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

## Texas County Government Week

April 17 - 24, 1993

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Texas Association of Counties are official co-sponsors of Texas County Government Week, April 17 - 24, 1993.

Perhaps the biggest problem facing counties today is a lack of understanding by the public of the purpose, function, and importance of county government as a vital part of the federal system of government.

In promoting this awareness effort, the goal is to restore county government to its rightful place in the minds of those it serves, as the "grassroots government" - the government closest to the people.

Serving Kinney County as elected officials are: Judge Tim Ward; Commissioners Plunker Sheedy, Freddie Frerich, Cordelia Mendeke, Alvin McClure; Sheriff Norman Hooten; Attorney Tully Shahan; Clerk Dolores Raney; Treasurer Carlotta DeLa Rosa; Tax Assessor/Collector Martha Hooten; Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall. Cordelia Barlow has been appointed as county auditor, and Allen McWilliams is the county extension agent. Marcos Tidwell serves as chief tax appraiser. James Crumley is with the Soil Conservation Service stationed in Kinney County.

## JP Exceeds Revenue Budget

At 9:00 a.m., Monday, April 12, 1993, Kinney County Judge Tim Ward called the Commissioners Court to order with Commissioners Freddie Frerich, Plunker Sheedy, Cordelia Mendeke, and Alvin McClure present. Jean Faulkenberry offered the invocation and Judge Ward led the pledge of allegiance; minutes of March 8, 22, and 29 were read and approved.

Erica Leos, Middle Rio Grande Development Council, presented information on landfill requirements that will become effective October 9, 1993, and the possibility of a regional landfill through MRGDC.

The court passed action items that: (1) approved an amendment to the Child Welfare Contract between Texas Department of Human Services and Kinney County; passed resolutions opposing HB 1234 and HB 1235 creating Fourth Class Felonies that would put all expense on counties for enforcement rather than the state prisons; passed a resolution to oppose HB 1233 that would give additional authority to state/federal governments to infringe on private property entrance.

Dr. James Harber displayed detailed maps, and plans for future development, he had drawn for the Masonic and County cemeteries. Payment was approved, at \$100 less than first estimate, to complete a shared fence between the two cemeteries.

The court reviewed the engineer's paving plans and approved advertising for bids.

Commissioner Mendeke was appointed as an alternate representative of Kinney County to MRGDC when Judge Ward is unable to attend.

The court approved a resolution in support of expanding the scope of the Hondo weather station storm-tracking program to include Kinney County.

After a discussion on closing the Live Oak Road beyond the Dick Herndon home, the county voted to leave it as is, but will not maintain the road past the "Red Shed Gate."

The budget was amended to allow payment of the balance of \$1026.00 for the on-line computer in the Tax Assessor's office with \$876 coming from Capital Improvements; and to

take \$2300 from Audits and Accounts to pay a court appointed attorney; to transfer \$376 from Tax Assessor Seminar to postage and supplies for that office.

Road Administrator Cliff Fritter reported on activity from the road/bridge department.

Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall reported that through the first six months of the fiscal year, his office had collected fines in the amount of \$111,488...of this \$28,353 went to the state and \$83,135 was retained in Kinney County. His expected revenue budget was set at \$95,000. His office has 516 warrants outstanding for an estimated \$87,000.

Action was tabled on writing off \$5043.48 in uncollected ambulance bills until another concentrated effort can be made at collection. A total of \$19,200.50 is outstanding in delinquent ambulance bills.

After an executive session to discuss a salary increase request for the Deputy Tax Assessor/Collector, the commissioners went into a workshop session for travel and purchasing policies.

### PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:00 p.m., a special meeting convened to receive public input on a possible labor intensive grant of \$108,000. This one-time grant would come through MRGDC from President Clinton's jobs bill if it passes. This was the second public hearing on the issue.

Judge Tim Ward and Commissioners Plunker Sheedy and Freddie Frerich, Grant Co-ordinator Charlie Trost, and about twenty citizens were present.

Mr. Trost reviewed usage of the grant funds: project(s) must start within ninety days; create jobs locally during any construction; benefit low to moderate income people.

A number of usages were discussed with bringing county-owned buildings into law-mandated compliance with handicap accessibility requirements; rebuilding Pinto Creek bridge; and clinic expansion were recognized as high priority needs. Providing a meeting place at ground level for the city was not discounted.

## Hunt Initiated Into Honor Society



At 6:30 p.m., March 17, 1993, the Sul Ross State University Schems Chapter of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society for Freshmen conducted their annual initiation of new members at Kokernot Lodge.

Included in the new members was Brackett High School's 1992 Valedictorian, Walter T. Hunt.

W.T. received three nominations for the Honor Society and was the only student to receive more than one. His came from Ms. Barney Nelson, Dr. James Zech, and Dr. James Houston.

His parents are H.C. and Molly Hunt of Brackettville.

## Alegre Acres Gets Go Ahead

The Brackettville City Council met in regular session on Tuesday evening, April 13, 1993, at Slaton Hall. Present were Mayor Carmen Berlanga, and Council Members Chuck Hall, Jean Seargeant, Mary Flores, and Ralph Gonzalez. Julie Fuentes was absent.

Minutes from the meetings of March 4, 9, 22, and 30 were reviewed, discussed, and approved. City and Utility Department Financial and Operational Reports were reviewed and accepted.

Diane McHugh, Middle Rio Grande Development Council, presented information on Solid Waste disposal rules and regulations that will become effective October 9. (This same information was presented to the Commissioners Court on Monday).

Tim Ward presented a preliminary plat of 5.32 acres within the city, to be known as Alegre Acres, that he proposed to develop into single residence lots. The council gave approval for him to proceed.

A request for the city to buy two Karate mats to be used in instructional classes, was denied since the city is prohibited from making donations.

The council declined to accept the transfer and responsibility of a water line outside the city limit from Mrs. Thurber to the city. They also voted not to trade Lots 6 and 6 1/2 to Nat Martinez in exchange for his Lot 13.

Travis Wilson offered the city certain pieces of road paving equipment on a lease/purchase arrangement. No action was taken until further study could be made.

After discussion of the completion of the drive-in payment window at

City Hall, a suggestion was made to include an "after-hours" slot. The council voted, and directed, City Secretary David Luna to proceed with the project.

Three attorneys were suggested as possibilities for City Attorney. Each of these will be contacted and information brought back to a future council meeting.

Resolution 1993-04-13-A was approved so council members may receive reimbursement when representing the city on official business. A reimbursement request from the mayor for expenses incurred February - April was approved.

Approval and direction was given for moving the city pound from its present location to city owned property at the Highway 90 Lift Station. Expense will be paid from funds given the city by Dr. Davis from a rabies vaccination clinic.

Resolution 1993-04-13-B to support expanding local calling scopes (telephone calls from Brackettville would increase from a toll-free radius of 22 miles to 40) by adding a \$2.00 monthly charge to each phone line per month) was tabled to allow for an in-depth study.

An employee name was drawn for the Random Drug testing program.

A letter of resignation from David Luna as chief of police was read. The resignation was effective at midnight March 31, 1993, so he could accept appointment as city secretary on April 1, 1993. For the record, that transfer is now finalized.

The council entered into executive session to discuss personnel. No necessary action evolved.



## National Library Week

April 18-24

There may be larger libraries; there may be smaller libraries; but, no library is more important than the Kinney County Public Library, and it certainly merits recognition during National Library Week, April 18 - 24.

Library patrons are issued user cards and of the 1,925 holders, an average of 240 are in the library each week. There are 30,000 volumes with a cross section of books in Large Print (these are not condensed in any way).

Librarian Cynthia "Cindy" Lockwood maintains her certification by constantly updating her knowledge and accreditation through professional seminars. She and her assistant, Maria Woodson, keep the library open each Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Regular volunteers, who work many hours on a regular basis, are Dena Scott, Earline Thurber, and Vergene Graham.

Under the auspices of the Kinney County Commissioners Court, the library utilizes the assistance of a Library Board (advisory committee) which includes Marge Batchelor, Toady Fritter, Dena Scott, Sara Terrazas, and Earline Thurber.

The new addition, The Fritter Room, houses Texana, local history, and genealogical collections. This room is also available as a meeting room during regular library hours.

A computer program, "Grateful Med," which allows access to a medical database in Bethesda, Maryland, is available for medical inquiries.

Membership in a circuit plan from San Antonio provides additional large print books, Spanish books, and video tapes to supplement the library owned books. A lease contract allows ten best sellers monthly. Genealogical materials from Utah can be obtained on loan.

The library operates a clearing house for "trade or give-away" of an abundance of magazines and paperbacks.

At a reasonable charge, the copying machine is available to the public.

The summer reading program for kids of all ages is one of the most popular services.

New books are received regularly and the message from the staff is, "Ask us just about anything. If we don't know the answer, we can find it out."

A special invitation is extended to visit the Kinney County Public Library during its' special week.

## BHS Athletes Advance To Regional Meet

Golf (Please turn to page 5 for additional information) Tennis



The Brackett "A" Team with first place plaque. From left, Coach Tom McNew, Lynn Floyd, Pat Melancon, Albert Coronado, Jared Shahan, Mike Pena, and Principal Don Sims.



Coach McNew accepts first place plaque for the Tigerette Golfers from Principal Sims. Golfers from left, Karla Hall, Lisa Dalton, Denice Frerich, and Charlie Hall.

## Fort Clark Is Again Home To Trooper Holt

Please turn to page 7 and read Trooper Holt's story.



From right, Jason Ash placed first. Amanda Davis was second, and with them is team mate Myrna Gonzalez.

## Batter Up! Girls Softball Approved

On Wednesday evening, April 7, 1993, the Brackett Independent School District trustees met in a special session to discuss construction plans. The time was devoted to touring the campuses and evaluating plans with architects.

The school board met in regular session at 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 12, 1993, with Jimmy Bader, Jim McDaniel, Jewel Robinson, Lingo Sandoval, John Jones, Lloyd Lee Davis, and Gloria Garcia present. Minutes of March 8 meeting were approved.

Construction projects reviewed were the Media Center, Football Field, and Track.

The board listened to a presentation from an insurance broker but

took no action, and an update on the Band trip to Dallas.

Other items discussed were TASB Update 43, 1993-94 Preliminary Budget, Custodial Vacations, Resolutions on May Propositions (financial-pay out).

Approval was given to add Girls Softball, effective with the 1993-94 school year.

Financial and administrative reports were heard and in an executive session coaching increments, hiring new personnel, and resignations - if any - were discussed.

Back in open session, a job offer was extended to Gary Grubbs as a coach.

# Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



A disturbance during a dance at the Kinney County Civic Center Saturday night, April 10, 1993, led to the arrest of a 21-year old Brackettville man on charges of assault, disorderly conduct, and public intoxication.

According to witnesses at the scene, the disturbance started with an argument between the man and his estranged wife, who was also at the dance. When the argument accelerated to a push and shove situation, the security guard on duty at the dance intervened and called this writer for assistance. The man became assaultive when his brother and the security guard attempted to get him to leave the premises and the man struck the security guard on the head with a beer bottle and then ran outside where this writer and

Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter were just exiting our vehicle.

He pulled a large lock blade knife and ran to the west end of the Civic Center with his brother and Chief Fritter in pursuit. This writer drove around behind the Civic Center and the man was located just north of the Kinney County Courthouse Annex slashing at his brother with the knife.

Chief Fritter was busy restraining another brother who had attempted to become involved and the suspect was approached, disarmed, and arrested by this writer without incident.

No injuries were incurred and the man was then transported to the County Jail and booked on the charges listed above. The defendant pled guilty to the charges before

Justice of the Peace Alvin Hall on Monday, April 12th and was fined a total of \$600.00. He was then released after reaching an agreement with Judge Hall whereby he will pay out the fines and court costs on the "Monkey Ward" (installment) payment plan.

Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter and Reserve Deputy Warren Outlaw traveled in different directions to different locations in Texas on prisoner transport assignments Tuesday, April 13th. Chief Deputy Fritter traveled to the state prison in Huntsville to deliver a Del Rio man recently convicted on 2nd degree felony narcotics charges of Possession of Marijuana (more than 5 lbs. but less than 50 lbs.) receiving a 5-year prison term assessed by District Judge George Thurmond on a plea bargain agreement at the man's trial on April 5, 1993.

Reserve Deputy Outlaw traveled to Cleburne, Johnson County, Texas, to pick up a prisoner being held there on a warrant out of Kinney County on charges of Violation of Probation- DWI. He picked up the prisoner on Wednesday, April 14th, and returned him to Kinney County where he awaits court action on the charges against him.

The Kinney County Jail has been full to capacity the past few weeks with 22 federal prisoners and from 6 to 10 county prisoners in custody on any given day. The pressure is not expected to lessen any time soon with the recent convictions and subsequent County Jail time assessed several defendants arrested and charged with trafficking in narcotics during Operation Cleansweep in late October, 1992. The convicted defendants will serve out their jail time on weekends on a "work-release" program assessed by District Judge Thurmond. All the charges are 3rd degree felonies. That's All!

## Church Directory



**St. Andrews Episcopal Church:** Henderson & Fort, Sunday Church Service 10:30 A.M. Vicar: Rev. Bill Koons, 512-563-2071.  
**Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church):** Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 A.M., Sunday Evening Service 6:00 P.M. Joe Townsend, Pastor, 512-563-2158.  
**First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church):** 307 N. Ann Street. Sunday School 9:45 A.M., Sunday Worship 11:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., Wednesday Worship 7:00 P.M. Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.  
**Church of Christ:** Sunday School 9:30 A.M., Worship Service 10:30 A.M., Bible Study, Sunday 6:30 P.M., and Wednesday 7:00 P.M.  
**St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church:** Masses Mon. & Fri. 7:00 A.M. Wed. & Sat. 6:30 P.M., Sunday (Spanish) 8:00 A.M. regular 10:30 A.M. Confessions Wed. & Sat. 6:00 P.M. Religion Classes Wed. 6:00 P.M. Sun. 9:00 A.M. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wed. 7:00 P.M. Father David G. Zumaya, Pastor.  
**First United Methodist Church:** "Celebrate and Witness" Morning Fellowship 9:30 A.M. Church School Classes 9:45 A.M. Service of Worship 11:00 A.M. Choir Rehearsal Wed. 5:00 P.M. Gordon Miller Pastor.

## Big Mama Sez!



Some people are like French bread - little dough but lots of crust.

PLEASE REMEMBER that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our paper. We realize that that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.

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The Brackett News welcomes letters to the Editor. The Editor reserves the right to edit all letters submitted for length and context. Letters will be edited to avoid the use of profanity or libelous statements pertaining to the rights of citizens. Letters published and columnist's viewpoints do not necessarily reflect the beliefs of this newspaper. All letters must be signed and include an address and phone number. Thank You!

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Don't be discouraged if they laugh at your invention! They laughed at the inventor of garters, but he had the last laugh when 26 years later someone invented stockings!

## LETTER TO EDITOR

The Brackett News Brackettville, TX Attention: Jean Faulkenberry Received my first copy of The Brackett News and enjoyed it very much.

It's a small world, in fact, on page 8 under Meditations, first sentence brought back a wave of nostalgia and "died on our lips" brings to mind another observation, "You are not dead until there isn't a crumb of memory of you left anywhere in the world." So Dr. Grenfell has a little time left before his memory is entirely gone.

In 1930-31, Dr. Grenfell recruited a couple of us students at Berea Academy, Kentucky, who were working our way through school doing woodwork, to go to Newfoundland and help him establish a woodworking shop for his activities. Alas, it was the middle of "The Great Depression" and the gift of woodworking machinery was revoked.

The other recruit went on to become a well known artist - "Man of War," "Wilderness Road," etc. and I went on... but have always regretted missing the opportunity of serving Dr. Grenfell's efforts.

By the way, who wrote Meditations? Maybe I can obtain more current information on Dr. Grenfell's efforts and results. Thanks again and I'm considering relocating in the Brackettville area if things work out for us.

Sincerely, /s/ Joe W. Rose Las Vegas, Nevada

## DPA Schedule Driving Tests License Renewal

An officer from the Texas Department of Public Safety will be at the County Courtroom, Kinney County Court House, each 1st and 3rd Thursday and each 5th Thursday, during the normal working hours of county offices.

The officer will be available to give driving tests, or to renew drivers licenses.

SO CLINTON'S ECONOMIC PLAN INCLUDES SPENDING ON ROAD AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS.

THAT SHOULD MAKE GETTING AROUND MUCH EASIER.

I DOUBT IT.

WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?

BECAUSE IN ORDER TO PAY FOR CLINTON'S TAX INCREASES...

I HAD TO SELL THE CAR.

## Between Us

By Joe Townsend



One of the better things that has happened recently is the installation of the signal light at "Five Points". It has always been a traffic hazard at this juncture. The "Peterson" building has always blocked the view to traffic going west when one is driving north on Ann Street. To traffic going south trees blocked the vision of traffic moving east by the southbound driver on Ann Street.

There can be nothing but favorable comment from thinking people about the central signal. Just as succinctly true is the fact that the extra light facing the side street in front of the bank is not only not needed but creates more problems than it solves. Were it to be pressure sensitive and activated only when traffic approaches it would still be a useless impediment but for it to delay traffic on every sequence is unconscionable.

## LETTER TO EDITOR

The Texas Speleological Association (Cave Explorers) wants to contact landowners who have caves on their property for the purpose of exploring and mapping these areas. Locations and specific information will not be divulged without the ranchowner's permission. Confidentiality is assured.

We are self-insured and will sign release of liability forms. The Texas Cave Management Association, a non-profit organization, will answer questions and offer assistance on any cave related problems you may have.

Please contact the address below, County Judge Tim Ward's office, or The Brackett News and leave your name and telephone number so that we may make arrangements to meet and explore your cave. /s/ Carl Ponebshek Chairman, TSA San Antonio, Texas 210-824-4843

**DISCOVER**  
 A Bundle Of Money In The Classifieds

## LETTER TO EDITOR

Karen Bizzell, your astute observations as a new resident in Kinney County are so appropriate. There are some very begrudging, insecure individuals living here that are easily exploited by group malcontents distorting facts that lead to loss of their credibility. Some of these people deceive you by claiming to be your friends.

A change of "Attitude" might be beneficial for them.

/s/Rose Bizzell

## ATTITUDE

Attitude is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a country...a community...a church...a home.

The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past...we cannot change the fact that people will act a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our Attitude.

Life is 10% of how you make it and 90% of how you take it. And so it is with you...

We are in charge of our Attitude.

I have yet to be able to conceive how I can stop at the marked position when I'm going south and make a right turn on red, and yet state law says I may. There is no logical reason why traffic approaching Ann cannot meld into traffic on Ann Street without the offending signal.

A few minutes watching the traffic anytime during the day can

reveal the faulty thinking leading to the extra side signal. Not only the needless delay but the waste of many taxpayer dollars makes the signal objectionable. The State Department of Highways did a great service to drivers with the installation of the main signal; now it could do drivers a great favor by removing the offensive and totally unneeded auxiliary light.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)

To the registered voters of the County of KINNEY, Texas: /s/ [Signature] Kinney, Texas

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on 1st 19 May, for voting in a special election to Elect a U.S. Senator & Special Constitution Amendment Election.

Ubicación, por las personas, que las casillas electorales quedan abiertas se abren desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 1ro de mayo de 1993 para votar en la Elección Especial para electar el Senador del Estados Unidos

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (UBICACIONES DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)  
 Pct. 1-Silator Hall  
 Pct. 2-High School Auditorium  
 Pct. 3-Baptist Church Annex  
 Pct. 4-Civic Center  
 Early Voting-Clerk's Office-Kinney County Courthouse

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: Kinney County Courthouse, Clerk's Office. En las oficinas de clerico en las casillas: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. /s/ [Signature] Kinney, Texas

El voto anticipado por presencia se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. /s/ [Signature] Kinney, Texas

If the county clerk is not the early voting clerk, the information in this block is required. /s/ [Signature] Kinney, Texas

Issued this 1st day of April, 1993. /s/ [Signature] Kinney, Texas

Emitted on the 1st de Abril, 1993. /s/ [Signature] Kinney, Texas

## No. 0000 Special Election (Elección Especial) Kinney County, Texas (Condado de Kinney, Texas) May 1, 1993 (1 de mayo de 1993)

### Sample Ballot (Boleta De Muestra)

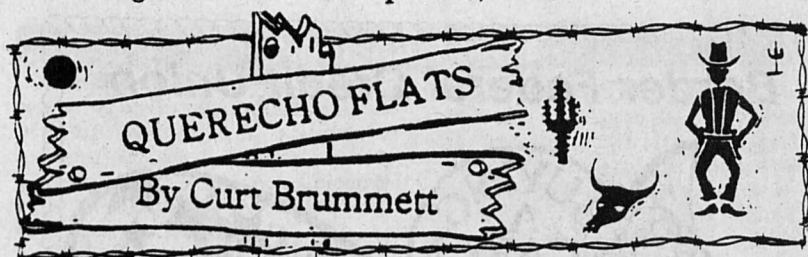
INSTRUCTION NOTE: (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION:) Vote for the candidate of your choice in the race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. (Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en la carrera marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato.)

### UNITED STATES SENATOR, UNEXPIRED TERM (Senador de los Estados Unidos, Termino no Completado)

- LOUIS C. DAVIS (Independent)
- RICK DRAHEIM (Libertarian)
- CLYMER WRIGHT (Republican)
- ROGER HENSON (Independent)
- JOE BARTON (Republican)
- RICHARD FISHER (Democrat)
- THOMAS D. SPINK (Republican)
- MACO STEWART (Independent)
- JACK FIELDS (Republican)
- JOSE ANGEL GUTIERREZ (Democrat)
- CHARLES BEN HOWELL (Republican)
- ROSE FLOYD (Socialist Workers Party)
- DON RICHARDSON (Independent)
- ROBERT (Bob) KRUEGER (Democrat)
- C. (SONNY) PAYNE (Democrat)
- KAY BAILEY HUTCHINSON (Republican)
- LOTTIE BOLLING HANCOCK (Independent)
- HERBERT SPIRO (Republican)
- JAMES VALLASTER (Republican)
- CHUCK SIBLEY (Republican)
- GENE KELLY (Democrat)
- STEPHEN HOPKINS (Republican)
- BILLY BROWN (People's Party)
- LOU ZAESKE (Independent)

Write-In/Voto Escrito





Feedlot Roping With Old Bill

Very few people that have cowboied have ever stopped to think about how easy it is for an ambitious young man such as myself to get into trouble while working.

I mean to tell ya, no matter how hard I tried to do right, there were several times it looked like I was sure doing wrong.

And I just as well tell you right now, I thought I was being singled out just because I liked to rope.

Everyone I have ever known who has worked around cattle knows for a fact that cattle have to be taught what to do. They're like little kids, and wives. If you don't get 'em trained properly early in their lives, they can develop some pretty nasty habits.

Well, I have on occasion taken it upon myself to train a cow or two. The problem with training cows, is that the process usually involves the use of a rope. And I might add, when the rope is used there is generally some over-weight, slightly balding, ill-natured boss of some kind around just waiting to accuse you of roping for fun.

Very few bosses could understand why the rope was such an important tool in the proper training of a cow brute, mainly because most of the bosses I've known couldn't even spell rope, much less use one.

And 95% of the bosses who really got mad at me were feedlot bosses. That in itself should say I'm basically innocent.

Now, the few times that I have gotten into trouble in a feedyard I didn't think I should have. 'Course, that's just one man's opinion. But I'll let you be the judge.

There are two things in my life I have very rarely done. The first is that I have never been one to mouth off about anything, no matter how much I want to. I have always been the quiet type. And second, I have never pulled a rope down unless it was an absolute have-to-case. And I feel pretty sure that everyone who knew me back when I was younger will tell you the same thing.

And those who try to tell you different are not remembering me, they probably have me confused with some rope-crazy idiot. And the ones who remember that are probably the bosses.

Before you start to make any rash judgement concerning my ability to get into trouble, let me explain "absolute have-to-case."

Everyone knows that cow critters need to be taught respect for people who are a-horseback. And most people know that just talking to cow critters don't get it. Now, cows are creatures of habit, and like some people they can get a bad habit. And unlike some people, you can't just explain to 'em that what they're doing is unacceptable.

You have to get their attention the first time and make it count. If you don't, the cow critter will continue to use this habit to cause your life to be a little aggravating. The same can be said for wives, but this is about the proper care and training of cattle, not the care and training of wives.

The best example of a cow critter's bad habit that I can give is "bunk-crawling." Most cattle can be broken from this form of aggravation if you drive them down a feed alley, put them into a trail alley, and then drive them back to their pen.

But, some cows seem to think this is a start on a new habit, designed just to drive a cowboy crazy, and after you've driven them back to their pen a couple of times, it becomes just that.

Pretty soon, as quick as they are put through the gate in their home pen, all they do is get a quick drink of water and wait for the cowboy to get out of sight, and they go crawl right back out again.

Some of the worse bunk crawlers I've ever seen had this down to a science. They would see a cowboy coming, trot down to the gate at the feed alley, wait for the cowboy to open it, then trot to the gate going into their home pen. After being let into the pen, they would get a drink and then go visiting again.

What this means to me is that this particular cow needs to be educated. You see, the cow thinks that all a man a-horseback has to do is just take care of him personally. And I resent this attitude, especially when it comes from a cow.

So here is a classic example of an "absolute have-to" case of pulling a rope down and using it to educate an elusive bovine beast in its semi-natural habitat.

I am a firm believer in the saying, "If you rope it, choke it, and 'frap' it on the ground, then turn it loose in its home pen and it will see that home is a pretty safe place to be."

I have been forced to educate hundreds of these cow critters, just to keep them from developing any more bad habits. And even though I didn't enjoy it, I felt that it was my duty as an official representative of the cowboy world, to try and do my part in keeping the elusive bovine beast (in its semi-natural habitat) from developing any really bad habits.

Of course taking on this kind of extra worry has its drawbacks. There are some people in the feedyard business who throw screamin', wall-eyed, lung-bustin' fits when they see a cowboy educating a cow critter.

Most bosses in a feed yard know that every now and then a cow critter has to be roped, but their idea of a have-to case and mine have never really matched up all that much.

I was working for a feed yard in Eastern New Mexico, and the manager was kinda silly about ropes. He seemed to think that ropes were to be used for tying gates shut and things like that.

Yep, the man was pro-cow, and anti-cowboy. He had caught me with my rope on a cow critter more than once, and more than once I had managed to get out of the situation, just barely with my job, not to mention my life.

In fact, the last time he caught me educating a beef prospect, the conversation was very one-sided. It went something like this: "The next time I see you with your rope on anything but your rope string, I'll not only fire you but I'll deduct the cost of the calf from your last pay check."

Well, that kinda got my attention. The getting fired part didn't bother me as much as having to pay for a calf, and not having any pasture to put 'im in.

Well, a couple of days after this discussion, we found a steer with a bad case of foot rot. My pen-riding pardner, Bill, seemed to think we needed to treat this case with special care, and try and get things cleared up as fast as we could. He had been going to school down at Alpine and had learned some new kind of treatment for this type of problem, and he wanted to try it out.

So we put the steer in the chute at the hospital and tried to do some work on his foot. (Fat chance). This hospital chute was purchased at the sale Juluis Caesar had when he closed out his cattle feeding operation just east of Rome, when the market cratered the first time. And I might add that through the years it had been patched so many times that neither side would let down so we could get to the steer's foot.

Well, that meant just one thing. In order for us to administer Bill's super-duper highly calculated cure-all, we were gonna have to heel this steer and lay 'im down, just to doctor his foot.

Bill really liked to rope, but he hadn't had much of a chance because of the new manager, and he had seen me get chewed out, so he just kinda let the old rope alone.

I really liked old Bill, and since he didn't get to rope all that much, I told 'im to go ahead and rope the steer, and I would tail 'im down and hold 'im while Bill doctored 'im.

Just 'cause Bill went to Alpine didn't mean he was a complete idiot. He said, "You just want me to do the roping in case we get caught. I heard what the boss said, and I can't afford to lose my job."

I assured old Bill that no matter what happened, I would explain why we had the steer down in the first place. And besides all that, we wouldn't get caught no way. The boss was in town and we wouldn't be all that long just doctoring one foot.

"Don't worry about it, I'm the one he hates to see with a rope down, and besides all that, he likes you."

Well, Bill got his horse and I turned the steer out into the trail alley and got a gate on 'im and let Bill in to do his thing with the rope.

Bill got 'im doubled on the first loop and brought 'im to me. As I reached for the tail, I noticed a slight movement at the gate coming into the hospital alley.

It was a big white Ford car, and it looked like there was steam coming from the windows. At a second glance I noticed it was the manager's car. I looked at old Bill and said, "Boy, are you in trouble now."

He liked to have had a cat fit, but I assured 'im I was just joking with 'im and I would explain why we had the steer down.

Well, as the manager walked into the alley, he bellered out, "Was this just absolutely necessary? And if it's not, you don't even want to hear what I've got to say."

Chamber Chatter

Kinney County Chamber Of Commerce



Larry Sofaly, President



National Secretaries Week

The week of April 18-24 is designated as National Secretaries Week with special emphasis being National Secretaries Day on April 21.

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce Larry Sofaly congratulates chamber member Genell Hobbs, Executive Secretary at Fort Clark Springs.

Genell has worked with the Chamber through the Fort Clark Springs membership but now is an individual member as well. The chamber chose her to represent all the secretaries in Kinney County.

To all those serving in a clerical capacity, the Chamber expresses special appreciation to you.

Bridge Anyone

By NORMA GOULD



The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met Tuesday, April 6, with 7 1/2 tables playing the Mitchell Movement.

Vernon and Betty Ebert won first place in the N/S direction. Helen Lynch and Flo Stafford won second place with Lamont and Marie McCandless winning third.

Fred Clayton of Del Rio and Norma Gould won first place in the E/W direction. Molly Schroeder and Carol Benefield won second place. Third place went to Richard Mountain and Walt Geeze.



And, certainly not to be overlooked during this week is Kathryn Letsinger, Executive Secretary of the Kinney Chamber of Commerce.

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Querecho Flats, Continued

Old Bill was totally pale, and even his horse was kinda nervous about the old cuddly thing that had just walked into the alley.

But I stayed calm and proceeded to handle everything. And even to this day, I don't know why I said what I did.

I just looked at our fearless leader, and said, "Well, sir, I didn't think we needed to rope this poor old sick thing, but Bill seemed to think this was the only way to go." I was kinda proud of myself for my quick thinking. I even kept a straight face when I said it.

There was a minor eruption of cussing from behind me and I turned just in time to duck a rock. Seemed like Bill didn't appreciate my explanation. (The boy had very little humor).

It took quite a while to get both of 'em feeling a little better, and after we convinced the boss that we actually needed to lay the steer down, things got pert near back to normal. The boss let us go on and doctor the steer like we started, and he left for the office, and it was a couple of days before he had much to say at all.

We did get a new chute for the hospital, and old Bill finally got to where he would say a few things. But when I would pull a rope down, I noticed he would disappear.

It didn't bother me though. After all, it takes a special kind of person to want to educate cattle.

Around the Fort

Mike Bowlin  
PR Director



COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Jean Faulkenberry will fill the unexpired term of secretary after Barbara Niemann resigned following her election to the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors.

MUSEUM/SUTLERS STORE

The Fort Clark Museum and Sutlers Store are open each Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. If you haven't visited recently, do so. New exhibits are added frequently and Sutlers Store gets new merchandise almost weekly.

ART CLUB

The Fort Clark Springs Art Club held Open House and an Art Show Saturday.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

An impressive Arts & Crafts Show was sponsored at the Commissary Building on Saturday. Life guards were on duty at the swimming pool and Duck Inn was open to accommodate the Easter week-end crowd of members and guests.

An Easter Egg Hunt was sponsored at the Activity Center on Sunday afternoon.

Wednesday, April 21, Pot Luck Supper, 6:30 p.m., NCO Club. Bring dish and tableservice. Tea and coffee furnished.

Tax Night Blow-Out

Thursday, April 15, 6:00 p.m., at the NCO Club...Beans and cornbread for \$1.25, ribs \$1.00. Music by Harrell & J. E., BYOB, coffee and tea available. Don't let the IRS get you down...let's have fun!



Vickie Nichols received the "Above and Beyond" plaque. Marge Clonce made the presentation.

Calligraphy Class

Tentatively, an instructor will be coming from the San Antonio Calligraphers Guild to Fort Clark to conduct a 2-day class in basic calligraphy, Italics specifically.

There is only a limited time to form a class so if you are interested, please contact Pat Parks, 563-2536, immediately.

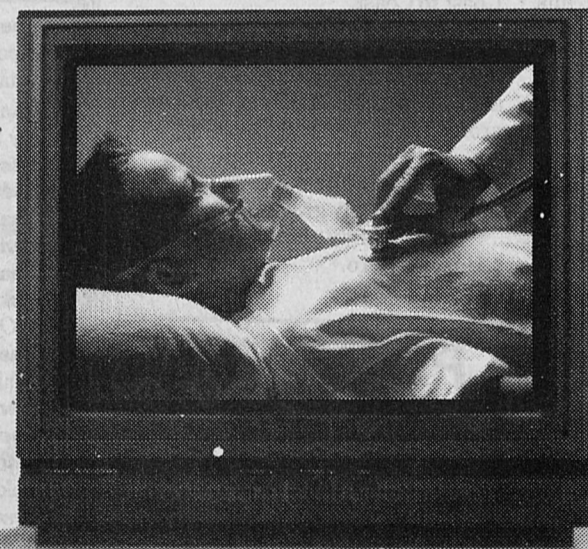
Old Quarry Society



New officers for the Old Quarry Society are, from left, Joan Lindley - president, Rozetta Pingent and Don Parks - co-presidents, and secretary, Betty Schlatterer - vice president, Jewel Robinson, treasurer.

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**Making A Difference**

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, Curriculum Director

*Parents Can Help!*

This week, I will emphasize ways that parents can help children. Raising children is difficult at best. It's like working on a project when you don't have the slightest idea what the final product will look like. Life is full of changes...so are we as parents and so are our children. As we work our way through parenting the young to some degree of independence, there are lots of folks that can help. The school, the church and the community are all there to help! We have to look at these institutions as being there to make things better. People make the world go round, and caring people make a difference in churches, schools and communities.

The job of raising children belongs to the entire community. As taxpayers, we must provide the very best that we can afford in the way of public parks, libraries and in the selection of elected and appointed officials that guide our everyday life in Brackettville. In neighborhoods, we have a responsibility to let the young, growing children know that we care and that we will help them grow into adulthood. We need to share in their triumphs and be there to offer support in their times of need.

Churches are there for entire families. Codes of behavior are established early in life, and our young children need the sustenance of a caring, loving Christian community.

Schools must care about every child that is enrolled. The kids don't come to us perfect, and they probably won't leave us perfect. We can teach them to think, to grow as a problem solver and to know the basic facts about our subject. Our teachers, counselors, administrators, and support staff have but one mission and that is to help children to learn in a supportive environment. All of us that work in public schools are there to help every child to be better. We are there to help parents to help their own children.

As we work through the support system that our young folks need, we sometimes need to think about what they learn. Some ideas of what kids need to know as they grow up might include:

1. Problem solving skills—teach children to think through problems, to know where to find information, and that the process of how to solve problems is very important. As adults, everyday we must solve new problems in the same way that our children must learn.

2. A sense of patriotism: It is important that our kids know that this is a magnificent country. Even though we are not perfect, the world is better because of the USA. Kids need to know that if our country is to survive and grow, we will need their help.

3. Some basic values that we as adults need to use every day. If we use these values, the children should learn them. **Fairness above all. Courtesy to all that we meet. Every living being has worth—treat them with respect. The value of a person is not determined by the color of skin, by ancestry, or by net worth. Success in life requires self discipline. Being positive is a trait worth developing.**

Working together, and communicating with our children is a process that starts when the children are babies. It becomes even more important when the children reach their difficult teenage years. It is important to know that "no one is to blame if things start to go wrong for your child and your family. If your child has a problem, it is a family affair. Every crisis in the life of an individual is a chance for growth—for the entire family."

Even the older children in our schools enjoy being kids. The Easter egg hunts that some of our teens had were a real kick to watch. (The Little Ones enjoyed them also). Maybe there is an answer here. The older children become—the more they remember the simpler times when we used to read to them, let them color, and we held them and told them that things were going to be alright. No matter what age children become—they still need to hear a loving mother's voice or the strength of the father's voice. Talk to the kids. Listen to them. Try to fix things better for them. Together our children and parents supported by their community, schools and churches can make a difference. If you're getting it done, keep doing it!

If you need a fresh start, begin today!

**Students Conduct Economic Survey**

The Brackett High Economic classes, under the instruction of Frank Taylor, conducted a phone survey the past several weeks. One hundred thirty Kinney County residents were asked their opinion on local/state/national economic issues.

Twenty-five percent surveyed were from the ages of 18-34; thirty-nine percent were 35-50; thirty percent were over fifty, and the rest had no response. The male and female ratio was surprisingly even.

Fifty-six percent of those surveyed lived in Brackettville, twenty-seven in Fort Clark, five percent reside in Spofford, and twelve percent live outside the community.

Questions asked:

- How would you rate President Clinton's Economic policy? Good - 17%; Fair - 31%; Poor - 35%; No opinion - 17%.
- Would you support limits being placed on doctor and hospital charges? Yes - 65%; No - 21%; No opinion - 14%.
- Do you believe we should send more, less, or about the same in foreign aid designed to bring about reforms in Russia? More - 9%; Less - 50%; Same - 34%; No opinion - 12%.
- Will the proposed free trade agreement with Mexico be good for the United States? Yes - 51%; No - 27%; No opinion - 21%.
- Do you think environmental protection laws are too strict, not strict enough, or about right? Too strict - 26%; Not strict enough - 44%; About right - 21%; No response - 9%.
- How would you rate Governor Richards' overall Economic policy? Excellent - 10%; Good - 21%; Fair - 38%; Poor - 24%; No opinion - 6%.
- Would you support having a state income tax? Yes - 22%; No - 63%; No opinion - 14%.
- Would you support a state-wide property tax to fund public schools in Texas? Yes - 44%; No - 41%; No opinion - 15%.
- Should social welfare programs be made available to more people?

Yes - 15%; Fewer - 59%; Remain the same - 16%; No opinion - 10%.

10. Would you support tax increases for the purpose of enlarging the state prison system? Yes - 34%; No - 51%; No opinion - 15%.

11. Overall, how would you rate Economic decisions made by the local government? Good - 11%; Fair - 55%; Poor - 20%; No opinion - 23%.

12. Do you believe Texcor would be good or bad for the local Economy? Good - 21%; Bad - 56%; No opinion - 23%.

13. Do you believe we should spend more or less on local law enforcement? More - 34%; Less - 40%; No opinion - 25%.

14. How do you generally feel about the way funds are spent in our local schools? Good - 45%; Bad - 27%; No opinion - 27%.

15. Would you approve of higher taxes designed to improve Brackettville streets? Yes - 41%; No - 38%; No opinion - 15%.

The survey was a complete success and the results speaks for themselves. Mr. Taylor, and his classes, thanks the community for their cooperation and help during this survey.

**Ash Captures Tennis Title**

Senior Jason Ash will advance to Regional competition in tennis after winning first place at the District meet in Uvalde.

After a 6-2, 6-0 whipping of C. Allen from LaPryor, he did the same to Castillo of Dille, 6-0, 6-1 in the second round.

For the Championship, he beat team member Mike Munoz who will also advance for finishing second.

In the ladies bracket, Amanda Davis will travel to San Marcos as she won second place in singles competition. Davis destroyed Zepeda of Dille, 6-0, 6-0, and continued where she left off in the second round. After losing in the third match, her next opponent withdrew.

The boys doubles team of Jesse Terrazas and Pat Melancon finished strongly by taking third place. They were beat out by Ramirez and Thomas of Dille for second. Both sets required a tie-breaker with Dille winning 7-6, 7-6.

**Jones Elementary UIL Winners**

**Grades 2 - 4**

**Creative Writing:** Megan McWilliams - 3rd place; Zandra Melton - 4th place.

**Story Telling:** Douglas Sanchez - 3rd; Susannah Davis - 4th; Duquesa Hunt - 5th.

**Spelling:** Rebecca Perez - 4th; Lee Davis - 6th.

**Ready Writing:** Lee Davis - 1st; Rebecca Perez - 3rd; Susannah Davis - 6th.

**Oral Reading:** Cheryl Holland - 2nd; Sunni Jones - 6th.

**Picture Memory:** As a team, Chris Petrosky, Vanessa Terrazas, Savannah Massingill, Erika Garcia, Nicole Thames, alt. Heather Martin, 2nd.

**Grades 5 - 6**

**Number Sense:** Aaron Taylor - 1st; Jessica York - 5th.

**Maps, Graphs, Charts:** Melissa Thames - 4th.

**Picture Memory:** as a team, Zachry Davis, Laura Lee Ballew, Coty Williams, Jamie Bader, Michelle Villarreal, alt. B. J. Pierce, 3rd.

**Listening:** Jessica York - 2nd.

**Calculator Applications:** Melissa Thames - 4th; Aaron Taylor - 6th.

**Ready Writing:** Melissa Thames.

**Spelling:** Melissa Thames.

**Trustees Announce Support For School Funding Propositions**

The Brackett ISD Board of Trustees on April 12, 1993, adopted a resolution in support of Propositions 1, 2, and 3 on the May 1 ballot. The propositions are intended to help equalize funding for public schools, require the state to fund future state mandates, and allow the state to issue bonds to help school districts construct new facilities.

The Brackett ISD Board of Trustees said passage of Proposition 1, the Equalization Amendment, will help bring Texas one step closer to finally solving the school finance equity crisis. Proposition 1 allows the state to shift a limited amount of funds from property-wealthy school districts and redistribute those funds to property-poor school districts. The proposed constitutional amendment permits the state to recapture and redistribute funds on a statewide level, county level, or through a combination of the two.

In addition, the Brackett ISD Board of Trustees voiced support for Proposition 2, which would prohibit the state from enacting future state mandates without funding them.

"Proposition 2 brings the state a step closer to adequately funding Texas' public education system by ensuring that the state helps pay for the programs it requires," said Jimmy Bader, Board President. "Adequate state funding is necessary if we are ever going to ease the tax burden that's been passed on to local school districts and their property taxpayers."

Bader said proposition 2 affects only mandates enacted after December 31, 1993. "Current state mandates, such as the 22:1 class size ratio for certain elementary grades and the teacher salary schedule, aren't affected by this proposition," Bader said.

The Brackett ISD Board of Trustees is also urging support for Proposition 3, which would allow the state to issue up to \$750 million in state general obligation or revenue bonds to help finance school facilities. The resolution states passage of Proposition 3 would provide "needed relief to growing school districts and address the courts' concerns that the state provides for school facilities needs."

**Brackett High Cleans House At District Golf**

Brackett ISD hosted the 1993 District golf meet at the Las Moras Country Club and took a slight advantage of the home field. Not one or two, but **three Brackett teams** will be advancing to Regionals in San Marcos.

In the boys division, the Brackett "A" team took the district title with a score of 398. This score was twenty points lower than last year's. Seniors Mike Pena, Albert Coronado, and Lynn Floyd, with Patrick Melancon and Jared Shahan are among the champions. Coronado took second place individually with a score of 89; Shahan and Melancon tied for fourth with 99.

The Brackett "B team finished the competition as runner-up. They are Wil Shahan, Brian Hooker, Sean

Burks, Ignacio Aguirre, and Matthew Foster. With a score of 436, they came away with a seven-stroke edge over Natalia and twelve strokes better than Lytle.

In the girls division, the Tigerettes blew away Lytle for the District crown. Lisa Dalton, Karla Hall, Katie Hall, Debra Frerich and Denice Frerich shot a 531 for the day.

Dalton took first medalist with a score of 125. "We returned only one player from last year's team and they consist of freshmen and sophomores," Coach Tom McNew stated.

All three teams will travel to San Marcos April 26 and 27 for competition.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21  
Hamburger - Burger Salad  
French Fries - Fruited Jello

THURSDAY, APRIL 22  
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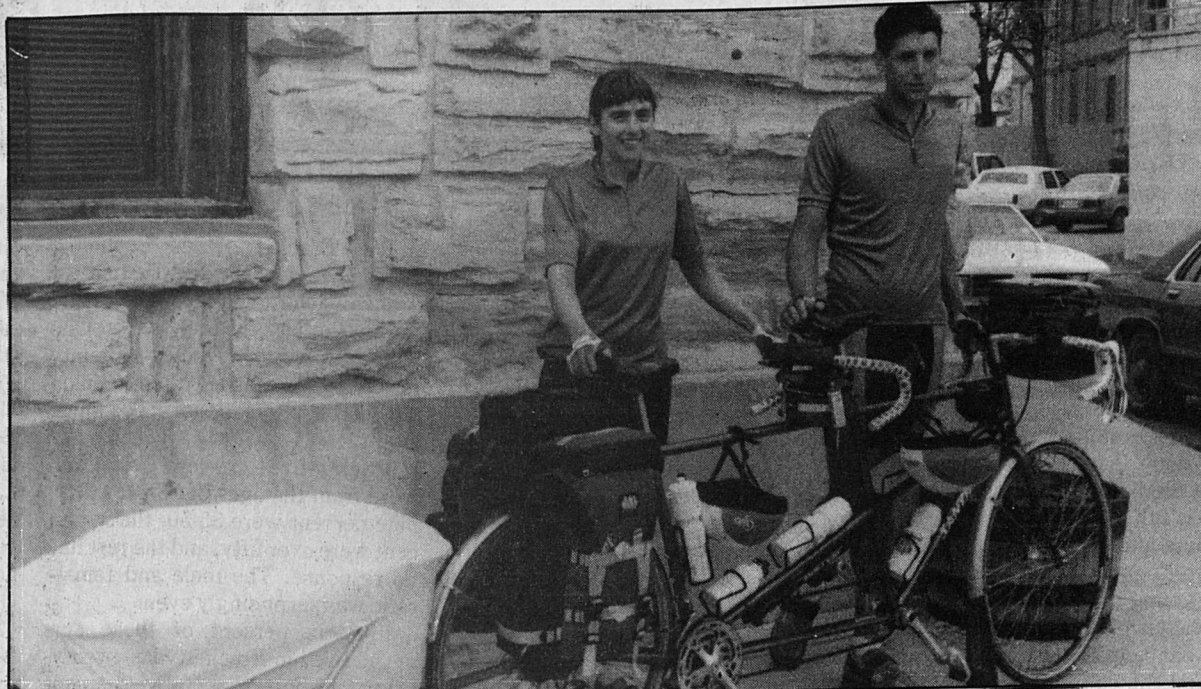
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Did you know Brackettville is listed in "Bikes Centennial," a national non-profit organization publication that guides cyclists on the best bike routes from San Diego, California, to St. Augustine, Florida. Eric and Linda Osgood of Atlanta, Georgia, shared the information with *The Brackett News* Tuesday morning, April 13, 1993.

After selling their home and their car, Linda and Eric left Atlanta eleven weeks ago on a bicycle for two pulling a small trailer loaded with camping equipment, personal belongings, tools, and spare bicycle parts. Previously they had ridden up to Virginia in October/November 1992 just to test their equipment. Then, in February they took off for Florida, circled the circumference of that state, traveled through Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. They entered Texas at Navasota, came through San Antonio, and spent Monday night at Fort Clark. Their westward trek will take them on to the Fort Davis - Big Bend area, El Paso, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana. They will even go through the Southwest part of Canada before re-entering the states at Washington and travel south to

California expecting to reach there in September. From San Diego, their route will take them back through parts of Arizona and Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

Fortunately, they were visiting friends at Tallahassee during the "blizzard of '93." They've actually ridden in rain about 3 or 4 days. They were caught in a hail storm between Gonzalez and Seguin but were able to wait it out at a convenience store.

They were shocked at the devastating destruction left by the hurricane at Homestead, Florida.

Most places, people have been friendly, but they had expected to meet more cyclists and hope to even yet.

Linda had spent eleven years in college administration. Eric was a

manager in internal audits for a credit reporting company. This trip is just to see America at a slow pace, and they are loving every moment of it...and keeping a journal.

They have a message arrangement with Discover, an 800-number. Friends and family may leave messages, and almost every day they call the number for news. The calls are toll-free, they pay a \$10 monthly fee.

Linda's brothers plan to meet them at the Grand Canyon, and Eric's parents will meet them somewhere along the way for vacation.

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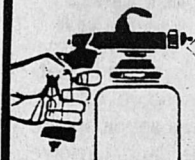
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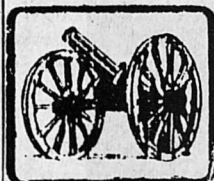


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Rev. Joe Townsend, Frontier Baptist Church, was master of ceremonies and extended the welcome. Others on the program with scripture readings from both the Old and New Testaments, and prayer, were Rev. Bill Koons, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Rev. Gil Ash - First Baptist Church, and Rev. Gordon Miller - First United Methodist Church.

The Easter message was brought by Rev. David Zumaya, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.



Music was provided by The Voices of Fort Clark along with congregational singing. Lynn McNew was director and Cathy Conrey was accompanist.

The Easter services is one of two community worship experiences, the other being the Thanksgiving service.

### Quite, Please - It's Healthy

Talking, even about pleasant things, can raise the blood pressure. Researchers at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston say blood pressure in all individuals increases when they talk. However, some are affected more than others.

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### Expanded Edition Of The Texas Bluebonnet Hails State Flower

AUSTIN-In Texas, spring means bluebonnets. It's that time again, when "the sky falls on Texas," as one writer put it. And just in time, the University of Texas Press has published a revised edition of *The Texas Bluebonnet*, a widely read book by noted naturalist and artist Jean Andrews. The new edition retains the elements that made the original *Texas Bluebonnet* so popular, but it now includes even more information and a bibliography of wildflower publications for the avid wildflower enthusiast.

Anyone interested in cultivating their own bluebonnet patch can find out about soil, sun, and water requirements.

Andrews also spotlights some of the people who have ensured the bluebonnet's annual flourishing, including former first lady Lady Bird Johnson, early horticulturists, and artists. The bluebonnet became the state flower in 1901, but only after a Texas-style showdown in the House chambers. A women's group of colonial descendants finally won out, having their flower selected over the cotton boll and prickly-pear cactus.

*The Texas Bluebonnet* is packed with numerous facts about the flower. Find out why cattle and horses won't eat bluebonnets, and whether it is legal to pick the state flower. And for the photographer, Andrews yields advice on capturing the bluebonnet on film. The book itself includes 22 outstanding color photos and Andrews' own intricate drawings.

*The Texas Bluebonnet* (5½x9 inches, 64 pp.) is available in hardcover in most area bookstores and sells for \$12.95.

How many people realize that 10 Texas counties - Crockett, Edwards, Kinney, Kimble, Mason, Mills, Sutton, Uvalde, Terrell, and Val Verde - account for a major share of the world's mohair production and more than 90 percent of the U.S. total? Or that Rock Springs, in Edwards County, is known as the "Mohair Capital of the World," that its local newspaper is the *Mohair Weekly*, and its high school mascot is the Angora goat?

Mohair and Texas' 1.5 million angora goats rarely make headlines, but news reporters took note that Governor Ann Richards wore a mohair suit at her 1991 inauguration. More recently, federal subsidies for mohair production - some \$40-50 million each year to Texas ranchers - have become a target of the Clinton administration's efforts to cut the deficit. But very few Texans are aware how important their state is as a world producer of the fiber. Brian May, executive director of the Mohair Council of America in San Angelo, says, "I've always said it's Texas' best-kept secret. (It's) known all over the world as Texas mohair. Unfortunately, hardly anyone in Texas knows about it."

Mohair production has a long history in Texas. Angora goats are believed to have originated in the Himalayan Mountains. Their fleece was first traded by the Turks, who did not allow angora goats to leave the country until 1849, when some were given to a South Carolina farmer in exchange for showing the Turks how to cultivate cotton. In the United States, the goats were built into a herd, and some of the animals were brought to Hays County in Central Texas in 1857 by an Alabama engineer. The angora goats thrived further to the west, on the rocky, hilly Edwards Plateau, on land not suitable for raising cattle or sheep. By 1900, Hill Country livestock centered around the angora, leading Texas to become the chief site of mohair production in the United States.

The U.S. produces more than 16 million pounds of mohair a year, almost 40 percent of the world's total. Other important producers are South Africa and Turkey. In 1990, Texas produced 16.3 million pounds of mohair, valued at \$15.1 million, while the angora goats themselves represented an investment of \$51 million.

The price of mohair has been on a roller coaster ride for the last 30 years. From the early 1960s to the early '70s, mohair prices dropped by more than 60 percent, to as low as 30 cents per pound. Prices rallied in the 1970s, increasing to as high as \$5.10 per pound in 1979, and peaking again in 1984. Since 1987, however, prices have been depressed. In 1990, mohair averaged 90 cents per pound, but producers benefited from federal price supports that raised their final payment to \$4.53 per pound.

The price of mohair is unstable because of the volatile demand and supply of the fiber. Mohair producers are at the mercy of fashion trends and political events that determine the market price. Mohair was very popular in the 1920s but was still used mainly as an

upholstery fabric. Now, fashion designers and mohair trade associations are pushing the use of mohair in women's clothing and decorator fabrics, products such as children's toys, drapes, hats and scarves, blankets, carpeting, and even wigs, paint rollers and ink pads.

Recent political changes also affect the mohair market. For instance, former Soviet Union countries were among the biggest buyers of the fiber. Those countries' colder climates make them natural customers of mohair. Now, however, the transition to freemarket economies has left them without the cash to import from U.S. producers.

Political unrest in South Africa, the world's largest producer of mohair and Texas' main competitor, also makes itself felt in the market. Continued upheaval or other setbacks in South Africa have proven to benefit Texas mohair producers. A three-year drought in the late 1980s, for instance, cut South African mohair production by 30 percent. The resulting shortage of mohair tripled the market price for Texas producers from 55 cents in December 1990 to \$1.65 in August 1991.

According to the Texas Department of Agriculture, mohair sales contributed \$30 million to the state economy in 1989. When related activities such as sales of angora goats are included, the total economic impact of the mohair industry increases to \$150 million. Many industry and state leaders, however, believe that mohair production is an underdeveloped activity. The same mohair sold by Texas producers in raw form for \$30 million ultimately accounts for sales around the world of \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion, once it is cleaned, processed, spun and made into yarn, clothing and other products.

A few examples illustrate the value that can be added in the processing of mohair:

\*Raw mohair sold by Texas producers will re-enter the United States in the form of blended fashion yarn that commands \$50 to \$100 per pound.

\*An average yarn spinning mill employs about 200 people and pays about \$3.5 million in annual wages.

Currently, more than 90 percent of mohair produced in Texas is exported in raw form, mainly to the United Kingdom, Italy and Taiwan. Mohair leaves the state with very little value added, mainly because of the industry's high economies of scale. Only 40-50 million pounds of mohair are produced worldwide annually, compared to 35 billion for cotton and 6 billion for wool. This low volume makes spinning mohair into yarn profitable only for a few large, specialized processors, most all in the United Kingdom.

A couple of plants in Texas provide some initial processing of mohair, but for the most part American firms do not have the special machinery needed to process the longer hair on angora goats. State and regional officials are trying to increase the amount of mohair processing and other related activity in Texas.

### Kinney County Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 17, 1993 At Noon  
 Rendezvous Park, FCS

A brisket barbecue with all the trimmings will be served at Noon. Cost is \$5.50 for adults; \$4.00 for children ages 6 - 12; no charge for kids under 6 when accompanied by an adult who pays for a plate.

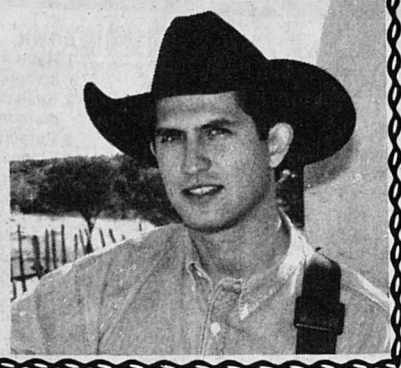
The Chamber board will be recognized; the Outstanding Citizen will be announced; and the Business Man of the Century will be honored.

C. H. "Mr. Mac" McDaniel, who served Kinney County as a barber from 1924 until 1993 will be joined by family and friends. Many will take the opportunity to share the part Mr. Mac played in their lives...from hair cuts to tips for living. Every one is invited.

An opportunity will be given to join the chamber...the 100th member (membership renewals won't count) will receive a complimentary Prime Rib dinner at Las Moras Restaurant.

**Houston For The People**

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**Golf News**



**Mens Golf**

Wednesday, April 7, 1993  
Best 2-Balls  
1st, 143: Chism, Gaston, Garza, Ebert.

2nd, 144: Smith, Bussey, Isenberg, Gilliland.

3rd, 145: Garza, Derrickson, Land, Burkepile.

At 147: Nelson, Maderick, T. Mitchell, Voracek; 149: Lundquist, Houk, Petaja, Williamson; 151: Legg, McKelvy, Anderson, Burkepile; and 152: Beatty, Turner, Mathison, and Herron.

**Couples Tournament**

Thursday, April 8, 1993  
Two teams tied for first at 61: Karl and Jan Chism, Stan and Jean Somers; Bob and Barbara Miller, Gordon and Betty Mathison.

At 62, the team of Roy and Fern Dyer, Rick Bacon and Betty Schlatterer took third.

The team of Grant-Grenauldi finished at 64. Two teams finished at 65: Miller and Houk; Williamson, Bussey, and McKelvy.

Five teams tied at 66: Reivitt, Nelson; Ebert, Benefield, Kendricks; Lundquist, Bramble; Mills, Wood; Isenberg and Ladd.

At 68 were the teams of Osborn and Turner; Green and Mayberry.

Smith, Stephenson and Voracek finished at 70; Eckenroth and Petaja finished at 71.

**Par-3 Scramble**

Monday, April 12, 1993  
Thirty-seven golfers teed off in beautiful weather. First place at 3 under par 24 went to Bill Koons, Ray Ebert, Henry Smith, and Bob Burkepile.

Two teams tied at 2 under par 25: Carlos Garza, Alfred Pena, Howard Skelton, Dutch Schoolfield; Charlie Smith, Ken Robertson, Tom Baldwin, Lorraine Osborn. After a chip between Carlos Garza and Charlie Smith, Garza's team earned second place and Smith's team was third.

Two teams tied at 1 under par 26: Mike Young, Cari Young, Andrew Stephenson, Eddie Solis; Chuck Endris, Don Herron, Jim Garrison and Ted Thatcher.

Two teams tied at even par 27: Vern Ebert, Lou Sofaly, Julio Sandoval, Ken Burkepile, Oliver Ebert; Donnie Guajardo, Art Ray, Ken Weaver, and Margo Kendrick.

Two teams tied at 1 over par 28: Gerald Gallion, Dave Yates, Pat McKelvy, Ron Frisby; John Osborn, Stan Sommers, Jim Palmer and Gwyn Ladd.

**Ladies Golf**

On Tuesday, April 13, 31 ladies showed up to play a new game called "Banker's Handicap". Winners were: 1st place: Betty Mathison; 2nd place: Ann Legg; 3rd & 4th place: Kelly Dennis - Barbara Miller; 5th place: Pat Nelson.

Eight players chose to play low gross score. The winners were: 1st place: Gwen Ladd - 79; 2nd place: Helen Miller - 82; 3rd place: Jan Chism - 87.

Prior to play the monthly business meeting of the Ladies Golf Association was held. Following the reading of the minutes a detailed financial report of the Spring Fling Tournament was given, as well as the treasurer's report.

Plans were made to go to Bandera to play golf on Wednesday, April 21, and for a luncheon later in the month. Get well cards were signed to be sent to sick members. Yearbooks were distributed for 1993-94.

**Smoking HHS PHS**

A 25-year decline in adult smoking has stalled, the U.S. Public Health Service said, perhaps because of cheap, generic cigarettes and increased cigarette advertising.

The 25-year decline followed the release of the 1964 Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health. Cigarette smokers among the adult population dropped from 42 percent in 1965 to 25.5 percent in 1990.

But between 1990 and 1991 the percentage of adult smokers increased to 25.7, primarily as a result of increase among African-Americans and women. The reversal is shown in a survey conducted by PHS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

Smoking is the leading preventable cause of death and disease, estimated to be responsible for more than one death in six in the United States.

The Surgeon General's Report on Smoking and Health was America's first widely publicized official recognition that cigarette smoking is a cause of cancer and other serious diseases. The decline in cigarette smoking that followed has been estimated to have prevented 750,000 premature deaths by 1985, adding an average of 20 years to the lives of the persons involved.

Cheaper, generic cigarettes have been capturing an increasing share of the market. Another possible factor, according to CDC Director William Roper, is that cigarette companies increased their advertising budgets about 10 percent to about \$4 billion in the year before the survey.

**If We're Serious About Prevention**

If we're serious about health reform and disease prevention, we have to do more than talk prevention, we have to walk it.

An older woman died recently of tetanus, or lock jaw, because she hadn't had a booster in many years...More than 2,000 Americans, mostly kids, got measles and another 2,400 got mumps last year, while more than 3,000 got whooping cough, a serious six-to-eight week disease often requiring hospitalization. Some kids will suffer pneumonia, kidney failure or retardation as complications.

Some unvaccinated persons will transmit German measles, or rubella, to a pregnant woman, causing her child to be born deaf or retarded.

If we're serious about preventing illness -- and the cost, inconvenience, pain, fever, retardation and other complications of illnesses -- we ought to be reviewing our children's vaccination records and our own and our parents'. People who are 65 or older should have an annual flu shot, the U. S. Public Health Service says, plus a one-time pneumonia shot. Children should be getting shots at 2, 4, 6 and 15 months approximately, under the new recommendations. Tetanus protection should be renewed every ten years.

No new-born infant should leave a hospital without his or her mom or dad having a schedule for future shots. Sure, that needle may hurt a bit. But vaccines really hurt when they're delayed -- and disease strikes.

**BETA SIGMA PHI CONDUCTS PLEDGE RITUAL**

On Monday, April 12, members of Beta Sigma Phi convened at the Fort Clark Bandstand at twilight for an impressive candlelight ceremony conferred upon five pledges.

The pledge ritual was conducted by Pat Callnan, Beta Epsilon Omicron and Jean Somers of Epsilon Iota. Pat McKelvy of Theta Sigma served as usher.

The pledges were: Gloria Borrough, Epsilon Iota; Mary Ellen Jensen, Stephanie Wallace and Helen Lynch of Beta Epsilon; and Jan Chism of Theta Sigma.



**RITE OF JEWEL CEREMONY BETA SIGMA PHI**

Members of the three Brackettville Beta Sigma Phi chapters gathered at the Fort Clark Bandstand for the Ritual of Jewel ceremony, a ceremony looked upon with great anticipation.

This past winter Jean Somers led pledge training session and Monday evening, April 12, pledge pins were traded for Ritual of Jewel pins, their first degree in Beta Sigma Phi. The ceremony was conducted by Jean Somers, assisted by Betty Schlatterer, Nina Batson and Leslie Houk were initiated into Preceptor Chapter, Theta Sigma.

Beta Epsilon Omicron, Brackettville's newest chapter held their first Ritual of Jewel ceremony for Pat Callnan, Sue Sims, Opal Groce,

**Fort Clark Is Again Home To Trooper Holt**

Once "B" Barracks, now Bullis Hall, was home to Gene Holt. Now, Unit 15, #169, is home. Holt grew up in Atlanta, Texas, and came to Fort Clark as a Cavalry recruit in 1938. George Wyrick was his Recruit Sgt. and George Patton was commanding officer. Jonathan Wainwright relieved Patton, and Holt remained at Fort Clark until 1940 when he was moved to Fort Bliss (El Paso) to form a new artillery regiment that was destined to serve overseas under Patton more than once.

After overseas duty, Holt was discharged in 1945 at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, Separation Center. He farmed for a couple of years in North Dakota. After that, he joined an automotive wholesale concern in Fargo as a salesman. Along with working full-time, he attended North Dakota Agriculture College and advanced to purchasing agent with his firm.

In 1972, Mr. Holt came to Fort Clark for a visit and bought a membership; several visits were made in the ensuing years. In 1984, he retired - tried San Francisco, California, and Gainesville, Florida. Now, "back home" at Fort Clark, he

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**Reports From Senate District 21**

By Judith Zaffirini  
State Senator, District 21

**SENATORIAL DISTRICTS CHANGE DRAMATICALLY, AGAIN**

"One person, one vote" is a civil rights creed. This is the goal to which we aspire as we determine the boundaries for senatorial districts in Texas. Incredibly, those boundaries soon will change again.

A federal judicial panel ruled on April 5 that SB 1, the redistricting plan passed by the 72nd Legislature, will go into effect and does not violate the Federal Voting Rights Act nor discriminate against minorities.

This means that all 31 senators will run again in 1994, then draw for two - and four-year terms again in 1995. It also means that we will continue to represent the districts in which we were elected in 1992 until January, 1995, though we will have to campaign in 1994 in the districts which will go into effect in January, 1995.

The redistricting plan which prevailed is a victory for the border region. It ensures that six senators, rather than five, will represent our counties. Sen. Peggy Rosson, D-El Paso, will continue to represent part of El Paso, while Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, will divide the Valley's counties with Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, and me.

Hudspeth County and parts of Culberson, El Paso and Reeves counties will be part of SD 28, represented by Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, Chair of the Senate Finance Committee.

Brewster, Jeff Davis, Kinney, Maverick, Pecos, Presidio, Terrell, Val Verde, and parts of Atascosa, Bexar, Culberson, Medina, Reeves and Uvalde counties will be part of the new SD 19, represented by Sen. Frank Madla, D-San Antonio.

Sen. Greg Luna, D-San Antonio, will represent the new SD 26, the only senatorial district entirely within Bexar County. Sen. Bill Sims, D-San Angelo, and Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, reside in SD 25, a 14-county district which includes parts of Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe and Medina Counties.

Six counties will remain in our SD 21, namely, Dimmit, La Salle, Webb, Zavala and parts of Bexar and Uvalde.

Twelve counties which had been removed from SD 21 by the Republican Court's plan will join us anew: Bee, Duval, Frio, Jim Hogg, Live Oak, McMullen, Starr, Wilson

Zapata and parts of Atascosa, Comal and Guadalupe.

Finally, a portion of Hidalgo county will join our SD 21 for the first time.

As currently comprised, SD 21 offers an exciting opportunity to develop unity in a region which stretches from Laredo, 154 miles north to Northwest Bexar County, and 620 miles west to Northeast El Paso.

Instead, in 1995 SD 21 will stretch from Laredo, 187 miles north to New Braunfels, and from Uvalde, 272 miles to Edinburg.

Although it saddens me to lose the opportunity to represent the counties added by the court-ordered plan, I am delighted to regain the region in which I ran in 1986. For me it was a win-win situation.

This decision should end the long court battle over redistricting in Texas. Central to the debate is whether the right to determine district boundaries rests with the courts or with the Legislature. According to Attorney General Dan Morales, "It is the prerogative of Texas Legislators, who are elected by the people, to design our electoral districts, rather than a federal court."

Then current redistricting effort began in May, 1991, when the 72nd Legislature approved SB 31 by former Sen. Bob Glasgow, D-Stephenville. After the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund filed suit, legislators agreed to substitute a settlement plan in October, 1991. In December, 1991, the settlement plan was rejected when intervenors for the Republican Party filed suit. A federal judge promptly substituted his own plan.

Members of the 72nd Legislature convened in a Third Called Session and passed SB 1 by Glasgow, which mirrored the settlement plan. The federal judge again rejected the plan and ordered his own plan for the November, 1992, elections.

By ruling for the defendants in the redistricting suit, the federal judicial panel restores SB 1 which honors long-standing communities of interest, enhances participation by Mexican American voters and provides opportunities for residents of small and rural counties to be elected senator for SD 21.

"The future of this republic is in the hands of the American voter," said Dwight D. Eisenhower. Texas future is in the hands of Texas voters. The redistricting plan reflected in SB 1 ensures that Texas voters are represented fairly.

**BVFD Elects Officers for 1993-94**

The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department has named the following officers to serve for the coming year:

Chief	Richard Wills	Capt. Asst.	Chris Sweet
Asst. Chief	Tom Kuhns	Chaplain	Ruben Buantello
Captain	Steve Stafford	Secretary treasurer	Chet Puda

Natasha's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) Count on putting out an extraordinary amount of effort this work week. You may be jumping through a superior's hoops, whether you like it or not. Celebrate early because you will be (we promise) exhausted this weekend.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) This week, the real trick is to discover which of those "wild" ideas are worthwhile. Follow through on a brainstorm, and you are pleasantly surprised. Count on being noticed by everyone, even this weekend. Enjoy being the star.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Some of you may be sweating taxes right now, but a partner pitches in and relieves some of the burden. Once your spirits start soaring, you may have a hard time landing, and probably won't until mid-weekend.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Others may dominate this week, but you know you can turn it around and say "no" at any given moment. This weekend, plan on a wild frolic with a loved one as an escape from the day-to-day grind. Use your imagination.

**LEO** (July 23-August 22) You've been rather compulsive about getting your work in order lately, and this theme continues into this week. However, please plan on making some time for your social life.

**VIRGO** (August 23-September 22) It has been said that imagination is more important than knowledge. You demonstrate this all week long. Others notice a new quality in you and seek you out. Remember, you have choice on your side, so please feel free to call the shots.

**LIBRA** (September 23-October 22) Make sure your home is in order this week, as you will need this sanctuary. If you work hard, make sure you play hard. But do remember not to get too carried away as you may spend the whole weekend making up for lost time.

**SCORPIO** (October 23-November 21) Clear your desk and return all your calls quickly this week. It is time to focus on familial matters. Really look at your home life and dare to create what it is you want. You add a magic quality to your life this weekend.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22-December 21) Approach a problem with detachment and seek out expert advice. Any inroads you make this week could pay off in multiples down the road. Be more in synch with those around you. The winged horse will be happiest if he or she parks at home this weekend.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 19) Though another may choose to defy your will (or whimsy), you still have it your way in the long run. Be careful with money. It can drift out of your wallet in the most amazing manner. Above all, remember who you are and what you have to offer.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20-February 18) Others may think you're not yourself, but they discover otherwise mid-week. You were just busy thinking over your options. You are empowered this week to make what you want happen. Use your magnetism and count on a wonderful week.

**PISCES** (February 19-March 20) Examine how much you rely on a friendship. Be careful not to alienate this special person as you may need their support. When you feel down, know this too will pass. Indeed by the weekend, you forget all your problems and just relish the moment.

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| <b>ACROSS</b><br>1 Goodman and Jane of old-time radio<br>5 Brightly colored finch<br>9 Dessert<br>13 I.D. labels<br>17 Uncultured<br>18 Difficult task<br>19 Pound pooch<br>20 Upright<br>22 Girl watcher?<br>23 French seaport on the Gulf of Lions<br>25 Bowling alleys<br>26 Seaport on the Rio de la Plata<br>28 Spanish seaport on the Mediterranean<br>31 Young boys<br>32 Compass reading<br>34 Hosiery damage<br>35 River in Switzerland<br>36 Hawk's opponent<br>37 West Yorkshire city<br>39 Fools up<br>41 Household<br>44 Sicilian seaport<br>46 Construction site warning<br>50 Hostile opponent<br>51 Kentucky bluegrass | <br>52 Soothing powder<br>54 Civil War general<br>55 Surgeon's smock<br>56 Petty tyrant<br>59 - passu (with equal speed)<br>61 Essayist's pseudonym<br>62 "For - We Know" (1970 song)<br>63 Spanish seaport on the Mediterranean<br>65 Cut and shaped anew<br>67 Indian or orange<br>69 Reserve supply<br>71 Inventive Samuel<br>72 Teacher's helpers<br>75 Seaport of North Island, Columbia<br>77 Theology deg.<br>80 Odds and —<br>81 Annoyingly complacent<br>83 Household linens<br>84 Command to Power<br>85 Highlanders<br>87 Ingredient in 94 Down<br>89 "Fine Day" (song)<br>90 Bankrupt<br>91 Virgil wrote | <br>93 Popular meeting place<br>96 Less fatty<br>97 Destroy<br>99 Show skepticism<br>100 It's good for what—you<br>101 Doc's org.<br>104 Numbered hwy.<br>106 Danish county<br>107 Grand-parental<br>108 Marliu's "Evening Shade" role<br>111 Australian seaport in Victoria<br>114 German seaport at the mouth of the Weser<br>117 Prevent, at law<br>118 Seaport of British Columbia<br>120 Signs of things to come<br>121 Kind of pool<br>122 Small salamanders<br>123 Cub Scout units<br>124 Famous caravan<br>125 City in Romania<br>126 Source of tallow<br>127 Italian noble house<br>128 Very great numbers | <b>DOWN</b><br>1 Have a disagreement<br>2 Base of a cut diamond<br>3 Paradise<br>4 Science dealing with serums<br>5 Perfumed hair ointment<br>6 Author Nin<br>7 Sound from a happy kitty<br>8 Ancient ascetics<br>9 Pierre's friend<br>10 Tulip origin<br>11 "Shrugged" (Ayn Rand book)<br>12 He wrote "A Sentimental Journey"<br>13 Wired message<br>14 Inland sea<br>15 Historic Italian seaport<br>16 Opera division<br>17 Baseball Hall-of-Famer Ty<br>21 Russian despot<br>24 Slaves of yore<br>27 Be thrifty<br>29 Word after credit or report<br>33 Improve the copy<br>36 Cause the ruin of<br>37 Comes to know<br>38 Dragon or shot starter | <br>40 Villainous looks<br>41 Prefix for buck or byte<br>42 Chemical compound<br>43 Site of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy<br>44 Speck of dust<br>45 Apple-growing chemical<br>47 Texas seaport city<br>48 Singer/actress Adams<br>49 Enjoy the newspaper<br>51 Sicilian capital and seaport<br>53 Burn to ashes<br>56 Palm trees<br>57 Recorded proceedings<br>58 Devout<br>60 Computer screen images<br>63 Large cask<br>64 Foot part<br>66 Drunk or must follower<br>68 Shirley MacLaine, to Warren Beatty<br>70 Make do<br>72 High tableland<br>73 "I Loved You—in Silence" (song)<br>74 Of the same kind | <br>76 Pre-Easter time<br>78 Total gate<br>79 Cleaner's associate<br>82 June, VIP<br>84 Sp. matrons<br>86 Four-footed dinosaur<br>88 Celebes wild ox<br>90 Hotel personnel<br>92 In — (in position)<br>94 Thick soup made with vegetables<br>95 Thrust forward<br>96 Unreliable witness<br>98 Attack of hysteria<br>100 Reluctant town<br>101 lowa campus town<br>102 The "hostess with the mostest"<br>103 Adjust to fit<br>105 Army condition?<br>107 Catkin<br>108 Genus of grasses<br>109 Small apertures<br>110 Handle<br>112 — fide (in good faith)<br>113 Grafted, in heraldry<br>115 Holiday fore-runners<br>116 Renee's friend (song)<br>119 Winter time in lowa: abbr. |
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Happy Birthday

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## Fishing Report



**AMISTAD:** Water clear, 59 degrees, 2 feet above normal level; black bass are fairly good to 11 pounds on dark worms, cranks and spinners; striper are improving to 25 1/2 pounds on Bananahed Jigs, Rapalas, slabs and Redfins; crappie are slow; white bass are good up the Pecos River; catfish are picking up in the 4-5 pound range on cheese baits.

**BRAUNIG:** Water murky, 75 degrees, normal level; black bass are good to 7 1/2 pounds on plastic worms; striper are slow; catfish are good to 3 1/2 pounds on liver; corvina are slow; redbass are good to 17 pounds downrigging silver spoons in 25 feet of water.

**CALAVERAS:** Water murky, 78 degrees, normal level; black bass are fair to 5 pounds on artificials; striper are good to 7 1/2 pounds on chicken livers; crappie slow; redbass are good to 15 pounds on shrimp and shad; catfish are good to 3 pounds; corvina are slow.

**CHOKO:** Water clear, 64 degrees, 6 inches low; black bass are good in 1-5 feet of water on worms and Slug-Gos, spinners and topwaters are good early, shallow running cranks and spoons to 10 pounds, 9 ounces; crappie are fair in 10-20 feet of water along the river near 99 bridge on live minnows; white bass are good from 99 bridge upriver to Tilden; catfish are good with most caught in less than 10 feet of water in back of creeks on cheese bait and liver under corks; trotline and jug line fishing are good to 51 pounds in shallow water on cut shad.

**COLETO CREEK:** Water clearing, 74 degrees at the boat ramps, normal level; black bass are fair in number, most are undersized and caught near the weed beds on spinners and Rattle Traps; hybrid striper are fair in number and striper are fair in number and small in size; crappie are fair on minnows at night along the channel; catfish fair on rod and reel with live bait and cut bait.

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Water clear from Brown Island to the dam, murky up river, 65 degrees, 3 feet low; black bass are fair to 3 1/2 pounds in 3 feet of water on white willow leaf spinners in the coves from Lagarto to Pernitas Creek; striper are slow; crappie are fair to 2 pounds in 1-2 feet of water on minnows and black and silver Mister Twister jigs; white bass are still up the river, some white bass caught at the state park pier on minnows and curl tail jigs; blue catfish are excellent to 14 pounds on trotlines baited with shad and soap; good number of blue catfish caught on jug lines baited with carp; channel catfish are good to 4 pounds on rod and reel from the bank on chicken livers near KOA.

**FALCON:** Water clear, 64 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are excellent to 11 pounds on chrome Rattle Traps and blue flake Power Worms; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are slow; catfish are good to 7 pounds on rod and reel on frozen shrimp.

**MEDINA:** Water clear, 65 degrees, 2 feet low; black bass are good to 6 pounds on pumpkin seed Power Worms; striper are slow; crappie are slow; white bass are good to 2 pounds on Roadrunners and white jigs; catfish are slow.

**TEXANA:** Water muddy, normal level; black bass are fair to 3 pounds in the jungle on worms; white bass and a few crappie caught up the Navidad River on minnows; catfish are slow on trotlines.

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**Meditations**

The person who wants to be successful has a goal or goals to reach. Our goals or objectives need to be practical and reachable. A person without an objective or goal in life simply drifts along.

We need to state clearly our goals. Let's "make a list and check it twice." Take a pen and paper today and write what goals you have. Have you ever done this?

Be specific. Do you want a better family life? This is a worthy goal! Make such a goal the central issue, the "magnificent obsession" in your life. Is it to make more money? Better grades in school, or better health? Do you want to grow spiritually? Does a person have a need to relate in a better way to others? Name your goal. Dust it off, blow all the hazy clouds from it, understand what you really want to do or accomplish.

What's your plan for reaching your life-time dream? What resources do you have or need for reaching what you want to accomplish. Is more training needed for the successful project or purpose? Do you need others to help you in this enterprise? You must have an "attack

plan" to reach the point you want to reach.

What's your "time table" for doing what needs to be done? Some goals may be reached in an hour, a day, or week. Others may require a year or 10 years - or even a lifetime. When do you plan to "cross the finish line?" Use your watch or calendar and set a definite time or day for doing what needs to be done.

As you move towards that goal, keep a healthy attitude. For instance, Thomas Edison failed about 1,000 times before he produced a light bulb that worked. Don't be frustrated and give up. Keep going and keep joyful in your pursuit. If it's necessary to redirect or revise (or even discard) the goals you have, do it. Examine your progress at times. Look at the detour routes or the hills which must be climbed. Assess the total program for reaching the goal.

As you "go for the goal" remember the saying, "Life is hard by the yard; by the inch, it's a cinch."

The Bible speaks to us at this point, "Not as though I had already attained, but I press on..." Will you put the finishing touches on reaching your goal?

**Frontier Baptist Church**

By Joe Townsend

Sunday was a high light day of worship at Frontier Baptist Church. There were numbers of visitors including some from out of town.

The pastor's message was one of emphasis on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The message particularly pinpointed Mary Magdalene who went early in the morning to further anoint the body of Jesus with spices used for that purpose. Arriving at the empty tomb she was met by an angel whose query was, "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here He is risen." Mary learned then that God is still in control.

When Christ was crucified, her world crumbled. He was the one who had redeemed her from a life of sin and had given her meaning to live. He had inspired her life and dreams. There she had seen Him crucified. She had seen him die on the cross. Indeed it seemed like Satan had won and God had lost. Now on the first Easter morning, she realized that indeed God was in control and her friend and Savior was indeed alive.

One day they would find the bones of Caiyshas molding in the ground. He was chief exponent of crucifying Jesus. The bones of Jesus could never be found because He had risen.

Many also realized there was more than life in this world. There is a life beyond the grave. As the first fruits of resurrection Jesus had shown life here is just a prelude to an eternity of living with Jesus in the presence of God.

As she was instructed by the angel she rushed to tell the "brothers" the good news. Prior to this time Jesus had dubbed them disciples. Now the message of Jesus was to his "brothers". Thus Mary hastened to tell the disciples that Christ had arisen.

It would be a great day if all men everywhere would realize God is still in control; that is, nothing is beyond the control of God. Also to know with certainty that after this life there is more. To know this dynamically would motivate to telling others, "He is not here, He is risen."

**Obituary**



**Sidney Lafayette Humphreys**

Sidney Lafayette Humphreys died April 13, 1993, in Del Rio, Texas. Born five miles East of Vanderpool in Bandera County on October 16, 1913, to Earnest and Eassie Humphreys, Sidney came to Val Verde County in 1916 by covered wagon crossing San Felipe Creek near what is now HWY 277. The family settled in Comstock, Texas where his family drove a three wagon train from the rail head at Comstock, continuing through Juno to the growing settlement of Ozona, Texas.

Sidney grew up and worked on various ranches in Val Verde County until he went to work for the railroad in 1941. He retired in 1976 as a Conductor. His 35 years with Southern Pacific Railroad increased his knowledge and sparked his interest in its history. Sid's office is full of family documents, in reality a small museum. Through meticulous research, Sid has traced his family tree back to such historical figures as David Crockett. His second grandfather Wilson Crockett was the next older brother of David.

Sidney was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Wesleyan Sunday School Class, Benny's Cafe Morning Coffee Club, Retired Railroad Association, Sons of Confederate Veterans, life member Sons of the Republic of Texas, life member of National Rifle Association, Val Verde Masonic Lodge No. 646, Scottish Rite 32nd degree San Antonio, Texas, Del Rio Host Lions Club, Past President Val Verde Historical Commission and he served as a school board member of

the Del Rio Independent School District.

Sidney was preceded in death by his parents, brother Jesse Ray Humphreys, and brothers-in-law Dr. Herbert Walker and Francis Arledge.

He is survived by his wife Edna Humphreys of Del Rio; sons, Leon Humphreys and Gary Humphreys both of Del Rio; daughters, Ellen Wallen of Dayton, Texas, and Helen Burk of Cabot, Arkansas; step-son, Byrl Winn of North Bend, Oregon; step-daughter, Marcia Pryer of Del Rio; brother, Ernie Humphreys; sisters, Julia Faye Arledge, Viola Calk, and Bernice Walker all of Del Rio; brother-in-law, Glen Powers of McPearsom, Kansas; 21 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be at Humphreys Funeral Chapel, Del Rio, Thursday from 2:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. Funeral Services will be Friday April 16, 1993, 10:00 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Larry Howard officiating. Masonic Graveside rites will follow at the Masonic Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Carl Cloudt, Bo Hutto, Blake Brown, Frank Torres, Victor Lee, Judge Durwood Edwards, Larry Perry, Charlie Lane, and Jim Long. Honorary pallbearers will be the grandchildren and Wesleyan Sunday School Class. Funeral Services are under the direction of Humphreys Funeral Home Inc., 200 E. Garfield Ave., Del Rio, Texas 78840.

News from... The Pastor's Pen GIL ASH

**First Baptist Church**

You perhaps have commented, "the youth of today just aren't responsible and respectful like they used to be." If you have even thought that, read on.

"Our earth is degenerated in these latter days, bribery and corruption are common, children no longer obey their parents; every man wants to write a book." "Our youth today love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority, disrespect for older people. Children nowadays are tyrants. They contradict their parents, gobble their food, and tyrannize their teachers." Do these statements sound current? Notice that they were quotes. The first was quoted from a 4,700 year old Assyrian Tablet. The second is from 425 B.C. the words of Socrates.

It is my thinking that the youth of today really aren't that much dif-

ferent from centuries ago. They need direction, instruction, love, and praise. We often forget that latter two. Yes, we may occasionally tell them they are loved; but how often are they given praise for a job well done? A phrase of praise will work wonders. Here are just a few phrases you might try this week with the youth and children in your life.

You are getting better every day! I knew you could do it! Good thinking! You are doing a great job! You are learning fast! I am proud of the way you worked today! That is the best you have ever done! Sensational! Now you've got the hang of it! Keep up the good work! Exactly right! Outstanding!

Try these for a month and I am sure your perspective of youth will change and you will be "outstanding!" Go ahead, try it. Have a great month!!!

**Obituary**



**Lawrence F. Cupps**

Funeral services were held for Lawrence F. "Larry" Cupps, Jr. Friday afternoon, April 9, 1993, at Humphreys Funeral Home in Brackettville, Texas. Entombment was in Sunset Memorial Park, San Antonio, on Saturday.

Larry was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on November 25, 1913, to Lawrence F. Sr. and Elizabeth Jones Cupps. He died at his home at Fort Clark Springs on Wednesday afternoon, April 7, 1993. He was 79, and had suffered from sugar diabetes and its complications for several years.

Mr. Cupps is survived by his wife, Amy, of Fort Clark; a son, Lawrence E. Cupps of Pittsburg; a daughter, Marlene C. Brakss of Pierre, South Dakota; and three grandchildren - Lawrence H. Cupps, Linda Cupps, Sean M. Brakss; a brother, John E. Cupps and a nephew, John W. Cupps, both of Pittsburg.

Larry's pastor, Rev. Gil Ash of First Baptist Church, Brackettville, conducted the funeral services with Mrs. Ash bringing special music.

Larry was a member of Las Moras Masonic Lodge #444 where he served as Master in 1978. Pallbearers were brethren from the lodge: P. H. Coates, Charles Downing, Tom Faulkenberry, James Haga, Richard Mountain, and Howard Wakefield. Bruce Clements pronounced the Masonic Rites at the Funeral Home, and nine local Masons, as did Rev. Ash, accompanied the family to San Antonio on Saturday.

Fort Clark Springs was home to Larry and Amy for the past fourteen years. Oil painting was one of his favorite hobbies and he was an active member of the Fort Clark Arts Association until the amputation of his leg disallowed him from scaling the stairs to the studio.

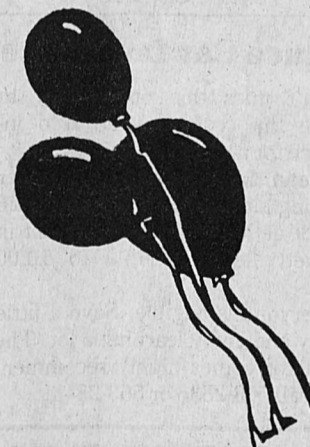
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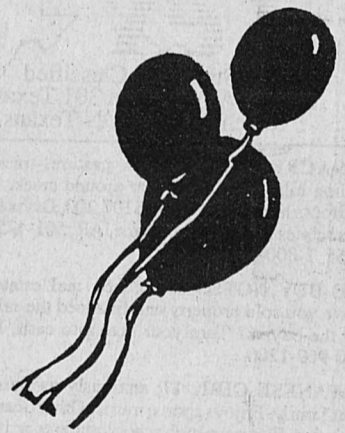


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