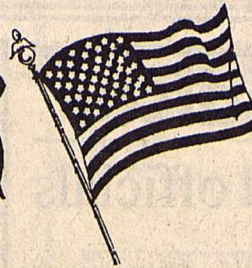


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Burkepile elected to FCS Board Miller, Mitchell and Pingenot win re-election bids

FORT CLARK SPRINGS - Mona Miller, Bob Burkepile, Mary Mitchell and Ben Pingenot were elected to the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors.

The election results were announced Saturday by Director Frank Cheaney at the 26th Annual General Meeting of the Fort Clark Springs Association.

Miller, Burkepile and Mitchell were elected to three-year terms and Pingenot was elected to a one-year term.

Miller and Mitchell have both served one two-year term. This is the first term for Burkepile and Pingenot, who was appointed to the board last summer to fill an unexpired term.

Also running for the board were incumbent Mike Holley, Bill Kelly and J.E. Meil.

In an organizational meeting Saturday afternoon, the following officers were elected for the upcoming year: Miller, president; Pingenot, vice president; Mitchell, secretary; and Betty Gibbs, treasurer.

Also at Saturday's annual general meeting, Nona Hoeller and Woodie Hornburg were named Fort Clark Springs' Members of the Year.

General Manager Bill Haenn presented the annual employee awards.

Frances Franklin was named the Employee of the Year. She is the head waitress at the restaurant.

Connie Coronado, head of the accounting department, was named the Supervisor of the Year.

The father-and-son team of Juan and Joe Avila were recognized. Juan was named the Golden Anniversary Employee for 50 years of service, and Joe was named Silver Anniversary Employee for 25 years.

Members of the Board of Directors recognized the following committees: architecture, audit, golf, nominating, planning, recreation, rules, and teen committees.

Mitchell gave the State of the Association address, and Haenn gave an annual report on the association.

The Fort Clark Municipal Utility District report was given by MUD General Manager Larry Sofaly.

In other business, the minutes of last year's annual general meeting were approved.



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY CANDY HOBBS
Evaristo Villarreal, right, slams a pie in the face of Jones Elementary School Principal Michael Scholer. Villarreal and other elementary school students won the right to throw pies at Scholer by selling the most towels in a PTO fundraiser. See related photo, Page 3.

Little League resumes registration today

The Kinney County Little League will register players today at 6 p.m. at the Little League Field.

Today marks the third registration date of the year for the local Little League.

Potential players can also register tomorrow at 5:30 at the high

school softball field prior to the Tigerettes' game against the D'Hanis Cowgirls.

Tryouts for players will be at the Little League Field on Saturday, beginning at 2 p.m.

Applications for those wishing to manage or coach a senior league, little league or t-ball team

were to be turned in by Wednesday.

The Kinney County Little League Board of Directors will approve the managers' and coaches' applications at a meeting tonight.

The assigned managers will draft their teams Saturday, follow-

ing the tryouts.

The directors will also host a workday tonight to get the Little League Field ready for the season, which begins with Opening Day Ceremonies and a barbecue on April 26.

Another workday has been set for Thursday, April 10.



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY J.J. GUIDRY
June Kaminski, right, manager of the Brackett School District cafeteria, presents fifth grader Gilbert Fernandez with a Toy Story Easter basket. Fernandez won the basket after his name was drawn from those children who eat breakfast at the cafeteria.

Corey to compete in model and talent expo

Brackettville's Heather Corey will be participating in the Mike Beatty Model and Talent Expo in Dallas on April 11-13.

Corey, the daughter of Robert and Charolette Corey, is an 18-year-old senior at Brackett High School.

She has won various beauty queen awards, participated in several fashion shows, and has been active on the Fashion Board for Plaza del Sol Mall in Del Rio for three years.

Corey has trained under Lari Nelson's School of Modeling in

Del Rio for the past three years.

Nelson has taught runway, fashion, poise and pageantry to models at Plaza del Sol for over three years, and is in contractual agreement with Calliope Talent and Modeling Agency in San Antonio.

Calliope Talent and Modeling Agency is owned and directed by Kristy Traylor, who has booked many models and actors with commercials, music videos, movies, television shows, corporate videos, and print advertisements.

Traylor is also the divisional director for the Mike Beatty Model and Talent Expo.

The model and talent expo is run by Beatty, joined with the Campbell Agency, the Southwest's most full-service agency.

The expo provides participants an opportunity to be discovered by the top modeling agents, talent agents, casting directors, and personal managers from all over the world.

Over 500 people will perform in the expo by private invitation.



HEATHER COREY

Tigers resume conference play today against Bobcats

The Brackett Tigers are scheduled to host the Comfort Bobcats in a District 30-2A baseball game tonight at 7, weather pending.

The game was originally scheduled for Tuesday but has been postponed twice because of weather. The Tigers, who are 1-1 in league play and 15-2 overall, will travel to Natalia tomorrow night.

"Both of these games are very pivotal if we're going to be in good position after the first round of district," Tigers coach Gary Grubbs said.

Brackett is the third in South Texas in hitting with a .399 average. Moses Hernandez is third individually with a .591 average.

"We've kind of tapered off," Grubbs said. "We're not hitting as many line drives as we were. We're not as patient at the plate."

Ramon De Leon is fourth in hitting with a .557 average, second in runs scored with 24, fifth in stolen bases with 15, and seventh in doubles with seven.

Michael Meyer, the Tigers' leadoff batter, leads the area in runs scored with 27 and is

second in doubles with nine.

Brackett's pitching staff, composed of De Leon, Meyer and Jorge Rodriguez, is equally impressive, ranking fifth in South Texas with a 1.51 earned run average.

"Our pitching has been real good all year," Grubbs said. "All three kids that have pitched for us this year have done a good job of throwing strikes and making people hit the ball."

De Leon and Rodriguez both boast a 1.04 earned run average, while Meyer has a 2.00 ERA.

Ballantyne celebrates 96th birthday

J. Lee Ballantyne celebrated her 96th birthday Saturday, March 29. She was surrounded by family and friends in her home here in Brackettville. The house was a gift she received 75 years ago on her wedding day, where she has lived since.

Ballantyne taught school in the Brackett Independent School District for many years, teaching several generations of families.

Being an accomplished organizer, Ballantyne could be heard each Sunday, and on special occasions, playing for services at the First Baptist Church.

In the past few years, Ballantyne wrote a popular weekly article for The Brackett News entitled "A Cameo from the Past."

Today, Ballantyne keeps busy by raising beautiful plants on her sun porch. It is covered with blossoms, attesting to the fact she has a very "green thumb."

Her autobiography, "From Cowchips to Microwaves," spans the century and speaks of her many and varied experiences lived over the 96 years of her life.



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY CANDY HOBBS
J. Lee Ballantyne, seated, celebrated her 96th birthday Saturday with Sussi and Hollis Brice, Jana Levens, Carrie Brice and Judy Camden.

Briefs ...

School Board to meet Monday night at 5:30

The Brackett School Board's regular meeting has been moved up a week.

The trustees will meet in regular session on Monday at 5:30, Superintendent Taylor Stephenson announced.

The school board elections will be discussed. Trustees Rose Mary Slubar and Tim Ward are running unopposed for three-year terms in the May 3 election.

Other items on the agenda include public forum, approval of minutes, financial reports, the second reading of the district's mission statement, the teacher evaluation process for 1997-98, textbook recommendations for 1997-98, administrative reports, request for TEA waivers, and personnel.

Boosters to discuss banquet, scholarships

The Brackett Athletic Booster Club will meet Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library.

The boosters will discuss the athletic banquet and scholarships.

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Letters to the Editor

Not surprised by elected officials

In The Brackett News of March 27, I read that one of the council persons said "There are more important issues than the best interests of the community." I was not surprised. Most of our elected officials think the same way.

In Fort Clark, we had an election last week. In all elections, city, state or national, they give you the amount of votes that each candidate receives, not on Fort Clark. They just tell you who

won. The members of Fort Clark pay for the elections and have a legal right to know how many votes each candidate received. The letter from the auditing company should be published in the newspaper.

Roger Perez

■ **Editor's note:** The complete election results are available at Fort Clark Springs Member Services.

Bypassing ethical standards

The state's top lawyer, sworn to uphold the law and protect taxpayers' interests, is bypassing the need for legislative approval and oversight in his zeal to use a private contingency lawyer to sue the tobacco industry.

On top of that, Attorney General Dan Morales is violating his own personnel policies regarding ethics simply so that he can use the King of Torts to spearhead his tobacco lawsuit.

It is true that Houston's Mr. John O'Quinn is known as a tough, smart trial lawyer who has many multimillion dollar verdicts under his belt. If anyone could win a lawsuit as ill-conceived and legally bankrupt as that brought by Morales, it could only be the "win at any cost" O'Quinn. That alone, though, does not qualify him for this position.

To the contrary, O'Quinn is unqualified for such a position of what should be unselfish public trust.

In the names of the taxpayers - you and me - Morales and O'Quinn have teamed up to sue the tobacco companies. They claim that the industry should pay the state back for money it spent providing benefits to residents who became ill "because of" smoking.

By hiring O'Quinn to prosecute the state's case, Morales has invested in him the power of the state.

To get such a job, one would have to submit an application and go through an ethical review. Special ethical rules apply to those who have the power of the state behind them. For instance, they are supposed to temper their advocacy of their client in a pursuit of "justice."

If such an application had been filled out, here are just some of the questions that O'Quinn would have had to have answered:

■ "Have you ever been disciplined by any segment of the bar, including, but not limited to, any local, district or state grievance authority?"

■ "Are any charges now pending against you, either in court or before a grievance committee, or has any such charge been threatened?"

According to the Human Resources Department of the Attorney General's Office, before the attorney general can make a job

offer based on an application, it needs to examine answers to those questions and get the State Bar's approval.

Mr. O'Quinn's answers to the questions would have caused a serious problem. For example, his file would show:

■ O'Quinn is fighting a Texas State Disciplinary Proceeding for "ambulance chasing."

■ O'Quinn is fighting a South Carolina Disciplinary proceeding for the same thing. In South Carolina, he could face three years in jail.

■ O'Quinn is fighting the IRS over an alleged abuse of his tax-free scholarship because he gave the scholarship to his friend's kids.

■ O'Quinn, after a three-year investigation, was put on probation and fined by the State Bar of Texas for the same unethical conduct.

■ O'Quinn was kicked out of the American Board of Trial Advocates, the premier national trial law organization, for unethical conduct.

■ O'Quinn was publicly rebuked by the Army for "ambulance chasing" families of dead servicemen after a plane crash in Newfoundland, Canada, in the mid-1980s.

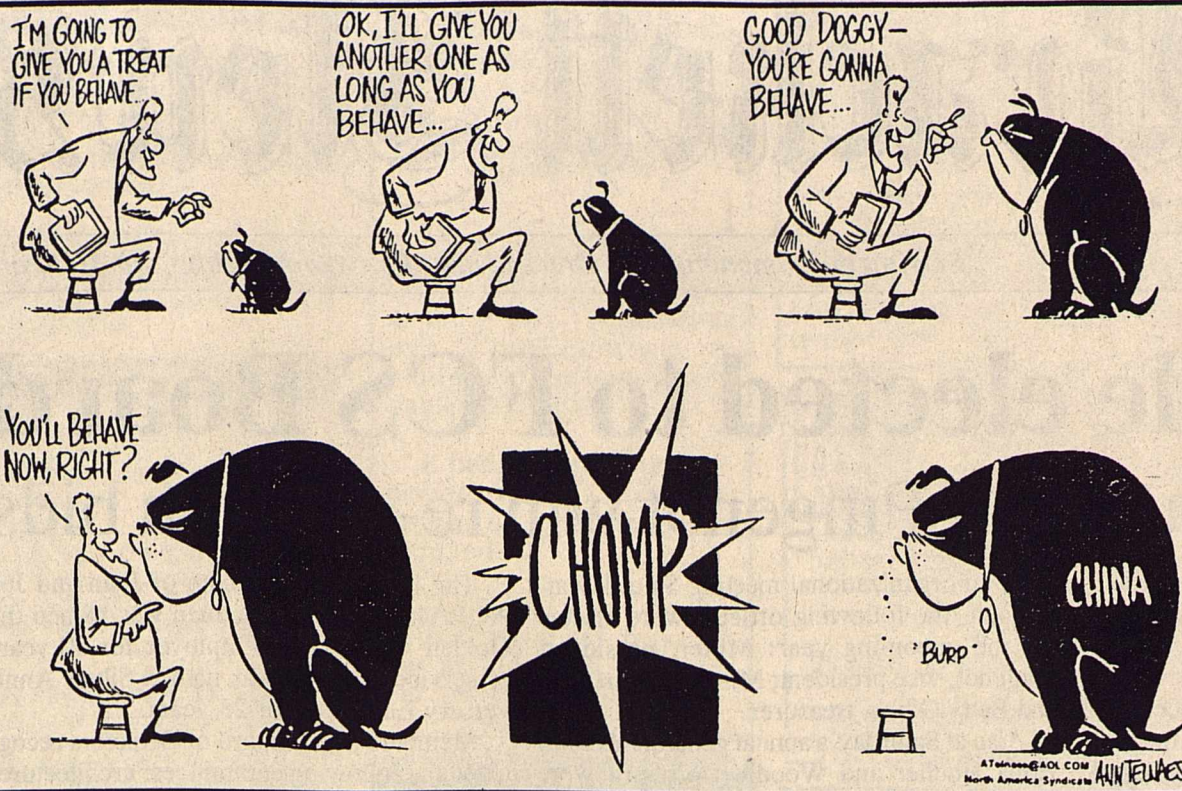
The job of special counsel calls for a person of integrity with a strong sense of justice and fair play. O'Quinn does not qualify even for the first tier position.

Although an able advocate, his track record is one of disrespect for the bar and for flaunting un-lawfulness. He could not, and should not, be hired to represent you and me.

There's another important angle to all this. Plaintiff's lawyers, like O'Quinn, really represent their own interests in a case because they are paid by a contingent fee, a percentage of their recovery. In this suit, O'Quinn stands to earn 22 percent of any eventual settlement or award. This is on top of whatever the state's taxpayers already pay to support the Office of Attorney General, which is supposed to handle such suits.

John O'Quinn is not qualified, according to the state's own standards, to be a special counsel. Dan Morales' choice of lawyers, perhaps fittingly, is as ill-conceived as the tobacco lawsuit itself.

Michael D. Weiss



There are more important issues than the best interests of the community?

"There are more important issues than the best interests of the community."

In the wildest flights of your imagination, can you understand a city councilman saying this regarding the actions of the city council?

Can you imagine an attorney paid by taxpayers of the city advising the mayor and council not to answer questions nor to comment on any before the council?

Yet, this is the condition we live with in Brackettville. It has been evident with the present mayor and city council for several years.

Let me interject here that I am not talking about the city staff. The city council is totally responsible for what they do.

Is it in the best interest of the community to have no police department?

Is it in the best interest of the community to have no way to enforce city ordinances?

Is it in the best interest of the community to force young people raising animals for the stock show to raise them in a facility costing several thousand dollars located at the will of the city council?

It's pertinent to ask how many animals are, or have been, in the

facility.

In absolutely no way is it in the best interest of the community to name the Del Rio News-Herald as the "official" newspaper of Brackettville.

There are numbers of instances where the council and mayor have demonstrated that "there are more important issues than the best interests of the community." The amazing thing is that a councilman would so forcefully say it in an official council meeting.

It would be interesting to know what the mayor and council consider more important than the best interest of the community.

Are racial and ethnic issues more important? By far, most of the people despise racial bias.

Is it personal arrogance that is so important? This has manifest itself on the part of the mayor and council.

Is it hatred for some people and institutions that is more important than the best interests of the community?



Just exactly what are those issues that are "more important than the best interests of the community?"

At any rate, it is hightime to get rid of the mayor and city council and put in people who feel that the best interests of the community are the prominent guide for council actions.

Certainly, there should be no person on the council or in the mayor's chair who does not feel that the best interests of the community are the top consideration in every action taken by the council.

It does no good to appear before the council nor to get commitments from individual members. There is often no correlation between their commitments and actions on the council.

The ballot box affords opportunity for change. After all, one of the benefits of the election process is to get rid of unfavorable office holders.

ESA Reform - Score one for us!

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

Finally, people are getting the same rights as animals under the Endangered Species Act (ESA)! On March 19, the United States Supreme Court unanimously ruled to allow any person to sue when the federal government goes too far in enforcing the ESA.

As unbelievable as it seems, people often have had less protection under the ESA than animals.

The Supreme Court decision reversed a decision by the Ninth Circuit Court in California which limited the right to have a court review the government's actions under ESA to environmental groups only.

To put the legalese in simple terms, they said that the landowners could not bring the lawsuit because they only had "recreational, aesthetic and commercial interests" in the case and did not fall within the "zone of interests" of the ESA.

When a private property owner has his land seized by the government, he has more than just a "recreational" interest in the government's decision. Livelihoods, jobs and families are at stake. That's more than just a passing concern.

Somehow, the point of the ESA has gotten lost. It shouldn't be about punishing landowners. It should be about protecting species who are really endangered. We all want to protect the environment, but disincentive after disincentive to landowners will not get us there.

The Supreme Court's decision is an impressive victory for private property owners. Their unanimous decision insures that the lower courts' unfair interpretations of the ESA will not be the basis of future decisions. Finally, the constitutional rights of humans are being given their proper emphasis and respect.

This is an important victory, but the battle to protect private property rights is far from over.

Earlier this year, House Resources Committee Chairman Don Young called on Interior Secretary Babbitt to submit his own ESA reform plan to Congress by April 1. As of print date, no report has been seen.

Reforming the ESA and protecting private property rights has been put at the top of the priority list of this Congress.

For now, let's appreciate the victory we've won. It's about time private property owners get one in the win column.



Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Getting antsy

Just thinking about fire ants - those vicious, stinging insect pests that have colonized Texas back yards, pastures and Little League fields - is enough to make your skin crawl.

This pest goes after animals, people, plants and even electrical devices indiscriminately. It has been known to destroy air conditioning units. It has invaded traffic boxes and airport runway light systems. And worst of all, according to the Texas Department of Health, there were 11 fire ant-related deaths reported in Texas from 1980 through 1995.

Texas cattle producers alone sustained \$67 million of losses due to fire ants last year, while homeowners spent more than \$93 million trying to rid their lawns, gardens and houses of this "attack ant" with an attitude.

All told, fire ants cost Texas \$300 million annually in pesticides, agricultural losses, medical bills and utility problems.

Nor is there any sign of a reprieve. The fire ant population has been pushing steadily westward, now infesting 156 of our state's 254 counties. Neither record heat nor cold seems to faze them. Texas now is home to more fire ants than their native Brazil.

This uninvited guest, which arrived here by way of South America in the 1950s, needs to be sent packing before it spoils any more picnics.

Given that the fire ant has no natural predators in Texas, it is up to us humans to turn back the insect tide.

The countless Texans affected by this plague need both short-term relief and help in finding a long-term solution to the fire ant problem. I am co-sponsoring a bill that would set up a national research and management strategy to address both those needs.

The legislation would:

- Establish a National Advisory Board on fire ant control, management and eradication.
- Provide an initial three-year grant of \$1 million per year to fund four eradication proposals as selected by the board.
- Authorize the board to evaluate and select one of the projects as the basis of a national eradication plan.

We hope to establish this program in cooperation with the State of Texas, which has its own eradication campaign in the works. One Texas legislator has proposed a bill to spend \$2.7 million a year in state funds on fire ant research.

Fire ant control, if not eradication, will require a coordinated approach. Isolated programs will only send colonies into adjacent areas. The state and federal government programs must work together.

But beat fire ants we will and must. While not quite the stuff of science fiction movies, they're nasty, nevertheless.

Sheriff's Report

Saturday, March 29
11:08 a.m., Leopoldo Luna, 38, of Brackettville, was arrested by Kinney County Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter on assault charges. Luna was booked into the Kinney County Jail and later magisterated by Judge Tommy Seargeant. Luna was released the same day after posting a \$500 bond.

Sunday, March 30
11:50 a.m., Lee Anthony Coronado, 20, of Del Rio, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Vito La Gioia. Coronado was charged with no driver's license, no insurance, reckless driving, and running a stop sign. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail and magisterated by Judge Seargeant. Coronado is still being detained on a \$1,000 bond for the reckless driving.

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Jones Elementary School students won the right to throw pies at Principal Michael Schooler, seated, by selling the most towels in a PTO fundraiser. The top sellers in each grade were Chad Roberts (from left), Chris Seargeant, Evaristo Villarreal, Bianca Terrazas, Chestin Clark and Ashley Castillo.

But, I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall



'Writer' in search of uplifting words

It has been a very short time that I have declared myself a writer. I had to declare myself as such, because none of my former teachers ever would have!

And Wes, by the way, doesn't this merit any pay??? I guess the quality of stuff I write doesn't. He once even requested that I pay HIM.

Oh well, back to the subject at hand. In whatever time has past since my first feeble attempt at writing, I have already had many suggestions, some good, some ... Well, lets just say I filed them where they belong.

But the ones that really disturb me the most are those that wanted me to use this space to blast someone.

I hope the day never comes when I fill this small space with small print. I want my words to be uplifting and light. I don't want it to be taken that seriously.

Nothing I write should shape or guide your life. But, I could be wrong.

Pippi Longstocking presented in Del Rio

DEL RIO - The fun-filled story of Pippi Longstocking from American Family Theater's Broadway for Kids series will be presented at the Paul Poag Theater on Monday at 7 p.m.

Historical commission hosts annual meeting

FORT CLARK SPRINGS - The Kinney County Historical Commission held its annual meeting at the Las Moras Inn on March 25.

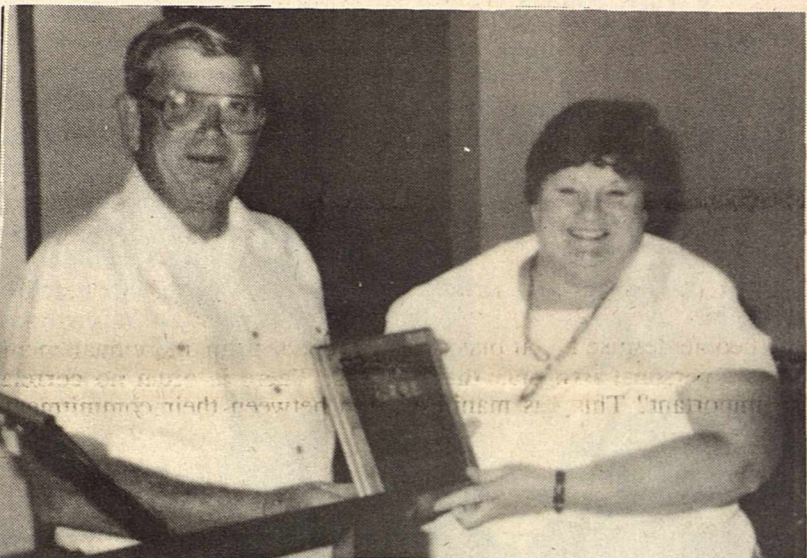
The new slate of officers for the 1997-98 term were in attendance, as well as many other members and guests.

The chairman is Alfred Pena, vice-chairs are Tracy Gilbreth and David Olesen, and the secretary-treasurer is Ailene Reid.

The Kinney County Commissioners Court was represented by Commissioner Paul O'Rourke.

Jay J. Johnson, a member of the Kinney County Historical Commission, gave an interesting talk about his background and his hopes for the future of Kinney County.

The Kinney County Heritage Museum, located at the Filippone Building, which is run by the Kinney County Historical Commission, is open the second and fourth Saturday of the month from 1 to 4 p.m. The museum has an extensive collection of pictures of early Kinney County.



B. Peter Pohl, left, presents Ailene Reid a plaque from the Kinney County Historical Commission in appreciation for her services as secretary and treasurer.

We're back from Spring Break!

There are some benefits to the education profession, and Spring Break is one of them.

We're back from Spring Break and we're all rested - ho,ho,ho! Most of us stretched too much activity into too little time. It was nice to be able to do something different from the routine. But, I'm glad to be back in the routine. A nice break!

Plenty of Activities

We're trying to finish up the current school year. There is much to be done.

School activities are now in full gear with tennis, golf, track, softball and baseball in the athletic department. We are in district competition, and our young folks are competing well.

The award-winning One Act Play performs in the area competition in Kingsville Saturday.

TAAS testing of math and reading in grades three through eighth and in grade 10 will begin in four weeks. Graduation is scheduled for Friday, May 23.

Planning for the Future

We're trying to plan the next school year. We are working on personnel needs.

We're beginning to look at our enrollment for next year and trying to determine what our staffing needs are. There will not be great changes, but some shifts in student population will require shifts in staff.

We are also looking at our budget closely for this year. What is working? What is not? How did the budget work? Did the money come in quantities as predicted?

MAKING A DIFFERENCE By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, BISD Superintendent

Did we spend it in the quantities as predicted? What money shifts will be required for the next year.

A school calendar is in the works and will be presented to the School Board on Monday night.

Much to be Done

There is too much to be done. Seniors are working feverishly on scholarship applications.

One of the finest legacies that can be given is a scholarship in a loved one's name. I'll talk more about this in the future, but I urge each reader to think about the impact of placing a few hundred dollars into a scholarship account for a young person at Brackett High School.

This investment in the future, in our fine kids, would be paid back many times through the achievements of a young person who can make a better world through a better education. Call or write me if you can help!

Easter Sunrise Service

I hope that you had a chance to attend the Sunrise Service at the Fort Clark Springs Amphitheater.

It was a beautiful service with an inspirational message from our own Rev. Gil Ash. Mrs. Ash sang a solo to highlight the Easter message.

Fort Clark Springs' Meeting

The Amphitheater was also the scene the day before for Fort Clark Springs' annual meeting.

Things look bright for the association with a better economic future.

Wildflowers are Everywhere

Take time to enjoy the wildflowers of Texas. They're everywhere.

On a trip to Uvalde you can see Blue Bonnets, Indian Paint Brush, Verbena, Butter Cups and Yellow Flowers of some variety that are growing by the thousands. Our countryside is as pretty as I have ever seen it.

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Scout Troop encourages development of children

One of the Rotary Club's foremost interests is encouraging young people to develop into worthwhile, responsible adults. On March 27, a program that fosters this ideal impressed local Rotarians significantly.

Bill Dilahunty of Uvalde spoke of his work with an Explorer Scout Troop. The hard work and discipline that is learned in any Scout group is impressive, but

Dilahunty's story is unique, and the boys he has worked with over the years have earned everyone's respect.

Dilahunty has spent a life time working with Scouts. For 35 years, he has been a leader of the Sahawe Explorer Troop in Uvalde. They stage American Indian dances, paying homage to the Pueblo Indians.

Not only have they learned,

practiced, and presented these dances time and time again, they have made their own costumes, many of which involve intricate beadwork.

Dilahunty says he wasn't in at the formation of the troop; he joined about a month later.

The troop was formed in 1950 by Joe W. Williams, who read in a Scout magazine about another troop who performed Indian

dances.

He contacted the person in charge of that group and learned about it. Then, he gathered his son and five other boys together, and they performed for the first time at a Scout Camparee.

This has grown to 70 to 80 shows during the year, and the group travels all over the United States dancing at fairs, conventions and other occasions. They are always received by enthusiastic audiences.

About six months after their first performance, they received an invitation to go to Fort Worth to perform in a Boy Scout Circus.

Events were presented in three rings simultaneously, and each circle was spotlighted. Once the Sahawe group began dancing, the performers in the other two rings stopped to watch, and the spotlights were finally directed only on the dancers.

They "sort of stole the show," Dilahunty modestly explained, adding that "they pretty well do that everywhere they go."

The group is paid anywhere it performs, and with the money made during the summer, the group goes on trips during the winter.

They camp out, do most of their own cooking, with the exception of an occasional McDonald's hamburger, Dilahunty said, making their money go a long way.

They've traveled through 19 states, have been to Yellowstone,



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY ERIC McMASTER
Bill Dilahunty, leader of the Sahawe Explorer Scouts, is welcomed to the Rotary meeting by Sharon Tinsley, program chairman.

Disney World and Epcoc Center, and camped out in the Rocky Mountains. They also go to Indian events in Oklahoma.

Dilahunty said that 50 percent of the boys are from middle or low income families that can't take off work or can't afford to take them on trips. It costs each boy about \$25 to take a ten day Sahawe trip.

At the beginning of each season, the group is basically broke, Dilahunty said. They bring in around \$10,000 for their performances. The money is set aside for the trips.

No one gets paid. In fact, Dilahunty said they sometimes dig into their own pockets when they run short.

New dancers are recruited each

year. Several new boys start, but it takes a month or two to learn the dances and make their costumes.

Boys who expect to start performing immediately, or can't devote the time it requires, drop out. The ones who stay learn the payoff for hard work and discipline.

Descriptions of their presentations fall short of the impact they deliver. Brightly colored leggings, headdresses, feathers, beadwork, spears drum work and Indian chanting combine to create an explosion of impressive choreography.

Sharon Tinsley, program chairman for March, brought Dilahunty to Rotary as a speaker. Her son is a Sahawe dancer.



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On March 10, The Sandoval Family celebrated the 86th birthday of their mother, Maria R. Sandoval. In attendance were Sandoval's children Zulema Wilson (from left), Julio Sandoval, Lingo Sandoval and Bonnie Beloz, and other relatives and friends.

Smoke From Nakai

By Nakai Breen

Readers,
This sunrise I will tell you about our ways and prayers to stop the heavy storms that will be approaching us during the months of April, May and June.

It seems like the April moon is always heavy with water. That is good because Mother Earth needs the rains to be fertile and green for the spring.

The month of May brings the hails and real bad weather. May is the moon of weeding the last year's growth.

The month of June is still heavy with bad weather. We as humans wish that all the rains would come down soft and gently. When they don't this is the way we pray.

We pray to drive away or scare the storms so the buds on the squash, corn, wild persimmons, and the beans will not be hurt or injured. It is said the thunder is looking for his wife the wind, and the wind is looking for her son the lightning. They can not find each other and the more they roam the madder they get.

This is our prayer.

Listen! You thunder, lightning and wind, I am afraid of you. Please go and find your wife on the other side of the mountain where her son is. I can see her son's footprints that come from the highest of the mountain and landing near my lodge. I have told you where to find them so go to the plains, rocky cliffs or to the top of the trees and play your games in there. I am only a child and can not hold you still. Grandfather, we thank you for the serene rain and calm winds and I beg you to hold father thunder still, mother wind calm and brother lightning quite

Wado (Thank You).
Enjoy life, it's beautiful.
Nakai

Bridge Anyone

The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club met March 26, with six and one-half tables playing.

In the north-south direction, the winners were Tina Bauguess and Rosetta Pingenot, first place; Fred and Nita Clayton, second; and Gertie and Arnie Trautwein, third.

The winners in the east-west direction were Blake and Jeanette Hinton, first place; Evelyn Whitely and Ray Kurtz, second; and

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Tigerettes eye playoffs

With two conference games remaining and a playoff berth already clinched, the Brackett Tigerettes are gearing up for their first playoff appearance in two years.

Natalia (4-0, 10-4-1) has clinched the District 5-2A softball title and Brackett (2-2, 9-9) has secured the second playoff spot.

The Tigerettes and the Lady Mustangs were scheduled to meet Tuesday, but rain forced the game to be postponed to April 14.

Brackett will host D'Hanis tomorrow at 6:30, before traveling to Del Rio to face the Queens in a non-district contest

at 4.

The Tigerettes will open the playoffs against Blanco (6-11), who has already clinched the District 6-2A title.

Brackett, led by senior center fielder Lindy La Mascus, is hitting .330 as a team this season.

La Mascus has the ninth highest batting average in the area with a .548.

Senior short stop Courtney Harrison is tied for third in the area statistical leaders for triples with seven. She is sixth in runs batted in with 22.

La Mascus and Harrison both earned first team all-state honors in previous seasons.

Seven teams compete in the end of the month scramble

The end of the month scramble saw seven teams playing a game of "luck of the draw" on Friday.

The team of Phil and Robin Land, James Stafford and Roger Stephens took top honors after posting a score of 63.

Taking second place with a 64 was Chippy Ambler, Bob Burkepile, Cricket Ladd and Pat McKelvey.

Garland Armstrong, Don Bell, Carlos Garza and Gwen Ladd took third place with a score of 66.

Couples' Scramble
Last Thursday, 21 couples turned out to play in a four-man scramble.

First place was won with a 62 from the team of Tom Beatty, Kelly Dennis, and Eleanor and Lee Herron.

Bob Burkepile, Betty Inman, and Jackie and Wayne Marrs took second with a score of 63.

The team of Dorothy and Muzzy Edwards, and Hoagy and Pat Nelson took third with a 64.

Men's Club
On Wednesday, March 26, 46 members of the Men's Club played net best ball.

The team of Chippy Ambler,

Lyle Niel, Jack Schram and Bill Woolston won with a score of 48.

Lee Herron, Wayne Marrs, Alan McCord and Roger Stephens tied the team of Pat Alexson, Muzzy Edwards, Dwite Gilliland, Carl Green and Jack Wood for second place. Both teams shot 50s.

Blake Hinton, Bill Larson, John Osborn and Alfred Pena tied for third place with the team of George Clark, Roy Darling, James Stafford and David Yates.

Over 70 Tournament
An elite group played in the Over 70 Tournament on Friday, March 21.

Top gross men's score of 74 was posted by Gordon Lundquist. Clem McKelvey took second place with a 78. Bob Derrickson won third with a 79.

Gwen Ladd shot an 86 for the ladies' top gross score. Elizabeth Dillahunty won second with a score of 100. In third place with a score of 108 was Clara McCord.

The top net score of 62 was posted by James Stafford. Roger Kurz had the second place net score of 65. Don Bell and G.B. Armstrong tied for third place with 66s.

Trojans hand Tigers first district loss

CHARLOTTE - Luke Clark nailed a three-run homer in the bottom of the fifth Friday as the Charlotte Trojans handed the Brackett Tigers their first district loss of the season.

Charlotte (7-4-1) and Natalia (13-3) are leading the District 30-2A baseball race with 2-0 records, Brackett (15-2) and Comfort (8-4) are tied for third with 1-1 marks, and Dilley (5-7) and Center Point (0-6) are both 0-2.

The Trojans tied the game in the third inning and the two teams were knotted at 2-2 until the fifth when Charlotte scored four runs.

The Tigers pulled within three in the top of the sixth when Jorge Rodriguez walked and scored on Jose Gonzalez' sacrifice.

In the top of the seventh, Michael Meyer leadoff with a double and Rene Luna singled. Luna stole second to put runners at second and third with no outs, but the Tigers were unable to score. Brackett left eight base runners stranded during the contest.

Meyer (4-2) was credited with the mound loss. He pitched all six innings for the Trojans, giving up five earned runs on nine hits

with three strikeouts and one walk.

"I thought Michael pitched real well," Brackett coach Gary Grubbs said. "He only had two bad pitches the whole game. I think he kept us in the game, especially early."

Meyer also turned in a 3-for-4 plate performance, including a pair of doubles.

"Michael is killing the ball right now and it's our most improved hitter right now and it's because of his hard work."

Luna went 2 for 3 and scored a run. Moses Hernandez was 2 for 4 with a RBI.

Brackett tennis team competes in district

The Brackett tennis team was scheduled to compete in the district tennis meet Wednesday in Uvalde, but results were not available at press-time.

Prior to spring break, the local netters competed at the Uvalde Invitational tournament.

In varsity boys' singles, Caleb Crumley lost to El Dorado's Justin Leggett in the first round, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.

In the consolation round, Crumley defeated Vega of Crystal City 8-5, Zack Lutton of

Knippa 8-4, and Chad Casey of Nueces Canyon 8-3.

In the consolation finals, Crumley fell to David Santos of Crystal City 8-3.

In junior varsity boys' doubles, Colby Crosby and Alfred Rodriguez won two matches by default before losing to Ruiz and Garza of Eagle Pass, 6-4, 6-4, in the semifinals.

Connie Castro and Molly Montalvo, and Tara Eckenrod and Crystal Juarez both competed in junior varsity girls' doubles.

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Tuesday, April 8
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Fruit or Fruit Juice

Wednesday, April 9
Scrambled Eggs
Toast
Fruit or Fruit Juice

Thursday, April 10
Pancakes/Syrup
Fruit or Fruit Juice

Lunch Menu

Friday, April 4
Macaroni W/ Cheese & Ham
Seasoned Broccoli
Fruit/Whole Wheat Roll

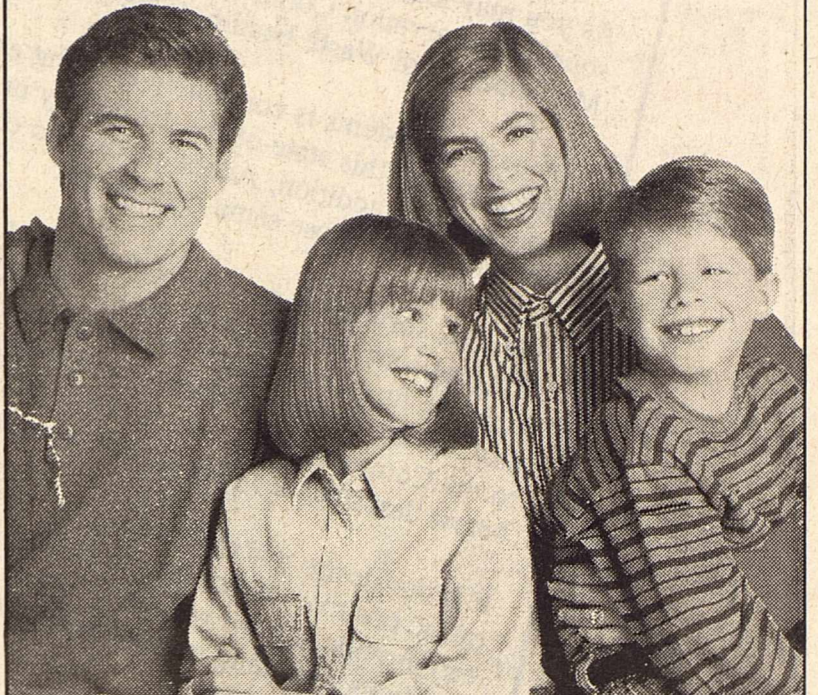
Monday, April 7
Vegetable Beef Soup
Crackers
Grilled Cheese/Fruit

Tuesday, April 8
Lasagna
Seasoned Green Beans
Fruit/Whole Wheat Roll

Wednesday, April 9
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Thursday, April 10
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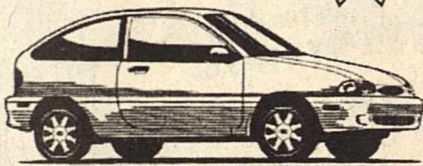
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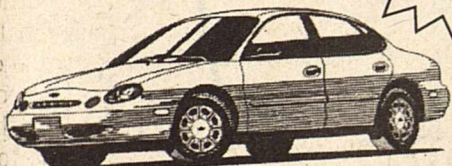
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April 3, 1997

Dear Kinney County Residents:

As you may know, Adobe Eco-Systems, Ltd. has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for a permit to construct and operate a Regional Municipal Solid Waste Facility to be located in Kinney County.

Adobe Eco-Systems is committed to being environmentally sensitive and its engineers have designed this state-of-the-art facility in accordance with all state and federal guidelines. In addition, Adobe pledges to construct and operate the facility in strict adherence with those same regulations.

We look forward to becoming an integral part of the community and are interested in bringing jobs and increased economic activity to Kinney County and the surrounding area. As further evidence of our desire to provide economic benefits to the community, we have submitted the Host Community Agreement shown on the adjoining page to the Commissioners Court of Kinney County for their consideration. The outline below describes the major provisions on that agreement in an abbreviated form.


It is our desire that the citizens of Kinney County and the surrounding area be aware of the positive impact our proposed Rio Grande Regional Municipal Landfill Facility can provide and we wanted to share this information with you. Should you have questions regarding our planned facility, please contact us at (210) 591-1727 for further information.

Sincerely,

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IN CONSIDERATION OF THESE PROPOSALS, ADOBE ECO-SYSTEMS ASKS KINNEY COUNTY TO AGREE TO SUPPORT OUR PROJECT AND MAKE NO REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON OUR PERMIT (APPLICATION NO. MSW-2253) WHICH IS PENDING BEFORE THE TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

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HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT

This Host Community Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into on this _____ day of _____, 1997, by and between ADOBE ECO-SYSTEMS, LTD., a Texas limited partnership, and KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS, who agree as follows:

RECITALS:

WHEREAS; Adobe Eco-Systems, Ltd. ("Adobe") desires to develop a municipal solid waste landfill management facility in South Texas and, in furtherance thereof, Adobe has filed an application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for authorization to construct and operate the Rio Grande Regional Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility and Adobe pledges that the landfill will be constructed and operated in accordance with the latest EPA and State of Texas regulations to ensure an environmentally friendly facility for the safe disposal of authorized solid waste and will not receive any regulated radioactive waste;

WHEREAS; Adobe acquired rights to locate the Rio Grande Regional Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility on real property in Kinney County, Texas;

WHEREAS; Adobe pledges that the contract for the landfill construction will emphasize that sub-contractors, as well as construction workers from Kinney County and the surrounding area be utilized to the fullest extent possible;

WHEREAS, Adobe wishes to be a good corporate citizen of Kinney County and wants to help improve the environment and contribute to the prosperity of the residents of Kinney County and the region;

WHEREAS; Adobe pledges to give priority to hiring local residents of the area to the fullest extent possible;

WHEREAS; Kinney County recognizes the need for the Rio Grande Regional Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility, the benefits that flow from economic development within the county, and the need to provide a legal alternative to current illegal dumping; and

WHEREAS; Adobe and Kinney County desire to enter into a beneficial arrangement respecting the siting and operation of the Rio Grande Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility.

AGREEMENT:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, ADOBE ECO-SYSTEMS, LTD., a Texas limited partnership, and KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS agree as follows:

1. **Investment/Tax Revenues.** Adobe estimates its initial investment in Kinney County will be three million (3,000,000) dollars. Adobe will not request any local tax exemptions and will pay full property and ad valorem taxes. Based on 1996 tax rates, this calculates to be over sixty thousand (60,000) dollars in annual property taxes (Kinney County being paid over twenty two thousand (22,000) dollars a year and the Brackettville Independent School District being paid over thirty five thousand (35,000) dollars a year);

2. **Creation of the Adobe Public Trust Account.** Adobe agrees to establish the Adobe Public Trust Account to be used for the benefit of the citizens of Kinney County. Adobe will fund the account through a proportionate share of its yearly tipping fees in lieu of any other taxes. Funding of the account will be through the payment of a fifty (50) cents per ton tipping fee on any waste disposed of at the Rio Grande Regional Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility, excluding the first one thousand (1,000) tons of waste disposed of by Kinney County residents at reduced disposal rates pursuant to Paragraph 3. Minimum annual contributions will be as follows: during the first year of operation, Adobe will guarantee payment of fifty thousand (50,000) dollars to the account; the second year, sixty two thousand five hundred (62,500) dollars; the third year, seventy five thousand (75,000) dollars; the fourth year, eighty seven thousand five hundred (87,500) dollars; and the fifth year and each year thereafter, so long as the facility remains in operation, one hundred thousand (100,000) dollars, until such time that the amount of annual waste disposal exceeds two hundred thousand (200,000) tons, at which time the fifty (50) cents per ton tipping fee takes effect. The account is to be funded quarterly with one hundred (100) percent of the funds being distributed to Kinney County. The funds from the Adobe Public Trust Account may be used by the county for any public safety, civic, cultural, or recreational use in Kinney County, Texas provided, however, that annually the first five thousand (5,000) dollars of such funds shall be used for educational scholarships to Kinney County residents deemed qualified by the managers of the account, two thousand five hundred (2,500) dollars of the funds available be allocated to the volunteer fire department, and two thousand five hundred (2,500) dollars of the funds available be allocated to the Emergency Medical Services.

3. **Promotion of Environmentally Responsible Solid Waste Management.** In order to promote environmentally responsible solid waste management in this region, Adobe agrees to accept municipal solid waste generated by the residents of Kinney County, including the residents of Fort Clark Springs, at reduced disposal rates. Adobe will charge no tipping fees for the first five hundred (500) tons of municipal solid waste generated by Kinney County residents each year and delivered to the Rio Grande Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility. Adobe will charge one-half of its usual and customary tipping fees for the second five hundred (500) tons of municipal solid waste generated and delivered by Kinney County residents each year to the Rio Grande Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility. For any municipal solid waste delivered by Kinney County residents to the Rio Grande Regional Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility in excess of one thousand (1,000) tons per year, Adobe will charge its usual and customary tipping fees. Because Adobe does not intend at this time to provide any waste collection services, waste generators qualified for these reduced rates will have to arrange for appropriate waste transportation to the Rio Grande Regional Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility. In addition to these reduced disposal rates, a drop-off recycling center will be established at the Rio Grande Regional Solid Waste Management Facility.

4. **Cleanup of Illegal Dumps.** Adobe is dedicated to promoting voluntary compliance with state and local regulations to encourage the most cost effective and cooperative solutions borderwide to address the significant illegal dumping problem. In this regard, Adobe will initiate discussions with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission regarding the possibility of providing a corporate grant to fund a pilot program in the region utilizing its Rio Grande Regional Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility. The results of this program will, hopefully, provide local governments in the region with a viable disposal alternative to the existing problem of illegal dumping.

5. **Cooperation.** In order to promote a beneficial relationship between the parties to this Agreement, Kinney County, Texas agrees to hereby withdraw any request for public hearing on the Permit Application No. MSW-2253 which Adobe has filed with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission for authorization to construct and operate the Rio Grande Regional Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility. So long as Adobe fulfills its obligations under this Agreement, Kinney County, Texas agrees not to lodge any future requests for public hearing or protests with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission or any other regulatory agency, and agrees not to fund or participate in any hearing requests or protests that may be filed by other persons, with respect to the development and operation of the Rio Grande Regional Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility, including, without limitation, the procurement of any permits or approvals in connection therewith. If elected officials of Kinney County act individually and cause a contested hearing, Adobe reserves the right to reconsider its participation in this agreement.

6. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement embodies the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior offers, agreements, and understandings, if any, relating to the subject matter of this Agreement, and maybe amended or supplemented only by an instrument in writing signed by both parties.

7. **Power and Authority.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefits of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. The persons signing this Agreement represent that they have full power and authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of their respective parties and have been duly authorized to sign and deliver this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Host Community Agreement is executed by the parties on the date first written above.

ADOBE ECO-SYSTEMS, LTD.,
A Texas limited partnership
By: Rio Grande Environmental Corporation,
A Texas corporation, its general partner

By: _____
George Parks, President

KINNEY COUNTY

By: _____
County Judge

Gardeners can transform backyard to a beautiful haven for wildlife

By Henry Lutz
Kinney County Game Warden

AUSTIN - It's a scene every backyard gardener envisions: Green meadows alive with a hundred fluttering butterflies, stately woods playing host to birds of every color, hidden ponds sheltering swimming tadpoles and curious toads. Now's the time of year when that vision can become a reality, but those picturesque settings don't happen by accident and usually take more than just green grass and a few decorative shrubs. By incorporating food, water, and shelter, the basics of wildlife habitat, into the landscape this spring, the gardener can transform his backyard from a pretty, but sterile, environment to a beautiful

haven for wildlife. "The plants we choose for our backyard landscape can be beautiful and benefit wildlife at the same time, by providing food and shelter," said Kelly Bender with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Nongame and Urban Wildlife program. "Several Texas native plants can provide these benefits, as well as provide beauty and ease of maintenance to the gardener." Texas is blessed with thousands of beautiful native plants that are suitable for landscape use. The most familiar are the colorful wildflowers that blanket our fields and roadsides in the spring and summer, but Texas is also home to towering trees, rambling vines, and shapely shrubbery.

"Since exotic and cultivated varieties of landscape plants often do not provide suitable fruit, nuts, or nectar for Texas wildlife, planting natives in your garden will certainly increase the number and variety of flying, fluttering, and hopping visitors to your garden," Bender explained. "Instead of the same old gackles, house sparrows, and pigeons, perhaps you'll find vibrant bluebirds, raucous woodpeckers, and jewel-like hummingbirds investigating your garden." When planning a garden for wildlife, it is extremely important to provide water. Shallow, fresh water sources are in short supply in the wild, and by providing those sources, you are almost assured of seeing more wildlife visitors.

Water can be incorporated into a landscape easily, either by providing a bird bath (available commercially, but also easily made out of terra cotta pot saucers, over turned trash can lids, or almost any other shallow container,) or by building a pond. What ever your water source is, make sure you keep the water fresh and clean by changing it often or installing a filter system. To help Texans establish and maintain habitat for wildlife in their own backyard, The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has developed the "Texas Wildscapes" program. Participants in the program receive a substantial packet of information about gardening for wildlife, which includes

booklets on gardening for hummingbirds, gardening for seed and insect-eating birds, gardening for butterflies, The Backyard Naturalist (a book published by the National Wildlife Federation), a pamphlet on building bird feeders and nest boxes, and a color pamphlet on Texas native ornamental trees. The most valuable part of the packet is a list of plants that are native to your vegetation area of Texas, complete with plant description, habitat preference, ornamental value, and wildlife value. The packet is available for \$15. For more information, call Kelly Bender, Texas Wildscapes Coordinator at (512) 389-4974, or write Texas Wildscapes, TPWD, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas, 78744.

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| 1 All — | 56 Flintstones' pet | 98 Three, in Turin | 10 Peter Rabbit's creator | 50 Spilled the beans | 81 Question 83 "Kick Out of You" |
| 5 Pluto's place | 57 NBC soap opera | 99 Q.tys. | 11 Length x width | 52 Poet Amy Blazing | 84 Gobs |
| 10 Tablet | 61 Night spot? | 100 Lindstrom or Zadora | 12 German frame | 55 Animation | 88 Nelson or Nimitz |
| 13 Hockey or football | 62 Blunder | 101 Semester | 13 Sodden | 56 Airhead | 89 Piggins |
| 18 Hard on the nose | 63 Like Chicago | 103 "The Merchant of Venice" | 14 Cisco's chum | 58 Formerly | 90 Palindromic cry |
| 20 Ooze | 64 — vous plait | 104 Studio sign | 15 Director | 59 Riyadh's religion | 91 Bilko's rank: abbr. |
| 21 Eugene's st. | 65 Slipped by, as time | 105 Jay & the Americans hit | 16 Fence part | 60 Get-up-and-go | 94 Born here |
| 22 Doha's country | 67 Former senator Charles | 106 Cow or sow | 17 "A — Grows in Brooklyn" | 61 Nyasaland, now | 95 Enigmatic sort |
| 23 Jane Fonda thriller | 68 "Nightmare" street of | 107 Spree | 18 Hole grain food? | 62 Correct a text | 96 Tiller |
| 26 Remove an ascot | 69 An Astaire | 108 Lots of bread | 24 Hasty | 66 Voter's tool | 97 March along |
| 27 Actress — Bonham Carter | 70 Celebration | 109 Years on end | 25 Clan clashes | 67 Chanteuse | 102 Mrs. Eisenhower |
| 28 Diocese | 71 "Mr. & Mrs. Munson | 121 Famed | 30 Spilletul | 68 Vane letters | 103 Tyler's successor |
| 29 JFK abbr. | 72 Flight-fielder | 122 Prepare to be knighted | 32 Bear barrel | 69 Reunion attendees | 104 — impulse (suddenly) |
| 30 Cartoonist | 73 Egg — yong | 123 Wally of "Paper Moon" | 33 Stallone's nickname | 70 "The Grapes of Wrath" surname | 105 Unusual "Scat" |
| 31 The edge of night? | 74 Tatum of "Chopin place" | 124 Fit for a king | 34 Small cut | 107 Miss Marple | 108 Like kids at Christmas |
| 33 Dion's "Run-around" girl | 75 Apache" | 125 Thames town | 35 Dodge Lute like instrument | 71 Not solidified | 109 Mexican monster |
| 34 Waist band | 76 Somewhat dark | 1 Soap setting? | 36 Goatish gambler | 72 Stocking shade | 110 Jacket feature |
| 35 Road curve | 77 M.A. or M.D. | 2 Exercise aftermath | 37 Overcast or Reasener or Chapin | 73 Resistance unit | 111 Word form for "within" |
| 38 Lillian Hellman play | 78 John of "Fort Apache" | 3 Songwriter Jacques | 41 Baal, e.g. | 74 Burger veggie | 112 Mikita of hockey |
| 45 Pharmacy bottle | 79 Swank shops | 4 Intended | 42 Homer's field? | 75 Armada | 113 Gumshoe, in slang |
| 47 Singer Knight | 80 Sharp | 5 Party animal? | 43 Textbook headings | 76 Furry fisherman | 115 Gumshoe, in slang |
| 48 Compassion | 81 F. Scott Fitzgerald novel | 6 Pivot | 44 "Walk Away —" ("66 tune) | 77 It's up in the air | 116 Mal de — (seasickness) |
| 49 Fishing gear | 82 Fitzgerald novel | 7 Frank Herbert novel | 45 Eric of Monty Python | 79 Actress Garr | 117 "Silent" president |
| 51 Head Hun | 83 "Hunt" | 8 Brink | 46 Fleur-de- | 80 Eric of Monty Python | |
| 54 Conquistador's quest | | 9 — Hunt" | | | |
| 55 Duplicate | | | | | |

MAGIC MAZE

MONSTERS & CREATURES

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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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| Argus | Dragon | Godzilla | Ogress |
| Banshees | Frankenstein | King Kong | Teratoids |
| Centaur | Gargoyle | Medusa | Trolls |
| Cyclops | Geryon | Minotaur | |

HOCUS-FOCUS

FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
Missing: 4. Rattle is missing; 5. Fish is missing; 6. Teddy bear is missing; 7. Bird is missing; 8. Bird is missing; 9. Bird is missing; 10. Bird is missing; 11. Bird is missing; 12. Bird is missing; 13. Bird is missing; 14. Bird is missing; 15. Bird is missing; 16. Bird is missing; 17. Bird is missing; 18. Bird is missing; 19. Bird is missing; 20. Bird is missing; 21. Bird is missing; 22. Bird is missing; 23. Bird is missing; 24. Bird is missing; 25. Bird is missing; 26. Bird is missing; 27. Bird is missing; 28. Bird is missing; 29. Bird is missing; 30. Bird is missing; 31. Bird is missing; 32. Bird is missing; 33. Bird is missing; 34. Bird is missing; 35. Bird is missing; 36. Bird is missing; 37. Bird is missing; 38. Bird is missing; 39. Bird is missing; 40. Bird is missing; 41. Bird is missing; 42. Bird is missing; 43. Bird is missing; 44. Bird is missing; 45. Bird is missing; 46. Bird is missing; 47. Bird is missing; 48. Bird is missing; 49. Bird is missing; 50. Bird is missing; 51. Bird is missing; 52. Bird is missing; 53. Bird is missing; 54. Bird is missing; 55. Bird is missing; 56. Bird is missing; 57. Bird is missing; 58. Bird is missing; 59. Bird is missing; 60. Bird is missing; 61. Bird is missing; 62. Bird is missing; 63. Bird is missing; 64. Bird is missing; 65. Bird is missing; 66. Bird is missing; 67. Bird is missing; 68. Bird is missing; 69. Bird is missing; 70. Bird is missing; 71. Bird is missing; 72. Bird is missing; 73. Bird is missing; 74. Bird is missing; 75. Bird is missing; 76. Bird is missing; 77. Bird is missing; 78. Bird is missing; 79. Bird is missing; 80. Bird is missing; 81. Bird is missing; 82. Bird is missing; 83. Bird is missing; 84. Bird is missing; 85. Bird is missing; 86. Bird is missing; 87. Bird is missing; 88. Bird is missing; 89. Bird is missing; 90. Bird is missing; 91. Bird is missing; 92. Bird is missing; 93. Bird is missing; 94. Bird is missing; 95. Bird is missing; 96. Bird is missing; 97. Bird is missing; 98. Bird is missing; 99. Bird is missing; 100. Bird is missing; 101. Bird is missing; 102. Bird is missing; 103. Bird is missing; 104. Bird is missing; 105. Bird is missing; 106. Bird is missing; 107. Bird is missing; 108. Bird is missing; 109. Bird is missing; 110. Bird is missing; 111. Bird is missing; 112. Bird is missing; 113. Bird is missing; 114. Bird is missing; 115. Bird is missing; 116. Bird is missing; 117. Bird is missing; 118. Bird is missing; 119. Bird is missing; 120. Bird is missing; 121. Bird is missing; 122. Bird is missing; 123. Bird is missing; 124. Bird is missing; 125. Bird is missing.

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An important breakthrough comes now in your relationship with either a child or a romantic interest this week. An inhibition is swept away. A new plateau is reached over the weekend in a relationship matter.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is not a time to trust others with your secrets, particularly those of a business nature. The week's financial backing will enable you to get a project going once you make some solid plans.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This is not a good week to lend others money. You may be disappointed in a friendship. However, a reconciliation or improved rapport is achieved with a relative over the weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You may feel that a business associate has let you down in some way this week. However, your social circle widens. You may decide this weekend to join a club or organization.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You may feel that someone in business is not sincere and has not kept his word. Either a friend or a group activity gives a happy lift to your spirits. Later in the week, be sure you understand all that is expected of you on a work project.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A greater confidence in your abilities will cause you to expand your business aspirations this week. However, in romance, it's best to take it one day at a time. Over the weekend, you're called upon to resolve a domestic dispute.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You're on the right track toward the achievement of a major goal. A new job offer or financial opportunity happily comes your way by midweek. One person you deal with is untruthful over the weekend.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A desire for self-improvement may lead you to invest

igate a new course of study this week. You could be painfully aware of a relative's weak points by week's end because of this person's behavior. Try to be supportive.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You'll be taking steps that will lead to greater self-confidence in the near future. Be alert this week for a travel or educational opportunity. Romance isn't favored this weekend and could be somewhat iffy.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You could feel someone in business is trying to pull the wool over your eyes this week. A gift or financial assistance may come from a relative later in the week. Over the weekend, a worry is lifted from your shoulders.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Be careful in financial dealings this week. Someone may try to take advantage of your good nature. Avoid gambling or otherwise taking risks. Couples will reach an important new level of understanding this week.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) One problem that has concerned you for some time is now happily resolved. Be alert this week for a new business or financial opportunity. A relative requires your consideration this weekend.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| April 3 | Lisa Dalton | April 7 | Toady Fritter |
| April 3 | Greg Abrego | April 7 | Ruby Gooch |
| April 4 | Richard Shafer | April 7 | Concepcion Jimenez |
| April 4 | Stella Guajardo | April 7 | John Mark Ingram |
| April 5 | James Specker | April 8 | Dave Blair |
| April 5 | Rodolfo Gonzalez | April 8 | Lee R. McIntire, Jr. |
| April 5 | Vincente G. Santos | April 8 | Flora Thaxton |
| April 5 | B.J. Terrazas | April 8 | Sammy Trollinger |
| April 5 | Noemi Martinez | April 8 | Wayne Holloway |
| April 6 | Norma Jean Cruz | April 8 | Bob Rowe |
| April 6 | Julia Terrazas | April 8 | Maria Elisa Ramos |
| April 6 | Judy Blankenship | April 8 | Jose Cervantes |
| April 6 | Martha P. Anderson | April 9 | Maria Pena |
| April 6 | Maria Villarreal | | |

Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

That first Easter morning was just like any morning. It meant nothing special to all but a few people. It was however to mean more to humanity and the world than any morning in time save the morning when Christ was born.

Where Jesus Christ was being crucified He said, "It is finished." He had come from the Father to do one thing. "To die for the sin of man." This was a price that had to be paid and because He had no sin, He could die for the sin of others. By natural generation all men are in Adam. By regeneration all men may be in Christ. The battles over self was won in the Garden of Gethsemane. The battle with Satan and sin was won on Calvary. On Calvary Christ fought the actual battle for man, died for man, triumphed for man. On the third day He came forth from the grave. When Christ was crucified, the law was magnified, justice was satisfied, sin was nul-

lified, God was glorified and the sinner was justified.

As Calvary was a sad place, the empty tomb was a most glorious place.

What Christ did in renewing our souls He will do in renewing our bodies. He was the "first born of the dead" but leads the way in making every child of God to be raised from the dead to live eternally with the Father. If Easter means Easter Egg Hunts, visits from family and friends, new clothes, a long weekend for pleasure then the true meaning is lost. The real meaning of Easter is "He is Risen."

Sunday will be special at Frontier Baptist Church. The Lords Supper will be served and a fellowship lunch will follow. This is always a rich experience for all who attend.

Everyone is cordially invited to share these blessings. Come and see!

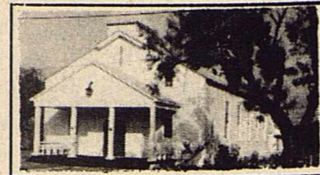
Obituary

Dot Burrow

Long time Fort Clark Springs resident, Dot Burrow, 77, died March 30, 1997 in a Grand Prairie, Texas nursing home from complications of Alzheimer's Disease. She is preceded in death by husband, Tom Burrow, and son, Ric Burrow.

She is survived by a son, Mike of Dallas, a daughter, Carole James of Grand Prairie, one

grandson, Matthew James, and brother Jim Cooke of Tulsa Oklahoma. A memorial service will be held at the First Baptist Church of Grand Prairie, Texas on Saturday April 5, 1997 at 2:00 P.M. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations to the First United Methodist Church of Brackettville or the Kinney County Library



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

"What happened after that first Easter? What happened to those disciples who fled in fear (or simply faded from view) at Jesus' arrest? Something must have happened!

The record tells us that Peter (the same Peter who denied knowing Jesus three times in one evening) courageously defied Rome. Nero crucified him upside down. Andrew, whose preaching in Patrae outraged the proconsul, was, like Jesus, scourged and crucified. King Herod Agrippa beheaded James in 44 A.D. Tradition has it that Phillip was martyred and buried at Heirapolis. It is said that Bartholomew was flayed alive. The artist Michelangelo portrays

Bartholomew in his picture *The Last Judgment* holding his own skin in his hand. They martyred Matthew in Ethiopia. James (the son of Alphaeus) declared his faith from one of the temple ramparts. He was hurled to the ground and stoned to death. As he died, he called on God to forgive his murderers.

Afraid? Cowardly? Not these men. They possessed rare courage and hope.

Something happened to them that first Easter and they were never the same since.

Something still happens to some on Easter. Something to do with courage. Something to do with love. Something to do with hope.



St. John's Baptist Church
Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.
210-563-2582

Praise the Lord!
Thou, therefore, endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this Life, that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

The farmer that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruits.

Consider what I say, the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel.

For which I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound. (Praise the Lord) 2 Timothy 2:3-9. Come feast with us in the Lord the table is set. Everyone is always welcome.

Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charolette Corey

Man is born with self will. God gave man a will so that he could choose to live by his flesh or live by the will of God through the power of the Holy Spirit living in him.

Jesus had the biggest fight of all when He faced his own death on the cross. He prayed three times to the Father to be spared having to go through humiliation, torment, isolation and death. His flesh would have loved to have enjoyed a normal human life, yet he gave His will over to the Father saying, "not as I will, but as thou wilt." Jesus struggled so much that He literally "sweat blood." (Luke 22:43). This was even after the Father sent an angel to strengthen him.

Jesus thoroughly understood what He told His disciples, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation; The spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is

weak."

Yet Jesus encouraged Himself with all the promises of the Father. He was in a continual state of filling Himself with God's word. Jesus sang Psalms 22 from the beginning of His crucifixion until the last, beginning with the words "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" until the end of the psalm with "that he hath done it (that it is finished).

He encouraged himself even as David had when he first wrote those words when all things in the flesh looked hopeless, knowing the Father would deliver him from human weakness through Supernatural strength.

Jesus was resurrected from the dead through supernatural strength of the will of God. Your own choice to give God your will and take on His will bring you Victory. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

First United Methodist Church
Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

Guess what my family and I did this past Monday. We decorated for Easter. A little late, you say? Not really. Actually, there are two reasons we decorated the day after Easter Sunday.

The first reason is a practical one. The week preceding Easter is Holy Week, one of the busiest weeks of the year for a pastor. This year it also happened to be Spring Break, one of the busiest weeks of the year for a mother. So with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, and preparing for Easter, etc., and trying to squeeze in a little quality time with Bill and the kids, decorating just didn't happen!

The other reason it didn't happen is a theological one. Easter is not a day. (that's right, negatory). The resurrection occurred on a particular day, but Easter is the season during which we celebrate the resurrection and the season lasts a full fifty days. Easter be-

gins with the Day of the Resurrection of Our Lord (i.e. Easter Sunday) and ends the day before Pentecost. So you see, our decorating is really pretty timely!

Seriously, it seems only fitting that Christians spend more than one day celebrating the event in our history. After all, we celebrate Christmas from the day after Thanksgiving until Dec. 25 and liturgically celebrate it for 12 days (Dec.25-Jan. 5). Yet the resurrection is the definitive event for Christians, it defines who we are and whose we are. It is the salvation event for us, we are saved through the risen Christ. Furthermore, we spend 40 days (the season of Lent) preparing for Christ's resurrection, why not spend 50 days celebrating it?

So-o-o the celebration will continue at my house and at First Methodist.

Won't you join us for a Happy Easter?

Unsung Hero
By Joe Townsend

A truly fine lady and her husband came to live at Ft. Clark Springs a number of years ago. This lady has made great impact on the community. She is an exceptionally accomplished organizer. Her ever willingness to play has led the community to take full advantage of her services. For weddings, funerals, and many special occasions she filled a much needed service with her playing.

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