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Citizens turn out for Adobe hearing

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Local officials in opposition to Adobe Eco-Systems were pleased with the turnout of local citizens at last week's public hearing concerning a proposed regional landfill.

Adobe Eco-Systems has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation

Commission (TNRCC) for a permit to authorize a solid waste management facility.

Last week's hearing was the first step in the process of approving or disapproving the application.

Over 200 people attended the hearing, which was conducted by a panel from the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Following a hearing on merits, similar to a trial, which is tentatively scheduled for April 6, the panel will make a recommendation to the TNRCC, which will make the final decision on the permit application.

"I thought we had a great turnout," County Judge Herb Senne said. "A lot of people were able to find time to come down and express their concerns about

the proposed landfill."

Jessie "Tootsie" Herndon, wife of Spofford Mayor J.B. Herndon, was also pleased with the attendance.

"It was real important that we had a good crowd," said Herndon, who has been one of the leaders against dumps in Kinney County over the last decade.

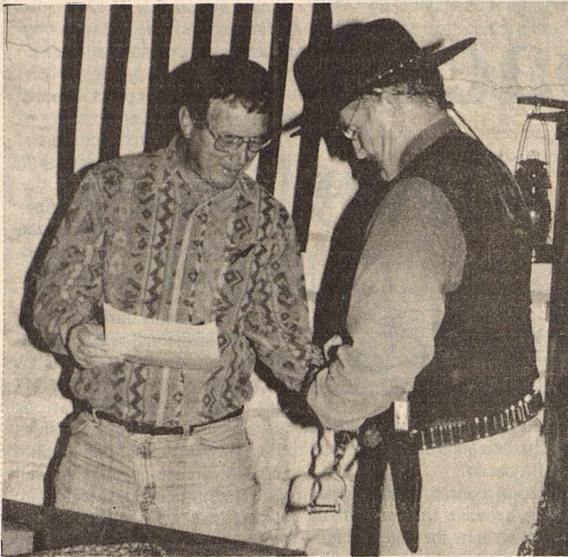
"The TNRCC really looks at the public input. It was imperative that citizens

attend the hearing to show that they don't want this dump.

"We have to protect Kinney County," she added.

The proposed Rio Grande Regional Municipal Solid Waste Facility is located on 424 acres, approximately one-half mile south of Spofford.

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Brackett Superintendent Taylor Stephenson, left, is arrested by a lawman during Fort Clark Days. Photo by Tom Collins

City to join water planning group

Worried that San Antonio and other cities might look at Kinney and Val Verde counties for water to feed their sprawling growth has leaders here looking at a regional water district.

The Brackettville City Council agreed to participate in the formation of a water resource planning group Tuesday night at its regular meeting.

City Councilman J.J. Guidry made the motion to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Alderman Wes Robinson. Tino Gomez and Tencha Pena also voted in favor of the action. Mary Flores was absent.

"We need to form a regional water planning group for this area," Mayor Carmen Berlanga said. "My understanding is that San Antonio wants to transfer interbasin waters. We may be effected in our own drinking water here in Kinney County and in Val Verde County."

The Del Rio City Council and the Val Verde Commissioners Court have already approved

similar plans to participate in the group.

The regional water planning group will be made up of representatives from each of the participating governmental entities in Kinney and Val Verde counties.

"The intent of the planning group is to use entities like the Texas Water Development Board and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Committee (TNRCC) to help guide us through the process of forming a regional water district, with separate water districts in each county, with the same initiative from a regional standpoint," Kinney County Judge Herb Senne said. "That's the intent that's on the table right now."

In addition to Brackettville and Kinney County, Senne said the city of Spofford, Fort Clark Municipal Utility District, and the West Nueces-Las Moras Soil and Water Conservation District will be represented on the regional planning group.

Officials are moving to implement the new statewide water legislation passed earlier this

year as Senate Bill 1 that requires local units of government to develop water management plans if they are to have any say over the precious resource locally.

"In reality, counties of Texas that form water districts on their own accord will not be in position to have that mandated to them in the year 2001," Senne said.

"We're playing heads up, we're getting with the program knowing it's coming at us, and positioning ourselves so that we can manage aquifers on our own accord and within our own jurisdictional boundaries.

Senne said that if local officials took no action, a regional water district "would be mandated by TNRCC, and they would be the group that appoints either individuals or designates those entities that form that governing body."

"It's to our advantage to go ahead and form a water district, knowing more about what our needs are than a state entity," he said. "It's to the benefit of the community."

Arts Council, Breen Gallery to host party

The Brackett Arts Council and Jewel Robinson, Breen Gallery proprietor, will jointly sponsor a wine and cheese party on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Breen Gallery is located at 107 W. Spring Street.

Bud Breen's paintings will be on display in the gallery. Breen is well known for his western art that depicts early life in Texas and Kinney County.

Visitors to the opening will be able to get first-hand information on the Art Council's Tour of Homes, scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 14, from 2 to 5 p.m. The homes to be viewed will be listed for visitors at the Nov. 1 event.

City discusses pool contract

The Brackettville City Council moved one step closer to taking control of the county's swimming pool after discussing a parks and playgrounds lease agreement with Kinney County.

The 25-year lease with a 25-year option was discussed at the Brackettville City Council's regular meeting Tuesday night.

The council voted to appoint Alderman Wes Robinson to head a committee to discuss the specifics of the agreement.

"We are all for opening the pool," Mayor Carmen Berlanga said. "We just feel uncomfortable with some of the language in the document."

Texas Community Project

City officials approved a resolution naming the mayor and City Secretary David Luna as authorized signatories for a Texas Community Project Grant, which will provide a new booster pump.

The resolution also designated the First State Bank of Uvalde as the depository for the grant, which will be administered by the Middle Rio Grande Development Council.

Robinson asked why the First State Bank of Uvalde was being considered as the depository rather than the First State Bank of Brackettville.

"Our administrators of our grant are in Uvalde,"

Berlanga said. "They are the ones who do the draw-down. The Uvalde bank will allow us to have \$0 balance and not charge us a service charge. This one won't. They have what they call grant accounts."

City Secretary's Update

Luna announced that the new meeting room at the city's annex building would be ready by next month.

A mandated city pride sign has been erected on the east side of town on U.S. Highway 90.

Luna said the state's free scrap tire pickup program will end on Dec. 31. The city will be required to accept scrap tires, make sure they go to a licensed processor, and collect a disposal fee from customers to cover costs.

Fire Marshal's Report

Faustino "Lingo" Sandoval Jr., informed the council that he inspected two buildings during the last month. He added that the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department responded to two fires.

Monthly Activity Report

Carol Sandoval reported that the city had 130 work orders during the last month.

In other business, the council approved financial reports and minutes from meetings on Sept. 9 and Sept. 30.

School Board approves facility improvements

The Brackett School Board unanimously agreed to resurface the district's track and build new tennis courts during last week's regular meeting.

Athletic Director Roy Rokovich estimated the cost of resurfacing the existing track between \$43,000 to \$48,000. The new track will feature an all-weather surface.

The trustees agreed to construct a new tennis facility with either two or four courts, depending on which is most cost-effective per court.

Four new tennis courts would cost between \$120,000 and \$125,000, Rokovich said.

Local Update Policy 56

The trustees approved the second reading of Local Update Policy 56.

"It is an update that begins to bring local and state policy into conformance with the 75th Legislative Session," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "It's totally reworking policies because of statutory changes."

GT Administrative Policy

The board also approved the second reading of the Gifted and Talented Administrative Policy.

"The policy outlines how we're going to operate the Gifted and Talented Program," Stephenson said. "It is much more extensive than it has been in the past. The state has new guidelines and we will have new guidelines."

Executive Session

The trustees met twice in executive session, but took no action.

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Court appoints election judges

The commissioners approved the appointment of election judges Tuesday for the upcoming special election.

The judges were appointed to two-year terms for the Nov. 4 election at this week's regular meeting. The judges include Flo Stafford, Precinct 1; Ava Lindeman, Precinct 2; Ida Flores, Precinct 3; and Gilford Raymer, Precinct 4.

The court also agreed to pay election judges, clerks and extra help \$6 per hour for early voting.

Salary Adjustments

Kinney County Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said there are two deputy sheriff positions vacant, adding that one would probably be filled by December.

Burgess proposed eliminating one of the positions and using that salary to increase the salaries of the other employees of the department, other than himself. The court approved the request.

ELC Resource Data

Wes Robinson asked the court why resource data concerning extended local calling was removed from the Kinney County Public

Library.

Officials said a pamphlet was removed because it was pro-extended local calling. Robinson said a folder containing general information was also removed.

The commissioners approved returning the folder back to the library for general inspection.

Welfare to Work Program

Ricky McNeil and Leodoro Martinez of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council presented an informational discussion concerning the Welfare to Work Program.

Lease Agreement

The commissioners court approved lease agreement guidelines proposed by the Texas Department of Human Resources.

The proposal reduces the amount of leased space from 1,093 square feet to 895 square feet.

At the current lease rate of 60 cents per square foot, the monthly rental payment was decreased from \$655.80 to \$537.

Footcare for Elderly

Dr. Michael Roth and Dr. Anna Sanchez, both of Del Rio,

asked the court for permission to use the Nutrition center for footcare screenings for the elderly.

The doctors said they have many patients from Brackettville who have a hard time travelling to Del Rio. They proposed charging the customers a fee to be reimbursed to the county for use of the Nutrition Center.

The commissioners said the matter would have to be discussed with County Attorney Tully Shahan before any action could be taken.

New Fence

The court agreed to construct a new fence around land donated by Sterling Evans at the County Cemetery.

Officials said the county was having problems with keeping livestock out of the cemetery.

Executive Session

The commissioners met in executive session to discuss personnel and pending litigation. No action was taken.

In other action, the court approved minutes, department reports, accounts and bills.



Woodie Francis Trotter (from left), Richard Slubar and Harrell Floyd starred in the melodrama "The Drunkard," Saturday night at Fort Clark Springs. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Tiger Band to compete

The Brackett Fightin' Tiger Band will compete in district marching contest Saturday at Barry Field in Hondo.

The Fightin' Tiger Band, under the direction of Hector Jimenez and Roxanne Gonzalez and drum major Windy Goodloe, is scheduled to take the field at about 2:40 Saturday afternoon.

"We're excited about contest," Jimenez said at Wednesday's practice. "All of the kids have been working extremely hard."

Letters to the Editor

What is the Fort Clark board trying to hide?

Several weeks ago, members of Fort Clark Springs Association wrote letters to the Board of Directors requesting permission to examine the minutes of the executive meetings and other financial records.

We were denied this request and referred to their attorney (or our attorney). Who pays for this, the members or the members of the Board?

It is the opinion of legal counsel they have something to hide. What do you think?

Do we have accurate accounting of property inventories? How many properties did we get from the North American Towns' buyout with clear titles and how many with clouded or no titles? Why are these properties still on the tax roll of North American Towns and not Fort Clark Springs Association?

It is the belief of many stockholders that no one knows how many lots we own. Is this why we have no inventory accounts? Is this the type of leadership you want?

The Board of Directors has a responsibility to the stockholders to perform with professional and ethical conduct; they must be qualified and experienced in the operation of a large multipurpose corporation, if not, they are in breach of contract with you as a stockholder.

We continue to operate at a deficit; \$1.55 million deficit for 1996 and an estimated \$1.6 million for 1997.

This corporation continues to operate at a loss in most of the profit centers that we have. I warn you, if this continues we will be bankrupt in five years.

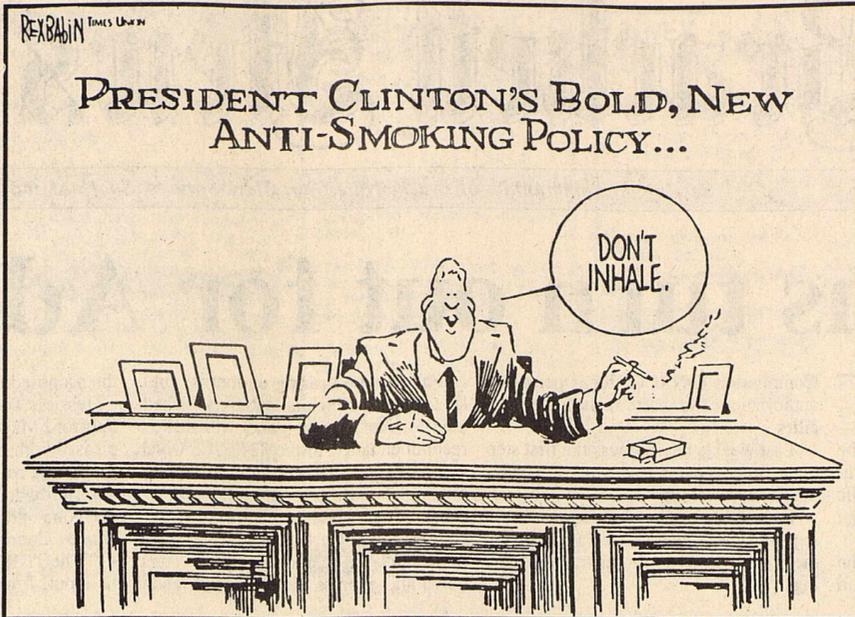
Maybe the recent resignation of one on the Board of Directors was aware of this information. This Board of Directors should resign or continue with ugly scenes of eviction.

It appears to me that we are dealing with a major breakdown in communication. We have had no news letters or other communication with the management or Board of Directors in the past six months.

I would think, as stockholders of this corporation, we are entitled to get regular news letters or some form of communication as to the state of affairs of this corporation.

Why does everything that happens on Fort Clark Springs have to be a surprise or rumors?

Bob Moore



Scam of tobacco lawsuits still alive

The anti-tobacco scam is indeed alive and well. It rolls like a tornado, propelled by money hungry ambulance chasing lawyers. The latest suit by airline hostesses is a classic point.

A Mormon who, because of her religious sect, did not believe in smoking tobacco, drinking alcoholic beverages, coffee or indeed any hot or cold drinks, sought out a job knowing it would entail being in the presence of tobacco smoke.

More than 30 years ago, she started her personal crusade against the tobacco industry. Years later, she developed cancer.

By the exorbitant claims now propounded by rebels with a cause, she decided her cancer was caused by "second hand smoke."

In the present climate, anyone who dies from cancer, stroke, heartache or even old age, if he or she smokes or is in the presence of one who does, these crusaders add another number to those dying from smoke related causes.

The claim that 3,000 teens a day take up smoking cigarettes is a figure snatched out of outer space with no possible documentation and with lack of proof, like the claim that 30,000 people a year die from "smoke related" causes is designed to panic the unthinking masses to walk in lock step with the extremists.

At the heart of the matter are unscrupulous lawyers. After the settlement of the suit by the flight attendants, there was much loud

Between Us
By Joe Townsend



publicity by the liberalist media of a great victory for the attendants.

The woman who filed the suit was shown acting as though she had just won the Texas lottery.

The fine print tells the true story. Suing for a billion dollars, she and the 60,000 involved in the class action suit got nothing, nada, zip, zero.

The tobacco companies agreed to establish a foundation with \$300 million to study the effects of tobacco and treatment of the problems. This will be a tax deduction for the tobacco companies and a mere pittance compared to the assets and profits of these monstrous companies.

On the other hand, the lawyer who instigated the suit is to receive \$47 million plus.

So who won? Only the lawyer. Behind every suit against the tobacco companies lurk lawyers hoping to feed on the carrion.

Suits by the various states are perpetrated by lawyers in every case.

In Texas, the attorney general has employed a lawyer of questionable ethics and character to handle the Texas suit. Together, they have dreamed up novel issues to plead their case.

If these lawyers were honest

and had integrity, they would include in their suits abolition of the use of tobacco.

This, of course, would never happen because the amount of taxes taken in by the state and federal governments is astronomical and the lawyers would be killing the goose that laid the golden egg.

As long as people believe the wild claims of the do-gooders this raging fire will continue.

It does not take a rocket scientist to know that the use of tobacco pales to nothing in the shadow of the dangers and cost to individuals, families and society of the use of alcohol.

Where are the lawyers who will chase the alcohol industry and hope to make \$47 million to plea bargain a loss to the litigants?

Editor's note: The following was omitted from the end of Joe Townsend's column last week:

Anyone who is critical of Promise Keepers, the movement, their aims, and these actions, has to be spiritually, if not mentally, sick.

Promise Keepers cross all regained, ethnic lines, or even financial classes, to endeavor to lead men to be what God wants them to be for their own good, their families good, and to make the world a better place.

EPA should use some common sense

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

A few months ago, I told you a David and Goliath story. When the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Food and Drug Administration threatened to take away her asthma inhaler because of potential risks to the ozone layer, Alexis Milmine of Midland fought the bureaucrats and won.

Well, now it looks like the EPA has turned its back on Alexis and on you.

Last month, the EPA announced plans to unroll its ban on chlorofluorocarbon-powered asthma inhalers, like the one Alexis uses, at an international meeting on ozone protection.

This plan goes right along with

EPA's current push to tighten rules on ozone, what we call smog, and particulate matter, what we call dust. They claim that these tighter rules are necessary to protect our health.

Sure, a clean environment is important, but using common sense to get to that goal is important too.

Banning these inhalers means that almost every asthmatic will not be able to use the inhaler that works the best for them at the most reasonable cost. In fact, they could be forced to fork over eight times as much money for a new type of inhaler. Worse yet, these new inhalers may not even work for some folks with asthma. These are high costs to pay for a benefit that we may not even see.

The EPA's own scientists dis-

agree that these new rules will make any difference. Without real evidence showing the benefits of the EPA's plan, the high price we could all pay because of it just doesn't seem worth it.

For example, the chlorofluorocarbons, or CFC's, in the asthma inhalers the EPA wants to ban only account for less than 1.5 percent of all the CFC emissions in the world. Based on this, how can the EPA justify its plan to asthma sufferers?

Asthma sufferers aren't the only targets of the EPA's new clean air proposals. If you drive a car, cook on a barbecue or use a tractor, you could see a difference.

You will definitely feel a pinch in your pocket books since the estimated cost of these new rules is \$6 billion. Still, the EPA is ready to go forward with its plan no matter what.

The EPA needs to take a look at the big picture. We all want a clean, healthy environment. Over the last 20 years, America has cleaned up its act.

Sure, there may be more that we can do, but targeting asthma sufferers, American consumers, small businesses and farmers is not one of them. The EPA should start using common sense to keep our environment safe.



Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Rethinking our role in Bosnia

Recent events in Bosnia highlight the fatal flaw in the Dayton Peace Accords that U.S.-led NATO troops are trying to enforce there.

We are attempting to recreate Bosnia in the multiethnic, multicultural image of the United States. As desirable as that may be, it ignores facts on the ground and the region's sad history.

We are trying to create conditions in Bosnia that will force disparate groups of people with longstanding animosities to live in homes 50 feet from one another.

While many express concern over the Balkanization of America, I am far more concerned in the near term over efforts to Americanize the Balkans.

Resettling refugees prematurely and forcing a combination government on the various factions is rubbing salt into an open wound.

I visited Bosnia during the August Congressional recess, walking through the streets of Brcko just a week before the anti-NATO and anti-U.S. demonstrations there. Based on my discussions with local officials and Muslim and Serb citizens of Brcko, as well as briefings I received from NATO leaders, I believe we are embarking on a questionable and quite dangerous course in Bosnia.

Our peacekeepers in Bosnia have been assigned a mission that is inherently not peaceful, repeating a major mistake we made in Somalia in 1993 and in Lebanon, where "mission creep" led to the devastating 1983 attack on our Marine barracks that killed 240 Americans. As we did in both those instances, we have chosen sides. This time it is among competing Serb factions.

In short, we have become partisan. We have inserted ourselves into a power struggle between two unsavory factions, just as we did in Somalia when we sent our troops after Somali warlord Mohammed Farah Aideed.

The administration's apparent decision to pick sides in the dispute between two Serb factions undermines our role as neutral enforcers of the Dayton Peace Agreement.

With thousands of U.S. troops involved and the sides themselves refusing to abide by the agreement, conditions are ripe for the United States to be sucked into conflict.

Choosing sides risks altering political and security conditions in such a way as to make it very difficult to achieve our peacekeeping objectives. Worse, it puts American troops in harm's way without a clear mission to perform.

It is not too late to re-examine our efforts in the Balkans. Based on our experiences since the Dayton accords were signed in 1995, it may be time to reconvene the parties and reconsider.

It is time to acknowledge that our objectives of a stable Bosnia and the early withdrawal of American forces are in grave jeopardy. We should explore a policy that has a better chance to succeed and which incorporates an exit strategy.

It may well be that a partition of the region will lead to a more stable, peaceful co-existence. But with an eye on the June, 1998 withdrawal date, President Clinton has recently emphasized the need to speed up the implementation of accords as written. When you're headed in the wrong direction, though, speeding up won't get you where you're trying to go.

We're going the wrong direction in Bosnia, and it's time to stop and look at the map before we find ourselves in territory we've visited before: Somalia or Lebanon. Let's not wait until the June deadline for the much-needed course correction.

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Fort Clark Days a success

Last weekend's annual Fort Clark Days celebration was successful despite the rain.

I don't know any ranching country that ever turns its head intentionally on the possibility of getting some rain.

I recorded about an inch and a half in the week's time. Slow, had time to soak in wonderful moisture.

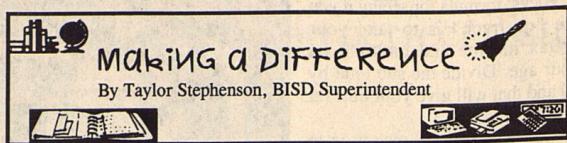
The Fort was beautiful with green trees and grass everywhere. Organizers had done a fine job getting events and fun time things ready. Thanks for a job well done.

Busy Week

This is a busy week with volleyball on Tuesday night, junior high football here on Thursday, varsity volleyball here at 4 on Friday, followed by varsity football. We are scheduled for tournaments on Saturday.

This week, the football team plays the district leader - Charlotte.

I believe that our kids will represent us the very best that they can.



We have had some difficult days in football. Please believe in and support the Tigers this Friday night.

Let's keep cheering and applauding. Who knows? District leaders have been beaten before.

Our kids always need your positive support. We have kids at BISD who are doing their best for us. Come out and support the teams in their efforts.

Marching Contest

The Tiger Band goes to Hondo Saturday for the district marching contest.

We march about 2:40 p.m. We wish the band the best as they represent BISD.

Student Activities

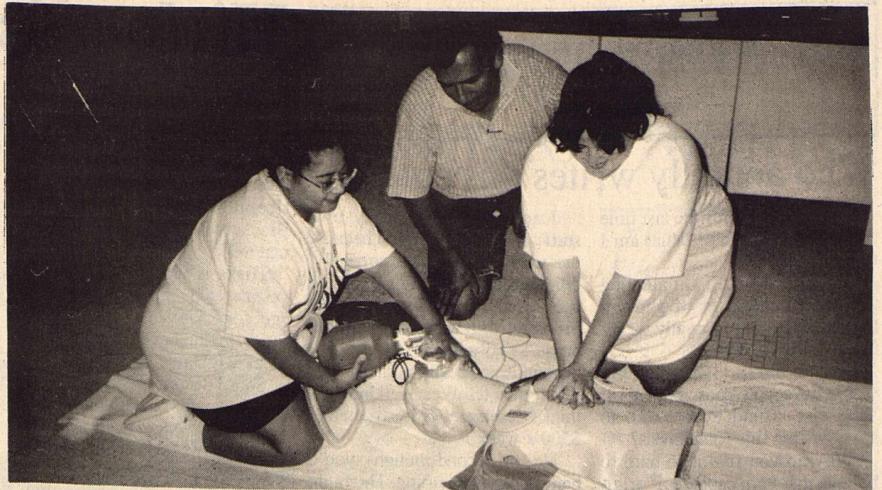
Student activities are an important part of our educational program in Texas. Our basic purpose is to provide the very best academic possible for every child. Student activities supplement a school's educational program.

We have fine teachers, administrators and a supportive board at BISD who work hard to try to give every child the best that we can give.

Nice Weather

The cool fall weather has hit. This morning, it was down to 52 degrees. It takes a light jacket.

The cool snap has put lots more smiles on the faces of those that I meet. Hope you meet some of those same ones. Have a good week!



Nancy Rodriguez (from left), Steve Flores and Nichole Flores learn CPR during a recent EMS training class. Photo Special to The Brackett News

BISD Honor Roll

The following is Brackett Independent School District's Honor Roll for the first six weeks grading period:

High School

All A Honor Roll

Seniors: Caleb Crumley, Katy Hagler, Christina Meek, Samantha Perez, Alfredo Rodriguez.

Juniors: Lindsey Brotherton, Amanda Petrosky.

Sophomores: Laura Ballew, James Burks, Zackry Davis.

Freshmen: Chris Petrosky.

A-B Honor Roll

Seniors: Elizabeth Aguirre, Jimmy Ballew, Jose Gonzalez, Windy Goodloe, Susana Hernandez, Melanie Koenig, Michael Meyer, Amanda Mulvaie, Alicia Rivas, Jessica Rodifer, Jorge Rodriguez, Cherrise Ward, Herbert Williams.

Juniors: Hilda Aguirre, Jennifer Ashabranner, Angela Childress, Sonya Correa, Colby Crosby, Mistie Herndon, Jessica Jaso, Philip Juarez, Jacob Mann, Juan Martinez, Patricia Ortiz, Jose Perez, Beatrice Smith, Aaron Taylor, Graciela Terrazas, Imelda Vela.

Sophomores: Alexandra Arreola, Jamie Bader, Jessica DeLeon, Tiffany Eckenrod, Manuel Fernandez, Jania Finkenbinder, Steven Hagler, Daniel Hernandez, Jacob Hughes, Cindy Jennings, Sunny Jones, Jerritt Meeks, Seth Moore, Latoya Wright.

Freshmen: April Crumley, Kayla Cruz, Vanessa Garcia, Isaac Gutierrez, Schiller Hill, Laura Martinez, Sofia Martinez, Savannah Massingill, Manuel Morin, Martina Payne, Brittany Shewbart.

Middle School

All A Honor Roll

Eighth grade: Michelle Bizzell, Lloyd Lee Davis, Susannah Davis, Levi Duncan, Erica Gloria, Duquesa Hunt, Brandi Wilson.

Seventh grade: Maria Martinez, Laura Negrete.

Sixth grade: Elizabeth Ballew, Amanda Davis, Dietrich Davis, Emily Petrosky, Ashley Smith.

A-B Honor Roll

Eighth grade: Stephanie Armendariz, David Campos, Fabian Farias, Christina Flores, Migdalia Gonzalez, Miguel Hernandez, Matthew Holloway, Candice Ingram, Michelle Kiser, Erica Meyer, Guillermo Molinar, Jaime Montalvo, Rodolfo Ramirez, Isela Ramon, Juan Rivas, Ira Sandoval, Leonardo Sandoval, Amanda Ward.

Seventh grade: Jared Hobbs, April Matinez, Megan Mc Williams, Coshena Meyer, Brittany Moore, Jose Pineda.

Sixth grade: Stephanie Coronado, Katherine Cowan, Nancy Hill, Allison La Mascus, David Lattimer, Nancy Martinez, Arnold Pinales, Blanca Talamantes, Stacy Terrazas.

Elementary School

All A Honor Roll

Fifth grade: Stephanie Bonner, Sara Farias, Jared Grubbs, Whitney Hobbs, Oscar Sierra, Charlie Slaughter.

Fourth grade: Dana Bonner, Ashley Castillo, Joe Chacon, Tommy Garcia, Mandy Harris, Lilianna Hernandez, Tanya Molinar, Travis Nowlin, Yasmin Pena, Kaylynn Perez, Soraida Talamantes, Megan Reinhold.

Third grade: Adan Aguirre, Dolores Cano, Stanford Conoly, Clint Conrad, Robert Davis, Allison Delbosque, Cesar DeLeon, Cullen Duncan, Alvaro Duran, Roy Estrada, Joaquin Fernandez, Seth Frerich, Arnie Garcia, Casey Harris, Lorena Mendoza, Sharon Moore, Sabrina Morin, Israel Muniz, Johnny Perez, Justin Perez, Ivan Pinales, Anthony Sanchez, Adam Sandoval, Austin

Shewbart, Jessica Siegel, Nathasha Smith, Michael Stephenson, Abel Talamantes, Marisela Talamantes, Nadine Terrazas, Emily Valenzuela.

Second grade: Bailee Allen, Jesus Balderas, Colter Barajas, Isaac Benites, Devine Bonner, Travis Bonner, Kody Bostick, Amber Castilla, Julie Castillo, Meghann Davis, Anita Deleon, Marcos Durna, Doolie Fernandez, Albert Flores, Elva Garcia, Joshua Garcia, Vanessa Garcia, Lisa Gass, Marlene Gloria, Alex Gonzales, Cathy Herman, Daphne Hunt, Amie Jalomo, Alvin Jennings, Maria Juarez, Lane Nowlin, E.J. Pena, Gus Resendez, Jessica Rodrigues, Manny Rosas, Maria Sanchez, Stefani Schuster, Ashley Stephenson, Bianca Stewart, Bella Talamantes, Charles Taunt, Jolisha Wright, Roland Zamora.

Academic Achievement

Fifth grade: Clarissa Aguirre, Juliann Ashabranner, Tillman Davis, Jackie Duncan, Raul Escamilla, Courtney Frerich, Stevie Juarez, Roberty Looney, Johnathan Martinez, Whitney Massingill, Kristin Meyer, Joey Montalvo, Anthony Munoz, Divina Pena, Valerie Terrazas, Vanessa Williams.

Fourth grade: Selina Armendariz, Miles Braesicke, Paul Carrion, Jacquelyn Conoly, Roger Flores, Casandra Gomez, Shaddine Gum, Frank Hidalgo, Jessica Luna, Cassandra Mata, Mason McWilliams, Victoria Resendez, Isabel Rivas, Tye Taylor, Brand Wylie.

Third grade: William Adams, Joey Castillo, Christie Dodson, James Gass, Diana Hernandez, Betty Lattimer, Lisa Morgan, Amanda Rosas.

Second grade: Savannah Fernandez, Erica Rodriguez, Israel DeHoyos, Jessica Garza, Jeannette Rodriguez, Chris Seargeant, Gaby Talamantes.

City, county officials pass law enforcement agreement

Kinney County will continue to provide law enforcement within the city of Brackettville after officials from both entities agreed this week to continue to operate under an interlocal agreement.

The agreement allows the county's Sheriff's Department to enforce ordinances within the city limits.

The City Council discussed several minor changes in the agreement at Tuesday's regular meeting.

"The county has passed this interlocal agreement," City Secretary David Luna told the council. "If we can pass this tonight with the provision that there will be changes, we can continue to operate without stopping."

Alderman Wes Robinson made a motion to approve the agreement with ratification of the corrections at the next month's council meeting.

"There are some minor changes on the agreement," Mayor Carmen Berlanga said. "It doesn't change the meaning."

County Judge Herb Senne said, "I don't see any changes that you all have suggested that would cause any problems."

The original interlocal agreement was passed six months ago on a trial basis.

The current interlocal agreement calls for the city to pay the county \$1,538.33 on a monthly basis during the fiscal year. That money is used to pay the salary of a deputy sheriff.

Adrian Pena was hired as a deputy sheriff after the initial agreement was approved. Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said Pena took a law enforcement position in Val Verde County.

Burgess added that the position should be filled in December.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, October 7

12:23 p.m., A motorist reported a fire near the weather ball on E. Highway 90. The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department was notified.

4:17 p.m., An employee at Super S Foods reported that they were having problems with juveniles.

6:48 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that two children were throwing rocks at the scoreboard at the high school baseball field.

10:43 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that a few people were drinking on Highway 674, a few miles north of Brackettville. Department of Public Safety officials were notified.

Wednesday, October 8

12:24 a.m., Border Patrol officials said that a train was parked near the Amanda Station, west of Brackettville on Highway 90, with nine loads of government vehicles on the west end and two more loads of government vehicles in the middle. The Border Patrol agent asked if an officer from the Sheriff's Department would shine a spotlight on those particular cars for security reasons. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene.

8:49 p.m., Two illegal aliens were reported on Highway 90, west of Brackettville. Border Patrol officials were notified.

Friday, October 10

4:27 p.m., A lawyer reported that a defendant was reported missing on Highway 277 in between Eagle Pass and Del Rio. The woman called the department at 5:05 p.m. and said she was OK.

Saturday, October 11

2:22 a.m., A Kinney County man reported that someone had broken into his truck while it was parked at the high school football field. The man said it was evident that entrance was gained through the back window, without breaking any glass. A Pioneer tape player, valued at \$135, and a B.B. gun were missing.

8:12 p.m., A detective with the railroad reported that a building belonging to the railroad in Spofford had been burglarized. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.

9:53 p.m., An official from the Uvalde County Sheriff's Department said he received a report that there was a man in the women's restroom at Fritter Park. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.

Sunday, October 12

2:22 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported a fight near her residence on Brown Street. deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. The deputy was able to get the situation under control and sent the individuals home at 2:30 a.m.

10:19 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported a person shooting a weapon near her residence on Patrick Street.

Monday, October 13

12:09 a.m., Officials reported receiving 32 phone calls and five 911 calls concerning the siren that was going off during the heavy rain storm. Officials said, "Every time we have lightning involved with a storm, the sirens will be struck at the water tower in Brackettville and at the Fort Clark tower. People were very aware if that siren was a tornado or bad weather."

Tuesday, October 14

8:02 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that somebody had broken into her residence on Fort Clark Springs. The door to the residence was found open, but no property was taken.

Community Calendar

Thursday, October 16

12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.
6:30 p.m., The Brackettville Lions Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

Saturday, October 18

10:00 a.m., The Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors meets at the Board Room on Fort Clark Springs.

Tuesday, October 21

7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Thursday, October 23

12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

Saturday, October 25

12:30 p.m., The Fort Clark Chapter of The Retired Officers Association (TROA) will have its monthly luncheon in the Cavalry Room at Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

Monday, October 27

6:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Springs VFW meets at the Service Club on Fort Clark Springs.

Tuesday, October 28

7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Thursday, October 30

12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

Sunday, November 2

12:00 p.m., The Knights of

Columbus meet at Parish Hall.

Monday, November 3

1:00 p.m., The Fort Springs Art Club meets at the Art Studio on Fort Clark Springs.

6:15 p.m., The Fort Clark Springs Old Quarry Society meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Tuesday, November 4

7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Wednesday, November 5

7:00 p.m., The Brackett Band Booster Club meets at the Band Hall.

Thursday, November 6

12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Brackettville exchange has petitioned for Expanded Toll-Free Local Calling to the Del Rio, Eagle Pass and Uvalde exchange. Expanded Toll-Free Local Calling will allow customers in the Brackettville exchange to call and be called (no toll charges) by customers in requested exchange(s).

On or before November 6, 1997, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company will mail ballots to all customers in the Brackettville exchange. After marking the ballot, customers should sign their name and return the ballot to the Public Utility Commission of Texas. A stamped, self-addressed envelope will be provided with the ballot.

If approved, all subscribers in the Brackettville exchange will be charged an additional monthly per-line charge up to \$3.50 for residence and \$7.00 for business for five or fewer exchanges (not \$3.50 or \$7.00 for each of the first five exchanges). In addition, a monthly fee of \$1.50 for each exchange beyond five exchanges applies. This charge is in addition to your local exchange service rates, and will apply until Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's next general rate case, at which time all service rates are subject to change. Note: Exchanges that already have five or more added exchanges from previous ELC petition(s) will pay \$1.50 per month for each new exchange approved.

Expanded Toll-Free Local Calling will be granted to each exchange with a "Yes" vote from 70% of the people who actually return their ballots. Exchanges that fail to receive a 70% "Yes" vote will not be added to the local calling scope. If exchanges fail to meet the requirements of the ballot, service will not change and customers will not be billed an additional monthly fee.

The ballot will indicate which, if any, exchanges are in a different Local Access and Transport Area (LATA). These exchanges will require a federal waiver, which may or may not be granted. The Public Utility Commission has assigned this matter Project Number 17901. Interested persons should direct any comments that they may have about the petition to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or they may call the Public Utility Commission's Office of Consumer Affairs at (512) 936-7120. Hearing- and Speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136.

AVISO PUBLICO

La central telefónica de Brackettville ha solicitado el servicio de Expansión del Área de Llamadas Locales Gratuitas a las centrales de Del Rio, Eagle Pass y Uvalde. El servicio de Expansión del Área de Llamadas Locales permitirá a los clientes de la central de Brackettville hacer y recibir llamadas por los clientes en las centrales como si fueran llamadas locales (sin cargos de larga distancia).

La compañía Southwestern Bell Telephone enviará boletas de votación a todos los clientes de la central de Brackettville, antes del 6 de Noviembre de 1997. Después de llenar la boleta, los clientes deben firmarla y regresarla a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas). Con la boleta se incluirá un sobre con porte pagado y dirección de retorno.

Si la petición es aprobada, a todos los suscriptores de la central de Brackettville se les hará un cargo mensual adicional de \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial, por cinco centrales o menos (pero no \$3.50 ó \$7.00 por cada una de las primeras cinco centrales). Además, se aplicará una cuota mensual de \$1.50 por cada central después de las primeras cinco. Este cargo es adicional a los cargos por su servicio telefónico básico y será aplicado hasta el siguiente cambio general de tarifa de la compañía Southwestern Bell Telephone. En tal fecha, todas las tarifas de servicio estarán sujetas a cambio. Nota: Centrales que ya cuentan con cinco centrales o más, debido a peticiones anteriores, pagarán \$1.50 al mes por cada nueva central aprobada.

El Servicio de Expansión del Área de Llamadas Locales Gratuitas será otorgado a cada central con un voto "SI" del 70% de las personas que envíen su voto. Las centrales telefónicas que no reciban el 70% del voto a favor no serán incluidas a su área de llamadas locales. Si ninguna de las centrales cumple con los requisitos de la votación, el servicio no cambiará y los clientes no recibirán cobros mensuales adicionales.

La boleta indicará cuales centrales, si existen, están en un Acceso Local y Área de Transporte (LATA) diferente. Estas centrales requerirán una renuncia federal, la cual puede o no ser otorgada.

La Comisión de Servicios Públicos le ha asignado a este asunto el Número de Proyecto 17901. Las personas interesadas deberán enviar sus comentarios sobre dicha petición a: Public Utility Commission, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, o usted puede comunicarse a la Oficina de Asuntos del Consumidor de la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas al (512) 936-7120. Las personas con impedimentos auditivos, con teléfono de texto (TTY), pueden comunicarse con la Comisión al (512) 936-7136.



But, I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall



Who actually writes this column?

I have heard it for the last time that I care to hear it! What am I referring to?

Let me tell you. I am alluding to the remarks a lot of you are making about who actually writes this weekly column.

I'll have you know I write it! Who else would even claim to have written this foolishness?

Why do you find it so hard to believe that I am capable of original thought? (Don't answer that question! I really don't want to hear it.)

I actually do write my own stuff. If you're amazed because the words are spelled correctly, don't be. I run everything through spell-check. So please, don't ask me again who writes my stuff because I really do write it.

And if you really think it's that good, then tell Wes. Tell him you think I deserve ... let's say another \$500 a week.

No, on second thought, you'd better not say anything. He might hurt himself. Or he might hurt you. Worse still, he might hurt me!! But, I could be wrong!

Fielding to receive 33rd degree

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Michel L. Fielding of Brackettville was elected to receive the 33rd and last degree of the Scottish Rite at the regular session of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the southern jurisdiction of the United States.

Fielding is a past Master of Sanderson Lodge No. 988, located in Sanderson, Texas, and a dual member of Las Moras Lodge No. 444 located in Brackettville.

Fielding became a Scottish Rite mason in 1971 in El Paso, Texas. In 1985, he was elected a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor.

Fielding is the Chairman of the Class Committee for the El Paso Scottish Rite and is active in the conferring of the 26th and 32nd degrees.

Fielding will be coroneted a 33rd Degree Mason in El Paso Scottish Rite Nov. 16, along with three other men.

Robertson addresses garden club

Juanita Robertson, director of the Fort Clark Ceramic Studio, brought an interesting program to the Mountain Laurel Garden Club last Thursday.

Hostesses Rosie Mattingly and Betty Gibbs had the serving table decorated in a Halloween theme.

The Mountain Laurel Garden

Club will meet again on Thursday, Nov. 13, with a field trip to Del Rio.

The Val Verde Winery will be toured, followed by La Mansion, where coffee will be served. The tour will end up at the Whitehead Memorial Museum where the group will picnic on the grounds.

Sorority welcomes out-of-state visitors

The Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Monday at the home of Alecia Raymer.

Two Beta Sigma Phi sisters were welcomed from Bowling Green, Ky., Wanda Scott and Mary Hickey.

The ladies also welcomed Vicki Bell's daughter in law, Paula Bell from Oxford, Miss.

Service Chairperson Patsy Callnan was out of town so Raymer reported on the recent highway trash cleanup.

The sorority welcomed Treasurer Clara McCord back from a long summer in Alaska.

Following a short business meeting, Raymer conducted a program on "Happiness Is."

Beta Sigma Phi to host bake sale next month

The Beta Sigma Phi, Ritual of Jewels Chapter met Monday night at home of Dorothy Frank.

Discussion was made about a field trip for club members to go to Fredricksburg and visit the Herbal Garden.

It was decided to have a bake sale in front of the N.C.O. Club

on Nov. 22.

New business was to order cook books for the members who desired to buy one.

Frank was presented with a going away gift; she will be moving from the area.

Flo Stafford presented a program of her life experiences.

Chamber group attends bull fight in Mexico

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce organized a party to a bull fight in Mexico on Sept. 27.

The largest group in many years of 45 people met at the Service Club on Fort Clark Springs to caravan over to La Macarena Restaurant & Bar.

There was a greeting party on the patio by restaurant owner George Ramon, and a representative from the Ciudad Acuna

Chamber of Commerce.

A bus took the "lively" group to a new bull fight ring outside the city. There was another greeting sign on the outside of the arena for the Chamber and Fort Clark Springs when the bus pulled up, and a roped off section in the stadium for the group to enjoy the afternoon in the shade.

After the bull fight and the bus ride back to La Macarena, everyone had dinner and refreshments.

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Lindsey Hicks of San Antonio discussed how to prepare for retirement at last Thursday's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting.

Hicks is vice president of investments and branch office manager for Rauscher Pierce Refsnes, Inc., a member of the New York Stock Exchange.

Social Security benefits can't be relied upon for one's support without being supplemented. The difference between independence and dependence in retirement years depends on income planning, which must begin much earlier in life.

The problem is getting young people to recognize that fact and act upon it, Hicks said. They have a hard time realizing how important it is to save part of their income.

When you invest money, you should consider the "real rate of return," or what you receive after taxes and inflation are considered.

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.

Wednesday, October 14 1885

Was awakened at 5 o'clock this morning. Shaved, completed packing and then went to breakfast, saying good-bye to Mollie afterwards. Then Johnston came down with me. Said good-bye to Bentley and Benham who were waiting for me and then with Johnston & Forsyth rode down to ferry, traveling in uniform as far as Ringgold as it secures better attention from the Mexicans. Johnston came over with me to the depot in Matamoros. Mexican customs officers did not inspect my trunk. Waited at depot about an hour and then bade Johnston good-bye. Poor fellow, he feels blue enough about staying at Brown. Ride to San Miguel was uninteresting. Miss Vall's brother was aboard and gave me some lunch. Was late in getting to San Miguel on account of break in locomotive. Found hack {waiting} for me into which luggage was packed after customs officer went through form of inspecting. Hack ride was long & tiresome and it was long after dark when reached the ferry to Ringgold, where a customs officer wanted to stop my trunk until morning, but afterwards relented. Am ashamed to write it, but tried to bribe him and was much mortified when he refused. Found Slocum waiting for me with a wagon and soon was in his quarters where found Maj. Kellogg and Guest. (See diary for January 1883). Washed and went over to Guest's for supper as Slocum is messing there. Returning met Dr. Robertson (See diary for August 1884), who came over to make a call. Feel tired tonight.

Thursday, October 15 1885

At breakfast met Mrs. Guest and was very much pleased with her. It is queer how such a lady can see anything to admire in Guest.

After the meal sat for a while chatting with Mrs. Kellogg on her porch and found her as pleasant as when I met her last May at Brown. She is a great addition to any post. Then went to office and afterwards down town with Slocum to arrange for the stage ride to Pen-a and to send a telegram to Gardener. After returning to garrison called on all the people, renewing acquaintance with the Leeves & Taylors whom I have not seen since we left Leavenworth. Met Mrs. Fowler, the last bride in

Hicks' formula for seeing if you are "on track" is to take your pretax income and multiply by your age. Divide the sub total by 10 and that will give your current net worth.

One way to save money is to loan it and receive interest. You can put money in a savings account, in money market funds, in certificates of deposits (CDs), in bonds or fixed annuities. (These pay increasing interest as listed).

Interest income from these various ways to save is "safe" in the sense that these funds are offered through banks, savings and loans and credit unions. They are insured by the U.S. government up to \$100,000.

Other ways to invest are to buy equity mutual funds, individual common stocks, real estate, own your own business, collect art, stamps, or antiques. These offer the possibility of more return, but also involve risk.

Hicks reminded us that all investments are subject to the future. The shorter the time period of your investment, the greater the



Program Chairman Mike Holley, left, welcomes Lindsey Hicks to last week's Rotary Club meeting. Photo by Eric McMaster

possibility of loss.

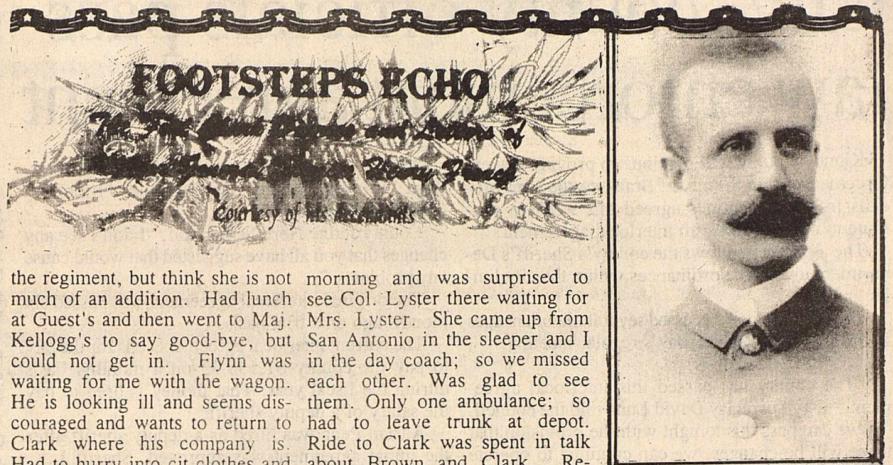
Many people never consider investing in the stock market because they have heard of the stock market crash that occurred in 1929.

The investors suffering huge losses came when their money was invested in one fund and not diversified. He added that the average yield from 1929 to the present is actually very good.

Investing in mutual funds al-

lows the small investor to pool his or her money with other investors, therefore getting more return on their investment plus gaining diversification.

Any kind of savings or investment should be done with thought and consideration, Hicks said. It involves choices ranging from whether to let money slip away in a desire to spend at random or whether to decide to provide for the future.



the regiment, but think she is not much of an addition. Had lunch at Guest's and then went to Maj. Kellogg's to say good-bye, but could not get in. Flynn was waiting for me with the wagon. He is looking ill and seems discouraged and wants to return to Clark where his company is. Had to hurry into cit clothes and then bade Flynn good-bye and accompanied by Slocum went down to stage office. After saying good-bye to Slocum, found that cloak was left; so had stage driver pass through garrison where had a chance to bid Maj. Kellogg good-bye. The ride was very tedious, but enlivened a little by talking with the driver, a character in his way as stage drivers are apt to be. About dark changed drivers and horses and had hard work to get new team started.

Friday, October 16 1885

The ride last night was not as tiresome as I anticipated but still quite disagreeable. Had breakfast about seven o'clock and about ten o'clock reached Pen-a. Dozed in the waiting room and read "Ernest Maltravers" until three o'clock when train came. Sent telegram to Thurston to meet me in Laredo. Felt mighty thankful to be on the railroad again. Ride to Laredo was uninteresting. Did not find Thurston there. So took a hack, went out to post and there learned that he had gone out on a scout. Met Whittall of the 16th there but did not stay long. Came up to a hotel in town, got supper, read the paper and went to bed feeling tired. Tomorrow night I shall reach Clark.

Saturday, October 17 1885

Was awakened early to get breakfast so as to be in time for the train. Ride to San Antonio was mainly occupied in finishing Maltravers. Reached San Antonio after three o'clock. Riding up town in street cars saw Paymaster Muhlenberg's clerk, Hostetter, who took me to telegraph office to send telegram home, then to express cane (?) to Father and one to Grand Rapids for Gardener and then to Menger Hotel, where said good-bye. After a visit to the barber went to a restaurant for dinner and then out to the post by streetcar. Could not get into Smith's house. Saw Cushman and then tried to get into Dr. Wright's and Col. Lee's but failed. Was much disappointed in not seeing Smith, Miss Lee and Mrs. Liscum who is staying at Col. Lee's. Walked down to depot and after waiting about half an hour got on the train for Clark.

Sunday, October 18 1885

After a tiresome ride reached Spofford Junction at 2-30 this

morning and was surprised to see Col. Lyster there waiting for Mrs. Lyster. She came up from San Antonio in the sleeper and I in the day coach; so we missed each other. Was glad to see them. Only one ambulance; so had to leave trunk at depot. Ride to Clark was spent in talk about Brown and Clark. Received note from Hewitt to come to his house, while Capt. Vance sent word by Col. Lyster that he was prepared for me. Concluded to accept latter as he would feel hurt if I went to other and he feels a little cross about my long absence from the company. So went into Hewitt's to wake him up, as he is Officer of the Day, and then went to Capt. Vance's, who is living next door to former house. He opened door and seemed pleased to see me. He is looking much better than I expected, quite well and hearty. After a short chat went to bed and had a good sleep. While Captain was at inspection went to office meeting Capt. Hall en route and met General in office. Both were very cordial, and seem same as before. Quite a number came in to call during the day. Felt sick with slight attack of diarrhea, so did not go out much. Vernon and Guard spent almost all afternoon. Guard is located in Del Rio on detached duty and will probably stay there all winter as his wife is to spend the season in the North. Completed letter home after they left. Did not go to church in the evening feeling badly. Capt. Lancaster, Weeks, Ropes and other callers came in the evening. Mail comes in morning. Got quite a number of letters from home, papers and a racket which shall send to Miss Valls. Trunk was brought up today from depot.

Monday, October 19 1885

Felt seedy this morning and did not eat much breakfast. Went to office at guard mounting and saw Vedder there and went over to band quarters to issue clothing. Selected temporary quarters in new building to wait until my set is completed. After this went to Library and hop room to listen to Payne's trial and then to Hewitt's a while. Got a prescription from Dr. Black, had it filled at hospital and then returned to Capt. Vance's to put on uniform. Then went to "E" Co. to issue clothing and had bed and trunk brought over to quarters and made arrangements to pass the night in them. Was detailed for Officer of the Day tomorrow and Recorder of two Boards of Survey. Spent the afternoon reading papers and writing. Looked at parade in the evening, but did not go near any ladies on account of trouble. Felt better & ate a hearty dinner. Spent the evening at Capt. Vance's and retired early. Mail this morning

brought letter from Mattie. Wrote to Flynn enclosing copy of order to have transportation indorsed on it.

Tuesday October 20 1885

Mail brought letter from home in which Father writes that he is slowly gaining in strength. Attended company drill before breakfast. Marched on guard this morning. Quite a contrast to the guard mountings at Brown. The band makes a splendid addition. After guard mounting made arrangements for Board of Survey meeting this evening, straightened out account book, made out pay accounts for last month. Inspected the prisoners both morning and afternoon. Read papers from home, went to Commissary and quartermaster's and down to store in afternoon. This has been much improved. Took retreat and had a call from Eckerson afterwards. Then called at the General's where listened to the band, and then went into Hall's. Mrs. Hall has been North for over a year and is looking much better than when I last saw her. Enjoyed the call here a great deal. Then went into Capt. Vance's a while and then called at Col. Lyster's. Took tattoo and then called at Eckerson's. It seems strange to call his wife whom I knew as a young lady, Mrs. Eckerson. She is not looking well, but says she is better then she was. Then called at Capt. Remington's until 11 o'clock. Dozed until one o'clock when inspected.

Wednesday, October 21 1885

Took reveille and was relieved at guard mounting by Capt. Vance. Then drew stationery for Boards. Did not go to drill being Officer of the Day. Then carried racket over to post office and registered it to Miss Valls. Wrote her a short letter afterwards and then wrote letter home. No mail for me this morning. Spent part of the afternoon up in King's quarters looking at his pictures. Had a good bath before dinner and rubbed down thoroughly with a bath towel. This made me feel much better, as I had been chilly and cold. Did not have to take retreat and tattoo as Capt. Vance is Officer of the Day. Spent the evening calling on Mrs. Feche't and Mrs. Buffington who is visiting her, Mrs. Vernou, Mrs. Weeks, Capt.'s Ropes & Liscum who were not in, and had a long talk with Hewitt about the Smith and Payne court martial cases.

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Tigerettes clinch playoff berth

Brackett defeats Natalia to keep perfect district record intact

The Brackett Tigerettes clinched a berth in the state high school volleyball playoffs after picking up a 15-9, 15-8 victory over the Natalia Lady Mustangs Tuesday night.

With the victory, the Tigerettes improve to 3-0 in district action. Natalia fell to 0-3. Dilley, who was open on Tuesday, is 1-1 in league play.

"This was a big win," Brackett coach Dusty Brotherton said. "The girls played really well at times. It was a good outing."

After winning the first game, the Tigerettes jumped out to an 11-0 lead in Game 2. Natalia pulled within three at 11-8 before Brackett closed the match out.

Tina Meek and Katy Hagler led Brackett's offensive attack on Tuesday. Meek finished with seven kills and Hagler had six. Meek also recorded a block.

Lindsey Brotherton had 14 assists and two kills, while Jennifer Ashabrunner and Crystal Juarez

"This was a big win. The girls played really well at times. It was a good outing."

Dusty Brotherton

added one kill apiece.

Hilda Aguirre served five aces in the match, Brotherton had three, Meek chipped in two, and Ashabrunner and Hagler each had one.

Aguirre and Stephanie Terrazas both had four digs to lead the defense. Tina Meek and Michelle Melancon each had three digs, and Ashabrunner, Hagler and Erika Garcia all added one.

The Tigerettes will resume action Saturday as they host Comstock in a 5:00 match. On Tuesday, Brackett will travel to Leakey for a 6:00 contest.



The Brackett Tigerettes clinched a playoff berth Tuesday after defeating Natalia. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Tigerette runners claim top honors

DILLEY - Running through the mud and rain, the Brackett Tigerettes tallied 25 points Saturday to take first place honors in the Wolf Pack Invitational cross country meet.

"The running conditions were obviously not the best, but the kids did a real good job," Brackett coach Julie Bruce said. "Everyone really turned in good performances."

Samantha Perez paced Brackett by taking first place honors after running a 12:33.

"Samantha had an outstanding performance," Bruce said. "She is continuing to improve on her times."

Sonya Correa, Jania Finkenbinder and Queta Garza all ran personal bests at the Dilley meet. Correa took second with a time of 13:35, Finkenbinder was fourth with a 13:40, and Garza finished 16th with a 15:15.

Freshmen April Crumley and Heather Martin finished 25th and 26th with times of 17:45 and 17:47, respectively.

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Julie Bruce

For the Tigers, Lionel Ramos brought home third place honors after being clocked at 17:05.

James Burks finished 15th in 18:32. Freshmen Tony Rubio and Isaac Gutierrez came in 36th and 39th with times of 20:24 and 20:36, respectively.

In the junior varsity division, Schiller Hill came in 11th after running a 23:56.

The cross country teams are open this weekend, but resume action on Oct. 25 at the Crystal City Invitational.

Briefs ...

Netters sweep Natalia

The Brackett Tigerettes swept Natalia in volleyball action on Tuesday night.

The junior varsity Tigerettes picked up a 14-16, 15-12, 15-13 victory, while the freshmen won 15-9, 15-10.

Brackett's J.V. resumes action Saturday as they host Comstock. The freshmen are open.

Cubettes fall short

The Brackett Cubettes came up short in a double-header against Del Rio on Monday.

The eighth grade team (9-2) fell 11-15, 15-4, 15-5, while the seventh graders (4-7) lost 15-6, 12-15, 15-7.

The junior high teams will end their season Saturday as they compete in the Del Rio tournament.

Tigers host Trojans Friday

The Brackett Tigers will look to rebound from the league opening loss to Center Point tomorrow as they host the Charlotte Trojans in District 30-2A football action.

Brackett is 1-5 on the season after falling to Center Point 27-0 last week. Charlotte, 6-0 on the season, won its district opener with a 32-20 victory over Dilley, who was the pre-season favorite to win the district title.

"Charlotte has a great football team," Tigers coach Roy Rokovich said. "They have some great skill players and they have some good size linemen."

Dilley is the first team to score on Charlotte this season. The Trojans have outscored their opponents 274-20 in their first six games. They lead in the South Texas in scoring offense, 45.7 points per game, and scoring defense, 3.3 point a contest.

Charlotte boasts a high-powered offense, which averages 398.2 yards per game. The Trojans are averaging 249.2 yards rushing and 149.0 yards passing.

Charlotte's offense is led by senior quarterback Ruben Campos, who has completed 48 of 68 passes this season for 894 yards, including 14 touchdowns and only one interception. He also has 149 yards on the ground.

"Campos is a real good athlete," Rokovich said. "He runs the ball well and he has a great arm."

The Trojans' rushing game is led by running back Gary Vallejo. The senior has rushed for 983 yards on 77 attempts for a 12.8 yards-per-carry average. He has scored 10 touchdowns.

"Vallejo is an outstanding back," Rokovich said. "He is a deceptive runner. He's strong enough to run over you, but he is also elusive. He brings a lot to the playing field."

Charlotte's defense is ranked third in the South Texas area, allowing opponents only 133.2 yards per game. The Trojans are giving up an average of 85.8 yards rushing per contest and 47.3 yards passing.

Turnovers costly for Tigers in district opener

CENTER POINT - The Pirates took advantage of four Tiger turnovers as Center Point shutout Brackett 27-0 last Friday in the District 30-2A gridiron opener for both teams.

The Tigers, 1-5 overall, fumbled the ball eight times, turning it over thrice. Brackett also turned the ball over on an interception.

"You just can't give the ball over," Tigers coach Roy Rokovich said. "Center Point didn't make those kinds of errors and we did. They capitalized on the turnovers and did a good job."

"We have to improve in that area, and I know we will. Our kids are going to fight back and get after Charlotte this week," he added.

Mike Slaughter led the Pirates' rushing game with 95 yards and a pair of touchdowns on 22 carries.

Tigers-Pirates game report

Pirates 27, Tigers 0

Brackett 0 0 0 0 - 0
Center Point 7 7 6 7 - 27

First Quarter

Center Point - Zach Pape 2 run (Eric Perez kick), 5:50. Drive: 50 yards, 13 plays, 6:10. Key plays: offside call gave Pirates first down at Tigers' 26, Pape 15 run on 3rd-and-10 to Tigers' 11. Center Point 7, Brackett 0.

Second Quarter

Center Point - Mike Slaughter 10 run (Eric Perez kick), 8:03. Drive: 26 yards, 6 plays, 1:53. Key plays: Pirates recovered fumble on Tigers' 26, Eric Perez 13 run on 3rd-and-12 to Tigers' 15. Center Point 14, Brackett 0.

Third Quarter

Center Point - Mike Slaughter 1 run (kick failed), 6:44. Drive: 39 yards, 9 plays, 4:05. Key plays: pass interference call gave Pirates first down at Tigers' 30, John Bailey 8 pass from Seth Blackledge to Tigers' 8. Center Point 20, Brackett 0.

Fourth Quarter

Center Point - Shane Hale 25 run (Eric Perez kick), 1:00. Drive: 39 yards, 4 plays, 2:38. Center Point 27, Brackett 0.

TEAM STATISTICS

	BT	CP
FIRST DOWNS.....	7	14
Rushing.....	7	11
Passing.....	0	1
Penalty.....	0	2
THIRD DOWN EFF.....	4-10	6-11
FOURTH DOWN EFF.....	2-2	1-2
TOTAL NET YARDS.....	108	232
Total Plays.....	40	51
Avg Gain.....	2.7	4.5
NET YARDS RUSHING.....	108	224
Rushes.....	36	47
Avg per rush.....	3.0	4.8
NET YARDS PASSING.....	0	8
Completed-Att.....	0-4	1-4
Yards-Pass Play.....	0.0	2.0
Sacks-Yards lost.....	2-9	0-0
Had intercepted.....	1	0
PUNTS-Avg.....	4-41	3-28
TOTAL RETURN YARDS.....	60	32
Punt Returns.....	2	19
Kickoff returns.....	58	5
Interceptions.....	0	8
PENALTIES-Yards.....	3-20	7-62
FUMBLES-Lost.....	8-3	1-0
TIME OF POSSESSION.....	20:00	28:00

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	
Brackett - Demitres Williams	15-66, Brent Smith 6-34, Rene Luna 2-9, Jarrett Harrison 4-3, J. Wayne Ballew 9-(4).
Center Point - Mike Slaughter	22-95, Shane Hale 6-48, Zach Pape 11-45, Seth Blackledge 6-20, Eric Perez 2-16.
PASSING	
Brackett - J. Wayne Ballew	0-4-10.
Center Point - Seth Blackledge	1-4-0 8.
RECEIVING	
Brackett - None.	
Center Point - John Bailey	1-8.
PUNT RETURNS	
Brackett - Rene Luna	1-2.
Center Point - Mike Slaughter	1-19.
KICKOFF RETURNS	
Brackett - Tommy Sandoval	4-51, Rene Luna 1-17.
Center Point - Jacob Wilson	1-5.
INTERCEPTIONS	
Brackett - None.	
Center Point - Zach Pape	1-8.
MISSED FIELD GOALS	
Cotulla - None.	
Brackett - None.	

OUTDOORS

Dove season in Central Zone ends Sunday

This week, I would like to issue a few reminders about the hunting season dates.

First of all, the dove season for the Central Zone, north of U.S. Highway 90 in Kinney County, ends at sunset on Sunday. It ends on Monday, Nov. 3, in the South Zone, south of U.S. 90 in Kinney County, as we are in the special white-wing dove area.

There will be a short dove season, countywide, starting Dec. 26 and ending Jan. 5, 1998, with a 15-bird daily bag limit.

The general deer season opens Nov. 1, north of U.S. 90 with a bag limit of four deer, including a maximum of two bucks. South of U.S. 90, it all begins Nov. 8, with bag limit of five deer and a maximum of three bucks.

Something to keep in mind about these bag limits is that they are the "legal" bag limits set by

A Little On The Wildlife Side
By Henry Lutz
Kinney County Game Warden

the state. You, as the landowner, landowner's agent, or person in charge of the hunting lease, can set lower limits.

If you think that a hunter on your property should only be able to kill one buck and two does, for example, then you can set that limit by advising the hunters verbally or in a written lease agreement, just as you might set the minimum number of points or minimum spread size on a buck's antlers.

The statewide archery season is in full swing, having started Sept. 27. It ends on Oct. 26.

The statewide quail season runs

from Nov. 1 through Feb. 22, 1998, with a daily bag limit of 15 and a possession limit of 45.

Also, a reminder that if you lease your property for hunting of any type, such as dove, deer, turkey, quail, etc., you are required to purchase a Hunting Lease License.

I have gotten several calls that previous year license holders have not gotten a renewal notice in the mail from Parks and Wildlife in Austin.

I don't have an answer for you except that you need not wait for the renewal notice to get your new license.

You also don't have to send off to Austin anymore to get the license. These licenses are available wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold. Fees vary with number of acres leased.

The license should be kept handy for inspection by the game warden. The blue record books are no longer required to be kept.

Again, that does not mean that you cannot require that one be kept as before. This can be done in a notebook or you can copy blank pages from an old record book and require your hunters to use it.

In Brackettville, all types of hunting and fishing licenses, stamps, etc., are available at Pico's, The Jug Store, and Super S.

And the good thing about it is that they will never run out of any type of license or stamp. But the computer may be down!

Keep up with all of the local scores in The Brackett News!

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<h4>Breakfast Menu</h4> <p>Friday, Oct. 17 Pancakes/Syrup Choice of Fruit or Fruit Juice</p> <p>Monday, Oct. 20 Tiger Toast Choice of Fruit or Fruit Juice</p> <p>Tuesday, Oct. 21 Srambled Eggs Hashbrowns/Toast & Jelly Choice of Fruit or Fruit Juice</p> <p>Wednesday, Oct. 22 Cinnamon Rolls Choice of Fruit or Fruit Juice</p> <p>Thursday, Oct. 23 Sausage & Egg Taquitos Picante Sauce Choice of Fruit or Fruit Juice</p>	<h4>Lunch Menu</h4> <p>Friday, Oct. 17 Cheese Pizza Veggie Sticks Peanut Butter Cup/Fruit</p> <p>Monday, Oct. 20 Sausage On A Stick Oven Fries/Fresh Baked Roll</p> <p>Tuesday, Oct. 21 Lasagna Seasoned Peas/Baked Roll Fruit</p> <p>Wednesday, Oct. 22 Chicken Quesadillas Spanish Rice/Pinto Beans Lettuce & Tomato Salad</p> <p>Thursday, Oct. 23 Hamburger/Oven Fries Burger Salad/Fruit</p>
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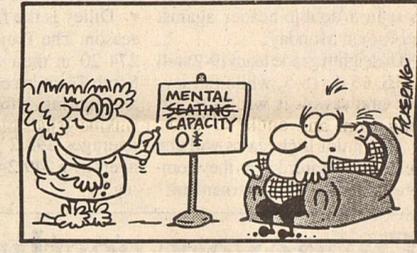
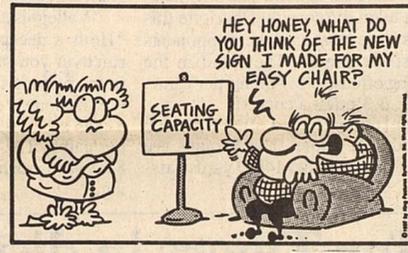
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21 Put trust in
22 Rub the wrong way?
23 Forest father
24 Get or Musial
25 Astronaut Shepard
28 Lodger
27 Start of a comment by Rodney Dangerfield
31 Relatives
32 Shaka-spearman sneaks
33 Wallet stuffers
34 Reception problem
38 Turkish topper
40 Twenty
43 Estrada of "CHiPs"
47 Breaker
48 Come to
50 Primogenitary
52 Writer Umberto
53 Japanese dog
55 Tears to
57 Author "Step by LeShan"
58 Desert refuge
60 Part 2 of comment
62 Some Madison Ave. workers
64 Robert of "Spenser: For Hire"
65 "Krazy" —
66 British counties
68 It has a bit part?
69 Winter mo.
72 Part 3 of comment
75 Literary contraction
76 She's a Dahl
78 They're hard to break
79 Ascot or bolo
80 Diving birds
81 Boca —, Fla.
82 Part 4 of comment
87 Jan and
88 Opposite of WNW
89 Look daggers
92 Having more smarts?
93 Tennis term
94 Suzanne of "Step by Step"
97 Put to use
99 "— forgive those ..."
100 Actress Thompson
102 Once fashionable
103 Procure
104 Suave
106 Charlotte's st.
108 Miss Piggy's pronoun
110 Rock producer Brian
111 End of comment
119 Gauguin setting
121 Swiss peaks
122 Pub orders
123 Gulf country
125 Bring to light
126 Give a hoot
127 "Hi—, Hi-Lo"
128 Beige
129 Comic Russell
130 Entangle
131 White House terrier
132 Sandwich spread, for short
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1 Author John — Passos
2 Vino center
3 Defect
4 Caesar's suit?
5 Lange or Tandy
6 Singer John
7 Jacob's twin
8 Hunger pain
9 Acts like an ass?
10 Backslide
11 Word of woe
12 Sociable starling
13 Leathernecks
14 Domicile
15 Nod off
16 Showed up
17 Citrus cooler
18 Part of r.p.m.
28 Sialom
29 Did nothing
30 Seoul man?
34 Lohengrin's bird
35 Daily receipts
36 Tel —
37 Head of France?
38 Mr. Rogers of TV
39 Velvet finish?
41 Twain's other name
42 Most peculiar
44 Dwell
45 Eaves?
46 All right, in slang
49 Persona non —
51 Knight games?
54 Louisiana neighbor
56 Mast transit?
59 "Exodus" protagonist
61 Khirstyne of "Head of the Class"
63 "Damn!"
66 Harding and Henie
67 Frequent traveler?
68 Chessboard choice
69 Cowboys' home
70 Beethoven symphony
71 Experimented with DNA
73 Runs after
74 A real knockout?
77 Conclude
81 Make an observation
82 Tare's relative
83 Absalom's slayer
84 — Major
85 In stitches?
86 Oak or elm
90 Aboveboard
91 Bunyan's whacker
95 Cloudiness
96 Occasional athlete
98 North African nation
101 Shenanigans
105 Director Howard
107 Honey
109 Beginning
110 Tom of "The Seven Year Itch"
111 Freighter or ferry
112 Ted TV choice
113 Panache
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
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Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Judgment could be off this week regarding spending. You could be making a matter more complicated than it needs to be. This weekend, you're inclined to overspend on pleasure.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Don't put too much stock in what a person who tends to exaggerate has to say this week. It's not the best time for getting your ideas across to others. Mix-ups in your social calendar are likely this weekend.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Unexpected company dropping by could upset your domestic schedule. In business, a moody higher-up or associate will have to be handled with kid gloves.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
You'll need to be tactful in speech this week. A loved one or friend could easily take offense at something you say. A weekend entertainment could be too costly for you.
LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Distractions and interruptions are likely to interfere with your concentration at work this week. Your accomplishments could fall short of your good intentions.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
Keep the lines of communication open with close partners. Don't put others in the position where they have to read your mind. A disagreement may arise about shopping this weekend.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Extra expenses could arise in connection with another person this week. A business proposition requires revisions. Guard against unnecessary extravagance when shopping this weekend.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Double-check costs in connection with a planned trip. Slight strain could exist among family members. Others' sensitivities could get in the way of achieving agreements.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
Not much will come of big talk you hear on the work front this week. Take what you hear with a grain of salt. A family member could be feeling out of sorts this weekend.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
A close partner is sensitive this week and easily offended. Be careful of ill-considered remarks that could cause hard feelings. Social life may take a back seat this weekend in favor of domestic chores.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
Your efforts to read between the lines may lead you to faulty assumptions. Don't jump to any conclusions, but instead, think things through. It will take extra effort to be productive this week.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
The accent on cooperation and diplomacy this week. Little things are likely to interfere with getting your way. Be considerate with loving partners over the weekend and indulge in some romance.
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Oct. 16 Audrey Ward
Oct. 16 Dora Ann Luna
Oct. 16 Patricia Taylor
Oct. 16 Jessie Smith III
Oct. 16 Sammie Lee Smith
Oct. 16 Melinda Hernandez
Oct. 17 Jesse Terrazas
Oct. 17 Louisa Derengowski
Oct. 17 Ignacio Aguirre
Oct. 17 Norma Reivitt
Oct. 18 Jose Sandoval
Oct. 19 Norma Gould
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Oct. 20 Arline McDaniel
Oct. 20 Aldine Edwards
Oct. 20 Monte Estes
Oct. 20 Karen Bizzell
Oct. 21 Glenda Blalock
Oct. 21 Roy Dyer
Oct. 21 H.B. Dixon
Oct. 21 Alfred (Chapo) Castro
Oct. 22 John Clasen
Oct. 22 Dorothea Clements
Oct. 22 Philip Fardahl

HOCUS-FOCUS
FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Part is different. 3. Back eye is missing. 4. Stripes are missing. 5. Bush is different. 6. Number is different.

Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charolette Corey

"...Whatsoever a man soweth, so shall he reap..." (Gal. 6:7 KJV). This applies to all facets of life, spiritual and physical. Even the Indians had this written on their hearts as they showed respect for the land around them. Can we who call ourselves civilized do less. God created earth for mankind to take dominion over as seen in Gen. 1: 11-12, and in Gen. 1: 28-31. But God never intended man to destroy what he created in needless greed and excess. I am not preaching a new age concept of worshipping the earth, but I am reminding people that God will hold us responsible for what we allow to be destroyed. This includes our local ecosystem.

We as responsible Christians should stand up and be counted when this is threatened. Bad things happen when good men (and women) are silent.

In appreciation for what God

has blessed us with here in Kinney County, we need to protest anything that will destroy the delicate balance of nature that God had created around us. We enjoy this land and its beauty. This is threatened if we "plant" an overabundance of human, chemical and mechanical waste. The land cannot support such and will die. When the land dies, all life around it dies.

God is the God of love and life. He desires to give us life more abundantly. When we place our trust in Him, he will show us ways to live better lives without jeopardizing the beauty around us.

It is up to each one of us to speak out for truth.

If you "plant garbage" in your life, you will reap garbage. If you keep your ecosystem balanced, it will continue to produce beauty and medicine for the soul. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.



Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Solomon in his wisdom said as one of his proverbs, "Remove not the ancient landmarks." A landmark is something that helps to identify a location. It is sometimes a warning signal. It sometimes is a guide. It always is stable and unmoveable. There are spiritual landmarks that do all the above. The teachings of God found in the Bible are all landmarks. The ten commandments are all landmark spiritual standards.

The principles and teachings of God are not good and right just because God arbitrarily said they are good; because they are. Homosexuality is not wrong just because God says it is wrong; it is wrong from any angle so God emphatically condemns it. Murder is not wrong simply because God says, "Don't do it"; it is and always has been wrong so God emphatically condemns it. This same thing applies to "bearing

false witness", "covetousness", stealing, "adultery". They are inherently wrong so God vehemently condemns them. These spiritual landmarks point out the right path. They guide in the proper conduct. They warn of dire consequences if they are disregarded. They remind us that God is still God whether he is recognized or obeyed or not. His spiritual landmarks are stable, unflappable, and eternal.

The ten commandments are as real and commanding to-day as the day they were penned on tablets of stone on Mt. Sinai. Man can never abolish, negate nor destroy the landmarks of God. Rather mankind grinds his soul to dust of destruction when he disregards the spiritual landmarks established by God. Wise indeed was Solomon when he cautioned, "Remove not the ancient landmarks".

Obituary



Merced J. Flores

Merced J. Flores, 62, passed away on October 14, 1997, at Audie Murphy Hospital, in San Antonio, after a lingering illness.

Merced was born in Brackettville on September 24, 1935. He was preceded in death by his parents Maria Luisa and Eduardo Flores.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Alderwoman Mary V. Flores of Brackettville. Son, Enrique (Rick) Flores and wife Stephanie Foley Flores of San Marcos. Daughter, Veronica Flores Williams and husband Clark Williams of San Antonio. Daughter, Barbara F. Cook of San Antonio. Grandchildren, John Edward, Enrique Jr., Joe Anthony, Jacob, and Jessica Flores of San Marcos. Joel and Troy Williams of San Antonio. Vanessa and Victoria Cook of San Antonio. Brothers, Joe Flores and Victoriano Abrigo of Brackettville. Sisters, Sylvia Garcia and Petra Morin of Brackettville.

Merced was the owner and manager of Flores Super Market in Brackettville. He had been a member of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department for a number of years. He had served in the United States Army and was Honorably Discharged.



Visitation was Wednesday at the Brackettville Funeral Home Chapel, where a rosary will also be recited at 7 p.m. tonight.

The funeral mass will be held on Friday October 17, at 3 p.m. at Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Military burial will follow at the Catholic Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Albert Flores, Jr., Frank Ortega, Juan Carlos Parras, Armando Martinez, Jr., Gregorio Abrigo, and Frank Morgan.

Honorary pallbearers will be David Luna, Alfred Pena, Eloy Garcia, Jr., Tommy Seargeant, and Enrique Vasquez.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Del Rio Funeral Home, 200 E. Garfield Street, dba Brackettville Funeral Home, 114 North Street.

Unsung Hero By Joe Townsend

This week I want to turn the spotlight on two people, a man and his wife. They came to Brackettville to establish themselves as residents of Fort Clark Springs. She was active in a number of organizations when they decided to go into business. They rented a building and started up the mountain. It was slow going to start and demanded much time and hard work for both of them. Because of their fervor and constancy the business grew. They decided to build their own building and now have perhaps the most attractive business in Brackettville.

Their long hours and hard work

manifest a determination and desire to make a success of the business. When I think of the many, many, people who have come to Brackettville and with high dreams have started businesses that soon proved to be abortions rather than births, it points more to the accomplishments of the couple. They are not just hardworking but they are friendly and warm-hearted. To know them is to like them and admire them. Surely J.E. and Sandra Meil are Unsung Heros.



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That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously; and gov-

ern the nations upon earth. Selah. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him

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HARNESS RACING

Kinney County residents turnout for Adobe hearing

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"I'm here to commit to you that this facility is a well-designed facility," said Drayton Pruitt of Livingston, Ala., an officer of Adobe Eco-Systems. "If it is permitted, it will be constructed in a manner which will best protect the environment in this West Texas community and region. It will be operated in an appropriate manner."

"This is a very, very important thing to those in government because the cost of building and operating facilities of this type are extreme. This is a private interprise alternative to a government-operated facility," added Pruitt, a lawyer who has been practicing environmental law for over 20 years.

Last week's hearing enabled local citizens to make public comments concerning the proposal, and allowed individuals and entities to request party status, which is required to participate in future hearings.

Kinney County and the cities of Brackettville and Spofford were approved for party status.

Adobe Eco-Systems objected to party status requests for the city of Del Rio and CARE. Decisions on the requests will be made at a later date.

"What purpose would the Adobe landfill actually serve?" Brackettville Mayor Carmen Berlanga asked at the hearing. "Who, in reality, would really benefit?"

"Adobe's landfill would be a monetary gain for the investors in absentee and for the Adobe Eco-Systems. This area, certainly the people of our community, will not be served or benifitted.

"This is an economically depressed area and has been for many years. Should Laughlin Air Force Base be forced to close, Del Rio will suffer and Brackettville will suffer. Many Brackettwillians commute to Laughlin and Del Rio daily for their jobs.

"Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission professes to conserve and protect the air, land, water and health," she said. "Why impose on us for rubble, trash, waste, garbage and all the devastating consequences that relate to a landfill?"

"We ask, most humbly, and we pray, yes we pray, that this does not become the trashing grounds of our community."

Jim Blakely, the mayor of Camp Wood, was in favor of the proposed dump. He said it would benefit his community.

"Garbage is getting to be a problem; it's not only our problem, it's your problem," he said.

"We have to close our dump. This garbage has to go someplace. The day TNRCC told us that we had to close, we started looking for a place. We went to San Antonio, Kerrville, Rocksprings, Sonora, Eagle Pass, Del Rio and other places. No place would let us take our garbage.

"We finally ended up with a contract for one year with the city of Uvalde. We originally had a five-year contract with them, then they cut it to one year. We pay \$40 a ton to dump our garbage there.

"My point is that not all of this garbage is our garbage," Blakely said. "We welcome people from other cities to come to the Nueces

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To the registered voters of the County of Kinney, Brackettville, Texas, (a los votantes registrados del Condado de Kinney, Brackettville, Texas.)

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between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 20, 1997 (date)

(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 20 de Octubre, 1997 (fecha)

and ending on October 31, 1997 (date) by terminating el 31 de Octubre, 1997 (fecha)

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HEALTH

Woman, 93, invents new type of walking cane

JACKSON, Mich. - Thirty years after her retirement, Florence Foster has taken a firm grip on the business world, with her invention of a colorful, plastic walking cane.

While planning her winter in the South, to hike along beaches for more prize winning photos, Foster realized that she needed a stronger cane for more stability. So, she designed one, which had colorful pastel silk flowers inside, as she put it, "to replace that dreadful looking gray hospital cane that made me look old!"

Then, she walked into the big Plastigage auto parts plant and asked them to build her a cane to her design. Everett Scott, their superintendent, admired her enterprise. So, he located just the right strong, clear tube, designed an attractive clear plastic handle, and put a wide removable tip at the bottom for stability.

Foster took the cane to a craft shop, put a stem of pastel roses

inside, and was soon flying South on her photo hunting trip.

Everywhere she went, on the planes, in the airports in Orlando, Sarasota, and Ft. Myers, people asked her where they could get a cane like hers, and she took their names.

On her return, she again visited Plastigage, this time with her patent attorney and 12 orders.

Plastigage President Douglas Finch was so impressed that he agreed to make those 12 canes, and as many more as she wanted.

Plastigage Corporation had built their strong half-century reputation by building quality auto trim parts, not canes. So, they called in marketing expert Tom Wilson, president of American Marketing Group, to help Foster market her canes.

Foster, a tornado survivor, who lives alone and drives her own car to town daily, now tells everyone she meets about her canes.

The response to this 'Senior Super Saleswoman' has been so great that Plastigage lets Foster use their toll free phone lines to handle inquiries and orders. So, now anyone can call (888) 768-9280 or (888) 547-6240 for information on her canes.

Foster has had so many calls from the stores that now she's planning to let Women's Fashion Stores handle her canes. Her "Foster Designer Canes" come in 32-, 34- and 36-inch lengths, and the bottom can be cut shorter with a little saw.

When asked why she wanted roses inside, Foster said, "Because women like roses best. When a husband wants to make his wife smile, he doesn't bring Dandelions, he brings her a nice bunch of roses. And, for their own canes, men can replace the roses with their favorite fishing lures, shotgun shells, and other sport things, or their Army ribbons and little American flags."

Some of Foster's new customers told her stories about taking nasty spills, when they neglected using their hospital cane because it made them look old and infirm. But, then they started taking their Foster cane everywhere, because it looked so cheerful, and the

people they met started treating them differently.

Now, Foster is working on cane designs for children, with little dolls and toy cars inside. She feels that an interesting cane could keep other children from teasing them, when they have to use a cane.

Her advice to other inventors is always the same: "Don't wait until everything's absolutely perfect. Get some good advice, like I did, and get going!"

When Foster was told that a bunch of her "fans were going to make her world famous," she said that wasn't really necessary, and she hoped that her friends didn't think that she'd become a "big shot."

Then, with a twinkle in her eye, she added: "But, if you want me to read about it, you'd better get going, 'cause I'm 93 now, and I'm not buying green bananas anymore."

Foster hopes that her cheerful looking canes may prompt folks to use a cane earlier, when they first start needing one.

"But, even if my own experience just inspires older people to get going after their dreams, as I did, that will be reward enough for me," she added.



Florence Foster, 93, has invented a new type of walking cane. Photo Special to The Brackett News

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