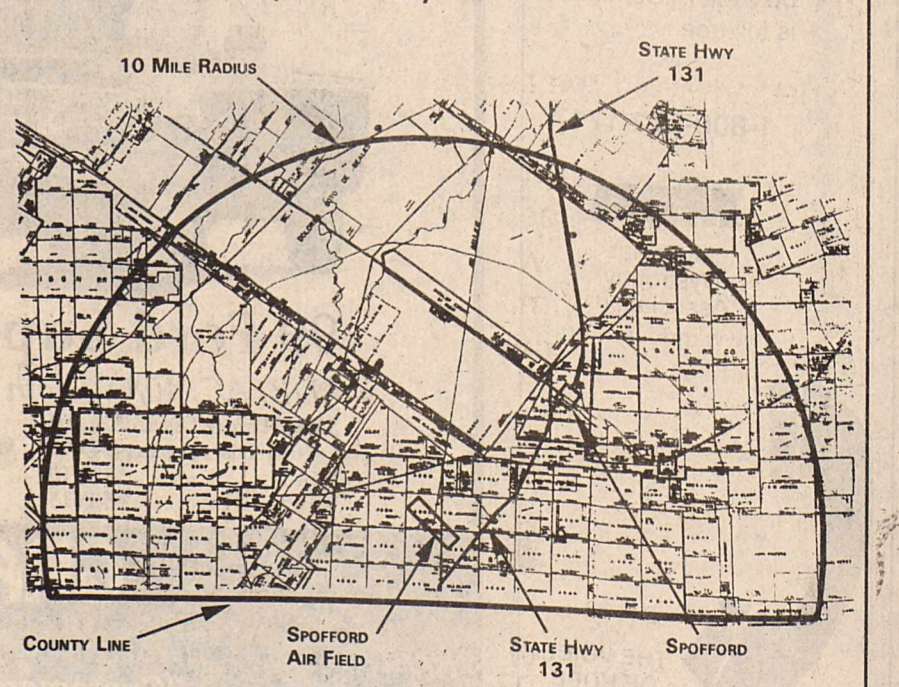
Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ ayes and \_\_\_\_\_ nays.

Herb Senne, County Judge  
 Dora Elia Sandoval, County Clerk  
 /Ordinance

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# Game Wardens have Plenty of Gator Tales

A Little on the Wildlife Side  
Henry Lutz

AUSTIN - Before becoming a Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Warden, cadets must attend a rigorous seven-month academy. This time is spent preparing for game warden life, including courses on boating safety, hunting and fishing regulations, gun safety, environmental regulations, as well as all aspects of the criminal penal code, and lots of physical training.

Hours upon hours at the academy are dedicated to wildlife education such as how to identify different species, animal rehabilitation, and handling wild animals. However, no amount of training in a classroom compares to the on-the-job training of responding to wild animal calls.

Here Lizard, Lizard, Lizard...

An Orange County game warden responded to a call concerning a two-foot alligator that

had crawled into a two-foot-deep, wood-lined ditch at DuPont Sabine River Works. Activity was at a standstill until the "dangerous" reptile could be removed. Officials at the refinery feared that an employee might be bitten if he attempted to rescue the gator. The warden explained that alligators respond well to Vienna sausage even better than thumbs, and he was able to make a live capture and relocation.

**Finding Religion...**  
Less than a week later, the same warden received another alligator call. He and a warden from a neighboring county responded to a call for help from the Liberty Baptist Church in Bridge City. A seven-foot alligator was seeking refuge at the church - perhaps hoping to take up residence in the baptismal. The alligator, dubbed "Double Ugly" because of a damaged nose which gives the appearance of two snouts, was captured under great protest and released in

a nearby wildlife management area.

Orange County, Alligator Capitol of Texas?

Now considered resident Orange County alligator experts, these wardens also recovered the meat of a 5-foot alligator from a local man who claimed he had run over the reptile. The information was made available to the wardens because the man's 16-year-old son had placed several alligator heads along with a threatening note on the hood of his ex-girlfriends car in an attempt to win back her affections. Cases were filed.

**There's Just Something About Alligators and Churches...**

Port Arthur police asked wardens to follow up an incident involving a man that had been bitten by an alligator. The man discovered the 5+ foot alligator in the bed of a pickup outside of a church, thought it was cute and decided to pet it. Wrong move. The warden found the owner of

the truck who admitted to possessing the alligator. The owner said that he felt bad about the man getting bitten and promised not to pick up any more alligators.

**How to Catch A Falling Bear.**

A black bear perched in a tree in a residential area of Eagle Pass was cause for residents to contact the local game warden. Upon arrival, the warden noticed the bear about 20-feet up in an Arizona ash tree. With the assistance of a local veterinarian, the Eagle Pass Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments, the warden and a Texas Parks and Wildlife field biologist prepared to tranquilize the bear while it was still up the tree. They laid a foundation on the ground made up of old tires covered with old mattresses to cushion the fall. The procedure was a success and the bear was taken to a veterinarian clinic to be bathed, weighed, and cared for. The 61-pound bear was relocated to West Texas.

## COUNTY AGENT NEWS

By Robert E. Elledge



Honey bees play an important role in agriculture. For decades entomologists have been including a strong statement about the protection of honey bees in their insect control guides and pest management programs. However, when honey bees become a threat to public health or the welfare of domestic animals, they must be dealt with differently. When bees or wasps colonize in an area frequented by man or domestic animals, they increase the probability of interaction and, thus become a pest or health risk. At this time they must be removed or eliminated.

A swarm of honey bees is due to overcrowding in the hive. A queen takes domestic drones with her scouting for a new home. This swarming is a temporary inconvenience that may last a few hours or a day. Honey bees in a swarm are usually gentle because they have stomachs full of honey and no real home yet to protect. If left undisturbed, a swarm will locate new quarters and often disappear as quickly as they appeared.

Africanized honey bees look like any other honey bees to the naked eye. Though they are slightly smaller than domestic bees, only scientists in specially equipped labs can identify the bees.

Africanized bees do swarm more often than domestic bees, but they are actually less dangerous at that time because they do not have a nest to protect. How-

ever, if you encounter a swarm, move away slowly and don't bother the bees. Africanized bees are known to build a nest under limbs of trees and under open supports of structures. It is suggested that if a swarm is present in an area such as a porch, that you discourage entering and exiting that area for the time being, giving the swarm time to move on. And contact your County Extension Office.

It may be difficult to locate the comb or nest area as it may be some distance from the entrance/exit used by the bees. Some of the most common methods of locating the comb are:

1. If they are inside a wall with Sheetrock on one side, feel the Sheetrock for warmth, tap the Sheetrock and listen for a solid sound vs a hollow sound, listen for buzzing when tapping.

2. If in a wood, brick, or Sheetrock wall, when you think you have located the nest, drill a small hole only large enough for a coat hanger wire. Straighten out a coat hanger and put it into the wall through the hole.

You will have honey or honey combs on the wire when it is withdrawn from the bee's nest. Work up close to the top of the wall with holes and coat hanger as they always hand the honey comb down from an overhead support.

For more information on this subject or if you have a problem with bees we will do our best to help you. Call us at 830-563-2442.

# A shotgun is a lovely piece of crafted art

Campfires and Gunsmoke  
Steven R. LaMascuso

I just traded for a new rifle. Yeah, I know I didn't need it, but that's not the point. Anyway, it's a stainless steel rifle with a black plastic stock - ugly but functional. I figure that a stainless rifle with a synthetic stock won't be damaged if it gets wet, or I bang it into a fence post, or scrape the stock on a barbed wire fence. It is just what I need in a rifle - a functional, practically indestructible hunting tool.

I'm also in the market for a new shotgun, and no I don't need that either. I am looking for a 16-gauge side-by-side double. It must have automatic ejectors, good wood, no gouges or rust. If the metal shows a little character wear, though, that's okay.

It must weight less than seven pounds; and I would prefer a European manufactured product. Some of the earlier American models are pretty good, the Parkers, A.H. Fox, a couple of

the Bakers, Lefever, maybe Ithaca NID models, but the Italians really have it figured out. After all, Beretta has been making guns for over 400 years. The Spanish also have a lovely little product. AyA shotguns are some of the finest in the world; their triggers could use a little work, but they swing and point beautifully. I would prefer to have a stock of French walnut, but California Claro is acceptable, and some of the southern European woods aren't too bad; just as long as it has the smoke and honey tones that epitomize good wood.

So why am I so particular about my shotguns, but not my rifles, you might ask? Well, it is merely a matter of appreciation and function. A rifle is carefully sighted, held as steady as possible, with the use of a rest if possible, and the trigger is slowly squeezed until the gun fires. A rifle is carried much more, usually, than it is shot.

A shotgun on the other hand is not aimed, it is pointed. It is

not rested against solid objects for support. It does not have a rear sight to help line up the weapon on the target. It is shot almost exclusively from the standing position, unsupported, with both eyes open, at a moving object, and it is usually fired many times during a hunt. It is therefore imperative that the gun fit the shooter.

A shotgunner (excepting skeet shooters, who are a different breed altogether, and waterfowlers who thrive on nasty weather) almost never takes his gun into inclement weather. If he does, he is either a barbaric Cretan, or he has, as I do, a "mud gun." One that is functional, but ugly, and is saved back for just such occasions.

Great care must be taken in the manufacture of a good shotgun. The stock must be fashioned in such a way that it puts the eye of the shooter in exactly the right spot in relation to the barrels. The eye of the shooter is in reality the rear sight of a shotgun; and if improperly po-

sitioned by a poorly fitting stock it is impossible to shoot the gun well. An old saying that is unerringly true is, "the lock maker makes the shotgun fire, but the stock maker makes it shoot." Conversely, a rifle can be ill fitting and still be shot well.

Also, in a double, the barrels must be regulated (English terminology) to shoot to the same point at a given distance. This makes the manufacture of the gun much more expensive. With a rifle you merely move the sights to change point of impact. With a shotgun the stock must be bent, using heat lamps, to change the position of the shooter's eye.

Add to all this good checking, some modest, tasteful engraving, a deep lustrous blue on the barrels and maybe colorful case-hardening on the receiver and you have a beautiful, yet very expensive gun to build.

I guess the final analysis is that a rifle is merely a tool, while a good shotgun is truly a lovingly crafted work of art.

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BISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

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22 Start of a remark by Carolyn Coats	70 Part 3 of remark	118 Trattoria treats	13 Play girls?	59 "The Merry Widow" composer	107 Greet Eos	108 Reluctant
24 Marsh plant	75 Atkins or Huntley	120 End of remark	14 Rover's restraint	60 Greet Eos	109 Like ___ of bricks	110 "Truth"
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40 Position	89 Panache		32 Cowardly	73 See 89		
42 Appearance	91 Languished		33 Rock producer	74 African river		
44 Puzzle direction	92 Pack	<b>DOWN</b>	34 Master	75 "Smooth Operator" singer		
47 Part 2 of remark	93 Aviv	1 Meredith's	35 Trouble	81 "Delight" (76 smash)		
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**Your Horoscope by Natasha**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Check your reflexes before you venture out to face the world. The obstacles in your path can only be maneuvered by a shrewd and experienced navigator.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Make sure your foundations are sturdy before you move on to more lofty goals. Be prepared to answer intelligent questions.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) If you put your evidence and your research on the table, your product may sell itself. If it doesn't, know when and where to apply pressure.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Changes made slowly and steadily tend to last longer than changes made in haste. Keep this fact in mind as you try to change your life.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Everyone vies for a few minutes of your time. It is a valuable commodity, but it's only as golden as the actions of the owner.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Sometimes an excess of information makes it impossible to reach conclusions or decisions. Seek a second or third opinion if it will make your burden easier.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Everything and everyone is yours for the taking at this time. Because of this fact, you must decide carefully what - and whom - you need to pursue.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Dollar signs and question marks pop up everywhere, distracting you and obscuring your vision. Although your net worth is important, do not let it become your sole focus.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) If you have been waiting to confront someone, set up a meeting with them now. You are ready to defend yourself without starting a fight.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Change your pace of your style in order to match everyone else. Originality is usually an asset, but at this time, it could hinder your progress.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You are more than ever an object of beauty and enjoyment. You make your surroundings more comfortable and luxurious simply by being present.

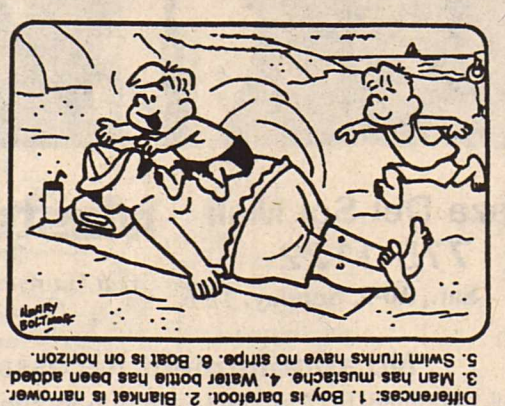
**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Does your body seem to be flawed, weak and pained? Recognized that a serious bout of hypochondria may be the most major thing you're suffering from.

**YOU BORN THIS WEEK:** The progression and improvement of humanity is a task to which you are quite willing to dedicate much of your life. Change, you believe, is absolutely necessary and should not be feared. Although your explorer's attitude makes some people nervous, they can't deny that you have their best interests in mind.

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# Pray until something happens

Gateway Ministries  
Pastor Charolette Corey

P.U.S.H...Pray Until Something Happens, was the theme of the ladies prayer group meeting held at Pastor Charolette Corey's home at 503 East 3rd St., Brackettville, Texas. This meeting will be held each third Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM at her home. Those who attend are women who God has called into serious prayer. They believe God still

answers prayers. They believe that God desires us to humble ourselves, repent of sin, and seek his wisdom. They believe that He is not only sovereign God, but also "Daddy, Daddy" (Abba, Father). They believe that their heavenly Father, who is worthy of all praise, desires to reveal his plans, purpose, and power to his children through the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus.

Those who attend expect to "Pray Until Something Happens" in their lives, or the lives of others. They will be praying for those in authority as well as their communities and families. They believe there is strength in praying together in the unity of their faith and that God is calling many people to pray together all around the world.

Each person has a gift that God has given them, these women desire to build each other up in the Lord and the power of his living word that does not return to him void.

They desire to be a blessing to their families, communities, and places of worship.

Please encourage and pray for these women of faith and prayer. Good things are headed their way and good things will also bless their family, friends, neighbors, and community in general.

Please pray and ask God if you are to be part of this group too. All Sisters-In-Christ are welcome. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

# Christians follow Christ

Frontier Baptist Church  
Rev. Joe Townsend

There should be a notable contrast between Christians and non-Christians. Alexander the Great stood on the banks of the Indian ocean and cried because there were no more worlds to conquer. Napoleon Bonaparte conquered most of the western world. What did they really gain? Alexander the Great died at the age of 31. Napoleon ended up in disgrace and exile. Christ expects whole hearted support; no less is acceptable. Christians follow Christ, others follow the world. Jesus lived an ordinary life. He went about the streets.

He learned a trade. He dwelt at home until he was 30 years old. He went fishing. He attended social functions. All the

time he was faithful to his teachings and standards. He expects his followers to do the same.

A Christian denies self to follow Christ. Others indulge self and feels "if it feels good do it." Followers of Christ are concerned about the inward self while others are concerned about outward affairs. Character is more important than circumstance.

The Christian says "what is right as God measures right", I will so do. Others say "what is easiest and most pleasant to do", this I will do. The Christian looks forward to death as the door to heaven and God. Others see death as a "leap in the dark" and so dread it. There will be another message from the Bible, God's word, Sunday morning at 11 AM at Frontier Baptist Church. Come and see.

# My heart is fixed

St. Johns Missionary Church  
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Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let thy Glory be above all the earth.

They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down. They have digged a pit before me, into the midst where of they are fallen themselves. Selah.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and

give praise. Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp. I myself will awake early.

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sign unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let thy Glory be above all the earth. Psalms 57:5-11. Praise God.

# The Beatitudes: Week six

Submitted by  
St. Mary Magdalene Church

As Jesus began His teachings throughout all of Galilee, the crowds following Him became larger and larger. When He saw the crowds He went up on the mountainside. After He had sat down, His disciples gathered around Him and He began to teach them. What followed is what is commonly known as the beatitudes. This week we will talk about the sixth one.

Happy the clean of heart: they shall see God.

People talk about clean teeth, clean skins, and so on. But you never hear anyone talk about a clean heart, possibly because people are more concerned about outer cleanliness than inner cleanliness.

Cleanliness of mind and heart, moral living, seems to be less of a concern than hygiene. A good example of this is the issue of pollution. We are right

in wanting clean rivers, clean air, and so on. But we should be even more concerned about the most dangerous pollution of all, namely evil.

Pride, anger, hate, lust, greed, envy...all these are dangerous pollutants. What can we do about it? We can purify the source, which is our heart. It is the wellspring from which all our thoughts, words, and deeds flow. If our heart is clean, then all that flows from it will be clean. Like water flowing from an unpolluted spring.

Just as you can't see the sun through a murky sky, so you can't see God through a murky heart. But if the heart is clean, we will be able to see God in all that is good and beautiful in the world.

Let us pray to our heavenly Father for those qualities Christ wants to see in His followers.

You are invited to worship with us at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church any weekend.

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We the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery Assn. of Brackettville would like to thank you, one and all, for supporting us during our 19th June and 4th July Celebrations. Thanks to you, this was one of the largest 19th June Celebration ever -- A very beautiful turn out.

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A word of thanks to all the customers that have supported the "Old Wagon Wheel Cafe" since I've opened. I will strive to provide all of you with good food and service, for your pleasure. Again thanks for your support and remember Mi Casa es tu Casa.

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# Well-cooked meat, clean surfaces help keep food-borne illnesses on ice

Warm weather signals the season for picnics and backyard barbecues. And as the temperature rises so do the possibilities for food-borne illness.

Hamburgers are a favorite for the grill. But attention to food safety is as necessary an item on the menu as the mustard, mayonnaise, pickles, lettuce and sesame-seed buns. "Proper food handling practices are extremely important to prevent illness," said Steven McAndrew, director of the Retail Foods Division at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). Among his suggestions: "Be sure all work surfaces and utensils are clean before preparing food. Don't use the same cutting board, platter or utensils for raw meat as for fresh or cooked foods. And don't cut up vegetables or fruits on the same board just used for raw meat or poultry.

"Use different cutting boards or thoroughly wash and sanitize the one used," McAndrew said. "A simple, inexpensive solution for sanitizing food preparation surfaces is one tablespoon household bleach in a gallon of water. And always wash your hands. Any bacteria in raw meat or juices can contaminate other foods." It is the bacteria in raw meat, especially beef, and other foods that can lead to illness. In particular, E. coli 0157:H7 (formal name Escherichia coli 0157:H7) infections can cause severe diarrhea, nausea and cramps.

"We have seen an increase in confirmed E. coli cases recently," said David Bergmire-Sweat of the TDH Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division. He said that while the TDH Laboratory usually confirms one to two cases a week, 11 have been confirmed

in a little less than a month's time. "This is not an outbreak," Bergmire-Sweat said. "Illnesses have been reported around the state in counties including Dallas, Galveston, Bexar, Hays, Bastrop, Gillespie, Hood and Brown. And increases in E. coli illnesses do occur in the summertime. "But we want to remind people of the importance of safe food handling and cooking practices, Bergmire-Sweat said."

When it is time to cook the food, be sure to cook it thoroughly, McAndrew said. "A meat thermometer gives accurate internal temperatures. Beef, veal and lamb steaks and roasts should be cooked to 145 degrees F, pork and ground beef to 155 degrees F. Poultry should reach 165 degrees F." "Cut into the food to check; don't guess. Juices should run clear. Hamburgers should be medium well to well done and brown in the middle. Poultry should have no pink to it." A special precaution both McAndrew and Bergmire-Sweat underscore: Don't put the cooked food back on the plate or in the pan that held raw meat or poultry. Cooked food can easily be contaminated by juices left from raw meat and poultry.

Defrosting - Completely thaw meat and poultry before grilling so it cooks evenly. Use the refrigerator for slow, safe thawing. Microwave defrost only if the food will be placed on the grill immediately. Marinating - Always marinate food in the refrigerator, not on the counter. If some of the marinade is to be used as a sauce on the cooked foods, reserve a portion in a separate container before adding raw meat, poultry or seafood. Do not reuse marinade.

Precooking - If you partially cook food in the microwave,

oven or stove to reduce grilling time, do so only immediately before the food goes on the grill.

Don't let food sit out for more than an hour and probably not more than 30 minutes in hot weather. Leftovers that have been off the grill for less than an hour can be taken home safely in a cooler filled with ice. Drain water from the ice chest regularly. And finally, the reminder for clean hands.

"Even outdoors, people need to wash their hands often when preparing food," McAndrew said. "This can be as simple as having a water jug, soap and paper towels handy." Symptoms of E. coli 0157:H7 include bloody diarrhea, cramps and nausea and can show up from 3 to 8 days after exposure. Fever is not usually present. Although

rare, this strain of E. coli can cause kidneys to fail or be permanently damaged. Children under age 5 and people over 65 are more at risk for kidney problems from this bacterial infection.

Most people who do get sick from an E. coli 0157:H7 infection recover in 5 to 10 days without antibiotics or other treatment. Other suggestions to prevent E. coli infection drinking only pasteurized milk and milk products and avoiding unpasteurized apple cider. Do not taste food to see if it is still good. "When in doubt, throw it out," McAndrew said. If you have questions about food or food safety, call the Texas Department of Health Retail Foods Division in Austin at 512-719-0232.



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Our best buy in Mobile Homes, recently reduced to \$22,200. 2 baths, great corner lot, wooden storage area, corner lot. Asking price \$20,000

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**REQUEST FOR BIDS**

**KINNEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'** Court is currently accepting proposals for roof repairs on the office of Justice of the Peace. Specifications are available at the Kinney County Judge's office located at 501 S. Ann St. Deadline for accepting proposals is August 6, 1999 at 9:00 am. Kinney County reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals.

**BRACKETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL** District is selling the old Superintendent house, 200 E. Fulton, by sealed bid. The house will be sold on an "as is basis" for removal to another site or for scrap lumber/materials. Prospective bidders should make an on-site inspection of the house before bidding. The successful bidder will be responsible for removing the house and site clean up. Sealed bids will be accepted until July 29, 1999, at 11:00 a.m., when all bids will be opened in the district Central Office. Specifications can be picked up at 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, TX 78832 in the District Central Office. For information call 830-563-2491. Brackett ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

**SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

**THE GABRIEL TAFOLLA** Charter School Registration. Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc., Gabriel Tafolla Charter School will accept Registrations for the 1999-2000 school year beginning on July 6, 1999: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 400 N. Getty Street. The school has a limited number of openings in the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade. You and your child have a choice when it comes to education. Act now and enroll your child in a school of choice and opportunity. If you have any questions please call us at 830-278-1297. Gabriel Tafolla Charter School llevara a cabo sus registraciones para el ano escolar de 1999-2000 empesando el dia 6 de Julio de 1999 con horario: Lunes a Jueves, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., 400 N. Getty Street. La escuela cuenta con cupo limitado para estudiantes de 5, 6, 7 y 8 grado. Cuando de educacion se trata, usted y sus hijos tienen la oportunidad de elegir la escuela que le ofrece cambio y oportunidad. No lo piense mas, decida ahora y inscriba a sus hijos. Para mas informacion favor de llamar al 830-278-1297.

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**SWTJC/BRACKETT ISD COLLEGE CLASSES FALL 1999-2000**

Monday 6 to 8:50 p.m. History 1301, Tuesday 6 to 8:50 p.m. English 1301, Wednesday 6 to 8:50 p.m. Sociology 1301, Thursday 6 to 8:50 p.m. Criminal Justice 1313.  
 Classes are one night per week.  
 The course will run 15 weeks. One night per week, 6:00 p.m. to 8:50 p.m. The cost is approximately \$200.00. A High School Diploma and the passing of the TASP is required unless you are TASP exempt.  
 The TASP is a test which can be taken at SWTJC. Check with the college on dates.  
 You can register at the SWTJC Admissions Office in Del Rio or Uvalde. Classes will be held in the Brackett ISD distance learning facility. Class size will be limited to 12-14.

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