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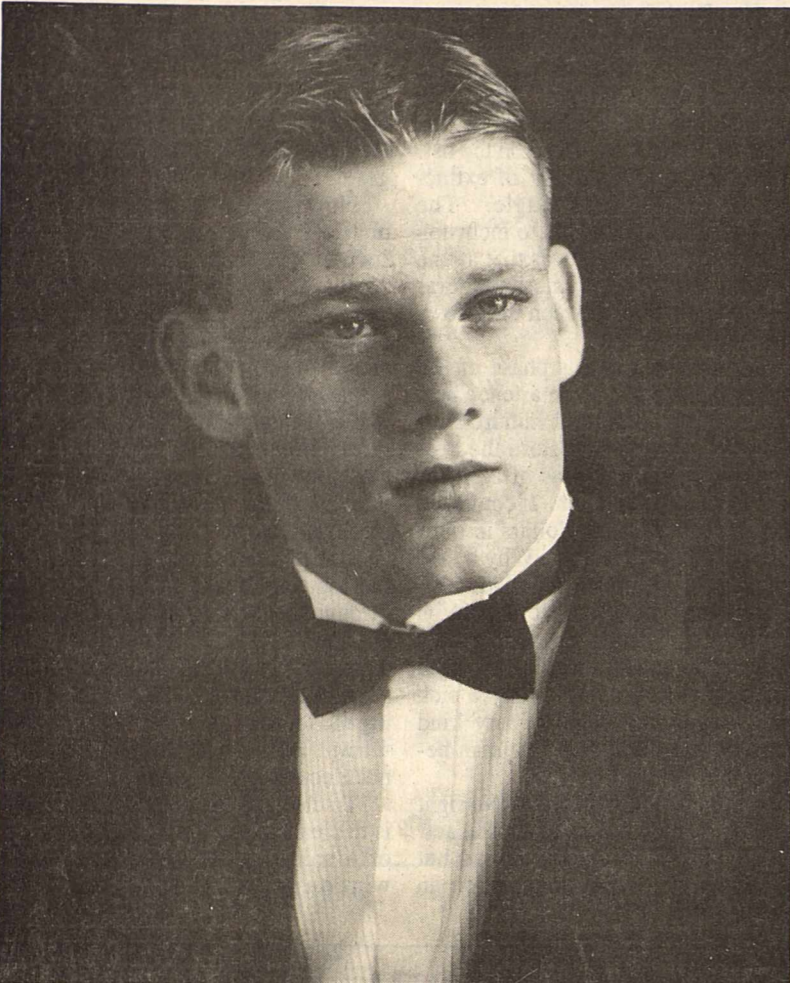
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"If a man had half as much insight, as he has hindsight, he would have twice as much foresight."



### Peña Terminated, Grounds Not Given

After two days of meetings and 2 executive sessions, Kinney County Commissioners Court returned to open session at 1:15 P.M. on January 9, 1996. Commissioner Joe Montalvo made a motion to terminate Tencha Peña's employment with Kinney County, as the Site Director for Kinney County Aging Service, effective immediately. The motion seconded by Commissioner Paul O'Rourke and all four commissioners and Judge Seargeant voted for the motion. County Attorney, Tully Shahan stated that under Texas Law any employer has the right to fire an employee for any reason at any time. When the court was questioned as to the grounds for Tencha's termination, the court responded that it was an executive session discussion and not for public knowledge. Mrs. Peña will be given a letter of termination signed by the Judge and all four Commissioners.

Marion Caton will temporarily be in charge of the Aging Service, until a replacement for Mrs. Peña is hired. The Court will hold a Special Meeting on Friday, January 12, 1996 at 2:00 P.M., to appoint a replacement.

Other action taken by The Court: January 8, 1996, 9:10 A.M. Judge Tommy Seargeant called the regular meeting to order. All 4 Commissioners and Judge Seargeant were in attendance, establishing a quorum. The minutes of previous meetings were corrected and approved. Commissioner Frerich made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Joe Montalvo, all 4 Commissioners voted to approve the minutes.

The Court examined and approved all accounts, bills and department reports. Kinney County Auditor and Treasurers reports were read and approved. The courthouse holiday schedule for 1996 was examined. The Court changed some dates, to enable the county employees better holidays. A total of 18 holidays were approved for the year. Commissioner Paul O'Rourke made the motion to accept, as revised the holiday schedule, seconded by Commissioner Joe Montalvo, all four Commissioners voted for the motion.

The Court changed an employee status from part time to full time due to the fact that this employee works a total of 40 hours with two depart-

ments. Commissioner Mendeke made the motion, Commissioner Joe Montalvo seconded and all 4 Commissioners voted yes.

Steve Woollen, Project Manager of the Allied Area Narcotics Task Force presented his reports for December 1995 and informed the court that there would be a Community Involvement Meeting on January 18, 1996, at 6:00 P.M., in the District Courtroom. Everyone is invited. Mr. Woollen made a special request to his Austin office for approval to loan the Kinney County Sheriff Department one of his vehicles temporarily. The Court thanked Mr. Woollen for this gesture. Later in the session the Court was informed that Mr. Woollen's request had been approved.

Five new representatives were chosen to be asked to serve on the salary grievance committee. These five will have an opportunity to decline. Commissioner Frerich made the motion to accept these five, seconded by Commissioner Mendeke, all four Commissioners voted yes.

Commissioner Frerich made a motion to pay Deputy Johnny Fritter

for his vacation time, to which Commissioner Mendeke added, with Commissioner Frerich's permission, this payment is by special permission as an individual case. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Montalvo, all 4 Commissioners voted yes.

Commissioner Montalvo made a motion to allow the EMS to use the Civic Center on February 17, 1996 at no charge for their fund raiser dance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Frerich, 3 Commissioners voted yes with Commissioner Mendeke abstaining due to her involvement with the EMS.

The revised bid for the Pinto Creek Crossing contract was accepted and awarded to KBar Services, construction to possibly begin in February. Motion was made by Commissioner O'Rourke, seconded by Commissioner Frerich, all 4 Commissioners voted yes. Motion to accept a resolution requesting a time extension and change in the performance statement from TDHCA for the Pinto Creek Crossing Project was made by Commissioner Frerich, seconded by Commissioner O'Rourke, all 4 Commissioners voted yes.

### Melancon Placed On Dean's List

Patrick Melancon, son of Pat and Pam Melancon finished his first semester, taking seventeen hours at Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde. Patrick, a 1995 graduate of Brackett High School and recipient of the Will C. Miller Memorial Scholarship as well as the Rotary Scholarship, and book scholarship from the First Marine Division Association, earned placement on the Dean's list with his 4.0 grade point average. He

also tested out of all required college English. Patrick was Salutatorian of his graduating high school class and graduated with a 4.16 GPA. Patrick is attending Southwest Texas while taking his first two years of basic courses. He was accepted to Texas A & M University and still plans to attend and earn his degree upon completion of his sophomore year in Uvalde.

### Allied Area Narcotics Task Force At Work

Stephen Woollen, Project Director for the Allied Area Narcotics Task Force gave the following report to the Kinney County Commissioners and Judge Tommy Seargeant at the regular Commissioners meeting, January 8, 1996.

**Narcotics Seized**  
Marijuana 10,276.90 solid lbs.  
Barbiturates 134.00 Dose Units

**Miscellaneous Task Force Cases**  
1 - Aggravated Re-Entry  
1 - TCIC Warrant  
1 - Capias Warrant  
1 - Assault/Capias Warrant

1 - DPS Warrant/No Insurance

#### Suspects Arrested or Charges

Mr. Woollen will host a Community Involvement meeting on January 18, 1996 at 6:00 P.M. in the District Courtroom. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to examine our problems and develop solutions with the help of Criminal Justice Division Funding. If you suspect problems or know about problems bring them to the meeting. This is your chance to do something to help.

### DOUGLAS WARD GRADUATES

Douglas Ward received his High School Diploma on January 4, 1996. The ceremony was conducted by Don Sims, High School Principal with a special congratulation from Mr. Steve Mills, school superintendent.

Joining Douglas were his parents: Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Ward Sr. and his Uncle.

"The school was all right once I settled down and got to work. I am glad I got my diploma." was Douglas's comment after the presentation. Mom and Dad are very proud

of Douglas.

Douglas started the Alternative Education Program at the beginning of the school year 1994-1995, and completed his studies on January 5, 1996. Mr. Steve Mills said that Douglas is proof that the Alternative Education Program works saying, "I am glad it was there for you (Douglas) and I'm glad it is there for the rest of the people that want to complete their education."

Congratulations Douglas, we are all very proud of you.

### RED LETTER YEAR FOR KINNEY COUNTY

On Thursday, January 4, 1996 the Fort Clark Board of Directors hosted an organizational meeting. This meeting was an organizational meeting for all the celebrations this year. This year is the 50th anniversary of the closing of Fort Clark as a military post, also the 25th anniversary of Fort Clark Springs Association. We also discovered this year will be the 75th anniversary of the First Baptist Church. The original building for the First Baptist Church was the Post Chapel at Fort Clark.

Many great ideas were discussed for the year, the most important be-

ing: This is the year of Kinney County. If we all work together for each celebration and coordinate, so no two celebrations are at the same time, we will have a very successful year.

The committee who will coordinate all of the festivities will be the Fort Clark Community Council working with all groups and organizations in Kinney County.

We will let you know more as things progress. This will be tons of fun and lots of work. So volunteer your talents!

### Southwest Texas Junior College Dean's Honor Roll

Forty-one Southwest Texas Junior College were recognized by Gloria A. Rivera, SWTJC Dean of Instructional Services as Dean's Honor Roll students for the 1995 fall semester.

In order for students to make the SWTJC honor roll, they must be enrolled in at least 14 semester hours and achieve a grade point average of 3.6 or higher. SWTJC uses the four-point system to determine student's grade point average (an A equals four points).

"These students should be proud of their achievements because they have exceeded the minimum academic requirements set fourth by the institution. It is a pleasure to recognize these students that have strived to achieve high academic standards," stated Rivera.

Nine Eagle Pass residents were named to the honor roll. These students include: Oliver Alvarez, Eduardo Garza, Gabriela Hernandez, Salome Lopez, Cristina McKinney, Eladio Rivera, Carola Rodriguez, Marisa Sanchez and Patricia Villasenor.

Del Rio also had nine students rec-

ognized with outstanding grade point averages. These students are: Carmina Alvarez, Xavier Garza, Jr., Belinda Gonzalez, Juan Leon, Julie Livingston, Jesus Salinas, Lisa Sweigart, Tina Trujillo and Guadalupe Zapata.

Uvalde students named to the list include: Kyla Chaney, Katherine Gourley, Mark Hubbard, Deborah Montz, Heidi Power and Joshualine Scheide.

Carrizo Springs students that maintain a 3.6 grade point average or higher include: Ivy Ash, Cindy Devilbiss, Erica Martinez and Jesse Ybarra.

Other students named to the Dean's Honor Roll include: Gilberto Banda; Sabinal, Courtney Bielfeldt; Knippa, Emily Eklund; Utopia, Michele Foster; Brackettville, Adelita Gonzales; Knippa, Raven Haag; Barksdale, Shane Keese; Medina, Sergio Lozano; Crystal City, Patrick Melancon; Brackettville, Michelle Muecke; Knippa, William Nolte; Lockhart, Sarah Thoms; Three Rivers, and Wade Zaeske; New Braunfels.

### Angelo State University Dean's List

December - Five Brackettville area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, are listed on the Dean's List for the Fall semester at the University.

Those listed include Bernie L. Allemeier, a Computer Science Major, Charles M. Frerich, a Communication Major, Dee Ann Frerich, an Early Childhood Major, Froylan Hernandez, an Animal Science Major, and Tevin Henry Senne, a Kinesiology Major all from Brackettville.

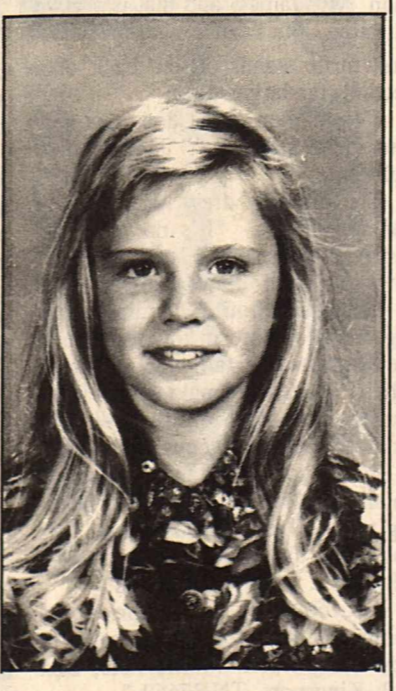
To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

### Life... And Whats In It

Written By 11 Year Old Michelle E. Bizzell

Life starts out with one simple cry of pain...and of course most people don't even remember the beginning and sometimes end of this life start. The start of a new thing is incredibly magnificent the way a child can grow and become a young person or an adult. The way a child is raised is a big influence on what kind of person he/she will grow up to be. Most people dream about being famous or rich. Some people dream about being a sports star, or even a drug addict to make girls think their macho or speaking 90's (BAD). For rich or for poor your still a person no matter what any one says.

Michelle E. Bizzell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bizzell granddaughter of Bill and Rose Bizzell of Fort Clark Springs.



### Volunteers Save Building

The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department raced to respond to a call at 12:10 A.M. on January 8, 1996. The fire located at, the Service Club, Fort Clark was discovered by Harrell Floyd and Frank Cheaney. Harrell and Frank grabbed the fire extinguishers and water hoses in order to contain the fire until the fire department arrived. The fire trucks pulled onto the scene at 12:14 with two fire trucks and the rescue van, standard equipment for any structure fire. The fire was under control by 12:30. The suspected cause of the fire was worn wiring in one of the exhaust fans. Damage was, kept to a minimum due

to the quick response of Harrell, Frank and the department.

The fire department also responded to the following fires:

Jan. 4, FM 674, 19.5 miles North, a controlled burn out of control. Booster truck responded, control time: 35 minutes.

Jan. 5, Campwood Highway 3 miles East, vehicle fire. Booster truck responded, control time: 14 minutes.

Jan. 9, Spofford, Railroad ties and grass fire caused by train. Booster truck responded, control time: 25 Minutes.

Thank you for being there volunteers, and keep up the good work!

### The Finder Of The Cup

Now here is the rest of the story on A Wonderful Christmas Gift, printed in the December 21, 1995 issue of *The Brackett News*.

We received a surprise visit from Chip Stivers of Montgomery Texas this week. Chip came into the office of The Brackett News to thank us for the above mentioned article, and we found out that there was still more to the story.

Chip is the, now grown, 13 year old boy who while kicking thru a burn pile found the 130 year old cup. He had often talked about returning the cup to some member of the original family but was unsuccessful in locating it. This year Chip was at his

home, looking thru a newspaper for a place for he and his son to lease for the hunting season. He only made one phone call and it was to David Rose. Not knowing to whom he was talking Chip asked him his name so that he could call him again. Imagine his surprise when he learned that the person on the other end of the line was the David Rose that he had been searching for.

Chip is an Assistant Manager at the Houston Terminal for Citgo Petroleum in Montgomery, Texas. He and his son still come to this area to hunt, and now have some new friends to visit while they are here.

### COUNCIL REQUESTS TRAFFIC LIGHT

The Brackettville City Council convened at exactly 6:00 P.M. on January 9, 1996. In attendance were Mayor Carmen M. Berlanga, Mayor Protem Mary Flores, Alderman Ralph Gonzales, Alderwoman Jean Seargeant, Alderman Rudy Goodloe, and Alderman Charles Bushart.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved, motion by Alderman Gonzales, seconded by Alderman Goodloe. All voted yes.

The council went into executive session with City Attorney Patrick Dodson to discuss contesting the application made by Texcor Industries Inc. for Discharge Permit and Radioactive Waste License.

Regular session reconvened at 6:40.

Texas Department of Transportation representative, Juan Hernandez entertained a discussion pertaining to a request by the Council to install a traffic light at Ann St. and US 90. The Council will send two written requests to The Department of Transportation, one for the traffic light and the second for a reduction in speed

on US 90 to 35 MPH, in the City Limits.

Mr. Hernandez informed the council that speed limits on the following roads will change:

US 90 and US 277 - 70 MPH effective February 8, 1996

SH 131 - 60 MPH effective March 9, 1996

FM 1572 - 60 MPH

FM 1908 - 60 MPH

Any opposition to the speed limit changes on US 90 and US 277 must be submitted in writing, to the Texas Department of Transportation by 5:00 P.M., January 10, 1996.

City Financial reports reviewed and accepted: Motion by Alderman Gozales, seconded by Mayor Protem Flores, all voted yes.

Staff reports by the Fire Marshall Debra Hay and Matias Sandoval were read.

The Council had some special Boy Scout visitors. Mayor Carmen Berlanga very graciously explained every step of the meeting to the scouts.

Moncus Meditations



Mike Moncus  
Park Ranger, Interpreter  
Bastrop State Park

A Walk In The Dark

I do well walking in the dark in the forest. It's been a long time but it comes back. I had trained to do it and hadn't realized why but remember now it was so I could hunt as early and as late as possible without using a flashlight. In the forest it stays dark longer and gets dark earlier than almost any place on earth except maybe a canyon.

Tonight I walked into the forest to find a quiet place to sit and rest away from all the activity of the day. It was a strange new forest or seemed so because I had never visited it. All the same plants, birds, and animals that have grown so familiar but it had an undeniable strange feeling about it.

I sat down near a tree. A clearing was just out from me full of this falls dry oak leaves. The strangeness seemed to go from the forest into me. I realized how alone a person could be if they really chose to be. Soon I was fast asleep and though I wasn't dreaming I was able to know I was thinking about deer coming into the

clearing and rustling noisily in the dry leaves. I awoke and it was too dark to see but something big was in the clearing rustling the leaves and a mosquito was biting me on my right shoulder. I moved my cheek and chin to get rid of the mosquito and the big animal in the clearing bounded off. For a good distance I heard it going over the leaves and then silence came back to the strange place. I wondered again as I walked in the dark forest moving the way I had trained to move in the darkness, why I had ever thought any person would ever choose to be alone.

Sometime I had chosen aloneness. During that period it seemed comfortable and it felt like rest, but reaching back into that time I realize that not always what's comfortable is good and not often is aloneness valuable. I must confess aloneness was sometimes easy but it is always something I can't take back. All the same, it taught me a very good many lessons both good and bad.

/s/ Michael R. Moncus

KINNEY COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT

Clifford Fritter, Road and Bridge Administrator, kept his crew busy for the month of December. They have bladed sections of Standart, Anacacho, Schuckbach and Tularosa Roads, while stockpiling material on Tularosa and Anacacho Roads.

Commissioner Joe Montalvo toured the roads in his precinct with Clifford the week of December 19th.

Where The Money Goes

(NAPS)—While political leaders clamp down on funds for education, hospitals and police, over \$3,800 in tax dollars was paid to a New York woman in unemployment benefits although she had come to work late on 25 of her last 29 days on the job.

"I note the claimant had received prior warnings about her latenesses," held New York Administrative Law Judge Florence Horowitz, "and still continued to be late up to and including her last day of employment."

But the judge ruled her entitled to benefits anyhow, and she collected \$3,811.50!

County Agent News

by Alan L. McWilliams



Deadlines Near For National Sheep Referendum

A referendum will be conducted February 6, 1996. The referendum will be on a proposed Sheep and Wool Promotion, Education and Information Order. Absentee ballots must be requested from each Extension office serving the county voter residence, for individuals, or the county where the business headquarters is located, for corporations.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, an agency in the marketing and regulatory programs mission area, has oversight responsibility for federal research and promotion programs. All producers, feeders and importers who certify they were engaged in the production, feeding or importation of sheep or sheep products (except importers of raw wool only) between January 1 and December 31, 1994, are eligible to vote.

The Farm Service Agency, formerly the ASCS, will count ballots, determine eligibility of voters and tabulate results.

For the order to go into effect, the proposal must be approved either by a simple majority of voters or by voters who account for two-thirds of the sheep and wool production represented in the referendum. If approved, the program would be funded by mandatory assessments. Domestic producers and feeders would be assessed a 1 cent per pound on sales of live sheep and 2 cents per pound on sales of grease wool. Importers would be assessed 1 cent per pound or the equivalent on imported grease-free wool and wool products.

If you need more information about the upcoming referendum, call or come by the Kinney County Extension office.

Do You Know Where Your Tree's Roots Are?

How many times have you heard that tree roots grow down and find a water source way down in the ground? This is not always the case. While there is certainly some activity "way down there", tree roots spread where the soil will allow them to grow and access nutrients, water and oxygen.

In most cases, this results in 85% of the tree's roots being in the top 18 inches of the soil surface. Therefore, practices that disturb the soil or compact the soil in this area, have a negative effect on the tree and can cause tree death in many instances.

The use of mulch around the tree reduces soil moisture loss and maintains more suitable conditions for root development. Mulch insulates the soil from the hot summer sun. It reduces the requirement for moving equipment over the root zone. Mulch is made from a large variety of products. Pine bark or cypress mulch are most often sold in easy to handle plas-

tic bags. You may install a collar a few inches out from the trunk. This reduces the chances of wood rotting insects to invade a weak spot in the trees trunk as the mulch rots laying up next to the tree. The collar simply keeps the rotting mulch off the trunk. Be sure to expand the collar as the tree trunk gets bigger to avoid it causing any damage to the trunk.

Don't forget about the 41st Annual Kinney County Junior Livestock Show Jan. 19-20 at the civic center. The animal classes get under way on Friday the 19th at 1:30 with angora goats and will finish up that evening with the market pigs at 7:30. The schedule picks up with market lambs on Saturday at 8:30 and the awards are at 1:30 followed by the premium sale. If you would like more information, contact the Kinney County Extension Office.

The 41st annual Kinney County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show, which takes place at the Kinney County Civic Center, is scheduled for January 19-20, 1996. This year there will be about 65 members exhibiting livestock representing the 4-H and FFA organizations in Brackettville.

Friday, January 19, 1996  
8:00 - 12:00 noon Weigh-in of all animals (west side)  
8:00 A.M. Project  
Show (east side)  
1:30 P.M. Angora Goat  
Classes  
3:30 P.M. Meat Goat  
Classes  
5:30 P.M. Rabbit  
Classes  
7:30 P.M. Swine  
Classes

Saturday, January 20, 1996  
8:30 A.M. Market  
Lamb Classes  
10:30 A.M. Finewool  
Ewe Lamb Classes  
12:00 noon Buyers'  
Barbecue Lunch  
1:30 P.M. Stock Show  
Awards Presentations  
2:00 P.M. Junior Livestock Show Premium Sale

The lunch will be catered by Haby's BBQ of Uvalde and will be available for those wishing to purchase a plate. The public is welcomed to attend and eat lunch prior to the awards and premium sale.

As a reminder, our premium sale will be handled exactly the same as it was last year — buyers will bid a premium amount only and will not own the animal. The exhibitors will keep their placing animals.

The 4-H and FFA members and their families would like to express their appreciation for the public support they receive each year from the Brackettville community as well as both the Del Rio and Uvalde businesses and individual contributors.

For Pete's Sake

There are some arguments you can't win. Years ago, philosopher psychologist William James found that out. He had just delivered a lecture on the solar system when he was approached by a little old lady who claimed that she had a theory far superior to the one he had just described.

"We don't live on a ball that is rotating around the sun," she said. "We live on a crust of earth on the back of a giant turtle."

The diplomatic Mr. James, not wishing to demolish this absurd argument with crushing and massive evidence at his command, decided to gently dissuade his opponent of her ridiculous ideas.

"If your theory is correct, madam, what does the turtle stand on?" He asked.

"I know that you're a very clever man, Mr. James, and that is a good question. But I can answer that. The first turtle stands on the back of a second, far-larger turtle."

"Well, then, what does this second turtle stand on?" James asked politely.

The old lady drew herself up to her full height. "It's no use, Mr. James," she snapped, triumphantly. "It's turtles all the way down."

They tell about a certain swinging bachelor here in town who is a well known golf fan. He and three other fellows were making up a foursome at the old Meadowview Golf Course when a gorgeous girl, attired in a bridal gown, veil and train, drove up and climbed out of the car, heading toward him. He looked at her, obviously disgusted and snapped: "I told you. . . only if it rained!"

"If you enjoy these stories and comments, send for a free sample of Post Story Book. Write Pete, Box 712, Kingsport, TN 37662."

Fidel Hernandez

Fidel Hernandez a 1990 graduate of Brackett High School received a Master of Science degree with a major in Biology, from Angelo State University during the fall commencement at the university.

Fidel is the son of Santiago and Francisca Hernandez from Brackettville, TX. He intends to continue his education at Texas A & M University. Fidel will start the spring session January 16, 1996, aiming for his Ph.D. in Wildlife Biology.

Congratulations Fidel and best wishes for you and your next degree.

Governor's Criminal Justice Plan

Dear Fellow Texans:

As a result of this past legislative session, I had the privilege of signing into law sweeping changes to our juvenile justice system. This legislation will ensure that the first goal of the juvenile justice system is to protect public safety by providing clear and certain consequences when a child breaks the law.

We recognize, however, that new legislation alone cannot save a generation of children. We need the dedication and hard work of local citizens in order to break the cycle of crime. I believe that fostering community-based programs and encouraging volunteerism are the keys to effective change.

As a result, we have changed the focus of our grant program to encourage comprehensive planning at a local level and to require coordination with citizens in the area. Through Criminal Justice Division funding, communities can have time to develop their programs and make them their own. These grant funds should be used as seed money for new ideas, not permanent life support for programs.

I hope that this plan for 1997 will open doors for creative new programs and will mark the beginning of a more effective relationship between the Governor's Office, the projects we fund, and the people who are affected by our state a safer place to live. Change can happen, because what Texans can dream, Texans can do.

George W. Bush

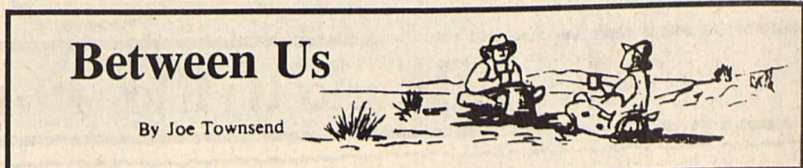
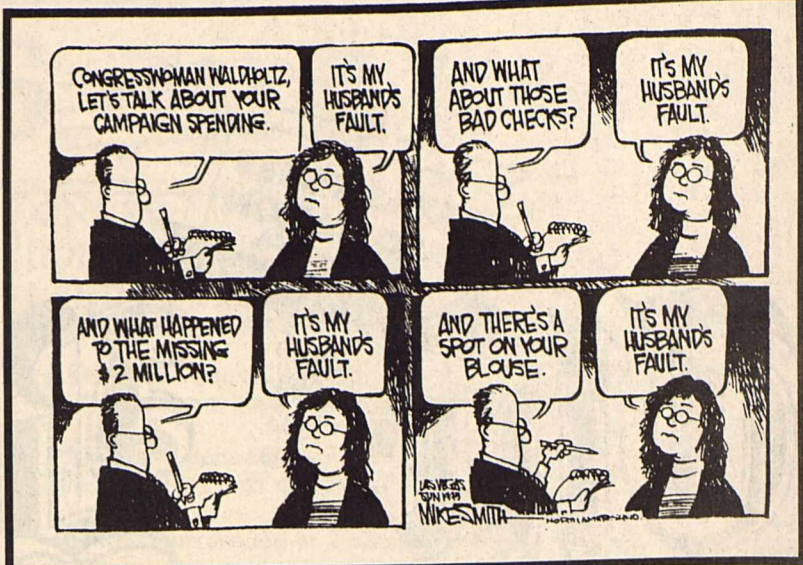
Forward

There are many changes to the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) grant program for fiscal year 1997. Our goal is to allow local governments the freedom to examine their own problems and develop their own solutions with the assistance of CJD funding. The most significant change is the use of community plans. Communities will develop a long-term comprehensive plan and then request assistance from CJD based on the community's needs as a whole. Please read carefully the next section on Community Planning to see how your community can be a part of this new funding initiative.

In 1997, CJD will place priority on projects that are part of a compre-

hensive community plan. This means that the criminal justice planners at the regional councils of governments will work with diverse groups of community leaders to assess and develop priorities to problems and design comprehensive strategies to address the problems. These plans will identify all resources including local, state, and federal funding, private industry involvement, volunteers, and donations. Through the development of such a comprehensive strategy, resources should be easier to leverage and coordinate so that projects can accomplish more than before.

In this plan, you may notice that we have streamlined our guidelines to remove unnecessary burdens and restrictions on grantees. We have also produced straightforward application forms to make grant writing simpler. Our goal is to allow local projects more flexibility in choosing project activities and to make the application process easier. Our purpose is to allow grantees to spend more time on direct services and less time on bureaucratic administration.



One big reason for radical changes in Washington is the need to recognize the value of human life. The Bald Eagle is no longer on the endangered species list. They have come to be so many of them they are going to survive. When they were placed on the infamous list the Mexican Eagle was placed on the list. There never was a threat of extinction to the Mexican Eagle. The warped thinking that led to inclusion of the Mexican Eagle was that at one phase in life it takes almost a laboratory examination between the two to tell the difference.

A bald eagle in this phase of life was seen by a hunter on a fence post and was shot. Several hundreds of dollars was spent to restore the broken wing. \$10,000 was offered for conviction of the hunter. If convicted he faces thousands of dollars in fines and possibly a prison. Why? He killed an eagle not readily identifiable as a bald eagle. He should be rewarded. There's no telling how many lambs and kids would have been killed by the predator. Only a sick mind equates an eagle of any kind with a value more than a human being.

A poacher kills a buffalo. No right thinking person could justify the act. The buffalo is an exotic animal but by no stretch of the imagination an endangered.

Just this week I saw two buffalos blithely feeding along the fence on a ranch. Anyone who would shoot any animal on someone else's property should be prosecuted. Now comes the ludicrous kicker. The man was caught, arrested and jailed. The radical judge set his bail at \$1,000,000. How much more ridiculous can one get?

Now the U.S. Supreme Court has upheld Bobbitts order protecting the spotted owl (one sub species). Of course Clinton has Bobbitt in the position because like Clinton, he is a radical "environmentalist." Not one single argument of the reasons to "protect" the spotted owl is valid but under the subterfuges of protecting the environment, thousands of people are thrown out of jobs. Everyone pays more for lumber, all for no legitimate reason.

Until there is a radical change at the top and it works its way down through the tunnel vision bureaucrats and bureaucracies these ridiculous actions will spread.

A thick book could be written listing the totally ridiculous actions performed nation wide by bureaucrats, not elected by the people.

To clean up the mess the first step is to clean up the top. Until the head of a snake is dead, the snake still wiggles.

From Your Local Game Warden

January	Sunrise	Sunset
	CST	CST
JAN. 1	7:38 A.M.	5:56 P.M.
JAN. 2	7:38 A.M.	5:57 P.M.
JAN. 3	7:38 A.M.	5:58 P.M.
JAN. 4	7:39 A.M.	5:59 P.M.
JAN. 5	7:39 A.M.	5:59 P.M.
JAN. 6	7:39 A.M.	6:00 P.M.
JAN. 7	7:39 A.M.	6:01 P.M.
JAN. 8	7:39 A.M.	6:02 P.M.
JAN. 9	7:39 A.M.	6:02 P.M.
JAN. 10	7:39 A.M.	6:03 P.M.
JAN. 11	7:39 A.M.	6:04 P.M.
JAN. 12	7:39 A.M.	6:05 P.M.
JAN. 13	7:39 A.M.	6:06 P.M.
JAN. 14	7:39 A.M.	6:06 P.M.
JAN. 15	7:39 A.M.	6:07 P.M.
JAN. 16	7:39 A.M.	6:08 P.M.
JAN. 17	7:39 A.M.	6:09 P.M.
JAN. 18	7:38 A.M.	6:10 P.M.
JAN. 19	7:38 A.M.	6:11 P.M.
JAN. 20	7:38 A.M.	6:12 P.M.
JAN. 21	7:38 A.M.	6:12 P.M.
JAN. 22	7:37 A.M.	6:13 P.M.
JAN. 23	7:37 A.M.	6:14 P.M.
JAN. 24	7:37 A.M.	6:15 P.M.
JAN. 25	7:36 A.M.	6:16 P.M.
JAN. 26	7:36 A.M.	6:17 P.M.
JAN. 27	7:36 A.M.	6:17 P.M.
JAN. 28	7:35 A.M.	6:18 P.M.
JAN. 29	7:35 A.M.	6:19 P.M.
JAN. 30	7:34 A.M.	6:20 P.M.
JAN. 31	7:34 A.M.	6:21 P.M.

Big Mama Sez!



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### Kinney County Ambulance Report

During the month of December 1995 the Kinney County Ambulance crew responded to 22 calls. The calls were from all over the county: 9 calls were from Ft. Clark; 1 from a highway or farm road; 10 were from within the Brackettville City limits and one from the town of Spofford. Two of the calls were motor vehicle accidents, 2 were falling victims, and 18 were various illnesses. One person was treated and released at the scene, one was taken to the United Medical Clinic in Brackettville, 15 people were taken to Val Verde Memorial Hospital and 5 were taken to Uvalde Memorial Hospital.

The outstanding balance for EMS services is \$40,949.91. This balance is made up of 25% undeliverable mail (people gave a bogus address); 25% people making payments on their accounts, 25% insurance payments pending and 25% past due accounts. The EMS needs their funds to be able to continue to provide us this service.

We are very fortunate to have this

### SWTJC Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy

The Basic Peace Officers Certification class of the Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy at Southwest Texas Junior College will begin training March 4 and the course will conclude June 21. Instruction will be provided from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. Monday through Friday.

Graduates of the course will be awarded 12 college semester hours in law enforcement training. Students sponsored or employed by Law Enforcement Agencies will be given preference at registration and a letter of sponsorship from a sponsoring agency may be delivered to Bill Madison, Academy Director on or before February 23.

A pre-entrance exam will be administered at 3 P.M. February 21 on the SWTJC Uvalde campus in the Academy classroom. The classroom is located in the SWTJC Wagner Building.

Registration will take place March 4 at 8 A.M. in the Academy classroom. Tuition will be \$260 and must be paid during the registration period.

"The Middle Rio Grande Law

Enforcement Academy operates on the premise that education is a constant process and learning is valid," stated Madison.

"Due to the ever changing requirements, and mandates on the peace officer, we are striving to provide the most modern and up-to-date training available so that peace officers can more adequately perform their duties."

Students interested in enrolling in the course must meet all requirements of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education and of the Academy.

According to the Academy director schedules may be provided for Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Reserve Officers and Supplemental Peace Officer Training Hours to be taken from this course.

"Arrangements for this training must be made before March 4," stated Madison.

Additional course information is available by calling Madison at 278-4401, Ext. 237.

### Library News

We try to encourage everyone to use the library, and we are very pleased that more patrons do. However, we are sorry to say that not everyone returns the books and that really hurts the library. Many of the books that are not returned are books that other patrons would like to read. Some of the books are too expensive to replace, others are out of print and can no longer be replaced. Therefore, please take time out to look for any library books you might have and help make our library a better place.

The library will be closed Monday, January 15th, 1996, Martin Luther King Day.

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

### Fort Clark Arts

The Fort Clark Arts had their annual after the holidays Christmas party Tuesday evening on January 9th at Hazel and Gerald Ivey's lovely home. Which was still elegantly decorated for the holidays. Everyone brought a covered dish or two and gifts were exchanged once or twice. A brief meeting was also held and officers were elected: Pres., Katherine Field; First Vice Pres., Mary Batey; Second Vice Pres., Joan Lindley; Secretary, Edwina Gaebler; Treasurer, Betty Gibbs.

Francis McMaster will have a basic drawing workshop on January 17, 9:00 A.M. to mid-afternoon. Fee \$10.00. Phone: 563-9452 for more information or register at the Art Studio on Saturday or Monday.

### Meals On Wheels - Stopped By Congressional Roadblock?

Grand Rapids, Michigan.....Meals on Wheels providers are feeling the impact of the federal budget impasse according to Connie Benton Wolfe, Executive Director. In a snapshot survey taken since President Clinton announced his concern over the budget impasse and its impact on Meals on Wheels, National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP) members reported approximately 10% have less than fifteen days of operating funds available to provide meals, and an additional 31% have sixteen - thirty days of operating funds available. Approximately one million federally-funded meals are served daily to nutritionally at-risk older persons, which means according to Benton Wolfe, "that two weeks from today, up to 100,000 seniors could be without meals. If the House recesses till the state of the union message on January 23, the number could increase to as many as 400,000 seniors effected."

"Effective January 8, we expect to close 22 congregate nutrition sites serving 508 elders. We will serve the 415 elders receiving Meals on Wheels with the food already in inventory - that will probably run out January 12." Rhoda Gersch, Combined Community Action Inc., Smithville, TX.

Not all states are affected the same and neither are all cities within the same state. "We've been working with the National Association of State Units on Aging on anticipated impact by state, said Judy Williams, Harrison, AR, NANASP President," and we're using our Congressional Roadblock survey to gather data by city. In some areas, providers are being asked to continue serving clients 'at their own risk' without promise of payment." Several programs reported plans to continue meal delivery by negotiating delayed pay-

ments with vendors, or possibly with their employees.

"Our employees have not been paid since December 25. And we've notified all our subcontractors that meals ordered after January 4 require 100% local funds, due to the lack of federal funds." Roberta Reiner, The Senior Citizen's Council of Greater Augusta, Augusta, GA.

"We're funded by the California Department on Aging through December 31, 1995, but are continuing operations, at least for the next two weeks thanks to a loan from the United Way and line of credit from our local bank." Shirley Cohen, Feedback Foundation, Anaheim, CA.

Seniors and their caregivers are urged to call their local Meals on Wheels program for specific information on meal service, and their local congressman to register their opinion. "We have to put a human face on this national stalemate." Said Benton Wolfe, "No one would want their parent to be homebound, alone, without food to eat."

"Two days before Christmas, an elderly couple on our Meals on Wheels route was snowed in, snow up to your hips. They had no food, no coal for heat. We took hot meals to them, had their drive plowed and coal delivered. Who would help them if we can't?" Iris Marshalek, Community Action Agency, Lisbon, OH.

The National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs (NANASP) is the nation's largest professional membership organization of senior nutrition and other aging services providers.

The National Meals on Wheels Foundation (NMOWF) is a grants-making organization dedicated to increasing resources, both volunteer and financial, to providers of nutrition services to seniors.

### Adult Literacy Class

The community Adult Literacy Program sponsored by the Las Moras Masonic Lodge is preparing to start a Second ADULT LITERACY CLASS, to begin the latter part of January or first of February, 1996. Any adult interested in learning to improve their skills in READING, WRITING, AND SPELLING are welcome. There is no charge for these classes.

Any interested person, please register with Sarah Terrazas, at the Kinney County Library, by January 19, 1996. The course will last for approximately one year. Each lesson is approximately one hour in length, and is held in the Library on Monday's, Wednesday's, and Friday's of each week. Classes will be held either in the mornings or afternoons, depending on the convenience of the students. All classes are conducted in English.

Bruce Clements  
Secretary, Las Moras Lodge



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### Meteorite Man To Be In Area, Offering Cash Rewards!

Hundreds of meteorites have been found on various farms all across the Great Plains, still there are thousands that have yet to be located or recognized. According to Steven Arnold, Director of the American Meteorite Institute, these rocks can be worth up to \$10,000 each!

Arnold will be traveling throughout Southern Texas later this month to talk with area farmers, informing them on how to identify potential meteorites. "With a little luck, something new might turn up," Arnold said. "In Hale County, Texas, there have been 15 different meteorites found and there is no reason why Kinney County should have any less."

Thousands of meteorites have been plowed up, yet relatively few have been recognized. Unsuspecting meteorites have been found in rockpiles and in fence rows where they have been discarded as nuisances. Others have been found serving useful purposes such as door stops, anvils, and even weights holding down such things as chicken shed roofs.

Roy Meador of Satana, Kansas was surprised last year when he learned that the 100 lb watermelon sized stone that sat in his rock garden for 15 years was worth \$5,000! Meador's wife Betty read a story about meteorites and their scientific and monetary value in an area paper and suspected that they had indeed stumbled upon a treasure!

They sent a piece of it to the AMI where a positive identification verified their suspicions. An offer of purchase was then made, which they gladly accepted.

Meteorites are rare, but according to Arnold, they are not as uncommon as one might expect. Several Kansas, Colorado and Texas counties have recovered five or more meteorites. Studies in Antarctica, where thousands of these space invaders have been preserved in the ice, suggest that there should be an average of one meteorite for every 5.5

acres. Although such a high yield cannot be expected on land, there definitely are hundreds across the state yet to be identified.

"Meteorites are valuable to scientists since they contain materials that have remained basically unchanged since the formation of the universe, dating back some 4.6 billion years" Arnold said. "Since each meteorite is unique, the possibilities for valuable new information exists with each newly discovered meteorite. That is why it is important to get the rocks identified and made available to researchers."

Anyone that comes in contact with rocks, especially farmers, are encouraged to keep a look out for any that fit the following descriptions:

- \* Very heavy
- \* Smooth exterior (never porous like lava)
- \* Rounded corners
- \* Black, Brown or Rusty in color
- \* Magnets will usually attract to them
- \* Surface may have indentations resembling "thumbprints"
- \* Filing a corner with an emery wheel will reveal small metal specks

If someone suspects that they may indeed have a meteorite, they are encouraged to send a small walnut sized piece for verification now, prior to Arnold's tour through the area. Specimens need to be sent to the American Meteorite Institute, 8177 S. Harvard #610, Tulsa, OK 74137.

If the rock proves to be an authentic meteorite, the finder will be contacted, so that an appointment can be scheduled on the upcoming trip. If the finder chooses to sell, an offer of purchase will be made by the AMI. According to Arnold, meteorites that weigh less than 100 lbs. are generally worth \$50 per pound to the lucky finder. The AMI, upon receiving a new meteorite, preps individual slices and then makes them available to scientists and researchers worldwide for study.

### Thank You

The Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc. extends a special thank you to the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department for their quick response on Monday, January 8, 1996, when fire broke out at the Service Club building.

Although we suffered damage, we are grateful there were no injuries and that lives were spared. Kinney County is most fortunate to have such a fine group of individuals who are devoted to the common interest of serving and protecting our community.

William F. Haenn  
General Manager  
Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc.

### Thank You

Thanks To All Our Friends  
It is a blessing to be living in a community of such caring people. We want to thank you all for your prayers and cards of condolence. Our son James R. Edwards, of Friendswood, TX., was killed in a car accident December 25 in Florida. His wife Linda was severely injured and passed away January 8, on her 37th birthday.

God Bless You All.  
Muzzy  
& Dorothy Edwards

### Thank You

Richard and Gene Rudman would like to thank all of the friends and relatives who helped to celebrate Gene's birthday Friday January 6th. Special thanks to Genie Nixon, Gene's daughter who organized the party.

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Happy New Year was the cry as members gathered in the Fort Clark home of Jean Land, Tuesday, January 2nd for the first meeting of 1996. Prior to the meeting the hostess served coffee and a tempting delicious dessert.

Vice President Marge Geeze, led the opening ritual and called the meeting to order in the absence of President Luella Gilliland, with eleven members responding to roll call.

Social Chairman Vickie Bell discussed tentative plans for the Annual Valentine Dinner after which a ballot was taken for the Chapter's 1996 Sweetheart. Reigning Sweetheart Dee Gaston will relinquish her crown, at the dinner, when she crowns the surprised new honoree. Happy Birthday was also sung to Dee.

Cultural and activity chairman Pat McKelvy announced an active slate for January, including the Beta Sigma Phi Highway Cleanup after which members and husbands will lunch at the golf club; on January 10 at the

Ladies Luncheon, area writer Jane A. Knepeck will be reviewing "True Women", a novel about Texas by Janice W. Windle and on January 19-20 members will assist with the exhibits featured at the Kinney County Livestock and Project Show.

Following the business meeting Jean Land presented the program "Surprise". It's a known fact Fort Clark and Brackett area is Texas best kept secret. Jean's upbeat discussion made all reflect on how lucky we are to be living in such an outstanding place provided by nature and man and to be living among such good people, both young and old and on both sides of the highway. A challenge was issued to all our neighbors to make 1996 a year of positive thinking and to enjoy each new day's little surprises.

Doraine Kellar won the mystery gift but the last surprise of the evening came as the hostess passed chocolate mints so all could leave the meeting with a sweet taste and positive attitude.

## Voices Of Fort Clark

Voices of Fort Clark will resume rehearsals on Monday, January 15th at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in singing please join us at the Town Hall on Monday, January 15th. Our Spring Concert will be in March. For more information, please call Lynn McNew 563-9229.



The letter system of naming vitamins was originated in 1915 by Elmer Vener McCollum, an American biochemist and educator.

## Austin Writer's League

Students enrolled in grades 9 - 12 can still submit entries to the Young Texas Writers Award Program. Deadline for submissions has been extended to January 31.

Twelve scholarships, ranging from \$50 to \$150, will be presented for best work in four categories: poetry, short story, essay and journalism. Single or multiple entries will be accepted in all categories for a one-time entry fee of \$5.

The program is sponsored by the Austin Writers' League with some funding provided by the Texas Commission on the Arts and Holt, Rinehart and Winston. Awards will be presented in March at a reception in Austin.

For guidelines call the Austin Writers' League, 512/499-8914.

## Charging Our Troops For Peacekeeping?

By Henry Bonilla  
Congressman, 23rd District, Texas

As I sit down to write this weekly report, the President is preparing to travel to Bosnia. Perhaps while he's there, he can get to the bottom of an inconceivable threat to our tax dollars.

As if the mission in Bosnia isn't unpopular to begin with, I recently read in *Aviation Week* that Croatia and Hungary have plans to charge the United States to permit the transport of our troops. That's right. Both nations evidently want to charge expensive "tolls" to allow our troops to come into the region to perform a peacekeeping mission.

Some U.S. military officials have been told that Croatia wants to charge \$125,000 per transport train to cross their territory en route to Bosnia.

Hungary is expected to charge similar tolls for the trains that carry American troops and supplies into the war-torn region.

But these countries aren't going to stop there. According to the article, a Joint Chiefs of Staff official said both nations also have plans to charge our planes to land there, adding millions of dollars to the cost of this highly-questionable peacekeeping mission.

How can this be happening? Who is in charge here? How can two small nations strong-arm our country into paying these charges when we are there to stop them from killing each other? Doesn't the United States government have the clout to "just say no" to this stupid idea? So far, I have not been able to find any answers to these questions.

## Methodist Hospital System

HOUSTON — (January 2, 1996) — Stop, look and listen. It is good advice for children of both the young and old.

The frequency of alcohol abuse in the senior population has become a major public health concern. As many as three million Americans over age 60 are alcoholics or have a drinking problem.

Recognizing the signs and symptoms of alcohol dependence in elderly relatives might be the best defense against this escalating situation.

"Late-onset alcoholism has been associated with increased isolation and stress," says Dr. James Flack, director of the Chemical Dependency services at The Methodist Hospital in Houston.

More specifically, elderly people say they drink because: it helps digestion, relax and feel happier, sleep better, prevent boredom, and to help get along better with others.

The stereotype of a typical alcoholic is often misleading and can interfere with recognizing symptoms in the elderly. Seniors are more likely to live alone and be unemployed, therefore having fewer obligations demanding sobriety. As a result, they may not receive feedback from friends, family members, and co-workers about their need to reduce alcohol consumption.

"The effects of alcohol abuse on cognitive abilities may mimic changes normally associated with aging or degenerative brain disease," says Dr. Flack.

Symptoms of alcohol abuse include difficulties with gait, balance, and cognition. An elderly person in a confused state from excessive alcohol is often mistakenly thought to be just old and senile. Perhaps the most common change in elderly alcohol abusers is with the gastrointestinal tract. This includes alcoholic gastritis, nausea, and occasional vomiting. Other signs might consist of alcoholic tremors, mood changes, and hangovers or the blues.

"It is particularly important to pay attention to the elderly drinker who is experiencing specific life stressors. There are feelings of loss and loneliness after the death of friends and relatives, loss of positive self image, and increased amounts of unstructured time," says Dr. Flack.

Certain types of behaviors can help friends and family recognize alcohol abuse in the elderly: frequent falls and accidents, poor nutrition, poor hygiene and self-care, lack of physical exercise, and social isolation.

"The transition from not drinking or being a social drinker to more pathologic drinking is not always easily observable. Detecting the problem is essential to early intervention and successful treatment," says Dr. Flack.

The Methodist Hospital offers a chemical dependency program. For more information call (713)790-2405. Or call the Houston Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at (713)520-5502.

## Our Redeemer Church To Sponsor Luncheon

The public is invited to attend the 2nd annual Bratwurst and Hamburger Luncheon on Sunday, January 21st at the Service Club on Fort Clark.

The luncheon will include Bratwurst, Hamburgers, Rolls, German Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Sauerkraut, Coffee or Iced Tea. The cost is \$4.00 per adult and \$2.00 for children under 12. Additional sandwiches may be purchased for \$2.00.

We have included charcoal grilled hamburgers to our menu this year for those who are unfamiliar with BRATWURST. Bratwurst is a delicious German sausage, also charcoal grilled. It is the sausage served at "Octoberfests" throughout many communities in the United States and Germany.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance, Winter Garden Branch 8871 will sponsor this event. We invite all to come join the fun and good food on the 21st of January.

## Mothers And Daughters

A Mother/Daughter Program will be presented by the Natural Family Planning Office and the Office of Youth Ministry for the Uvalde Deanery of the Archdiocese of San Antonio for 13 - 15 year old girls and their moms on Saturday, February 3, 1996; and for 9 - 12 year olds and their moms on Saturday, February 10, 1996. The location and time for both programs is Sacred Heart Church Center at 115 E. Kinney in Crystal City, Tx. from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. The goal of the afternoon seminars is to promote respect and appreciation for human sexuality as well as communication between parent and child regarding this subject.

The cost is \$10 per mother/daughter. Registration is required. To register before the January 25, 1996 deadline, please contact Sr. Adelina Garcia at 210-591-0781.

## Men's Bridge

Men's Friday Bridge was enjoyed by 4 tables. Jerry O'Brien 1st, Choppy Ambler 2nd, Vern Ebert 3rd and Herb Voracek was low.

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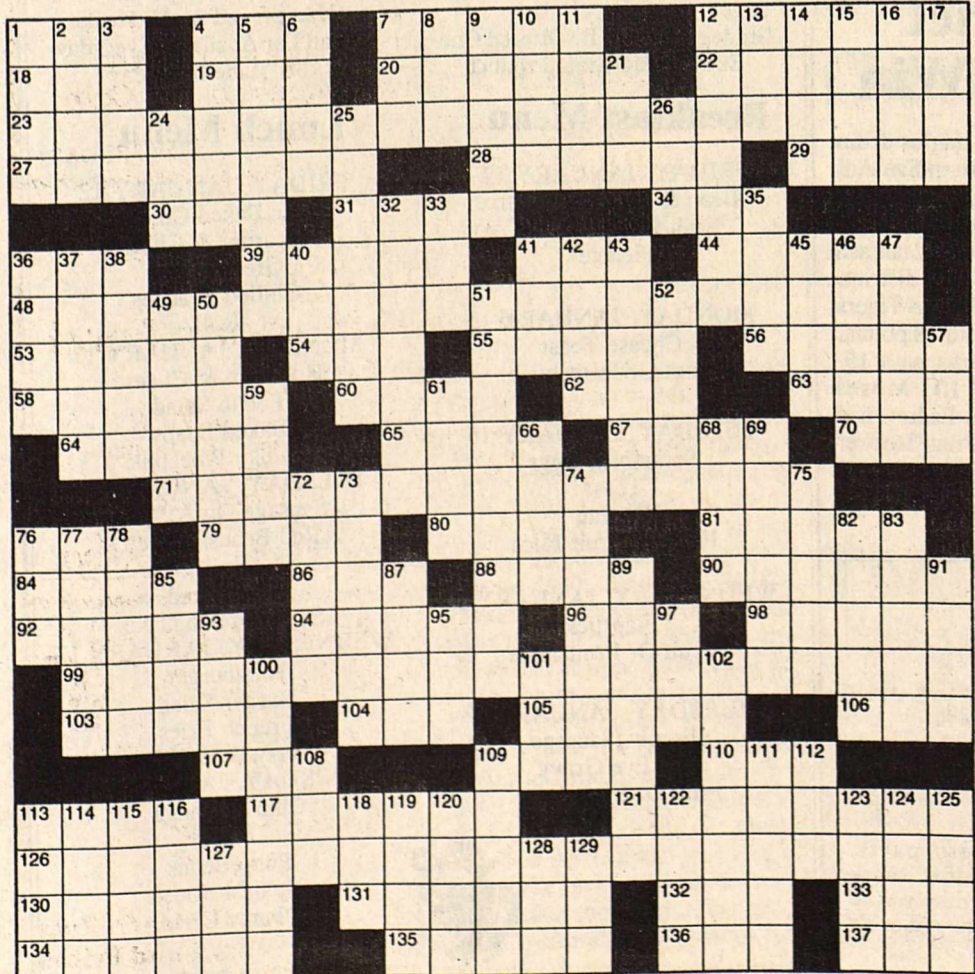
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## Super Crossword

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| ACROSS                                 | chilly                                  | England                                 | 9 Terminates                        | 46 Flacy neckwear?         | 95 Old age, in the old days     |
| 1 Old Testament book                   | 55 Claw                                 | 105 Bad blood                           | 10 Physiologist Pavlov              | 47 Saudi city              | 97 "My — Dads"                  |
| 4 "Gotchal"                            | 56 Nina of fashion                      | 106 Seer's gift                         | 11 Add color                        | 49 Hailing from Hibernia   | 100 Tell a tale                 |
| 7 Suit                                 | 58 Mental health                        | 107 Pro-gun org.                        | 12 New Jersey city                  | 50 Couch kin               | 101 Dam org.                    |
| 12 "— the thought!"                    | 60 Sleuth Wolfe                         | 109 Actress Theda                       | 13 High rails                       | 51 One of the Jacks        | 102 Literary collection         |
| 18 Dumbo's "wing"                      | 62 Metallic rock                        | 110 "Platoon" setting                   | 14 Singer Springfield               | 52 Foe                     | 108 Word on a pump              |
| 19 Hairstyling goop                    | 63 Darned thing                         | 64 Bob Marley was one                   | 15 Byzantine art form               | 57 Tina's ex               | 109 Post-1975 Dahomey           |
| 20 Actress de Havilland                | 65 Novelist                             | 65 Novelist                             | 16 Location                         | 59 Raucous cry             | 111 "What's in —"               |
| 22 See 137 Across                      | 67 Current units                        | 67 Current units                        | 17 Despise                          | 66 Carries out             | 112 Part of MST                 |
| 23 Start of a comment by Rudy Joe Mano | 70 — kwon do                            | 71 Part 3 of comment                    | 21 Flying tiger?                    | 68 Saucepans               | 113 Kenton or Getz              |
| 27 Puccini's last opera                | 71 Part 3 of comment                    | 71 Part 3 of comment                    | 24 Charlotte of "The Facts of Life" | 69 Ambush                  | 114 Comment from Charlie Chan   |
| 28 Logs                                | 76 Nile slitherer                       | 76 Nile slitherer                       | 25 Turk                             | 72 Usher's beat            | 115 Take a breather             |
| 29 Patella's place                     | 77 "Beowulf," e.g.                      | 77 "Beowulf," e.g.                      | 26 Fury                             | 73 Write like a doctor     | 116 On the brynd                |
| 30 WWII area                           | 80 — Pea (Pop-eye's kid)                | 80 — Pea (Pop-eye's kid)                | 32 Most like molasses               | 74 Negative correlate      | 118 College deg.                |
| 31 Sugar amts.                         | 81 Mosaic bits                          | 81 Mosaic bits                          | 33 Paterno's sch.                   | 75 Endangered African      | 119 "The Three Musketeers" prop |
| 34 Put away a pastry                   | 84 Health resorts                       | 84 Health resorts                       | 35 Russian despot                   | 76 Request                 | 120 Garden area                 |
| 36 Coll. or acad.                      | 86 Mexican Mrs. 88 — were (so to speak) | 86 Mexican Mrs. 88 — were (so to speak) | 36 Stowe gear                       | 77 Have a little salmon?   | 122 Nelson and Nimitz; abbr.    |
| 39 April 1 victims                     | 90 Shows mercy                          | 90 Shows mercy                          | 37 Labor-leader Chavez              | 78 Turkish title           | 123 Peruvian Indian             |
| 41 One — customer                      | 92 Buckwheat dish                       | 92 Buckwheat dish                       | 38 Serengeti scavenger              | 79 Turkish title           | 124 Nasty                       |
| 44 Riyadh's religion                   | 94 Garment tag                          | 94 Garment tag                          | 40 Boathouse item                   | 83 Splinter groups         | 125 Columnist                   |
| 48 Part 2 of comment                   | 96 Asian holiday                        | 96 Asian holiday                        | 41 Acapulco aunt                    | 85 Wearing saddles         | 127 Cable channel               |
| 53 French river                        | 98 Tennyson's Arden                     | 98 Tennyson's Arden                     | 42 Frozen capital?                  | 87 Blind as —              | 128 Youth grp.                  |
| 54 Damp and                            | 99 Part 4 of comment                    | 99 Part 4 of comment                    | 43 Away from the mouth              | 89 Adolescent              | 129 Baxter or Paul              |
|  | 103 Gymnast Comaneci                    | 103 Gymnast Comaneci                    | 45 Aparicio of baseball             | 91 Have a ball at the mall |                                 |
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P T T N T E R T S E H T P U

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

Back up	Go back	Next door	That way
Down	Head out	Over there	Turn around
Downtown	Left	Right	Up the street
Forward	Next block	Stop	

## Vision Teaser

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Mail basket is added. 2. File cabinet is missing. 3. The different. 4. Work pile is higher. 5. Graph is inverted. 6. Window is wider.

## Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's a good time for couples to come to a meeting of the minds concerning future goals. In general, agreements with others are easily reached, but check that fine print first.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You've made some promises that you need to keep. Remember, your word has to be your bond. Couples spend some time renewing their romance. In fact, the weekend looks good for a romantic getaway.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) As you look around your home now, you decide it's a good time to make some improvements, whether cosmetic or utilitarian. Dealings with family are favorable, especially concerning finances.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're not at your best early in the week and don't accomplish as much as you'd like. However, by mid-week, you are a veritable house afire and make up for that lost time. Be persistent in your efforts and you are sure to succeed.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're tempted to go overboard while out and about with friends this week. Unfortunately, your wallet can't keep up with your sudden spur of generosity and neither can your charge cards. Utilize self-discipline instead.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Finances are favored now, whether you're buying something or selling it. Real estate in particular looks good. You combine your drive with extra discipline on the job and accomplish much by week's end.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You and a loved one are living a bit too high these days. In fact, you're getting in way over your heads financially and are bound to regret it later. Look for ways to cut back and stop being so self-indulgent.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) This is a great week for you to go after what you want aggressively and decisively. Co-



workers are unexpected allies in this quest. The accent should be on initiative. Later, you can turn your attention toward relaxation and leisure activities.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A business meeting conducted early in the week bodes well for your future. However, it's a good idea to pay attention to what's going on in the here and now and tend to what must be done day to day. The weekend looks good for a short trip to some place exciting.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're letting too many things fall by the wayside at work and need to start paying more attention. Otherwise, you'll find yourself playing catch-up over the weekend. Shopping and family life are accentuated later in the week.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A project you put aside over the holidays is back on your agenda. In fact, it's front and center now and can no longer be delayed. Tackle this early in the week and you'll accomplish everything you set out to do in the long run.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This is your week to take the spotlight. Feel free to speak out at group meetings since what you have to say is both appreciated and useful. Someone close is planning a party, but you can feel free to nix this invitation.

## Happy Birthday

Jan. 11 Hawkins Huey	Jan. 14 Veronica Rivas
Jan. 11 Jerry Henry	Jan. 15 Gloria Benacci
Jan. 11 Jean Somers	Jan. 15 Mary Sandoval
Jan. 11 Raomon Garansuay	Jan. 15 Juanita Talamantes
Jan. 11 Martin Kelso	Jan. 16 Stoney Burks
Jan. 13 David Zumaya	Jan. 16 Nancy O'Brien
Jan. 13 Donna Smith	Jan. 17 Lorraine Watson

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## Lodge To Sponsor Adult Education Class

Members of Las Moras Masonic Lodge #444 will sponsor an Adult Education Program provided enough individuals are interested. The program will be taught in English from Video Tapes and will last about one year.

If you are interested in improving your writing, reading, and arithmetic skills call the Kinney County Library at 563-2884 for further information about this public service.

Answers to Super Crossword

GIVING DIRECTIONS

## Community Calendar

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

## Brackett Tigerettes District 29-2A

By J.J. Guidry

To stay in contention for the District 29-2A title, Lytle will have to hold serve Friday as the Lady Pirates host the league-leading Brackett Tigerettes.

Brackett is 16-2 on the season and boasts a 3-0 conference mark. The Lady Pirates, 13-5 overall, trail the Tigerettes by a half-game in the district standings with a 2-1 mark.

"Lytle is pretty much a senior ball club and they've played together for years now," Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin said. "Friday is going to be a real big road game. It's always tough to play there."

Brackett is riding a 12-game winning streak. The Tigerettes are coming off of a 47-43 win over San Antonio Cole, who is 1-1 in district play.

"It was a big win," Nowlin said. "We had more turnovers than normal but we hadn't played in 16 days. In practice you can only do so much to imitate game situations. I knew we were going to come out sloppy. I'm not saying that had a lot to do with the game but it did influence the way we played."

Amanda Meek led Brackett with 13 points against Cole. Courtney Harrison scored 10 points and Windy Goodloe grabbed eight rebounds.

"Courtney had a good game hitting from the outside," Nowlin said. "Mandy got in foul trouble and only played about half of the game. Windy came off the bench and did a good job on the boards."

Nowlin said his Tigerettes, who played Natalia in a late non-district game Tuesday, are ready to play against the Lady Pirates. The two teams have become big district rivals in recent years.

"The girls are looking forward to playing Lytle. I just hope they're not looking past (Natalia on) Tuesday. It's a district opponent but it's a non-district game."

Lytle coach Debbie Gentry said the Lady Pirates were more concerned about Cole than Brackett. Lytle and Cole met in a late game on Tuesday.

"We're trying to take it one game at a time," Gentry said. "We are not going to worry about Brackett until we're finished with Cole."

"We have Brackett at home and that should give us a little advantage. They beat Dilley and Cole at their home court. We haven't finished the first round yet and so far they have had the home court advantage. It's still anybody's game."

The Lady Pirates lost to Dilley 59-56 last Tuesday, but bounced back to defeat Center Point 48-39 in a non-conference game Friday.

"We're finally getting back in the groove," Gentry said. "The holidays really hurt us. Everybody got lazy but we're starting to get back into it now."

"On Tuesday, we played OK against Dilley. The referees did not help us. They didn't make any calls. We stayed up with them and played according to the way the referees were letting us play."

"On Friday, we played a lot better," she said. "We played more as a team again so we're starting to get back into the routine again."

The Lady Pirates' back court is led by point guard Kendal Young and wings Tammie Tilley and Tara Torres. They will matchup against Brackett's trio of guards, Denice Frerich, Chica Garza and Sandra Hernandez.

"Lytle has a good back court,"

Nowlin said. "They have real good quickness. It's going to cause some problems for us, but we have some good quickness ourselves. It's going to be real interesting to see how we matchup."

One of the best matchups in Friday's game will be at the center position where Meek will battle Lytle's Susan Naegelin.

"With Naegelin and Meek, I think it's going to come down to who can stay out of foul trouble and stay in the game the longest," Nowlin said. "We're not going to concentrate on that matchup. We're just going to go in and play our game."

Nowlin said Brackett is approaching the Lytle contest like any other conference game.

"All of the district games are important, no matter who they are against. Right now, we're trying to avoid any kind of loss, whether it be against Lytle, Natalia, La Pryor or anybody. We're just trying to maintain our lead."

### Friday's Game: Brackett At Lytle

#### Game At A Glance

The series: This is the first of two meetings between the Brackett Tigerettes and the Lytle Lady Pirates this season. Brackett is 16-2 on the season and Lytle is 13-5 overall. The Tigerettes swept last year's series, picking up a 59-51 win on Jan. 13, and a 51-46 victory on Feb. 7.

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#### Probable Starting Lineups

Brackett Tigerettes			
No. Player	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.
20 Denice Frerich	5-6	Jr.	F
23 Courtney Harrison	5-9	Jr.	F
31 Amanda Meek	6-1	Jr.	C
13 Chica Garza	5-3	Jr.	G
24 Sandra Hernandez	5-5	Jr.	G

Lytle Lady Pirates			
No. Player	Ht.	Yr.	Pos.
24 Tammie Tilley	5-4	Sr.	
40 Jenni Walters	5-3	Sr.	
34 Susan Naegelin	5-9	Sr.	
10 Kendal Young	5-5	Sr.	
20 Tara Torres	5-2	Jr.	

**Tigerettes Reserves**  
14 Windy Goodloe, F, 5-9, sophomore

15 Reccia Jobe, G, 5-6, sophomore  
21 Tina Meek, C, 5-10, sophomore  
22 Katy Hagler, F, 5-8, sophomore  
25 Lindy LaMascus, G, 5-4, junior  
35 Patty Lopez, G, 5-6, freshman

**Lady Pirates Reserves**  
12 Janette Oliver, F, 5-7, junior  
15 Julianne Jass, G, 5-4, junior  
22 Lucia Rodriguez, G, 5-2, sophomore  
30 Stacy Granberg, F, 5-7, junior  
33 Tonya Sessom, F, 5-7, junior  
42 Sally Salazar, C, 5-8, junior

## Tigerettes Tame Lady Mustangs

Tuesday, the Tigerettes demolished the Lady Mustangs of Natalia. These are district opponents but this was scheduled as a non-district game. This is very fortunate for the Lady Mustangs as the Tigerettes smothered them 61-31.

**BAD NEWS!** Amanda Meek went down in the start of the second quarter with a badly sprained ankle. Amanda is still in question for this Friday's game in Lytle.

Leading the scoring for the Tigerettes was Chica Garza with 11 points. Denice Frerich had 10, Reccia Jobe had 9, Mandy Meek had 7, Katy Hagler had 6, Windy Goodloe had 5, Sandra Hernandez and Lindy LaMascus each had 4, Tina Meek had 3, and Courtney Harrison had 2 points.

"We relaxed and started slow but when we decided to play we put it on 'em" says, Head Coach Gregg Nowlin.

## Did You Know?

(NAPS)—A bit of Bisquick baking mix can turn leftover turkey and stuffing into a delicious new dish.

If spills occur on your carpet, remove any solids and immediately blot the spot with a white paper towel. Then spray with



## Tigers Open District With A Win

Last Tuesday, the Eagles from Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio came to see what the Tigers had in this 29-AA district opener. The Tigers started with a 72-32 smash over the Eagles to go 1-0 in district.

The leading scorer for the Tigers was Beau Smallwood with 18 points. Next was Ruben Terrazas with 15. Ramon DeLeon had 10, Moses Hernandez had 9, Mike Padron had 7, Eric Rivera had 5, Brian Hooker had 4, and Carlos Martinez had 2 points as did Kirk Hill.

Way to go Tigers!

Resolve Carpet Cleaner, wait three minutes and re-blot. You can get food with an outdoor flavor at almost any time of year when you cook on a Char-Broil smoker. A new line of auto parts, including the AC Rapidfire spark plug, can help you feel like you've got a new car within the old one's body.

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

That's right, it's report card time for Brackett school students. If all goes according to plan, report cards for the first semester will be sent to parents today (Thursday). Along with the student grades, a letter will be included that speaks of the accomplishments of the school for the 1994-95 school years. It's a big day. This week, let's look at what report cards mean.

For students, it's an indication of success. In Texas, we have a state curriculum that can and should be supplemented by local teachers. So, in a course that is scheduled to last for an entire year, about half of the essential elements should have been mastered by the students. I think report cards should tell you just that. . . What has been learned. In most schools, including Brackettville, we give a report that shows a letter or number grade. I prefer a mastery report that shows what skills each student has mastered and what remains to be done. Most parents want a grade that shows letters or numbers. So, the reality of the situation is that is what report cards throughout the US show.

Look at the student report card, and determine if your child is working at his/her potential. Parents know their kids better than anyone else. You have been their teachers since birth. You know what your children are capable of learning. Teachers have been trained in their subjects. They know the standard that the kids should meet. They have set expectations and have asked that kids meet the standards. That's what it's about. It's a mid year report of how well the children are doing. Look over the report. If you have questions or concerns, contact your child's teacher. If you like what you see, tell the child and the teacher.

Along with student grades will come a report card for your child's school. The report will show how well our Brackettville children did in 1994-95. It is a report required by the Texas Legislature from the state to the parents of every child enrolled in public schools. The report gives information concerning student performance as well as expenditures and

student/teacher ratios. The school report card is an accountability rating issued by the state based on the following data:

- \*Percent of students passing TAAS in Reading, Math & Writing
  - \*The Dropout Rate
  - \*The Attendance Rate
- Comparisons are provided for Brackett students compared to the state average and a school group median. The school group is a set of 100 other Texas schools that are similar to Brackett ISD.

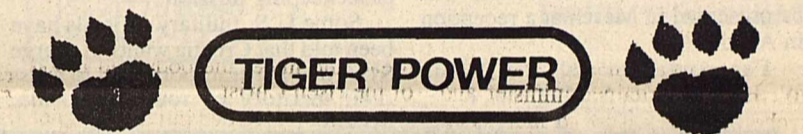
Our Brackett Schools did quite well in 1994-95. There are significant gains for every school in the percent of students passing TAAS. For example,

	Reading	Writing	Math
92.3%	96.2%	63.0%	
87.5%	88.9%	63.5%	
72.4%	69.6%	72.7%	

They're good scores. Most of the scores show significant improvement. You'll be able to compare how your school stacks up with the state average and with the school group median. We're getting better each year. Take a good look.

On Monday, January 15 each school will make a public presentation of the report card for the public at 7:00 A.M., noon and 7:00 P.M. Look over the report card and come to the meeting.

That's about all! A progress report is what it's about. The school report card is important because you can see for selected criteria how Brackett ISD compares with other Texas Schools. For your children, report cards show how your child is doing. I hope that you will spend time with the report card with each of your children. Set some goals for the second semester. Maybe you could agree on some rewards. If your child is working to capacity, pat that child on the back and say, "Good Job!". If Brackett ISD can help you in your child's education, contact the teacher first. . . Then check with the principal and with me about the school's curriculum. Let's work together for the best education possible for each of your children.



## Tigers Make History

Friday, the Tigers did something that the Tigers have never done before. The Cole Cougars came down from Fort Sam Houston to play the Tigers in their second district matchup. The Tigers routed the Cougars 71-64 to beat Cole for the first time ever.

Head Coach Gary Grubbs says, "It was the best feeling I've ever had in my coaching career." He's been coaching for 9 years.

Leading scorer for the Tigers was Ruben Terrazas with 18 points. Next was Mike Padron and Ramon DeLeon with 16 points each. Moses Hernandez had 8, Beau Smallwood had 7, and Brian Hooker had 6.

Way to go Tigers! Congratulations. This victory gave the Tigers a 2-0 record in district 29-AA action.

## Brackett ISD Weekly Planner January 1996

January	
12	5:00 P.M. JVG/VG/VB Basketball - Lytle (T)
15	5:00 P.M. G/B JRH Basketball - Rocksprings (H) 6:30 P.M. - Regular Board MTG.
16	5:00 P.M. JVG/VG/VB Basketball - Natalia (H) Stoney Burks 152
17	11:00 A.M. Cluster V "BRD of Governors MTG. Uvalde
	Tony & Annie Rose 423
18	No TTAS
19	5:00 P.M. JVB/VG/VB Basketball - La Pryor (H) Holiday
20	JVG/JVB Brackett Tourn.

**BISD Cafeteria Menu**

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Salad Bar Available Everyday "B" Line Everyday

Breakfast Menu	Lunch Menu
FRIDAY, JANUARY 12 Bean & Cheese Burrito Fruit Or Fruit Juice Picante	FRIDAY, JANUARY 12 Oven Baked Chicken Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Chilled Peaches Roll
MONDAY, JANUARY 15 Cheese Toast Fruit Or Fruit Juice	MONDAY, JANUARY 15 Hot Ham & Cheese Potato Salad Baked Beans Chunky Pineapple
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16 Scrambled Eggs Toast Picante Fruit Or Fruit Juice	TUESDAY, JANUARY 16 Sausage On A Stick Red Beans & Rice Fruit
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 Flapstick Fruit Or Fruit Juice	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 Cornbread Sweet Potato Cake
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 Biscuits/Sausage Red Eye Gravy Fruit Or Fruit Juice	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 Hamburger Burger Salad French Fries Berry Blue Jello THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 Chimi Changa Tortilla Pinto Beans Spanish Rice Cherry Crisp



**First Baptist Church**  
Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor

"The Pastor's Pen"

While growing up they were friends. They often talked, dreamed and planned together. As the years passed, however, they drifted apart. Finally they met after a long separation. The woman asked her friend, "Do you remember that 'life plan' you used to talk about when we were in school? Did you ever really carry it out?"

"Sure did," her friend replied. "First I married a millionaire, next an actor, then a minister and now I'm married to an undertaker."

"Whew, four husbands!" exclaimed the woman. "But what does that have to do with your 'life plan'?"

"You know," replied the friend, "one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go!"

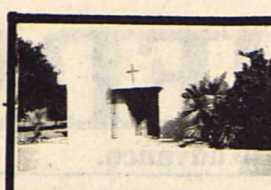
Most people would agree with the importance of planning; whether it is for a lifetime or just today. But when it comes to planning spiritually, apparently not as many agree.

Jesus had a great deal to say about planning. In Luke 12:13-21, He told of a man who did a fine job of planning for his future. But while he planned for the goal, he forgot about the soul.

There is no question about it. God wants us to "plan ahead" not just materially but spiritually as well.

It has been stated: "Nobody plans to fail; they just simply fail to plan."

Whatever your plans in life, in whatever area of life, be sure to include Jesus! Why not include Him this Sunday.



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

There is a big difference between wages and rewards. Wages is payment for services rendered. Rewards are an over and above gift.

The wages for sin for the one who has a personal faith in Jesus Christ whatever they are paid in this life. If there were further payments in the world to come it would simply mean the death of Christ was not sufficient to pay for sin.

To say there are no rewards in heaven for the children of God would be to deny the Word of God. Each person in heaven will be at the highest peak of happiness commensurate with his capacity. The capacity will be determined by the life of righteousness of the individual. The Bible says the individual will be judged by his works.

Those like the hay and stubble will be burned up and those like gold will be polished and will last. These works do not determine whether one goes to heaven.

The Bible says some shall be saved as by the skin of their teeth. They have not many works of righteousness to carry with them.

The rewards in heaven will come from the hand of Jesus himself. He knows each of our lives minutely. He alone is capable of disseminating the good from the bad. These rewards must wait until the world is no more.

Our lives leave footprints on the sands of time to influence people and through people more people and through those people more people on and on till time shall be no more.

The cumulative results of our lives can be added up only when all has come to an end. Our rewards come from the Savior who loved us enough to die for our sins. It was not enough that Jesus came and lived as a human and died on a cross. He wants to further bless us by rewards in the world to come. "Lay not up for yourselves on earth... but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven" says the Bible. These treasures, blessed by the Father in heaven, bring rich rewards from His Son.

Next Lord's Day there will be another message from the Word of God at Frontier Baptist Church. Come and See.

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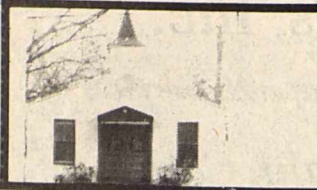
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Rev. W. P. Adams, Sr., Pastor

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For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, according as GOD hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing diligently in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of

saints; given to hospitality.

Bless them who persecute you; bless, and curse not.

Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. ROMANS 12: 1-3; 12-15.

Praise The Lord  
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6 P.M. Gospel Preaching Thursday Night

6 P.M. To 7 P.M. Saturday Night Prayer Meeting.

Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21.

Praise God  
Pastor Adams Sr. St. John B/C

**First United Methodist Church**



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

I've been looking at carpet lately and it has reminded me of some advice a friend gave me several years ago. He's an ordained minister and psychotherapist. He told me, "You always want to have carpet that's an earth tone because it helps you feel like the earth is solidly underneath you. You will feel grounded." From a wholistic point of view, if our outward life manifests our inner life, then the reverse could be true, i.e. our outward life could become manifest internally.

While we seek to soar like eagles, we also need to be on solid ground physically, emotionally, and spiritually. One way to do that spiritually is to be grounded in scripture. Perhaps that's where the phrases "standing on the Bible" and "standing on the promises" come from. Reading the scripture in our devotions and hearing it proclaimed through word and song in worship helps us to know that God is solidly underneath us and will not let us down.

Another way of letting our outer (or physical) world influence our inner (or spiritual and emotional) self is through the sacraments. If we need new spiritual life, we can remember the birth waters of our baptism through which we emerged as new

creatures in Christ. When we are spiritually hungry, we can be fed by bread and juice, the body and blood of the risen Christ.

Another way our outer and inner lives meet is in community. When we feel lost or alone inside, we can gather with a community of faith, i.e. with a group of like-minded souls who come together to praise and pray to God, to hear the scripture and be fed the manna, and to uplift one another.

To be grounded spiritually, we need the Church, a physical body of people representing the Spiritual body of Christ. Can you commune with God alone on a mountain top or with buddy on the golf course? Of course you can! God is everywhere and if we open our hearts we can commune. But will that work for all times? I don't think so because we can't baptize ourselves, we can't give ourselves communion, and it's awfully hard to be a community or fellowship of one!

If you're on rocky ground or your ground is slipping away, or if you'd just like to feel the ground more solidly underneath you, there's a place where you can be grounded, get fed, and even be reborn with a group of like-minded people. I invite you to Church and may God bless you.

**Obituaries**



**Margie Nornhauser Hale**

Margie Nornhauser Hale, age 74, of Austin, died January 4, 1996 after a valiant 17 year battle with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia.

Margie was born October 20, 1921 near Carlsbad, New Mexico, the only child of Muryl and Lena Nornhauser. Shortly after, the family moved to El Paso until 1935, when they moved to San Antonio, Texas. While in El Paso, Margie became an accomplished horsewoman, training at nearby Fort Bliss. Margie earned a BS in Chemistry at the University of Austin in 1941, one of only three female Chemistry graduates. After intensive recruitment from all over the United States, she accepted a position with ESSO (now Exxon) Research Laboratories in Baton Rouge. She was the first female chemist ever employed there. In 1945 she married a fellow chemist there, Cecil H. Hale. In 1948, they both received graduate degrees in Chemistry at Purdue University, where Margie was a student of the world-renowned Professor Guy Mellor. She was the author or co-author of a number of research papers published in chemical journals. In 1950 Margie and Cecil moved to Austin to found a small chemical company of their own. Their company was spectacularly successful, and their products and name became recognized world-wide. In 1983 Margie and Cecil sold their chemical business, and it continues to thrive and grow as SACHEM INC.

In 1989 Margie helped plan and initiate the UT-LAMP (Learning Activities for Mature People) program, and was its first chair. Under her guidance it became the most successful program of its kind in the country. She continued a very active role in LAMP.

Margie had many other interests and pursuits. She became a private pilot, was a member of a prize-winning bowling team, an excellent tennis player, and an eager birder. She had an avid interest in history and restored two historic old homes in Austin, and preserved another, where General Patton had lived, at Fort Clark Springs. Margie was a docent at the Elizabeth Ney Museum, and led an adult Sunday School class for 24 years. Margie loved travel and visited 35 countries. She was inter-

ested in genealogy, and after a trip to Germany to trace the roots of both sides of her family, published a book about her Mother's family, the Withauers. Margie exercised her artistic talents by designing and making her and Cecil's Christmas cards each year for fifty years.

Margie became very interested in the UT Lady Longhorns, especially the volleyball and basketball programs. She established three Endowed Presidential Scholarships to support Lady Longhorns Athletics, and was a member of the Women's Athletic Council for several years. She also established a scholarship at Perkins Seminary, SMU to support lay theological education, and a scholarship in Chemistry at Purdue University to honor her professor there, Guy Mellor. She loved the University of Texas, was a lifetime member of the Alumni Association, the Legends Room, and an overall supporter. She enjoyed memberships in UT President's Council and Littlefield Society, and in 1994 she was nominated to be a Distinguished Alumna.

Margie was a loving wife and mother, and raised three children. Bryan M. and Chris A. and their wives and children live in Austin, and Connie Wise and her husband and three children live near Montrose, Colorado; and eight grandchildren in all. Margie and Cecil celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary all through 1995.

She is also survived by her 99 year old mother, Lena Nornhauser Stein of Austin, and her uncle, Linn Withauer of El Paso.

The family received friends from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Saturday, January 6, 1996 at Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home where services were held at 2:00 P.M. Sunday, January 7, 1996. Interment followed at Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Memorial Park.

In place of usual remembrances, the family suggested contributions be made to the Fort Clark Historical Society P.O. Box 1061 Brackettville, Tx 78832.

Arrangements made by Cook-Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home and Memorial Park, 6300 W. William Cannon Dr., Austin, Texas, 892-1172

**E.C. "Mike" Riddle**

AZLE — E.C. "Mike" Riddle, 75, a new-constructions inspector, died Friday at an Azle hospital.

Funeral was held at 2 P.M. Tuesday at Laurel Land Funeral Home of Fort Worth. Burial: Laurel Land Memorial Park.

Memorials: The American Heart Association.

Mr. Riddle was born December 21, 1920, in Brackettville to P.C., and Mary Lackey Riddle. He moved to Fort Worth in 1939 at age 19. He enlisted in the Army in 1940 and served in World War II and the Korean War. He was in the Mars Task Force in Burma and served in the 124th Cavalry.

He received the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Silver Star, Bronze Star and seven Purple Hearts. He also received the highest medal China awarded, the Yun Hui Medal of Honor. He retired from the Army Reserve as a major.

Mr. Riddle married Jacqueline Stewart in 1946, and they lived in Fort Worth until recently moving to Azle.

He worked for the Housing and Urban Development Department for 40 years and received many commendations during his career.

Mr. Riddle was a member of Tarrant Masonic Lodge 942, AF & AM, and was a charter member of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Fort Worth.

Survivors: Wife, Jacqueline Riddle of Azle; two daughters, Diana Kaye Bridges and her husband, Micheal, and Jackie Lynn Edwards, all of Fort Worth; three grandchildren, Robert Micheal "Bob" Bridges of Azle and R. Michelle Bridges and Eli Cody Lewis, both of Fort Worth; two brothers, Ed Riddle of Crowley and Milburn Riddle of Fort Worth; and two sisters, Marietta Skinner of Fort Worth and Loraine Wilson of Uvalde.

If there is anything that we wish to change in the child, we should first examine it and see whether it is not something that could better be changed in ourselves.

—Carl Gustav Jung

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**Church Directory**



**St. Andrews Episcopal Church:** Henderson & Fort Sunday Church Service 10:30 a.m. Vicar: Rev. Bill Koons, 563-2071.  
**Frontier Baptist Church** (A Southern Baptist Church): Sunday Services 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Joe Townsend, Pastor, 563-2158.  
**First Baptist Church** (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m., Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m., Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.  
**Baptist Hispanic Mission:** 307 N. Ann Street, Sunday 9:45 a.m.; Wednesday 5:30 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 p.m., Eugenio Duran, Pastor.  
**Church of Christ:** N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study Sunday 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 6:30 p.m.  
**St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church:** Masses Monday and Friday 7:00 a.m., Wednesday and Saturday 6:30 p.m., Sunday (Spanish) 8:00 a.m., Regular 10:30 a.m., Confession Wednesday and Saturday 6:00 p.m., Religion Classes Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Father Donald La Vell.  
**First United Methodist Church:** "Celebrate and Witness" Fellowship 9:30 a.m., Church School Classes 9:45 a.m., Service of Worship 11:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 p.m., Sheree Harris, Pastor.  
**St. John's Baptist Church:** Crockett at Keene St., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Worship Service Thursday 7:00 p.m., William P. Adams, Sr., Pastor, 563-9175.  
**Our Redeemer Lutheran Congregation E.L.C.A.:** Shafter Hall, F.C.S. Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship, Bible Study every other Sunday 10:00 a.m., Rev. Nathan La Frenz, 563-2047.  
**Templo Elim Asambea de Dios:** North Street, Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 p.m., Rev. Abundio Mancha, Pastor, 563-9237.  
**Apostolic New Jerusalem:** 514 E. Louise St., Sunday School 10:45 A.M. and Morning worship 11:30 A.M., Missionary Meeting every 3rd Thursday of the month. Everyone Welcome! Pastor, Rudy Goodloe  
**Gateway Ministries** (Non-Denominational): 301 E. Spring St. (across from post office), Praise & Worship Fellowship Sunday 10:00 a.m., Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 p.m., Robert W. Corey, Pastor, Charolette Corey, Associate Pastor, 563-9331.

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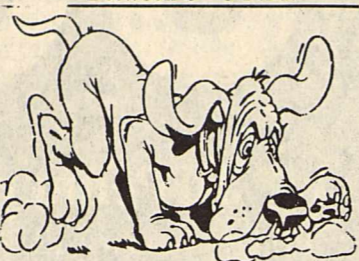
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### Notice

The swim park gate at Fort Clark will be secured nightly at 6:30 P.M. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Our intent is to reduce the opportunity for mischief and vandalism in the swim park area. Thank you for your cooperation.

William F. Haenn  
General Manager

### Lost

Lost black cat with white paws and white belly. At Fort Clark R.V. Park in early Dec. Please call 563-9079



The most celebrated diamond in the world is the Koh-i-noor, which was presented to Queen Victoria in 1850 by the East India Company.

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.

January 1884: Lt. French remains in the field close to the line of the Southern Pacific at Mayers Spring (near present day Dryden) in command of the Seminole-Negro Indian Scout Detachment. His obsession with his mail is repeatedly recorded in the diary. The train delivers the mail daily and he frequently postpones activities to see what the mail might bring. He continues to be drawn into get rich quick schemes involving pig ranches or land deals for which he must borrow money. When his request for a loan from Captain Vance is turned down he is disappointed but continues to dream. He writes to Lieut Bullis about the scouts treaty with the government and goes on several explorations with the men looking for an elusive mine and water. The winter weather produces two snowfalls and frequent northers. When the Paymaster arrives (who had the previous year "...made mean remarks..." about the food) Lt. French is still the gracious host. He writes a profound observation, "If hospitality is a sacred duty, a proper respect & regard for the host's feelings should be equally binding on the guest." Guests come and go to include the post sutler from Fort Clark, Dave Jacobs, who appears to collect money owed by the Seminoles. Practicing on his violin and writing letters occupy the days while games of Whist and Parcheesi fill the nights. The order relieving the detachment arrives and Lt. French expects to be back at Fort Clark by mid-February.

Wednesday, January 9 1884  
Sent the mail to Thurston early this morning in order to send a letter of Lougee's on train going West. Only O.B. Mail for me. Practiced hard today on my violin, morning, afternoon and evening. Feel encouraged with the progress. Studied short hand in afternoon. After dinner the Captain came over & went down with Dr. and self to the camp of some men who are driving 12,000 sheep past to buy some. Dr. took one for our mess. Lougee & wife were in camp when we arrived. Mrs. L sent over a plate of doughnuts, quite good. Capt. went home, but Mr. & Mrs. L. spent a short time in the Doctor's tent talking. Afterwards read until bed-time. Went over to the house & walked down to the new tank with Lougee this afternoon.

Thursday, January 10 1884  
Sent wagon over to train to meet Paymaster Bash & nephew this morning. Confound him, he made

### Public Notice

Kinney County as grantee, and the Allied Area Narcotics Task Force will host a Community Involvement Meeting at the Kinney County Court House, District Court Room on January 18, 1996 at 6:00 P.M. The purpose of this meeting is to allow local governments with the assistance of the community to examine their problems and develop solutions with the assistance of Criminal Justice Division funding.

The whole community including representatives of public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, education, health, juvenile justice, criminal justice, child welfare, law enforcement, the private sector, community associations, and concerned citizens are urged to attend.

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## Bonilla Encourages Rural High School Seniors To Apply For Scholarships

By: Henry Bonilla  
Congressman, 23rd District, Texas

Congressman Henry Bonilla (TX-23rd) is encouraging high school seniors to apply for scholarships funded by the Cargill Foundation. The Cargill Scholarship Program for Rural America is a program which recognizes and encourages academic achievement, accomplishment and talent among youth in rural communities.

The foundation will honor 250 outstanding high school seniors throughout the country, awarding \$1,000 each in scholarships.

Qualifying candidates are high school seniors who will graduate in the spring of 1996. The seniors must come from families that receive at least half of their income from farming. Scholarship candidates must enroll full-time in the fall of 1996 at an accredited two or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school.

## Rural High School Seniors To Apply For Scholarships

"Education helps level the playing field for students who come from many different backgrounds," Bonilla said. "I would encourage any high school senior to apply for this scholarship and shoot for the stars by getting a good education."

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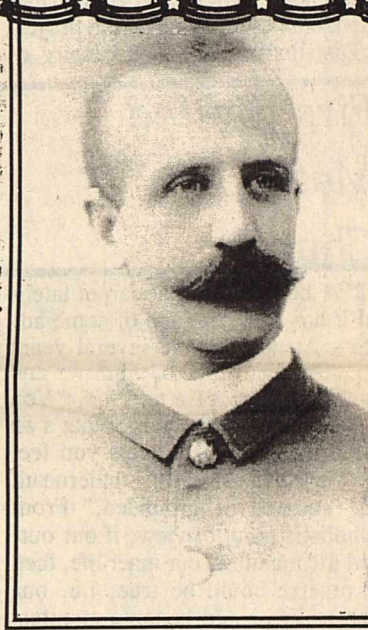
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mean remarks about our mess out here last Winter & I am not at all disposed to treat him well this time. If hospitality is a sacred duty, a proper respect & regard for the host's feelings should be equally binding on the guest. Moved into Doctor's tent and let Maj. B. & clerk have mine. No mail of consequence. Walked over to the house & down to the tank, inviting Captain & Lougee over to meet Bash. In the afternoon the men were paid off, & I received the pay of the absentees. Was glad to see that our dinner was not as good as usual, although the Major said it was better than last year. In the evening Major & Dan beat Doctor & me at whist. Doctor does not play any kind of a game. Maj. & Dan claim to play well but their game is not a superior one by any means. Norther commenced today, but did not get very cold.

Friday, January 11 1884  
After the departure of the Paymaster & Clerk played a while on the violin & then went over to the house and down to the tank. The wagon brought Dave Jacobs who came up from Clark to collect the money. A letter from Henry and invitation to Chapman's wedding comprised my mail. Was very much disappointed to get no letter from home. Paid the men the change that the Paymaster could not pay them yesterday and got Dave to take \$240 to Mr. Fillipone in Brackett for Luce. Afterwards practiced on the violin and studied shorthand. After dinner Captain came over preventing me from going over to his place. After he left wrote a letter to Eckerson and read until I fell asleep. Felt chilly & out of sorts when I went to bed. Last night the norther stopped and this morning the ground was covered with two inches of snow, which only partially melted by night. Kept the herd in today and fed them hay.

Saturday, January 12 1884  
Got up before sun rise this morning and had an early breakfast. Then with Luce and a scout went over to the house and went out on ponies with Captain & Lougee to see where they propose to put their tank. Rode about 12 miles where I had never been. Plenty of grass can be found there. Saw a horse which was too wild to be caught. Stopped at noon near some tinajas & had a lunch of lobsters and crackers. Then we walked down the canyon & the men led the horses around. There was plenty of water in little tinajas to supply workmen while building the dam. The canyon has a very large watershed and the drift shows that in freshets the water is over six feet high. Where they propose to put their dam the walls come within 50 feet of each other and plenty of

rock can easily be had to build with. Saw two deer coming back but could not get a shot at them. Got back to camp about 4-30 and was very much disappointed to find no mail. The hunting party came, but did not bring in any game. The cattle seem to have driven all deer out of that country. Ward was unable to find the mine. Captain was over for a while after dinner and questioned Ward about the character of the country. Paid the men what was due them. Then questioned Ward and commenced to make plans to start out Monday morning with the light wagon to find that mine and to explore the country. Read Sydney until I fell asleep in the chair. Wrote to Godwin to order potatoes & onions today.

Sunday, January 13 1884  
Sent a courier over for the mail early this morning and commenced to write home. Much to my disappointment an O.B. was the only letter for me. Was half inclined to postpone my trip until Tuesday to wait for tomorrow's mail, but I can stop at Thurston tomorrow en route and get the mail. Captain came up & invited the Doctor & self to dinner at five this evening. After noon went over to Thurston in the light wagon with Blanco and two men. Blanco is worn out and has to go back to Clark. The two scouts are going to Del Rio to see a dying brother, to be absent until Saturday. Saw Sale there & sold him 50 lbs. bacon at 13 cts. for the men. The train was quite well filled. Saw the conductor, a new one, very pleasant, about the men. Brought a telegram back to Captain that his Mother was very sick in Cambridge, Mass. Delivered it and a letter to Lougee from Supt. Campbell and then hurried home to put on my best and went over with the Doctor to dinner. Captain has decided to leave on a freight train & had to eat in a hurry. Said good-bye to him & think he will not be back in time to see us here. He promised to write me from Dallas about the pig business. The dinner was excellent and we enjoyed it thoroughly although it was served in the kitchen. Lougee had to go off with the Captain to have a final talk, but did not go far. The Doctor & I spent a short time at the house after dinner. After returning to camp wrote a little & then read Sydney. Had a hard rain this evening with distant but vivid lightning. If the weather is unpleasant will not start out tomorrow.

Monday, January 14 1884  
West wind blowing and sun shining bright and clear this morning. Somehow did not feel much like going out. Started about ten o'clock with eight men on ponies & one driving the light wagon. Started on the road to Thurston but

had to change to Fort Davis road soon after passing the house. Lougee joined me and took a short ride. Have plot of the lands in this county and intend to locate the tinajas and springs if possible. Went with Luce to Thurston and was very much disappointed to find no mail for me. Then struck across the country to the Fort Davis road and caught up with the men. Left the road near Dryden and struck across country by Dryden, to the south to Lone Indian tinaja where we made camp. Ward was guide. It was wonderful what a bee line he made for that tinaja. Did not go out after getting into camp but finished "Sydney". Had a talk with Ward in the evening and tried to locate the camp on the map. He is going out tomorrow to hunt for that mine. Hope he will succeed.

Tuesday, January 15 1884  
Started out with the Sergeant & Luce on ponies and found a small spring about a mile south of camp. Measured the water and located it as well as possible. The Indians put up a pile of rocks to mark it, but were shrewd enough to put them in about 500 yards from the water. In the same way they put up a pile on a white mound of earth to mark the water near our camp but some little distance away. A norther commenced to blow before we returned to camp, and the skies were clouded over. Started out just after getting to camp out on the trail to San Francisco Creek to look for another tinaja. The Sergeant pointed out the grave of the "Lone Indian" killed by the Seminoles in '74 & gave particulars of the fight. Found the tinaja about four miles from camp, which the men named after Maj. Mauck who commanded in '74 when they first came into this country. Norther blowing harder as we returned to camp. Ward was unable to find the mine but wanted to move camp over to Mauck's tinaja as it is nearer the locality of the mine. Sent him out on foot to see if wagon could be taken there, but he reported it impossible. He brought in a deer and we had venison for supper. About dark it commenced to rain. Luce has fixed up my bed all right. After getting into it he tucked the edges in all around and I hope to keep dry. The men are comfortably fixed, but the animals will have to suffer tonight.