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# The Brackett News

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



## Commissioners Meet In Short Special Session

With Commissioners Freddie Frerich and Paul O'Rourke present, Judge Tommy Seargeant called the Kinney County Commissioners Court into special session at 9:00 a.m., Monday, June 19, 1995.

County bills were examined and approved for payment. Approval was granted for Sheriff Hooten to employ a part-time jailer on an "as-needed" basis until a vacancy can be filled. O'Rourke made the motion, Frerich seconded it, and Judge Seargeant joined the commissioners in voting in favor.

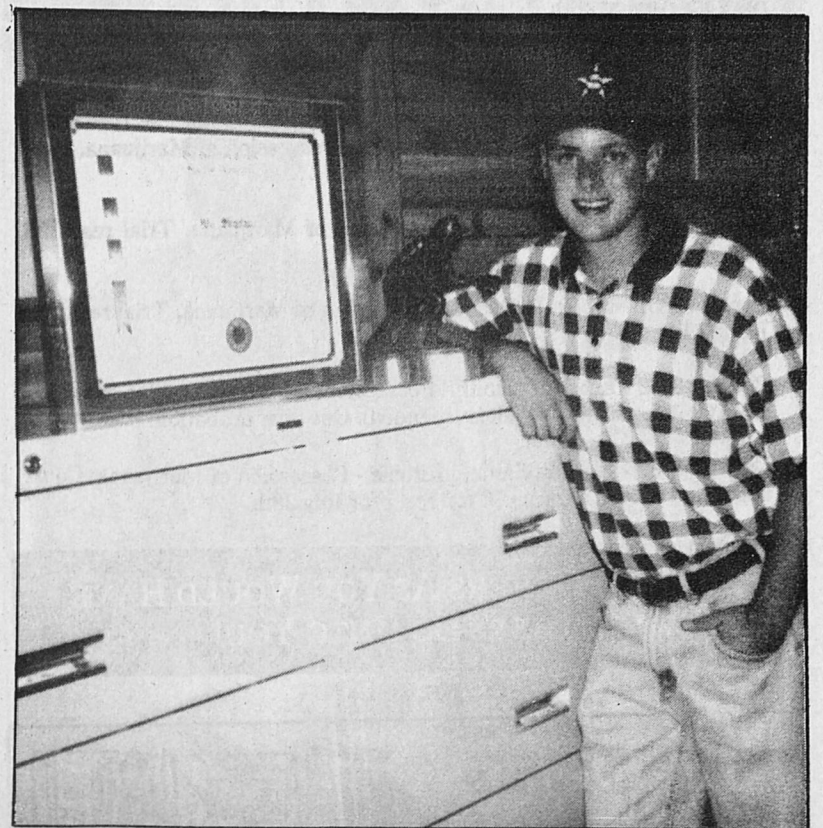
Manuel Pena reported that his department has decided to rid the

Civic Center of its pigeon problem by trapping the invading birds.

Judge Seargeant reported that the telephone installation for a storm warning system on Fort Clark should be completed by June 23rd.

Antonio Pena appeared before the court in regards to an "overage charge" for use of the Civic Center and was advised that the court would research to see how similar incidents had been handled.

O'Rourke moved to recess the special session to allow budget workshops to be held later in the week. Frerich seconded the motion and all three voted yes.



## Wil Shahan

### 1995 Texas HS Baseball Player

None of Wil Shahan's fans were surprised, but all were delighted, when word got back to Kinney County that he'd been named the Texas High School Baseball Player of the Year. That honor was accorded to Shahan Saturday, June 17, 1995, following the All-Stars baseball game at Olsen Field, Texas A&M University, College Station.

A stand out pitcher for the district winner Brackett High School baseball team, Shahan was nominated for the All-Star team by Coach Gary Grubbs and was selected to play for the "South" A-AA-AAA team. The four A and five A conferences have played North/South All-Star games for 22 years. The A-AA-AAA conference game, 1995, was a first, and the South won 14-5. Wil pitched two innings of that memorable game.

Wil received a 10-inch bronze trophy and a 24x24 framed certificate, plus the Pro-Line Cap Company donated \$2,000 in Wil's name to the Scholarship Foundation Fund of the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association.

The Pro Line Trophy Selection committee, who selected Shahan Player of the Year, consisted of George W. Bush, Managing General Partner of the Texas Rangers Baseball Club, Walter S. Fortner, Attorney-at-Law, Bayard Friedman, Senior Chairman of Team Bank, Cliff Gustafson, Head Baseball Coach of University of Texas at Austin, Dale Hansen, Sportscastr, WFAA-TV, and Richard Rainwater, President of Rainwater, Inc.

Selection was based on athletic performance, academic excellence, and leadership.

Shahan, valedictorian of the 1995 Brackett High School graduating class, is undecided as to where he will attend college this fall; however, in just two weeks he will be leaving with the prestigious Texoma baseball team for Europe where they will play exhibition and/or competitive games in Germany, Holland, and the Netherlands.

Wil is the son of Tully and Darlene Shahan and brother to Jenifer and Jared. His grandparents are Happy and Virginia Shahan of Brackettville, and Bennie and June Buckner of Red River, New Mexico.

## Boysen Joins K.C. Chamber Of Commerce

Kinney County Chamber of Commerce president Larry Sofaly, left, stopped by to welcome Roland Boysen into membership. Boysen has been a Certificated Public Account (CPA) since 1953. His main office is in San Antonio but he has a branch office in his home at Fort Clark Springs.

Boysen may be contacted at 563-9224.

When he opened his branch office in Kinney County (income tax, accounting) he gained most of Ron Buckles and Dick Hirsch customers.

He and his wife, Rosilee, have been part-time Fort residents since 1986. They have turned quarters on the north side of historic Patton Hall into a charming home and spend much of their time on the Fort although during the busiest part of the tax season he spends most of each week in San Antonio.

Boysen is active in several activities on the Fort as well as St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. He is a welcome addition to the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce.



## Arroya Family Reunion

Following the Arroya Family Reunion in Lubbock on June 10, two sisters returned to Brackettville to visit in the home of their brother, Daniel Arroya. Pictured from left are Mary Carrasco of Olton, Texas, Daniel Arroya of Brackettville, his wife, Cecilia, and Josie Ramirez, of Satellite Beach, Florida. They stopped by *The Brackett News* office and Breen Gallery on their way out to Alamo Village and other interesting places in the area.



## Juneteenth Parade Judges

Thoroughly enjoying their chore of selecting parade winners are judges Juanita Lopez, Gloria Garcia, and Yvonne Best. (More coverage page 12)

## Red, White, Blue Golf Tournament

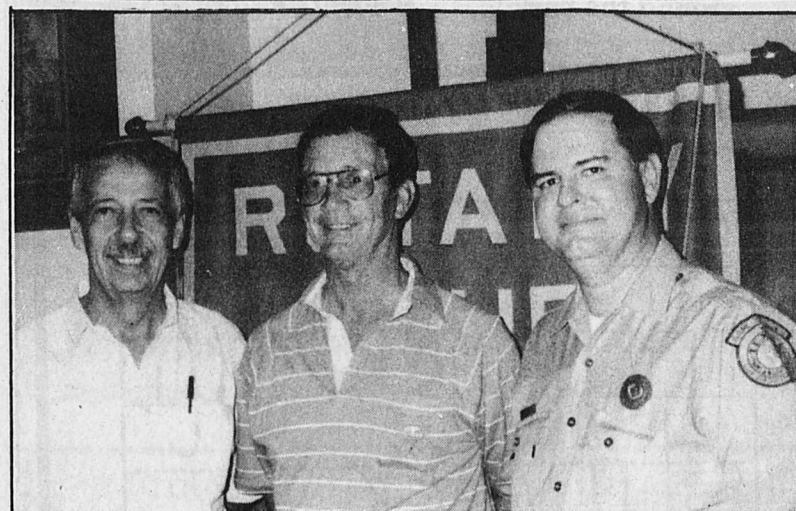
Fort Clark Springs 18 hole course, July 1 & 2, 4 person teams, men and women, non-residents and visitors welcome. Prizes: Uncle Sam's green back - 75% of entry fees will be paid back in prizes. Entry fee \$15.00 per person. Registration limited to first 72 received by June 29th. Contact the Pro Shop.



## Courtney Harrison

### Best Shortstop In Texas Softball

(See "Making A Difference" page 9)



## Game Warden Tells It Like It Is

Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Warden Henry Lutz, right, affectionately termed "Fort Clark's resident game warden" spoke at Thursday's Rotary Club giving updates of changes in game and fish laws soon to become effective. With him are program chairman Mike Holley and Rotary president Taylor Stephenson.

## Brackett Boosters Elect Officers

The Brackett Athletic Booster Club met Tuesday afternoon, June 20, with retiring president Allen McCord presiding.

Among other business transacted officers were elected for the 1995-96 school year.

They are Manuel Pena, president, Jamie Ballew, vice president, Kandace LaMascus, secretary, and Pam Melancon, treasurer.

## Let's Get The Pool Open

Kinney County and City Employees are putting on a Bar-B-Que

June 25, 1995, 12:00 Noon until sell-out  
Aging Services Park, Brackettville

To raise money to open the County Pool. We need to raise approximately \$2,500.00 to \$3,000 to get the pool cleaned up and hire certified life guards.

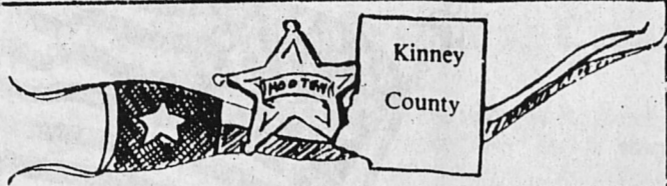
Bar-B-Que and all the trimmings just \$4.00 per plate

Any & all donations will be appreciated!  
Help us get the pool open so the kids can enjoy a cool summer!

Anyone interested in life guarding, please make application at the courthouse and bring your certification with you

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



District Court convened in Kinney County on Monday, June 19, 1995, with several criminal cases heard before District Judge George Thurmond, the results of those hearings and trials are listed below:

**Cause # 1817 - Ben Tovar - Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer.** Charge reduced to misdemeanor, case remanded to County Court for a trial at a later date.

**Cause # 1833 - Robert Lewis Hernandez. Possession of Marijuana - case passed, reset for trial July 20th.**

**Cause #1841 - Samuel Ybarra - Possession of Cocaine. Plea Bargain - 50 hours of community service, \$500.00 fine - 5 years probation.**

**Cause #1844 - Jose Guadalupe Moreno - Possession of Marijuana. Failed to show up for trial. New warrant issued and new bond set at \$100,000.**

**Cause #1845 - Juan Antonio Toledo-Mata - Possession of Marijuana. Trial reset for later date. Suppression of Evidence. Motion allowed. Bond reduced from \$25,000 to \$2,500.**

**Cause #1846 - Richardo Torres Ramirez - Possession of Marijuana. Trial reset for August 28th.**

**Cause #1847 - Saul Ortega Roboller - Possession of Marijuana. Trial reset for June 21, 1995.**

**Cause #1847 - Jose Herrera Hernandez - Possession of Marijuana. Case passed, reset for July 28th.**

**Cause #1850 - Juan Kiniski - Possession of Marijuana. Trial reset for June 21, 1995.**

**Cause #1851 - Melba LaRocco - Possession of Marijuana. Trial reset for July 28th.**

**Cause #1852 - Ernest J. Smith - Possession of Marijuana. Plea Bargain - \$300.00 fine - 30 days in jail (suspended). One year probation.**

**Cause #1853 - William Samuel Ritchie - Possession of Marijuana. Court appointed him an attorney. Trial reset for July 28th.**

Sheriff's Department investigators are currently investigating an incident of Assault with a Deadly Weapon that occurred at a local business in Brackettville the afternoon of June 14, 1995. It is alleged that a ranchhand employed by a Kinney County ranch threw bottles at an employee who threw them back at his attacker, then the ranchhand chased the employee with a large machete. There were no injuries in the incident other than a bruise on the arm suffered by the employee.

The incident is believed to be a continuation of a "blood feud" that began in Mexico a few weeks back between the families of the two men involved. Charges are expected to be filed at the conclusion of the investigation.

Another case currently under investigation by Sheriff's Department investigators is that of Criminal Mischief and Burglary that occurred at the Fort Clark Springs Golf & Tennis Club Restaurant on the night of June 16, 1995. The perpetrators of this crime threw a large tree limb through an East side window of the establishment and then entered and took beer valued at \$72.00 from a beer cooler. Damage to the window and the beer cooler is estimated at \$300.00. No arrests have been made at the time of this writing.

Charges of Reckless Damage, Public Intoxication, and Disorderly Conduct have been filed against a pair of Brackettville residents stemming from a domestic dispute that began in the couple's home and progressed to a neighbor's house. Mary Basham Ritchie, 36, and Dwayne Kite, 35, both currently residing in Brackettville, have been charged in the incident that occurred at approximately 11:34 p.m. the night of June 20, 1995. Damage to the neighbor's front door is estimated at \$150.00. Both Ritchie and Kite remain in jail at the time of this writing. Kite is also wanted on outstanding warrants from Brazoria County for Theft and Assault Causing Bodily Injury.

I read a short note in the Reader's Digest recently that can apply to almost any small town such as Brackettville, it goes like this:

"Our county sheriff says the best thing about conducting an investigation in one of the small towns is that the folks at the local coffee shop usually have already done most of his work for him." Yep! That fits! That's All!

LETTER TO SHERIFF

Dear Sheriff Hooten:

On Saturday, May 20, 1995, at 5:00 p.m., the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department responded to a large grass fire on FMRD 593.

There were many agencies and individuals who offered assistance on this day.

I would like to take the time to thank you and everyone on your staff who so patiently helped out. The radio communication in our department was poor that day due to the condition of equipment. The Sheriff's Office continued to relay messages back and forth as needed.

Sincerely,  
/s/ Richard Wills  
Fire Chief, BVFD



"My wife says this is romantic. Take her once around the park."



Between Us

By Joe Townsend



The departure of John Hall from his position of czar over much of Texas life marks another milestone in the steady march away from insidious control by radical liberals.

This man has been the darling of liberal politicians all of his political life. The idea that because of his race he was a valuable election tool

has finally run aground.

The time when important policies and actions regarding material resources could be determined by

political arrogance hopefully is now long gone. A brief purvue of his actions since his appointment by Ann Richards is most revealing.

"Basic Of Federal Government Contracting"

The Middle Rio Grande Development Center's Small Business Development Center in conjunction with Laughlin Air Force Base and Computer Junction of Del Rio are co-sponsoring "Basics of Federal Government Contracting" Seminar on June 27 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Laughlin Air Force Base XL Club (formerly the Officers Club).

This one day seminar is designed for the small company doing business with the United States Department of Defense (DoD)

Fee is \$40.00 which includes refreshments, lunch and materials. This can be paid at the door. For further information contact the Middle Rio Grande Development Council/Small Business Development Center, 210-278-4151, Ext. 17.

The MRGDC/SBDC under cooperative agreement is partially funded and is in a partnership program with the U.S. Small Business Administration. All SBDC programs are nondiscriminatory and open to the public. Reasonable arrangements for persons with disabilities will be made, if requested in advance.

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Beginning July 10, 1995, Lone Star Airlines will offer non-stop service to/from Del Rio to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

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For flight information and reservations, call 800-877-3932.

Texas Pines Being Cut Faster Than Growth

COLLEGE STATION — The entire state may some day pine for the woods of East Texas, say officials with the Texas Forest Service at Texas A&M University.

Texas pine trees are being cut down faster than they can grow, says Roger Lord, a staff forester with the forest resource development department of the state forest service in College Station.

In 1993, the number of pines being harvested by the wood-based industry rose 3 percent over the year before — an upward trend seen in 15 of the last 19 years. The same figures show that pines

were being plucked from the forest at a rate of 9 percent above estimated growth, he says.

Statistics for the 1994 harvest are not yet available, but Lord expects those numbers to be up over 1993, possibly by 2 percent to 5 percent. He says rising timber prices and a growing national demand for Texas timber are behind the increasing harvests.

"It's a problem," says Lord, "but on the horizon there are some good things that make it less worrisome."

Lord says some members of the wood-based industry are planting pine plantations that should help the situation — provided the trees come on line like industry expects.

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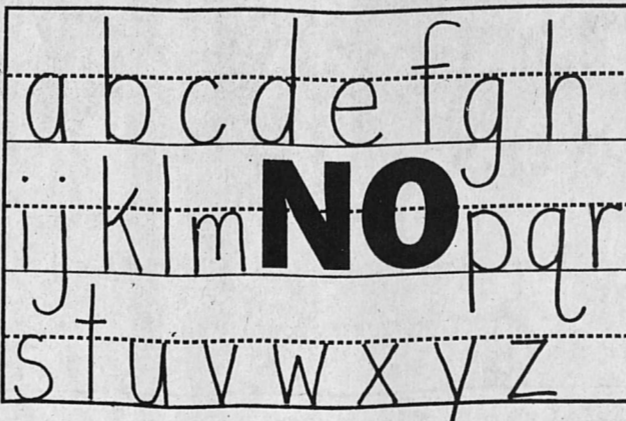
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# Library Notes



**Library Hours 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**  
**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**  
**Closed Tuesday**

## Library Report Not Available This Week

As always we invite you to visit the friendliest little library in Kinney County.

Kinney County Library Staff and Volunteers

## Sports Quiz by Larry Duncan

1. Who earned more than \$3 million a year as a bullfighter during the height of his career?
2. What golfer's nickname was Emperor Jones?
3. In what sport do you heringbone to get uphill?
4. Who was named football back of the decade for 1950 to 1960?
5. What eye problem afflicts Jack Nicklaus?
6. Who knocked out Joe Louis in 1936 only to get knocked out by him in a 1937 rematch?
7. Who set a record for golf earnings in 1963 even though he didn't capture one national title?
8. What's the theme song for the Harlem Globetrotters?

## Unsung Hero by Joe Townsend



A few years ago a man came to our community to take his place in the school system. He soon fitted into the niche that was his where he has done a more than acceptable job.

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In spite of recent physical problems, his spirit and service remain high.

Surely Don Sims in an "Unsung Hero."

## Bridge Anyone by NORMA GOULD



Five tables enjoyed duplicate Bridge on Tuesday, June 13, in Shafter Hall.

Ben and Rozetta Pingnot won first place in the N/S direction. Mona Miller and Dena Scott won second with Lu and Roy Gibbens (from Camp Wood) winning third place.

Jerry O'Brien and Mary Edgar won first place in the E/W direction. Helen Lynch and Flo Stafford won second with Dorothy Edwards and Ruth Wilks taking third.

**NOTICE: We will NOT have a game on Tuesday, July 4.**

## Sports Quiz Answers

1. Manuel Benitez Perez, known as El Cordobes;
2. Bobby Jones;
3. skiing;
4. Jim Brown;
5. color blindness;
6. Max Schmeling;
7. Arnold Palmer;
8. "Sweet Georgia Brown"

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**Answers to Super Crossword**

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2	ABACI	RHINO	MILQ	ATOM
3	RUPEE	KEELER	ONOR	URGE
4	ELJE	TANA	PENCE	DELEON
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17	BARNE	YRUBLE	ASIF	
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20	RIANO	ELBE	DWELT	XENON

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 SWIRL  
 WIND

## Around the Fort



The Board of Directors, Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc. posts notice of the following proposed resolutions and solicits member input for consideration of changes, additions, or modifications. Please submit recommendations in writing no later than Thursday, June 29, 1995.

### RESOLUTION 95-6

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 95-2 [SHORT TITLE - FCSA RULES AND REGULATIONS]

A resolution amending Resolution 95-2 adopting rules and regulations for use of Club grounds, member privileges, establishing fees and establishing enforcement procedures.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors, Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc. that Resolution 95-2, adopted March 18, 1995 is amended as follows:

### SECTION IV, GUEST PRIVILEGES

Replace paragraph C with new paragraph C as follows -

#### C. Renters:

1. Short-term renters: A person or persons who rent a dwelling from a member in good standing for a period of less than thirty (30) days. Short-term renters must

purchase a "GUEST CARD" and vehicle decal for a fee of ten (\$10.00) dollars, in order to be granted access to Fort Clark Springs.

2. Long-term renters: A person or persons who rent a dwelling from a member in good standing for a period in excess of thirty (30) days. Long-term renters are granted access to Fort Clark Springs to proceed from the gate to their rented dwelling. No other privileges accrue unless the owner of the membership elects to assign the membership privileges to the renter and an RPC is issued.

### SECTION V, REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC RULES

Replace paragraph A(2) with new paragraph A(2) as follows -

2. Long-term Renter decals will be reissued every three (3) months. Colors will be varied to identify RPC holders. Orange Short-term

Renter decals are subject to strict controls and records keeping procedures. These decals are an accountable item and will be serial numbered and recorded with an expiration date when issued.

### RESOLUTION 95-7

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### SECTION XVII, FEES AND CHARGES

Add paragraph G as follows -

#### G. PARADE GROUND PAR-3 GOLF COURSE

There will be a \$1.00 per day fee charged to any non-member extended guest privileges who uses the Parade Ground Par-3 golf course. This includes member's guests, overnight guests, and Association guests. Renters with RPCs or "GUEST CARDS" are not charged. This fee is payable at Member Services, the Adult Center, or the RV Park, prior to any play on the course.

#### GOLF CART SAFETY

With the summer comes an increase in the number of young people and grandchildren moving about and enjoying the fort. The Board of Directors, Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc. reminds residents, parents and grandparents of the safety considerations to be observed when operating golf carts on the fort. Our Rules and Regulations require that golf carts be operated only by a licensed driver or that a licensed driver have immediate access to the controls. We request that you please not allow children to operate golf carts alone and that you, the licensed driver, are with them at all times. This policy is for your safety, the safety of your loved ones, and the safety of all Fort Clark residents. Should you observe a violation, please contact Security. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in helping us return value to membership in Fort Clark Springs Association.

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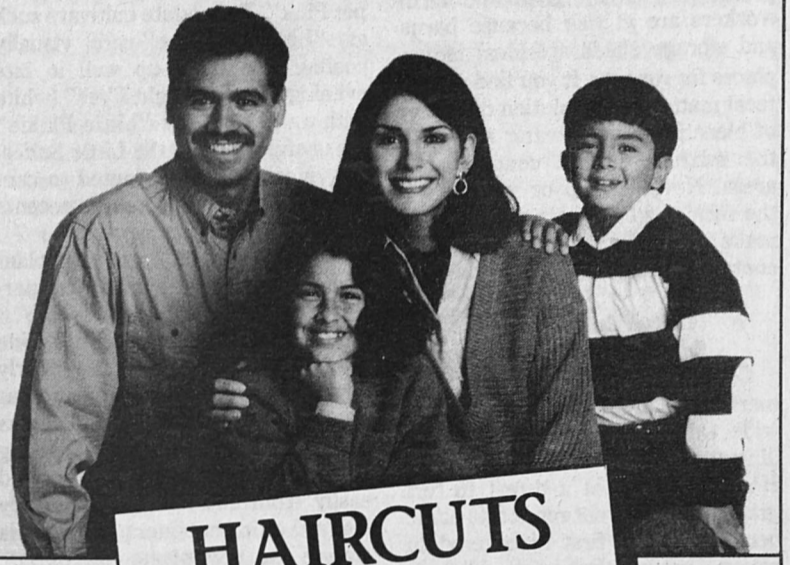
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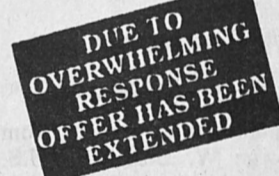
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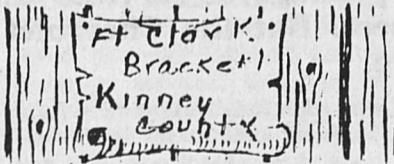
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## Community Calendar



- Las Moras Masonic Lodge 444: 2nd Tue. 7 p.m., Lodge Hall, Ann St.
- Altar Society: 1st Monday, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.
- Band Booster Club: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m., High School Band Hall
- BISD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., School Board Room
- Beta Sigma Phi
- R of B Beta Epsilon Omicron (Sept-May) 2nd & 4th Monday, 7 p.m.
- Preceptor Theta Sigma (Sept-May) 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
- Laureate Iota Epsilon (all year) 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
- Creative Writing Group: Fridays, 9:30 a.m., Golf Club Snack Bar
- Mountain Laurel Garden Club: 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m. Adult Center
- Kinney Co. Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Thu. 6:30 FC Rest.
- City Council: 1st Tuesday after 2nd Monday, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
- K.C. Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 a.m., Court House
- Del Rio Christian Women's Club: 1st Wednesday, 12 Noon
- San Felipe Country Club. Reservations required.
- FCS Pot Luck Supper: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Service Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils.
- FC Duplicate Bridge: Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Shafter Hall.
- FCS Art Club: Work days Monday and Saturday a.m., Meeting 1st Monday, 1 p.m., Art Studio
- FCS Community Council: 2nd Saturday, 10 a.m., Shafter Hall.
- FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 10:00 a.m., Board Room
- FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 9:30 a.m., Palisado Building.
- FCS Museum/Sutler's Store: Saturday & Sunday, 1-4 p.m.
- FCS Ladies Luncheon: 2nd Wednesday, Noon, Las Moras Restaurant.
- Make reservations at Adult Center.
- FCS VFW #8360 & Auxiliary: 4th Monday, 6 p.m. Pot Luck, 7:00 p.m. Meetings, Service Club
- FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 7 p.m., Adult Center.
- Friends of Library: No regular schedule. Call library for info.
- K.C. Historical Preservation Society: 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House.
- KC Kickers: 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Service Club.
- Knights of Columbus: 1st Sunday, 12 Noon, Parish Hall.
- Lions Club: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
- Order of Eastern Star 204: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell, Del Rio.
- FC Shrine Club: 4th Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Las Moras Restaurant.
- Rotary Club: Every Thursday, 12 Noon, Las Moras Restaurant.
- Kinney County Heritage Museum: 2nd and 4th Saturday, 1 - 4 p.m., Filippone Building.

## Old Quarry Fourth Of July Special

There will be an evening of music and fun at 8:00 on Monday, July 3, when the Old Quarry Society presents its Fourth of July Special in the Town Hall on Fort Clark.

The fun will begin with a skit acted by Harrell Floyd, Ron Ring, Jana Ring, Larry Sofaly, and Rick Bacon. Anyone who has seen these actors perform knows that a real treat is in store.

Following the skit, Clyde Hepline and Company from Alamo Village will entertain the audience with their lively music. The second half of the evening will be a salute to our country with various patriotic numbers.

Tickets are on sale for \$1.00 from any Old Quarry Society member or at the door. Please plan to attend and celebrate our freedom.

## Kinney County & Brackettville Receive Revenue From Fort Clark Charitable Bingo Games

"Nothing can make a Bingo player's day like shouting 'Bingo' in a crowded hall, and players in Kinney County have done their share of shouting lately," Nora Linares, Executive Director of the Texas Lottery Commission, said today.

Charitable Bingo players who patronized the one Charitable Bingo organization in Kinney County won \$4,069 in January, February, and March of this year, Linares reported.

The \$4,069 won locally is part of the \$104.8 million in prizes that Bingo halls across the state paid to

winners. Local government in Kinney County this week received \$106.28 in Charitable Bingo prize fees covering the first quarter of 1995, Linares said.

The Lottery Commission allocated \$53.13 to Kinney County and \$53.15 to Brackettville.

The Fort Clark Springs Community Council sponsors charitable Bingo in Kinney County and games are held each Friday evening at Shafter Hall on the Fort. They are open to the public and non-Fort members may attend by stopping at the security gate and requesting permission.

June 20, 1995  
 Happy 70th Birthday

Roger W. Kurz

Love from your wife, our children, and our grandchildren

Protect our children...

## DRIVE SAFELY

## County Agent News

by Alan L. McWilliams



### Hantavirus Precautions

When American Indians were dying from flu-like symptoms in 1992 in the Southwest, medical researchers from all over the nation were struggling to find the answer. After weeks of testing and analysis, scientists discovered HPS, which stands for Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome. Extension veterinarians are warning that the virus is transferred to humans through fecal materials, urine or saliva from infected rodents. HPS has a 52% mortality sudden death rate. The common deer mouse and the western harvest mouse are known carriers. The illness strikes within 45 days of fever and chills will follow.

Finally, it turns into sudden respiratory distress and the lungs fill with fluid. Since a large number of rodents live on trails and camp sites, hunters and campers should take precautions. Also ranch and farm workers are at risk because barns and storage sheds are ideal hiding places for rodents. If you find rodent fecal matter use a solution of 1/2 cup of bleach to 5 cups water and pour the mixture on the contaminated areas. Never sweep or vacuum up the fecal material because this will make the virus airborne, possibly contaminating yourself and others.

### Cotton Root Rot Is A Summertime Problem

Cotton root rot, a serious summertime plant disease, affecting a wide variety of trees, shrubs, bedding plants and vegetables. However, it is not a threat to turf grasses. Cotton root rot got its name because it was first discovered in cotton crops. But this disease fungus can be found in alkaline soils, very much like ours, where cotton has never been grown. The fungus is also referred to as Texas root rot.

Cotton root rot occurs from June to September when soil temperatures are high. It can kill plants within a few days. Even large trees can die in less than a week. A good sign of cotton root rot is that the leaves remain firmly attached to the plant, even after death. Roots are decayed and brown in color. Woody threads of the fungus are visible on the root surface, often cinnamon or bronze-colored.

Control of the fungus is difficult. Planting plants that are resistant to the cotton root rot is the best way to insure few problems. Also, if you lose plants to the fungus, be sure to remove them from the area to lessen the amount of fungus left in the soil.

### Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm/loan for losses caused by excessive rain, drought, and hail, which occurred during the period between January 1, 1994, and November 21, 1994, are being accepted at the Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD) office according to RECD County Supervisor J. Annet Wilke. The office is located at 1022 Garner Field Road, Uvalde, 210-278-4571, and is open from 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday.

Uvalde and Kinney counties are two out of eight counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses.

Wilke said farmers/ranchers unable to secure other credit may be eligible for loans of up to 80% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business or \$500,000, whichever is less, at 4.5% interest.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until September 11, 1995. RECD is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognize farmers/ranchers who are U.S. citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

### Drought Tolerant Plants For Color

Severe drought conditions in most areas of Texas will adversely affect landscape plantings when things heat up this summer. However, there are some annual flowers that require very little water and may be set out in mid-summer to provide landscape color until late fall. These plants can be concentrated around entrances and outdoor living areas where they can be appreciated the most. Three possibilities for planting consideration are vinca, globe amaranth and purslane. All three are commonly available as bedding plants or may be started from seed during July and August.

Vinca prefers full sun and well-drained soils. Several colors and sizes are available from the new ground-cover types called the Carpet Series. Carpet Series cultivars include "Carpet White" and "Carpet Pink". Pure white cultivars such as "Little Blanche" are visually cooling and show up well in late evening. "Little Bright Eyes" (white with a red eye) and "Little Pinkie" are useful vincas in the Little Series. All vincas are well adapted to container culture and make nice accents for decks, patios, and porches.

Purslane is a low growing plant that is somewhat similar to portulaca (moss rose) from which it comes from. Flowers come in a wide variety of colors and can nearly cover the entire plant. Purslane has thick, succulent foliage and stems that tend to store moisture for long periods. They root quickly and easily from cuttings stuck directly into soil or in containers. Purslane is among the few plants appropriate for hanging containers that thrive in hot, dry weather. Their only disadvantage is that the flowers open in the morning and close by late afternoon each day, therefore offering little color during the evening hours.

Globe amaranth is an old fashioned annual better known to most Texans as "bachelor buttons." They absolutely thrive during the hottest summer weather and require infrequent watering. The most common color is bright purple, but lavender, white and orange-red forms can also be found. Plants are not commonly found in nurseries but seeds are readily available, easily grown and may be planted as late as mid-August.

Most landscape plants benefit from the application of a layer of mulch materials in their root zones. Bark, hay, grass clippings or similar materials applied 2 to 3 inches deep tend to insulate the soil in the root zone from extremely high temperatures while reducing moisture evaporation. These plants are no exception. So remember, when temperatures get high and moisture gets short, there are some practical choices for brightening the home landscape with areas of color.

### CFSA Available For Family Farmers

In response to a request from Gov. George W. Bush, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture has designated Zavala County as a natural disaster area and has designated seven contiguous disaster counties. The declaration makes these counties eligible for assistance through the Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA).

Gov. Bush's request came on the heels of damages and losses caused by excessive rain, drought and hail between January 1, 1994, and November 21, 1994. The contiguous counties are Dimmit, Frio, Kinney, LaSalle, Maverick, Medina, and Uvalde.

The declaration allows family farmers to qualify for CFSA emergency loans for physical and production losses resulting from the excessive rain, drought and hail. Local CFSA county offices can provide affected farmers with deadline information and assist them in completing applications for assistance.

### Moncus' Musings

Park Ranger, Interpreter  
Bastrop State Park

Not Available This Week. Copyright by Michael Moncus 1994

### Encouragement

Mankind is the most out of place creature in the brush, in the pines, anywhere in the wild. He has come to a point where he no longer fits and belongs within concrete and air-conditioned pathways. His skills no longer qualify him as competitive in the natural world. His natural world is blocked off with convenience stores and automobile parking spaces and the outdoor skills he's retained pertain to sports and gardens. In a survival situation he would, for all practical purposes, fail in 24 hours. These are facts not fiction and the only encouragement I have to offer is the fact that man can change his mind and change his life and return to ways he has almost forgotten, but where is the encouragement?

When have you heard of anyone coming up to anyone setting in a fast food place and telling someone its time to remember the skills it takes to live in the wild? Chances are those skills might never have a use in the world of the future. Chances are those skills are not as necessary as how to operate a teller machine or send a fax but what is the condition of the mind of a people whose body has abandoned the elements of the world, the facts of reality, and the wisdom of nature?

Without the impetus of nature and our apparent abandonment of spiritual enlightenment we will become individual wastelands void of purpose lost without encouragement wandering about in search of pleasures both shallow and tasteless.

I look in the windows of nature and listen in the dark for babbling brooks that will encourage me to feel the spring of life without which it would be best if I were under the hill than upon it in a wind deaf to the song of the lark whose words promise water and eternal life. Many of us have stopped but I am encouraged in a world of starting all over again.

### Home Tips

**SHOPPING TIP** — When you go shopping, the clothes are so nice and pressed on the rack and then the store salesperson takes them off their hangers, balls them up and by the time you get home, they are wrinkled.

I take hangers from home to the store. The salesperson is more than happy to transfer the clothes from their hangers to mine. Covered with a plastic bag, they're ready to go. Jeannie T., Golden, Colo.

**GLASS CLEANER** — After doing a home permanent on my hair, I always have a number of papers left over. They make excellent cleaners for your glasses.

Keep some of the papers in the car to clean your sunglasses. They are flat and small and can be tucked anywhere within reach. Carolyn D., Ft. Myers, Fla.

### ICA Leader Beard Applauds Law On Property Rights

While celebrating a new law giving them the right to challenge government regulations affecting their property, livestock producers must not become complacent over any gains, warns a prominent Texas rancher and member of the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas (ICA).

"The Legislature took a giant step in taking Texas back from the bureaucrats that want to lock our state. This is a good step," said ICA member Tom Beard of Alpine, referring to the property rights legislation, which was signed into law by Governor George W. Bush this week. "But," Beard warned, "the fight for property rights and against intrusive government is far from won."

Under the Private Real Property Rights Preservation Act, sponsored by state Sen. Teel Bivins of Amarillo and state Rep. Susan Combs of Austin, property owners have gained certain legal remedies against government encroachment.

First, said Beard, property owners whose land is devalued 25% or more by a state regulatory action may sue to rescind the onerous rule or law. If the court agrees with the property owner, the government may either invalidate the regulation within 30 days, or pay damages to the landowner.

Certain governmental actions are exempt, including right-of-way acquisitions and federal mandates, and the law excludes legal actions that threaten public health. The measure requires losing plaintiffs to pay all parties' legal costs, and calls upon the government to provide an impact statement when it passes new regulations, laws or ordinances.

The measure applies to the state, local school districts and other special governmental entities. Cities are exempt unless they enact inconsistent regulations in various areas of their extraterritorial jurisdictions. The law will take effect September 1 (1995) and be extended to county government beginning in September 1997.

While the property rights law represents a good first step in reining in government at its worst, Beard said it is only the beginning. Texas livestock producers must remain diligent in fighting for their rights and a way of life.

The ongoing property rights fight will be a major topic of discussion during the upcoming ICA Annual Convention July 28-30 at the Corpus Christi Bayfront Marriott Hotel. For information about the convention contact ICA at 512-836-1321.

## Rambling Around Kinney County

By THE K.C. RAMBLER



Sunday, June 25, you are invited to share the celebration of 50 years of married life with Elise and Emet Huntsman. Come to congratulate them at the NCO Club at Fort Clark from 2:00 - 5:00 in the afternoon. All their children and families will be there - come say "hello."

The "Friends of the Library" is open to new members. This group welcomes all ages. You may receive a membership card for a \$2.00 donation. When was the last time you visited your library? If you need a library card - it is yours for the asking. Every man, woman and child in Kinney County should have a library card and make use of this outstanding public facility. Not only books, but magazines, videos, and programs are available. Best check it out. Summer is a great time to travel through reading.

City Hall has certainly dolled itself up. Not only is there a beautiful colorful flower bed at its entrance, benches have been built around a central tree just for a moment of relaxation. The folks there are all ready to throw another Christmas Party for the whole county. It was inaugurated in 1994 - surely hope it continues forever.

Rumors are in the air that another movie is on the horizon. To be filmed at Alamo Village in the near

future. All you "stars" keep an eye opened for the casting call. Always a need for any age, size, shape for the "extras" scenes. Consider applying for a role - you are guaranteed a lot of fun and an unusual experience.

Our west Texas blue skies and white clouds are making our world beautiful. Find a quiet spot - stretch out on your back and watch the clouds float across the skies! Did you used to try to find different shapes - a cat, a bear, a face. As children, we always seemed to find time to relax, to look around, to enjoy nature. Don't you think you could find a few minutes these days to do the same? Try.

Let's get the simming pool open for our children during these hot summer months. A BBQ will be served on Sunday, June 25th, to raise funds for just this purpose. Serving will begin at noon on the grounds of the Senior Center across from the Court House. Don't miss it! If you can't eat it at the noon hour ask for it "to go" and enjoy it at home that evening. Invite a friend to enjoy it with you.

Want to learn something new? Adult education classes are available right here in Kinney County. Call 563-2579 or 563-2846 to find out all the details. It never hurts to improve one's mind.

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Many in this world run after fancy, like an absent man hunting for his hat, while all the time it is on his head in his hand.

—Sydney Smith

## Chevrolet Open House

There's big news happening at Howard Chevrolet. It's the Chevrolet Open House with your chance to see the virtually all-new line of exciting Chevrolet cars and trucks.

The Chevrolet Open House at Howard Chevrolet gives you the chance to learn what genuine customer care really means with customer satisfaction. It's a comprehensive package of services that go further than you'd expect. But the Chevrolet Open House means even more.

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

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

May 1883: Lt French returns to Fort Clark with the Seminoles renewing his pursuit of Marie and the "society" of the fort. His quarters are in the west side of the Harrison House closest to the Headquarters building (which he refers to as "the office"). He travels to Fort Duncan attempting to locate the treaty the Seminoles made with the army in 1870. His courting of Marie takes many twists and turns resulting in a great deal of time spent sitting in the bandstand. As June approaches he prepares to relinquish command of the Scouts and go home on leave for the summer.

Friday, June 22 1883

Col. Towle returned last night. Was rather surprised to see him sitting on Payne's porch when I came out from breakfast. My new blouse came this morning and like the others from Hatfield fits very well. What a swell I will cut with it this summer at home. I think I shall go to Indianapolis in August at the annual encampment of the militia. Worked on my papers today and in the evening called on Mrs. Bernard until tattoo. After tattoo read for a while & went to bed early. Four Seminoles were discharged today, including Blanco.

Saturday, June 23 1883

My straw hat came this morning. Now I am ready to travel. Geary was ordered to relieve me today. Played billiards with him in the morning and then we went to see Vedder to fix up about the property. Found him very disobliging & hard to get along with. In the afternoon rode out to camp for a short time. At breakfast received an invitation to dine at Gen'l Smith's this evening. Returning from the Seminole camp, took a bath and put on best clothes and went over to the General's, finding Marie and Hewitt the other guests. The dinner was a very nice one and everything passed off pleasantly. The General drank bon



**FOOTSTEPS ECHO**  
The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Maj Gen Francis Henry French  
Old Fort Clark Guardhouse Museum

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voyage for all of us, in champagne. Hewitt is going away in July. After dinner walked home with Marie and called on Mrs. Heger for a few moments. In the evening called on Mrs. Feche't and Mrs. Weeks and then took a short walk with Marie and sat with her in the band stand until tattoo, when I escorted her to Capt. Hall's and left her there, as I had to make out my papers. Worked on these until midnight. Marie is looking pale and sick.

Sunday June 24 1883

Wrote home as usual today. Cunningham came last night and woke me about 2 o'clock to say "How". He is staying at Capt. Vance's. Called on him this afternoon and we had a long talk together. The young man is engaged to a young lady at Laredo, but he would give her up in a wink if Marie would have him. Think he retains the old love for Marie. He dined at Col. Lyster's and took her out for a long walk in the evening. He is rather quieter than he was at Leavenworth, but is still the same Cunnie in other respects. Called at Col. Lyster's until tattoo.

Monday, June 25 1883

Dr. Maddox came this morning. Now he, Cunnie & I, three aspirants for Marie's hand are together in the Post. Saw him this morning for a while. Worked hard all day transferring property to Geary. Went out to the Seminole Camp with him. In the evening called with Cunnie at Gen'l Smith's where I met Maj. Converse of the Sunset Rout and Miss Allen a young lady from Houston. Had a little chat with her and found her quite pleasant. Called then on Col. Towle until tattoo and after that worked on my quarterly returns until long after midnight.

Tuesday, June 26 1883

Worked today all day on papers. Geary has been ordered to go out with Capt. Livermore and Guard is detailed to command the Seminoles and I have to transfer to him. In the evening called with Cunnie on Mrs. Feche't, Mrs. Bernard and at Col. Lyster's until tattoo. Marie was out riding with Dr. Maddox. After tattoo worked on my papers and got them almost completed.

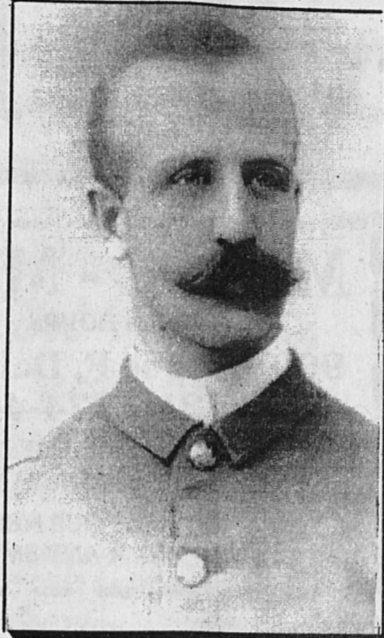
Wednesday, June 27 1883

Have been working like a horse all day today. Got Gen'l Smith to cash my pay accounts for the present month. Finished the quarterly returns and have only the statement of ordnance to make now and I will be through. Rode out to the Seminole Camp this afternoon with Guard, Hewitt and Geary to show Guard around. Saw Marie for a few minutes at noon. Dined this evening at Capt. Hall's with Marie, Hewitt & Capt. Vance, and had a splendid time there. In the evening took Mrs. Hall to the hop in Marie's honor and danced a polka with the latter. While dancing she asked when we would dance together again. I wonder if we will ever meet again after we part in Cincinnati. I have promised to make her a visit this summer but Mother may veto that. Took Mrs. Hall home at tattoo and returned to escort Mrs. Lyster home after the hop was over. Sat at Col. Lyster's about an hour with Cunnie who took Marie to the hop, and then he came over to my house with me. Dr. Maddox returned to Mayers Springs last night. Wrote a letter home today. Gen'l Smith, Hall, & Vedder left for San Antonio tonight.

Thursday, June 28, 1883

The last time I wrote in my journal was at Clark, just previous to leaving on leave of absence. Now it is July 11 and I shall write up intervening time from memory.

Today I was busy packing up. Got all the furniture crated and stored in Q.M. warehouse. After crating spent time before dinner at Geary's with Guard and Cunnie.



2nd Lieut Francis Henry French (USMA, 79)

Had shave at barber's and then went to Col. Lyster's for dinner, Dr. & Mrs. Heger, Mrs. Kauffman & Cunnie being the other guests.

Took Mrs. K to dinner. Enjoyed it very much. After eating sat & talked for a while & then had to leave to prepare for the trip. Changed my clothes & then went around to say good-bye. After tattoo the wagon came around for the trunks and then went over to Col. Lyster's. Mrs. L., Marie, Cunnie & I rode over in one ambulance and the Colonel came in the other. Felt rather vexed with Cunnie for coming with us, but he intends to return to Duncan.

(To be continued next week)

The Guardhouse Museum hopes you are enjoying Lieutenant French's diaries and invites you to view our new exhibit of materials relating to Lieut French's service at Fort Clark, donated to the museum by the Vinton Trust (the descendants of Lieut French).



**CAPITOL COMMENT**

U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



**Justice Delayed Has Been Justice Denied**

How long should the victims of crime have to wait for justice? In February of this year, Samuel Hawkins was executed at the Texas State Penitentiary at Huntsville for the rape and murder of a Abbe Hamilton, of Borger, a woman who was six months pregnant at the time she was attacked.

Had her child survived, it would have been nearly 20 years old at the time of Hawkins' death. His execution followed 19 years of litigation over two separate capital convictions, one for the murder of Hamilton and a second for the rape and murder of a 12-year-old girl. The victims' families in these cases were forced to relive their horror on the innumerable occasions when Hawkins' death sentence was postponed by seemingly endless litigation.

While there was never any doubt of Hawkins' guilt, he nevertheless managed to delay justice by manipulating the post-conviction review process, using (and many would argue abusing) federal habeas corpus procedures. But on June 7, the U.S. Senate passed an anti-terrorism bill which would end the unjust lapses of time between capital crimes and capital punishment.

The writ of habeas corpus, which dates back to the English Magna Carta of 1215, serves as a way for U.S. federal judges to determine whether a defendant has been wrongly imprisoned. Prisoners can apply for a writ of habeas corpus on the ground that their conviction was unconstitutional. Those subject to state courts — where the vast majority of murders are prosecuted — may seek the writ only after they have exhausted all appeals under state law. Defendants have been able to apply for a nearly unlimited number of writs in consecutive order, delaying the execution of their sentences indefinitely.

The bill which the Senate approved last week would limit most death row inmates to one appeal filed within one year under time limits that would conclude most cases within two years of sentencing. A second appeal would be allowed only under narrow circumstances, including new, "clear and convincing" evidence that could not have been discovered during the first trial.

In Texas, for the 92 cases in which the death sentence was carried out, the average time between the jury's assessment of the sentence and its imposition has been more than eight years. But as of last March, there were 156 inmates on Texas' death row who had been there significantly longer than that.

I supported the anti-terrorism bill, and in particular, its change of habeas corpus rules. This is a timely reform. It will apply to prosecutions brought against anyone indicted in the Oklahoma City bombing. Under the old rules, a generation might pass before justice is served.

Americans want their judicial system to be fair and even-handed. But they also have a right to expect it to provide justice swiftly and surely. As Judge Learned Hand wrote in 1923, "Our dangers do not lie in too little tenderness to the accused. Our procedure has been always haunted by the ghost of the innocent man convicted. It is an unreal dream. What we need to fear is the ... formalism and watery sentiment that obstructs, delays and defeats the prosecution of crime."



In 1985, George Bush became the first Vice President to serve as Acting President. He held the office for about eight hours while President Reagan had surgery.



**End Of World War II Celebration In Kinney County Saturday, September 2**

Plans are well underway for an appropriate celebration of the end of World War II. Initiated by Las Moras Masonic Lodge #444, everyone in Kinney County is encouraged to get involved. Already committed are the Fort Clark Historical Society, Kinney County Historical Commission, Retired Officers Association, Fort Clark Gun Club, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, Texas Department of Transportation, City of Brackettville, Kinney County, Fort Clark Springs Association, Fort Clark Springs VFW Post #8360 and Ladies Auxiliary, Kinney County Chamber of Commerce, and *The Brackett News*.

A third planning meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Monday, June 26, at the Kinney County Court Room. It is open to all organizations, clubs, churches, and individuals.

Planned activities include a breakfast to honor all Kinney County World War II veterans; a lunch to honor all World War II veterans, a parade (with a float for each branch of the Military), and a Bar-B-Que honoring all World War II vets. Activities will be open to the public.

Identifying all Kinney County World War II veterans is of utmost importance and is beginning immediately. The form below may be filled out and returned to *The Brackett News*. Registration sheets will also be placed at other points in the near future.

**I Am A World War II Veteran**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rank/Serial # \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of enlistment \_\_\_\_\_  
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**The Need To Transform Our Tax System**

Taxes. Few words in the English language evoke such a negative response from working Americans. Between watching the money you earn flow into the coffers of the federal government and filling out those complicated tax forms every April, our current tax system has caused countless headaches.

Our tax system is in need of a dramatic overhaul. For years, anyone who suggested such an idea was necessary was labeled as a "radical" or a "nut." But now, a serious discussion is taking place in the corridors of Congress about getting rid of the punitive tax system currently in place. In fact, the Rep. Bill Archer (R-Tex), the chairman of the committee which oversees tax issues, has said he intends to "tear the income tax out by its roots" and "remove the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) from the lives of Americans." While nearly everyone would agree that our tax system needs some major transformation, it's helpful to know what kind of changes are being proposed. Bear with me as I try to explain the principal tax reform plans being proposed in Congress.

**FLAT TAX** — Unlike the current system in which there are different marginal tax rates depending on your income, a flat tax system would have only one tax rate. In the House of Representatives, Majority Leader Dick Armey (R-Tex) has proposed a flat tax of 17% for individuals and businesses. It would encourage people to set aside more money for their futures by not taxing returns on savings and investments. This would reduce taxes for most families with children. A flat tax rate would also mean that at tax time, taxpayers would fill out a simple, postcard-sized tax return...and they could do it by themselves!

**NATIONAL SALES TAX** — Under this system, a tax would be imposed on retail sales of taxable goods or services. Collection of taxes could be conducted at the state level where mechanisms for collecting state sales taxes already are in place. This system would effectively replace the income tax system (and the IRS) with a consumption-based tax. Some in Congress are discussing a rate of 16% but nothing specific has been proposed.

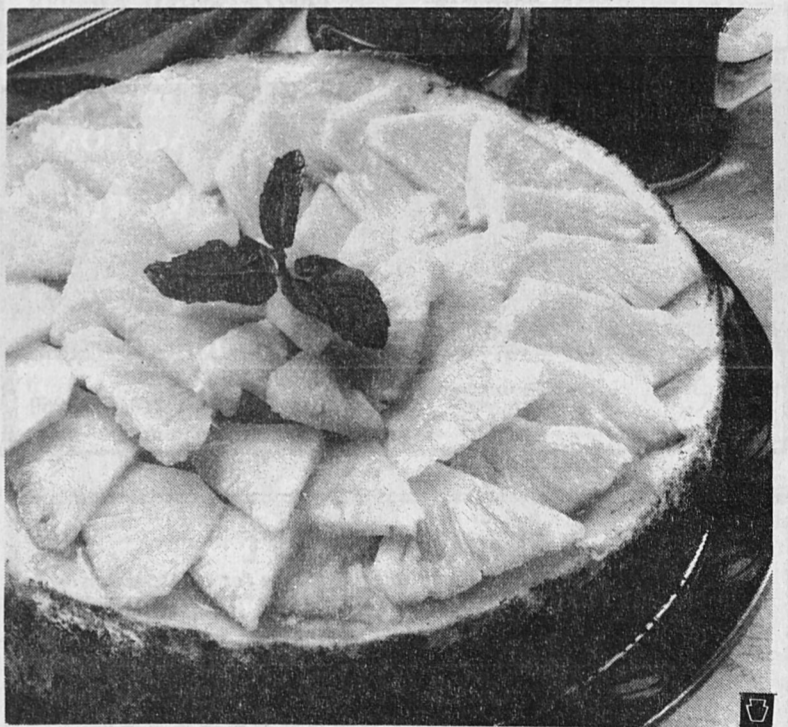
**UNLIMITED SAVINGS ACCOUNT (USA) TAX SYSTEM** — This system would still tax income with many of the current deductions which are available, but the main feature of this plan is that you would be able to deduct the income you put into savings.

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However confusing these new tax proposals may seem, it's clear that our current system is too complicated and problematic for taxpayers to have to continue getting tangled in its web. The Clinton Administration has announced its opposition to changing our current tax

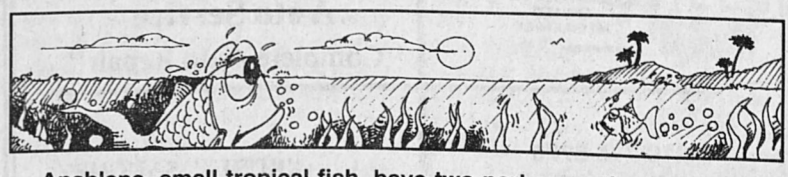
system, so Congress will need to take the lead on this important issue. Congress must study these tax proposals carefully, so that the new tax system will be simple, fair and honest. Hard-working, taxpaying Americans deserve no less.

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**PINEAPPLE JADE CHEESECAKE**

- Crust**  
 1 pkg. (9 oz.) chocolate wafers     ¼ cup margarine, melted
- Filling**  
 3 pkgs. (8 oz. each) light cream cheese, softened     2 eggs  
 ½ cup light sour cream     Grated peel and juice from 1 Dole Lemon  
 ¾ cup sugar     1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Topping**  
 1 Dole Fresh Pineapple     ¼ cup mint jelly, melted
- Pulverize wafers in blender or food processor. Combine crumbs with margarine. Press on bottom and up sides of 9-inch springform pan.
  - Beat cream cheese with sour cream and sugar until smooth. Beat in eggs, 1 teaspoon lemon peel, 1 tablespoon lemon juice and vanilla. Pour filling into crust.
  - Bake in 450° F oven 10 minutes. Lower temperature to 250° F; continue baking 1 hour or until set in center. Cool on rack.
  - Twist crown from pineapple. Cut pineapple in half lengthwise. Refrigerate half for another use. Cut fruit from shell. Cut fruit into thin wedges.
  - Spread jelly over cheesecake. Arrange pineapple on top of jelly in spiral pattern. Chill 2 hours before cutting.
  - Serves 12.
- Prep Time: 25 min.     Bake Time: 70 min.     Chill Time: 3 hrs.



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**"Top Ten" Tips For Great Vacation Photos**

(NAPS)—Vacation time is here. All around the country, people will be taking a break from their jobs for a week or two of traveling with family or friends. To help vacationers record all their fun, the Photography Information Council (PIC) offers its "Top Ten" tips for great pictures.

- 1) The Name of the Game is to Fill the Frame**—When composing, try to fill the frame with the subject. Move in or zoom in close and "crop out" the surrounding, nonessential elements in a scene.
- 2) Back Light, Shoot Tight**—When photographing subjects against bright light (at the beach or by a window), shoot tight to avoid an underexposed photo.
- 3) Choose Your Film Carefully**—Use fast film (ISO 400) for low light situations (indoors and at dawn and dusk) and medium speed film (ISO 100) for daylight shooting.
- 4) Beware of the Background**—Check out the background to make sure signs, poles and fences are not "growing" out of your subject's head.
- 5) Read Your Camera Manual**—Your camera manual offers great information—such as how far your flash will carry and how many rolls of film you will get per set of batteries.
- 6) Check Out Your Destination**—By reading about the sights, you will be prepared for all the great photo opportunities. Tourist boards and travel agencies offer free brochures on many popular travel destinations.
- 6) Be Ready in a Flash**—For Outdoor People Pictures—Harsh shadows on your subject's face can ruin a picture. For even lighting, activate your camera's flash for what is called "Daylight Fill-in Flash."
- 8) Think Great Shots and Not Snapshot**—Take lots of pictures to get images that really capture your subject's mood or the beauty of a vacation spot.
- 9) Get Serious**—Point-and-shoot cameras are great for general picture taking. But for serious photographers, 35mm SLRs—which accept many different lenses—can't be beat.
- 10) Think Pictures 365 Days a Year**—Vacations provide great photo opportunities, but actually, everyday is picture day! Always have film and batteries on hand to capture those once-in-a-lifetime memories. The Photo Information Council offers a free brochure called "365 Days to Take Great Pictures" packed with tips for shooting year round. Call: 1-800-599-5929 for your free copy.



**newsworthy trends**

**The Power Of The Purse**

(NAPS)—Analysts estimate that women will spend in excess of \$30 billion dollars on new vehicles this year. It's also estimated they will directly influence the spending of another \$60 million on cars and trucks by spouses and male friends. Surprising? Not when one considers that in today's American automotive market, women make up nearly 50 percent of all drivers on the road. Today, with the heightened participation in the work force, and dual income status in many households, women, as automotive consumers now occupy an extremely influential position in the automotive industry. They are now a force to be reckoned with and have the power of the purse. According to experts at Hyundai, women constitute over 50 percent of the total buyers purchasing each Hyundai model in the U.S. A recent survey by J.D. Power & Associates, an international automotive market research firm, to determine women's involvement in the car market confirmed the following:

- Female buyers are generally younger, better educated, and more likely to be single than their male counterparts.
- They are more likely to be employed in a professional or technical field.
- They have begun to seek excitement and individuality in their choice of personal transportation.

Interestingly, the Hyundai Sonata was influenced heavily during its design by women's focus groups, bringing about the following innovations:

- The seat has been developed with vertical height adjustment and a longer seat track. This design allows women of different sizes and shapes greater mobility.
- The power window buttons are toggle switches, which are easier to use and greatly reduce the possibility of damage to nails. The same concept was used designing the new door handles.
- Ergonomically, the same theory was used in the advent of larger radio buttons, air conditioning buttons, and cruise control buttons.

Today's female factor has indeed, caused the automotive industry to solicit women's input when planning new products and marketing current product lines.



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**Car Care Corner**

**Six Steps To Better Gas Mileage**

(NAPS)—"Motorists who change their driving and vehicle maintenance habits will see better gasoline mileage, help the environment, and extend the life of their vehicles," say the pros at the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), a non-profit group that certifies the competence of automotive technicians. Among the tips from ASE:

- **Check tire pressure.** Under-inflated or poorly aligned tires waste fuel—the engine must work harder to move the vehicle. Consult the owner's manual for the recommended pressures. An alignment may be warranted if the tread is wearing unevenly or if the vehicle "pulls" while being driven on a flat road.
- **Lighten up.** Remove unnecessary items from the vehicle, paying particular attention to the trunk. Less weight means better mileage. Avoid carrying luggage on the roof, since this increases wind resistance.
- **Drive sensibly.** Observe speed limits. Avoid sudden accelerations and hard braking. Use cruise control on highways to keep a steady speed. Anticipate traffic patterns ahead and adjust your speed gradually. Besides getting better gas mileage, your engine and brakes should last longer.
- **Consolidate daily errands and short trips.** Some trips may be unnecessary. Also, travel when traffic is light to avoid stop-and-go conditions.

**Stop idling around.** Shut off the engine while waiting for friends and family. And since today's cars and trucks are designed to "warm up" fast, forget those ten-minute warm ups in the morning.

**Maintain the engine.** A well-maintained engine burns less fuel. Follow the service schedules listed in the owner's manual. Replace fluids and filters as recommended; have engine performance problems (rough idling, poor acceleration, etc.) corrected at a repair facility. Given today's high-tech engines, it's wise to have engine performance work done by auto technicians who have earned ASE certification, a national measure of competence.

Still not convinced? If you change your driving and maintenance habits, you will see: improved gasoline mileage, extended vehicle life, better resale value, and a cleaner environment. Any questions?

For a free brochure, *Getting Your Vehicle in Tune with the Environment*, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-sized envelope to: ASE, Dept. NAPS-952, Box 347, Herndon, VA 22070.

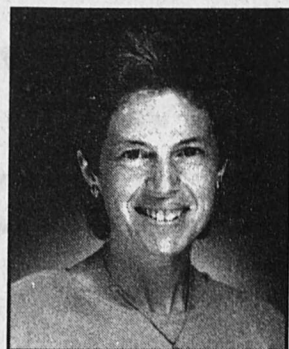


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If you suspect someone has been poisoned, contact the Poison Control Center. The specialists answering the phone are trained to deal with such emergencies. The Poison Control Center number should be listed on the inside cover of the yellow or white pages or your telephone book.

For exposures to the skin or eyes, it is okay to flood them with plain tap water and to remove clothing that is contaminated. For all poisonings that are swallowed, do not give anything by mouth or cause vomiting unless advised to do so by the poison information experts. If recommended, syrup of ipecac may be used to induce vomiting.

When you call the Poison Control Center, it is important that you have the following information available:

If you have a question, please write to: Scott & White Public Affairs Department, 2401 South 31st St., Temple, TX 76508

- The victim's age and weight, and the time of the poisoning.
How much poison the victim was exposed to.
The ingredients and name brand found on the label, or the appearance of the product or plant.
If the product was swallowed, inhaled, on the skin, or in the eyes.
What the patient looks like at the time of the call.

The most important thing to remember is that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of treatment. Look around your house and yard as a toddler would (at ground level), and you may be able to prevent problems before they happen. If, however, a poisoning does occur, the Poison Center will try to help you manage the problem at home or direct you to the closest treatment facility, and will continue to assist in the management of the poisoning, if necessary.

Dr. Patricia Rosen, medical director of the Central Texas Poison Control Center at Scott and White Memorial Hospital and Clinic, is an assistant professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Texas A&M University College of Medicine.

This Week In History

On June 25, 1876, George Armstrong Custer and 264 soldiers of the 7th Cavalry were killed in Custer's famous "Last Stand" at the Battle of the Little Big Horn in Montana during the Sioux Indian War ... June 22-23, 1922, violence erupted during a coal-mine strike in Herrin, Ill., resulting in 36 deaths, 21 of them non-union miners ... June 22, 1937, Joe Louis knocked out James J. Braddock to become the world heavyweight boxing champion ... June 25, 1938, a national minimum wage was enacted ... June 21, 1943, a race riot in Detroit left 34 people dead, 700 injured ... June 21, 1943, a race riot in the Harlem section of New York City resulted in six deaths ... June 22, 1944, the G.I. Bill of Rights was signed, providing benefits for veterans ... June 20, 1947, the Taft-Hartley Labor Act which curbed strikes was vetoed by President Truman; Congress subsequently overrode the veto ... June 25, 1950, the United Nations called for troops to restore peace in Korea ... June 19, 1953, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed for conspiring to commit wartime espionage ... June 22, 1964, three civil rights workers were reported missing in Mississippi ... June 23-25, 1967, President Johnson met with Soviet Premier Aleksei Kosygin at Glassboro State College in New Jersey, agreeing not to let any crisis push them into war ... June 25,

1973, John Dean, a former Nixon counsel, told a Senate hearing that President Nixon, his staff and campaign aides, and the Justice Department all had conspired to cover up the facts of the Watergate case ... June 22, 1994, a breakthrough occurred in the standoff between the U.S. and North Korea over the issue of nuclear weapon manufacturing when President Clinton and North Korea accepted former President Jimmy Carter's plan, which included resumption of high-level talks between the two countries; North Korea also agreed to essentially close the disputed nuclear complex at Yongbyon during the duration of the talks ... June 22, 1994, the United Nations Security Council approved a French intervention plan in Rwanda ... June 23, 1994, French forces crossed from Zaire into Rwanda with the objective of protecting civilians from the fighting forces.

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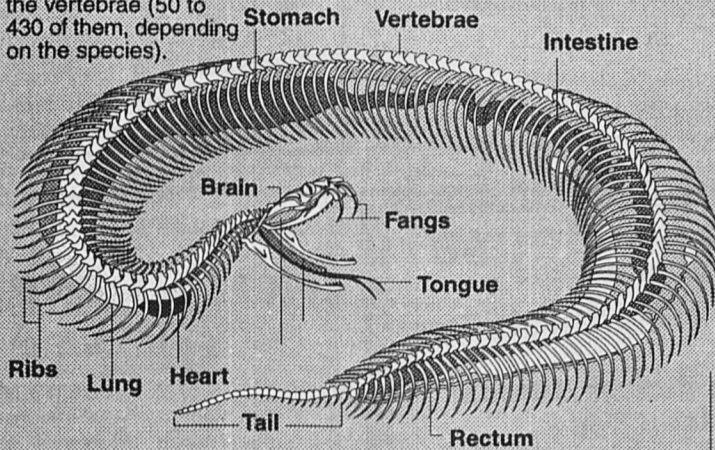
SNAKES



A snake's body is adapted to moving, hunting prey and sensing its surroundings in ways very different from four-legged animals.

Snake anatomy

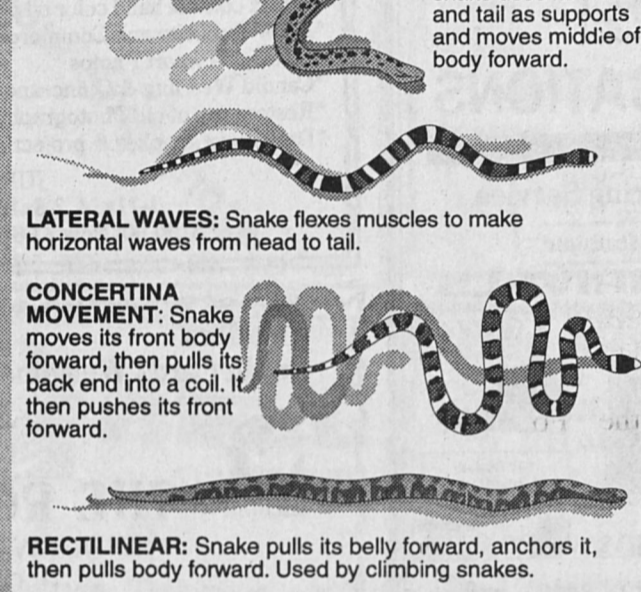
Flexible joints connect the vertebrae (50 to 430 of them, depending on the species).



- A snake has a tail: Two ribs are attached to each vertebra, except in the tail.
Organs are thin and elongated. In most species, left lung is small or completely missing.

How snakes move

Different species use different methods:



Scales

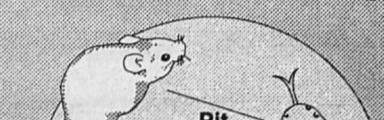
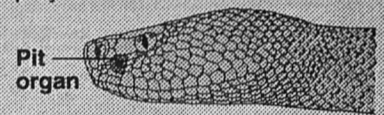
Flex at thin spots to allow movement. Scales can't grow, so snake periodically sheds its skin, exposing new scales.



Senses

VISION: Snakes can detect motion well but see sharply only at short distances.

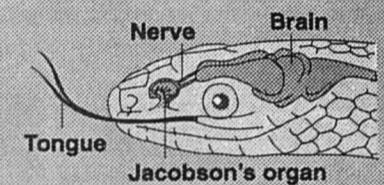
PIT ORGANS: Specialized nerve endings detect heat rays given off by prey animal.



JACOBSON'S ORGAN: Detects odors. Snake flicks out its tongue to pick up scent particles, touches them to Jacobson's organ.



HEARING: No external ear opening. Jaw and skull pick up ground vibrations.



SOURCES: The Way Nature Works; Grolier's Encyclopedia

Did You Know?

Arthritis Shouldn't Stop You

(NAPS)—This last year, 900,000 Americans were diagnosed with arthritis. An estimated 40 million Americans suffer from arthritis, and 250,000 of them are children. Approximately ten percent of sufferers find that they can't do all they need and want—can't always grab hold or get 'round. Medical rehabilitation can help.

If you find standing, walking, dressing, bathing, or other daily activities painful, difficult, or even impossible, don't just sit there. There is something you can do to help yourself—get rehab! Every year, medical rehabilitation sends hundreds of thousands of people back to active and busy lives at work, home, or school.

Medical rehab can reduce pain and inflammation, teach you how to prevent deformities, correct deformities already present, increase strength, and improve function.



Whether you have rheumatoid arthritis, ankylosing spondylitis, or degenerative joint disease, medical rehabilitation can help you gain control over the pain and immobility. For more information about medical rehabilitation services, call the Medical Rehabilitation Education Foundation at 1-800-GET-REHAB.

There is often less danger in the things we fear than in the things we desire.

—John Churton Collins

An adventure is only an inconvenience rightly considered. An inconvenience is only an adventure wrongly considered.

—G.K. Chesterton

MagicMaze

THE AIR

Puzzle Answers On Page 3

A word search puzzle grid with words hidden in various directions.

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Atmosphere, Colorless, Moisture, Oxygen, Breath, Fresh, Nitrogen, Sky, Breeze, Gas, Odorless, Tasteless, Clear, Mixture, Outdoors

Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Fence is missing. 2. Tree is added. 3. Sidewalk mirror is removed. 4. Lunch box logo is reversed. 5. Mailbox is taller. 6. Window-panes are different.

Super Crossword

A crossword puzzle grid with clues for both across and down words.

Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Not everything is clear where job interests are concerned. It's best to do some further research to find out what's going on. The weekend finds you magnetic and romantic. Couples enjoy special times.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) News may come about a financial matter this week. Distractions at work could interfere with progress so try to avoid daydreaming. You could get more done at home than at the office.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Good will opens doors for you in business, but avoid financial risk-taking. While you're inclined to trust what someone's saying, this requires more analysis. Going out this weekend is favored.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It could occur to you this week that there's a lot to be done at home base. Instead of dreading it, just get off your seat and tackle those chores. New business developments are likely. Romance is favored this weekend.

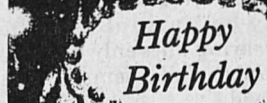
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Mixed messages and confused signals make it slow-going early in the week. However, you have extra drive and energy now and will make up for lost time later in the week. Enjoy home life with loved ones this weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a better week for saving money than spending. Guard against unfeasible and costly tangents. Be sure you have your feet on the ground concerning romance. The weekend's accent is on having fun with friends.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might not exactly understand what a relative is trying to tell you. This person is being unnecessarily circumspect. Encourage a straightforward approach. Take the initiative in planning a social get-together.

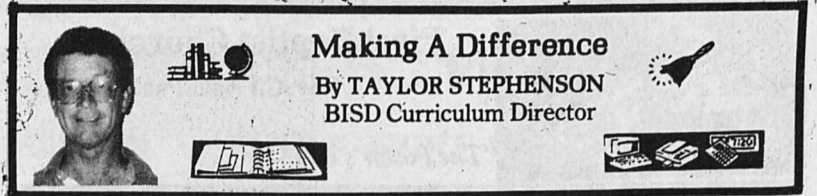
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It's a better week for finishing pending projects than for plunging into something new. You're a bit bored and restless with the status quo, but you need to stick with it for now. The weekend finds you effervescent.

- June 22 Beau Smallwood
June 22 Jacqueline Green
June 22 Robert McCall
June 22 Michael DeLeon
June 23 Maria DeLeon
June 23 Emily Honeycutt
June 24 Susan Harrison
June 24 Tommy Gass
June 25 Engracia Villarreal
June 26 Gladys Humphrey
June 27 Rubie Kelley





# Tiger Turf



**Making A Difference**  
By TAYLOR STEPHENSON  
BISD Curriculum Director

## Texas FFA Foundation Names New Executive Director

AUSTIN--The Texas FFA Foundation Board of Directors recently named the Foundation's new executive director.

Effective June 1, Durwin Hill of Granite Shoals will head the Foundation.

"The Board feels that Durwin is a very strong person that will work well with the Foundation and raise funds for the Foundation," said Jerry Clark, Chairman of the Board of Directors, "and we're ready to give him a shot at it."

Established in 1987, the Texas FFA Foundation is a Texas chartered, non-profit service organization that provides a mechanism by which FFA members, agricultural science teachers and other supporters can independently provide for a strong FFA Association and agricultural education system.

Hill, a former agricultural science teacher and area supervisor, served as executive secretary for the Texas FFA Association from 1978 to 1985.

He then served as fiscal program specialist and director of results-based monitoring for the Texas Education Agency until becoming an educational consultant in 1993.

He has also helped write legislation concerning career and technology education during the current legislative session.

"I'm real excited about the prospect of working with FFA supporters, agriculture teachers and students throughout the state of Texas to generate the funds necessary to build a sound foundation for current and future FFA members," said Hill. Hill plans to travel throughout the state,

raising funds to benefit the youth and build the image of the FFA and agriculture education. He will also provide overall supervision, direction and representation of the Foundation.

"We (the Foundation Board of Directors) are looking forward to some good results," said Clark.

## 5th Annual Project Graduation As Successful As First Four

The fifth all-night drug-free, alcohol-free graduation party has been classified overwhelmingly successful by the seniors of '95, their guests, and the chaperones who attended the celebration following graduation ceremonies on June 2, 1995. Project Graduation is an annual event sponsored by the Drug-Free School Initiative and the Texas Department of Transportation in the hope that the seniors in the participating schools will have a safe, fun celebration of their graduation.

Twenty-four of the twenty-nine graduating seniors chose to participate in this year's party by completing their registration no later than May 12 and seventeen of those seniors chose to bring a guest. All students boarded the bus in front of the high school at 10:45 pm and arrived at LaFonda Ranch round 11:30 p.m.

First order of business was supper - all seniors, guests, and chaperones hungrily devoured charcoal-broiled hamburgers, beans, chips and dips before the first round of darts to find out who had won what - there were four different sets of prizes this year: individual prizes, hourly prizes, and a money draw for each senior as well as the eight grand prizes awarded at the end of the celebration.

Individual prize winners were as follows:

Theresa Perez, Olympus 35mm camera; Michael Munoz - Craig CD shelf system; Lolly Hernandez - AIWA portable CD player; Patrick Melancon - Samsung microwave; Chris Hale - Minolta 35 mm camera; Dale Smith - Craig CD shelf system; Eddie Esparza - Panasonic personal CD player; Jennifer Terrazas - Ranier portable luggage; Michael Partlow - Sony sports cassette player; Zoila Herrera - Sony radio/CD player; Leticia Rivas - Sharp dual cassette player; Mike Allumbaugh - Craig CD shelf system; Wil Shahan - 26" Huffly mountain bike; Charlie Hall - AT&T digital answering phone; Joey Pena - Samsung microwave; Manny Ramon - Panasonic cordless phone; Domingo Villarreal - Sony cordless phone; Sandra Samaniego - AIWA compact CD player; Kelly Henrich - AT&T cordless phone; Vicki Abrego - Sony telephone/answering machine; Sean Burks - Magnavox CD boombox; James Parker - Alaron portable TV; David Mann - Sony Discman; Brenda Mendoza - Sharp CD boombox.

A medley of relay games commenced in the hangar area at approximately 12:30 and lasted several hours. Teams were formed and had to perform feats in round robin style such as Penny Drop, Orange Pass, Lifesaver Pass, Bean, Roll the Pumpkin, Cutting Horse and Bottle Topps to name a few. Each team had five minutes at each stop to earn as many points as possible. Cash prizes were awarded to the winning team of Wil Shahan, Kelly Henrich, David Mann, and Dale Smith.

Following the Graduation Mania, a watergun explosion was held with the seniors of '95 coming out the winners. More prizes were awarded as follows:

Pog Games to Sean Burks and Leticia Rivas; CDs to Lolly Hernandez and Vicki Abrego; radio to Joey Pena; videos to Jennifer Terrazas, Kelly Henrich, Manny Ramon, Domingo Villarreal, Patrick Melancon, Brenda Mendoza, and Zoile Herrera.

Qwik cameras went to Charlie Hall, Dale Smith, and Wil Shahan; CD holders to Chris Hale, Theresa Perez; water guns to Michael Munoz, David Mann, and Mike Allumbaugh; \$20 to Eddie Esparza; Magic 8 ball to James Parker; Talking Chimp to Michael Partlow, and cassette player to Sandra Samaniego.

About 3:00 a.m. it was back to the hangar area for another round of fast-paced relay games including Dribble Game, Hit and Run, Balloon Hop, Whistle Stop, and Let's Get

Dressed. By 4:00 a.m. everyone had been running for an hour and the winning team was Leticia Rivas, Karla Hall, and Zoila Herrera who received their cash prizes in total exhaustion.

Then it was breakfast time - assorted sweet rolls and a variety of juices. Clean-up time arrived all too soon, and once the LaFonda was spruced up and washed down the grand prizes were awarded by random draw and balloon pop:

Eddie Esparza - Magnavox color 19" television; Patrick Melancon - Magnavox 4-head VCR; Zoila Herrera - Sony CFD510 boombox; Joey Pena - Sharp 5CD portable boombox; Kelly Henrich - 2 man inflatable boat; Mike Allumbaugh - Sharp CD boombox; Domingo Villarreal - Craig portable CD player; and Sandra Samaniego - Craig CD player.

Zoila won the money guess jar that contained \$197 and a few good cents. Big winners in the money draw were: \$50 each to Patrick Melancon, Leticia Rivas, James Parker, Sandra Samaniego; \$20 to Kelly Henrich, Lolly Hernandez, and Dale Smith. The following won \$10 each - Vicki Abrego, Charlie Hall, David Mann, Chris Hale, Michael Partlow, Sean Burks, Jennifer Terrazas, Brenda Mendoza, Michael Munoz, Joey Pena, Eddie Esparza, Wil Shahan, Mike Allumbaugh, Zoile Herrera, Teresa Perez, Manuel Ramon, and Domingo Villarreal.

Chaperones who chose to share this fun evening with the Class of '95 included Gregg Nowlin (driver of the 'Yellow Limo'), Don and Joy Ralston, Ronnie and Connie Armbruster, Tammy Coggins, Gene and Angie Meeeks, Gary Grubbs, Dan Swaim, Tommy and Susanna Castillo, John Paul and Donna Schuster, Bo Hagler, Cindy Brandt, Candy Hobbs, and Susan Harrison.

Chefs of the evening were David Burton, Jack Frerich, and Frank Taylor.

Weary seniors were given "clearhead" sunvisors, sunglasses, and key chains, compliments of Becky Gutierrez and the Texas Department of Public Transportation, as they boarded the bus around daylight for the short ride back to Brackettville.

The senior class would like to publicly acknowledge the generous contributions by the following organizations and individuals who cared enough to make Project Graduation a success. The Project is entirely dependent on donations, spring picture sales, and Breakfast with Santa, and could not have happened without:

Walter and Bart Umphrey of the LaFonda Ranch, Ricks Furniture, Kinney County Chamber of Commerce, Parts Plus, Border Credit Union, O'Rourke Realty, Howard Chevrolet, Texas Department of Public Transportation, Fort Clark Springs Association, T-Shirts, Etc., Preceptor Theta Sigma, VFW Ladies Auxiliary 8360, Graf and Barton, First State Bank of Brackettville, Sunshine Garden, Blackie and Mary Lee Haby, The Brackett News, Church of Christ, Steve and Merry Beth Mills, First Baptist Church of Brackettville, Don and Joy Ralston, Fort Clark Springs Community Council, Tom and Jean Faulkenberry, Brackettville Lions Club, David and Lanette Mann, Kinney County Wool and Mohair, Roland Boysen, HEB of Del Rio, The Giftbox, James and Susan Harrison, Sam's Studio, Brackettville Rotary Club, Pico, and Kinney County Little League.

Because of these generous donors, none of our seniors had to risk injury or death due to alcohol or other drugs on graduation night and the parents of Brackett's graduating seniors could relax knowing that their young adults were safe and having fun. Because of these generous donations, Brackett's seniors will go forth into the world knowing that someone cared enough to help them enjoy a special evening.



"Are we satisfied with our present long-distance service?"



"Nice shot."

## Good News

There are a few things I need to talk about this week. I will try to list them early on so that you will be able to see if I stick to my topic.

## Courtney Harrison, First Team All State Shortstop in Softball

## Wil Shahan, Baseball Player of the Year

## BISD TAAS Scores, 1995

### COURTNEY HARRISON

Courtney was chosen this past week to be the First Team All-State Softball team as the best shortstop in Texas softball. It's our first time ever for a softball first team all state player. Before receiving this honor, Courtney was selected all district and most valuable player for Brackettville. Her batting average is .628 while her fielding average is in the 900s. It was these statistics that earned Courtney her honor. Courtney's parents are Sonny and Susan Harrison. Her brother is Jarrett.

Courtney's other activities are basketball, National Honor Society, student council, Science Club and a class officer. She never misses school and has an A average. Her plans for the future include studying environmental engineering at Texas Tech or Texas A&M.

Courtney's positive attitude and work habits helped her earn this honor. Nowlin commented on her being the first one to workout and the last to leave. He looks forward to a super year with the Tigerettes next year.

### WIL SHAHAN

Wil Shahan, Senior Class of 1995, was named Pro Line's Texas High School Baseball Player of The Year at the Texas High School All Star Game this past Saturday night. It is an honor that we have not received before in Brackettville. Wil's dad - Tully, Mom - Darlene, and brother - Jared, were there to share in this announcement. Wil was playing in the all star game at College Station where he represented the South. Wil pitched two innings, and the South won 4-5. Wil had fun, worked hard, and met a lot of people at Texas A&M. Wil dreams of playing baseball at a university where he can continue with his baseball career. I am certain that with this honor, things will start happening soon.

Wil has been active in FFA and National Honor Society. He also was a fine football and basketball player. Our entire county is proud of Wil and this once in a lifetime honor. Three weeks ago, Wil was BHS's valedictorian. This baseball honor is unprecedented for a member of BISD's baseball team. Folks, let's help honor the Texas High School Baseball Player of The Year. Wil, we are so proud of you.

Gary Grubbs, Tiger Coach, said this is an unbelievable honor for Wil. He believes that the honor was well deserved because of Wil's athletic ability and strong work habits. Wil played on a very successful, young Tiger team this year at BHS and Grubbs says it will be a strong contender next year.

### BISD TAAS SCORES, 1995

Here we go! Are you ready for some more really good news this week? Stay away from this column if you are not! Our TAAS scores were really good this year. We're not percent perfect yet. But, the improvement was apparent. Remember that a point swing of 3 or 4 points in either direction might be attributed to factors involving a standard of measurement. What were the scores? The scores listed show the percent of the class that scored mastery.

They are charted by subject...1993-94...1994-95:  
3rd grade reading: 74...70; 3rd grade math 56...87; all tests 48...68.  
4th grade reading 78...72; 4th grade math 47...48; writing 78...72; all tests 38...48.  
5th grade reading 81...76; 5th grade math 56...76; all tests 50...76.  
6th grade reading 55...78; 6th grade math 45...59; all tests 38...59.  
7th grade reading 67...87; 7th grade math 56...67; all tests 52...64.  
8th grade reading 70...84; 8th grade math 59...53; 8th grade writing 86...87; 8th grade science n/a...88; 8th grade social studies n/a...59; all tests 46...53.  
Grade 10 Exit Level TAAS: reading 69...89; math 43...66; writing 88...96; all tests 41...62.

Our kids and teachers did a superb job. There was improvement in almost every area. Remember, we are comparing grade levels here and not the same kids. There are two ways to look at the results: compare the same kids or compare the same grade level. The state looks at same grade level.

Why the improvement? We are focusing on teaching the curriculum to mastery. Abacus has helped immensely. Most of all it is teachers with a focus. They know what should be taught and what should be tested. They also know that those outcomes that are required by TAAS must be at mastery level. They are doing it. Our students are, too.

Writing scores have been good for several years. They are again this year. Reading comprehension scores are much improved. Take a look again at the results. Math results are much improved.

TAAS is only one indicator of achievement. It is a standard that is used throughout the state of Texas. I hope that you will pat a teacher on the back this week for a job well done.

I also hope that you will find out how your child did on the test and let the young people know that they did a grand job.

Have a good job.

## U.S. Coast Guard Class Of 2000

The United States Coast Guard Academy is now accepting and processing applications for appointment to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Class of 2000. Appointments are tendered solely on the basis of an annual nationwide competition with no congressional nominations or geographical quotas. Applications must be submitted to the Director of Admissions prior to 15 December 1995. Candidates must arrange to participate in either the SAT I or ACT prior to or including the December 1995 test administrations.

Appointments are based on the candidate's high school record, performance on either the SAT I or ACT, and leadership potential as demonstrated by participation in high school activities, community service and part-time employment. Most successful candidates rank in the top quarter of their high school class and have demonstrated proficiency in both mathematical and applied sciences.

Candidates must be unmarried at the time of appointment, have no legal obligations, and must have reached the age of 17 but not 22 by 1 July 1996. Candidates must be assured of high school graduation by 30 June 1996.

Coast Guard Cadets obtain an excellent undergraduate education at no personal expense. In addition, they receive pay and allowances fully adequate to fulfill their ordinary living expenses. The Academy curriculum emphasizes engineering and science, leads to a Bachelor of Science degree, and establishes a solid foundation for a challenging career. Graduates of the Academy are commissioned as Ensigns in the United States Coast Guard.

The young Academy graduate can look forward to a varied, exciting, and demanding career as a regular Coast Guard Officer. Under the Department of Transportation, the Coast Guard performs a variety of missions including search and rescue operations by ship and plane, maintenance of advanced electronic and other aids to navigation around the globe, operation of icebreakers which clear the way for all polar expeditions, enforcement of marine law and all aspects of merchant marine safety, boating safety, and marine environmental protection. Selected officers may pursue further postgraduate education at many leading schools, in such fields as aviation, business administration, electronics, engineering, law, and oceanography.

To obtain an application or further information write to Director of Admissions, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 15 Mohegan Avenue, New London CT 06320, or call 800-883-8724.

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The essential thing is not to find, but to absorb what we find.

—Paul Valery

## TEEN DANCE

### DIAMOND LIL'S

(FORMERLY EJ'S)

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 1995 7:00 - 11:00 PM

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TEENS ONLY! NO ALCOHOL SERVED! CHAPERONED!

TEEN DANCE

## Camp Jo Van Registration Continues

Located near Barksdale, Jo Jan Van is open to all girls, ages 7-17. Programs include horseback riding, swimming, canoeing, rappelling, and much more. The camp is in session through July 15 with both one- and two-week sessions. For more information, or to request a packet, please call 915-655-8961 or 800-688-2845.

## Postal Pointers

### Protecting An American Tradition

(NAPS)—These little-known facts may help you understand the impact of the United States Postal Service in our daily lives.

- As the world's largest postal service, the U.S.P.S. delivers more than 177 billion pieces of mail every year.

- The Postal Service employs over 700,000 workers, collecting, sorting and delivering the mail.

- U.S.P.S. postal workers' productivity is higher than that in any industrial country, including Japan.

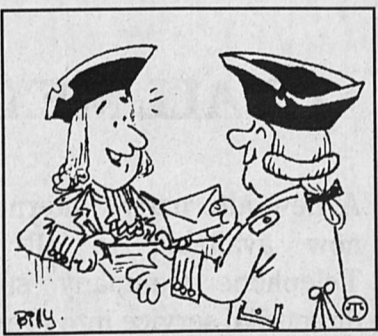
- The post office has never aimed to make a profit. If the Postal Service simply breaks even, it can concentrate on providing quality service.

- American postal service dates back to the Revolutionary War when Benjamin Franklin served as the first postmaster general.

- In 1789, Congress gave the federal government the sole power to provide postal services. By 1845, Congress enacted the postal monopoly to protect the post office from competition.

- Since the Post Office Department was replaced by the U.S.P.S. in 1971, it has not received any tax subsidies and has been totally self supporting.

- Congress is now considering a bill that would privatize the Postal Service. Many experts



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believe, however, that private corporations attempting to provide postal services would either go out of business or have to raise rates dramatically to make a profit.


"Who would benefit in the process? Profit-seeking corporations at the expense of the average citizen," said Moe Biller, president of the American Postal Workers Union, which represents 360,000 workers.

You can let your legislators know your views on this issue by writing them at the U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510 and the House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515. No street address is necessary.


## DRIVE CAREFULLY

## OUR CHILDREN ARE

## OUT OF SCHOOL



**First Baptist Church**  
Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor  
*"The Pastor's Pen"*



**Frontier Baptist Church**  
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

**Brackettville Funeral Home**  
(Formerly Humphreys)  
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The lazy days of summer are here and that brings on fishin', and fishin' tales, so here are a couple of tall ones for you: Two boys had found a perfect place to fish, but it was time to return their rented boat. One boy decided they could remember the spot if he cut a notch in the side of the boat to mark it. The other said, "Oh, that won't work. Suppose we get another boat tomorrow?"

Or how about the young boy who was found struggling out of a lake, fully clothed, and dripping wet. A kind stranger asked, "How did you come to fall in?" The boy, with a look of disbelief and disgust said, "I didn't come to fall in! I came to fish!"

Then there was a man named Jesus, *who walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Peter and Andrew, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men"* (Matthew 4:18, 19). To be a fisherman, a successful fisherman, time has to be spent if following the advice, teaching, and training of someone who already knows how to effectively catch fish. I have never been successful fisherman and probably never will become one for reasons obvious to me. We know from other Bible episodes that Jesus helped His disciples to become more effective fishermen but that was not what He truly wanted of them, but rather fishers of men. Jesus also knew that if the disciples were going to accomplish that, they must first follow Him. It required that the disciples have a desire to become fishers of men and secondly it required that they follow Him (be obedient to Him).

The underlying message of this story, which is not a tall tale, is that whatever the Lord God wants us to be he can cause us to be when we become willing subjects to His authority. The thing we can be most successful at is that which He has called us to be and do. The next time you are sitting on the bank fishin' be listening for someone just may call you. Oh yes, remember that fish don't bite on Sunday! See you in church!

The emphasis of the message at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday was an emphasis on "Father."

The word "father" appears more than five times as often in the Bible as the word "mother." There is more about "father" than "heaven," more than about rewards.

The fifth of the Ten Commandments "Honor thy father and mother, that thy days may be long upon the earth," is the first commandment dealing with personal relationships.

It is the only commandment holding a promise from God. To honor thy father is with no qualification on the part of the father. It makes no restrictions or limitations on father. It simply says, "Honor Thy Father" regardless. The responsibility is on the off spring.

The efforts of radical feminists to "de sex" God is silly, repulsive, heresy. "Our Heavenly Father" bespeaks the character of God as no other words could. It calls for respect, for obedience, and for love.

A father who allows a child to not respect, obey and love him does the child no favor.

Prisons are full and society is rampant with misfits who were not taught to love, obey, and respect their parents. Where there is no respect for father, no love, no obedience, there can be little respect for law and authority.

The real secret is the proper relationship to God, our Heavenly Father.

He certainly calls for and demands respect. He certainly calls for obedience. Obedience to God is not for His benefit but for ours. To obey Him is to accrue the best of life for ourselves.

All this moves on basis of love. If one really loves God, obedience and respect flow normally. If one truly loves his earthly father, obedience and respect are normal characteristics.

If every person would follow the exhortation of the Bible how dramatically our world would improve.

It is the paragon of good sense to love God, our Heavenly Father, and as a corollary to honor and love our fathers.

Next Sunday will be an opportunity for everyone who will be blessed in worship and by a message based on the Bible at Frontier Baptist Church.


Come and see!

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**Hispanic Worship Services**

Each Friday Night at 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday School and Worship each Sunday beginning 9:45 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall, First Baptist Church  
Ann & Veltman Streets  
Spanish Services by Rev. Israel Rodriguez, Pastor  
Everyone Welcome!



**St. John's Baptist Church**  
Rev. W. P. Adams, Sr., Pastor

**PRAISE THE LORD**  
I exhort, therefore, that first of all supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks, be made for all men,  
For kings, and for all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and honesty.  
For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God, our Savior,  
Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.  
For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man, Christ Jesus.  
Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.  
I will, therefore, that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. 1 Timothy 1:1-6,8

**PRAISE GOD**  
7 am Daily Prayer, come by and pray with us  
6 pm Daily worship, come by and worship with us  
11 am Sunday morning worship. Everyone is welcome.

**Sofaly Retires From AF**



Major Dori Johnson, long time family friend of the Sofalys, directed the retirement ritual for TSgt Linda Sofaly at Fort Clark Saturday, June 17, 1995. Sofaly has been stationed at Laughlin Air Force Base since 1987 and is possibly the first female to accept her retirement on Fort Clark.

Sofaly opted to take an early-out plan after serving more than 18 years in the Air Force. Her latest overseas assignment was Desert Storm.

Two years ago, Major Johnson (then Captain Johnson) conducted a joint re-enlistment service at the Fort Clark bandstand for Linda and her son, David, as they "re-upped." That was the first known occasion when a mother-son team re-enlisted.

**Grief Support Group Schedules Meeting**  
Friday, June 23, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
Slator Hall, First United Methodist Church, Brackettville

**Walls and Walls**

By J. LEE BALLANTYNE  
Here I am again! I thought I had told a big part of the family history but there is much more. So I will go on with the family saga.  
Have you ever stopped to think of the part walls have played in the history of the world?  
The first one that comes to mind is the Great Wall of China, begun in the third century when the Tartan threatened to conquer China. Think of the history of this wall - the many years in building and the many lives it consumed. To see it has always been one of my greatest desires.  
Then the Wailing Wall of Jerusalem where the Jews still gather to mourn and pray.

My wall represents about five generations. How they all blend together - young and old - many now gone but all dear to me. I always walk away feeling like I've had a visit with all those dear ones.  
But what is in the center of all the pictures? One frame has no picture - just something written. Looking closer I read:  
"Oh, Mother,  
You have payed back both of the two-dollar bills you have borrowed from me?"  
/s/ Susie

I walk away with a good feeling that even in the midst of a world war, I paid my bills!  
Walls are truly an important facet of all our lives.  
**THANK YOU**  
I wish to express my heart felt thanks to all of you who either visited me, sent flowers or gifts, get well cards or called me during my recent stay in the Val Verde hospital.  
Also, and most importantly, for your prayers. It is my belief that loving care of a good Lord is the only thing that is more important than good, true friends.  
Thanks again and I love you all.  
/s/ Alvin F. Hall

**Obituary**  
Camilo G. Cruz, Sr.

At age 73, on June 18, 1995, Camilo G. Cruz, Sr. died in San Antonio following a long illness. Born January 1, 1922, in Del Rio, Mr. Cruz was a long-time resident of Kinney County.

Services are scheduled for 2:30 p.m., Thursday (today), June 22, at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church with Rev. Donald R. Lavette officiating. Burial will be at the Catholic Cemetery.

A veteran of World War II, military rites will be accorded Mr. Cruz.

Survivors include his mother, Maria D. Cruz; his children Frances Franklin, Camilo Cruz, Jr., Chris Cruz, Sr., Elena Luna, Ramona Falcon, Penny Fernandez, Amelia Reyes, Julia Terrazas, Josie Castillo.

Linda Martinez, sisters Gloria Rodriguez, Maria Cruz, Diamantina Pena, Irene Charles; thirty-three grandchildren and three great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.  
Don's Funeral Chapel, Del Rio, is in charge of arrangements.

**THANK YOU**

The family of Camilo G. Cruz, Sr. would like to thank all who have offered kind words, flowers, food, prayers, and all other condolences.  
A special thank you for those who took care of him during his illness and for those who assisted with the funeral services.

**Church Directory**

- St. Andrews Episcopal Church:** Henderson & Fort, Sunday Church Service 10:30 a.m. Vicar: Rev. Bill Koons, 563-2071.
- Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church):** Sunday Services 11:00 am, 6:00 pm, Joe Townsend, Pastor, 563-2158.
- First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church):** 307 N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:45 am, Sunday Worship 11:00 am and 7:00 pm, Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm, Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.
- Baptist Hispanic Mission,** 307 N. Ann Street, Friday, 6:00 pm, Rev. Israel Rodriguez, Pastor.
- Church of Christ:** N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 am, Worship Service 10:30 am, Bible Study Sunday 6:30 pm, Wednesday 7:00 pm.
- St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church:** Masses Monday and Friday 7:00 am, Wednesday and Saturday 6:30 pm, Sunday (Spanish) 8:00 am, Regular 10:30 am, Confession Wednesday and Saturday 6:00 pm, Religion Classes Wednesday 6:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wednesday 7:00 pm, Dr. David G. Zuniga, Pastor.
- First United Methodist Church:** "Celebrate and Witness" Fellowship 9:30 am, Church School Classes 9:45 am, Service of Worship 11:00 am, Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 pm, Gordon Miller, Pastor.
- St. John's Baptist Church:** Crockett at Keene St., Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship 11:00 am, Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm, Worship Service Thursday 7:00 pm, William P. Adams, Sr., Pastor, 563-9175.
- Lutheran Congregation:** 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 6 p.m., Shafter Hall, FCS, 563-2047.
- Temple Elia Asambleo de Dios:** North Street, Sunday 10:00 am and 6:00 pm, Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 pm, Rev. Abundio Mancha, Pastor, 563-9237.
- Jerusalem Temple,** 514 East Louis St., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m. Minister Raymond Goodloe.
- Gateway Ministries (Non-Denominational)** 301 E. Spring St. (across from post office), Praise & Worship Fellowship Sunday 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Robert W. Corey, Pastor, Charolette Corey, Associate Pastor, 563-9331



Cash Letsinger assisted Major Johnson in the Sofaly retirement activities which also included the awarding of various service medals and commendations.



Major Johnson presents a Certificate of Commendation to Larry Sofaly, who is also retired from the Air Force, in appreciation of his support of Linda's military career. The Sofalys reside at Fort Clark.

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Saturday, June 24, 9 am - 8 pm  
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Appliances, tools, linens, kitchen items, table service, glassware, vases, knickknacks, books, some furniture, macrame pot hangers, baskets, and more.

**POSITION VACANCY**  
Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc. (RGE) is accepting applications for the position of Administrative Secretary to fill a vacancy in the Brackettville office.  
Applicants must type 50 to 55 wpm, use 10 key and have basic computer knowledge of Word Perfect and Lotus 1-2-3 programs, with the ability to maintain confidential information. Must possess a current Texas Drivers License.  
Applications may be picked up or requested from any RGE office and must be mailed to Patricia Taylor, RGE, P.O. Box 1509, Brackettville TX 78832, on or before June 30, 1995.  
RGE is an EOE  
Vacancy 95/006

**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.

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Each Wednesday  
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LOCATION: Brackett Independent School District  
Brackettville, Texas 78832  
SALARY: State Base + District Increment  
TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT: 1. Texas Teacher Certification  
APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Applications will be accepted until the position has been filled. Applications may be picked up at the Brackett ISD Central Office or may be requested by contacting:  
Brackett Independent School District  
G. Steve Mills, Superintendent  
P.O. Box 586 - 400 Ann Street  
Brackettville TX 78832  
Telephone: 210/563-2491  
Brackett Independent School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Brackett Independent School District reserves the right to reject any and all applications.

**DEBBIE TRANT** Janita Hinds Real Estate  
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NEW LISTINGS  
Fort Clark - 2 bed, 2 bath mobile home with spacious room addition, large metal over-roof & carport, + fenced lot. Furnished. \$28,500.  
Lot for sale in The Oaks, good location, nice trees.  
Brackett - 2 bed home in great location, owner finance. \$33,000.

**BRACKETT ISD INVITATION TO BID**  
Brackett Independent School District is seeking bids for dairy, bread, and meat products for the 1995-96 school year. Any party interested in receiving a spec sheet for one or more bids may do so by contacting:  
Brackett Independent School District  
Attn: G. Steve Mills, Superintendent  
P.O. Box 586  
Brackettville, Texas 78832  
210/563-2491  
All bids are to be specifically marked and are due into the central office by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 1995.  
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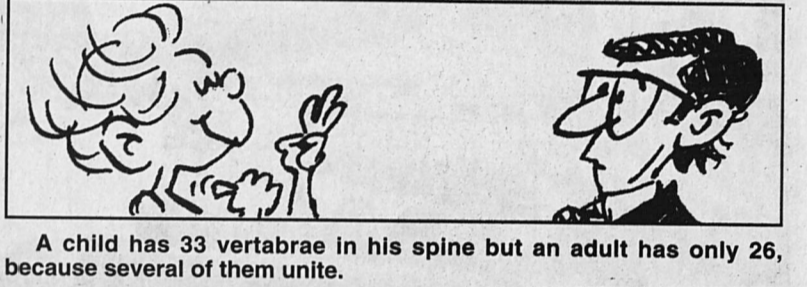
**Lodge To Sponsor Adult Education Class**  
Members of Las Moras Masonic Lodge #444 will sponsor an Adult Education Program provided enough individuals are interested. The program will be taught in English from Video Tapes and will last about one year.  
If you are interested in improving your writing, reading, and arithmetic skills call Jack Taunt at 563-2579 or R. L. Kurtz at 563-2846 for further information about this public service.

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'91 Honda Accord. Call 563-2597.

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210-563-2446 210-563-2447  
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To Report  
Lost Or Found Animals  
Call 563/2704

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Kinney County Sheriff's Department is accepting applications for the position of Jailer/Dispatcher.  
Starting salary for the position of Jail/Dispatcher private is \$800.00 per month, fringe benefits after 6 months.  
Minimum requirements: high school diploma or GED; valid driver's license; no prior felony convictions; no Class 'A' Misdemeanor convictions within the past two years; submit to background investigation; pass pre-employment physical, and psychological evaluation.  
Interested applicants should contact Sheriff Norman H. Hooten for further information. Applications can be picked up at Sheriff's office.



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**...It may not be the economy**

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## 1995 Juneteenth Parade

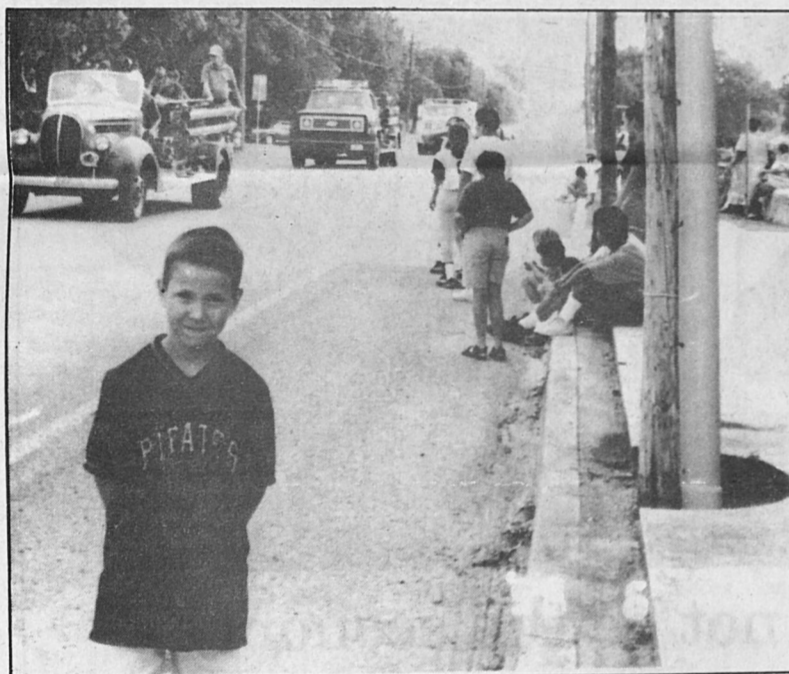
The parade ended at Carver School where parade winners were announced: 1st place, Roadrunner Energy Express; 2nd place, Beverly School of Dance clown skaters; 3rd place, Flores Supermarket; honorable mention, Brackett's Old Fire Engine.



The "Stars and Stripes" along with Fort Clark Springs VFW Post #8360 and its Ladies Auxiliary #8360 flags were carried by Tino Cervantes, right, and Enemencia Starzel, left, members of the respective organizations.



Beverly Wright chauffeured "Miss Juneteenth" and her court.



Weston Faulkenberry, San Antonio, is momentarily distracted from watching the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department convoy of trucks from their antique model to their newest.



George Faison and an unidentified lady show off their beautiful mounts.



Linda Goodloe and Raymond Goodloe carry the official Seminole Negro Indian Scout banner.



At Carver School where prayers were said, songs were sung, food was served, and speeches were made, Johnnie Mae Jordan, Del Rio, said what we all should heed...be ready to recognize and accept opportunity when it arises and know that you got the chance because you were prepared for it not because you were or were not of a particular race! Listening intently were Charles Wilson, Ed Benson of California (who escorted Mayor Berlanga in the parade), Texas Ranger Leroy Young, and (standing) Dub Warrior, Seminole Negro Scout official.

## Recycling Creates Jobs In Texas

In February 1993, the McClatchy News Service sent out a story questioning whether this nation's "obsession" with recycling was creating more problems than it was solving.

The story said: "The problem, simply put, is that the supply of recycled goods in America is far outpacing the demand. This is mainly because recycling programs in the United States have created a glut of recycled materials, as can be seen in their bargain basement prices."

Individuals, schools, churches, civic organizations and municipalities were meeting the challenge of collecting paper, cans, bottles, etc., without giving much thought to the next step in making the economics of recycling work - buying products made of recycled materials. People simply had not been adequately educated on the need to "close the loop" on recycling.

Well, things have changed. A growing world economy and a demand for recycled products not known since World War II have emptied the warehouses and swept the docks clean.

Part of the demand is from foreign entrepreneurs who have learned they can make various export items cheaper from what we used to call "trash" than they could with virgin materials. Part of it stems from governmental action such as we have here in Texas where state agencies are required to spend a portion of their procurement budgets on recycled products, giving preference to those that cost no more than other products.

Much of it comes from successful educational efforts including the General Land Office's program to encourage businesses not only to save their wastepaper for recycling, but - importantly - to purchase products made of recycled material.

There are many recycling success stories in Texas that have created new jobs and reduced the water stream. Garry Mauro, Commissioner, Texas General Land Office, cites two.

Champion International, in 1993, opened a \$100 million state-of-the-art de-inking plant near Houston to turn old newspapers and magazines into reusable newsprint. It has a deal with the City of Houston to supply most of its paper needs through a curbside pickup program. While this has resulted in a flow of thousands of tons of newspapers and magazines to the plant for recycling, the supply, from about 100,000 of Houston's 350,000 homes, fell far short of what the plant could accommodate.

Houston was wary of the cost of expanding the pickup program so Champion set up its own collection program, including placement of 1,200 collection bins in Houston and 1,000 in Dallas, many of them at schools that also serve nearby neighborhoods. The schools make money - Champion pays them for what they collect. And the plant is now running at near capacity, recycling 200,000 tons of paper annually, the equivalent of saving 600,000 cubic yards of landfill space.

Champion spokesman Seth Kurzman says his company is extending its collection program to other cities. "Raw material prices have gone up

incredibly," he said. "Two or three years ago, cities were struggling to find people to take the paper away. Now they are making money on it, a great deal of money."

Street prices for old newspapers are currently in the \$60-\$80 per ton range, up from \$30 per ton two years ago. Dealers are reselling to processors for \$90-\$125 per ton. Newspapers are pledging to use at least 40% recycled content in their publications, and the estimated newspaper recycling rate in Texas has risen to almost 50%. The trend is for the prices of several grades of recycled paper and cardboard to remain at high levels because of demand and the opening or expansion of processing mills and de-inking plants across the South and Southwest.

Texas is the largest manufacturer of virgin plastics in the world. Dozens of plants along the Texas Gulf Coast turn petroleum into a variety of plastic products, including polyethylene grocery bags. Numerous grocery chains have barrels near their front doors for collection of used bags, and thousands of housewives and houseguys are dutifully bringing them back for recycling.

But few know what these filmy bags are recycled into. Would you believe sturdy, moisture-resistant, rotproof building materials?

The A.E.R.T. (Advanced Environmental Recycling Technologies) plant in Junction is receiving about 30-35 truckloads of this material per month, much of it from H.E.B. stores, after it has been baled, compressed and cleaned at its plastic recycling plant in Arkansas. It also receives numerous truckloads of used plastic pallet wrap and other post industrial plastics of similar quality.

Why is the manufacturing done in Junction, known more for its deer hunting than anything else? Because the plastic is combined with cedar sawdust to form an extraordinarily durable material that can be extruded into several useful products, including window and door frames and decking material.

There are lots of cedar trees on the ranches near Junction, and that's another interesting recycling story. Cedar that has been dead 20 years happens to have an economic value. After the bark is gone the remaining wood is collected to be chewed up at a mill that produces a cedar oil used to "perfume" soap and other cleaners. A.E.R.T. buys the sawdust residue to be combined with the plastic for manufacture of its composite "lumber."

A.E.R.T. managers say they can't get enough used plastic. They complain about foreigners, particularly Southeast Asians, "buying up all they can get their hands on" when "we need all we can get." A.E.R.T. will really need the additional recyclable material in the future. It has negotiated a deal to market its decking products nationwide through Weyerhaeuser distribution centers, and this will mean an additional 25-30 jobs for the plant - a tremendous economic boost for a town the size of Junction.

Recycling is good for the health of the land, and it's good for business. Recycling is good for Texas. For further information contact Steve Speir or Ron Calhoun at 512-463-5339.

## Let's Have Some Fun In The Sun!

AKC Offers Free Tips For The Dog Days Of Summer

To help the 52.6 million dog owners in this country have an enjoyable summer season with their dog, the American Kennel Club is offering a free packet called "Fun in the Sun." Inside, readers will find informative and educational tips on summer care, fitness, and travel.

Here is a sample of some of the important information dog owners can benefit from this summer:

- \*Not all dogs know how to do the doggy paddle.
- \*Walking or jogging on the beach is a great form of doggy exercise.
- \*If traveling this summer, remember that dogs can't automatically adjust to time zone differences.
- \*Dogs can get a sunburn, too, so use sun block if your dog will be exposed to the sun for a long period of time.
- \*Airlines require a certificate of health from your vet.

To obtain a free "Fun in the Sun" packet, write to AKC Fulfillment, "Fun in the Sun", 5580 Centerview Drive, Raleigh NC 27606.



Taking advantage of the Juneteenth holiday weekend to gather for a family reunion were part of the Dub Warrior family.

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Brackettville, Texas 78832  
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**\$36.95** per month includes equipment and 46 channels.

Welcome To

## Broken Arrow Restaurant

Highway 90 West, Del Rio, Texas

Thursday Night Shrimp Buffet \$12.95  
All You Can Eat Peel & Eat Shrimp

Friday Night Catfish Buffet \$6.95

**BEST STEAKS IN DEL RIO**

Open 5:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m....5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Every Day Except Monday Night

## Rio Grande Auction

210-775-1472

4185 Avenue F on Highway 90 West, Del Rio  
Saturday, June 24, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 25th, 1:00 p.m.  
**LARGE ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE AUCTION ONLY**

Partial List Of Items To Be Sold  
Viewing starts June 19, 9:00 - 5:00, Monday - Friday  
End tables, chairs, dresser, beds, sewing machine (Singer), Buffet Hutch, Stove (Franklin), organ, trunk, half tables w/mirror (solid wood), dinette table w/4 chairs, lamps, camel saddle, steering wheel, telephone, cushion stuffer, lots more Hand made dining room table with buffet & upwright hutch (Made in early 1930s)  
Glassware, milk glass, carnival glass, gold erimari, all kinds Occupied Japan. Nippon Hull, Hagar. Hall. Bauer. Brass, Cobalt Blue, Bavaria, West Coast, late 1800s minnow bucket Postoria, collectors plates

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