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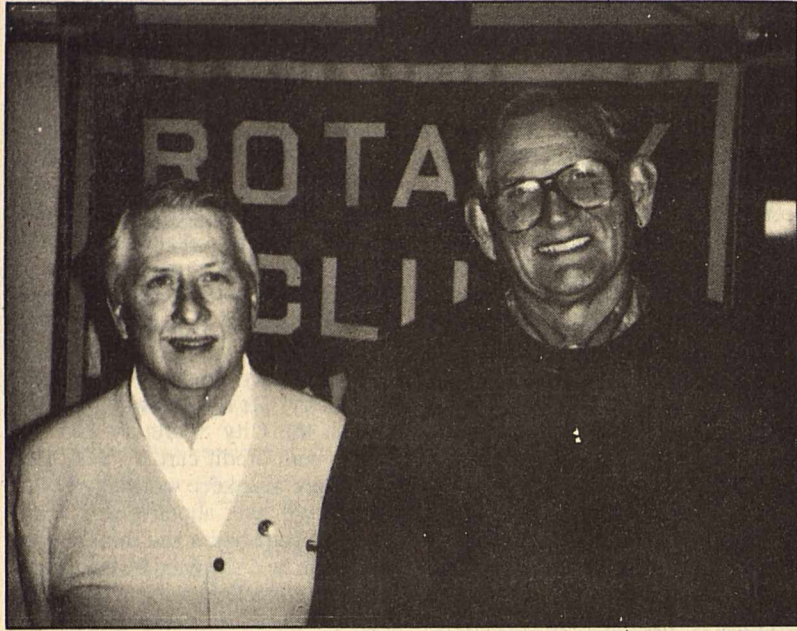
# The Brackett News

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



Left to Right: Dr. Charles Schmidt, program chairman and Rev. Harry Gipson, pastor of the Del Rio Church of Christ, speaker.

## Brackettville Rotary Club

By Frances McMaster

Last Thursday every member of the local Rotary Club was present except Joe Townsend, minister of the Frontier Baptist Church. Joe was conducting a private funeral service for Happy Shahan at Alamo Village attended by family members and those who had worked with him at the Village. Rotary had lost our founding member and very good friend to cancer.

Happy did not want people to grieve at this death but to celebrate because he would be home with his creator and free of pain. To honor his wishes, Rotary members took some action at the meeting rather than sitting around and moping. We changed our annual golf tournament scheduled to be played this Saturday, February 10th, to the Happy Shahan Memorial Tournament. Rotary will also have his name placed on the chair in which he sat each of the weekly meetings for the fifty years he attended.

Dr. Charles Schmidt is the program chairman for February. His guest speaker was the Reverend Henry Gipson, minister of the Church of Christ in Del Rio. Rev. Gipson is a Rotary member, and he spoke on the Rotary theme of Service Above Self. He tied this in with a little piece of history. People rode stage coach in the years of the developing West, and there were three types of tickets: first, second, and third class. Rev. Gipson explained that buying a first class ticket entitled the passenger to ride in the carriage and stay seated when a problem occurred. A first class passenger never had to give up his or her seat. If one rode second

class, and the carriage became mired in the mud or lost a wheel, he might be called upon to pitch in to solve the problem. On the other hand, third class passengers were required to get out and help. They might even have to shoot at outlaws or Indians endangering the coach.

The Reverend compared Happy to the passenger who was always ready to help in times of trouble. While some people delayed or avoided the inconvenience and effort required to help others in need, Happy was the first to offer help.

Service organizations like Rotary can easily fall into a pattern of avoidance. Members may feel like they are too busy to help out. They opt to let someone else do it. They may never volunteer but wait until pressed to take on a job.

By the time Rev. Gipson finished speaking, we had chuckled over his jokes that illustrated points, but the image etched into our mind was one of a selfless person willing to work tirelessly to be of service to others and to the community as a whole. Happy Shahan was such a person.

We left the meeting having enjoyed the talk, but also having absorbed a deeper understanding of the way we impact our own environment. We actually can make a positive difference in the lives of those around us and in our community. Sometimes we lose sight of the results of our efforts. Happy's life served as a reminder that trying to live each day as we feel God directs us really does matter. It makes for a better world.

Thank you Rev. Gipson and Dr. Schmidt for an excellent program.

## Kinney County Heritage Museum

The Kinney County Heritage Museum is located in the Filippone Building at the corner of El Paso and James Streets. The Filippone Building is a two story six sided limestone building, with a one story stucco over limestone addition on a part of one side. It has a flat roof of metal. The building is basically rectangular in shape, but the two front corners are squared-off; thereby creating a hexagonal shape. It is the only building like this or even similar to it in the entire area. It has a wrought iron balcony on the foremost front section. The current building was built around 1884, by Giovanni B. Filippone and Giovanni B. Cassinelli and was operated as a general store. The upstairs was used as a living area for the family and later as a meeting area for local organizations. The later addition, on the side, was used as a storage area. The store was built so as to be located on the main traffic artery between San Antonio and El Paso. The top of the building can be seen from the present Highway 90.

Giovanni Filippone was born on October 17, 1845 at Turin, Italy. He immigrated to the United States, on the vessel Queen, arriving in New York on the 3rd day of June 1872. He spent the next several years moving west until he arrived in Brackett,

later called Brackettville, in the middle 1870's. He married Grace Rose, a resident of Brackett, in 1886, and they raised four children. His oldest son Joseph moved to San Antonio at a young age. Their two daughters Margaret and Katherine taught school in Brackettville for many years and their youngest son John was county clerk for many years. Giovanni Filippone died in 1917 and his wife Grace in 1918.

Giovanni Cassinelli was a stonemason who had been recruited in Italy. He arrived in Brackettville in the early 1870's and worked on the major stone construction being done at Fort Clark between 1871 and 1875. With the arrival of Filippone it afforded Cassinelli the opportunity to go into the mercantile business with him and they built a general store, now called the Filippone Building. Filippone bought out Cassinelli's interest in the store and building in August of 1887. Cassinelli then moved to Del Rio, helping with construction of the Val Verde County Courthouse in 1887. By 1891, Cassinelli had established one of the largest general stores in Del Rio. He died in 1918, and left an estimated \$10,000 estate to his son.

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## Two Brackettville HS Students Are National Duracell/NSTA Finalists -Now Eligible For \$20,000 Top Award-

(Washington, DC)...Two Brackettville High School students are among 100 national finalists in the 14th Annual Duracell/NSTA Scholarship Competition. Their battery-powered inventions must now be sent to Duracell headquarters for final judging in early March.

The Brackettville High School students and their devices are junior Amy Bader, "Water Level Regulator," and sophomore J. Wayne Ballew, "Duracell Auto-Drencher."

All finalists who submit devices are winners of a \$100 savings bond and are eligible to compete for prizes totalling \$100,000 in savings bonds. The first place winner receives a \$20,000 savings bond and five second place winners each receive \$10,000 bonds. The top six winners, their parents and teachers, will be guests of Duracell at the 44th Annual Convention of the National Science Teachers Association in St. Louis. They will explain their devices at an awards luncheon on March 28 mod-

erated by NASA Teacher in Space Designee, Barbara Morgan.

A recent survey of past winners and their teachers indicates that the Duracell/NSTA Competition influences career choices and fields of study. It also appeals to a wide range of students with interests in industrial arts, vo-tech areas, and the sciences. Teachers said the competition is useful for motivating students to learn more science and technology as they solve problems in developing their inventions.

Finalists are also eligible for ten third place \$1,000 bonds and 25 fourth place bonds of \$500 each. The annual competition is open to ninth through twelfth grade students who are invited to power their imaginations and invent a battery-operated device. Sponsored by Duracell/USA and administered by the NSTA, entries are judged on creativity, practicality, energy efficiency, and clarity of the written description.

## Prison System Links Local Police To Parolee Data

Austin -- The Texas Department of Criminal Justice announced plans Monday to link Texas law enforcement agencies to instant computerized information - complete with photographs - of violent felons on parole.

Police agencies can use the new system, the first of its kind in the nation, to get a parolee's prison records, current residence and employment information, known associates and other strategic information, as well as the most recent photograph available.

"This system erases time constraints and jumps jurisdictional lines to arm the law officer on the street with the latest information," Allan Polunsky of San Antonio, chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, said. "This kind of coordination can be critical in dealing with those parolees most likely to become repeat offenders."

"This is a pro-active system which helps both the state and the local police, but the real beneficiaries are the people of Texas who want safe streets and swift justice for lawbreakers," Polunsky said.

TDCJ officials said most local police departments can access the system at minimal cost through custom software and hardware com-

monly used in law enforcement agencies.

John McAuliffe, director of TDCJ's Internal Affairs Division which put together the system, said it will help the state by rapid identification of parole absconders and parolees who are arrested for new offenses.

It will help local authorities in solving crimes by profiling potential suspects when the system is accessed by type of offense, location and other strategic information, McAuliffe said.

The system - dubbed "Fuginet" - goes into business with information on 3,400 parolees convicted of such offenses as rape and aggravated assault. It will be upgraded before the end of the year to include 16,000 parole violators and eventually to include all paroled offenders.

McAuliffe said the system was made possible by a \$227,000 grant from the Governor's Criminal Justice Division and significant contributions by MCI and the Productivity Center, a Houston consulting firm.

"MCI and the Productivity Center represented the best of private/public cooperation in contributing valuable technology to this project," McAuliffe.

## Now The U.N. Wants To Start Taxing Us Too

By Henry Bonilla  
Congressman, 23rd District, Texas

In case you don't already pay enough taxes at the local, state and federal levels, now the United Nations is thinking about imposing its own international tax.

Just last week, U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali urged the United Nations to levy its own taxes so the organization can become more independent. The Secretary-General suggested a surcharge on airline tickets - something like \$1.50 per passenger - and/or a fee for foreign currency exchanges. Global taxes. Scary idea.

Other revenue ideas circulating around the U.N. include charging some type of a tax on fossil fuel use, levying fees for international financial transactions or using some money which is now being spent on military operations.

But there is one small problem for Mr. Boutros-Ghali. The United Nations does not have the authority to impose or collect taxes. While it's unclear how the world organization would get that authority, evidently the

idea is gaining enough strength in some international circles to warrant discussion.

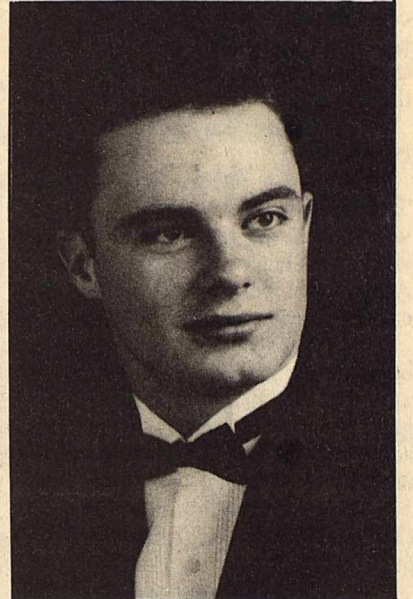
Mr. Boutros-Ghali argues that if the United Nations had its own source of revenue, it would be less dependent on member countries such as the United States. Wouldn't that also mean that the U.N. would be less accountable for its actions?

One of the reasons the Secretary-General is floating this idea is because he is unhappy with the United States. Out of the 185 nations which belong to the U.N., the United States is by far the U.N.'s largest contributor. Our country normally pays about a third of the U.N. peacekeeping expenses and 25 percent of the U.N. operating budget. However, in an effort to pressure the U.N. into reforming and streamlining its operations, our country has withheld more than a billion dollars from the organization. Mr. Boutros-Ghali says the United States "owes" this money to the United Nations. Our leaders argue that until the U.N. cleans up its act, it does not deserve our voluntary contribution. If anything, I think we

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## "The Voice of Aggieldand" Has Local Initiate

Sean Burks, a 1995 Brackett High School graduate and son of Stoney and Judy Burks, has successfully auditioned and interviewed for membership in the Texas A&M Singing Cadets, "The Voice of Aggieldand". Sean, a freshman, is a second semester member of the Fighting Texas Aggie Class of Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Nine and enjoys all aspects of life at Aggieldand. Sean's interest in the Singing Cadets was initiated several years back when he and his family attended a Singing Cadet performance at the Paul Poag Theater in Del Rio. His interest in singing and in the vocal group from Aggieldand caused him to arrange his second semester classes so as to be able to practice with the group if he were successful in being admitted to the Singing Cadets. The process involved an audition with the group's director, Mr. David Kipp. A successful audition opened the door for an interview with seven of the "Old Men" from the group. A favorable review by the "Old Men" allowed Sean to join the ranks of young men who represent Texas A&M through their talents of vocal music. Any initiate into the Singing Cadets is referred to as a "buffo" and must serve two full semesters in that capacity. Sean is known as "buffo burks" within the group and is excited about being able to partici-



ate. Members of the Singing Cadets must maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average, attend practice ses-

sions, travel for group performances, and represent Texas A&M University as ambassadors. The 1995-1996 Spring Semester will include performances within the state of Texas and the eastern coast of the United States as well. One of the Texas performances is scheduled in Dallas on February 16, 17, and 18 at the renowned Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Hall. Closer to home, The Singing Cadets will perform at San Antonio College on March 30. The east coast tour includes a Washington, D.C. performance on Memorial Day and a performance at the historic Carnegie Hall in New York City.

## February is School Board Recognition Month

School board members are ordinary people who have an extraordinary dedication to our public schools. It is time we said thank you to them for their untiring efforts.

Too often we forget about the personal sacrifices school board members routinely make.

Too often we forget about the important role school board members play in assuring local control over our public schools, control that is in the hands of people we know...people who are our neighbors.

Too often we forget that, in the tradition of a representative democracy, school board members are our connection to influencing how our public schools are governed.

Too often we are quick to criticize school board members without really knowing all the details that went into any given decision.

Too often the efforts of school board members go unrecognized and unrewarded.

We can begin to correct these oversights throughout February, which has been designated by Governor George W. Bush as School Board Recognition Month. This is a time to show our appreciation and to begin to better understand how school board members work together to provide leadership for our schools.

## Alamo Village Looks To The Future

Despite the recent death of Alamo Village Movie Location founder James T. "Happy" Shahan, the future looks bright for the famed Southwest Texas movie set.

Shahan, 80, died January 30 at his home with his family at this side.

"It's business as usual. Happy wouldn't have it any other way," said Virginia Shahan, Happy's wife of 57 years.

"Right now, we're negotiating with several production companies who want to film projects here," according to Mrs. Shahan.

"The public is always welcome. There's a lot to see at the village including the John Wayne and Old West Museum, Wagon Museum, Old West bank, jail, church, parson's house, two gift shops, a full-service restaurant and the only replica of the Alamo mission - as it looked at the time of the famous 1836 battle - in the

world," Mrs. Shahan added. Originally built for John Wayne's epic 1959 film "The Alamo," more than 100 motion pictures, TV movies, mini-series, commercials and music videos have used the one-of-a-kind movie set.

Virginia Shahan said she couldn't see closing the village. "We have people who come here from all over the world and Hollywood also continues to use our facilities on a regular basis," Mrs. Shahan explained.

"Alamo Village has been in operation for more than three and one-half decades and we're looking forward to another three and a half," she added.

For more information write Alamo Village at P.O. Box 528, Brackettville, Texas 78832 or call (210) 563-2580.

# From Your Local Game Warden

By Henry J. Lutz  
Kinney County, Game Warden

Hunting season is over at last. Seems like it gets longer and longer every year and according to the season dates, it actually is longer. Things are beginning to slow down somewhat for me. In January, 5 cases were filed with the local courts. They ranged from Hunting from Public Roads to Untagged Deer to Killing Turkey in Closed Season.

As you might expect, just because the hunting seasons are over, it doesn't mean that everyone will stop hunting. The turkey case mentioned above involved a man who killed a turkey one week after the season was over. Last weekend, 4 Brackettville residents were arrested and jailed in Kinney County Jail after they stole an Angora goat from a Kinney County rancher as I sat nearby watching them. One suspect mentioned that they were actually looking for a deer but could not find one. The suspects were driving down the public roadway and just pulled off the road and rounded them up a goat. Theft charges have been filed on all 4 suspects and an additional charge of Public Intoxication was filed on one of the suspects.

### Big Game Awards Deadline Nears

AUSTIN -- If you killed a big Texas mule deer, pronghorn, or whitetail during the 1995-96 season, it is time to enter the Texas Big Game Awards competition. Deadline for entries is February 15.

The annual awards program has been recognizing the skill of hunters and the role of landowners in big game management since 1991. And, according to Butch Young, white-tailed deer program leader with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), it's more than just a big buck contest.

"A deer's age, nutrition, and ge-

netics all play a part in producing big racks," said Young. "The herd's age and genetics are influenced through wise harvest. Ranch management is important in producing the habitat needed for good nutrition."

In addition to recognizing successful hunters, the Texas Big Game Awards honors the contribution of those who maintain the habitat and manage the deer herds. Landowners and hunters both receive certificates of accomplishment for trophy animals.

According to Young, the program helps make Texans aware that many trophies are not accidents. Big antlers often result from providing deer a place to rest, hide, breed, raise young, and find high quality food. "Proper livestock management, wise hunting practices, and protection of habitat are essential to consistently producing good deer," he said.

In addition to a certificate, qualifying hunters receive a copy of the annual awards brochure which ranks winners in the trophy category according to region of the state and antler conformation. Entries must be of wild-raised native white-tailed deer, mule deer, or pronghorns legally harvested in Texas during the 1995-96 hunting season.

Young said there is also a category for those who took their first mule deer, white-tailed deer or pronghorn in Texas in 1995-96. The First Deer/Pronghorn category recognizes their achievement in taking their first big game animal.

Texas Big Game Awards is co-sponsored by TPWD and the Texas Wildlife Association and honors recipients during special banquets across the state each spring. For more information on the program,, including the name of a certified volunteer scorer near you, call TPWD at 512-389-4505 or write to Texas Big Game Awards Program, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744.

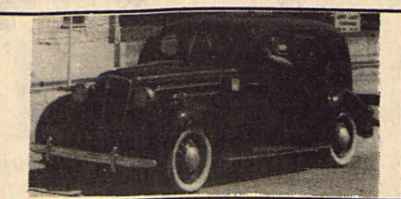
## Rambling Around Kinney County

By THE K.C. RAMBLER

Don't give up - warmer weather is just around the corner - by the time you read this, the sun should be shining and the temperature into the 70's. This cold spell has been good for getting rid of bugs and germs. Mother Nature seems to know what she's doing. Anyway, we have no power to control her, so accept our weather as it arrives. No point in fussing about it.

Happy Shahan will be sorely missed in the years to come. He did so much for Kinney County during his lifetime. No one here will forget him and we will feel our loss deeply. Let's hope Alamo Village will continue to thrill and entertain the hundreds of tourists Happy attracted to our area. He was an integral part of KC - some people we see as immortal - feeling they will always be here - his presence was felt by us all.

Don't miss the fall clothing sale at Nash's downtown. When Jean has a sale, Jean has a sale. Her selection of styles can make us all look smart. Do go in to look around. Wonderful accessories, linens for the table and



bath, children's items, lingerie, and on and on.

"Hair by Diane" is offering a new service. Not only can you have your hair done, you can now have your nails done and that all important pedicure. As we age, it becomes more and more difficult for us to manage to take care of our own nails. Call 563-9300 for your appointment.

"The Glory Road" (the story of Ft. Clark) will again be presented by the Old Quarry Society this year. Look for further details in the paper or call 563-2024. A large cast is needed - all ages, sizes and shapes. This is a very professional presentation that attracts viewers from around the state. Do plan to become a part of the show.

Remember to sign up for the Ladies Luncheon (and bridge afterward). This is held the second Wednesday of each month - you must call 563-2024 no later than Monday the 12th to make your reservation.

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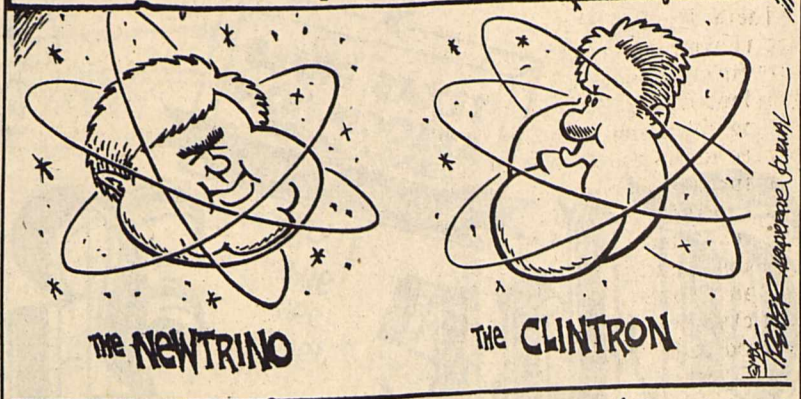
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## SCIENTISTS ANNOUNCE THE DISCOVERY OF ANOTHER FORM OF MATTER/ANTI-MATTER...



WHICH, WHEN COMBINED, PRODUCES ABSOLUTELY NO ENERGY.

## Between Us

By Joe Townsend

At long last the City Secretary offered the council an opportunity to do what it should have done long ago. Reports in *The Brackett News* stated he had "several proposals" to have a city police department. After extended study of less than 20 minutes, he was totally rebuffed. In as much as the council has refused to do this as long as the present members have been in office the action comes as no surprise. The statement by the mayor is the key to the inability to recognize the responsibility of the council and a total lack of intelligence enough to think honestly and logically. In the first place her statement about the city being in the red for 20 years is patently false. The city has had a budget every year and has lived within the budget. To say the city now operates in the black is wild ravings. As long as the city defaults in it's responsibility it is in the red to that degree. The fault is not inability to meet city obligations and operate in the black. The problem is the way the city spends the money. The citizens are paying more now than ever and getting less for their tax dollars. There has been an increase in taxes. Water rates have been increased. "Landfill" charges have been increased with no justification for either but the whims of the council. The truth of the matter is the mayor and her puppets are more interested in show than substance. It's more important with them that they buy new pickups and a new "staff car". The vehicles they had were capable of

doing the job but they didn't look so dressy, hence new ones. It's more important to repaint the fire plugs green (she must not like traditional red). It's more important to pave an entire block for the benefit of one home and later extend another block to benefit one house. It's more important to build a bridge to benefit a city council member. It's more important to buy park benches and make a dressy lawn at a place of business (City Hall). It's more important to hire employees to be able to drive aimlessly around day after day just to pass the time. It's more important to pay the City Secretary an exorbitant salary. It's more important to furnish the City Secretary and the mayor with credit cards. Yes, Mr. City Secretary, keep working and the council will talk about it next year. After all your hours and thinking for weeks can be disavowed by the mayor and city council at a "special meeting" with only three members present; and that in less than 20 minutes. Or you might ask the mayor how to "do it right." You apparently do not have enough intelligence to "do it right". The very idea of "starting" a police department is ridiculous. The department should never have been abolished. Someday the people will awaken and elect a responsible mayor and city council. Till then, let the breakins continue and all city ordinances be scorned. After all the mayor and city council don't care, so why should you and I?

### Big Mama Sez!

Trying times are times for trying.

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

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## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,  
The community of Brackettville, and a world full of friends, said goodbye to a great man last week when James Tullis "Happy" Shahan went to be with The Lord.

Happy was a prominent man, known by many in the entertainment business, and was most famous for making Brackettville and Alamo Village the "movie capitol of Texas". Though he had many accolades during his long and wonderful life, I will always remember Happy as a great man who greeted all with open arms

and a big smile.  
Happy was once my employer, but he has always been my friend. Not only did he help me enhance myself as an actor and a musician, but he taught me several key elements in life - the kinds of things you won't find in any book. He taught me how to be a better human being.

Last Friday, I said my last goodbye to Happy, but the memories I have of him will last a lifetime.  
Vaya con dios, Happy  
J.J. Guidry

Dear Editor:

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT -- Fact Sheet

"Adobe Eco-Systems is striving to create a strong partnership with the Host Communities. The Landfill will pay Host Fees to the county to be shared with the local Towns. Funds generated by the Landfill operations will provide resources for many community services. Adobe also plans on providing College Scholarships for local residents. The Landfill will provide a much needed base of secure jobs for the region and is seen as stable, long-term employment opportunity for area residents.

Adobe Eco-Systems is committed to corporate citizenship and developing a facility that will be a community asset which will contribute to the quality of life and promote economic development in the Kinney County area."

Comments: The strong partnership with Host Communities is getting farther apart rather than closer together. The petition opposing the Landfill is being readily signed by our residents. We are also aware that the Fact Sheet to the NAD Bank states things one way, the TNRC was told something else, and we, the public, were told entirely different. Now let us add the very premature totally unexpected contract presented to the Commissioners Court on August 10, (not signed, fortunately).

Host Fees -- Contract -- Financial Considerations:  
"Adobe will pay a fee on each ton of waste disposed of at the site. This tonnage fee shall be an amount equal of fifteen (\$.15) per ton the first three (3) years of operation. After year three (3), Adobe shall increase the sum to twenty five cents (\$.25) on each ton disposed of at the site. These payments will be made quarterly to the Kinney County Treasurers Office."

Mr. Stephens stated at the TNRC Public Meeting, December 18, that this would be a twenty four hour op-

eration to generate 824 tons per day. Concern was expressed by the local residents about the railroad blocking FM 131, north and south, day and night, in case of medical emergency.

No local community services have been officially approached by Adobe, mainly water source or Fire protection.

College Scholarships -- Contract -- "Adobe Eco-Systems is committed to establishing a Scholarship fund for the benefit of the students of the County. Adobe will commit resources to grant any student that graduates from Brackettville I.S.D. with a "B" average a two (2) year Scholarship to any accredited State College or University in Texas."

Questions remain, how many scholarships, how much each, and for how long?

Base of secure jobs for the region, Mr. Stephens stated at the November City Council Meeting that possibly 12 jobs would be generated, much later, at the most 35 jobs. What kinds of jobs and at what salary?

Adobe is committed to corporate citizenship. Just what does this mean? Is it that the International Forex will import their own employees from Mexico?

Contribute to the quality of life? How can our quality of life be improved with monstrous cells of garbage threatening our health? How can this facility be a community asset when our homes and our lands are devaluated? Mass exodus occurred during the Texcor episode. Real estate agents must declare the threat of the landfill to prospective buyers. How many more will leave unable to sell their properties?

Some new businesses may come into our area, temporarily, only to reap the profits, while Adobe rapes our land. Then they will all leave and we are stuck with no funds to clean up the mess. Is this promotion of economic development? It is more like total and irreversible devastation.

/s/ Tootsie Herndon

### Moncus' Musings

MIKE MONCUS  
Park Ranger, Interpreter  
Bastrop State Park

A few days of magic just passed. I watched a crow walk on water. I watched and listened as my own mouth got me into trouble and I was thankful when ice melted out of my water lines instead of expanding and breaking the lines. I went to an auction and spent a dollar and purchased very many good things. My wife and step-daughter got to see snow and I didn't have to drive anywhere for it to happen. The new year has truly been exciting and magic. I even saw a magic movie called Powder and ate out a few times. Wow!

As I drove toward church a field with a wet place had frozen solid. Three crows stood anxiously, beside the frozen water in a clump of winter rye watching their buddy. They cawed and cautioned him as he took his nervous first few steps onto the ice. Quickly and proudly he realized it was hard and therefore possible so he began to step struttlingly as if he knew it would work all along. He looked so pleased and proud stepping across the ice as if to say, "Look fellas, it just takes a little faith to walk on water." His buddies hovered above him frantic and faithless and certain it was only a trick. I had a fine laugh.

Again this week I said something to someone about what I thought was helpful. I was amazed it threatened

someone's authority and I came under attack. I only hope I learn real soon that nobody wants to hear much of what I think is best. They only want to be told what they do is good and they only want to hear what they like to hear and usually that's that it's good whatever they do.

I knew all along to drip my water or the lines would freeze. I knew it well the first freezing night but somehow the second night of freezing I failed to be so cautious. My lines froze but I was fortunate enough they didn't expand and break.

Since before Christmas, Mom had wanted us to take her little girl to where she could see snow. It seemed the weather was never going to cooperate and the holidays were nearly over. My wife decided to go see her Mom in Dallas for the weekend. Never expecting snow it came anyway to the neighborhood where they went and it was good enough to make a little snowman and to play in and to take pictures of and I didn't have to drive hundreds of miles on iced up pavement.

I feel all and all I have a lot to be thankful for and the magic of weather and people never ceases to amuse me. If the year is as exciting as these first seven days then I'll be rich forever.

/s/Michael R. Moncus

## Love Letters

By A.R. Gurney  
New York Daily News  
"Few (plays) have been tinier, or more beautiful than this tender sketch of the bond between two people who cannot live with, or without, each other." - William A. Henry III, *Time*

A.R. Gurney is the author of such hits as *The Cocktail Hour*, *Another Antigone* and *Sweet Sue*. His dozen-plus plays have been performed Off-Broadway, in regional theatres and in many countries abroad. Among them are *Scenes From American Life*, *Children*, *Richard Cory*, *The Middle Ages*, *The Golden Age*, *The Dining Room*, *What I Did Last Summer* and *The Perfect Party*. He is on the Council of the Dramatists Guild and the Artistic Board of Playwrights Horizons.

"Love Letters" now showing one night only at Las Moras Inn (upstairs). February 9, 1996, 6:00 P.M. Tickets available at Adult Center or call 563-9229 or 563-2751, price is \$12.50 for dinner and play.

## Cultural And Social Events Slated For Theta Sigma

Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Monday evening, February 5th in the home of Mylo Unruh. President Luella Gilliland led the opening ritual and 17 members responded to roll call.

A special welcome was extended to new member Alicia Rayner. Alicia, a new-comer to the Fort Clark community, transferred from Preceptor Tau Chapter, Bowling Green, Kentucky where she has been actively involved in Beta Sigma Phi for the past 15 years.

During the business meeting upcoming cultural events were discussed. The group will travel to Del Rio for dinner then on to Paul Pogue Theater for "Always Patsy Cline" and also scheduled is dinner at Las Moras Inn and a special presentation of "Love Letters."

The months social highlight will be when Beta Epsilon Omicron and Theta Sigma members jointly entertain their spouses for the annual "Sweetheart Dinner" and the crowning of each chapter's sweetheart for 1996. Approximately 32 couples are expected for the fulfilled Valentine

evening on Saturday, February 10. Mylo Unruh presented an interesting program on "Wild Flowers" with members joining in, discussing their favorite wildflower. Credit was given to former First Lady, Lady Bird Johnson for the beauty of wildflowers along the Texas highways. The Mexican Hat is the most common, it and the popular Indian Blanket hail from the Sunflower family. Texans are urged to keep our highways beautiful and wildflower famous by the slogan DON'T PICK...PLANT.

The last meeting in January, Ann Hibler was pinned as the chapters "Very Special Dreamer" and this week Ann chose to bestow the honor upon Pat McKelvey by recognizing Pat as a wonderful friend and neighbor and an outstanding Beta and community leader with boundless energy.

The hostess served a beautiful tray of fresh crispy veggies and dip, a tasty chocolate cherry cake, coffee and tea. The colorful heart plates, besides holding delicious food, declared Alicia Rayner the winner of the evenings door prize. The next meeting will be hosted by Gaye Kurz.

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By Henry Bonilla  
23rd District, Texas

should reduce funding for the United Nations.

It's also interesting to note that while Mr. Boutros-Ghali constantly criticizes the United States for not contributing to the U.N., he forgave South Africa's \$93 million liability. Not only is this extremely hypocritical, but you can also bet the United States and other Western nations will be expected to pay even more money to make up for South Africa.

The United Nations needs a reality check. The U.N. exists because individual nations have come together and volunteered to participate in the organization. The U.N. does not exist to override the laws of those individual nations. Any type of U.N. tax would give the organization much more autonomy and would make it accountable to no one. An independent, tax-and-spend U.N. would be a disaster for the whole world.

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## Museum

The City of Brackettville bought the Filippone Building from Rufus Moore, a grandson of Giovanni Filippone in 1984. During the next several years the building was restored by interested citizens, businesses, the Moody Foundation and the City of Brackettville. In 1993, the City of Brackettville gifted the building to Kinney County to be used as a museum. Restoration was completed by Kinney County and the Kinney County Historical Commission. Kinney County gave the Kinney County Historical Commission the responsibility of operating the museum. The grand opening of the Kinney County Heritage Museum took place on 21 June 1994. The Museum is open the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m. The museum gives all of us an opportunity to learn more about Kinney County and its heritage.

## Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend



There is a man who has spent the greater part of his life here. He has been retired for several years. All told he worked for Happy Shahan for about 40 years. In those years he was superior as a ranch foreman. He always kept good hands who served him and the ranch well. Through the years he babied the young people who worked at Alamo Village. He spent many hours helping them to enjoy their off days and hours. He is widely loved. After losing his wife a good many years ago he has ably cared for himself. He maintains a very good relationship with his friends.

Surely Leo Holland is an Unsung Hero.

## Bonilla Asks Families To Participate In "Operation Valentine"

By Henry Bonilla  
Congressman, 23rd District, Texas

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-Texas-23) is encouraging families in the 23rd District of Texas to show their support for U.S. troops in Bosnia by taking part in "Operation Valentine."

"Although I did not agree with the President's decision to send our troops to Bosnia, these men and women are loyally serving their nation and deserve our support," Bonilla said. "This is a good way to boost the spirits of our troops as they spend this Valentine's Day away from their loved ones."

"Operation Valentine" is a national Valentine card campaign sponsored by No Greater Love, a Humanitarian, non-political organization. No Greater Love provides annual programs of remembrance, friendship and care for those Americans whose loved ones have died in service to our

country or by acts of terrorism. Bonilla said those who want to participate in "Operation Valentine" should write a generic greeting and send valentines as regular, first-class letters or packages (shoe box size). The following addresses have been specially designated for the "Operation Valentine" campaign:

**For Army, Air Force and Marines:**  
No Greater Love  
c/o Operation Joint Endeavor  
APO AE 09391

**For Navy and Marines:**  
No Greater Love  
c/o Operation Joint Endeavor  
FPO AE 09392

"I am asking adults and children alike to send a valentine to express your appreciation to our servicemen and women in Bosnia," Bonilla said. "Your card will help make their Valentine's Day just a little bit brighter."

## Holding Congress Accountable

By Kay Bailey Hutchison  
U.S. Senator

For decades, Congress deliberately avoided any first-hand experience with the consequences of its own rulemaking.

Congress carefully exempted itself from a long list of government requirements that every other workplace in the country was expected to meet. Laws and regulations that applied to American businesses and individuals were kept at arm's length by those who set the rules.

Not surprisingly, the American people gradually came to feel that those who governed were distanced from their needs - and from reality. So last year one of the first acts of the new 104th Congress was to change the ground rules. It passed the Congressional Accountability Act, a measure requiring the Senate and the House of Representatives to comply with the same mandates they have imposed on the rest of the country.

This legislation went into effect January 23, 1996. Congress no longer grants itself special treatment - and has ceased to set itself above the law. This, I believe, is the first act in an ongoing drama: Congress meets the real world. From now on, legislation that regulates the workplace - the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Family and Medical Leave Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act, to name a few - will apply to congressional offices without exception.

One of the reasons I feel so

strongly about this long-overdue sea change in government is that I, too, have owned my own small business. I, too, have felt the smothering effect of too many federal regulations. It is high time Congress experience the consequences of the laws it passes. From January 23 forward, congressional staff will work under the same set of rules that applies to the private workplace.

Given the irregular and long working hours involved in committee work and floor debate, this isn't going to be easy. But it hasn't been easy for private employers.

That's the whole point of the exercise. Whether rules are good or bad, tough to implement or not, they should be applied across-the-board. If a law or regulation is good for the country as a whole, surely it should apply to government as well as the private sector. Hands-on experience with rules and regulations can be expected to make the rulemakers think twice.

Many of our laws and regulations have cut into this country's productivity, distorting the free market and eroding our competitiveness. Over-regulation has made it more difficult for American manufacturers to export their products, and flooded our court system with lawsuits in the process.

I am optimistic that the long-term impact of the Congressional Accountability Act will be to reduce, drastically, the number of unnecessary and unworkable laws we pass in the future.

Above all, it should bring common sense to the rulemaking process.

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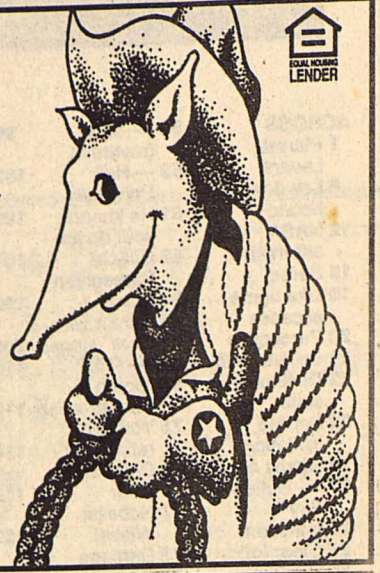
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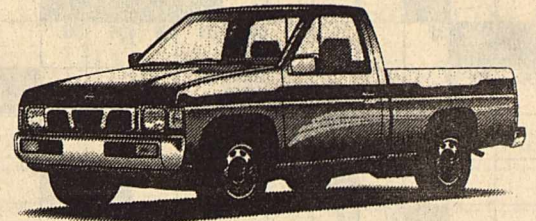


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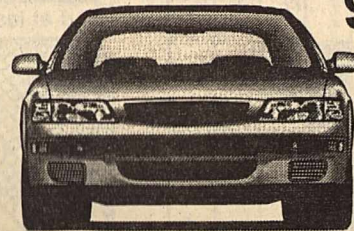
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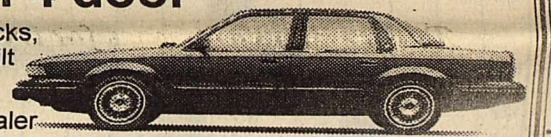


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A&M English prof is fan of "distance learning"

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She first taught her class in advanced technical writing on the Internet in the fall of 1994, starting with 21 students. Last spring, the class nearly doubled to 40, and this past fall she had 120 students.

Before the fall of 1993, Tebeaux had barely heard of distance learning; now she is one of its most enthusiastic adherents.

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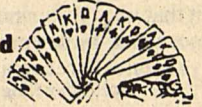
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## Bridge Anyone

By Norma Gould



The FCS Duplicate Bridge Club met Tuesday, January 30th with 8 tables playing the Mitchell Movement.

LaMont and Marie McCandless won 1st place in the N/S direction. Dena Scott and Mona Miller were a close 2nd with Betty Inman and Ann Hibler winning 3rd place.

Peg Woolston and Mylo Unruh won 1st in the E/W direction. Mary Edgar and Joyce Hinkelman won 2nd with Evelyn Whitley and Ray Kurtz winning 3rd place.

## For Pete's Sake

Fred Lee recently had to go to the hospital for surgery, and made it just fine through the operation and recovery.

But after a full week, Ol' Fred began to get edgy in that hospital bed. So one night, the gal at the switchboard gets a call.

A man on the line wanted to know how Mr. Lee was getting along. The operator transferred the call to Fred's floor, where the nurse answered and the caller repeated his question.

"One moment while I look at his chart," the nurse said. "Yes, he's progressing nicely."

"How is his temperature?"

"It's normal."

"Well, when can he go home?"

"He's scheduled to be discharged on Tuesday," the nurse said. "Can I tell Mr. Lee who is calling?"

"This is Mr. Lee," Ol' Fred said.

"Y'see, my doctor wouldn't tell me nothing, so I'm calling from this here booth out here in the hall."

"Darling, you're wonderful," a certain young swain reportedly said to his girl friend. "I'd like you to be the mother of my children."

"Why, what a sweet way to propose marriage," the blushing young lady replied.

"Now, wait a minute!" the feller said. "Let's don't do anything hasty!"

## Uvalde Arts Council

Uvalde Arts Council, Inc. is proud to present its second play of the season, "Carnival", at the Uvalde Grand Opera House. The David Merrill Musical is scheduled to open on Saturday, February 24th at 8:00 P.M. Other 8:00 P.M. performances are scheduled for February 29th, March 1st and March 2nd, with a 2:30 P.M. matinee on Sunday, February 29th.

According to Director Emmett Harris of Uvalde, "It involves a sweet love story, a beautiful girl, a puppet master, a puppet show and a carnival. The theme that the public is probably most familiar with is the song, "Love makes the world go round" - the essential theme of the show and one that I think is very timely and one I think the public will enjoy."

Tickets are now on sale at the Opera House in Uvalde or seats can be reserved by calling 210-278-4184. Ticket prices are \$8.00 for orchestra seats and \$6.00 for premium seats. The Uvalde Grand Opera House is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Super Crossword

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

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Howitzer Twitch Withdraw Witness
Nitwit Twitting Wither Witty
Switch Witches Within

Natasha's Stars



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Early in the week, a friend comes to you with a secret to share. However, this becomes a complicated issue as the week wears on, making you somewhat uncomfortable. Spend time this weekend on an unfinished task.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a great time to see and be seen, particularly with relatives. However, some extra expenses are possible, particularly where travel is concerned. This weekend, you are confused by a problem on the domestic scene.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're too impatient this week for your own good. Remember, you can't accomplish everything you want all at once. Slow down and get the job done right. A family member disagrees with you over a career concern, but you must persevere.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your pride can sometimes get in the way of you getting the job done. It's okay to ask for help if you need it. A financial proposition made by a partner needs more delving into before coming to any sort of a decision.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) You have the urge early in the week to get off by yourself and just dream. If possible, take some time off and indulge. The inspiration you receive as a result of your little respite is well worth it.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Not everything is crystal-clear this week concerning a job worry. There's more going on behind the scenes than you think. A co-worker holds the key to all this, so start asking questions. Approach romance with a clear head.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The beginning of the week is marred by petty bickering with a family member. However, peacemaker that you are, all ends well by midweek. In romance, it's best to keep your feet planted firmly on the ground.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Partners need to make some decisions regarding the use of joint assets, particularly any savings. Your instincts about a certain co-worker's veracity are on the mark. This person not only exaggerates, but flat-out lies.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friend is a bit too demanding of your time now. You need to set this person straight. Later in the week, you'll treasure extra time for yourself. This weekend, a family member has a tendency to get on your nerves.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're just not in the mood this week to keep your nose to the grindstone. Instead, you want to kick up your heels and have some fun. However, it must be work first and social life second to avoid problems with bigwigs.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A business associate has some useful information concerning a situation at work. On the home front, you are right to suspect that a family member isn't giving you the whole story. Do some further investigating.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a week when you won't be in any mood for crowds. You deal better now one-on-one and should keep it that way. A business proposition is not what it appears to be. However, you quickly recognize this.
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Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Drapes is different. 2. Lamp is taller. 3. Apron is removed. 4. Arm is lowered. 5. Couch is missing. 6. Sampler is added.

A large crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting points for words.

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## Cubettes Roll Over Sacred Heart

By Brian Hooker  
 The Brackett News, Sports Writer

Monday, the 1995-96 Cubettes closed out their 66% winning season against Sacred Heart.

The private school out of San Felipe Del Rio came to Brackett for the season finale.

The Cubettes rolled over Sacred Heart 28-11. The Cubettes finished their season at 10-5 for the year.

Their 10-5 record includes a second place trophy won in the Rocksprings tournament just last weekend. The Cubettes faced Rocksprings in the championship.

## Tigerettes Lose 2nd In A Row

By Brian Hooker  
 The Brackett News, Sports Writer

After coming off the Tigerettes first district loss against Dilley, they traveled to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio to play Cole High School.

The loss to Dilley came with only a 3 point deficit. The loss to Cole was by a score of 43-46, what do you know, 3 points!

The Tigerettes trailed from the start as the score stood at 8-11 after 1 quarter of play. The Tigerettes went into half-time trailing 25-17. After 3 quarters the score was 37-31 in favor of Cole.

The Tigerettes stepped it up in the fourth quarter and came within 3 points with 9 seconds left on the

## J.V. Tigers Rip Pirates

By Brian Hooker  
 The Brackett News, Sports Writer

Tuesday, just before the Tigerettes ripped the Lady Pirates, the J.V. Tigers got the first bite.

The Tigers got out to a slow start in their 55-42 victory. After taking a 1 point deficit to the second quarter, the Tigers stepped it up a notch. Starting the second quarter at 9-10, they turned the heat on to take a 28-24 half-

## Offensive Attack In The J.V. Tigers Thrash Over Pirates

#	Name	Points Scored
11	Luis Guajardo	21
21	Demetrius Williams	4
32	Patrick Munoz	4
33	Nat Terrazas	5
40	David Honstein	13
50	Josh Crumley	4

## Tigerettes Fall To Lady Wolves

By Brian Hooker  
 The Brackett News, Sports Writer

Last Tuesday, the Tigerettes traveled to Dilley for their district 29-AA match-up.

The Tigerettes led the whole game with the closing moments where the Lady Wolves took a 53-50 lead. As the game ended at 53-50, the Tigerettes suffered their first loss of the year.

After 1 quarter of play the Tigerettes were up 18-16. Gaining a point in the second quarter, the Tigerettes took a 33-30 half-time lead.

Coming out in the third quarter, the Lady Wolves jumped up to only a

1 point deficit. Going into the fourth and final quarter, the Lady Wolves were down 40-39. Gaining control of the ball game in the closing moments, the Lady Wolves grabbed a win at 53-50 over the Tigerettes.

Leading scorer for the Tigerettes was none other than senior Denise Frerich with 12 points. Just behind Denise was Mandy Meek with 11 points. Sandra Hernandez scored 10, Courtney Harrison scored 6, Tina Meek scored 4, Chica Garza scored 3, and Lindy LaMascus and Windy Goodloe each contributed 2 points.

This loss handed the Tigerettes a 6-1 district record, still tied for first place.

## Tigerettes Crunch Lady Pirates

By Brian Hooker  
 The Brackett News, Sports Writer

Tuesday, the Lady Pirates of Lytle came to Brackett for this very important 29-2A district match-up. After coming off of the Tigerettes losses to Dilley and Cole, they "Had To Beat Lytle" says, Gregg Nowlin, head coach of the Tigerettes.

For the Tigerettes to have a shot at the District Championship Cole has to lose 1 game and the Tigerettes must win the rest. They started this process by whipping the Lady Pirates 77-56.

The Tigerettes put the hurt on the Lady Pirates early. After 1 quarter, the score stood at 18-11. The Tigerettes took a 36-23 half-time lead.

After 3 quarters of play, the score stood at 52-42. The Tigerettes pulled away in the fourth quarter, wrapping it up at 77-56.

This victory gives the Tigerettes a 7-2 district record as they head to Natalia Friday.

## Tigerettes Thrash Over Lytle

Player's #	Player's Name	Points Scored
13	Chica Garza	4
14	Windy Goodloe	2
15	Reccia Jobe	5
20	Denise Frerich	12
21	Tina Meek	8
23	Courtney Harrison	8
25	Lindy LaMascus	14
31	Mandy Meek	24

## Guest Reader

Mrs. Gutierrez continues her guest reader program in her classroom. Great rolemodels from our community have willingly given up their time to come read, share information on their careers and encourage the students to read and stay in school in order to succeed. The students have enjoyed every one of them and appreciate their encouragements.

Friday, January 26th, Taylor Stephenson, Director of Curriculum B.I.S.D.

Friday, February 2nd, Steve Mills, Superintendent B.I.S.D.



Dutch settlers brought a round fried cake named an olykoeck to Colonial America. Legend suggests that an American sea captain trying to make it more digestible, transformed it into a doughnut by cutting a hole in the dough before frying it.

## Tigers Drop 3rd Straight

Last Tuesday, the Tigers traveled to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio to see what the Cole Cougars had in store.

The Tigers sat in 2nd place heading into the contest. The Tigers, coming off of their 2 straight losses, desperately needed a victory. They just couldn't grab it as the Cougars rolled over the Tigers 70-55.

The game was much closer than the score shows it to be. After 1 quarter of play the score stood at 8-20 in the Cougars corner. The 2nd quarter belonged to the Tigers as they came within 5 at half-time.

Heading into the 3rd quarter with the score at 38-51, the Cougars didn't slow down a bit. The final score of 55-70 gave the Tigers their 3rd straight loss.

## Tigers Drop 2nd Consecutive In O.T.

After coming off of the Tigers first loss of the district season against Dilley, they traveled to Lackland Air Force Base to see what the Eagles had in store.

The Eagles shocked the Tigers by a score of 81-74. The Tigers took a small 21-20 lead into the second quarter. By half-time, the Tigers had upped the lead to 12 points at 43-31. After 3 quarters of play the Tigers were pulling away by a score of 61-48. The fourth quarter belonged to the Eagles. At the end of regulation the score was all tied up at 68.

The Eagles shot 38 free throws compared to the Tigers 22, Wow! In overtime the Eagles shot 10 free throws compared to the Tigers 5, wow! The Tigers had 5 players fowl out, whereas the Eagles only had 1. How is that possible?

The Eagles pulled out the victory in overtime by a score of 13-6. The final score was 81-74.

## Tigers Slip To Wolves

Last Tuesday the Tigers traveled to Dilley to see what the 4-1 Wolves had to offer. The Tigers went in to this game with a 5-0 record in district play. This showdown was the first round finale of district 29-2A action.

The Wolves were able to bite the Tigers by surprise. The final score was 72-91.

After 1 quarter of play the Tigers jumped out on top with a 4 point lead. Heading into the second quarter with the score 21-17, the Wolves gained control of the contest. At intermission the score stood 45-52 in favor of the Wolves.

After 3 quarters of play the Tigers were down 53-71. The Tigers suffered their first loss with a final of 72-91.

The loss sent the Tigers into the second round with a 5-1 record, tied for first place with Dilley and Cole.

## Points Scored In Pre-District Action

Player's #	Player's Name	Points Scored
5	Mike Padron	172
10	Brian Hooker	61
12	Brian Flores	43
15	Ruben Terrazas	143
20	Beau Smallwood	95
21	Eric Rivera	21
22	Ramon DeLeon	161
34	Johnny Castro	2
40	Moses Hernandez	167
50	Raymond Talamantez	6
52	Kirk Hill	12

## Tigers Crush Pirates

By Brian Hooker  
 The Brackett News Sports Writer

Tuesday, the Tigers were fired up to face the Pirates from Lytle.

After coming off of the Tigers 3 game losing streak, they were hungry for a win. They grabbed their win over Lytle and they grabbed it in a big fashion.

The Tigers embarrassed the Pirates 90-54. The Tigers never trailed in the contest. After 1 quarter of play the score stood at 24-14. The Tigers eased up in the 2nd and took a 38-30 lead with them at half-time. The Ti-

gers turned it up in the 3rd quarter. Heading into the fourth quarter with a 67-36 lead, the Tigers didn't slow down at all. They wrapped the game up at 90-54.

The Tigers Mike Padron, Beau Smallwood, and Moses Hernandez each had huge games.

Head Coach Gary Grubbs says, "It's fun to score that many points. Everyone got to play and that's great. We needed this win and it's great that our young men stepped up and got it."

The Tigers travel to Natalia Friday, see ya there.

## Tigers Embarrass Pirates

#	Name	Points
5	Mike Padron	21
10	Brian Hooker	8
15	Ruben Terrazas	9
20	Beau Smallwood	19
21	Eric Rivera	2
22	Ramon DeLeon	12
40	Moses Hernandez	19

## College Applications Do's And Don'ts

GEORGETOWN, Texas - Before applying to any selective college, John Lind, vice president for enrollment management at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, says college-bound seniors should consider these application do's and don'ts:

1) Do begin well ahead of time. Make a point to keep a calendar of all application deadlines, since they vary from school to school. Then work toward completing applications well in advance.

2) Do concentrate your time and effort on the essay portion of the application. Choose a quiet and relaxing place to write. Plan to spend enough time to create an essay that demonstrates your ability to communicate and provides insight to you as a person.

3) Do position yourself to stand out. Using your credentials, decide how you want to be remembered. Be creative, be passionate, be anything but boring. But be accurate.

4) Do complete a rough draft before filling out the actual application to avoid cross-outs and erasures. The application is the college's first impression of you. Be thorough and neat.

5) Don't use pencil, color marker or hard-to-read ink to complete your application. A typed application is preferred by schools, but legible long-hand with a standard pen is an appropriate substitute.

6) Do remember the importance of recommendations from college prep teachers and school counselors, as well as creative samples, which complement your application.

## Wives Club Scholarships Available

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - The Laughlin Officers' Wives Club offers scholarships to family members and military personnel assigned to Laughlin.

The scholarships are available in three categories: sons and daughters of active duty, Reserve, retired or deceased military members who are graduating from a local accredited high school in 1996; spouses of active duty and Reserve military and civil service personnel assigned to Laughlin; and to active duty and Reserve military people, E-4 and below, assigned to the base.

All scholarships will be awarded on academic achievement, leadership, citizenship and participation in school and community activities.

Students may obtain scholarship guidelines and application forms from the counseling offices at Del Rio High School, Brackettville High School and the Comstock Independent School District. Guidelines and applications for military personnel and spouses are available at the Laughlin Base Education Office. Information and assistance may also be obtained from Gloria Tate, the scholarship chairperson, at 298-7242.

Deadline for scholarship applications is March 31.

The first expedition to travel from America to Asia by the Northwest Passage was led by British explorer Sir Robert John le Mesurier McClure from 1850 to 1854.

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**  
By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, BISD Curriculum Director

**Reading, The Key To Education**

Reading makes a difference in what life can provide for you! As adults, we can enrich our lives by reading and by learning about the world that exists beyond the limits of our minds. That's right! If we are to continually grow mentally, our minds must envision the world beyond what we see every day in Kinney County. Please don't get me wrong. I love life here. I also believe that our world is full of things to learn and to know. There's a world out there waiting to be discovered!

As an adult, I can't fathom the thought of giving up on the quest to learn. I don't believe all that the TV tells me. When learning includes only that which others tell you, we are doomed to let those folks rule our worlds. I question all politicians...not just the ones from my political party. The very word political scares me into thinking that these folks want to reach their objectives for reasons that are many times questionable — like power and money. Learning must come from our previous experiences, and it must be seasoned well with new thinking or a new paradigm about our old thinking.

We have a library full of books that can stretch our minds. Computers have done wonders by giving us access to the information highway. I agree that there's stuff out there that we don't want to know. I don't advocate learning things that go beyond the bounds of our codes for moral and ethical behavior. But there's lots of good things to learn. As adults, don't quit learning! Don't quit reading!

How about our younger generation? How important is reading? It's number one. If you do one thing beyond providing your children with love and understanding, teach them the value of reading. Let the kids see you read...model for them. Read them stories. That's right, all kids (of all ages) enjoy being read to. Let them know that reading is a grand skill to know.

Schools teach reading so that we can communicate the written word to each other. It's important to read fast, but above all COMPREHENSION is of the utmost importance. What was the book about? What happened first...or what happened after? What

was the main idea of the story? Try to understand the words in the story. How are they used? Do they have different meanings as used in the story? Why did the character do what he did? Was the story fact or fiction? What was the setting of the story? Ask the children to summarize what you just read for me? **LEARNING THESE SKILLS WILL HELP YOUR CHILDREN TO A BETTER LIFE.** Those who can't read and understand what they read are in a mess. Teach the children to read and to understand the written word.

We have just purchased a reading comprehension program called Accelerated Reader. It has been extremely successful in many school districts in turning kids on to reading through a system of rewards and through finding more time in the school day for reading. Practice makes perfect when it comes to reading. The more a student reads, the greater the growth in reading ability. The best way to help poor readers is to get them to practice reading. Remember also that the more that students practice reading, the greater will be their growth in all academic areas including math.

I have talked to our math instructors at Brackett ISD for the past 4 years. During that time, I have been convinced that students who read well stand a better chance of being good in math. That's right, reading affects your ability to do math. Many of our challenges in math are presented in written problems. We must be able to read and understand if we are to solve math problems.

Want to better your children's lives? Help them to become better readers. Get a library card. Buy a newspaper. Borrow a magazine. Ask your child to bring home library books from school and to read them to you. Ask your children questions about their reading. Extend learning into the home by helping teachers teach your children to read. At BISD, all of our teachers are considered reading teachers. We all teach children to understand the written word. Parents, we need your help. Help us teach the children to read. The key to a solid education is reading. Do it! Have a good week.

**Teikyo Post University Expands Grant Offer To Brackett-Area Student**

Teikyo Post University, Waterbury, Connecticut - Teikyo Post has announced the extension of its Middle Income Family (MIF) grant program to include one new Brackett-area student, attending Teikyo Post for the Fall, 1996 term. The total of this grant could reach \$20,000.

"Our Middle Income Family grant program has struck a positive chord with the general public," stated Dr. Phyllis C. DeLeo, President of Teikyo Post. "Therefore, we have added a zero-interest loan of up to \$5,000 per year for one new Brackett-area full-time, undergraduate day, middle income student starting their college studies at Teikyo Post in the Fall of 1996. If that student graduates with a bachelor's degree within four years, Teikyo Post will forgive the MIF loan and those monies become a grant, free and clear. We feel that middle income families could use a grant of up to \$20,000 for their son's or daughters' education," concluded Dr. DeLeo.

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**Kinney County Commissioners Court**

The Kinney County Commissioners Court met in another special session Wednesday, February 7, 1996, Judge Seargeant presiding. In attendance were Commissioner Frerich, Commissioner Montalvo, Commissioner Mendeke and Commissioner O'Rourke.

The court approved all bills and reports with the exception of a bill from the City of Brackettville for attorney's fees.

The court signed a resolution making the month of February "School Board Recognition Month". The resolution states, among other things, "We urge all citizens to join us in recognizing the dedication and hard work of local school board members and in working with them to mold an education system that meets the needs of both today's and tomorrow's children."

County Sheriff L. K. Burgess reported that none of the 4 new jailers hired would qualify for JTPA assistance. In all of this additional cost

Sheriff Burgess said that he understood the court would be unable to hire another deputy. Constable Bill Linderman has agreed to assist the Sheriff's department as needed. Reserve deputy Warren Outlaw will complete his certification as of February 9, 1996.

There are a total of 28 prisoners in the jail at this time, 22 are federal prisoners. Commissioner Mendeke reported for the EMS, stating that due to the lack of funds from grants, the EMS will require \$10,000 to continue operating. The court approved a budget amendment to give EMS the additional funds.

Marion Caton made a request to hire a new driver at \$4.50 per hour. The court said that all new employees are to be hired at \$4.25 an hour. The Nutrition Center is averaging 55 to 60 people per day plus home delivery. Beta Sigma Phi decorated the center for Valentines Day.

**Introducing The Las Moras Creek Site Council**

The "Las Moras Creek Site Council" is a group of elected participants of the Nutrition Center. Their objectives are to organize and coordinate programs that will benefit the health, nutrition, education and well being of participants of the nutrition center.

All activities are coordinated through and with the site director/manager of the nutrition center. Proceeds of activities and donations are recorded as income and used for the expansion and up keep of the nutrition center. A minimum of 10% of

the proceeds generated by program activities are donated to the nutrition program. The balance is put in the bank to be used as the site council board agrees for the welfare of the participants. Rules, regulations and by-laws are carried out as required.

Officers are President; Felix Gonzales; Vice-President Barbara Rice Clark, Secretary Agapito Saenz, Treasurers Nina Batson and Lorraine Watson, Sergeant-at-arms Carlos Jimenez, Director of activities Dora Jimenez and Irma Poull.

**Fort Clark Art Club**

The sketches for the Commemorative Quilt are nearly all completed and we in the art club are very interested in how they will be interpreted with embroidery. Several of us are interested in doing this embroidery.

New tables have been bought and they are already filled by new members. We are flourishing. Altogether there are 28 paid up members. We are fortunate to have such spacious quarters, though it was cool there this week.

A very good thing is the proposed co-ordination of special events tied to the 50th year since the Fort was deactivated and the 25th anniversary of the year the Fort became a residential complex. Joan Linley 563-9559 will be our representative at

meetings of this committee. Betty Wright 563-2559 our coordinator for this Art & Craft Show, to be held in the GORGAS room and the porches at the Adult Center on Saturday, March 16 has created posters which will be placed in strategic places on the Fort and in Brackettville. A fun event of the day will be the judging of the Easter Bonnet Event (all kind of hats). We hope those who read Betty's posters will get into the spirit of Spring and create an interesting or pretty chapeau. We know you are brimful of ideas!

The art club has agreed to purchase a bronze plaque through the main office to be put on the outside of the art building which was originally a war building-the motor pool.

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**Community Calendar**

A.A.: Open meeting, Monday, 8 PM, Slator Hall, James St.  
Las Moras Masonic Lodge 444: 2nd Tue. 7 p.m., Lodge Hall, Ann St.  
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.  
Boot Scooters: Thursday 7:00 PM, Town Hall, FCS  
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., Adult Center  
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, 6 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, Slator Hall, Please make reservations.  
Kinney County Heritage Museum: 2nd and 4th Saturday, 1-4 p.m., Filippone Building.

**Texas Tech Honor's List**

Scott Alan Sims has been named on the Texas Tech University Honors List for Fall 1995. He is majoring in Mathematics. Scott is a graduate of Brackett High.

**Degree**

Shelley Anne McDaniel graduated from Texas Tech University in the Fall 1995 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Shelley is also a graduate of Brackett High.

**Reading Workshop**

On Tuesday, February 13th, Alma Gutierrez (1st grade teacher) will present a Reading Workshop for the Spanish-speaking community at 3:00 P.M. in the school cafeteria. The goal of this workshop is to develop an awareness of the importance of the subject of reading at different age levels and to define parental involvement as the primary source for the basis of learning to be a successful reader.

**Driver training key to school bus safety**

COLLEGE STATION — How safe are the 1.2 million children riding on a school bus in Texas this morning? It may well depend on the training of their bus driver.

"Bus driver training won't be taking a back seat in Texas if the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) has its way," said Dr. G. Kemble Bennett, director of TEEX and Associate vice chancellor for engineering of the Texas A&M University System.

"We have teamed up with the Texas Department of Transportation and other groups to offer comprehensive behind-the-wheel school bus driver safety training—one of only a handful of states to do so."

The latest figures from the Texas Department of Public Safety show crashes involving school buses are up more than 20 percent since 1991. Injuries to school bus drivers and passengers have increased 55 percent in the past four years.

But school buses are the safest form of ground transportation and have an impressive safety record, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. For example, passenger cars were involved in 72.3 percent of all traffic crashes and 61.2 percent of all fatal crashes in a national report compiled in 1989. However, school buses were involved in only 0.2 percent of all crashes and 0.2 percent of fatalities for the same period, the agency reported.

**Brownies Up Up And Away**

Brownie Troop #154 met Monday evening to work on their movers tryit. They made gliders out of construction paper, crayons, straws and paper clips. The brownies had quite a time flying their gliders after they were finished. The troop is also studying hiking and camping procedures.

After all the work was done the Brownies snacked on cola and what else, Girl Scout Cookies from their sample pack.

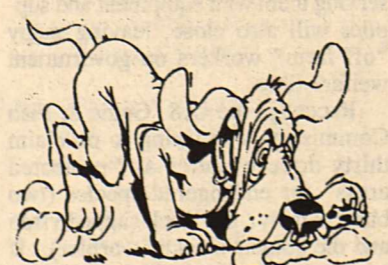
The cookies that were ordered should be ready to be delivered by mid February. There are always some extras so if you didn't have a chance to order Girl Scout Cookies, you can call 563-9006 or 563-9545.

**Sheriff's Report**

Wednesday A.M., January 31  
15 tires were slashed in the Brackett High School parking lot, one car was burglarized. 2 juveniles were arrested and are now in the Val Verde Juvenile Center. Sheriff's Department recovered a stereo and a speaker from suspects.

Saturday, February 3, 1996  
Kinney County Game Warden stopped 4 local men on FM 2804 for possible road hunting. Game warden discovered a goat that had been stolen from Orvil Frerich. The 4 men were arrested for theft and Public Intoxication.

Eighteen jailer applicants were interviewed on January 31 to fill the 4 openings. All of the applicants were very good and the decision was difficult. The new jailers are: Sylvia Alvarado, Andrea Garcia, Fernando Quiroz and Barbara Clark. These new jailers are on the job now. The remaining 14 applicants names will remain on an eligibility list, to be called in the event of other openings.



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The first national census began in 1790, counted 3,929,214 persons in the U.S. Census takers included 17 marshals and 200 assistants. The counting took 18 months.

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.

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

February 1884: Lt French eagerly awaits the arrival of his relief ("D" Troop, 8th Cavalry) so he may return to Ft. Clark after over two months of field service commanding the Seminole-Negro Indian Scout Detachment close to the line of the Southern Pacific at Mayers Spring (near present day Dryden). The Detachment begins the trek back to Ft. Clark on the 7th with French locating his bed in the ambulance. After a five day journey the post is reached and no time is lost rejoining the society of the fort as numerous "calls" are made the first night back. French petitions Gen'l Smith to be assigned the quarters next to the Adjutant's Office (today's Harrison house) and moves in the day of the "Leap Year" Hop.

Friday, February 8 1884

Did not pull out of camp until nearly eight o'clock. Foggy all day but partially cleared off before making camp. Passing Lozier one of Randlett's men on his way from Del Rio handed me a letter from Dr. Heger, an O.B. Trip was uninteresting. No water at Willow or Craig. Made camp near Langtry in time for the animals to get a good feed of grass. Frausto's pony got away and he had to go back for him. Went down to the station when the train came in and saw Rodgers & Tracy there. Learned that Roberts had been discharged for drinking. Rodgers told me that Supt. Campbell said he was going to put a building at Thurston for a store for Sale. Drank two glasses of wine at the saloon. Made arrangements to leave a man and rations here for Frausto if he did not return in time tomorrow morning.

Saturday, February 9 1884

Foggy, damp morning & rainy during the day. Cleared off a short time during the day but clouded over again. Pulled out of camp earlier than yesterday.

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Major General Francis Henry French Courtesy of his descendants



Thursday, February 14, 1884 [Lt French's original "LEAP YEAR" HOP Dance Card is on display in the Guard-house Museum Collection]

Frausto came back in time to get some sleep and go on with the men. He had to go back to Lozier. About noon reached the Pecos and made the men ford and sent them under Sgt. Kibbets to Painted Caves to camp. Remained with the fatigue party to cross the wagons. Got forage here. Felt much relieved when all were over in safety. The animals got some good grazing before dark.

Sunday, February 10 1884

Thick fog all day, clearing up a little just before camp was made. Most tiresome trip of all on account of the fog. Camped on hill on East side of Devil's River. Everything moving along nicely. Two men, however, are feeling unwell. Fortunately tomorrow we shall pass Del Rio where they can get some medicine from Dr. Harmer.

Monday, February 11 1884

Was awakened about two o'clock this morning by a heavy thunder shower and found the wind was blowing the rain right into the ambulance. Called Luce & had him fix up a poncho so as to keep out some but not all. Felt rather frightened by the lightning and got up, put on my clothes and stood by a fire until the hardest part of the rain was over. Then went back to sleep. Left camp with better weather and had good weather all day. Went into the Post at Del Rio with Luce, and the sick men but sent the others to the camp on the Sycamore. Saw Dr. Harmer, Caraher, Phelps & Steele there. Spent about half an hour and then pushed on for camp. The animals got plenty of grazing. Clear this evening. Last night in camp.

Tuesday, February 12 1884

Mother's 51st birthday. May it be a very happy one, followed by many more prosperous. Rained last night but the ambulance protected my bed completely. Pulled out of camp before daylight. Roads very heavy. Reached the Post about noon. Sent the men out to camp, keeping three to unload my stuff. Dr. Taylor was the first officer seen. Got him to go to the hospital to see those sick men. Unloaded at Shunk's & intend to remain with him until assigned a set of quarters. He was not home. Took a bath and put on clean

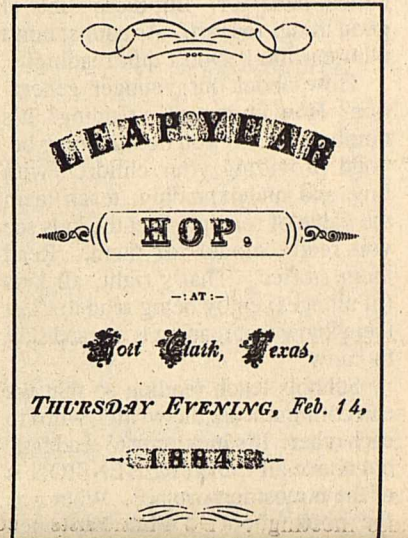
clothes, getting my trunk from Eckerson's. Shunk came while I was dressing & seemed to be glad to see me. Same old Shunk. After cleaning up went down to the store, to the Commissary's &

Quartermaster's to leave receipts and then to the Adjutant's office where were the General & Hall. Both were very cordial. Reported about rope at ferry over Pecos to the General. Several letters from home, one from Capt. Simonds accepting my terms for the pig ranch, notification of deposit 116.67 in bank and two bundles of papers. Wrote a postal home as there was no time to write a letter for today's mail. Went to Capt. Vance's for dinner as usual. Captain is well & hearty. Arranged with Charley to take care of me as before. After dark Shunk & I started out to call stopping at Col. Lyster's to shake hands with Mrs. L & Mrs. Doughty who were on the porch as we went past. They are both looking well. Stopped to see Mrs. Buffington but she was not at home. Made a short call on Fountain & wife & Miss Kauffman who are staying there. Then went into Hall's & found a whist party gathering there. So did not stay long. Saw Mrs. Smith, Col. & Mrs. Bliss there & Mrs. Hall. Then returned to Shunk's & played a while on the violin with Shunk. He plays much better than I. Mrs. Hammond and Miss Kauffman came into Capt. Vance after dinner & made a short call to enable Miss K. to invite me to go with her to the Leap Year party Thursday evening. It is much more comfortable here than in camp. Did not go out to camp this evening.

Wednesday, February 13 1884

Shunk marched on Officer of the Guard this morning, so that I may have it tomorrow as I rank next to him. We sent in a joint petition to be assigned the quarters next to the Adjutant's Office where I lived last May, but the General declined to make them a double set of quarters. Shunk decided not to give up his tent so that I shall live there alone. While at the Sutler's this morning saw Cuff Wilson making a disturbance. Had him confined. Am very much inclined to ask to have him discharged. Wrote usual letter home today but finished it too late to send over by regular carrier & had to take it over myself. After returning went to Mrs. Hall's to play whist with Capt. Vance against Mrs. H. & Dr. Maddox, winning a number of games. Maddox became provoked showing poor breeding. Would have enjoyed the evening much more if he had not been there, & Capt. Hall had played as before. Hewitt came in for a while. Had cake & wine before leaving. Went out to camp this evening.

Submitted application for the quarters. Saw Gen. Smith just after guard mounting & was told to move in. Played billiards for a while with Hewitt & then returned to Shunk's & found a fatigue party there from the Seminoles. Had all my stuff carried over from Shunk's. After one o'clock had the furniture that was stored in the storeroom brought over and got partially settled before retreat. Did not go out to camp this evening. About eight o'clock put on full dress uniform & went over to Hammond's where Miss Kauffman is visiting & found her just starting out with Hammond to get me, to escort me over to the Leap Year party given by the ladies in the



Post Hall. Gen. Smith, Col. Bliss, Dr. Heger & Col. Lyster received. The ladies did very well, but some did not carry out the masculine parts as thoroughly as they ought. During refreshments the gentlemen sat at small tables & the ladies served. The gentlemen commenced to rap on the table & call "Waiter" just for fun. Don't like to play wall flower; had too much tonight. Ives came in from San Antonio & Steele from Del Rio, early this morning. Ives took breakfast with Capt. Vance & me. Paid him \$9.55 on account of hops. Took a ride today with Hewitt in his road cart.

Everything has been said before, but since nobody listens, we have to keep going back and beginning all over again.

—Andre Gide

Private Property Rights Congressional Letter Writing Winners Named

Private Property Rights Congressional Letter Writing winners named. Winners have been selected for the Congressional Letter Writing Contest sponsored by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser's Auxiliary. Ben Love, a leading property rights advocate, judged the entries. He is a lawyer and rancher in the big bend area of Texas. Doris Haby served as contest coordinator for the auxiliary. First place winner is Betty Grafe, of Sequin, who is a Junior of Navarro High School. She is in the band and color guard. Another interest is debate. She will receive a \$1000 college scholarship. Second place winner is Laree Vinson, a senior at Fort Stockton High School. She will use her \$750 college scholarship when she enrolls at Texas A&M University this fall. Third place winner, Honey Suzanne Hastings had her winning entry published in the congressional record by her US Representative, Lamar Smith. She is a freshman at Bandera High School. Honey receives a \$500 scholarship. Other winners who will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond are: 4th - Jared Shahan of Brackettville, 5th - Elizabeth Strait of Hondo, 6th - Toni Clark of Utopia, 7th - Barbi Mathews of Coleman, 8th Judith Ann Oliver of Lampasas, 9th - Cole David Young of Katy, and 10th - Larry A. Brooks of Elmendorf.

Letter To Congressman Bonilla

Dear Congressman Bonilla:

Allow me to make your acquaintance. My name is Jared Ty Shahan of Brackettville, Texas. This small rural town of less than 2,000 people is located 120 miles west of San Antonio on Highway 90 West. I attend Brackett High School and am the highest ranking senior in the class of 1996. I have resided on a ranch outside the city limits of Brackettville, and all eighteen years of my life have been spent raising various kinds of livestock. Being very familiar with the land and its produce, I would like to express my opinion on a subject that is being abused and has caught my attention: Private Property Rights. This letter is just a sentiment of my concern and requires no response.

The Texas Department of Agriculture has published reports that Texas leads all the states in the production of cattle, sheep, goats, mohair, and cotton. This is due to the land owners of Texas who over the past 150 years, have turned this wilderness into valuable productive property capable of supplying goods to Texas, the United States, and nations around the world. The private property rights that have protected Texans from governmental intervention have been a sound foundation for the free enterprise system. These rights have spurred economic growth that has placed Texas eleventh among the productive nations of the world. The success of Texas has surely been brought about by the vision and work of its landowners, and because Texas leaders have helped landowners do

what is best for Texas.

Under the protection of private property rights, Texans have also enjoyed an abundance of freedom with their success. They have been allowed to possess, hunt, farm, graze and manage their land the way they deem acceptable. When the Texas landowner manages his land, he uses it for maximum profit that benefits both the environment and man. Owning this property comes with heavy taxation, but the price paid for success and liberty is secondary to the gains.

People come to the United States looking for freedom and opportunity. In "The Great Land Rush" of early America, people scrambled and ran for the chance to own a piece of land; something they could call their own; something they could enjoy and engineer to help themselves, their neighbors and others they may never know. Property owners in Texas are still experiencing this dream. Ninety-seven percent of the 130 million acres of Texas land is privately owned. This is a towering number of dreams protected by Texas's Private Property Rights.

Ever since the beginning of time, land has been a life sustaining asset. Others, who do not own land but use it, do not care for and maintain the property as does a "landowner". Take for example the leasing operations now in effect on many Texas ranches and farms. Hunters and/or Grazing Lessors arrive and are mostly remembered for their disorderly and excessive use of the land. The reasons for their mistakes is that they have no connection to the land - their

heart is not in it. A landowner must care for his land to survive.

Other antagonists the landowner faces are "endangered species" and "environmentalists" who assume to understand what it means to own and care for the land. They "arrest" this once valuable asset and forever hold it in "protective custody". Their ability to care for and maintain this asset can be witnessed by visiting the overgrown, disease and insect laden "wilderness areas" of our national forests. The Edward's Underground Aquifer is a prime example of government takeover of private property rights. This "arresting" of natural resources is currently destroying family farms and ranches in the Uvalde, Medina and Bexar County areas. They are pushing the government to limit water to these counties in order to save the Snaildarter. Ultimately thousands of productive acres will be shut down and left dormant, benefiting no one or the environment. Not only the farms, but the companies serving them with equipment and supplies will also close, leaving many "off farm" workers on government welfare lines.

Recently, the U.S. Game & Fish Commission was trying to proclaim thirty-three counties as "protected areas" for endangered species (two birds namely: the black capped vireo and the golden cheeked warbler). If landowners had sat on their hands and done nothing, this private "taking" would have been accomplished. "Taking" anything makes this law very profound and had a deadly effect on landowner's rights. Additionally, Special Interest Group's influ-

ence on regulations passed by The Environmental Protection Agency is destroying lives. What is odd is that these people formulate regulations and restrictions on land most of them have never seen, experienced, managed or owned. These "Groups" do not have their hearts in the land or the people and cannot comprehend the long reaching effect of their edicts. The irony is that in 1995, our government "for the people, by the people and of the people" is now the landowner's biggest adversary.

It is important for Texans to have land that the government and its restrictions cannot touch. Texas has enjoyed great economic and industrial growth, and this expansion can be accredited to the protection provided under the Private Property Rights. If the government, by way of its intervention along with the influence of Special Interest Groups, continues to attack and infringe on the rights of Texans they will succeed in undermining the rights granted by our forefathers and destroy the American Dream.

Respectfully submitted, /s/Jared Ty Shahan

P.S. "The moment the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the laws of God, and that there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence. Property must be sacred or liberty cannot exist."

John Quincy Adams Second President of the United States of America

Answers to Super Crossword grid with words like 'HOWLERS', 'LAUTIMUS', 'HCTIWS', 'WIT'.





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

**BESURE TO READ THIS**  
If you find this hard to read you would have had time with ancient documents where they left no space in order to save every expensive parchment in writing. Did you ever consider that sometimes your life looks like this? When you leave no space for God in your life it frequently becomes very jumbled and run together and difficult to sort out. If you have taken the time to decipher this little note, consider spending an equal amount on something very useful: your relationship with God. That could turn out to change your life for the very best.

itsomebreathing room.  
As noted above we are instructed in Scripture and know in our hearts that we are to leave space for God and involve ourselves with His people. Getting involved gives one such an opportunity. May I invite you to become involved in the life of a local Church? May I invite you to become involved with God as he gives His invitation to You? Leave a little space for God this Sabbath.



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

Sunday was Happy Shahan day at Frontier Baptist Church. All his life his church was a very important part of his life. He loved his church and he and Virginia expressed that love in a financial way. To list all the special donations of large items would make a long list. When it seemed to be advisable, a number of people wanted a place just to worship. Happy and Virginia made their home available. The crowd grew until it was advisable to find a place in town to worship. A place was rented and the congregation grew until it was decided to organize into a church. Thus Frontier Baptist Church was born. Immediately the idea of building a building became the dominating theme. A place was found and purchased. Happy Shahan had been an integral part of the group. He was a deacon of the church. He was a trustee. He was chairman of the building committee. Now he truly became a key to the future. The church borrowed the money to build and a contractor was employed. While others constantly contributed to the building fund, it was Happy and Virginia who carried the larger

part of the load. The 10 year loan was paid off and the note burned in 7 years.  
All through the 23 years of the church, Happy has been a staunch pillar in the church. No pastor ever had a stronger supporter. He without fail stood for what was right. Nothing could shake his commitment to God and the right. Nothing ever shook his faith in his church and his pastor. One has to know the depth of his love for his God to understand his love for his church. He knew the Bible and believed it implicitly. Nothing could shake his belief in the Bible as inerrant and the word of God. His foot prints linger and his influence will continue to bless until Jesus comes again. One of the stained glass windows will be marked in his memory. Following the service the Lord's Supper was observed followed by the Fellowship Luncheon. It was a high day at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday.  
Next Lord's Day there will be a message from the Bible at 11:00 A.M. A cordial welcome awaits. Come and see.

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**St. John's Baptist Church**  
Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.  
210-563-9175

**Praise The Lord**

Seeing then, that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus, the Son of GOD, let us hold fast our profession.  
For we have not an high priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet with out sin.  
Let us, therefore, come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16

Bible Study  
6 P.M. Thursday  
Gospel Preaching  
6 P.M. - 7 P.M.  
Saturday Prayer Night

For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to GOD, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifice for sins; Hebrews 5:1.  
Still in need of chairs and tables for Fellowship Wilson Hall also desk for pastor and study. Praise God!!

Praise God  
Come Worship With Us  
10 A.M. & 11 A.M.  
Sunday Morning Worship  
6 P.M. - 7 P.M.  
Tues., Wed., Fri.,

St. John B/C  
Pastor Adams Sr.  
563-2582 Church Ph.

**First United Methodist Church**



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

Is a Methodist (a) a person engaged in the scientific study of methodology (b) a person obsessed with doing everything "by the book" or (c) a person who met with others in a "class meeting"? Do Methodists REALLY believe they're perfect? Why do Methodist preachers always seem to be moving? Which kind of grace is real (a) preventive (b) justifying (c) sanctifying (d) amazing (e) all of the above?  
Pique your curiosity? I hope so. If you've ever wondered about any of these things -- or anything else about what Methodists do or believe, come and find out. I will be teaching a class in Methodism on Sundays, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m., February 11, 18, 25 & March 3 in Slaton Hall (across the street from the church). Anyone who is curious is welcome to attend.  
Different denominations (Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Roman Catholics, etc.) do hold slightly different beliefs and do certain things differently. And that's OK because just because we're different doesn't necessarily mean someone's right and someone else is wrong. It simply means that there are different perspectives and interpretations -- variations

on a theme, if you will.  
Ever wonder why there are four accounts of the gospel? There's only one gospel -- the gospel of Jesus Christ -- but there's the gospel according to Matthew, according to Mark, according to Luke, and according to John. The different accounts have the same basic message, but there are different emphases, some different stories, and a slight variation of order within each one. That's because they're written by four unique individuals to four different (original) audiences. It doesn't mean one account is superior to another. Rather, it means that the gospel of Jesus Christ is a multifaceted gem through which God reveals different things to different folks at different times as God sees fit. And that's reason for thanksgiving!  
While we each celebrate the heritage and unique gifts of our faith tradition, it is also well to celebrate our unity in Christ. We all serve the one, true, and only God. Thanks be to God!  
If you don't already have a church home and want to find out how Methodists serve God, I'll see you February 11 at 9:45 a.m.

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

**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.

**Obituaries**



**Matias "Matt" Sandoval**

Matias "Matt" Sandoval, age 41 died February 1, 1996 at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. Born March 9, 1954 in Del Rio, Texas. Graduated from Brackettville High School in 1972. He then went on to join the United States Air Force May 1973 til 1975. He had been presently working at the City of Brackettville. A member of the St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Survived by his parents: Pablo and Teresa Sandoval of Plainview. Sisters: Amparo Sandoval of Plainview, Janie Crosby of Hart, Texas, Amy Waddell of Plainview, Elva Neff of California, Elda Terrazas of Brackettville, Terri Sandoval of Laredo, and Francis Sandoval of Plainview. Brothers: Paul Sandoval Jr., of Austin, Victor Sandoval of Plainview, and Rey

Sandoval. 18 Nieces and Nephews, 2 Great Nephews and One Great Niece and a host of friends. A rosary was recited at 7:00 P.M. Sunday at the Brackettville Funeral Chapel. Funeral Mass was held 10:00 A.M. Monday, February 5, 1996 at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church with Rev. David Zumaya celebrant. The San Felipe Del Rio Honor Guard conducted military graveside services at the County Cemetery in Brackettville. Pallbearers were Antonio Mendoza, Greg Waddell, Nat Terrazas III, Nat Terrazas IV, Stephen Ramirez and Raymond Ramirez. Visitation was held Sunday from 1:00 P.M. til 9:00 P.M. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Brackettville Funeral Home 114 North Street. (210) 563-9600.

**Thank You**

The Family of Beverly Wolters would like to thank everyone for their help in making the week of Bev's memorial so special. So many people helped in so many ways. Thank you to everyone for your kindness and help. You are truly a wonderful community.

**THANK YOU**

The family of James T. "Happy" Shahan wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the community of Brackettville for your outpouring of love and support during our recent loss. Each and every kindness shown, the thoughtfulness, warmth and just being there for us will stay in our hearts forever. May the Lord Bless You.

**Neighbor To Neighbor Program Helps Needy Customers Pay Energy Bills**

Central Power and Light Co. and its customers over the last seven years helped more than 19,137 families through CPL's Neighbor to Neighbor program. The program is a special energy fund that helps customers pay their home energy bills in emergency situations.

Brooks and Jim Wells counties, received \$6,397 and assisted 121 clients.

The Neighbor to Neighbor program is a partnership between CPL and its customers and is administered by 17 social service agencies throughout the company's 44-county service area. The program was established in 1989 with an initial contribution of \$100,000 from CPL's stockholders. CPL matches customer contributions, dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000 per year.

The Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc., serving Edwards, Kinney, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala counties, received \$13,050 and assisted 184 clients. The Community Service Agency of Dimmit, La Salle and Maverick counties received \$8,386 and assisted 117 clients, and the Laredo-Webb County Community Action Agency received \$19,828 and assisted 314 clients.

Since the program started, more than \$1,164,000 has been contributed to assist needy individuals and families. Of that amount, \$178,875 was contributed in 1995 and assisted 2,882 customers.

"This program represents a partnership between CPL and its customers to provide a vehicle by which people can help one another in times of real need," said Olga Maldonado, CPL Western Division manager.

Four community agencies in CPL's Western Division received a total of \$47,661 in contributions and assisted 736 clients in 1995. The individual agency contributions are as follows: the Community Action Corporation of South Texas, serving

Applicants to the program must be CPL residential customers, be responsible for paying the energy expense in question and have a genuine financial need at the time of application.

**A Cameo From The Past**

By J. Lee Ballantyne

Saturday afternoon in Austin, Texas at one time belonged to the children of Austin. Many of the merchants gave passes for the picture show, good only on Saturday after noon and if you worked it just right, you could make three shows each Saturday.

So you can imagine what the swarms were like - out of one show and in to another - the fastest got the best seats and stragglers had to take what was left.

Adults were aware of these Saturday afternoon "swarms" and I'm sure they tried to arrange their business to avoid these mobs.

But just think of the happy children - a whole city full of merry children and all they had to do was wait until next Saturday and they could do it again!

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This TSHL will be the fifth group elected. Terms are for two years. Expenses for meetings in Austin are the responsibility of the TSHL member with one exception: expenses for the Orientation and Training Session, which will be held July 30, through August 2, 1996, in Austin, is paid for by the Texas Silver Haired Legislature Foundation.

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NOTICE

Notice To Public By Community Council Of Southwest Texas, Inc. Of Intent To Request The Release Of Funds In Connection The Home Investment Partnership Program

To all Interested Agencies, Groups, And Persons:

On or about nine days after the publication of this notice, the Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc. (CCSWT), will request the Texas Department of Housing And Community Affairs (TDHCA) to release funds under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 for the following project:

Home Program Contract Number: 534279

Description: First time home buyers down payment and closing cost assistance

Location: Kinney County Total Estimated Cost: \$52,000.00

An Environmental Review Record respecting the within projects has been made by CCSWT, which documents the environmental review status of the projects. This Environmental Record is on file at CCSWT, 713 E. Main, Uvalde, Texas and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Comments will be received 7 days following the publication of this notice.

CCSWT will undertake the project described above with the HOME Investment Partnership Program funds from the TDHCA under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990. CCSWT is certifying to the TDHCA that CCSWT and Jorge Botello in his official capacity as Executive Director, consent to accept the

jurisdiction of the Federal courts if action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental assessments, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, CCSWT may use HOME Program funds, and the TDHCA will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and 24 CFR Part 58.

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following basis:

a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other certifying of the Grantee approved by the TDHCA; or

b) that the Grantee's environmental review record for the project indicated commission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review required procedures (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to the TDHCA, P.O. Box 13941, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-3941.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the TDHCA. No objections received after twenty-five days will be considered by the TDHCA.

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