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City no longer digging graves

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Agents apprehend 150 in Brackettville

DEL RIO — U.S. Border Patrol agents made 150 apprehensions in Brackettville during the period of June 17-23, officials announced.

There were 1,024 total apprehensions made in the Del Rio Sector, including 419 in Eagle Pass, 198 in Carrizo Springs, 70 in Uvalde, 57 in Comstock, 53 in Del Rio, 37 in San Angelo, 23 in Abilene, 11 in Llano and six in Rocksprings.

Agents in the Del Rio sector seized 1,011.8 pounds of marijuana, valued at \$809,440.

BHS hosts football camp on July 8-12

The 2002 Brackett Tiger Football Camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon on July 8-12 at the football field. The camp is open to boys entering the sixth through ninth grades.

The cost of the camp is \$30. All participants will receive a camp T-shirt. Checks should be made out to David Yeager and can be sent to Yeager at P.O. Box 1235, Brackettville, TX 78832.

For more information call 563-9344 or 563-2491 ext. 190.

OA meetings set to resume tonight

Compulsive overeaters are invited to join the weekly meetings of Overeaters Anonymous held Thursday nights at 6:30 in the Kinney County Library Annex.

For more information go to www.overeatersanonymous.org or email Brackett Overeaters Anonymous at overeaters2001@yahoo.com.

Deadline to register for camp is Friday

Registration is due by Friday for the Fifth Annual Tigerette Volleyball Camp.

The camp is for students in fifth through ninth grades. There is a \$25 fee. The camp begins Monday and continues through next Thursday, and lasts from 8:30 a.m. to noon each day.

There is a \$25 fee, which includes a T-shirt. Campers will learn offensive and defensive fundamentals.

For more information, call Dusty Brotherton at 563-3303.

Fort Clark celebrates 150 years



The road to glory

Eliot Stone (from left), Tony Jamail, Duke Meek and Whitney Massingill helped the history of Fort Clark come alive last week while performing in "Glory Road." The production was in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of the frontier fort.

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

Kinney County paid tribute to one of its greatest treasures last Thursday as Fort Clark was host to a sesquicentennial celebration with a ceremony at the flag pole on the parade grounds.

The fort is celebrating 150 years since it was established in 1852.

"I was very proud," said Maggie Banner-Kerr, general manager of Fort Clark Springs. "The ceremony was very nice. I thought the speakers did an excellent job."

Fort Clark board member Frank Cheaney spoke of the history of the fort and its uniqueness during the ceremony.

"I am not aware of any other frontier forts that have never been abandoned over the years that are still used," Cheaney said. "You have places perhaps like Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio that is an urban fort, but as far as out in the country as a frontier fort, it is unique as far as I know."

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Frank Cheaney

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thenticity of the place. It's a terrible financial burden on a private organization to try to keep up the historical buildings, but it's a great place to live and we've managed to keep it up so far."

Board member Glen White unveiled a plaque commemorating the sesquicentennial celebration.

"The fort is definitely awesome," said Pat Melancon, county commissioner of Precinct 4, which includes part of the fort.

"The fort has been here longer than Brackettville. Without Fort Clark, I think Brackettville would be having trouble surviving. Fort Clark adds a lot to the county. It's got a lot of history," Melancon added.

City designates area for use of fireworks

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

Brackettville officials have designated an area for fireworks use on July 4, according to Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo.

It is illegal discharge fireworks within the city limits, except for at commercial displays.

EMS and Fire Department officials will be on hand July 4 at the recreation area near the city pool where citizens will be allowed to use fireworks.

"We will start at sunset, somewhere about 9 or 9:30, and we will go until 1 o'clock," Alonzo said. "People can bring their kids and enjoy a night out

Fort Clark Springs will have a fireworks display at dark on July 4 at Rendezvous Park.

popping firecrackers." Anyone found using firecrackers at any other location

within the city can be fined up to \$200 for violating the ordinance.

"A citation can be issued, and I will be looking for that," the police chief said.

Fort Clark Springs will have a fireworks display at dark on July 4 at Rendezvous Park.

Citizens are allowed to use

fireworks outside of the city in the county. The Commissioners Court discussed banning the use of fireworks in the county, but opted not to.

"People that can't go up there to the fort or just want to pop their own firecrackers, I think it's important that they have an area to do that," Alonzo added.

Brotherton wins ASC sportsmanship award

RICHARDSON — Lindsey Brotherton has been selected as the female recipient of the 2001-02 American Southwest Conference Sportsmanship Award.

Brotherton, who had a stellar athletic career at Brackett High School, plays volleyball at Schreiner University in Kerrville.

The sportsmanship award is presented annually to honor a male and female student-athlete who has best displayed attributes of leadership, citizenship, sportsmanship and aca-

ademic integrity in sport, academic and life pursuits. Each ASC member institution nominates individuals for the award with the league's 15 athletics directors selecting the recipients.

A junior setter with the 2001 Schreiner volleyball team, Brotherton served as team captain and earned numerous honors, including All-ASC West first team, ASC All-Academic and Verizon Academic All-District VI second team awards.

Brotherton, an exercise sci-

ence major seeking teacher certification, carries a 3.96 grade-point average and was selected the university's 2001-02 Exercise Science Student of the Year. She has been on the SU President's List every semester, is a Hatton W. Summers Scholar, and is listed in Who's Who Among American College and University Students.

Brotherton is active in student government. She was elected 2002 executive vice president of the Student Senate, and is serving as the student representative

on several campus committees, including the Athletics Facility Renovation, Schreiner Honors Advisory Board and Board of Trustees Athletics sub-committee.

Brotherton is a member of Alpha Lambda Delta honor society and received the Honors Program Leadership Award. She represents Schreiner on the ASC Student Athletes Advisory Committee and has filled volunteer roles with Hill Country Volleyball Camps, the Kerrville YMCA and Brackett schools.



Lindsey Brotherton

Students attend TFB seminar

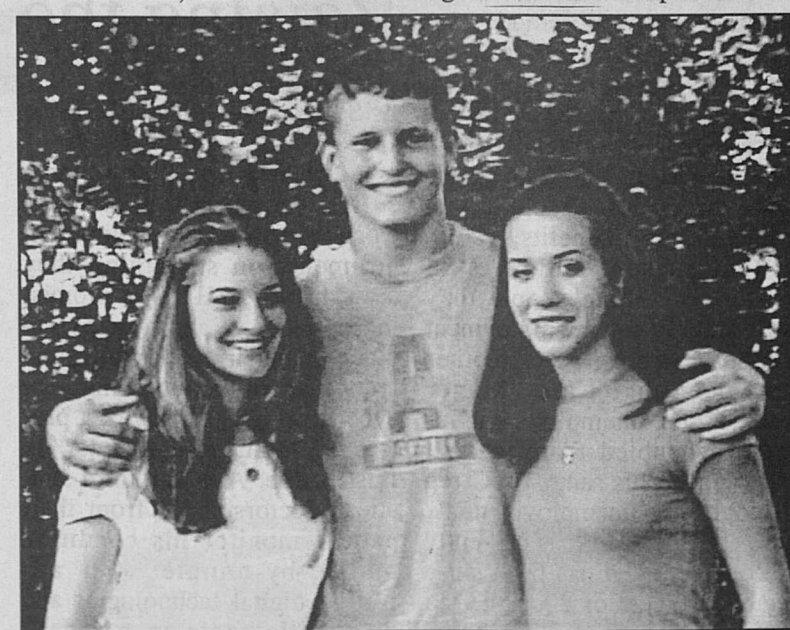
SAN ANGELO — Beth Ballew, Amanda Davis and Dietrich Davis attended the Texas Farm Bureau's 39th annual Citizenship Seminar on June 3-7.

Sponsored by the Val Verde/Kinney County Farm Bureau, the Brackett students were among approximately 350 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to John Paul Schuster of Brackettville, the county Farm Bureau president.

Vernie Glasson, Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) executive director, presented "Farm Bureau: Your Host" after the students were welcomed to Angelo State University.

Coleburn Davis (TFB field representative), Stacy Collier (2001 Miss TFB), and Larry Lee Horn, the 2001 TFB speech contest winner, presented "Farm Bureau Scholarship Opportunities."



Students attend seminar Photo Special to The Brackett News
Brackett High School students Amanda Davis (from left), Dietrich Davis and Beth Ballew attended the Texas Farm Bureau's annual Citizenship Seminar earlier this month.

The students also participated in a program called "Congressional Scholarship Opportunities," and a program called "Congressional Insights," which allowed them to stimulate a congressional office and election.

Other speakers at this year's seminar and their subjects included:

David Vernon, Lubbock Christian University, "Basics of

Free Enterprise;" Ronald Trowbridge, Hillsdale College, "The Constitution;" and Clebe McClary, a motivational speaker, "Press on Regardless."

In addition, the students participated in a panel discussion led by Ron Trowbridge and David Vernon, which was followed by a question and answer session on the program "Our Rights, Our Freedom, Our Responsibility."

City no longer digging graves, county officials discuss options

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

If you want a grave dug in Kinney County, it is going to cost you.

In recent years, the City of Brackettville dug graves free of charge, but that no longer is the case.

"The city is not going to be digging graves anymore for anyone, whatsoever," County Treasurer Janis Floyd said at this month's Commissioners Court meeting.

The reason why the city stopped digging graves is unknown. Numerous calls to City Secretary David Luna have not been returned.

Floyd became aware of the situation in May when two local families were forced to hire a private contractor to dig graves.

"Since I've been here, the city has done it free of charge," Floyd told the commissioners. "The funeral home charges \$300 to \$400, so (Frank Morgan) did it for \$200. What I told him was he had to bill the family."

"What really bothers me is

that there are so many people here in this county that cannot afford \$300 to \$400 for grave-digging — most of the time they cannot even afford the casket."

The commissioners considered taking over the responsibility and having county workers dig graves, but opted not to make a decision until more information was available.

The county currently pays for indigent burials, and those expenses will now rise with the additional costs of having the graves dug.

"It was just something the city was doing as a courtesy to the family," Floyd said. "It is nothing we lawfully have to do. The only time we pay is for indigent funerals."

Currently, the county does not charge for plots in its cemetery. Officials did discuss the possibility of charging for plots to offset the costs of digging graves, but took no action.

"We could start charging per plot to put into our budget," Floyd said. "It is legal to charge a fee. Most cemeteries charge a fee and sell you a plot — they don't just give it to you."

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Letters to the Editor...

Does the FCS board follow any rules?

The FCS board has stated that it follows "The Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure" by Alice Sturgis. Have any of the board members read this book? I have attended a few of the meetings and am appalled by what they are doing! In Chapter 12, Sturgis states that a special meeting "is held to transact specified business only." Also, "blanket statements describing business to be transacted, such as 'any other proper business,' does not give valid notice."

This excludes all business that the board has conducted under its "other" clauses and makes all actions taken outside of the realm of reason for special meetings null and void. In the June board meeting, Carol Miller,

treasurer, made a motion to accept a bid from an accounting firm for the fort's auditors. Chapter 25 specifically states, "The treasurer and staff members concerned with finances should have no voice or part on selecting the auditor or the type of audit."

Therefore, the motion was not a valid one. Also, two declines and one bid do not constitute three bids. Sturgis is very clear in Chapter 15 about the president's role to stop ugly snide remarks made by members. Sturgis says, "It is the duty of the presiding officers to protect the speaker in this right by suppressing disorder, by eliminating whispering and walking about, and by preventing annoy-

ance, heckling or unnecessary interruptions." The rude little snips made by Carol Miller at the June meeting were completely uncalled for and were not put to rest by the presiding officer.

In May, the directors made it very clear that they could not talk about personnel issues without opening FCS up to a lawsuit. It amazes me that Carol Miller is above this and stated in June factual information about a former employee. Thank you Ms. Miller for opening the door to another lawsuit. I could go on, but I think you get the idea. Does the board follow any rules or do they just make them up as they go?

Monica White

Fort Clark Management Problems

I am a winter resident of Fort Clark but due to my absence since May first have not felt qualified to comment on the current managerial problems. However, a statement made by a member of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting was particularly significant in that it was pointed out with the continuing decline of memberships that only the remaining residents of Fort Clark would eventually be paying for all of the operating and maintenance costs with no outside help.

This was a wake up call that changes will be inevitable. Back in the '70s with so many more members to support operations there would have been much greater flexibility with the finances. But today, tomorrow, and thereafter, the dwindling income will be needed to maintain about the same size operation as 25 years ago unless, of

course, many of the properties and services are abandoned. I see an analogy between the current circumstances and my own experience as a member of management of an aging, obsolete paper mill many years ago. Out of desperation to keep the plant afloat, we first closed down the least efficient of two woodpulp mills, then a chlorine plant, etc. and made many other difficult decisions. By the time we had dropped from 1,200 employees to about 800, we had endured 3 bloody strikes (protesting the layoffs) lasting over 35 weeks, and the wrath of corporate management who believed us to be part of the problem.

They showered us with labor relations lectures and courses, even sending managers to "charm school", but eventually closed the mill because expenses exceeded income. I recall the sentiment of the unemployed

mill workers after the shutdown, all wringing their hands and blaming management for "not doing something" to prevent the inevitable. But the sentiment never addressed the issue of expenses exceeding income. Change is inevitable, distasteful and unpleasant as it often is. I have reviewed the resume' of every candidate for Board openings since 1997 and doubt if we could improve upon the current Board. The job they have to do is hard enough without making it more difficult for them. They need the support of every member who is concerned about the current and future financial well being of the Fort.

Jim Reynolds

Honesty and Integrity Matter

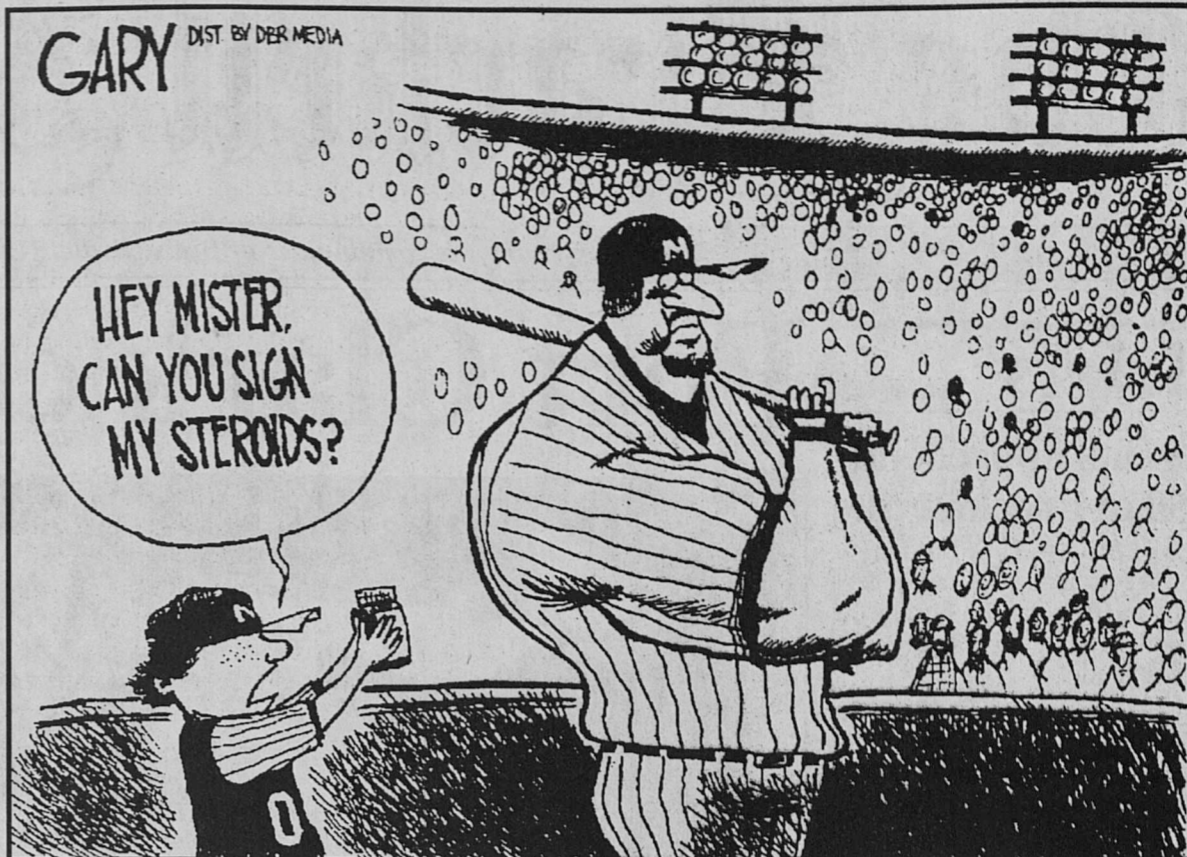
In the Brackett News, June 20, I stated that the maintenance supervisor and 12 workers were fired. Fort Clark director Carol Miller has corrected me. She points out that the supervisor was dismissed (fired according to TWC) and the 12 workers were self-terminated (they fired themselves). Fine, but while we're playing word games, lets not over look the point, which is, 16 employees (approximately 25% of the Fort's work force are gone after only 1 year with this general manager.

Now, Carol Miller stated, "you know that if you were dismissed for a reason or resigned, you are not eligible for unemployment." I read that statement to a Texas Workforce Commission representative (800-939-6631), their reply was, "that's not true, there are many reasons why someone could quit or get fired and still collect unemployment benefits.

It's not up to her (Miller) to make those decisions, that's why we have investigators and hearings." I also contacted the Eagle Pass TWC tax office (830 757-3263) and a representative there, after hearing Miller's statement said, "that's wrong, those things don't exclude you from receiving benefits.

That person could get in trouble for telling people they don't qualify for unemployment benefits." I then read another statement that Carol Miller made, "Our unemployment insurance doubled from what it had been." This same TWC rep stated that the unemployment tax rate, for Fort Clark, is currently 1.86 percent and has been since January 2002. For 2001 the tax rate was 1.74 percent. The TWC rep further stated that in 1997 the tax rate, for the Fort, was 4.07 percent, and except for minor fluctuations has steadily decreased since. Where is the doubling? Anyone can call these government offices and get this information. There were several other questionable statements made that are being looked into. Fort members have to rely on the board for honest, accurate information. Statements made, with wreakless disregard for the truth, serve no purpose except to cover up failures and incompetence. Let's remember this next time we vote.

Dave Reinhold



Standing up for freedom

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

I was watching a movie the other day on television about an old hippy and a Generation X FBI agent. The agent was taking the old hippy somewhere for trial over something he was supposed to have done back in the '60s. He was one of the Peace Movement leaders and an underground radical who had been on the run from the law for twenty years. They get in all kinds of trouble with a crooked cop and end up at a run down hippy commune where, it turns out, our straight-laced G-man had been raised by hippy parents, which he hated and rebelled against. He changed his name from Free to John and ran away to join the Establishment. Suddenly the suit-'n-tie dude agent rejects the Establishment he has joined and becomes a born-again hippy who helps the old peacenik escape. It was a good movie and a bit stirring if you, like me, actually lived through the pie-in-the-sky days of the 1960s, when we really thought we could change the world and that "the Age of Aquarius" was the beginning of a perfect society of worldwide love and friendship.

This movie, however, started me thinking. It suddenly dawned on me that the people who were the most antiestablishment in the '60s are the same people who are today's liberals and who want higher taxes, bigger government, and more restrictive laws against personal freedom. That's right! The '60's hippies are today's liberals. Only now they are proposing policy that is diametrically opposed to what they believed in

the past. Now I am confused!

Or, maybe, they just don't want to be part of reality. Maybe they have decided that no matter what the concrete reality of the matter is, they are going to be against it. That is the only thing that makes sense to me. They wanted to be totally free from any government oversight; live and let live; "come on people now, smile on your brother, everybody get together, trying to love one another right now;" sex, drugs, rock 'n roll; "tune in, turn on, and drop out." Now they want laws against guns, which are dangerous, but want legalization of drugs, which are not dangerous; and against prayer which is dangerous, but want abortion which is a woman's right... Nope, I'm still confused!

Really, it is pretty simple. The liberal of today just doesn't want to be forced to accept the fact that what he believes is wrong. In the '60s they were told that communism and socialism and commune living wouldn't work because someone would give in to the base human desire to have more than the other guy and take advantage of the situation. We were right! Communism was and is a failure, and hippy communes are rare things these days. Now we are telling them that liberalism is a sure bet to fail and they don't want to hear that either. They are still in rebellion against the establishment even if that establishment is themselves. Instead of the War in Vietnam they are now ranting and raving and demonstrating against the evil of the personally owned firearm, prayer in public places, eating meat, global warming, hunting, wearing leather, smaller, less

intrusive government, and who knows what else. They have gone from demanding more personal freedom to demanding less personal freedom. I'm not the one who is confused, they are!

Here is the truth! The only way out of this quagmire of idiocy is through Christian conservatism, which is the foundation of this nation. There were no liberals in the first Congress. They were all conservative, or at the worst right-wing moderates (in today's parlance), and all but a tiny, tiny minority were Christians. And even those who were not Christians understood that the right to practice that religion was a cornerstone on which to build a great nation. Liberalism is a self-destructing monster. It is two-faced and double-minded and cannot stand in the bright light of reality. It changes its colors with the times. It does not stand for anything, but only against truth, justice, and the American Way. I am a Christian, an American, and a conservative. I believe with all my heart in God, the Bible, Jesus Christ, and the Constitution of the United States. I do not want to be a citizen of the world, I am perfectly happy being a citizen of the United States. I want my freedom of religion, my right to keep and bear arms, and my right to freedom of speech. And if you can't handle those things I suggest you move to England or Australia, or better yet China. I understand that they have all the laws you would ever want.

Proverbs 24:21 - Fear the Lord and the king, my son, and do not join with the rebellious, for those two will send sudden destruction upon them, and who knows what calamities they can bring?

Raising the bar in higher education

Capitol Comment
By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

At a chemistry building on a college campus, researchers work feverishly to continue experiments on something they have dubbed "H1" - a promising antidote to anthrax. At another university, computer analysts are trained to think like cyber-terrorists so they can protect the military's computer infrastructure. And in a third situation, doctors miles from their patient monitor his condition minute-by-minute with advanced digital technologies and diagnostic tools in a video-linked ambulance. These are not the plots to Hollywood's summer blockbuster movies - they are real-life scenes right here in Texas, at UT-Austin, UT-San Antonio and at the Texas Medical Center through the work of Texas A&M and UT-Houston. And they are just a few of the examples of how Texas is out in front, protecting our homeland in the war on terrorism.

Branches of the federal government, from the Defense and Energy departments to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), rely on the academic world to conduct research projects on their behalf. Nearly 60 percent

of all funding for academic research comes from the federal government.

Because we are the second most populous state and home to some of the world's leading research universities, a large percentage of this money should be going to Texas. But a few years ago I was shocked to discover we rated only sixth in the nation. We needed to address this disparity and build a stronger bridge between our academic institutions and the money the federal government has already allocated for research. They bring money into our economy, and elevate the educational experience for undergraduate and graduate students alike. In addition we needed to help facilitate a direct dialogue between our leading institutions and the government agencies that direct research projects. In 2000, I convened the first annual "Texas Higher Education Summit" in Washington, D.C. This May, at the third summit, we began the event with some important news. Texas has moved up to fifth place. According to the latest figures from the RAND Corporation, our universities received \$900 million in R&D funding in 2000, an increase of more than

\$100 million over 1999, when we received \$788 million and ranked sixth. The funding increase was across the board, for a spectrum of projects, putting Texas in a very strong position for the future. Texas universities must continue to cultivate their centers of excellence. While all of the projects listed above were started before September 11, the war on terrorism will focus federal dollars on homeland security and health care. At the summit, our universities' chancellors and presidents met with experts from the Office of Homeland Security, the Departments of Justice and Agriculture, as well as NIH. Texas research prowess continues to drive our economy in new and exciting ways; from the Silicon Hills of Austin, to the excellence in agriculture, biotechnology, and engineering in College Station, to world-famous biomedical research facilities in Galveston, Houston, San Antonio and Dallas. My goal is for Texas to continue to showcase its research expertise, attract talented students and professors, and continue to play a leading role in our federal research projects. We have our own stars out here in Texas, and they deserve top billing.

Big Mama See!
Unless we find beauty and happiness in our backyard, we will never find them in the mountains.

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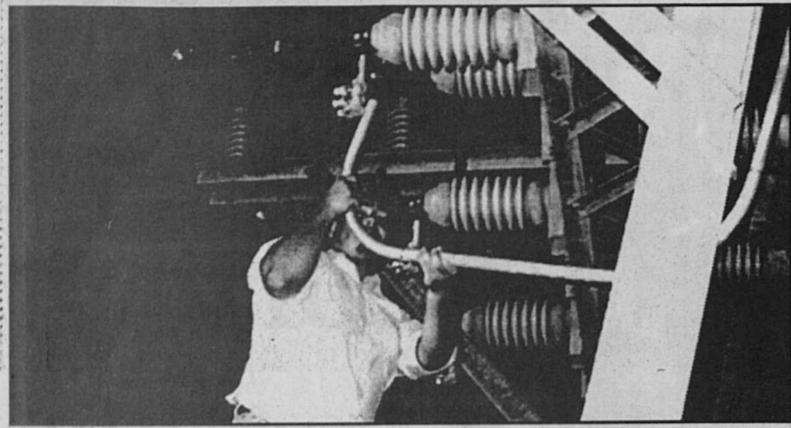
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RGEC replaces voltage regulator and damaged lightning arrestors

"It is amazing what a few skilled and highly trained linemen and crew members can accomplish in two short hours," said Danny Samaniego, Rio Grande Electric Cooperative's Brackettville area operations manager.

Samaniego was referring to last Thursday night's planned



Fixing the power Photo Special to The Brackett News
Javier Solis, a staking technician with Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, installs a bus bar at the Brackettville substation.

power interruption, which lasted not quite the two hours it was scheduled for.

As member-consumers were told through telephone calls and newspaper public service announcements, the temporary power interruption was necessary in order to replace a voltage regulator and damaged lightning arrestors at the cooperative's Brackettville substation.

"The storms which have been pummeling our area lately have really taken their toll on the equipment," said Samaniego. "There is never a time when it is convenient for our members to be without power, but we do our best to schedule repairs of this type when it will be the least inconvenient."

"It was a real team effort by all the Brackettville employees — from the office staff who called members in advance to the crew that made the repairs. Out of over 1,500 members affected by the temporary power interruption, we only had about 20 telephone calls. Of those, only two were upset."

"I think our members should have an idea of what is involved in making repairs of this type. Most of them probably never think about the enormity of it all," Samaniego added.

Brackett hosts district all-star tourney

The Kinney County Little League has been selected to host this year's 9-10-year-old district all-star tournament.

The tournament will kick off Monday and continue through July 9. The opening game is between Crystal City and Del Rio National League at 6 p.m. Del Rio American and LaPryor will play in the following game. Brackett is scheduled to play Tuesday night at 6.

Coaches for the 9-10-year-old team are Manuel Pena, Tommy Clark, Tony Molinar and Mike Flores.

Anyone interested in helping announce, keep score or work in the concession stand should contact Jenifer Harris at 563-2273 after 9 p.m.

Little League all-star selections

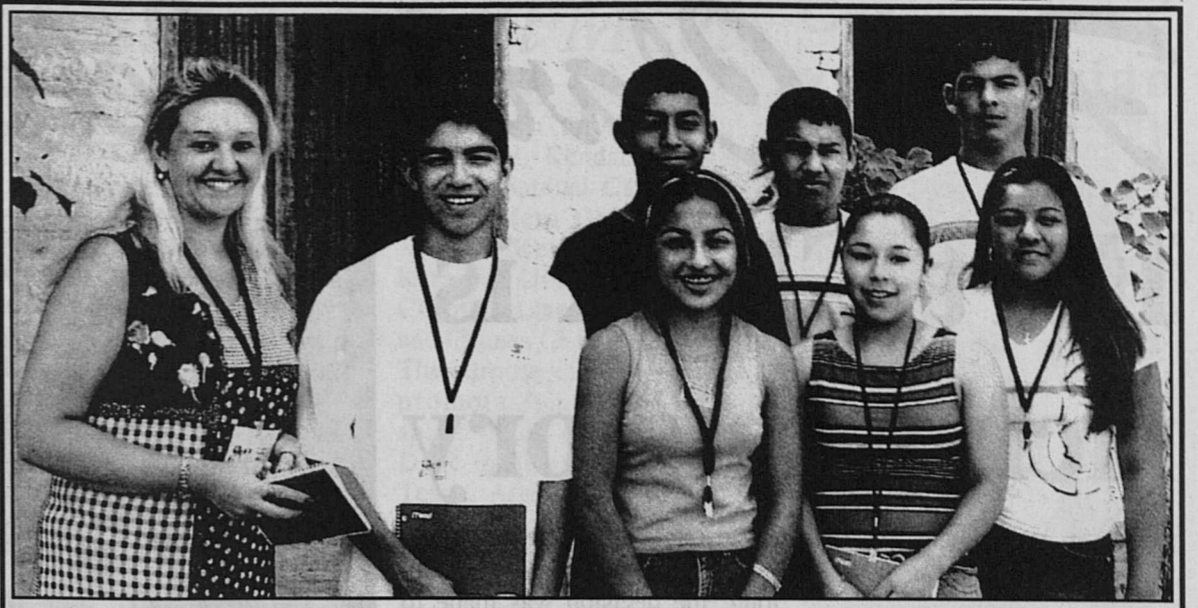
The following are all-star selections made by the Kinney County Little League directors and coaches for the 2002 season:

■ 9-10-year-olds: Mike Flores, Sam Stewart, Casey Couch, Ramon Gutierrez, Adam Pinales, Jesus Martinez, Jeffery Herrera, Avian Pacheco, Cody Clark, Lawrence Salazar, Daniel Molinar, Victor Robledo and Manuel Pena.

■ 11-12-year-olds: Jared Harris, Alex Gonzales, KJ Bonner, Roland Zamora, Robert Salmon, Steven Rivera, Alvin Jennings, Travis Bonner, Joe Antony Sanchez, Chuy Balderas, Isreal DeHoyos and Gerardo Pacheco.

■ 11-12-year-old softball: Maribel Rivas, Natalie Aguirre, Ashley Resendez, Roxane Gomez, Harmony Pettit, Jessica Garza, Ivy Garcia, Bianca Stewart, Bianca Terrazas, Julie Castillo, Bianca Martinez, Jolisa Wright, Becca Mann and Chaito Sanchez.

■ 9-10-year-old softball: Mariso Aguirre, Lauren Hernandez, Emily Fuentes, Katie Yeager, Elena Molinar, Icela Rueda, Miranda Salmon, Sarah Davis, Briana Escamel, Stella Guajardo, Elidia Molinar and Abigail Gutierrez.



Job shadowing class visits newspaper office Photo by Jewel Robinson
The Middle Rio Grande Development Council's job shadowing class visited The Brackett News last week. Kacy Fairchild is the class' instructor. Students include Jose Castillo, Roxanna DeHoyos, Crystal DeLeon, Greg Estrada, Monica Gonzalez, Cesar Ortiz and Jose Talamantes.

Briefs ...

Basketball camp is set for July 15-19

The 2002 Brackett Tiger basketball camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon on July 15-19 at the high school gym. The camp is open to boys entering the fifth through ninth grades.

Campers will learn the fundamentals of basketball, basic defensive techniques and will participate in games. The cost of the camp is \$30, and late registration is \$35. All participants will receive a camp T-shirt. To ensure that campers receive a T-shirt, they are encouraged to register by July 8. Checks should be made out to Ricky Creel and can be sent to Creel at P.O. Box 1843, Brackettville, TX 78832.

Driver's License Office posts hours

The Brackettville Driver's License Office announced that it is open on the first and third Thursday of the month from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

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Fort Clark: Celebrating 150 years

Fort Clark is rich in history

By Frank Cheaney
Special to The Brackett News

The story of Fort Clark begins and ends with the waters of Las Moras Spring, located just at the base of the hill at the north side of the fort, near the front gate.

As it has done for millennia, it flows millions of gallons a day of pure, fresh water and has provided an oasis to travelers for thousands of years.

Archeological evidence indicates that Indians had been stopping at the spring since about 8,000 to 10,000 B.C., and it remained a stop on the eastern branch of the Comanche War Trail until the mid-19th Century.

Las Moras means "the mulberries" in English, and it was the occurrence of mulberries, as well as pecans, around the spring and along the creek that made this site so appealing to bands of Indians.

Occasional travelers stopped at the spring during the days of Spanish control of this area, and frontiersmen rested here during the period of ownership of this area by Mexico. However, this area was basically desolate wasteland occupied by nobody.

There was no attempt made at permanent settlement of this area until 1834, when the settlement of Dolores was established just south of here. That settlement failed due to the fact that they couldn't raise crops without adequate water, they had no way to get their goods to market, and they were just too uncomfortably close to the Comanche War Trail. The settlement was abandoned in 1836, just about the time that Texas was declaring its independence from Mexico.

In 1840, the only real battle ever fought at what is now Fort Clark took place along the banks of Las Moras Creek. A band of renegade Comanches had retreated to the banks of Las Moras Creek, thinking that soldiers would not pursue them this far to the west. An expeditionary force of Texas Rangers found and attacked the Indians, defeating them in a ferocious battle.

In 1846, the Mexican War began and resulted in increased traffic through this area.

In 1847, Maj. John B. Clark stopped at Las Moras Spring on his way to fight and die in the Mexican War. He was known to have suggested the location for a military post.

In 1848, gold was discovered in California, creating a demand for a safer way through this area as people headed for the gold fields.

In 1849, Lt. W.H.C. Whiting discovered Las Moras Spring during his laying out of the trace of a military highway from San Antonio to El Paso. He recommended that this would be a good location for one of the line of frontier forts then being established from Brownsville all the way up to Fort Worth.

Fort Clark wasn't among the first group of forts established, but it was among the second group, along a slightly more westwardly line than the first ones.

One June 20, 1852, Maj. Joseph H. LaMotte arrived here with orders to "build a fort and build it to last."

The fort was initially named Fort Riley after the regimental commander of the First Infantry. However, Col. Riley objected to that name, and about a month later, it was named Fort Clark after the Mexican War hero.

The initial post was built of

simple wooden structures along the banks of the creek. Before long, the decision was made to move up to the top of the hill and to build the fort where it now stands.

It was discovered that limestone could be quarried right here at the site, and the first stone buildings were built with local rock. The old quarry is still in existence and has been in use for many years as an amphitheater for theatrical productions, such as the spectacular "Glory Road," the history of Fort Clark.

Although we have some buildings on the fort which go back to the 1850s, most of the permanent stone buildings were built between 1872 and 1874.

The distinction of Fort Clark among frontier forts is that it has never been abandoned. It has been in continuous use since it was established in 1852. It was even used during the Civil War, when Confederate troops peacefully replaced the federal troops stationed here and used it as a medical and supply facility.

During its active military years, most Cavalry regiments of the U.S. Army were stationed here, along with many of the Infantry regiments.

The famous "Buffalo Soldiers" of the 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments and the 24th and 25th Infantry Regiments were stationed here from time to time.

From 1872 to 1914, the famous Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts served here and made a significant contribution to eliminating the threat of hostile Indians in the area.

The fort served as a training ground for many of the famous generals on both sides of the Civil War, as well as for subsequent wars through World War II.

After many threats of closure over the years, the post was finally declared surplus to the needs of the Army and in 1946 was sold for salvage to the Texas Railway Equipment Company, a subsidiary of the Brown and Root Company.

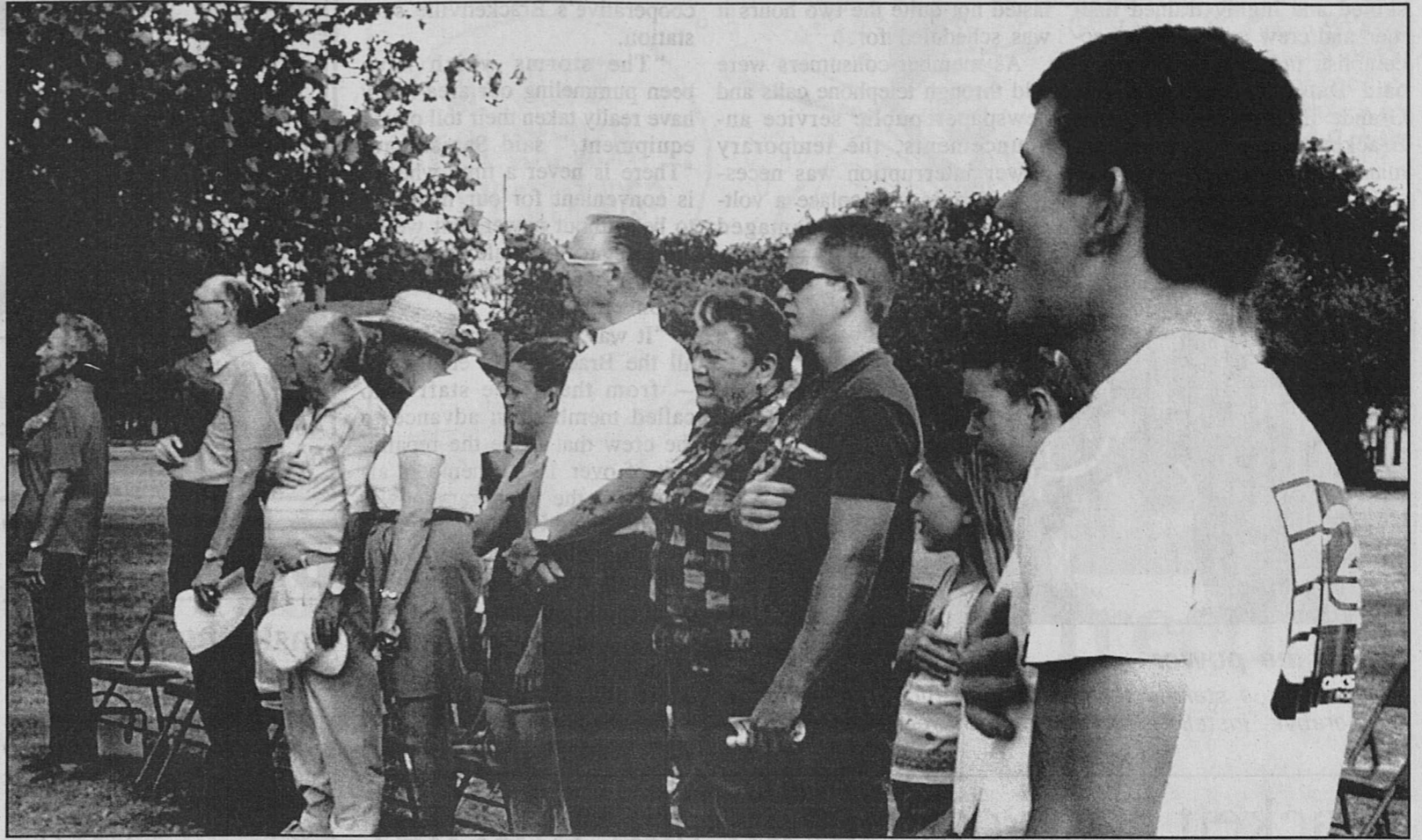
The company paid just over \$400,000 for the fort after the local governments had turned it down for \$1. They removed over \$4 million of temporary buildings, electrical equipment and other things of value. However, thankfully, some of the executives of Brown and Root (and their wives) saw the historic value of Fort Clark and retained the historic buildings.

Brown and Root operated the fort as a guest ranch for the company's employees, friends and customers for 25 years. President Lyndon B. Johnson is reported to have spent many relaxing days here, away from the crowds, and executive aircraft were parked wingtip to wingtip on our old military airstrip during hunting season.

North American Towns of Texas (NATT) bought Fort Clark in 1971 and started turning it into a recreation-resort community.

As a good many memberships were sold, NATT established the Fort Clark Springs Association and turned management of the fort over to the members themselves. In 1996, the association bought out the residual interests of the original developer, and the fort is now completely controlled by its members.

Fort Clark is not a chartered city, but is an independent gated community in Kinney County. The population is between 1,000 and 1,500, depending on the season of the year, as we have quite a few Winter Texans who spend part of the year here.



Pledging allegiance to the flag

Fort Clark members and guests recite the Pledge of Allegiance during the fort's sesquicentennial celebration at the flag pole on the parade grounds. The fort is celebrating 150 years since it was established in 1852.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Indian scouts played major role in history of local frontier fort

By Jesse Bogan
San Antonio Express-News

As William Warrior walks among the wind-blown graves, stopping occasionally to rest a hand on a headstone, the stories tumble out about ancestors who trailed Indians for the Army more than a century ago.

Grass is scarce. White chips of limestone cover the plots where black Seminole Indian scouts and their descendants are buried. Huisache and cacti line the fence surrounding the cemetery that saw its first burial in 1872.

Four of the graves hold the remains of scouts who received the Medal of Honor for gallantry during the Indian wars. Their resting places are distinguished by white marble gravestones and a metal fence.

At the other graves in Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery, names scraped into wood, iron or stone markers have begun to fade. Some aren't marked at all.

"I am the only one who knows who was buried here," Warrior says of a flat, rock-covered unmarked parcel. "I need to put a marker down pretty quick."

As a kid, he said he used to walk three miles to the cemetery with a rake on his shoulder to tidy up the graves. His family would have picnics there, and the conversation would include stories about the scouts, the descendants of Seminole Indians

and the fugitive African American slaves who fled to Florida from Georgia and the Carolinas in the 17th and 18th centuries.

The 75-year-old Warrior walks in the shade of his cowboy hat this day. He is the great-great nephew of Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. John Ward. He used to lecture about his bloodline. John's last name was Warrior, he said, but he had a stuttering problem and his name was recorded incorrectly.

Warrior, a retired truck driver and reserve deputy for Val Verde County, said he knew nine or 10 of the scouts before they died. He worked on a Sanderson ranch in 1944 with, as far as he knows, the last Indian scout to die.

"They fought 'em. Captured 'em," Warrior said of the Apache, Kickapoo, Comanche and Comancheros that the first group of scouts faced during the 1870s. "They were a fighting group."

Pvt. Adam Paine, who Warrior said was fierce and sometimes wore buffalo horns, won the Medal of Honor in 1874 for bravery shown while fighting Comanches near Palo Duro Canyon. But he became wanted himself for stabbing a man in Brownsville.

New Year's morning in 1877, he was shot in the back with a double-barrelled shotgun by a Texas sheriff. Warrior says the blast set Paine's clothes on fire.

Ward, trumpeter Pompey

Factor and Pvt. Isaac Payne were awarded the Medal of Honor in 1875 for bravery under fire. They saved Lt. John L. Bullis, for whom Camp Bullis was named, in an Indian fight along the Pecos River.

The scouts had tracked a group of Comanche warriors who ran with 75 stolen horses that day. They confronted the band of Indians on foot, firing shots from different directions to make it appear that there were more than four of them. The Comanches didn't fall for the trick, so the soldiers ran for their horses. All reached their horses except Bullis, who had organized the first group of black Seminole scouts. His horse ran off during the fight.

The three scouts rode back into the swarming group of Indians and buzzing bullets to rescue Bullis, a man Warrior says they loved and respected.

The black Seminoles ended up in Texas after they and other members of the tribe were forcibly relocated to Oklahoma Territory following the Seminole wars of the early 19th century.

Although promised independence, the black Seminoles were placed under Creek Indian rule. Rather than submit, and to escape slave hunters, a number walked south to Mexico in 1849.

The black Seminoles were employed by the Mexicans as scouts against raiding Comanches and Apaches, and in 1870

many came to Texas in response to Army offers of scouting jobs.

At Fort Clark, in 1873, Bullis became their commanding officer.

The black Seminoles were exceptional trackers, Warrior said. Putting their ears to the ground, they would listen for the sound of Indians on horseback. They would study leaves and manure, and they could tell how much time had passed by the angle of the grass that was stepped on by those they hunted.

Warrior tells a story about how a scout guessed that a rider's horse was blind in one eye because it only grazed from one side of the trail.

The last of the black Seminole Indian scouts were mustered out of service in 1912 and eventually evicted from their camp at Fort Clark. Several moved to Brackettville and surrounding towns to work as laborers or ranch hands, while others crossed the border to fight Indians for the Mexican army.

Stopping his stroll, Warrior takes out a red handkerchief, and wipes the sweat off his face and balding head. He says he has a "feeling" when he comes out here.

He says that he has family in Mexico that he doesn't know.

Warrior wonders if they might show up some day and clear up bits of history at the cemetery, a sacred place where he, too, will be buried.



"Glory Road" helps bring Fort Clark history to life

Local actresses B.J. Eckenrod (from left), Penny Anderson, Jewel Robinson, Tammy Smith and Danielle Layne were in last week's production of "Glory Road," which is a historical depiction of Fort Clark.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Solemn Cat Psychics DAR Hill Country Council Meets Garrelts named valedictorian

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

Last week's column was way too serious. I tried too hard to get us all to be open-minded. Or maybe it wasn't serious enough. If you're too open-minded, your brains will fall out and you'll be empty-headed. We need more solemnity. Is that a good word? This week I will try to concentrate on matters of more importance. Try. Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food? Cats are too picky anyway. A dog will eat anything he's fed. Even turnip greens. Dogs respect their owners. Cats own you. As you can guess, I like dogs more than cats. Much more. Dogs do

things for me. Dogs fetch my downed birds, retrieve whatever I have thrown for them, as often as I choose to throw it, love me unconditionally, and come when I call, even if no food is offered. Cats do things to annoy me.

They want everything on their terms. Why don't those "psychics" on TV call me? Why should anyone have to call them? A true telepathic extra sensory person should know someone is in need before being notified. Why don't they make a good living by winning every lottery? Did you ever hear of a mystic winning a lottery? Me neither. But I could be wrong.

The Hill Country Council of the Daughters of the American Revolution met on Thursday, recently at the Inn of the Hills in Kerrville. Seventeen members were in attendance including the Corresponding Secretary General NSDAR Donna Raymond along with one guest, Kathleen Rogers, who is the daughter of Freida Rogers. Pat McKelvy offered the invocation. The pledge to the flag of the United States of America was led by Pricilla Montgomery, followed by the American's Creed. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Jane Guinn and approved. Jacques Pomeroy gave the treasurer's report. The Ephram Andrews Chapter was thanked for hosting the lovely tea. Karen Tucker announced that all HCC

Chapters are invited to attend a luncheon at River Hills Country Club in Kerrville with guest speaker being Ann Dillen, Registrar General NSDAR, on March 25, 2003. Donna Raymond expressed appreciation to HCC retiring President Ruth Steel and her officer's for their dedication and fine work the past two years. President-elect Jane Guinn presented Ruth with a lovely gift and expressed her appreciation from all the members. Donna then installed the following officers for 2002-2004: President Jane Guinn, Vice-president Betsy Slyker, Chaplain Pat McKelvy, Recording Secretary Pricilla Montgomery and Treasurer Jacques Pomeroy. The Council is composed of 8 chapters in the im-

mediate area: Ephram Andrews Chapter in Fredericksburg, George W. Kendall Chapter in Boerne, Sabinal Canyon Chapter, Bandera Chapter, Major James Kerr Chapter in Kerrville, Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter, Llano Uplift Chapter and Chanes Chapter of Junction. The purpose of the Council is to promote friendship and the spirit of co-operation among DAR members in this area of Texas. Attending the Flag Day luncheon sponsored by the Hill Country Council on Friday June 14 at Bandera's Golden Dragon Restaurant were Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter members Joan Davis from Reagan Wells. Alice Hicks from Uvalde and from Brackettville Louise Stone and Pat McKelvy.



Pictured above; Jodi Garrelts

Jodi Garrelts was valedictorian of the class of 2002 at Amherst High School, in Amherst, Nebraska.

She is the daughter of Richard and Mimi Garrelts of Kearney, Nebraska, and the granddaughter of Elise and Emet Huntsman of Fort Clark, Texas.

Additional honors Jodi received include the University of Nebraska at Lincoln Canfield Scholarship; University of Nebraska at Omaha Chancellor's Scholarship; Amherst Education Association Scholarship. Jodi plans to become a Spanish teacher.

A price to pay

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"But Dad, I wasn't driving." David tried to sound convincing. "I was just in the wrong place at the wrong time."

"Look Son, It doesn't matter who was driving. An accident happened. There was alcohol involved." Joe was trying to stay calm but it was difficult to hide his anger. "Thank God you didn't get hurt but someone else did. You need to do a better job of choosing your friends."

David felt his own anger rising at his dad's remarks about his friends. "My friends are my friends and I can have whoever I want. You've no right to criticize them." Joe knew things were going to escalate and it would be his responsibility to keep it from happening and if he said the wrong thing, he would further alienate his son. A little time would be the answer. "C'mon David let's get a glass of juice and snack and go sit in the back yard." Joe took the initiative and poured the juice for them both. Then he picked

up a couple of cookies.

David began again, "I can handle it Dad, really I can."

"I know you can, Son. But there's going to be a price to pay. Probably a bigger price than you think. Even though you weren't driving, the law is the law. There'll be a fine to pay and maybe some court costs. It'll be more than an allowance can take care of. You'll need to make a plan."

"I know this is serious, Dad. Will I have to go to court?"

"Probably," Joe replied.

"I'm kind of scared," David said. "And I think I need some new friends." "Good thinking, David. A very wise man long ago said not to choose friends from among those whose design it is to do wrong (Proverbs 1:8-19). Rather choose your friends from among those who are sure keep the commandments of God and who are like minded with yourself (Sirach 37:12)."

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

Proposed budget is accepted for upcoming year

The Caddell-Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas met recently at the Holiday Inn of Uvalde with President Billie Jean Davis presiding. During the business meeting treasurer Ernestine Carson presented a proposed budget for the upcoming year which was accepted and registrar Pat McKelvy presented Patricia Kay Hargus Summerfield as a prospective member.

A report from the DRT Alamo Committee was given by newly appointed member Pricilla Montgomery. Kay Anderson reported from the DRT Finance Committee about a proposed money-making project at the state level.

Becky Lynn Cockerill was named as the recipient of the chapter's Scholarship Award for 2002-2003.

Elyssa Jechow of Uvalde, winner of the Chapter's 7th grade essay contest, who went on to become the winner of the state competition was present. In honor of Elyssa's achievement she was presented with a Texas flag that flew over the Alamo on

March 6, 2002.

The chapter will resume regular meetings in September. Any female over the age of 18 years who can prove she had a lineal ancestor in Texas during the

time it was a Republic is eligible for membership. Local members include Charlotte Corey, Pat McKelvy, Mary Seaver, Louise Stone, and Agnes Vondy.

Goodies from G.G.

I've met very few people that don't love a really good biscuit. You say, "can't make them/no time". Honestly, it's workable for even the busiest people and easy. Keep watching for the recipes in the month when there will be different variations of biscuits. Surprising what you can do. Today we're starting by saving money and making a basic buttermilk biscuit mix. Do save recipes from your store bought box for general usage.

Buttermilk Biscuit Mix; 8 cups all purpose flour, 3 tbs. sugar, 4 tsp. baking powder, 2 tsp. salt, 2 tsp. cream of tartar, 1 tsp. baking soda, 21/3 cups shortening (solid).

Mix dry ingredients: *Cut in shortening until crumbly. Store in airtight container in cool

place will keep 6 months.

*Fastest and easiest method, use "wavy" potato masher in place of knives or pastry cutter.

To make biscuits: Combine 2 cups mix with 1/2 cup buttermilk just until blended, turn on lightly floured surface and knead 5 times. Roll or pat to 1/2" thick.

Place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 425° for 9-10 min. Makes 8-10 biscuits.

Left over biscuits? Place in air tight plastic bag in fridge when cooled. Next meal, mist lightly with water or spray butter top and bottom (I keep empty butter spray bottles with water for this), cover with paper towel and micro/zap 5-7 seconds per biscuits. Tastes fresh made! I always try to make enough for two or more meals.

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- Who was Richard Nixon's running mate in 1960?
- Literally translated, what is the 10th month?
- How many feet apart are the stakes in men's horse-shoe pitching?
- What two countries are linked by the Brenner Pass?
- What is the plural of mongoose?
- What comedian opened his routines by saying, "My name Jose Jimenez"?
- How many colors are there in a rainbow?
- What is the capital of Ecuador?
- From what creatures do the Galapagos Island take their name?
- What was the infamous pseudonym of William Bonney?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| June 27.....Rubie Kelley | July 1.....Ben Fuentes |
| June 27.....Joe Rivas Jr. | July 1.....Antonio Ramos |
| June 29.....Ernest Hall | July 1.....Ruben Talamantez |
| June 29.....Earl Johnson | July 1.....Richard C. Ward Jr. |
| June 30.....Anne Butler | July 2.....Jesus Pena |
| June 30.....Jessica DeLeon | July 2.....Nadine Wakefield |
| June 30.....Laura Martinez | July 3.....Zack Davis |
| June 30.....Stacey Terrazas | July 3.....Mary Hermanson |

HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Confidence is at an all-time high. Take advantage of this to press your ideas. Later in the week, quiet activities are favored.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Taking a good look at your surroundings tells you that some home improvement is in order. Most of this can be done by you. For complex jobs, call in a professional.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Family members are in sync with you this week. On the job, avoiding getting into spirited discussions about sensitive matters. This could lead to all-out arguments.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're off and running at a good clip this week. Be sure, though, to conserve your energy. You don't want to burn out too quickly.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's time to think of ideas to spice up your love life. Perhaps a romantic dinner or getaway over the weekend will do it. On the job, you're focused and sharp.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) What goes on this week behind the scenes is of the utmost importance in your career. However, sit back quietly and let it unfold on its own. You're in a good position.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Tap into your creative talents this week. Perhaps it's time for a career change. Over the weekend, a family member has a special request of you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You are wise to be cautious about a proposed business proposition. However, it's not as bad as it sounds. Do some extensive research, and you'll get all the answers.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Friendships are highlighted this week. You need those allies as a crisis arises toward the end of the week. Together, you can overcome these obstacles.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Guard that tongue of yours this week, particularly at work. Bigwigs won't be happy if you express yourself too forcefully. Remember, tact and diplomacy work best.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're in the mood to kick up your heels and socialize. However, you'll have just as good a time if you entertain at home. Attend to work matters first.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Brandeis	11. Kent State
2. Clemson	12. Loyola
3. Colgate	13. Notre Dame
4. Cornell	14. Oxford
5. DePaul	15. Purdue
6. DePaul	16. Rice
7. Duke	17. Rutgers
8. Elon	18. Stanford
9. Georgetown	19. Tulane
10. Harvard	20. Yale

Dead end Friendship never fails

By Rev. Brother J Contributing Writer

I had to make a trip to South Texas last week and, while traveling home, I noticed a road on my left that looked so inviting. It was wider and smoother and prettier (lined with trees on both sides) than the road I was on.

I thought about trying it, but there was a little sign by it that said "Dead End."

I have tried some of those roads in my lifetime and I have always ended up going nowhere on them. There are many different roads in life, all trying to find peace and happiness and the right relationship with God, but most go nowhere. They may start out looking very nice and pleasant and promising, but end up in disaster.

There is only one road to God. The only way we can know that we are on the right road is by following God's word (John 8:31-32, 14:6). It is the place to start, it is the place to remain, and it is the place that will see us safely home.

There are many isms and schisms out there today, and many many half truths, but all are trying to lead us astray.

I don't care how nice it sounds or how pretty it looks; if it is contrary to the Bible, it is wrong (remember Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, Genesis 3:1-7). Jesus said, "You shall know the truth and the truth will make you free." (John 8:32)

See you in Church on Sunday.

St. Mary Magdalene Church By Lynn McNew

I have a very dear friend who lives in the Dallas area. We have been friends for over 20 years and it is the kind of friendship that seems to never end. It almost seems as if we can pick up the conversation where we left off the last time, which may have been a year ago.

Charlotte was the first person I met when we moved to Lubbock with three children under the age of four and a husband who traveled all the time.

We seemed to have a lot in common and hit it off immediately.

Over the years, people have seen us together and thought we were sisters. We are sisters of the heart. The only thing I regret is that we don't get to see each other as often as we would like.

Why is this important? Next to family, true friends are the greatest treasures a person can have. Someone once said: "A friend is someone who knows all your faults and loves you anyhow."

This is the kind of friends Charlotte and I have always been.

She doesn't care if I am grumpy or over tired. I don't care if she is having a bad day. I don't have to put on my best clothes to visit her. She isn't worried if her make-up isn't perfect.

I hope that each of you has had the privilege of having an earthly friend like this. We all are fortunate to have a Heavenly Friend who knows all our faults and loves us anyhow.

Jesus is that Friend. He doesn't care if we are grumpy or having a bad day. In fact, that is when He wants to reach out to us, if we will let Him. We come before Him with all our

imperfections and He loves us just the way we are.

The last time Charlotte and I were together, we promised to keep in closer contact with each other. We always promise this and then our busy lives seem to keep us from writing and calling like we should.

I am really going to try to do better at keeping this promise of communicating better.

It is the same way with my Heavenly Friend. I promise to stay in close contact with Him and then it seems my world gets busy and my conversations with Jesus become fewer and farther between.

I am also going to try to do better at keeping this promise — to spend a few more minutes every day in prayer and conversation with Jesus. I know my life will be better for it.

You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. God Bless You.

Love your enemies

Gateway Ministries By Pastor Charolette Corey

Things aren't always what they appear to be. I just returned from taking eight little girls to Alto Frio Baptist Encampment. We had hoped to get placed into the same cabin which we had last year. We even came prepared to add extra things to it, but it didn't work out that way. We were placed in a building that had 211A & 211B in it.

In the middle of these quarters was a large empty room with a cement floor and two toilet rooms at the back. We also had to share our 211A side with another church from Philadelphia.

The first thing that happened as we were unloading our little bus was that one of my girls came charging out of the building and yelled at me, "Mrs. Corey, we've got to find another cabin to stay in."

These girls don't like us. When I asked her why she thought so, she said, "Because they are making ugly faces at us."

This attitude is not limited to children. We, as adults, often take this attitude because of first appearances. If we are not immediately embraced, we think the other person must have it in for us.

Even if the other person doesn't smile at you, it doesn't necessarily mean that they are our enemy. Even if they are your enemy, God has a word for you. "Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you,

and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons (or daughters) of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust. Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." (Matthew 5:44-45, 48) We are all acquainted with "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Mark 12:31). Just do it! By choosing to treat these strangers (which were now our neighbors) as ourselves, we developed relationships over the following five days that ended with girls collecting each others addresses and promising to write.

In some cases, there were even tears of farewell. I was told in no uncertain terms by the same little girl. "Next year, Mrs. Corey, we've got to have them bunking with us!" Things aren't always what they appear. You have a choice to stand in faith and not be moved by what you see. You have a choice to apply Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

You have an opportunity to change circumstances. You have the opportunity to change what the devil meant as a weapon against you into a blessing. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Trust in Him at all times

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

Truly my soul waiteth upon God, from him cometh salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence: I shall not be greatly moved.

How long will ye imagine mischief against a man? Ye shall be

slain all of you: as a bowing wall shall ye be, and as a tottering fence. They only consult to cast him down from his excellency: they delight in lies: they bless with thier mouth, but they curse inwardly. Selah.

My soul, wait thou only upon God: for my expectation is from Him. He only is my rock and my

salvation: he is my defence: I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge is in God.

Trust in Him at all times: ye people pour out your heart before Him: God is a refuge for us. Selah. Psalms 62:1-8. Praise God

COMMUNITY

School Board adopts \$6.3 million budget

Making a Difference By Taylor Stephenson

Brackett ISD's Board of Trustees adopted an operating budget for the 2002-03 fiscal year totaling \$6.3 million Monday night.

The new budget covers a change in the fiscal year to July 1 through June 30 from the traditional Sept. 1-Aug. 31 dates. BISD administrators have been informed that only three school districts in Region 20 changed fiscal years — San Antonio Judson, Stockdale and Brackett ISD.

Administrators and school finance personnel believe that the change in fiscal years will help get school supplies here on time for the beginning of the next school year. All of the state and federal programs will be aligned

with the new fiscal year. The board is waiting for news from the Alamo Heights District, which has purchased Weighted Average Daily Attendance (WADA) from BISD for the past two years. This information will not be available until August.

The major change in the new budget is that it provides medical coverage for all school employees in district under 500 employees. The plan seems to be a good one with competitive prices.

Glory Road I was entertained well by "Glory Road," presented by The Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts.

The Amphitheater was a natural setting for the drama, which depicted the founding of Brackett City (Brackettville) and Fort Clark (today, Fort Clark

Springs). The enthusiasm of the actors was contagious. There are some very fine actors in our area. I was pleased to see about 20 high school students in the production.

Often times, we read about how adults characterize the younger generation in negative tones.

As I watch our summer school, weight lifting programs and "Glory Road," I believe that our kids are great. I'm very proud.

Sesquicentennial Fort Clark celebrated its 150th anniversary. It's such a picturesque place to live. The living is easy, and it's fun. I encourage you to see the good things about FCS. There are some folks who are missing the best living in Texas.

Roof Repairs The smell of tar has permeated BISD for the past two or three weeks. We're progressing with the built up roofs. Tar pots start cooking early before the heat of the day. We're pleased with the progress of this job. In a couple of weeks, this phase will end and we will begin to see metal roofs being formed. We'll have metal roofs on the New Gym and Old Gym.

This week, I'm headed to Clayton, N.M., for my wife's high school reunion. We'll spend a few days in Amarillo with our daughter, Traci, where we can play with little Bradley, who will be 3 in July.

Have a great week!

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, June 17 12:15 a.m., A woman reported her son's car tire had been slashed in Fort Clark. Deputy Larry Robinson was advised. 1:32 p.m., A fire was reported west of town. 10:39 p.m., DPS Trooper Tony Ashley reported cows on Hwy 90. Owner was advised.

Tuesday, June 18 6:35 p.m., A man reported an 18 wheeler knocked down telephone lines on Gove and Spring Street. Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo responded to the call.

Wednesday, June 19 11:25 a.m., Fort Clark Security requested a deputy to take care of a sick fawn. Deputy Robinson responded. 1:23 p.m., A motorist reported an 18 wheeler was driving reckless on Hwy 90. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie was notified.

Thursday, June 20 12:41 a.m., Deputy Manuel Pena reported a vehicle that had the doors open. The owner was

advised. 12:51 a.m., A motorist reported a dark color suburban driving recklessly on Hwy 90. Deputy Pena was notified. 1:01 a.m., Deputy Pena took subject home. 9:30 a.m., Julio Cesar Calzon, 25, from San Antonio, was arrested for speeding, no driver license, no insurance and failure to stop, by Trooper Wylie.

10:00 a.m., Ruttijar R. William Jr., 28, from Galveston, was arrested for criminal trespass and hunting without owners consent by Game Warden Henry Lutz. William was released the same day on a PR Bond. 1:45 p.m., Eduardo Antiveros, 26, from Fort Worth, was arrested for unauthorized use of vehicle by Trooper Wylie.

Friday, June 21 12:05 a.m., Fort Clark Security requested an officer immediately. Deputy Robinson was advised.

Saturday, June 22

1:01 a.m., Bradley Cox, 37, from Kerrville, was arrested by Trooper Ashley for driving while intoxicated.

7:47 a.m., A man reported a loose brown steer in the middle of the highway.

9:15 a.m., Chief Alonzo responded to an attempted burglary at the public library.

4:15 p.m., A motorist reported a green Ford Ranger was driving recklessly on Hwy 90 east. DPS Trooper Tully Welch was notified.

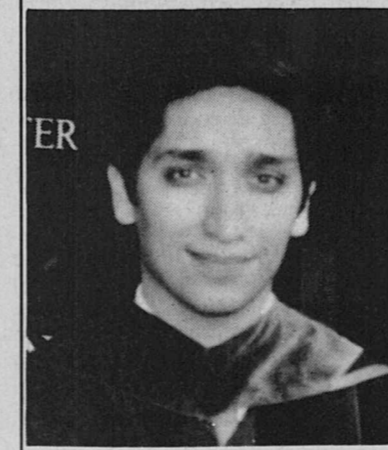
8:05 p.m., Deputy Manuel Pena Sr., reported the gate at FM 3348 was knocked down.

Sunday, June 23 3:30 p.m., Deputy Bobby Guidry reported a purple Chevrolet pick-up was driving recklessly on Hwy 90 east. 3:36 p.m., Deputy Chism responded to a vandalized vehicle. 9:16 p.m., An employee from a local store reported a white four door truck drove off without paying for gas. Deputy Pena responded.

10:23 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to domestic report.

Happy Birthday #1 Son From #1 Mom

Congratulations! DR. RENE RODRIGUEZ M.D. ANESTHESIOLOGIST



Graduated, June 1, 2002 from The University of Texas Southern Medical Center at Dallas. We're very proud of you! Rodger Rodriguez: father; Olga Zamora: mother; Celena Gonzalez, Justin: sister and son; Ora Rodriguez: grandmother.

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First Baptist Church (SBC) Corner of Ann and Veltman Pastor: R. D. Holloway 563-2245 Sunday: Bible study for all ages 9:45 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Adult/Youth/Children Discipleship Training 6 p.m. Evening Service 7 p.m. Wednesdays 7 p.m. Bible Study

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JOB OPPORTUNITY - KINNEY County is currently accepting applications for the position of Road and Bridge Supervisor. Employment applications, position description and pay schedule(s) may be obtained from the Office of the County Judge. Interviews will be conducted beginning July 8, 2002 and will continue until such time as final selection for such position is made by the Kinney County Commissioners Court. Kinney County is an equal opportunity employer.

FORT CLARK SPRINGS Association, Inc. (FCSA) is accepting applications for the position of Accounting Manager. The position would be full time employment with benefits. Position is Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Applicants must have accounting background, preferable a BA degree, and excellent references. The position would entail the supervision of 3 full time employees and the responsibilities to produce and maintain a balance sheet and income statement. Willing to work overtime if needed. Applications may be picked up at the FCSA administration office or requested by calling 830-563-2494 and must be mailed to FCSA, General Manager, P.O. Box 345, Brackettville, Texas 78832. FCSA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

NURSES UNLIMITED, INC. needs attendants to assist with personal care, meal prep, and light housekeeping. Part time basis. Please call 1-877-216-0255.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

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A heat burst is an atmospheric event that occurs when a parcel of air is pushed down from thunder clouds to the earth's surface. The burst can raise the surface temperature by as much as 20°F in as little as 15 minutes.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle

Grid with crossword puzzle answers: P.B.S., B.A.S.S., M.E.A.N.S., M.E.A.L., E.T.A.L., E.R.G.O.T., A.T.T.I., T.O.R.A., S.E.N.S.E., M.A.S.T.E.R.M.I.N.D.S., O.E.R., A.L.A.S.K.A., T.R.U.S.S., E.Y.E.S., A.P.A.T.H.Y., S.H.A.M.S., L.O.N.G., R.I.O.S., C.O.M.A., P.O.L.E.S., A.C.M.E., A.S.I.N., I.N.A.N., U.N.S.E.R., M.E.D.I.A.N., R.E.A.R., S.A.M.O.A., G.A.L.O.R.E., B.A.H., U.N.D.E.V.E.L.O.P.E.D., A.R.T.I.E.S., O.R.A.N., R.E.M.I., L.A.P.S.E., P.I.N.T., D.R.A.T., E.S.S.E.S., T.E.E.S., S.N.

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