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Guidry joins staff as interim writer

Former Brackett News Editor J.J. Guidry has rejoined the staff as an interim writer for six weeks.



Guidry

Guidry is a graduate of Brackett High School and a former Brackettville city councilman.

He is a senior at Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss., where he has been named to the National Dean's List and Who's Who Among American College Students.

This past year, Guidry was a head basketball coach, defensive coordinator in football and assistant baseball coach at North Sunflower Academy in Drew, Miss. In March, he began coaching football at Delta State under head coach Rick Rhoades. He is an assistant linebackers coach.

Guidry will return to Delta State in July for the university's summer football camps.

Summer basketball to begin on June 4

The summer league basketball program will start on June 4 and end July 2.

The Tiger basketball team will play every Tuesday and Thursday.

There will be games played at Tiger Gym on June 4, 6, 11, and 13. There will be two games each night at 6 and 7:30. Mr. Sierra is coaching the summer basketball team.

There will be admission fees of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children to help pay the referees.

"This will make our basketball team better for next season, so please come and support the basketball teams," BHS coach Ricky Creel said.

Agents respond to accident in Knippa

Agents from the Del Rio Sector Border Patrol Search Trauma and Rescue Team responded to the site of train-vehicle accident in Knippa last Thursday.

The team had been training in the Uvalde area when they were called to assist local Emergency Medical Service personnel and local authorities.

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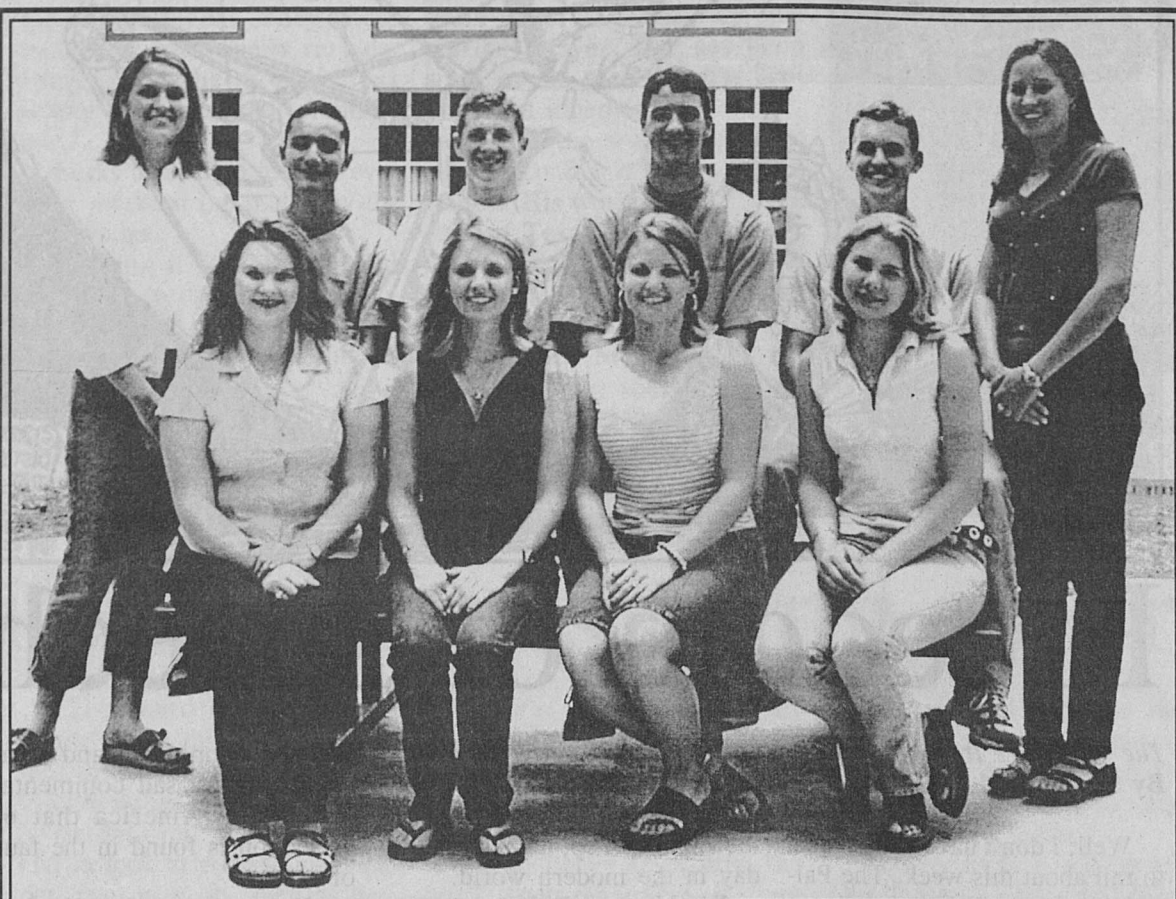
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David Campos and Juliann Ashabranner have been named Brackett High School's Athletes of the Year. The announcement was made at BHS' annual Athletic Awards Banquet last week.
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Honor graduates for BHS' Class of 2002 include, front row (from left): Amanda Ward, Michelle Bizzell, Susannah Davis and Sarah Gammill. Back row: Erica Meyer, Rudy Ramirez, T.D. Smith, Levi Duncan, Lee Davis and Duquesa Hunt.

BHS to award 44 diplomas at commencement Friday

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

Brackett High School will host its annual commencement ceremonies for the Class of 2002 Friday night at 8 at Tiger Stadium.

The school district will present diplomas to 38 graduates, and to six graduates of the Alternative School.

The BHS Class of 2002 features 10 honor graduates who have grade-point averages of 4.0 or better.

"This year's graduating class is a good group of kids," Brackett High School Principal John Paul Schuster said. "They are very competitive. I'm real fortunate to have such an elite group of kids my first year as principal. I've known them for the last nine years, and enjoyed a lot of them in class and around campus at activities in school and stuff. There are a lot of bright futures ahead of them. We wish them well."

In the event of bad weather,

Honor graduates

The following are the Top 10 graduates of Brackett High School's Class of 2002, all of which are honor graduates with grade-point averages of 4.0 or higher:

1. Lee Davis
2. Levi Duncan
3. Duquesa Hunt
4. Susannah Davis
5. T.D. Smith
6. Michelle Bizzell
7. Erica Meyer
8. Rudy Ramirez
9. Amanda Ward
10. Sarah Gammill

the commencement will be held in the Kinney County Civic Center.

"We've only had to go there one time in the last 15 or 20 years," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "As it turned out, that was a mild storm that actually had blown over. We will be watching the weather until the last minute."

"We expect it to be warm.

We will have water and cups available. We suggest taking your own cold water, too, because I think it is going to be a very warm evening."

The Brackett Tiger Band will open the ceremonies with the processional and then perform the national anthem.

Amanda Ward will give the invocation and then Duquesa Hunt will give the commencement opening, followed by Levi Duncan's valedictorian address and Lee Davis' salutatorian address.

Brackett High School exchange student Matthias Katzfuss of Germany will then speak.

"It has been a great experience for us," Stephenson said. "Matthias has added to our general classroom curriculum in that he speaks about things that are going on in that part of the world. He has a perspective that our students and our staff have thoroughly enjoyed."

Susannah Davis will then in-
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Banner-Kerr: Fort Clark is running fine

Attorney advises Board of Directors not to issue statement concerning Maintenance Department

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

The Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors was expected to issue a statement Wednesday with a detailed explanation of the recent events surrounding the Maintenance Department, but the association's attorney has advised against it, officials said.

It's been over two weeks since Bob Walker was fired as the maintenance supervisor and the remaining 12 maintenance employees left in protest, but operations are running smoothly at the fort, according to Maggie Banner-Kerr, general manager.

Russell Williams is serving as interim maintenance supervisor and five other maintenance employees have been hired, according to the general manager.

"They have done a great job," Banner-Kerr said. "We're

very pleased. Mr. Williams has taken the bull by the horns and handled everything.

"We've also contracted out some of the other services. We will probably hire a few more employees. We're probably not going to stop there. We're just kind of taking it week by week right now."

Banner-Kerr interviewed her first applicant for maintenance supervisor on Wednesday.

"We have not posted that, but we're taking applications and searching for a person," she said.

It was reported in last week's edition of *The Brackett News* that former maintenance employee Juan Avila had allegedly been unable to obtain a copy of his personnel record since his termination. Banner-Kerr confirmed that Avila received a copy of his personnel file on May 17 through certified mail.

Officials use funds from insurance settlement to pay Fort Clark's taxes

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

Some Fort Clark Springs members have been in an uproar since learning that officials used a portion of an insurance settlement to pay the association's taxes.

The issue was brought up by a member during the Board of Directors meeting earlier this month.

The insurance funds were allocated to the fort to repair roofs on buildings that were damaged during the hail storm of October.

"We got a check from the insurance company that was only a portion of our settlement, and that portion was \$71,000," said Maggie Banner-Kerr, FCS' general manager. "There's still ...

\$37,000 or \$38,000 that's remaining out there that we will not collect until we finish our roofs. Then, there's another quite a large amount that was left off that the insurance company is taking care of right now and will be paying on. When we got that check, it was the same time our taxes were due."

Banner-Kerr said the board made the decision to use the insurance funds to pay the taxes;

"There was nothing done on the sly by the employees," she said. "It was a business decision."

"That's the fort's money, regardless of where it came from; it can be spent however. Now we're fixing to start working on the roofs. It has been put off due to hail damage. That's all being finalized. When we get to it, we
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Terrazas: Kinney County loses oldest citizen

Kinney County lost its oldest citizen last week. Petra Terrazas, 104, entered into a peaceful rest with her family by her side on Thursday, May 23, at her home in Brackettville.

Terrazas, who was two months and 23 days short of her 105th birthday, was born Aug. 16, 1897 in Del Rio to Margarito and Maria Perea.

She was part of the Legion of Mary. On Saturdays and Sundays she would teach catechism, preparing youngsters for their first communion. She crocheted

an altar linen every year for Easter up until she was 95.

On her 100th birthday, Pope John Paul II sent her an apostolic blessing. President Clinton sent her a certificate for her 100th birthday. State Rep. Pete Gallego gave her a certificate when she turned 104.

In 1905, Terrazas' father was murdered in Brackettville. Julian, her older brother, who was 14 at the time, took charge of the family and moved them to Spofford.

At the age of 12, with a

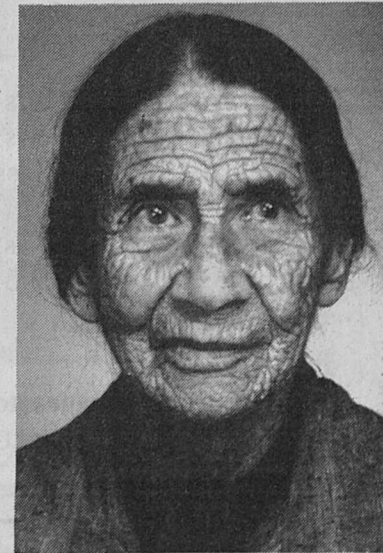
fourth-grade education, Terrazas was able to teach basic, early-education subjects. She was sought by many parents to teach their children. She taught herself to read and write in Spanish.

Terrazas had always wanted to join the monastery and become a nun, but in 1915 her mother arranged for her to marry Don Felipe Terrazas. They were married on Sept. 25, 1915 and raised eight children - Enrique, Gregorio, Magdalena, Bernabe, Ermenia,

twins Maria and Jose, and the youngest, Jesus.

Three of their sons were drafted into the armed forces during World War II. A fourth son volunteered and was killed in action in Normandy.

The family moved to Brackettville in 1942. Their daughter, Magdalena, passed away in 1954, leaving behind two sons, Joe Henry and Johnny Castro. The Terrazas took the responsibility of raising the two boys.
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Petra Terrazas



John Paul Schuster (from left), Mary Martin, Carlos Sanchez, Lee Davis, Susannah Davis, Rudy Ramirez and Duquesa Hunt were on hand earlier this month when Wal-Mart donated \$1,000 to Brackett Independent School District's Project Graduation.

Wal-Mart makes \$1,000 donation for BISD Project Graduation party

Super Wal-Mart opened its doors in Del Rio on May 15. During the opening ceremonies, Carlos Sanchez, manager of Wal-Mart, presented a \$1,000 check to benefit Brackett Independent School District's Project Graduation.

Project Graduation is the all-night party given to each graduating class. This year will be the 12th year for this program.

Former BISD counselor Susan Harrison, began the program in 1990. Seniors and their invited guest spend the night playing games, drawing for gifts, eating and having fun without the influence of drugs or al-

cohol. Mary Martin is a great advocate of this program. For the past two years, she has helped raise funds spent toward this event.

John Paul Schuster, Brackett High School principal, was present for the presenting of the check, along with four senior students - Rudy Ramirez, senior class president; Lee Davis, National Honor Society president; Duquesa Hunt, Student Council president; and Susannah Davis, National Honor Society secretary. Hunt and Ramirez also serve as National Honor Society officers.

The Little Engine That Couldn't

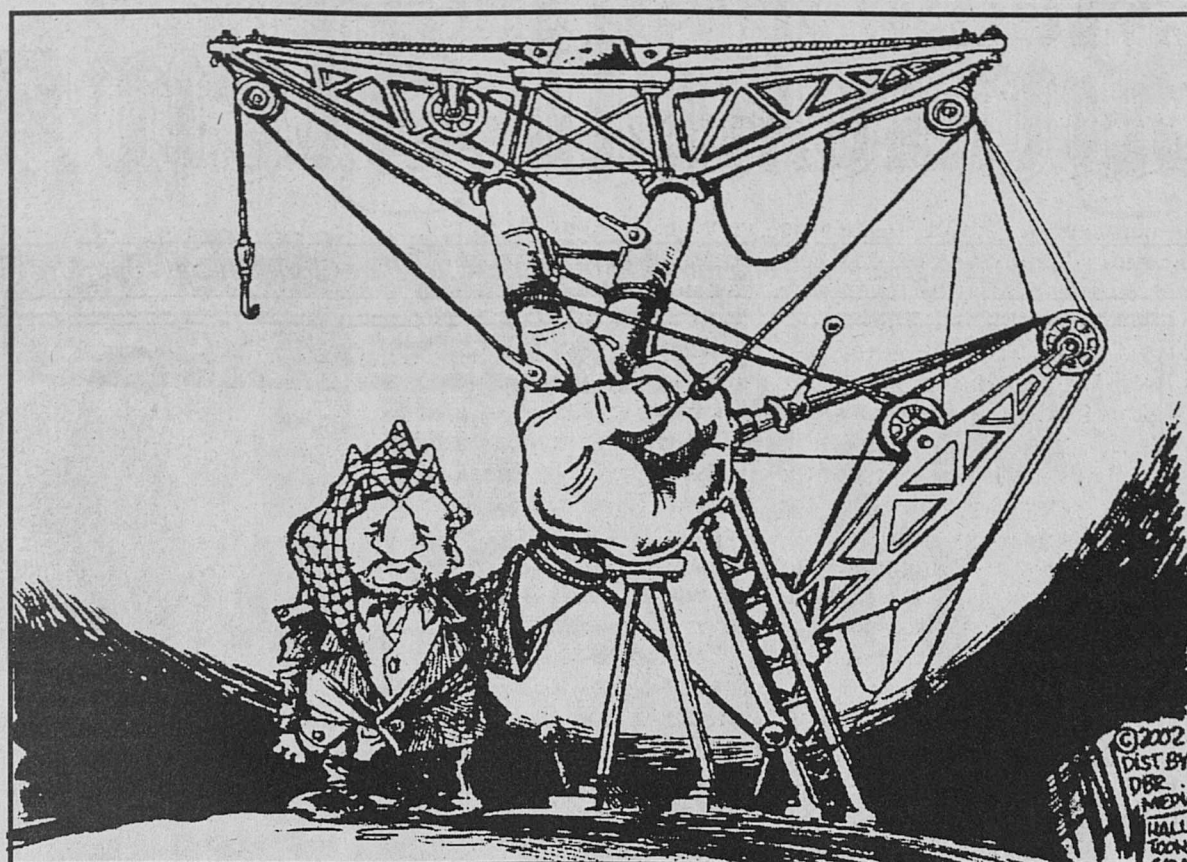
But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

I bought a new lawn mower. I had to. The old one had turned into a non-mower. One of the girls called and when I discussed my new purchase, she asked: "Which one of us gets the old one?"

"I love yall. I would not put that terrible curse on any one of you girls." It got me to thinking. What was I going to do with that old machine? It would start. Sometimes. It would mow about five feet and then die. The starter rope assembly was so loose that when you tried to start it, if it failed to start the first time, mechanic work was required. High tech mechanic work. The entire starter coil would disassemble.

Then high tech swearing was required. One trip to the toolbox was never enough, and it did not ever die closer than two miles from the nearest tool. Pushing it was bad enough, but walking back and forth in the quest for tools was exhausting. Maybe some physical fitness outfit could use my retired lawn mower. I'll consider that possibility.

I also thought about leaving it off, in the dead of the night, at the house of someone that I don't like. But perhaps they might read this article and know of my fiendish plot. I'll put it in my truck and go visit my daughters. One by one. I'm sure one of my sons-in-law will "borrow" it. Serves 'em right. But I could be wrong.



Congratulations, Class Of 2002

By Henry Bonilla
U.S. Congressman, 23rd Dist.

This is such an exciting time of year. Spring is in full bloom and Summer is right around the corner.

This time of year always reminds me of new beginnings. This is especially true for the students getting ready to graduate from high school.

You've all been through your "ups" and your "downs" over the past few years. It wasn't easy. Homework wasn't always fun and many times it made your head hurt: struggling to solve algebra problems, writing papers for English class and working on history projects. Like many of my classmates at South San Antonio High School, schoolwork did not come naturally to me.

It was discouraging to see half of the kids in my class give up the fight and quit school. However, I believed - and continue to believe - that if you work hard and give it your all, you can do anything you want. Each of you has the power to become a doctor, a rancher, a writer, an engineer, or even a Representative.

Here in America, we have greater opportunities than any place in the world. Education provides us with endless possibilities.

It opens doors we never realized existed. For example, there are many people out there who start their lives at a disadvantage.

But with hard work and a dedication to their education, they can soar to new heights. I know this is true, because it happened to me.

Real life success stories begin in communities just like yours.

Every day is an opportunity - an opportunity to learn and an opportunity to set new goals for yourself.

You might learn how to program a computer, build a fence, speak a new language or put together an engine.

Whatever you plan to do in the future, never stop thirsting for knowledge and reaching for the stars. Your efforts and success are what will keep our nation strong in the coming century.

So, for those students out there who are about to march across the stage and receive your diploma, I would like to congratulate you on a job well done. You're about to start a new chapter in your life. I wish you great luck as you set out to realize the American dream.

Congratulations and good luck, Class of 2002!

Letters to the Editor Policy

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Big Mama See!



To be seventy years young is sometimes far more cheerful and hopeful than to be forty years old.

Freedom of speech

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

Well, I don't have a great deal to rail about this week. The Palestinians are still blowing themselves up along with innocent Israelis, while the rest of the world yells at the Israelis for taking offensive action on the West Bank; Afghanistan continues to be the bastion of Muslim political stupidity it has been for centuries; Pakistan and India are still rattling their nuclear sabers at each other; the European Union is still heading toward a total moral collapse, while trying to tell the rest of the world how to act civilized; China is bearing down on Taiwan; and we here in the United States are the only people in the world who still can't get Cuban cigars.

At home the liberal left is back to its tricks - chipping away at the cornerstones of democracy. Freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and the right to keep and bear arms are thorns in the sides of the liberals.

They can't take over and force their agenda on us as long as we can read the Bible and meet in churches, tell each other why the liberals are fools, and have guns to keep them from taking over by force.

You see, they don't want everyone disarmed and muffled - just everyone who disagrees with them. If you were an atheist, communist, vegetarian, drug addict movie star they would furnish guns and ammo to you for the purpose of protecting yourself from those rabble-rousing Christians and conservatives.

After all, the only reason

communism didn't work in Russian was because they didn't have Hillary Clinton to organize the villages. Yep, it's just another day in the modern world.

We have to find someone to blame for September 11th. We cannot simply accept the fact that there are some people in the world who hate us because we are not like them.

Nobody can hate us! We're perfect! Nobody could possibly want to destroy us just because we're Americans, so somebody in charge here in America must have been to blame.

All we've got to do is find him and blame him and everything will be perfect again.

We have spent the last 100 years trying to make ourselves all 5'10" tall, 165 pounds, with brown hair, brown eyes, and a pleasant shade of tan skin. We can't notice the differences in each other or we're promptly accused of racism; unless we are a member of some class of people considered by the politically correct as a minority, then we can say anything we want and not be racist, because we are the ones being discriminated against, or at least we were a couple of hundred years ago, and we should be paid for it now.

And if we fail at something it isn't our fault, we were discriminated against because we are black, brown, white, yellow, red - protestant, Catholic, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist - Mexican, Irish, French, Cambodian, American Indian - lame, deaf, arthritic, asthmatic, color blind - short, tall, fat, skinny, left-handed - you fill in the blank. We have lost the luxuries of failing, of being disliked because we are who we are, of having

faults and opinions and weaknesses. It's a sad commentary on modern America that our perfection is found in the faults of others.

I've got news for all of you who are politically correct and free of blame.

I don't like you. I don't like you because you allow others to do your thinking for you and are unable to admit your own imperfections.

I dislike you, but I also feel sorry for you, because you will never know what it feels like to have a true epiphany. To suddenly understand something in the Bible that you had been pondering for a very long time, to see the perfect rightness of the Gospel, to see the Glory of God's creation, and to realize that your faults and imperfections and sins are absolved in the sacrifice of Jesus. That is the real shame.

You are so certain of your politically correct perfection that you can't even admit that you are lost.

And all you have to do is, "confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;" NASB.

But you will never do it because it isn't politically correct. Romans 10:11-13 - "For the Scripture says, 'Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed.'

"For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; 'for whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.'" NASB

Options for public school children

Capitol Comment
By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Private school parents have many options for their children's education, including all-boys or all-girls schools or classrooms.

But due to bureaucratic barriers, parents whose children attend public schools have been denied this choice. But things are about to change.

In January, President Bush signed the "No Child Left Behind Act" into law. One of the landmark reforms in this legislation gives public school systems the flexibility to offer single-sex classes and schools. The Department of Education will issue guidelines on implementation of these programs and parents and other concerned Americans have until July 9 to give public comment on this important issue.

I was proud to sponsor the amendment to remove the obstacles preventing public schools from offering single-sex programs to parents and students who request them. We wanted to provide this as an option - not a mandate - for America's public schools.

Most of the time, co-educational classes are going to be the right answer for a child's learning needs.

But studies conclude that in some circumstances students do better in a single-sex atmosphere.

We want parents who might not be able to afford private school to be able to go to their school board and request, for example, an eighth-grade math class for boys, or a chemistry lab for girls.

Until recently, most public school systems have avoided the legal hassles that typically accompany any attempt to offer single-sex programs. Only 11 public schools in the country have dared to challenge the status quo and offer these innovative choices.

In 1972, legislation was passed to ensure equal educational opportunities for boys and girls.

While some people have argued that single-sex schools go against this standard, it is in fact within the spirit of educational equality that we passed this legislation. Equality of opportunity means that all students here in Texas and across the country

should have the options in a public school setting that they could choose in private education.

Numerous studies have shown that single-sex programs can reduce barriers to learning by providing a less intimidating and more productive classroom. Research shows that some girls have more confidence to express themselves in the classroom and they pursue more courses in mathematics and science in same-gender programs than they do in a co-educational school. Public, all-boys programs in other states have successfully offered young men the tools they need to succeed by instilling in them discipline, self-respect and leadership.

In one school, eighth-grade boys have outperformed their peers in state writing and mathematics benchmarks by nearly two-to-one.

Another example of the benefits of single-sex classrooms is the Young Women's Leadership School in New York City. The school opened its doors in 1996 to seventh-grade girls and in its first year, the students had the best attendance record in the district and they experienced academic success across the

board. Last year the school produced its first graduates and all were accepted to four-year colleges.

One student chose to serve her country in the U.S. Air Force. These kinds of results demonstrate why we must open the door for more public schools to explore similar educational alternatives.

Congress, the President and Secretary of Education Rod Paige have encouraged innovation and creativity in our public schools.

Our goal is to have the best education system in the world. One of the options that should be available if parents ask, is a single-sex educational opportunity in public schools. I encourage you to voice your opinion on this important issue.

To tell the Department of Education what you think, contact them regarding the "single-sex notice of intent to comment" via e-mail at ocr@ed.gov or via postal mail to Gerald A. Reynolds, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., S.W., Room 5000, Mary E. Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-1100.

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Lamar Medal awarded to Burks, Talamantez

Jones Elementary School teacher Judy Burks and Brackett High School senior Ana Talamantez were presented the Mirabeau B. Lamar medals last Thursday by the Las Moras Masonic Lodge.

Lodge members Wes Robinson, district deputy grand master, and Chuck Hall, secretary, made the presentations.

Burks, who teaches third grade, has been an educator for 31 years, and all but one has been at Brackett ISD. She also teaches music and coordinates special events for the school district.

"Mrs. Burks is one of the finest elementary teachers that I have ever seen," Brackett Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

"I am delighted that she was honored by the lodge with the Lamar Medal. They chose one of the best. She is very deserving of the honor. Our school district is very proud of her."

Burks is the first teacher ever to be awarded the medal by the local lodge.

"I think it is important for lodges to recognize the accomplishments of not only students, but teachers as well," Robinson said.

Talamantez has been a staple in the Brackett High School band, where she has served as drum major.

"Ana is a fine student and is

very well liked by her fellow students," Stephenson said. "She has done an excellent job as drum major and is a very fine clarinet player. She has been some of the glue that has kept our band together."

Lamar, the second president of the Republic of Texas, was a Mason. His work resulted in the state of Texas setting up a public school system. He became known as "the father of the Texas public school system."

The Lamar Medal is given for outstanding achievements, whether it be in academic work, citizenship, volunteer work in the community, sports or any other outstanding personal accomplishments.



Judy Burks (left), a third-grade teacher at Jones Elementary School, and Ana Talamantez, a senior at Brackett High School, were recently presented the Mirabeau B. Lamar medals by the Las Moras Masonic Lodge. The awards are given annually by the local lodge.

County receives \$4,421

Kinney County has received \$4,421 in EMS grant funds from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council.

County Auditor Sandy Watkins has requested the adoption of a special budget to receive and disburse the funds. The request will be discussed during the Commissioners Court's special meeting Friday morning at 9. County Judge Herb Senne announced the special session late last week.

The disbursements included in the special budget proposed by Watkins includes \$2,621 for EMS equipment, \$1,000 for supplies and \$800 for education and training.

County officials will also discuss submitting an application for the Criminal Justice System's "Cops in Schools" grant and for a TIF Community Networks grant. Paul Edwards is slated to present information to the commissioners concerning Rural Rail District criteria.

The agenda for the special session also includes requests for departmental budget adjustments, department reports, and the approval of accounts and bills.

FCS officials discuss using contract labor

By J.J. Guidry Staff Writer

Following the dismissal of Maintenance Manager Bob Walker and veteran employee Juan Avila, and the loss of the association's other 12 Maintenance Department employees who walked off the job, Fort Clark Springs officials are hoping to curb costs through the use of contract labor.

"The board has already directed me in this process ... to look at different aspects of maintenance duties that have been in-house with our own employees and to look at contracting them out from now on, such as garbage and mowing," said Maggie Banner-Kerr, FCS' general manager. "We will look at each one of those different types of duties."

"For example, we have a

plumber right now on standby that will handle any of our motel issues dealing with plumbing. We're working with Rio Grande Electric with their certified electrician. This is something the board wants me to look at to see if we can cut costs," she added.

Jack Simpson, who serves as vice president on the Board of Directors, said the possibility of using contract labor is strictly a financial issue.

"There's always the open ground to be able to improve your financial condition," he said. "This is why we're looking at contract labor."

Former FCS board member Don Parks discouraged officials from using contract labor.

"While I was on the board and in the years that I have lived here, we have used contract for the restaurant, for security, for cleaning the motel, for sales and

it's all been disastrous," Parks told board members. "It has never worked."

"We have always been able to do better with our own people doing the job. If you're going to contract anything -- and I'm saying this in all seriousness and without impugning anybody -- please consider contracting out the management of this place because you can get expert help with a contractor," he added.

Sheriff's Report

Monday, May 20

10:40 p.m., Fort Clark Security reported an unauthorized white truck. Deputy Karl Chism was advised.

10:55 p.m., Deputy Chism responded to a family disturbance.

Tuesday, May 21

1:59 a.m., A 911 call was received. A motorist reported a black bull in the middle of Hwy 90 west.

Wednesday, May 22

1:54 a.m., Deputy Chism responded to a missing person. The person was found later that day.

1:25 p.m., Alex Ramirez, 26, from Del Rio, was arrested for no driver license and equipment not approved in vehicle by Sheriff Buddy Burgess. Ramirez was released on Sunday for time served.

8:35 p.m., A man reported a trailer on South Patrick Street on fire. Fire Department, Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. and EMS were all notified.

10:01 p.m., The Val Verde Hospital reported a boy was bitten by a dog. The owner of the dog was advised.

Thursday, May 23

1:04 a.m., Deputy Pena requested the Justice of the Peace to go to E 1st. Family advised they would take care of the situation.

9:15 a.m., A man reported a vehicle had gone through his fence and had major damage to it. Deputy Bobby Guidry responded.

Saturday, May 25

10:55 a.m., A man reported a sick fox was around Eagle Way and Fair Way Circle in Fort Clark. Game Warden Henry Lutz was advised.

11:14 a.m., A 911 call was

received. A man reported loose cattle in the intersection of Hwy 1908 and 131. The owner of the ranch was notified.

1:45 p.m., Ramiro Gonzalez, 37, from Brackettville, was arrested for driving while license suspended by DPS Trooper Tully Welch. Gonzalez was released on a bail bond.

11:36 p.m., A woman reported stolen jewelry. Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo responded.

12:35 a.m., Sunday, May 26
12:35 a.m., Elijah Ray McNeal, 21, from San Antonio, was arrested for disorderly conduct by Deputy Pena. McNeal was released the next day for time served.

12:35 a.m., Lorenzo Guerra Ramos, 35, from San Antonio, was arrested for disorderly conduct by Deputy Pena. Ramos was released the next day for time served.

12:35 a.m., Robert Valdez, 33, from San Antonio, was arrested for disorderly conduct by Deputy Pena. Valdez was released the next day for time served.

12:35 a.m., A man requested assistance from a deputy because he had locked in keys in the car. Chief Alonzo responded.

10:12 a.m., Fort Clark Security reported a man had locked his keys in the car. Deputy Larry Robinson responded.

6:18 p.m., A man reported a bull on Hwy 90 west near the rest area.

7:15 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to a domestic problem.

9:40 p.m., Phillip Juarez, 21, from Brackettville, was arrested for a warrant on disorderly conduct by Deputy Pena. Juarez is still being held.

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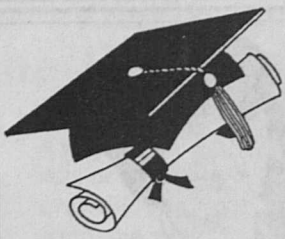
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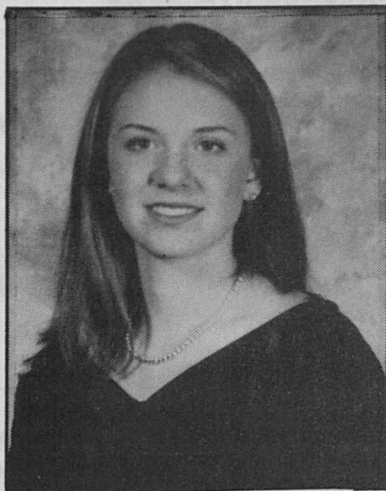
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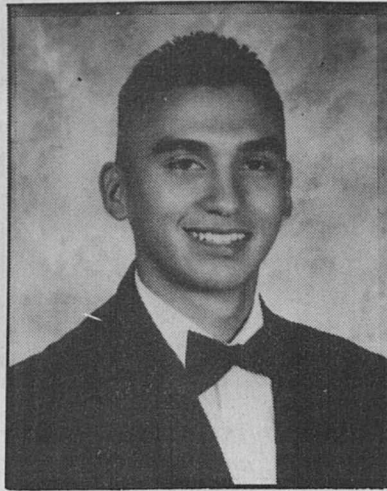
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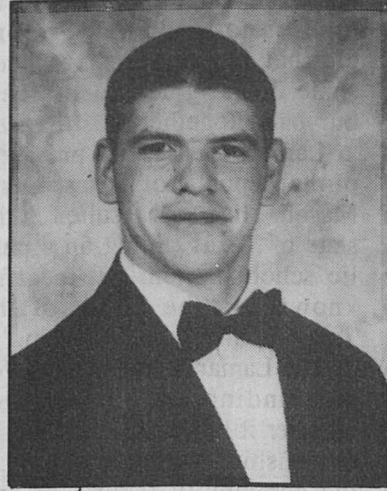
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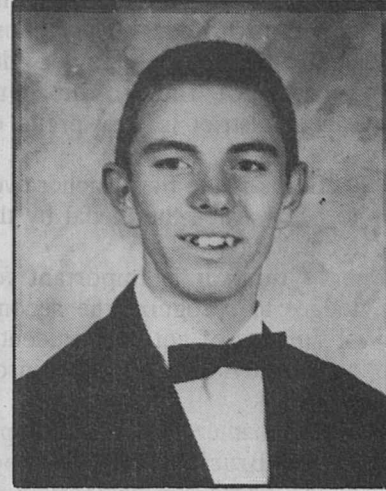
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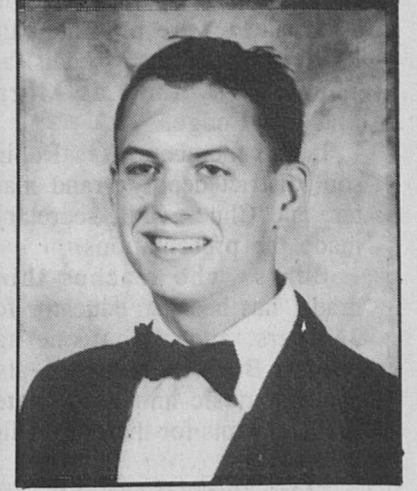
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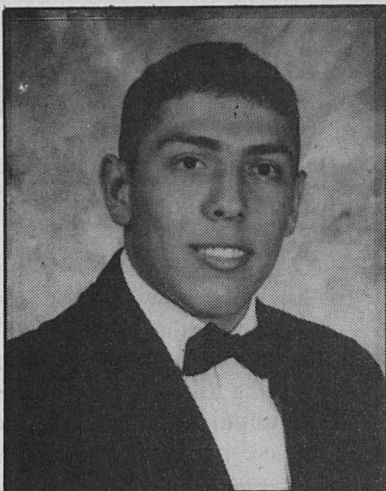
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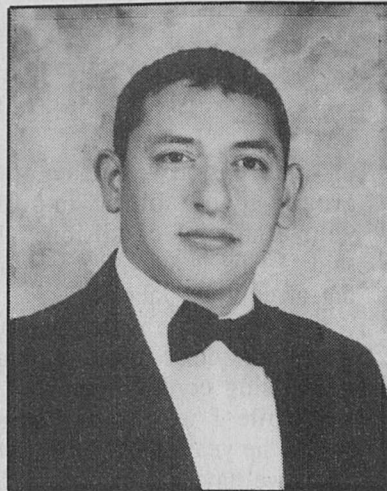
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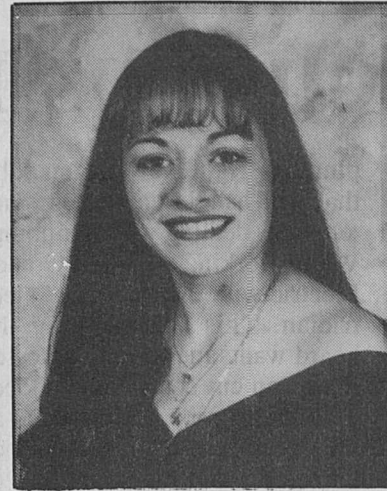
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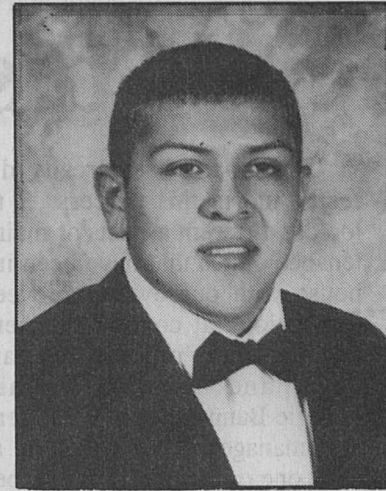
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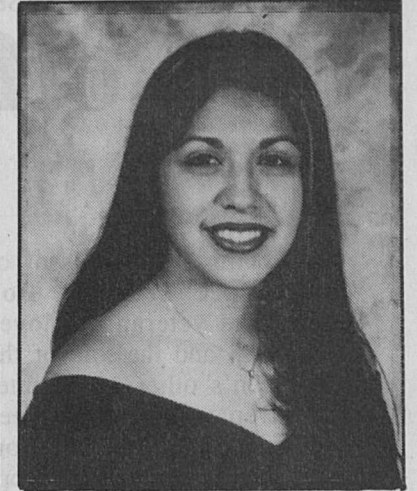
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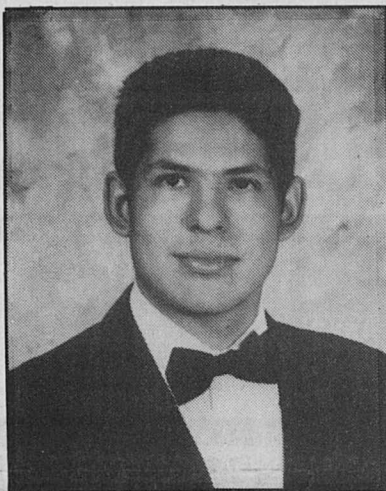
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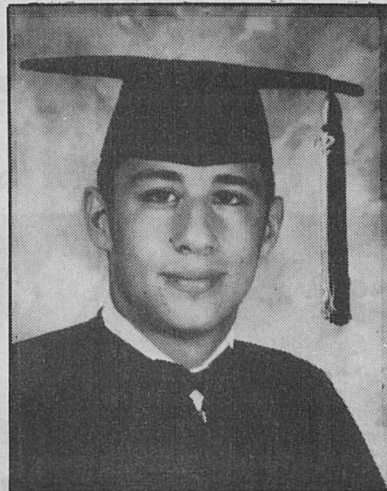
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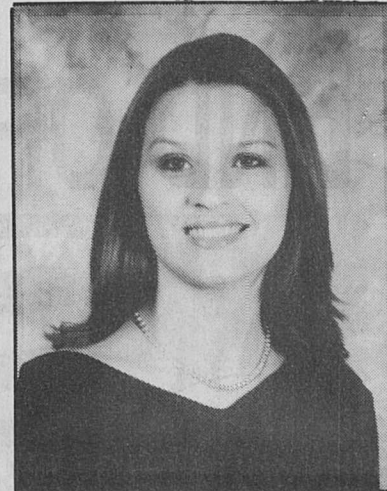
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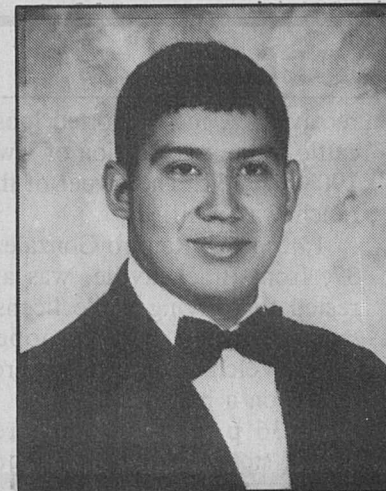
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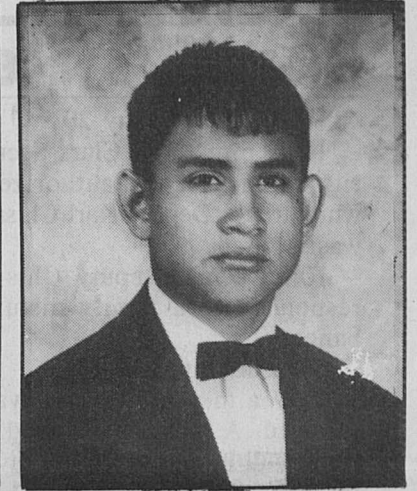
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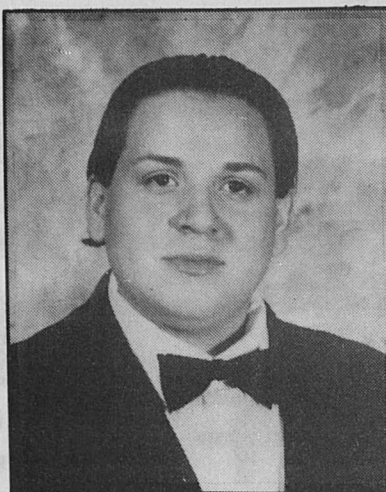
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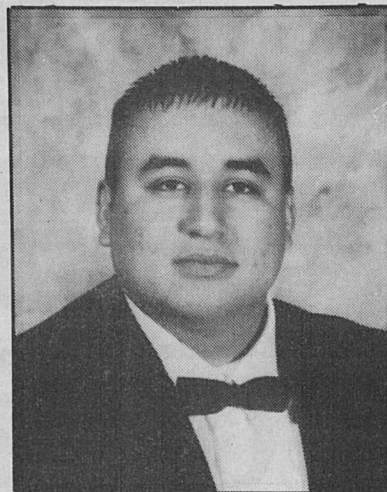
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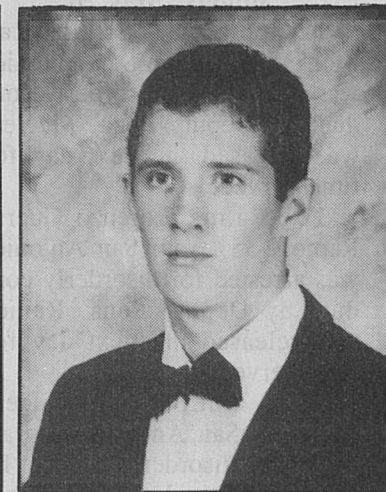
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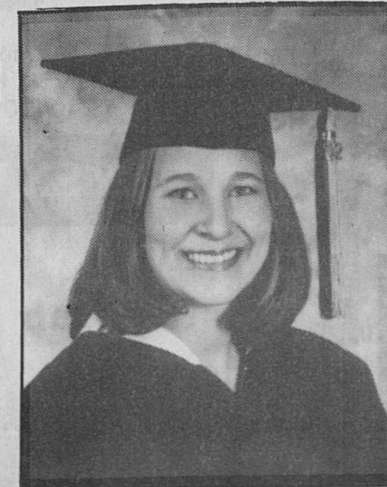
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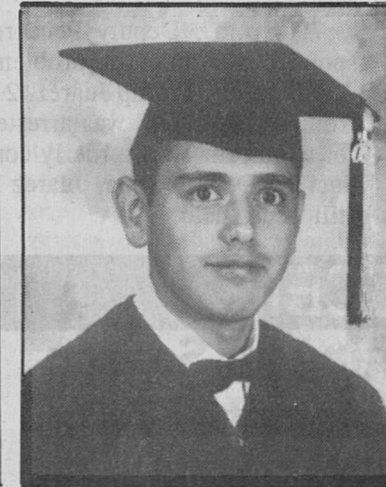
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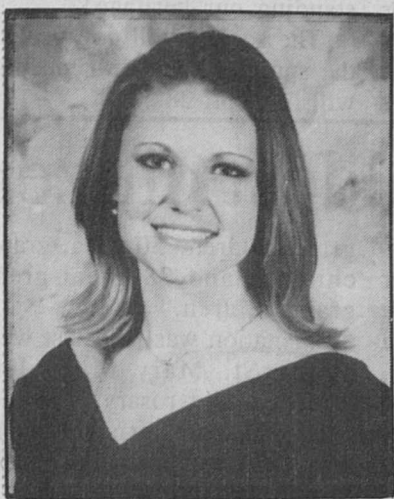
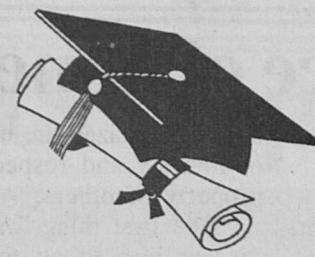
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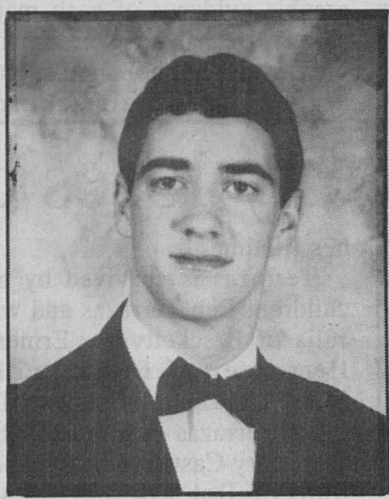
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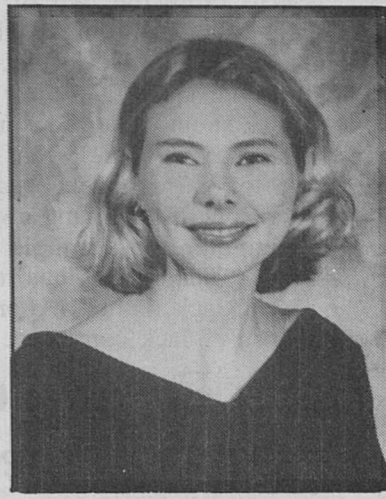
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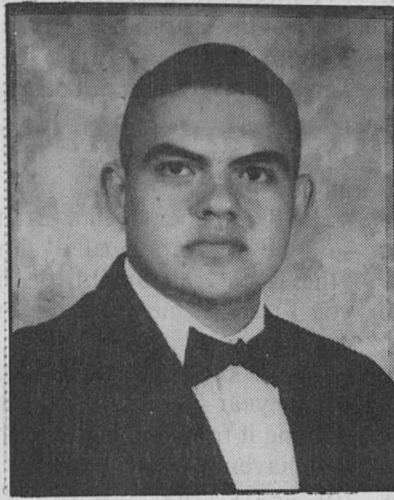
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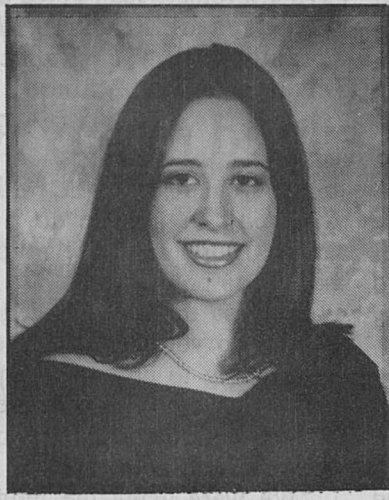
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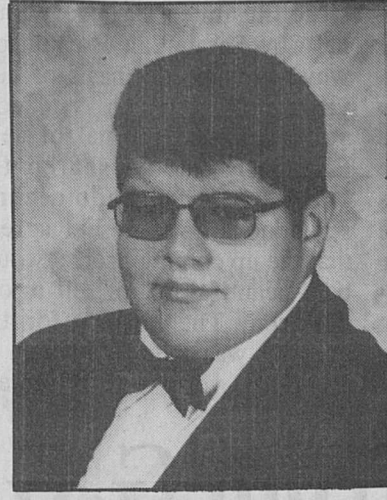
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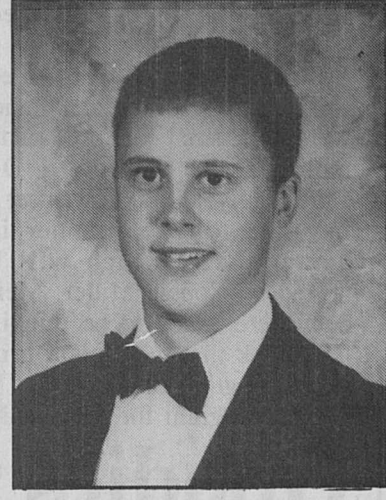
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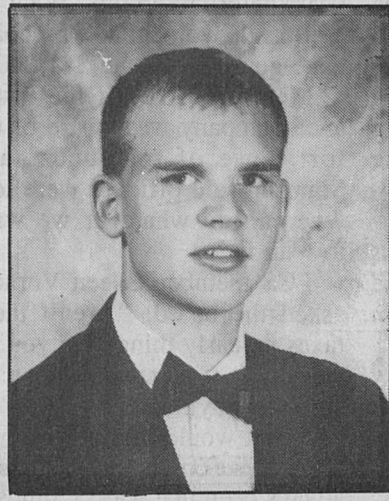
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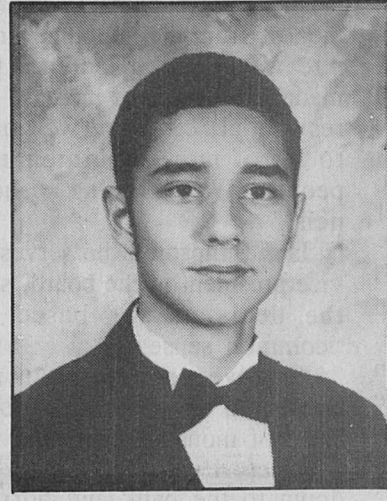
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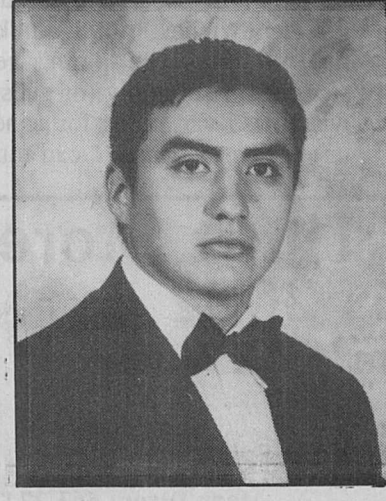
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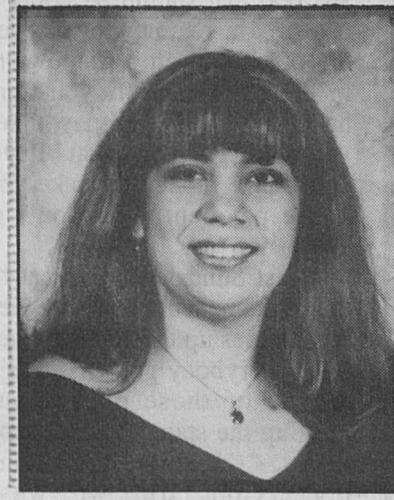
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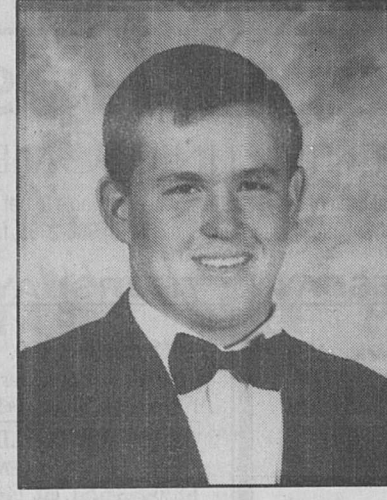
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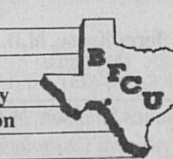
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Importance of honesty and respect

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

Jenny was deep in thought, sipping her tea when the phone interrupted. It was her ex-husband.

"I got your message and called as soon as I could," said Jack.

"I found something in Johnny's room this morning," Jenny began. "I thought you should know about it. We need to make a decision about what to do and stick together on it."

"Sure Jenny," Jack replied. "I'll support whatever we decide. I appreciate you're involving me."

"I found three street signs and a stop sign taken from someplace. He was hiding them under the bed. I left them where I found them until we could talk," Jenny explained.

"All right," said Jack. "When I come to pick him up tomorrow we can confront him together and talk about it. In the meantime, What do you think the consequences should be?"

"Well," said Jenny, "I don't want to be over reacting but the consequences should be severe enough that he learns there's a price to pay for stealing. We've

both emphasized the importance of honesty and respect for the property of others."

"The first thing," said Jack, "is for him to go to the city Street Department and take them back."

I also think the two of us should accompany him. I also think he should have to talk to the juvenile judge.

There should also be some consequences at home. What do you think?" "I agree," said Jenny. How about taking away the computer for a couple of weeks?" "That's more than reasonable," Jack replied. After a short pause, Jack continued.

Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter have final meeting of the year

The Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met May 23, 2002 for the final meeting of the year.

Prior to the start of the meeting, pledge training and review were conducted for three of the members by president, Dee Curry. July 11, 2002 was set as the date for the summer ice cream social which will be hosted by Connie Miller. Members were asked to be thinking of a book that they might bring to exchange at the social.

The program for the evening

"Thanks for the call Jenny. That's what makes you a great mom."

Long ago a very wise man said parents are to love, to chastise, to discipline, and to educate their children. Doing so brings joy to their old age.

When a son is spoiled, parents never end in bandaging the wounds (Sirach 30:1-7). Discipline your son, make heavy his yoke, lest his folly humiliate you (vs. 13).

This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project working in Brackettville to strengthen families, faith and education.

Goodies from G.G.

My family dearly loves tuna fish sandwiches. But I quickly tire of the same, "plain" version. Surprise family (or guests) with these variations for a new taste. Cheesy Tuna; 1 can tuna,

drained (6 1/2 oz.), 4 oz cream cheese, softened, 1/4 c. butter or margarine, 1/2 c. finely chopped onion, 1 tsp. lemon juice, salt and pepper to taste.

Mash/mix together well. Makes a scant 2 cups. I like to serve on toast. Zippy Tuna; 1 can tuna, drained (6 1/2 oz), mayonnaise 1/4 c., 2 tsp. prepared horseradish (mild), 1 tsp. lemon juice, salt and pepper to taste.

Mix together well. Spread on bun and broil top with a cheese slice first if desired.

Be sure to watch for more "jam-wiches" in coming issues as the weather gets hotter and life slows down!

Haenn speaks to Historical Society

By Glen White
Contributing Writer

"This book is about the hero who resides in each of us, and the place in time that brings out that hero" Bill Haenn said Saturday at the meeting of the Fort Clark Historical Society.

Haenn was describing the book he authored named

"Land of Heroes."

The book, coming out this fall, focuses on soldiers of Fort Clark and their rendezvous with history.

His unique approach is that of research through photographic evidence of each major period. He has uncovered many previously unpublished photographs, and painstakingly

gleaned hitherto unknown facts from them.

Anyone acquainted with Bill knows that his forte is thoroughness.

Doubtless this book will prove to be a "must" in understanding our heritage.

The society will not meet in the summer. The next meeting will be Sept. 28.

Kinney County loses oldest citizen

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In August 1982, Terrazas' husband passed away. They had been married 67 years. She lost two more sons in 1986 and 1987 due to terminal illness. Up until her death, she had been living at home with her daughter, Maria.

Cars, airplanes, television, space travel, microwaves, computers and indoor plumbing are a few of the many new things Terrazas experienced during

her lifetime.

Terrazas is survived by her children, Ben Terrazas and wife Julia of Brackettville, Ermenia Hernandez of Brackettville, Mary Terrazas of Brackettville, Jesus Terrazas of Brackettville, Joe Henry Castro and wife Charlotte of Del Rio and Johnny Castro and wife Sue of Brackettville; brother, Juan Perea and wife Laya of Brackettville; daughter-in-law, Rebecca Terrazas of San Antonio; 24

grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and 28 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held last week at the St. Mary Magdalene Church and a rosary followed.

A mass of Christian burial was held on Saturday at the church and burial followed at the Catholic Cemetery.

Pallbearers were John Castro Jr., David Castro, Joel Morales, Ruben Terrazas Jr., B.J. Terrazas and Lauren Terrazas.

Insurance funds used to pay Fort Clark's taxes

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get to it. The board will tell me when to start on it."

FCS member Ray Reyna said the board should have used the money for its intended use.

"Sooner or later, the money is going to have to come out of some place to repair the roofs," he said. "So what's going to happen when they start leaking and when they start deteriorating? Where are we going to get the money, from the impound fund? Are we going to increase the management fees or increase the residential fees? Are we going to fire more maintenance people? What's going to happen?"

Jack Simpson, who serves as vice president of the board, said the decision was based on "common sense."

"If I've got money in my household finances and I come short of money for running my finances, I've either got to go down to the bank and borrow the money or I've got to write hot checks and hope to move

things around just right, which you won't be able to do," he said. "There were obligations that had to be met."

"Do you think we needed to go back to you and say, 'Hey, we're going to do another special assessment. Or do we need to try to work it out and get done what needs to be done?'"

"We were using the money from the impound fund from the years before to do this. What direction do you think we should have gone to pay the \$71,000?"

Members asked if the insurance company was aware of the fort's use of the funds, and Simpson said officials were told "we can do whatever we want to with it."

FCS member Eileen Voracer asked the board: "Aren't these taxes a yearly thing? Do you always wait for a storm and an insurance payment?"

"That would really be appropriate if we could, but that hasn't always been that way," Simpson said. "The impound fund has always been available to draw the

money from."

FCS member Nolan Brandt said he was concerned about "the fiscal responsibility that you as board members are taking."

"You know you have taxes every year. Whether you are robbing it from another fund that you haven't been supposed to for years, that's beside the point," he said. "Most of you have been sitting on here for more than year, so you could have made changes. You're not being very fiscally responsible. You wouldn't do it at your house on your checkbook. You know you have taxes."

"During that time, I see huge sums of money spent on other things. In the 17 years I've been here up until recently, we've never had the SO (Sheriff's Office) come up here. Now some people may feel that we need the SO up here for \$62,000 a year; some people may not. If you don't have money to pay your taxes, then you don't go spend \$62,000 that should be going to taxes. A huge amount was spent the other day on a dumbwaiter in the restaurant. If you don't have any money to pay taxes, you don't go spend that. If you don't have money to make your house payment, you don't go buy a new car."

"Last Sunday we were at the top of the restaurant. There were eight tables up there; all of them full. Everybody got served. Everyone of those plates came right up the stairs," Brandt continued. "I'm sitting there thinking, 'God, did we waste \$30,000 on a dumbwaiter so they can walk up and down the stairs? Maybe we already hired them.'"

"The point is, you don't go spending large sums of money when you know you have taxes every year, and that is y'all's responsibilities. That is what we're having problems with," he added.

Graduation is Friday

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troude Stephenson, who will present a charge to the graduates.

Schuster will present special awards, followed by the presentation of special scholar awards by Stephenson.

After the certification and presentation of graduates and a performance of the school song by the band, Michelle Bizzell will give the commencement closing.

In an effort to shorten the commencement, the tradition of the presentation of roses by the graduates will follow the ceremony. The roses will be given out in the congratulatory line. Stephenson said this will allow students to spend more time with their families between the commencement and the school's all-night graduation party.

"The graduates want to spend more time with family. They have uncles, aunts, grandmothers and other people they haven't seen," he added.

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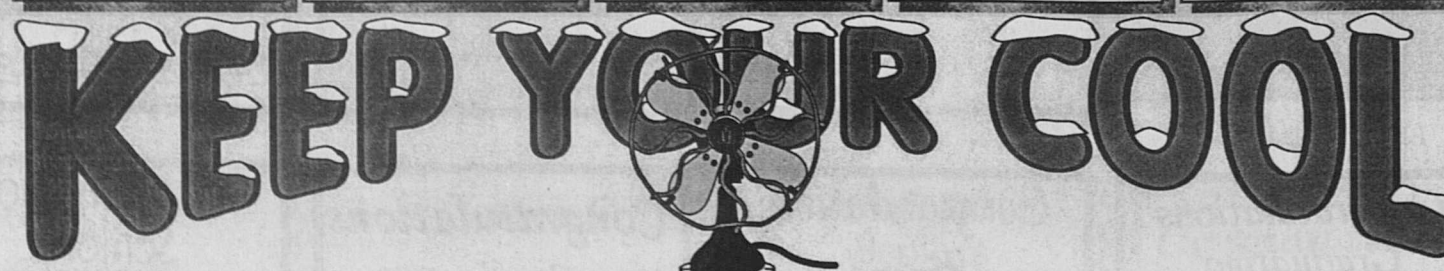
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Campos, Ashabranner named BHS' top athletes

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

David Campos and Juliann Ashabranner have been named Brackett High's Athletes of the Year. The announcement was made last week at BHS' annual Athletic Awards Banquet at the Kinney County Civic Center.

Campos shared the Most Valuable Player awards in football and basketball. He was also named the best running back in football.

"David is a tremendous athlete," Brackett athletic director and head football coach David Yeager said. "He is a winner. When the lights go on, he is ready to play. He always produces."

Ashabranner, a freshman, was the Most Valuable Player for track and shared the MVP award in cross country.

"Juliann is very talented," Tigerettes volleyball and track coach Dusty Brotherton said. "She is very dedicated and a hard worker. She is a quality kid and has a great work ethic. She is very self-motivated."

Lee Davis and Duquesa Hunt

were the Scholar Athletes of the Year, while Stacey Castilla and Raymond Gomez were the recipients of the Ronnie Armbruster Fighting Heart Award.

Campos and Miguel Hernandez were co-MVPs in football. Hernandez was also named the most outstanding linebacker. Carlos Gomez was named the best lineman, Levi Duncan the best receiver, Lee Davis the best defensive back and Terrell Freeman the best special teams player.

In boys' basketball, Campos and Jared Hobbs shared MVP honors. Duncan was named the most improved player, and Carlos Gomez won the Fighting Heart basketball award.

Joseph Luna was named the boys' cross country MVP and Carl Dalton was most improved.

Hobbs and Eli Woolsey were named Most Valuable Players in baseball, while Tony Rosetti was most improved.

Duncan was the boys' most valuable tennis player, and Matthias Katzfuss received most improved honors.

Raymond Gomez was named

Brackett High School scholar athletes

The 2001-2002 Brackett High School scholar athletes, announced at last week's Athletic Awards Banquet:

Juliann Ashabranner, Elizabeth Ballew, Michelle Bizzell, Stephanie Bonner, Stacey Castilla, Amanda Davis, Dietrich Davis, Lee Davis, Susannah Davis, Tillman Davis, Jaclynn Duncan, Levi Duncan, Cody Edwards, Courtney Frerich, Miguel Hernandez, Jared Hobbs, Whitney Hobbs, Duquesa Hunt, Matthias Katzfuss, Megan King, Brandon Klusek, Whitney Massingill, Megan McWilliams, Coshena Meyer, Erica Meyer, Kristen Meyer, Sarah Meyer, Phillip Munoz, Emily Petrosky, Arnold Pinales, Jose Pineda, J.J. Rivas, Cody Robinette, Doug Sanchez, Oscar Sierra, Shanae Simmons, Ashley Smith, Star Smith, Tammy Smith, T.D. Smith, Eliot Stone, Celina Terrazas, Elizabeth Threadgill, Amanda Ward, Beau Watkins, Eli Woolsey and Kody Yeager.

the track MVP and Eliot Stone was most improved.

In boys' golf, Chase Neuman was named the Most Outstanding Player and Dalton and Robbie Looney shared the most improved award.

Erica Meyer was named the MVP in volleyball and Vanessa Castillo was most improved.

In girls' basketball, Stephanie Bonner was the Most Valuable Player and Courtney Frerich received the most improved award.

Ashabranner and Hunt shared the girls' cross country MVP award, while Tammy Smith was the most improved

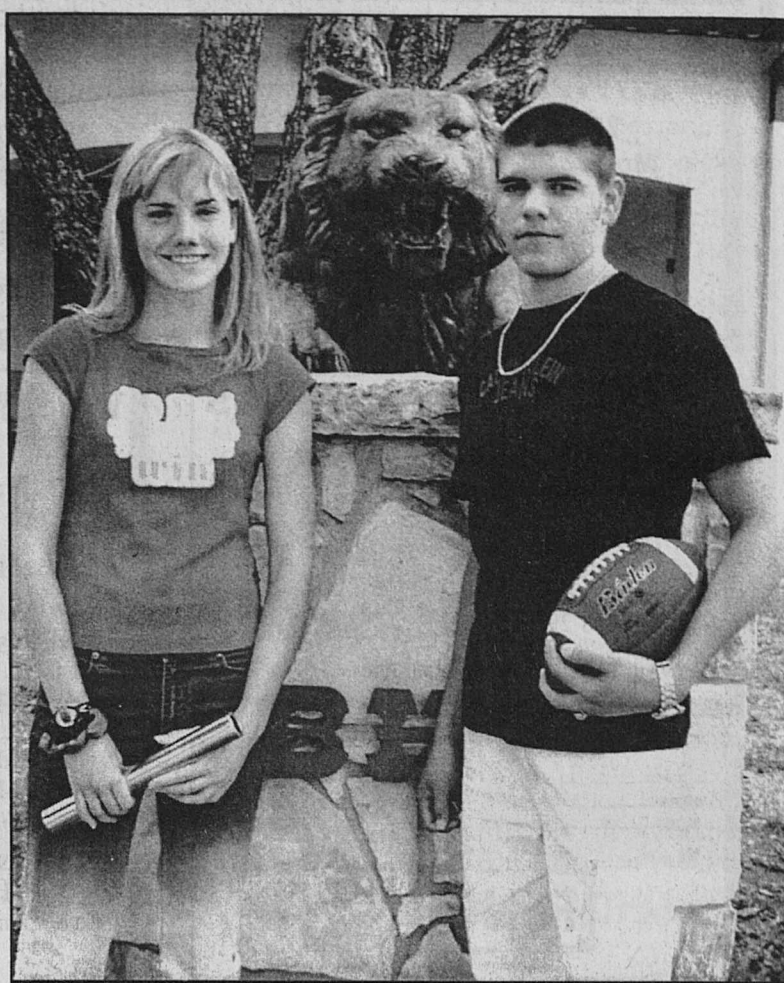
runner.

MVP honors in softball went to Castillo, Mayra Aguirre and Celina Cano, and Erica DeHoyos and Elizabeth Threadgill were most improved.

In girls' tennis, Michelle Bizzell was the Most Valuable Player and Kristin Meyer was most improved.

Ashabranner was the girls' track MVP and Stephanie Coronado and Nicole Mata shared the most improved award.

Erica Meyer was named the Most Valuable Player in golf, and Beth Ballew was awarded most improved.



Senior David Campos (left) and freshman Juliann Ashabranner have been named Brackett High School's Athletes of the Year.

BISD has busy last week of school

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

BISD has a full slate of school activities for the last week of school. The week is filled with awards ceremonies for elementary school students.

Our junior high Gifted and Talented students, under the direction of Angie Meeks, are scheduled to present their projects Wednesday.

On Friday, students will be released from school early at 1 p.m.

Earlier on Friday, our eighth grade graduation will be held at 9 a.m. in the school auditorium. The graduation Class of 2002

will receive diplomas Friday night at 8.

Summer School programs for elementary and middle school students in need of additional work will begin on Tuesday.

The school cafeteria will be open for breakfast and for lunch Monday through Thursday during summer school days.

We wish our students, parents, staff and school patrons a safe and happy summer.

The staff will begin to get buildings and grounds ready for next school year. We have much to do.

Athletic Awards Banquet
The BHS Athletic Awards

Banquet held at the Civic Center last week was a classy affair. Coaches and athletes presented a program that was one of our best ever.

Thanks to the Booster Club, assisted by Mary Martin and led by athletic director David Yeager and his fine staff, for a job well done.

Problems at FCS
I hope that Fort Clark Springs can get its problems settled soon. There are always at least two sides to every disagreement.

We have our share of these in public schools. There are times when the matters are easily settled, and times when they are not.

I urge all to stay calm and to try to amicably settle disagreements. Fort Clark Springs is a great place to live.

Project Graduation
BISD has had a grand year, which will conclude with commencement followed by a drug-free graduation party for seniors.

Cindy Brandt does a superb job organizing this party. Mary Martin helped us with fundraising and donations of food.

The party takes lots of effort and money, but keeps kids alive on one of the most dangerous nights of the year. Have a great week!

BISD Activity Calendar

- Thursday, May 30
 - 9 a.m., The Kindergarten Awards Ceremony will be held in the auditorium.
 - 10 a.m., The First Grade Awards Ceremony will be held in the auditorium.
- Friday, May 31
 - 9 a.m., Eighth Grade Graduation will be held in the auditorium.
 - 8 p.m., High School Graduation will be held at Tiger Stadium.
 - 1 p.m., Students will be released early on the last day of school.
- Tuesday, June 1
 - 11 a.m., The annual coaches and faculty golf tournament will be held at Fort Clark Springs.
- Monday, June 3
 - A Teacher Prep Day will be observed for four hours.
- Tuesday, June 4
 - Summer School will be from 9-12 for children, and from 8:30-12:30 for teachers.
- Wednesday, June 5
 - Summer School will be from 9-12 for children, and from 8:30-12:30 p.m. for teachers.

Officials announce cooperative business competition

"The National 4-H Council has asked for our help in spreading the word among local youth about a cooperative business plan competition," said Daniel Laws, general manager and CEO of Rio Grande Electric Cooperative.

The National 4-H Council, with support from the Rural Business Cooperative Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, has announced the availability of five \$2,000 awards for the design of a business plan for a cooperative. The original deadline of May 17 has been extended to July 3.

The basic purpose of a business plan is to define how the cooperative will operate and how it will be organized or structured. The goal of the project is to have youth, in partnership with an adult, write a business plan for a cooperative for their community. Awardees will not be required to implement the business plan.

The awards are meant to encourage youth to research cooperatives and learn how to write a business plan for a hypothetical cooperative in their community. The project is not limited to any specific type of cooperative, and could include an agricultural, dairy, housing, utility, health cooperative, etc.

For more information about cooperatives, go to <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs>. A team of judges will review the cooperative business plans. Decisions on awards will be based on how well the business plan includes and addresses the appropriate elements for a business plan, with specific reference to cooperative business elements.

To view the elements of a business plan, as well as the timeline and more details about this opportunity, please visit <http://www.grants.n4h.org/> and click on "Coop. Bus. Plan

Awards" on the left hand side under the "Grants" section.

"Youth and adults do not need to be members of cooperatives in order to be eligible. In fact, one of the primary purposes of the grant is for youth and adults to research and learn more about cooperatives," said Sarah Cahill, National 4-H Council project director. "As far as age group, youth can be anywhere from elementary school to college-age, and work in partnership with adults."

For more information, contact Cahill at (301) 961-2904 or by e-mail at scahill@fourh.org or cil.edu.

The Bank & Trust awards Davis \$8,000 scholarship

DEL RIO — The Bank & Trust has presented Lee Davis, a senior at Brackett High School, with the first \$2,000 installment of an \$8,000 scholarship award that will be paid over four years through the Community Bankers Scholarship Program.

The Bank & Trust is participating in the Community Bankers Scholarship Program to help families offset the cost of post-secondary education, as well as demonstrate its commitment to the community.

"We want to assist young people like Lee achieve their full academic potential so they can continue to make a positive difference in our community," said Lynn McCarson, president of The Bank & Trust of Brackettville. "These students are able to pursue their dreams, and hopefully we'll be investing in the development of our future civic and business leaders."

Davis is an active student at Brackett High School. He is an active member of the National Honor Society.

Davis will attend Texas A&M University, where he plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Through the Community Bankers Scholarship Program, The Bank & Trust will award

approximately 160 scholarships over the next 30 years.

Brackett graduating seniors can apply for the scholarships through their high school guidance counselor's office in the spring of every year.

The Community Bankers Scholarship Program has generated more than \$123 million representing 32,156 scholarships nationwide. The goal of the program is to help banks award more than \$1 billion in

scholarships over the next 20 years. The Bank & Trust partners with the school districts of Brackettville, Del Rio and Sonora to help local students reach their highest potential.

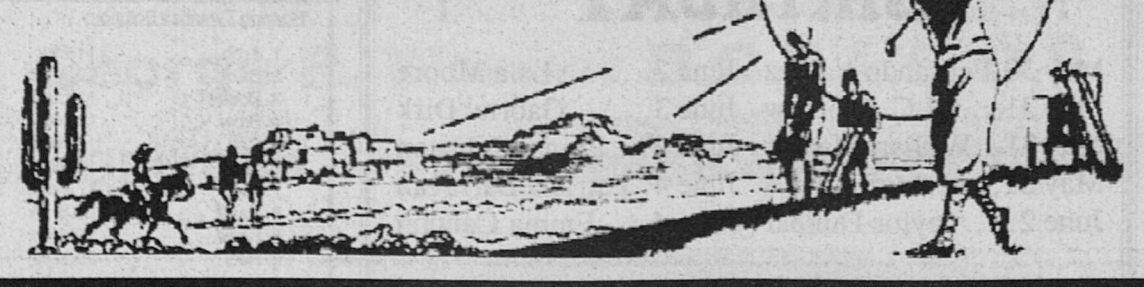
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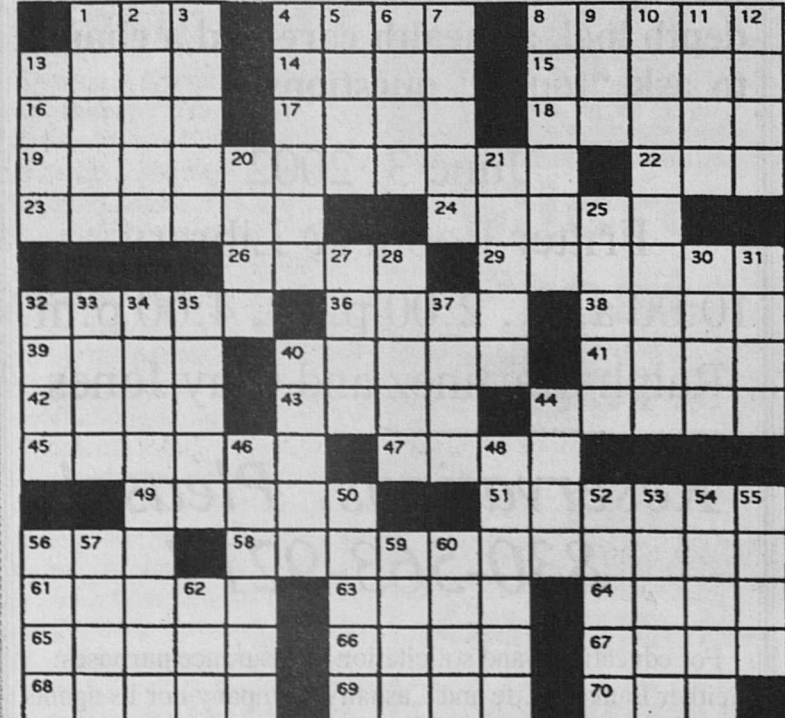
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 4 Part of a staircase
 8 Scoop's cousin
 13 Member of the family
 14 Edward Everett or Alan
 15 Sign of spring
 16 State with assurance
 17 ___ instant; quickly
 18 Stage parts
 19 Oscar hopeful
 22 Full of: suff.
 23 One in the service
 24 Sly looks
 26 Mouse's nemesis
 29 Gives medical care to
 32 Former New York governor
 36 Long-
 running Broadway
 38 Continental prefix
 39 Tied
 40 Pry
 41 Used colored pencils
 42 Intellect
 43 Pickling herb
 44 Suffixes for heir or murder
 45 Unusual thing
 47 Distribute
 49 Like some seals
 51 More reckless
 56 30-day period: abbr.
 58 Formal accusation
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 65 Feel
 66 Leader's title: abbr.
 67 Sad utterance
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DOWN
 69 Uncomplicated play
 70 Henry II or Francis II
 1 ___ ball; live it up
 2 "...a partridge in ___"
 3 ___ Gras
 4 Fistfight memento
 5 Characteristic flavor
 6 Israeli airline
 7 Word with code or colony
 8 Defender
 9 One named for a Greek philosopher
 10 Extinct reptiles
 11 Anatomical parts
 12 To be: Lat.
 13 ___ Sunday
 20 One ___ two is two
 21 Hinder
 25 Rex and others
 27 TV comedy
 28 Like modern roads
 30 Pine
 31 Plants
 32 Note
 33 Like a go-getter
 34 Architect's drawing
 35 Asian nation
 37 Allot
 40 Ply
 44 Dash
 46 Exchanger
 48 Merchant ship
 50 Hang in folds
 52 Smudge
 53 Greeting
 54 Chou ___
 55 Lines of travel: abbr.
 56 Domed projection
 57 Supplication
 59 Invisible emanation
 60 Followers' endings
 62 Suffix for Japan or Nepal



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In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions—forward, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

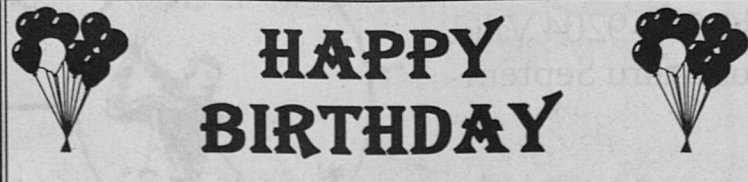
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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

1. What newscaster did President Lyndon Johnson bestow the Medal of Freedom on in 1965?
2. What Soviet military alliance was set up to oppose NATO?
3. What century's innovations included pockets on trousers?
4. What is the most popular pure-bred cat in the U.S.?
5. What comedic actor's birth name was Albert Einstein?
6. What Proctor & Gamble product was the first hard-water detergent?
7. What British slang word was inspired by the fruits issued to sailors to protect them from scurvy?
8. What ocean's border of volcanoes is called the "Ring of Fire"?
9. What mobster said, "I've been accused of every death except the casualty list of the World War"?
10. Who graduated last in his class at West Point in 1861?



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| May 30. Fernando Valdez | June 2.....Lela Moore |
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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Work projects should be approached scrupulously. Be sure you follow through and are thorough. This weekend, you join friends at a special cultural event.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Some contemplate a life change, such as a new career. However, weigh all options carefully. Later in the week, communication is key with a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Social interests take precedence this week. Invitations fairly fly in. Over the weekend, romance is in the air.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your heart is in the right place. However, a friend doesn't really want your help. Stay out of this person's business unless asked.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A family member is overly sensitive as the week begins. Give this person a wide berth. By week's end, all is sunny and well again.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Some come into an unexpected financial windfall. Be very careful in your use of this. Perhaps it's better to invest than to spend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A personality clash between you and a co-worker has you rattled. Try not to take this to heart. Just accept the fact that the two of you are opposites.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You have a tendency this week to push a point too hard. That's not the best way to get your point across. Later in the week, you find just the right words.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A tendency to be extravagant this week should be avoided. Don't give in to temptation. Instead, budget your money carefully.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You find it difficult this week to get along with certain people who are overly sensitive. Do your best to be patient. Over the weekend, a friend surprises you with a special gift.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) All goes well on the workfront this week. It's the domestic scene where trouble brews. A family member tries your patience.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You find comfort this week in tried-and-true friendships. Those who know you longest know you best. Later in the week, avoid disputes over finances.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Arch	11. Iris
2. Back	12. Knee
3. Bone	13. Lung
4. Brow	14. Nape
5. Calf	15. Neck
6. Chin	16. Nose
7. Foot	17. Palm
8. Hand	18. Shin
9. Head	19. Skin
10. Heel	20. Ulna

Good or evil The relationship with God and each other

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charlotte Corey

"Good" without "God" is a big "O" (or zero). The word of God says in Matthew 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven"; and, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:20). "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24-25).

On any path we choose to walk, we can choose to walk the path of good works or evil works. Even well intentioned works that are done without faith in God can become sin. "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin." (Romans 14:23).

The scripture of God equips us to do good works. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (Timothy 3:16-17). "In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works; in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity sound speech, that

cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you." (Titus 2:7-8).

Again I say, good works without faith is sin because God is not in it. Unless Jesus Christ is your foundation, your house will fall, your projects will eventually fail, and the hard work you put into achieving "success" in life will all be for nothing. With God in your life, that is, your faith in Jesus Christ, you can achieve all things. "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." (Phillipians 4:13). By choosing Jesus Christ, you choose God. By choosing God in your life, you choose good over evil. By choosing good, you go with God, and you will achieve success in what you put your hand to. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

The blessing

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

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments.

Like the dew of Hermon, and like the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing even life for evermore. Psalms 133.

First United Methodist Church
By Rev. Ken F. Sellers, Jr.

I remember well the lessons my mother taught me about words. Though only a high school graduate she understood the great value that would be placed on education in my generation.

Though she spent her entire career as a housewife and mother, she foresaw the requirements for good social skills in the times ahead.

I regret that my mom died before she saw the fruits of her educational labors with her only son.

I regret that she never knew that one day God would call on me to use the verbal skills she instilled in me for helping cocreate God's kingdom.

Perhaps God has her still whispering words to me as I search for just that right phrase to communicate the joy and peace of a relationship with God.

Today we all sense that education is a major element in preparing children for the world that they will inherit.

Our world is faster, more technical, more economically complex and more competitive than the world of my parents generation. The kids today seem to be forced to grow up before they are out of puberty. Drugs, violence, gangs, etc. all combine to cheat our kids of their time child-like innocence.

Parental support has become more difficult as economics (and societal pressure) force moms and dads to spend more and more time pursuing "a living."

Now Reader's Digest has taken mom's place as the impetus for the expansion of vocabulary. It is hard to fault the

schools, the parents, or the kids if education is incomplete these days. There are too many factors and interrelationships to blame any single source.

Education in the church is as much to blame as any other source. We have somehow forgotten that a sense of right and wrong, as well as the relationship with God and each other, is one of the great gifts that the church has been made responsible to impart to children, youth and adults alike.

We seem to be satisfied to spend time on time-honored Bible stories without pointing out the underlying God-given moral foundation involved. Being a child of God, and we are all children of God even if we don't want to claim it, carries with it a grave responsibility.

We are responsible to God and each other for doing "the right thing" when doing nothing or doing something wrong is so much easier. We are each responsible for our part in presenting the joy, peace, and justice that God promises everyone.

When we are angry, sick, listless, and even bound in our own struggles we are nonetheless responsible for imparting the "good news" that God stands beside us in all times and in all things ready to lift us out of our misery and into God's peace, if we will just recognize the gift and take God's offer of help. How can we possibly live up to this responsibility to our children, our neighbors, and ourselves if we don't go to church and seek out the knowledge of God and God's saving grace more often than Easter and Christmas?

Visit us at First United Methodist Church for worship this

Sunday at 10:45 am. Help us relationships with God and each continue to seek and renew our other. We owe it to the children!



Smallwood Completes Basic Training

On March 20th U.S. Army Private Matthew J. Smallwood completed basic training and graduated from Advanced Individual Field Artillery Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

During the training, Private Smallwood received instruction and practice in Drill and Ceremony, Marching, Rifle Marksmanship, Armed and Unarmed Combat, Communications and Map Reading, Drivers Training, Howitzer Crew Training, Field Tactics, Military Courtesy, Military Justice, Physical Fitness Training, First Aid and Army History and Traditions.

Private Smallwood was awarded with a Certificate of Achievement for attaining a total score of 300 points (Army maximum of 300 points) in the Army Physical Fitness Test. Smallwood also received a Certificate of Achievement for exceptional performance of duty as a Shot Expert with the M16A2 assault weapon.

Upon graduation, Private Smallwood reported to the U.S. Army Recruiting Office in Del Rio for two weeks of recruiter duty.

On April 12th Private Smallwood reported to his permanent duty station with the 3/29th Field Artillery Unit at Fort Carson, Colorado.

Private Smallwood is a 1999 graduate of Brackett High School. Attending his graduation were his parents Martha and Ponce Padron, his grandparents Pedro Richard Pena and Ray Nell Smallwood of Brackettville.

Smallwood is also the grandson of Maria Elena Pena of Brackettville, great-grandson of Mrs. Serapio T. Cardenas of Del Rio, Texas, the late Serapio T. Cardenas, the late Mr. & Mrs. Atanacio Pena, the late Mr. & Mrs. Witt Smallwood and the late Mabel Parham. His father is Harold R. Smallwood, Jr. of Corpus Christi, Texas.

HEALTH

Muscle spared in breast reconstruction procedure

Houston - A new breast reconstruction procedure uses a woman's own abdominal skin and tissue but spares the muscle, easing recovery time and allowing an active lifestyle.

"It's breast reconstruction using the fat and skin from the abdomen - the tissue that's discarded in a tummy tuck procedure," said Dr. Aldona Spiegel, assistant professor of surgery at Baylor College of Medicine. "By sparing the muscle, the patient is able to continue to be physically active."

The surgery is called DIEP flap, or deep inferior epigastric perforator. It's a microsurgery procedure in which skin and fat are transferred, with the blood supply coming from tiny vessels. The abdominal muscle, not needed to protect the blood supply, is left in place.

"The surgery can take place at the time of mastectomy or later on," Spiegel said. "In most women, enough extra tissue is available to construct a B-cup sized breast. If there's not enough tissue, we can take some

from the back." Commonly used breast reconstruction procedures transfer skin, fat and muscle. The recovery time can be a week or longer and certain movements are limited because the stomach muscle has been cut.

"With the DIEP flap, a woman can usually go home in four or five days and fully recover without any physical limitations," Spiegel said. "Since it's her own tissue, the reconstructed breast has a natural shape and softness, and there are no risks from adding an implant."

The procedure is performed by specially trained plastic surgeons.

Spiegel works closely with the Breast Care Center at Baylor College of Medicine and The Methodist Hospital.

"We counsel women on all the options available to them if a mastectomy is needed," she said. "It can be very traumatic for a woman to lose a breast. Reconstruction is a very successful method and provides psychological and emotional advantages."

Testosterone treatments

Houston - Hormone replacement therapy isn't just for women. Men of all ages can experience a shortage of androgen hormones, such as testosterone, causing loss of sex drive, impotency, muscle weakness and fragile bones.

"The benefits and risks depend on the patient's age," said Dr. Glenn Cunningham, chief of endocrinology at Baylor College of Medicine.

For androgen-deficient men, hormone-replacement therapy can help strengthen libido and prevent osteoporosis. Pills to treat androgen deficiency have been available for years, but the large doses required to be effective can be toxic to the liver, and testosterone shots can be painful.

Cunningham advises taking a blood test, and consulting a physician to determine if the therapy is right for you.

Planting Seeds

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

I can remember as a teacher when we used to plant seeds in the classroom. I never knew how many of those dead-looking nasturtium seeds would sprout in their Styrofoam cups, but I certainly hoped they would all grow.

Just as I hoped the lessons I taught would sprout and grow in the minds of the children. I am a naturally impatient person. Waiting for seeds to sprout is very hard.

Waiting to see the results of my teaching and parenting was hard.

Giving love to hard-hearted

people is difficult, and being sunny among grouches is hard. I want to see results of my actions, not wait for them.

That's why this quote from Albert Schweitzer is meaningful: "No ray of sunshine is ever lost."

But the green which it awakes into existence needs time to sprout. All work which is worth anything is done in faith." Lord, into Your hands I commit the work of this day, that You may bring forth its fruit in Your season.

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Public Notice

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

TOPIC: Discussion of Public Transportation Section 5310 Grants: Elderly and Disabled Grant
WHEN: Wednesday, August 21, 2002 in Laredo
Tuesday, September 10, 2002 in Laredo
WHERE: Laredo, TX: Texas Department of Transportation, District Office
District Meeting Room
1817 Bob Bullock Loop
Laredo, TX 78043
TIMES: Both Meetings begin at 2:00pm in Laredo

The Texas Department of Transportation is holding this workshop to discuss the Public Transportation Section 5310 Grants. This grant is for the provision of transportation services meeting the special needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities. TxDOT's goal is to promote the availability of professional, cost-effective, efficient, and coordinated passenger transportation services to elderly and disabled persons using the most efficient combination of financial and other resources. Interested candidates for this grant in Val Verde, Dimmit, Maverick, Kinney, Zavala, La Salle, Duval and Webb County should contact Mr. Omar Cantu, Public Transportation Coordinator, by telephone at 956-712-7438, by E-Mail at ocanu1@dot.state.tx.us or in writing at Texas Department of Transportation, Public Transportation, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas 78043. Applications will be made available at TxDOT's Laredo District Office, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas 78043. Applications will be accepted beginning May 31, 2002 through August 2, 2002.

If you have any questions or comments please contact Omar Cantu, District Public Transportation Coordinator at (956) 712-7438.

AVISO PUBLICO

TEMA: Para hablar de la concesion de fondos de transportation publica Seccion 5310
DIAS: Miercoles, el 21 de Agosto ano 2002 en Laredo
Martes, el 10 de Septiembre ano 2002 en Laredo
LUGAR: Laredo, TX: Departamento de Transportacion de Texas
District Engineer Conference Room
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Laredo, TX 78043
TIEMPO: Las dos juntas en Laredo comienza ha las 2:00pm

El Departamento de Transportacion de Texas (TxDOT) esta organizando una reunion para discutir acerca de la concesion de fondos de Transportacion Publica Seccion 5310. Esta concesion economica es para proveer servicios de Transportacion necesarias para personas de edad avanzada asi como tambien para personas desahilitadas. El objetivo de TxDOT es promover la disponibilidad de servicios profesionales, eficientes, economicos y organizados de servicios de transportacion de pasajeros de edad avanzada y personas desahilitadas usando la mas eficiente combinacion de recursos y financiera. Candidatos interesados para fondos en los condados de Val Verde, Dimmit, Maverick, Kinney, Zavala, La Salle, Duval y Webb deben de llamar al 956-712-7438 con el Sr. Omar Cantu. Coordinador de Transporte Publico, para mayor informacion o por E-Mail al ocanu1@dot.State.tx.us, o en escrito al: Departamendo de Transporte de Texas, Transporte Publico, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas 78043, Attn: Sr. Omar Cantu. Se puede obtener la aplicacion en la oficina del Departamento del Transportes de Laredo, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas 78043. Las solicitudes seran aceptada empezando el dia 31 de Mayo ano 2002 hasta el dia 2 de Agosto del ano 2002.

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