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



Methodist Welcomes New Pastor

The First United Methodist Church of Brackettville welcomed a new minister who assumed the responsibilities of pastor on the second Sunday of June, 1995.

She is Rev. Sheree Harris, a 1985 graduate of Perkins Seminary, a branch of Southern Methodist University, Dallas.

The Rev. Mrs. Harris is married to Rev. Bill Harris, newly appointed pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Del Rio. They have two sons - William who is seven years of age, and three year old Lincoln.

They reside in Del Rio and Rev.

Sheree will be in Brackettville to conduct services each Sunday morning. She also plans to be in Brackettville one day a week getting acquainted with her congregation and with the community.

She stated that her goals were to maintain a vibrant church ministering to the overall needs of the community. She looks forward to the challenge of her assignment and emphasizes that the church has the welcome mat out for each and every service.

The Harris family was in Sterling City before moving to Del Rio.

Commissioners Continue With Budget Concerns

Friday morning, June 23, Judge Tommy Seargeant reconvened a recessed session of the Kinney County Commissioners Court with Commissioners Joe Montalvo and Paul O'Rourke present, along with County Auditor Cordelia Barlow.

The court continued in budget workshop for most of the day.

Hears Report On Pool Fund Raiser BBQ

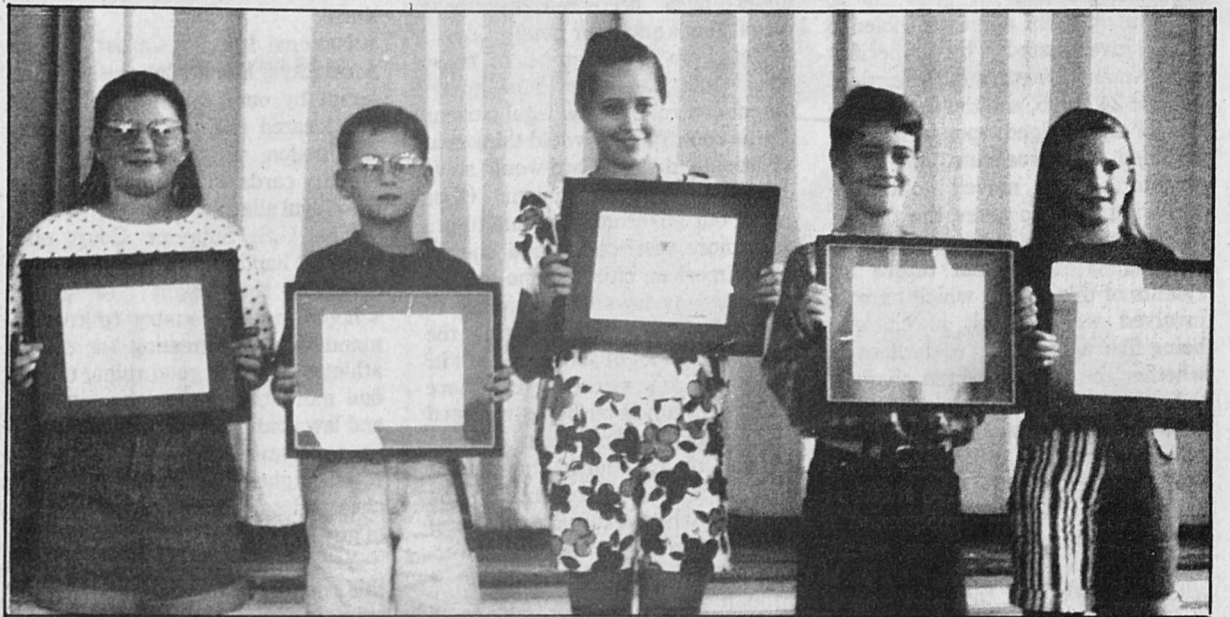
Tuesday morning, June 27, Judge Tommy Seargeant called the Kinney County commissioners court into special session for a six-item agenda. Present were Commissioners Freddie Frerich, Joe Montalvo and Paul O'Rourke.

Two items were deferred (1.4 verify county historical book inventory and determine disposition of funds, and 1.6 revise and sign personnel policy) until a full court could be present.

The court examined bills and with one exclusion voted payment approval.

The court heard that Albert Payne was completing clean-up at the county cemetery. They also heard that the fund raising drive headed by Payne to get the county swimming pool open brought in \$1898, \$1298 of that from the barbecue and the balance in donations. To pay two lifeguards, one certified and one helper, will cost \$2169 from July 4 through August 10. Payne was joined by county employees and city employees and together they did a magnificent job.

The court session was recessed and budget workshops will continue through the week.



President Recognizes Brackett Fifth Graders

Five Jones Elementary School fifth graders were awarded the President's Educational Award for Educational Achievement at an awards ceremony the last week of school. These students were chosen from cumulative achievement combination of TAAS, grades, atten-

dance and leadership since they entered kindergarten through their fifth grade year. The certificates, which were accompanied by a letter from President Bill Clinton, bore the president's signature.

From left they are Brandi Wilson,

daughter of Diane Wilson and Mitch Wilson; Lee Davis, son of Susan and Lloyd Lee Davis; Duquessa Hunt, daughter of Molly and H.C. Hunt;

Levi Duncan, son of Sammie and Cullen Duncan; and Susannah Davis, daughter of Kayla and Zack Davis.

Ben Meischen Water Witcher

By TOM FAULKENBERRY

One morning down at the Burger-Shake, a bunch of coffee drinkers was shooting the breeze and as usual the conversation turned to water, and water wells.

Rancher Bud Conoly said he was waiting for a rancher from Yorktown who witched for water and whose name was Ben Meischen, and added "Ben is good at his trade."

Not everybody can dowse (another name for witch) for water because of the frequency and polarity of nature due to being positive or negative (did you get that?). This is an old, old craft from a way back.

When Ben arrived, Bud asked me if I wanted to go with them and see Ben dowse (or witch) for water and I said I wouldn't miss it at all.

So the three of us - Bud, Ben, and Tom - piled in Bud's station wagon and headed out to the ranches. Ben had a couple of fresh Hackberry "Y" forks and a couple of fresh Pomegranate limbs and those were his calculators.

When we reached our destination, Ben got his "Y" fork and took hold of the two ends with his palms facing skyward and the point facing forward and started walking in the vicinity where Bud wanted a well dug. After a few passes, the fork started to dip downward and Ben worked the area real good and found the width of the stream, so now he had to find the depth. He got one of his single Pomegranate limbs and squatted down on his haunches holding the stick real steady. After a while it started to bob up and down and after several bobs it quit and started to move sideways.

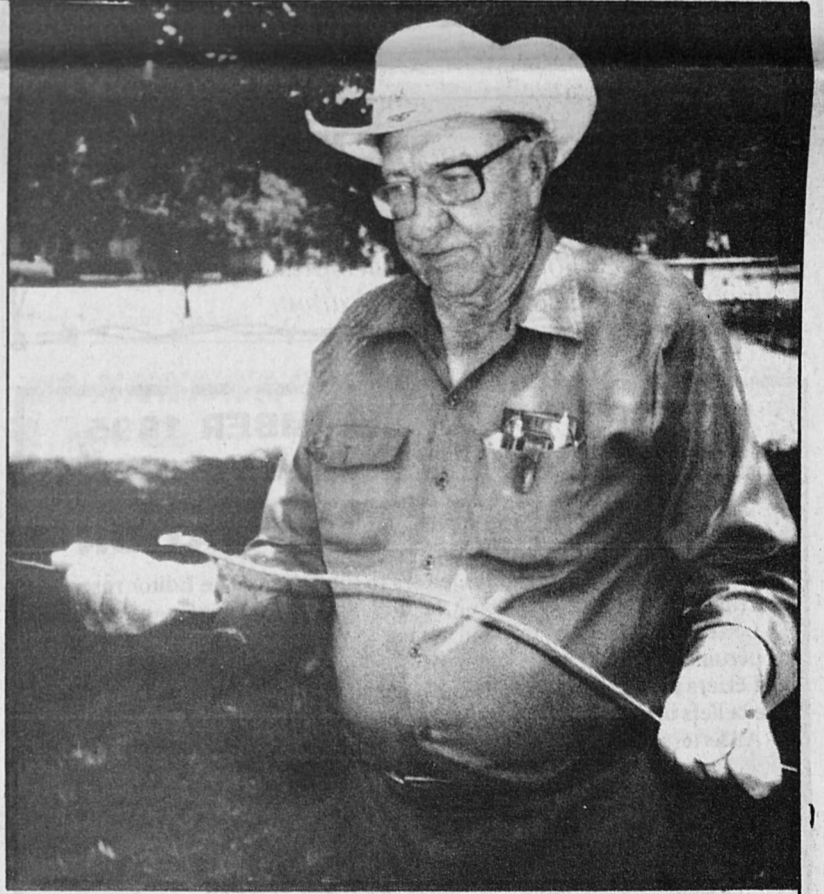
Ben told Bud that was the first water and to write down the number of feet. Then after a second or so the stick started to bob up and down again and after a number of bobs it started to move side to side again.

Ben again told Bud to write down a number of feet, that was the second stream of water.

The same procedure went on for the third time and it bottomed out and that was the third stream of water.

I don't remember any of the depths but ole Bud has them written down in his little "white" book.

I don't know if Bud Conoly has drilled in the designated spots yet or



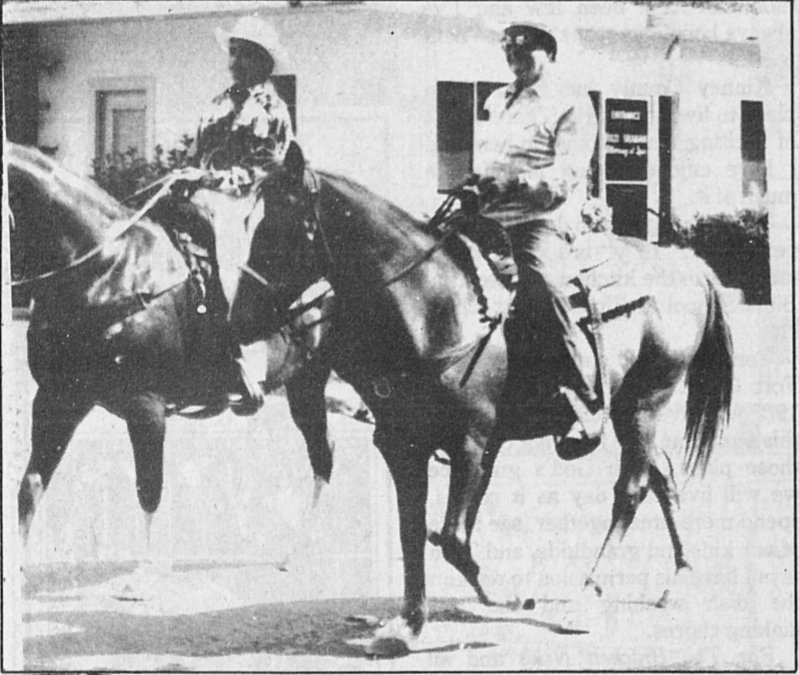
not but I'm anxious to see if Ben hit real water. I know, and everyone knows, that no person on earth can be 100% perfect every time.

Some people might doubt ole Ben but he has found water in over 200 sites from 20 feet to 400 feet which is his maximum depth.

Ben said sometimes he uses peach and willow limbs if they are fresh and green.

Anyway, it was an interesting day to say the least. The clue to Ben's charges for his service is the number of bobs, so you will have to talk to Ben about that if you are interested.

His address is Ben Meischen, Rt 1, Box 80, Yorktown TX 78164.



Oops!

In the June 22, 1995, issue of *The Brackett News*, horsemen in the Juneteenth Parade were incorrectly identified.

Actually the gentleman is Mickey Goulla and the lady is a Miss Lopez.

Thank you for both for adding to the Juneteenth Parade.



Garza Named Superintendent At Poteet

The Poteet Independent School District, in a board meeting held at 7:00 p.m. on June 15, 1995, unanimously selected Joe N. Garza, Jr. as Superintendent of Schools.

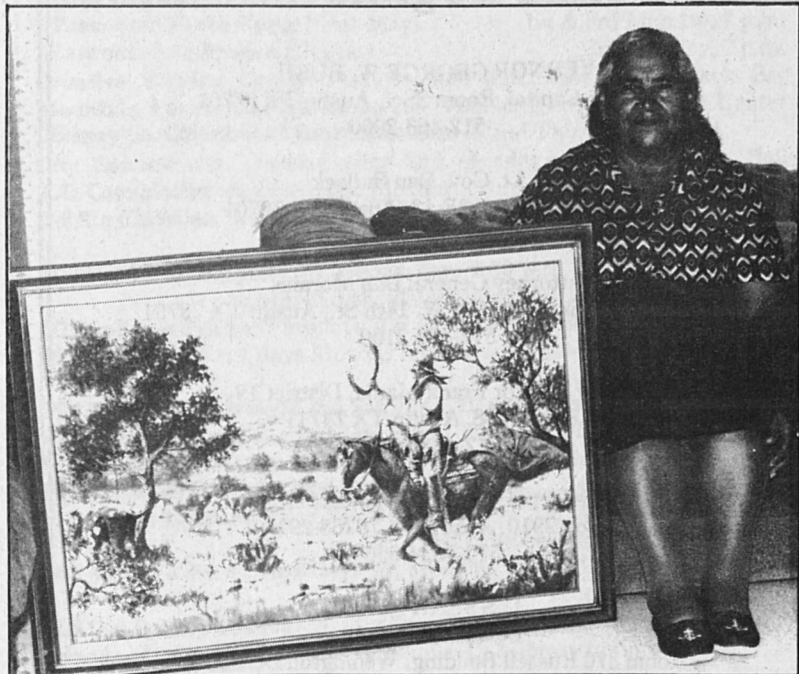
Garza is the son of the late Joe N. and Petra Garza of Brackettville.

A 1970 graduate of Brackett High School, Garza earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, and a Master's degree from Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio.

He began his career in education in 1974 as a teacher in the Harlandale School District. In 1981, he was appointed an assistant principal in the Southwest Independent School District and served for three years. In 1984, he was appointed Del Rio High School principal.

In 1989, he was promoted to a district level administrator and in 1991 he was named Executive Director of Administrative Services.

Mr. Garza's wife, Rosa Maria, is a counselor at Memorial Middle School, Del Rio.



Solis Claims L.L. Painting

On June 10, 1995, at the close of the Little League season the drawing was held for a Bud Breen painting. Maria Solis held the lucky ticket. She was thrilled.

The fund raising project brought in \$530.00. The Little League Board

of Directors sincerely thank Jewel Robinson and Breen Gallery for donating the painting and for their continued, generous support of the Kinney County Little League program.



Swim Pool Opens 4th

City supervisor David Martinez and County Maintenance foreman

Albert Payne joined with other city and county employees this week to get the swimming pool in Brackettville ready to open July 4th.

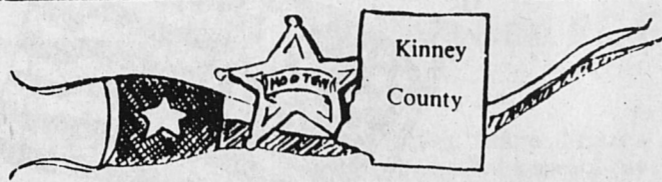
Kinney County Commissioners Court would like to extend sincere appreciation to the citizens of Kinney County for rallying together for the benefit of its youth, and to acknowledge the dedication, hard work, donations, and everything involved in the fund raiser. Everyone is to be commended for the part they shared in this activity.

Only because of you the children of our community will be able to enjoy the pool this summer. It is with great pleasure to announce the pool will be open July 4th through August 9, 1995, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, and at no admission charge.

The pool will be closed every Monday and Tuesday for cleaning and maintenance.

Sheriff's Corner

By Sheriff Norman H. Hooten



Sheriff's Department investigators were called to the scene of a traffic accident in an alley in north Brackettville in the early morning hours of Saturday, June 17, 1995, to investigate a complaint received from a homeowner that someone had just run over his dog and hit the backyard fence of the residence. Upon arrival at the scene investigators determined that the dog had been killed in the accident and considerable damage had been done to the homeowner's fence. The investigation has been completed and the settlement for damages claimed by the victim homeowner is being negotiated between the insurance companies of the respective parties.

Total damage estimate to repair the fence was \$165.00, the dog was valued at \$100.00.

An incident of domestic violence was investigated by Sheriff's Department investigators the night of June 24, 1995, and the female victim of the alleged spousal assault declined to prosecute the perpetrator. She moved out the following day. However, the alleged perpetrator was advised by the responding officer that future incidents of this sort in which he was involved would result in charges being filed against him regardless of whether the victim desired charges to be filed or not.

A one-car rollover that occurred on a curve on FM 2804 the night of Monday, May 26, 1995, was investigated by Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter. There were no injuries and the vehicle was removed to a private residence following the completion of the accident investigation. Cause of the accident was determined to be a blow-out on one of the front tires.

National Identity Cards? Mandatory Drug Testing of Public School Athletes? The first is being seriously considered and supported by various elected state and federal senators and representatives in parts of this country. Why? Well, the excuse they are using to hoodwink the American public is that a National Identity Card would assist in curbing the ever increasing problem of illegal immigration into this country, especially that of illegal aliens flooding in from Mexico.

Well, let's look at that for a moment. Yes, it is a well recognized fact that the flood of illegal aliens into this country is absolutely, totally wrecking the economy of certain counties, cities, and some states of this country due to the welfare and other benefits being utilized, often under false pretenses by these illegal aliens and their families.

Yet from the rhetoric of those who would place even more government control over the legal citizens of this country, one would think that a National Identity Card would solve the illegal alien problem. Once again, our government wants to impose more restrictions and control over American citizens who are not violating any laws as an excuse to reach those who are violating the law! Makes a lot of sense, doesn't it? About the same as the more & more restrictive gun laws being imposed on law abiding Americans who do not use their firearms to commit crimes in order to reach the criminals who do commit crimes of violence with firearms. Our government just cannot seem to get it through their heads that the violators of laws are the ones that should be on the receiving end of more restrictive laws, not the law

abiding citizens of this country.

If there is a problem with illegal aliens, and there most certainly is, then make them pay the price for their illegal activity and take more restrictive measures to punish the illegal aliens instead of creating more restrictive government control over the private and personal lives of legal, free Americans! The government spends thousands upon thousands of man hours and millions of dollars every year in apprehending illegal aliens in this country.

Then, once apprehended, it is the policy of the U.S. Immigration Service and the U.S. Border Patrol to load up those illegals apprehended and transport them back to their home country. They are usually prosecuted only after being caught in this country illegally three (3) times.

National Identity Cards? Beware Americans, this is just one more attempt by our government to keep you located and under government domination and control! National identity cards will not curb or solve the illegal alien problem!

The U.S. Supreme Court only recently handed down a ruling that supports the "right" of public schools in this country to enforce mandatory drug testing for school athletes. Is this a good ruling or just one more that forces the innocent and law abiding citizens of this country to submit to intrusive violations of our rights to privacy from searches and seizures by various forms of government?

Yes, the drug problem throughout this country is at an all time high in spite of years of "waging war on drugs" by local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, schools, and most parents. But, does the continued use and abuse of drugs in this country, even by school age children, create a just cause for forcing all students desiring to be athletes to submit to such government inspired drug testing. If this is true, then why stop at just testing school athletes, why not make it mandatory for all public school students to submit to drug testing if they want to attend public schools?

No one in his or her right mind wants our children to use drugs, any of our children, not just those who desire to be athletes. But, is more government domination and control by forcing certain ones to submit to intrusion of school officials or the government the way to solving this problem? I don't think so. I firmly believe that this is just one more step to more and more government control over the people and I strongly suspect that in a short time to come we will see more mandatory "rules and regulations" and "laws" that will allow schools and eventually law enforcement officers to pick out, at their own discretion, those they desire to force to submit to "drug testing". Some of the higher courts have held that "good faith" warrantless searches and seizures by law enforcement agencies and agents is o.k. because the officer and/or agents involved were operating under "good faith" suspicion that someone was in violation of some law. This type thinking is clearly opening the door to more and more government intrusion and violation of the civil rights to the freedom from such intrusion by police and the government, which should include school officials.

Yes, I am strongly in support of good, well managed educational programs that teach our children and even adults about the dangers and tragedy of drug use and abuse. And, I very strongly support the efforts of law enforcement agencies and agents to legally enforce drug laws. Drug dealers and illegal drug users should not, cannot, and will not be tolerated in this or any other community.

But to force law abiding citizens, including athletes, to submit to "hay stack shaking" in the hopes that a needle will fall out if not, in my opinion, the way to address the drug problem. Taking away the rights of

(Continued next column)



WHO SAYS THERE ARENT HEROES ANYMORE?

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



As Jean Faulkenberry leaves the paper I would be reprobate to every fiber of my being if I did not take this opportunity to pay tribute to

this fine person. I've never known any individual who, without experience, took on a responsibility and so capably fulfilled the task.

Jean, because she has a head full of common sense and is willing to extend herself and through many, many hours of hard work, has made The Brackett News to be outstanding.

She has been meticulous in allowing diverse opinions to be heard.

She has given ample space to churches and pastors of all denominations.

She has given journalistic leadership to every effort to make the community a better place.

She has served as reporter, editor and publisher, any of which is a full time job.

She has been gracious and kind. She certainly has played a very important part in the life of the community and her expertise and service will be sorely missed.

May God go with you, Jean, and make you to be the blessing to many that you are to me and the readers of The Brackett News.

DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE OTHERS DO UNTO YOU!

Last Reflections Of The Editor

Thursday, June 29, 1995 - this is the last issue of *The Brackett News* to have Jean Faulkenberry as its editor. Ten months ago when I made the decision to make this my last issue and told Jewel, it seemed like the date was a long way off. Now, tomorrow, Friday, June 30, 1995, 5:00 p.m., I will enter into my second retirement.

These past four years have been pleasant - busy and demanding - but a real learning experience. I term my tenure as successful. A time or two I've embarrassed myself by letting "oops" get printed (like last week's mistake corrected this week) but for the most part I've been pleased to be associated with *The Brackett News*.

Knowing I had no journalism nor newspaper background, Jewel Robinson gave me the opportunity and then stuck with me. Thanks, Jewel.

The writers who have contributed on a weekly basis have supplied inspiration, information, history, and humor. An all-around nicer and more dependable group of cohorts do not exist.

Friends, strangers, neighbors, and even a few critics, have added community awareness and for that I'm grateful.

Those who brought in family, club or community news as it occurred, you enhanced the paper. Thank you.

Advertisers, in healthy numbers, have trusted the paper with "selling their wares." Building ads was also a new experience for me and I thank the advertisers for their support and I just hope each received value plus for every advertising dollar invested in *The Brackett News*.

A special thanks to each of the

distribution points for handling *The Brackett News*, and to the post office staff for being so courteous and helpful each Thursday. You all have been cordial and steady, and you are appreciated.

To the readers - need for a paper would not exist if it were not for you. I count each of you a friend whether I have met you or not.

There are two people who have uncomplainingly supported me on a daily basis: Gracie Mata - receptionist, billing clerk, friend, and Tom Faulkenberry - husband. They have done many things from running errands to taking pictures to delivering papers to just listening to me...none of which they had a job description for.

To others that have worked with us at the paper in the time I've been here, you are greatly appreciated.

My life has been enriched by each person I've met. I have been challenged and rewarded. Down moments have been few and I've always been eager to start on "next week."

Kinney County has been a fun place to live and work. There's a lot of exciting things going on here and I have enjoyed being included in much of it.

What am I going to do now? Well, next week, "they" are going to let me work in the kitchen for Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church.

Tom and I will continue living at Fort Clark. We relocated here in 1988 with every intention of making this our home. We have not changed those plans. With God's guidance we will live each day as it comes, spend more time together, see more of our kids and grandkids, and Tom says I have his permission to reclaim the dish washing and the bed making chores.

For *The Brackett News* and all those associated with it, best of luck! I look forward to being "just a subscriber."

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Sheriff's Corner

all free Americans in order to allow the government to appear to be doing something about the drug problem is not the way to better law enforcement or even a better way to winning the so-called "War on Drugs". The government and law enforcement, including school officials, should go after those who do use and abuse drugs, leave the rest of us alone!

That's All!

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Library Notes



Library Hours 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
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The San Antonio Area Library has moved to their new location and in the process had several left-over pieces of furniture and some library supplies. We were contacted last week and asked to pick up our share. (One of the benefits of being a member library).

We were also lucky enough to have Carlos Talamantez, a patron of our library, offer to drive to San Antonio and pick up the items.

The trip was well worth it. We received a desk, an office chair, a computer table, three room dividers, a paperback rack, and a few small items.

A big thank you to Mr. Talamantez and Maria Woodson for all their help and hard work.

Our summer reading programs are going very well. Last week Mrs. Charlotte Corey gave a presentation on different kinds of bugs. After playing with rubber bugs and drawing their favorite, the kids enjoyed creating bugs out of vegetables. Thank you, Mrs. Corey, for a great presentation.

Bridge Anyone

By NORMA GOULD



Nine pairs enjoyed Duplicate Bridge Tuesday, June 20, in Shafter Hall. The Howell Movement was played.

Mona Miller and Dena Scott won first place. Flo Stafford and Betty Inman won second place with Ben Pingent and Norma Gould taking third.

Reminder: there will be no play on Tuesday, July 4, but after that each Tuesday evening at Shafter Hall. All bridge players are welcome.

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

Kinney County Library Staff and Volunteers

Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend



I'm departing from the norm this week.

The basic purpose of this column is to highlight individuals who are not widely heralded.

I want, this time, to join the phalanx of those pointing the spot light to one of Brackett's finest and brightest lights.

Wil Shahan is truly an exceptional and exciting young man.

The highest academic rating through his high school years of any student, his extra curricular activities match his academic level.

He was outstanding on the football field but his highest accolades come from his performance on the baseball diamond.

Being an integral part of the district championship baseball team, he went on to excel and be named High School Baseball Player of the Year for Texas.

This is a signal and outstanding accomplishment for Wil.

Wil is morally high standard and a very loyal part of a fine family. Wil is serious minded and yet friendly.

He is a young man his family, his school, and the entire community can well be proud of.

Kudos to Wil Shahan, an "Unsung Hero."

Around the Fort



Restaurant To Re-open Friday

Jake and Gail Cook, operators of the restaurant at Fort Clark, have terminated their lease of that facility. They will be returning to Waller where they have owned and operated the Stockmen's Restaurant for a number of years. We certainly will miss Jake and Gail, but wish them continued success, and hope they will come back to visit us any time.

The restaurant will be closed until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 30, at which time it will open for our long-standing Friday night Mexican buffet. Other items may be ordered off the menu. Saturday night, July 1, we will be offering Prime Rib, which has been, and will continue to be the "first Saturday night of the month" special.

Daily hours will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. We will be open on the 4th of July; thereafter the restaurant will be closed each Tuesday.

The Golf Club Snack Bar will be open from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. each day except Monday serving breakfast and lunch. These hours may be adjusted in coming weeks to accommodate those who prefer an early breakfast.

McClure Is VFW Aux President

The Fort Clark Springs VFW Auxiliary #8360 has elected and installed officers for the 1995-96 year and plans are unfolding for one of the most exciting years in the organization's history.

Officers include president Tanya McClure, senior vice president Dot Fithian, junior vice president Lydia Cremer, secretary/treasurer Jean Faulkenberry, guard Bea Kauffman, chaplain Enemencia Starzel, patriotic instructor Jonnie Salmon, conductress Marge Geeze, and historian Lydia Cremer.

In addition the three trustees are Hazel Earwood, Margaret Parry,

and Nadine Wakefield serving one year, two year, and three year terms respectively.

In July the Auxiliary will join the Fort Clark Springs VFW Post #8360 in honoring Farrest Parry at a birthday party to celebrate his 100th birthday which is actually August 9. Mr. Parry is a member of Post #8360 and the only World War I veteran in Kinney County.

Additional plans include sponsoring a float for Mr. Parry to participate, as honorary grand marshal, in the September 2nd "End of World War II" parade.

Berlanga Is New Lions President



The Brackettville Lions Club has begun its 1995-96 year of service with the following officers:

- Carmen Berlanga President
- Ruben Martinez 1st Vice President
- Phil Land 2nd Vice President
- David Olesen 3rd Vice President
- Don Bond Secretary
- Roland Boysen Treasurer

- Betty Inman and Doris Foster Tail Twisters
- Bob Burkepile Lion Tamer
- Walt Bauguess and Lou Sofaly to Membership Committee

- Peter Pohl & Catherine Webb 1 Year Directors
- Marjorie Clonce and Herb Voracek 2 Year Directors

'Nobby' Hernandez Earns Advanced Degree

Joe (Nobby) Hernandez, DVOP at the Hartford Building, OESC, was awarded an advanced academic degree in May.

Nobby previously had earned a BA degree in sociology from Langston, located at the University Center at Tulsa, Oklahoma. There he carried a 3.86 GPA through undergraduate school and a 3.78 GPA while attending the University of Oklahoma graduate school working on a major in public administration.

During his last semester he was a manager of St. Mary's Catholic

Men's Club and board member of Hispanic Action in Education. He is the father of three children.

Hernandez has been with OESC three years. Vacie Deal, manager of the Hartford Building office, stated, "Joe is to be highly commended for his tireless efforts to excel academically while carrying his fair share of the local office workload."

Hermenia Hernandez, a well known Kinney County lady, is Nobby's mother and proudly shared the information with *The Brackett News*.

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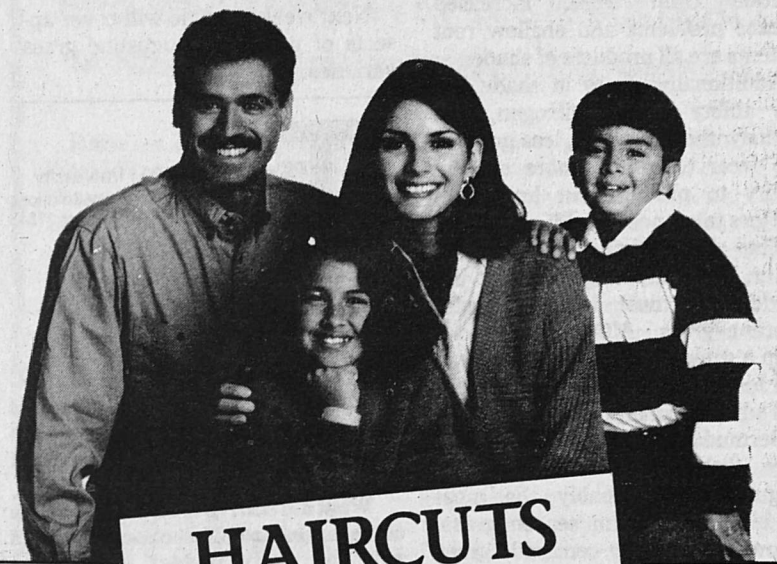
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The teeth of the African hyena known as the aardwolf are so small and weak it can feed only on insects.

Answers to Super Crossword

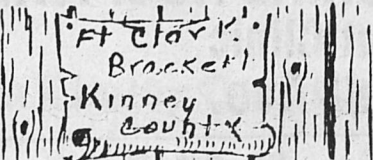
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Community Calendar



- 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 J 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.

Pointers For Parents

Avoiding Tap Water Scald Burns

(NAPS)—Each year, several thousand children and adults are burned by tap water because the water is too hot. These burns can be prevented. Here are some tips from the experts at Shriners Burns Institutes that can help you avoid scald burns:

Run cold water into the tub first, then add hot water to reach a safe temperature. This will prevent a scald burn.

- Always know where your children are and what they are doing.
- Put a small slide-bolt latch on the upper half of the outside of the bathroom door. This will prevent young children from entering the bathroom without supervision.
- Run cold water into the tub first and then add hot water to reach a safe temperature.
- The water in a child's bath should not be higher than 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Before placing a child into the bathtub, check the temperature of the water by moving your hand through the water for a few seconds. If the water feels too hot, it is too hot for the child.
- For more information on this and other burn prevention topics, write to: International Shrine Headquarters, Public Relations Dept., P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, Florida 33631-3356.

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County Agent News

by Alan L. McWilliams



Growing Turf Grass In High Shade Areas Is A Never-Ending Problem

I receive calls every year from homeowners wanting to know why the grass is not doing well under their live oak, mulberry or ash trees.

Shade is very desirable in the landscape, but it is the number one problem in growing turf grass.

Environmental changes caused by shade have a major effect on grass. Reduced light, less extreme temperatures, increased humidity, restricted air movement, competition from trees, increased disease problems and shallow root systems are all products of shade.

Additionally, grass in shade has less ability to use nitrogen, less photosynthetic activity, less growth, less wear tolerance, more susceptibility to preemergent herbicides and less tolerance to cold.

The shade is not fertilizer or water, it is light. To grow turf in the shade, you must have a shade-tolerant grass.

Bermuda grass and buffalo grass have little shade tolerance. St. Augustine is probably the most shade-tolerant warm season grass, followed closely by centipede grass and zoysia.

For any success at growing grass in filtered shade, you may want to try these practices:

- 1. Start with a grass variety suitable for shade
2. Raise the mowing height
3. Water deeply and infrequently
4. Apply nitrogen moderately in fall and spring
5. Avoid high nitrogen applications in the summer

In many heavily shaded areas, it is best to use ground cover plants or other landscape materials rather than wasting time and money trying to go against the effects that nature dictates in a particular area.

Common bermuda grass and St. Augustine grass are the most practical, widely used, and recommended warm-season grasses for lawns in Texas.

Bermuda grass is the turf grass most widely used in Texas. It is a narrow-leaved, vigorous perennial, with both above-ground (runners) and below-ground (rhizomes) creeping stems.

Bermuda grass makes a dense turf when mowed weekly at a height of 1 to 1 1/2 inches. Bermuda grass must be fertilized to produce good turf.

Bermuda grass used as a turf grass:
*does not grow in medium to dense shade

*turns brown after frost in the fall and, with continued low temperatures, does not become green until after the last spring frost

*is more of a nuisance than other turf grasses in flower beds and gardens because of its runners and rhizomes

*is subject to scalping when mowed infrequently
Although the leaves of bermuda grass turn brown after frost, the grass tolerates low temperatures because the stolons and rhizomes produce new shoots and leaves when growing conditions are favorable.

Seeded bermuda grasses are the most practical for the homeowner because seed is readily available and inexpensive. 'Sahara,' 'Sonesta,' 'Sun Devil,' and 'Cheyenne' are seeded type bermuda grasses that have improved turf characteristics over common bermuda grass.

Most hybrid bermuda grasses have been developed for general and special purposes, but because seed is not available these grasses must be established from sprigs or sod. When these hybrid bermuda grasses are used for home lawns, the costs of the planting material and the labor for planting make turf establishment more expensive.

Next week's article will cover aspects of using St. Augustine grass varieties.



Colonias do not fit myths about their dire plights

COLLEGE STATION — Myths typically associated with poor communities along the Texas-Mexico border have been challenged in a study by Texas A&M University researchers.

What did emerge in an analysis of five of the largest and oldest colonies in Texas was the daily impact of inferior infrastructures on the impoverished, predominantly Hispanic areas.

"Their lives are completely impacted by not having roads and water and by being extremely poor," says the study's lead researcher, Dr. George O. Rogers. "This stems from being isolated from social, health and welfare systems. The lack of infrastructure, together with this isolation, works against the colonial residents."

Rogers, an associate professor of urban and regional planning, is a researcher with Texas A&M's Center for Housing and Urban Development. The center, located in the College of Architecture, pursues community development efforts among Texas' low-income residents on the Texas-Mexico border.

The study focused on the colonies of Cameron Park and Ranchito in Cameron County, and Lopezville, Lull and Progress in Hidalgo County. Rogers says it's the first step in documenting the effects of public policy on the poor communities.

Low-income Texans said to be big lottery player

COLLEGE STATION — A study by Texas A&M University researchers finds that the Texas State Lottery has the largest impact on Texans with the lowest incomes.

In a telephone poll of more than 1,000 Texas households, researchers found that low-income residents earn only 2 percent of all incomes in the state, but provide almost 10 percent of the lottery's revenue.

Minorities and the less-educated also spend a greater proportion of their income on the lottery, according to Dr. Donald R. Deere, associate professor of economics, and Dr. James Dyer, associate professor of political science, both at Texas A&M.

The researchers found that residents with a high school education spend an average of \$11.31 a month on the lottery. Those who have not completed high school spend \$8.74 and those with college degrees spend \$6.95.

College-educated players spend only one-fourth of 1 percent of their income on the lottery, compared to nearly two-thirds of 1 percent for those with a high school education. Yet those who have not finished high school spend slightly more than 1 percent of their salaries on gambling.



Moncus' Musings



MIKE MONCUS

Park Ranger, Interpreter Bastrop State Park

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See With Your Heart

I had been writing these things many years and didn't know why. I came out west one summer as part of a mission team and met a lady who treated me like I was somebody special without any reason what-so-ever.

The cardinals and pine forest irises and mushrooms and rotted logs beneath a shading canopy of pine have little to do with you in the dust and the wind. The lush bracken fern and trickling damp mosses never speak of the prairie sun ups and downs.

United States Air Force 47th Flying Training Wing Office of Public Affairs Laughlin AFB, TX 78843-5227

T-37 TWEET

By CAPT. DAVID C. VALORZ 85th Flying Training Squadron Laughlin Air Force Base

You're nervous. Sweat burns into your eyes as you wait for your takeoff clearance to crackle through your custom-fit helmet and over the loud whine of the two jet engines spinning menacingly within spitting distance of your elbows.

The sun beats down through your large, Plexiglas canopy and heats your body which is covered from finger tip to toe in Nomex, cotton and leather.

You watch a jet fly past you and touch down at a hundred miles an hour and then lift into the air again. Your clearance comes and you push up the power, taxi onto the runway, lower the canopy and feel the cockpit temperature rise to more than 100 degrees.

You look to your left and check your wingman. He's 10 feet away, slightly behind you. He signals that he's ready to go. You release the brakes and begin accelerating down the runway. You raise your nose, lift off the runway, check your wingman and retract the landing gear and flaps. You've just taken off on your first formation solo sortie

This milestone in pilot training is a culmination of many hours of preparation and instruction. It is probably, without exception, the most exciting sortie a student pilot flies in the T-37 Tweet (you know, the real loud, high pitched jet painted blue on the bottom). It is also probably the most exciting thing a student has ever done in life...so far, that is.

Students must fly with three feet clearance between wing tips at speeds from 100 to better than 300 mph for about an hour and fifteen minutes, but it is not completely a joy ride. They must maintain responsibility for their aircraft and everything that will happen to it throughout the entire flight.

By the time students get to the first solo formation ride, a lot has been accomplished. They will have already spent six weeks in academics, learning T-37 systems, fundamentals of flying, physiology of the body at altitude, weather analysis and instrument training. They will have learned everything about their life support equipment and how to safely abandon the aircraft in an emergency.

They will have flown the jet for almost three months. All specialized undergraduate pilot training students will also have spent many nights at home with their heads in the books learning everything they possibly could about how to fly the jet.

They learned how to take off and land in the first 1,000 feet of runway. They learned to recognize when the jet loses control and how to recover it safely. They climbed to 20,000 feet and allowed the jet to spin uncontrollably losing altitude at a rate of 11,000 feet per minute.

They have become very proficient at flying the jet through advanced

aerobatic maneuvers such as loops, barrel rolls, lazy eights, Cuban eights and the Immelman, to name a few. They have flown two check rides evaluated by the best instructors in the squadron.

They have also flown about 50 sorties in the jet, including 10 formation missions with an instructor by the time they are ready to "solo on the wing."

Each sortie required hours of mental preparation by the student. Every detail of the sortie was briefed at least one hour prior to takeoff. The mission was flown and then debriefed.

The debrief for each sortie lasted about an hour and included a discussion of an emergency situation. The student often flew two sorties per day. This takes a good eight hours out of any day, but the day is far from over. After work is complete on the flightline, the student is sent to more academic classes, bringing his duty day to 12 hours.

Everything the students do during SUPT builds on something they have already learned. They spend an entire year going one step further than they did the day before.

Tomorrow they will be scheduled for another mission or two that will be more challenging than yesterday's and for good reason. They're becoming the best military pilots in the world.

So the next time you see one or more T-37s flying overhead, you'll know and realize there's more to it than meets the eye.

Rambling Around Kinney County

By THE K.C. RAMBLER



Guess change can't be stopped but it seems very sad that Jean Faulkenberry will retire as Editor of The Brackett News this coming Friday, June 30. This is her final edition.

Jean has faithfully reported the activities of Kinney County since 1991. She seldom missed a function and spent many hours, days, and nights covering news stories. Not only did she make extended reports on local clubs, Commissioners Court, Texcor hearings, trail riders of the Seminole Scouts, directors meetings at Fort Clark, city agenda meetings, graduations, ribbon cutting ceremonies, church functions, and on and on. She has always done it with a smile!

Jean and husband Tom moved to Fort Clark in 1988 after both had retired - Jean from Fort Stockton Independent School District as Associate Director for Student Services and Tom from Firestone Tire and Rubber Company as a test engineer.

Jean tried golf and bridge and although she enjoyed both, she felt an urge to do more. So, Happy Shahan asked her to work at Alamo Village which she did until May of 1991 when she became editor of our Brackett News.

The Faulkenberrys have four children and twelve grandchildren. They are looking forward to spending more time with them and involving themselves in their active lives.

Although no longer working at the newspaper, Jean will be on the go. As "chef" for the dignitaries at the First Baptist Church during Vacation Bible School July 3-July 6, she will hone her culinary arts. Then off to Louisiana to attend a family wedding. A convention in Austin of the National Association of Educational Office Professionals is on the agenda. And hopefully, there will be time to explore all the local area and enjoy their lovely home in the Oaks.

During World War II, Jean worked in the Pentagon in Washington DC for the Secretary of War. This office was in charge of all purchases made for the military for war effort. She helped set priorities



"I won a popularity contest at school...and now everybody hates me!"

on which items requested by varied sources were most vital...including anything from bullets to foods.

Jean was president of the Texas Educational Secretaries Association in 1978-79, a legislative year. She convinced her board that it was time for TESA to open its own office and commuting from Fort Stockton to Austin in her spare time she gathered TESA's resources together, found space and a 1/2-time secretary, and declared TESA's office in business. Now TESA has a suite of rooms and full time staff of three, and remains one of the most respected educational professional organizations in the state.

In 1985-86 while serving as president of the National Association of Educational Office Professionals, she experienced personnel problems in the NAEP office in the Washington DC office and made monthly trips to get that office better organized. She also saw a need to become a property owner rather than a property renter. She started a fund building campaign with \$104.00 and NAEP now owns its own office building in Wichita, Kansas, completely paid for at time of purchase and over 3,000 feet rented out on a long-term lease.

The year she was president she presented workshops and seminars and/or made keynote speeches at state level meetings in 27 states from Florida to Alaska, from California to New Hampshire. Frequently Tom accompanied her and it was not unusual for them to take along a grandchild.

She has served on the executive board of the Texas Association of School Administrators and the American Association of School Administrators.

Currently Jean is a Kinney County Chamber of Commerce director, Fort Clark Historical Society first vice president and membership director, Kinney County's representative on the Private Industry Council (PIC) of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council, secretary/treasurer of Fort Clark Springs VFW Auxiliary #8360, Kinney County Democratic Chairman, a few ad hoc committees, and the volunteer job she most enjoys clerk and treasurer of the First Baptist Church.

Jean says "I have had a delightful experience working for The Brackett News. It has been a professional growth experience as well as a lot of fun. Meeting bicyclers from all over the world, meeting camel drivers, meeting trail riders, making lasting friends with cavers, getting acquainted with archeologists, attending so many local functions has been fun, different, and rewarding.

Jean will continue to enrich our county with her smile and knowledge and involvement in community affairs.

We're glad to know you, Jean.

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Calendar table for July 1995 with columns for days of the week and dates, listing physicians and their specialties.

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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.



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

Friday June 29, 1883

Had to wait some time at Spofford for the train. Felt rather afraid that Dr. Maddox would come in from Mayer's Spring on the train and would go to San Antonio with us but he didn't. Godwin & family & Dr. Havard from Duncan were on the train and went through to San Antonio with us. I had the upper berth above Marie. Got into San Antonio about 6-30 & saw Hickey there. The baggage master was so surly that we were unable to have our trunks transferred in time to take them with us; had to run to catch the train. After two or three hours ride the conductor handed me a telegram from the ticket agent at San Antonio saying that he would check our trunks so as to get them into Saint Louis when we got there. Felt much relieved in consequence. The ride was very pleasant. Marie was the

only lady & everybody was very courteous. We played cribbage, talked or slept just as it pleased us. The car was a dining car and the meals were good. In the evening while the berths were being prepared we had a good old fashioned talk, like we used to at Brown. Passed through Austin & Dallas in the afternoon, neither of which seemed as lively as San Antonio. Shunk was unable to meet us in San Antonio, being Officer of the Day.

Saturday. June 30, 1883

The last day of the month. Left Texas early this morning at Denison, travelled through Indian Territory and Kansas today. Marie is a very pleasant travelling companion. Took the berth above her on the trip so as to be near her in case of emergency. In the evening we had a good talk and went into the



2nd Lieut Francis Henry French (USMA '79)

state room to finish it, but a man was there before us. This was the last night we were to spend on the cars, and we regretted that our talk was prevented. Telegraphed to Theodore Meyer to meet us in St. Louis tomorrow morning

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).

Education is what you get from reading the small print. Experience is what you get from not reading it.
—Carl Albert

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23rd District, Texas

Correction For Silly Regulations

Last week the House of Representatives passed a new rule so it can schedule "Correction Days" every month. Each "Corrections Day" will provide the House an opportunity to correct some of the silly rules and regulations imposed by the federal government... rules and regulations that have been making life miserable for too many people.

Every time I travel around the 23rd District of Texas, I hear horror stories from farmers, ranchers, business owners and families about how the federal government is strangling them. For example, one San Antonio construction company owner I know thought it would be nice to provide healthy sports drinks for his workers. They were working in the heat and humidity, and he wanted to help them. After the workers finished their sports drinks, they started refilling the cans with drinking water. Believe it or not, the construction company was fined several hundred dollars by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for allowing these workers to refill their cans and for not providing them with sanitary paper cups. Federal bureaucrats -- in their infinite wisdom -- punished a good-hearted person who thought he was doing his workers a favor.

In another incident, an oilman in Laredo wanted to drill a well and was ordered by the government to remove all the mesquite trees, keep them alive and then replant each tree in the spot from which it was

removed. This land-loving Texan was happy to oblige. Unfortunately, the well was drilled in the exact location of one of the mesquite trees, so he had to plant it a few feet away. He was cited by a federal bureaucrat for not planting the tree in the exact spot from which it was removed and was forced to pay a steep fine.

Another OSHA regulation requires business owners to fill out lengthy reports several times a year to report accidents. During one reporting period, a Del Rio businesswoman's secretary filled out the required OSHA report with a simple statement: "No accidents during this reporting period." She was fined several hundred dollars for writing "No accidents" once instead of repeatedly writing "No accident" for each and every day in the reporting period. Now THAT is a silly regulation.

These ridiculous regulatory nightmares are all too common. Using strong-arm tactics, federal bureaucrats make it increasingly difficult for private citizens to live their lives and earn a living.

However, I am excited that the House will finally have an opportunity to correct some of these silly regulations. If you have an experience with a silly federal regulation, I want to hear about it. You can write me at 1427 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515. I'll do everything I can to correct ludicrous laws and restore freedom to our lives.

Gramm Rep Visits Kinney County

Luis Javier Saenz, representing U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, paid a spur-of-the-moment visit to Kinney County on Friday afternoon and met with Kinney County Chamber of Commerce officials.

Saenz is assigned to Gramm's San Antonio office and can be reached at 404 E. Ramsey, Suite 200, San Antonio TX 78216, 210-366-9494.

One concern relayed to Saenz was "air quality" and questioned monitor/control plans in relation to coal mining operations along the Texas-Mexico border. Saenz' response was that Sen. Gramm was

aware of the situation and air quality would be a top priority in his agenda.

Saenz assured chamber members that he would be available for community activities and could be reached at the above numbers. He stated he was eager to lend

whatever support and assistance he could. He also stated that communications to Gramm concerning local matters would receive the fastest response if addressed to the San Antonio office rather than Washington.



Sims Graduates From WTC With Golf Landscape Degree

Steve Sims graduated from Western Texas College on Friday, April 28, 1995. He received an Associate of Applied Science degree in Golf Course Landscape and Technology.

Steve is the son of Don Sims of Brackettville and Sue Sims of Wichita Falls. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Beach and the late Mrs. Clytie Sims of Throckmorton.

On Saturday, April 29, Mr. and Mrs. Sims and Mr. and Mrs. Beach honored Steve with a fish fry and a good time was had by all in attendance.



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



Welfare Reform Plan Must Include the Growth Factor

No one ever said fixing our abysmally flawed welfare system would be easy. While the 104th Congress has made historic progress on this repair project, the finishing touches remain to be drawn.

I am convinced that the block-grant approach, which both the House and Senate have approved in principle, offers the best hope of accomplishing what we've set out to do. It is designed to provide states with the flexibility to create programs that meet their individual needs -- programs which will encourage their welfare recipients to make responsible choices.

But there remains to be settled an issue of basic equity. Simply put, there is no reason why the federal government should subsidize poor children in fast-growing states less than those in slow-growth states. The block grant funding formulas, as now written, do not take into account the needs of fast-growing states such as Texas.

The current reform plans would freeze Texas welfare funding at the current level over the next five years despite the fact that Texas is expected to witness a population increase of nearly 20 percent over that same period of time.

Meanwhile, states with stagnant or negative population growth would receive, in effect, more funding for each child on public assistance than would states that are growing.

The Senate has not yet finalized its welfare block-grant formulas. But under the House-approved bill, Texas' allocation for family assistance would equal current federal welfare spending in Texas -- about \$440 million annually. That amount would increase by only \$11 million over the five-year period of the program.

It is unfair to force Texas or any other state to bear the burden of disproportionate population growth. The needs of high-growth states must be part of the equation.

One way we see to achieve this would be for the Congress to set aside, out of the overall welfare block-grant pie, supplemental grants to high-growth states.

And I've been working with other senators from high-growth states to develop a better basic formula, one which includes credit for state's growth rates and the number of children they have living in poverty. We have succeeded in getting the Senate Finance Committee to adopt a formula that increases Texas basic block grant from \$440 million to \$507 million -- an increase of \$67 million a year.

We must not lose sight of the fact, however, that the underlying objective of welfare reform is to reduce long-term welfare dependency and bring about lower rates of growth in the programs.

Eventually, our overhaul should make the welfare system shrink -- successful reform by anyone's definition.

BUCKLE UP
...Everytime, your life depends on it.
A Public Service Message From Texas Highway Patrol Association

WORLD WAR II

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 _____
Date of honorable discharge _____

SCOTT & WHITE
Options for Health

Seek advice before buying medication

Barry A. Browne, Pharm. D.

Question: I'm a 36-year-old woman who occasionally gets a headache or a cold. When I visit the pharmacy, though, the number of medications to choose from on the store's shelves is overwhelming. How can I choose the best non-prescription medications for my symptoms?

Answer: Many people mistakenly believe that because some medications can be purchased without a prescription, such drugs are relatively harmless. Actually, prescription and non-prescription drugs are not all that different. Like prescription medications, over-the-counter (OTC) drugs can have serious adverse effects if improperly used or overused, whether intentionally or unintentionally.

Before buying any OTC medications, consult with a pharmacist or physician. These health care professionals are trained to direct patients to the best products for specific symptoms. And it's always a good idea to purchase medications, both prescription and non-prescription, at the same pharmacy. The pharmacist has records of a patient's physical condition and any other drugs being used. A pharmacist who is aware of a

patient's personal history will be able to help that individual make a smart, safe decision.

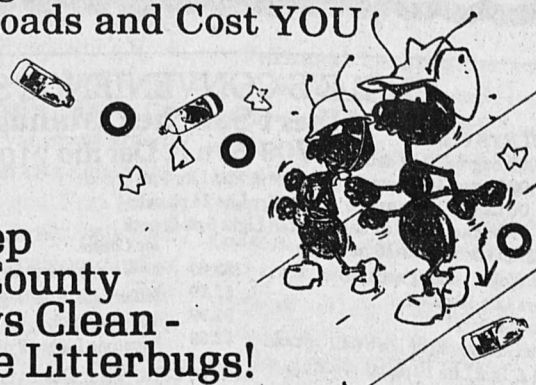
Remember, when non-prescription medications are approved for public use, the dosages often are based on the assumption that these drugs will be taken by healthy, young adults. It is possible to suffer serious side effects -- depending upon a patient's personal medical background -- if an inappropriate OTC is taken. Children and the elderly, as well as individuals who have chronic health problems such as diabetes, hypertension, or impaired liver or kidney function, risk developing complications from some OTCs. Therefore, it's crucial that these at-risk individuals talk to both their doctors and their pharmacists before taking any medicines, even aspirin.

Dr. Barry A. Browne is a clinical pharmacist at Scott & White Memorial Hospital, and an assistant professor in the Departments of Medicine and Pediatrics at Texas A&M University College of Medicine.

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The Senior Girls division finished the season with a record of 12 wins and 1 loss, and will represent Kinney County as the Senior Division All-Star Team.
 The girls begin play offs on July 3, 8:00 p.m. in Del Rio against the all star team from Eagle Pass. The game follows the Major Division girls all stars that play at 6:00 at the same field.
 The Senior Girls team members are Gracie Morin, Stephanie Sanchez, Jamie Bader, Sunni Jones, Latoya Wright, Jo Lee Jones, Patty Lopez, and Coach Johnny Castro. Front row, Stephanie Terrazas, Darla Campos, Susie Hernandez, Hilda Aguirre, Ana DeLeon, Connie Castro, Jessica Jaso. Not shown are Tina Meek, and Coach Duke Meek.
 Coaches Castro and Meek have done a great job getting the girls ready for all star play. Come out and support the girls and watch some great softball.

Travel Through Time in Del Rio and Uvalde

Visitors to the "Southwest Texas Badlands" can trace a rich and diverse tapestry of Texas history. From the 4,000-year-old cave paintings of some of the earliest Texans, Del Rio and Uvalde offer a wide myriad of activities for the Texas traveler.
 Although the words "Texas history" conjure up images of Spaniards, cowboys, and the Alamo, there were residents here long before the first settler stepped off a ship from the Old World.
 Forty-five miles to the west of Del Rio, cave paintings more than 4,000 years old provide evidence of these primitive Texans. Visitors can see these early specimens of Texas art at Fate Bell Shelter in Seminole Canyon State Historical Park. Located in Val Verde County, Fate Bell Shelter can only be seen as part of a guided tour. Camping facilities in Seminole Canyon are also available with reservations. 915/292-4464.
 Over 3,200 years after the cave painters left their mark in Texas, the Spaniards and Mexicans arrived. The Mexican influence is still very prominent today in Del Rio, "The Queen City of the Rio Grande," and its Mexican sister city, Ciudad Acuña. Visitors to Ciudad Acuña can sample from the large selection of restaurants, bars, and shops across the border. Prices tend to be lower across the river and since Del Rio is closer to the major metropolitan areas of Texas than many border towns, it is easy to take a quick and inexpensive trip across the Rio Grande.
 In Del Rio, the Whitehead Memorial Museum chronicles the Old West of the late 1800s. Visitors to the outdoor museum visit the original Perry Store, a trading post from 1870 which serviced both Texas and Mexico. Also on the museum grounds is a replica of the Jersey Lilly, a court and saloon in which Judge Roy Bean dispensed justice in a unique, home-spun way during his reign as "The Law West of the Pecos" in the 1880s.
 As the area continued to evolve, more civilized elements began to emerge. The Val Verde Winery in Del Rio is the oldest bonded winery in Texas. The Italian Qualia family has run the winery since its inception in 1883. Several of the eight wines produced here have received acclaim from serious wine connoisseurs.
 At the Uvalde Grand Opera House in the historic downtown, visitors can find a restored opera house and museum, originally built in 1891. Although free tours are available, the theater is still used often for a variety of performances.
 During the Depression Era, President Franklin D. Roosevelt initiated programs to improve the country and utilize its work force. In 1935, the Civilian Conservation Corps built Garner State Park. Named after John Nance Garner, Uvalde native and Roosevelt's Vice President, Garner State Park's role in the New Deal pales next to the natural beauty and variety of activities available within its boundaries. Located alongside the Frio River outside of Uvalde, Garner State Park is the most popular campground in Texas and offers great fishing, swimming, tubing, miniature golf, hike and bike trails, and nightly dancing.
 Emerging from the Depression, the United States entered World War

II. The Laughlin Air Force Base, eight miles east of Del Rio, was activated in 1942 to train pilots to fly the B-26 medium bomber. Today, it is responsible for training new pilots for the U.S. Air Force and allied nations. Tour groups are welcome and guided tours are available on weekdays with three weeks advance notice.
 Halfway between Del Rio and Uvalde, the Alamo Village Movie Location is a working movie set built for the 1959 John Wayne epic *The Alamo*. It features an authentic replica of the Alamo and a neighboring Old West town. The set has been used recently for the television mini-series *Lonesome Dove* and James Michener's *Texas*. Visitors are welcome to explore the movie set and will find that filming still takes place and that during summer months, music, melodramas, and staged gun-fights are offered.

In 1969, U.S. President Richard M. Nixon and Mexican President Gustavo Diaz Ordaz dedicated the dam that created the Amistad Lake and Recreation Area. The dam has created 850 miles of scenic shoreline along the Rio Grande. Visitors driving across the toll-free dam into Mexico will notice that the midpoint is marked with seven-foot American and Mexican Eagles, signifying the friendship between the two nations.

In a once arid and dry location, there is now a lush lake and recreation area popular with fishers, swimmers, boaters, water-skiers, hikers, and campers. This beautiful lake is a monument to the combined efforts and goodwill of the two neighboring countries. Today, it is a fantastic place to enjoy gorgeous, sunny South Texas days.

Every August, sail plane enthusiasts take to the air in Uvalde while spectators watch them participate in a series of grand soaring events. Piloting small, one-man aircrafts with enormous wingspans, competitors seek to complete a series of tasks in order to win first prize. The bright and sunny Uvalde climate is superb for this competitive sport.

From the cave walls of Fate Bell Shelter to the soaring skies of Uvalde, come see the tradition and legacy of Southwest Texas in Del Rio and Uvalde. For more information on these and other attractions, contact the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce, 800/889-8149, or the Uvalde Convention and Visitors Bureau, 800/5-UVALDE.

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Scientists have linked CFCs to the destruction of the ozone layer. To slow this process down, the U.S. government has ordered domestic CFC production to end by Jan. 1, 1996.

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Around The HOUSE



Fish - The Most Popular Pet in the United States

It may surprise you to know, but fish are the most popular pet in the United States. There are over 89 million fish kept as pets. They account for over 65 percent of all animal sales in pet stores.

two to three months. Diets can be supplemented with zucchini flakes and brine shrimp. Water Quality Tests: The most important tests for the home aquarium are ammonia, nitrate, pH and temperature.



Dr. Ruth Francis Floyd of Gainesville, Florida, who is certified as a fish pathologist by the American Fisheries Society, offers some helpful tips to insure the health of pet fish.

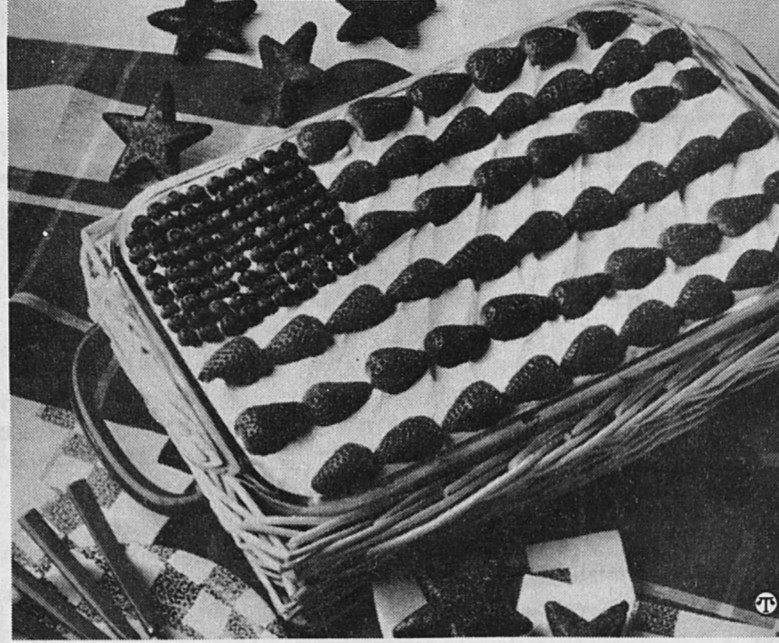
Fish are interesting to watch and make excellent pets, but like every pet — they can benefit from regular check-ups and routine medical care.

Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Unexpected developments require a slight shift in your thinking about a business matter. However, good news comes your way about a nagging domestic concern. Feel free to have people over this weekend.

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Celebrate The 4th With A Salute To Old Glory



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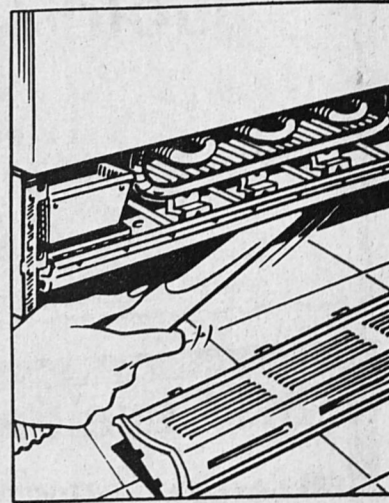
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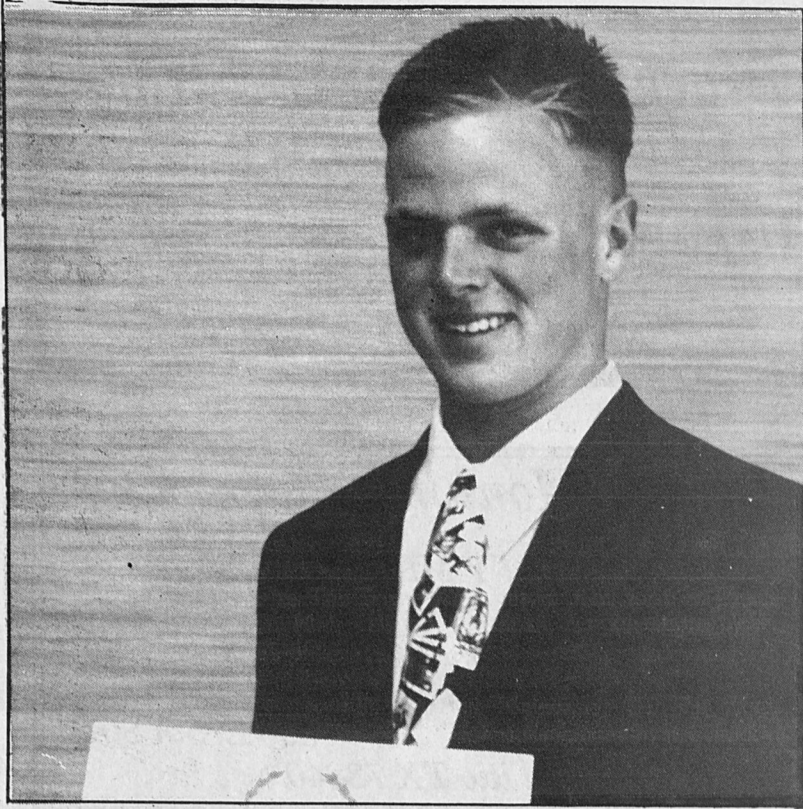


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Super Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.



Shahan Receives 4-H Scholarship

Wil Shahan has received a \$500 scholarship from the Texas 4-H Foundation. He is one of nineteen 4-H members who is a recipient of the C.J. "Red" Davidson special scholarships.

Wil is the son of Tully and Darlene Shahan. They reside on a ranch north of Brackettville.

Wil has been involved with 4-H club work in Kinney County for the past ten years. He has been active in the 4-H Foods and Nutrition project, the rabbit project, and the sheep and goat project. He and his family have been very successful showing market lambs as well and have earned numerous champions and high placings.

Wil plans to attend Texas A&M University where he would like to play baseball. He has selected agribusiness as his major course of study and would like to manage and operate a ranch upon graduation from college.



Jimenez Chosen For UT Seminar

Approximately 30 students from across the state of Texas are chosen each summer to participate in the College of Communication's MICOM program at the University of Texas at Austin.

Valerie Jimenez was one of the students who was chosen for the 1995 program held June 19-23.

MICOM is a recruitment program designed to introduce high school students to the fields of advertising, journalism, radio-television-film, speech communication, and communication sciences and disorders.

During their week's stay, MICOM students participate in several activities including class lectures taught by UT faculty, presentations by communication industry professionals, and tours of the College of Communication and UT campus. Students also attend workshops addressing the admissions process, scholastic achievement tests, financial aid, and scholarships.

The MICOM participants are chosen by the following criteria: GPA of 3.0 or better; above average grades in English, science, math, and foreign language courses; extracurricular activities; leadership skills; and initiative.

Valerie's nomination was made by BISD counselor Susan Harrison. Valerie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hector Jimenez. She will be a senior at Brackett High School this fall.

Cheerleaders Say Thanks

The Brackett Independent School District high school and middle school cheer squads would like to give a hearty THANK YOU to the Brackettville community for the wonderful support.

The high school and middle school cheer squads have had several community fund raisers during the past 45 days. Cheerleaders "hit the streets" in May selling Summer Fun products and this past week-end the girls held the 3rd Annual Cheerleader Benefit Softball Tournament. A car wash was also held to help offset trophy expenses for the tournament.

The funds earned during these events help pay for camp expenses, paints and paper for crashers, and meal expenses during the course of the regular school year.

The cheer squads would also like to extend a warm THANK YOU to the Athletic Booster Club. On Tuesday, June 20, 1995, the Booster Club voted to purchase a break-away crasher for the cheerleaders. This crasher will be a great help to the cheer squads as they begin preparing for the 1995-96 athletic season.

Once again - THANK YOU - to the citizens of Brackettville and Kinney County. We appreciate your continued support.

Teach The Children

The seventh annual Ram Herrera Caravan of Stars Fiesta Musical benefiting Uvalde's Teach The Children promises to be the best ever. On June 30th Ram Herrera and The Outlaw Band will perform along with Los Desperados and Elida Y Grupo Advante. On Saturday, July 1, Uvalde's own Anna Roman will headline along with Michael Salgado Y Grupo Rangler and Texas Latino. On Sunday, July 2, Los Arcos Hermanos Pena will perform with Los Paisanos de Chalito Johnson, Ruben Naranjo Y Los Gambleros, and Los Aguilares.

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For more information contact Tommy or Pat Flores at 210-278-1971.

Making A Difference
By TAYLOR STEPHENSON
BISD Curriculum Director

God Bless America

JULY 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY, USA! It's a time to think about the independence and the freedoms that we Americans have. I know that we're not a perfect nation. I also know that our leaders are not perfect. But, I believe with all of my heart that we are better than any other nation that I have heard of or read about throughout the entire history of the world. This week, try to focus on the good about America and let those negative folks try to figure out why they have the freedom to say what they think. Think about the good given through this country. Take that good and try to make it better. This week, I will concentrate on that thought...God Bless America!

I hate taxes, but I believe that my tax dollars have made it possible for me and my family to live in a free country. I believe that my taxes make possible a school system that cares about ALL children and not just the elite few. I'm sure that we over spent on defense. There are probably education expenses that could stand to be whittled. I'm also sure that my return from the American School System and from the freedoms that this country has given to me are many. A sound education in a free country. Sounds like a dream, but it's not. It's happening in the U.S. of America.

There are lots of folks to thank that have given far more than I. These folks have given of their lives to fight for freedom. Many have died. Many have been wounded. Many have given the most precious commodity available to man, and that is their time as they fought for freedom. Don't forget to thank these folks and to pray for them this week. It's because of their sacrifices that we are able to live in this Land That I Love, America!

To those who have begun the long journey toward budget control and getting rid of deficit spending, I believe that you are the real heroes of the 90s. I don't care if you are Republican or Democrat, get the job done. The future for generations to come must rely on a balanced budget. To get this done, we have to cut spending. Do it! We'll have to live without some of the things in life that we thought were as free as the air that we breathe. But, our country will be stronger, and freedom will be undergirded with your new resolve for fiscal responsibility.

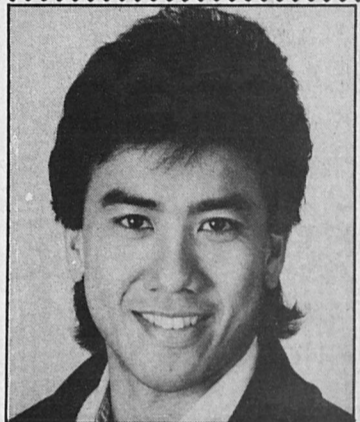
To the Congress and to our President, I say get the job done. Keep us strong. Please, no dirty tricks of cutting one place and spending somewhere else. Make sure that our military is strong enough to defend this great nation today, tomorrow, and for years to come. Don't let us get weak, but rather balance fiscal responsibility with a strong defense.

That's about it. Fiscal strength. A strong defense. A great nation celebrating its birthday. Teach the children. This July 4th, teach them about freedom, about liberty and about the sacrifices that lots of folks made that we could be free in 1995. Fly the US Flag as a symbol of your belief in this country. Enjoy the holiday. Go to a parade, listen to a band play the Stars & Stripes, watch fireworks on TV or at a public display, eat hotdogs and hamburgers, go outside and look around you at the beauty of Kinney County.

While you're doing these things, think about the good about our country. Talk about that good. A good place to start is with words like: freedom, liberty, Veterans, and the Red, White and Blue.

Long live America - the best of the best!!!

Gymnastics/Dance Workshop
July 10, 11, 12, 13
12:30 to 5:30
Del Rio High School



Valentino R. Taguding graduated from Towson State University where he was a nationally ranked gymnast. He has performed around the world, danced on "Star Search," and was a featured dancer at the 1988 World's Fair.

Val was choreographer for the world tour of "Celebration '91" and is currently working as a choreographer for family theme parks and cruise lines. He recently directed and choreographed "Go for the Gold" at Busch Gardens, and a gymnastics show for water Country USA.

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First Baptist Church

Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor

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What do we do at VBS? There is music and singing, Bible teaching and crafts, recreation and Sno-cone refreshments. For two and one-half hours (9:00-11:30), it is non-stop excitement.

This year we are blessed by having a Mission Team led by Pastor John Tunnell from Albany, Texas, First Baptist Church, to help and lead the VBS.

The Mission Team will also be involved in several other projects in Brackettville. In coordination with Pastor Wm. Adams of St. John's Baptist Church, construction of a new fellowship hall will get under way.

On Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m., the movie titled *Jesus* will be shown outdoors at Christopher Columbus Park on Spring Street. This will be presented in Spanish and coordinated with Pastor Israel Rodriguez of the Hispanic First Baptist Mission.

There are so many things, wonderful things happening during the week that I dare not attempt to list them all in the paper. In fact, there are going to be some things that we don't even know about yet. Why? Because only God knows what He has in store for us. But whatever it may be, it will be good because God knows how to treat His people with good gifts.

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
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 Spanish Services by Rev. Israel Rodriguez, Pastor
 Everyone Welcome!



St. John's Baptist Church

Rev. W. P. Adams, Sr., Pastor

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore, take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girded about with truth, and having on the breast plate of righteousness,

And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Above all, taking the shield of faith, with which ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:11-17.

FELLOWSHIP SERVICES
 Sunday, July 2, 6:00 p.m.
 Guest Speaker Pastor Tunnels
 First Baptist Church, Albany, Texas

LETTER TO EDITOR

My wife and I just got through with two family reunions, last week end in Flatonia with hers, and this week end with mine in Gonzales with a combined total of about 350 relatives ranging from 19 days old to 92 years old.

It was refreshing to visit with people we had not seen in many years and to meet new ones that we had not seen before, especially my brother-in-law's two sets of twin grandchildren. He has a third set that was too young to travel from Connecticut.

This all got me to thinking how wonderful it would be if we could get our older generation to sit down with us and a tape or video recorder and tell stories that are not recorded any where except in their minds and will die with them.

Our children and their children's children would have a collection of memories that could be enjoyed for ages to come. In days of old, stories were passed from generation to generation but with the fast life we are living these days we don't seem to take enough interest in this kind of history to do this, but we are

blessed with the wonderful machines that can make this so easy to preserve these memories.

There is another important point to this story. I want to challenge any of you that have fathers, grandfathers, uncles or whatever that served in World War II, especially in the Japanese portion of it, please get them to record their experiences that they had in fighting the Japanese. There are people out there now that are trying to rewrite history by accusing us Americans of being the aggressors in trying to destroy the Japanese homeland.

You have probably read about the fight at the Smithsonian Institute over the display of the "Enola Gay," the plane that dropped the atomic bomb which ended the war in a few days. Here, too, they were going to portray this as a vicious attack, never once mentioning how many American and Japanese lives were really spared by putting a quick end to the fighting. Do you think for one minute that they would have hesitated to drop one on the U.S. if they had gotten the opportunity?

We need to do everything in our power to keep the truth from being whitewashed in every way possible.

/s/ Roland Boysen



Frontier Baptist Church

Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Paul, the apostle, had a grievous and physical problem he called "a thorn in the flesh." It was of long duration and more than uncomfortable.

Over a period of time he prayed to God to remove it. Paul had been such a tool of God that God had given many many revelations, privy only to him.

This fed Paul's ego and he felt he had a close "in" with God.

God told Paul that the thorn in the flesh was an arrow from Satan but that He would make it be a gift from heaven. He told Paul He would not take the thorn away but would make him victorious.

God does not promise to keep His children free from problems and care. After all Jesus had more than His share of troubles and anguish, even death on the cross.

He does however promise to be

with His children through any and every trouble. No trauma in life is so harsh, so tragic, so difficult but that God can help to make it good and beneficial.

That's why the Scripture says, "All things work together for good to those who love the Lord." God always helps those who help themselves and those who cannot help themselves.

Next Sunday will be another special day at Frontier Baptist Church. The Lord's Supper will be observed at the close of the morning worship service.

This will be followed by the monthly fellowship luncheon.

It will be an opportunity to hear a message based on the Word of God and enjoy the inspiration of the Lord's Supper and the fellowship of eating together.

Come and see!

Movie Review JESUS

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Leilani Wilson

Miss Uvalde Area Teen

Leiland Wilson, sixteen year old daughter of Don and Linda Wilson of Fort Clark was crowned "Miss Uvalde Area Teen" June 24th.

The pageant, which was held at the Uvalde Country Club and High School was open to all young ladies, aged 13-16, in the Uvalde area.

The contestants were judged and scored on personal interview, poise in evening gown, sportswear modeling, and "on-stage" questioning.

Judging the pageant were Kim Dutton, former Miss USA, and Dee Carter of Halo Productions.

Leilani will now proceed to the State competition, which will be held in Houston on July 15th, where she will have a chance for the State Title.

Leilani will be a Sophomore at Amistad Christian Academy in Del Rio. Her long range goals include a degree in the performing arts or television broadcasting.



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, Confessor 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. Zunsaya, 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, Sheree Harris, 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 Asambao 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

Brackett News Wins Award

The Texas Press Association has informed The Brackett News that a second place award in the "Best Use of Photos," Division 8, has been earned by the paper in the 1995 Texas Better Newspaper Contest.

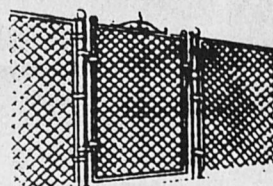
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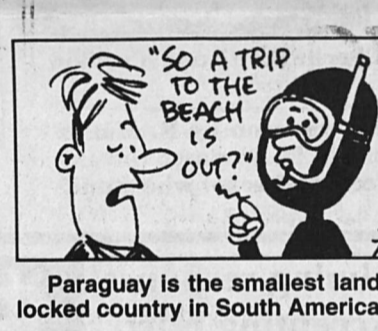
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By Isaac Asimov

In 1812, the United States went to war with Great Britain, primarily over freedom of the seas. We were in the right. For two years, we held off the British, even though we were still a rather weak country.

Great Britain was in a life-and-death struggle with Napoleon. In fact, just as the United States declared war, Napoleon marched off to invade Russia. If he won, as everyone expected, he would control Europe, and Great Britain would be isolated. It was no time for her to be involved in an American war.

At first our seamen proved better than the British. After we won a battle on Lake Erie in 1813, the American commander, Oliver Hazard Perry, sent the message, "We have met the enemy and they are ours." However, the weight of the British navy beat down our ships eventually. New England, hard-hit by a tightening blockade, threatened secession.

Meanwhile, Napoleon was beaten in Russia and in 1814 was forced to abdicate. Great Britain now turned its attention to the United States, launching a three-pronged attack. The northern prong was to come down Lake Champlain toward New York and seize parts of New England. The southern prong was to go up the Mississippi, take New Orleans and paralyze the west. The central prong was to head for the mid-Atlantic states and then attack Baltimore, the greatest port south of New York.

If Baltimore was taken, the nation, which still hugged the Atlantic coast could be split in two. The fate of the United States, then, rested to a large extent on the success or failure of the central prong.

The British reached the American coast and, on August 24, 1814, took Washington, DC, then they moved up the Chesapeake Bay toward Baltimore. On September 12, they arrived and found 1000 men in Fort McHenry, whose guns controlled the harbor. If the British wished to take Baltimore, they would have to take the fort.

On one of the British ships was an aged physician, William Beanes, who had been arrested in Maryland and brought along as a prisoner. Frances Scott Key, a lawyer and friend of the physician, had come to the ship to negotiate his release. The British captain was willing, but the two Americans would have to wait. It was now the night of September 13, and the bombardment of Fort McHenry was about to start.

As twilight deepened, Key and Beanes saw the American flag flying over Fort McHenry. Through the night, they heard bombs bursting and saw the red glare of rockets. They knew the fort was resisting and the American flag was still flying. But toward morning the bombardment ceased, and a dread silence fell. Either Fort McHenry had surrendered and the British flag flew above it, or the bombardment had failed and the American flag still flew.

As dawn began to brighten the eastern sky, Key and Beanes stared out at the fort, trying to see which flag flew over it. He and the physician must have asked each other over and over, "Can you see the flag?"

After it was all finished, Key wrote a four-stanza poem telling the events of the night. Called "The Defence Of Fort M'Henry," it was published in newspapers and swept the nation. Someone noted that the words fit an old English tune called "To Anacreon In Heaven" -- a difficult melody with an uncomfortably large vocal range. For obvious reasons, Key's work became known as "The Star Spangled Banner," and in 1931 Congress declared it the official anthem of the United States.

Now that you know the story, here are the words. Presumably, the old doctor is speaking. This is what he asks Key:

*Oh! say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
Oh! say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

"Ramparts," in case you don't know, are the protective walls or other elevations that surround a fort. The first stanza asks a question. The second gives the answer:

*On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mist of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner. Oh! long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!*

"The towering steep" is, again, the ramparts. The bombardment has failed, and the British can do nothing but sail away, their mission a failure.

In the third stanza, I feel Key allows himself to gloat over the American triumph. In the aftermath of the bombardment, Key probably was in no mood to act otherwise.

During World War II, when the British were our staunchest allies, this third stanza was not sung.

*And where in that band who so vaultingly swore
That the havoc of war and battle's confusion
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave,
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.*

The fourth stanza, a pious hope for the future, should be sung more slowly than the other three and with even deeper feeling:

*Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation,
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, for our cause it is just,
And this be our motto - "In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.*

I hope you will look at the national anthem with new eyes. Listen to it, the next time you have a chance, with new ears. And don't let them ever take it away. (Isaac Asimov, a popular and prolific author known especially for his science fiction, died on April 6, 1992, at age 72. This article was condensed from "The Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction," appeared in the "Readers Digest," and was presented in a keynote address of Melissa S. Wolfe, during the 1994 Spring Conference and Institute of National Association of Educational Office Professionals at Baltimore. It has been printed with permission.)

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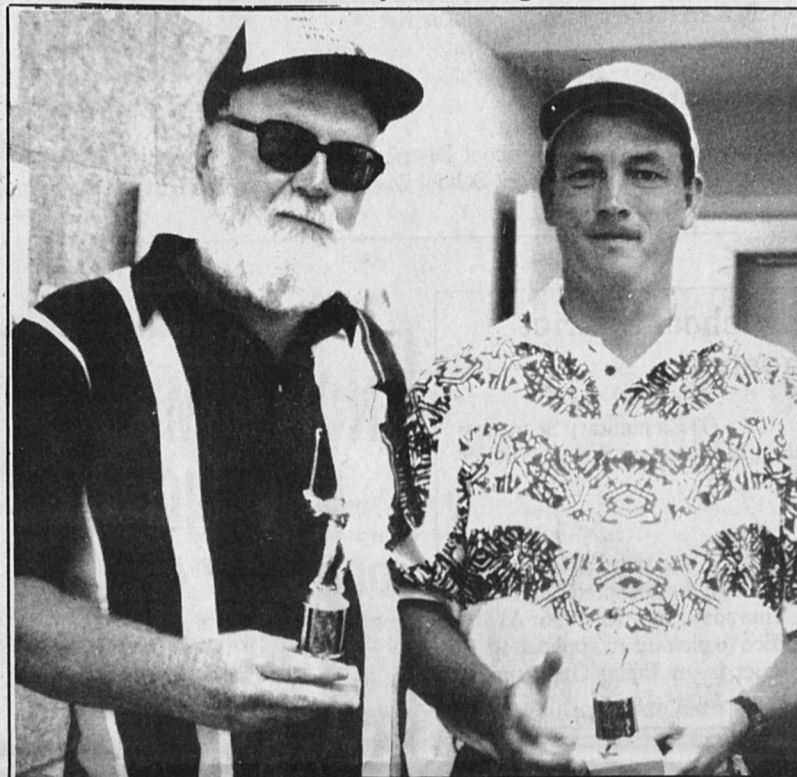
The Saturday before Father's Day, June 17, marked a special day at the Las Moras Golf Course on Fort Clark Springs. The day was dedicated to honoring fathers by

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hosting a Father-Son golf tournament. In some instances slight variations were accepted such as



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