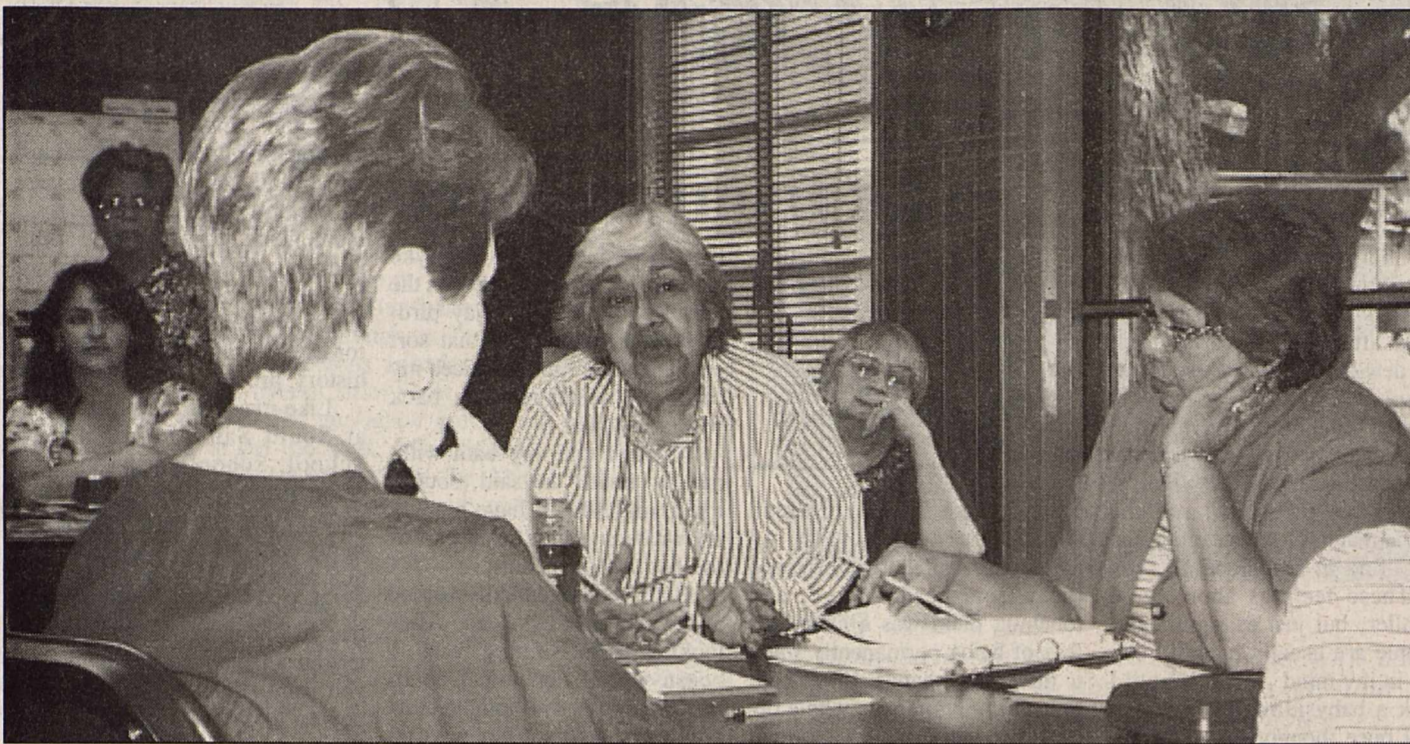


City is over \$200,000 in debt



Discussing financial concerns
Brackettville Mayor Carmen Berlanga (center) discusses the city's debt as City Council members Bonnie Wardlaw (left) and Mary Flores listen. The city is pursuing a loan to pay off its debt.

Council considers loan to pay off climbing bills

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

The Brackettville City Council agreed Tuesday to allow Mayor Carmen Berlanga and Mayor Pro-Tem Francisca "Chica" Garza to negotiate a loan with the Bank & Trust to pay off the city's debts.

Berlanga said the city has only \$5,348.67 in cash assets, while it owes \$204,766.44, including \$88,149 to West Texas Gas and \$20,831.02 to CPL. Both the gas and electric companies have threatened to terminate services with the city if action was not taken this week.

"We have to pay the gas bill and we have to pay the electric bill or we won't have any water because we won't have any electricity to run the pumps," the mayor said Tuesday night.

Officials have been in an uproar over the past two weeks after learning about the city's financial status when City Manager David Luna approached the council about pursuing a loan.

Council members said they were not aware of the debt until last week's monthly meeting.

"We should have been aware of this long before the debt got so big," Garza said. "We were uninformed for so long, now look at the mess we're in."

J.J. King, representing West Texas Gas, told the council ear-

CITY DEBT

Following are debts owed by the city of Brackettville as presented last week by Mayor Carmen Berlanga:

General	\$12,467.52
CPL	\$20,831.02
Waste Mgmt.	\$17,598.13
TML Insurance	\$16,640.13
TML Health	\$27,200.00
Federal Tax	\$13,073.71
Auditor	\$1,000.00
W. Texas Gas	\$88,149.00
Payroll (May 22)	\$4,172.86
May bills	\$1,281.54
Local vendors	\$2,352.53
Total debt	\$204,766.44

lier this month that the city would have to pay at least half of the outstanding balance by June 1 or the company would terminate its contract, leaving the city without a gas supplier.

Officials said a loan may be the only answer to continue providing gas services to citizens.

"We're running out of time," Alderman Tomas Gomez Jr. said. "I don't see another way."

Luna, whose job status is uncertain, said the city's financial problems arose because of state mandates with the waste transfer station.

"I did the best I could with what you gave me," he told the council earlier this month. "You don't send a soldier to war without ammunition."

Future of city manager is uncertain

By J.J. GUIDRY
Editor

Everybody is asking about the future of City Manager David Luna — even the Brackettville City Council.

After City Council members suggested May 16 that the city manager be suspended without pay, Luna apparently walked off the job. He has not been to work

since that night, even though no formal action was taken against him.

The City Council was expected to discuss Luna's job status during a special meeting Tuesday, but Mayor Carmen Berlanga failed to put personnel on the agenda after learning that Pat Dodson of Uvalde had resigned as the city's attorney. Alderwoman Bonnie Ward-

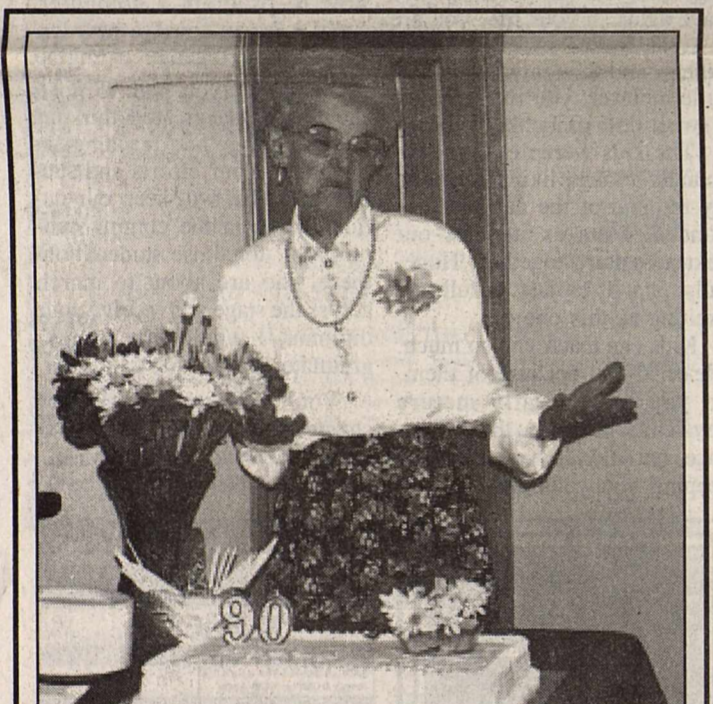
law, elected earlier this month, presented an agenda for an emergency meeting, which was approved by the council, to discuss the city manager's position. The emergency meeting was held Wednesday night, after press-time.

Luna contacted the mayor by letter this week asking about his job status. Berlanga said the city manager has hired an Eagle Pass

attorney to represent him.

Wardlaw proposed hiring Del Rio attorney Robert Garza, a former Brackettville resident. The agenda also included discussions of hiring an independent auditor to study the city's financial situation.

Total cash assets of the city have decreased \$572,583 or 97 percent over the last five years, according to Berlanga.



90 years
Bernadette Frerich, the wife of Orville Frerich, turned 90 years old today. She celebrated the milestone on Sunday with family and friends.

BHS hosts commencement Friday

Brackett High School will host its annual commencement ceremonies for the Class of 2003 Friday at 8 at Tiger Stadium.

"This year's graduating class is a good group of kids," Brackett High School Principal John Paul Schuster said.

The school district will present diplomas to 40 graduates, and to three graduates of the Alternative School.

"This is the largest class to graduate in several years," said Superintendent Taylor Stephenson.

Among the graduates is Rotary exchange student Maarten Vos of The Netherlands.

"It has been a great experience for us," Stephenson said. "Maarten has added to our general classroom curriculum in that he speaks about things that are going on in that part of the world. He has a perspective that our students and our staff have thoroughly enjoyed."



Cooking hamburgers
The Brackett High School seniors held their annual hamburger sale last week. The Class of 2003 will participate in commencement exercises on Friday.

INSIDE

Shanae Simmons
Children, what fresh, delightful, little beings they are. They remind me of bright sunshine filled afternoons or early morning dew drops.
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Chuck Hall
I ate a Popsicle the other day. Don't tell Connie. She thinks I'm on a diet and she might not read this. It was really quite tasty.
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Taylor Stephenson
Commencement Week has arrived! The Class of 2003 numbers 43. There are 40 BHS grads and three from the Alternative School.
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Rotary pledges to complete the fight for the eradication of polio

First-graders share experiences from field trip

By FRANCES McMASTER
Contributing Writer

Eamonn Grant, the district governor's aide, attended the Brackettville Rotary Club's meeting last Thursday at Las Moras Restaurant.

Grant brought thanks and congratulations from Gene Clement, district governor.

There are 34 zones in District 5840. The Brackettville club is in Zone 25, which was the first to raise its portion of the \$80 million Rotary has pledged to complete the fight for the eradication of polio. Four other nations have pledged to raise the \$400 million needed to finish this extensive project.

This last part of the task will be the most difficult since inoculations must be made in remote, hard-to-reach areas, and in some places where wars are being fought.

Grant announced that the incoming president of District 5840, Jim Berg, and his wife will

be visiting the Brackettville Club on July 17.

Paula Renken, Jones Elementary School principal, presented the program at the meeting.

She explained that when the youngsters heard about the recent Rotary program on dinosaurs, they became very excited. They had been to San Antonio on a field trip to see a program on dinosaurs at the Lila Cockrell Theater given by "George, the Dinosaur Man."

Later, George came to the Whitehead Museum in Del Rio and the students got to attend.

In a burst of enthusiasm, the students decided to create their own program — the story of their field trip.

Photographs of the children taken during the trip were loaded onto a computer and projected on a large screen as three children — one from each first grade class — read descriptions of their adventure.

Wyatt Blake, Judy Adams, and Dustin Sanchez were the

narrators.

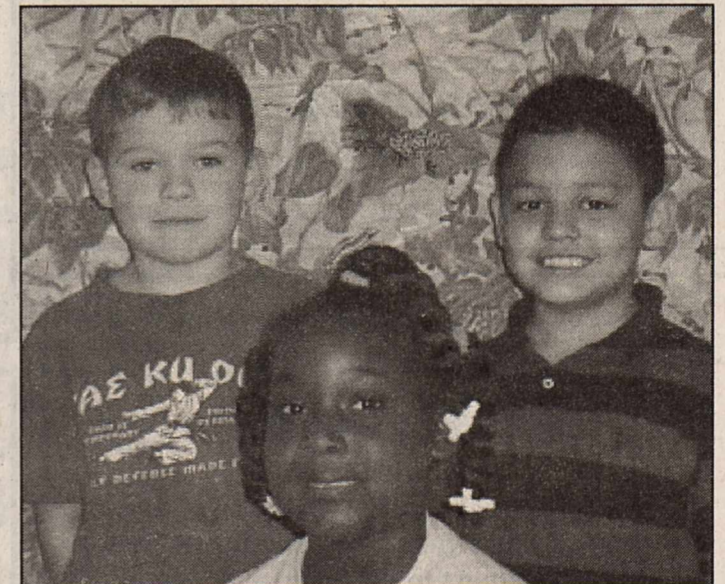
First grade teachers accompanying them on the field trip and assisting with the creation and presentation of the Rotary program were Alma Gutierrez and Candy Hobbs. Candi Hohman, also a first grade teacher, was on the trip, but stayed at school with the other students during the Rotary program.

"George the Dinosaur Man" received rave reviews. In fact, he is so good that he is going to be shown on the Discovery Channel in a few weeks. The youngsters thought he was "really cool."

Photos of the children taken on the trip revealed their excitement.

The children got to dig in the sand and find dinosaur bones and plastic "dinosaur eggs."

The program presented by the youngsters demonstrated the multifaceted learning situation that such a field trip can provide, and the creativity involved



Rotary guests
Jones Elementary School first-graders Wyatt Blake (from left), Judy Adams and Dustin Sanchez were guests at last week's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting. The students discussed their recent field trip to Whitehead Museum in Del Rio.

in putting together the program was obvious.

They will never forget the occasion, and the enthusiasm engendered by the fun of the moment will spill over into an eagerness to learn that will influence the rest of their lives.

The parents of Dustin Sanchez are Juan and Maria San-

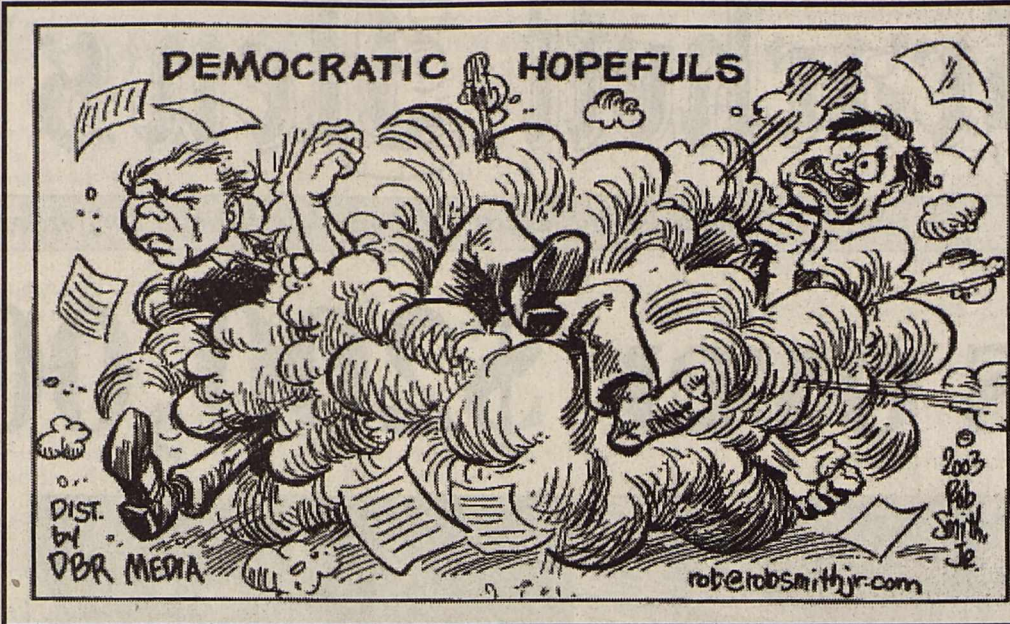
chez. Dustin's father is in the Army, and Dustin e-mailed him from class. His dad sent a picture of himself, and Dustin brought a copy to show everyone. Judy Adams is the daughter of William and Judy Adams, pastors of St. John's Missionary Baptist Church. Wyatt is the son of Bryan and April Blake.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

BISD bands to be commended

It is my honor and privilege to commend the Brackett sixth grade and high school bands on an outstanding performance at their concert last week. Our students have worked hard over the past few years to get where they are today. Jeffrey Tipps and Kami Berg are to be commended on their leadership and outstanding service to the Brackett Tiger Band for the past several years. It would be wonderful to see the band grow in size, and that can only be done with encouragement from home and school. Research tells us that music enriches the learning experiences of students of all ages. Again, to the students in the sixth grade and high school bands, great job!

Michelle Frerich



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

Congratulations to the graduating Class of 2003

This is such an exciting time of year. Spring is in full bloom and summer is right around the corner. This time of year always reminds me of new beginnings. This is especially true for the students getting ready to graduate from high school.

You've all been through your "ups" and your "downs" over the past few years. It wasn't easy. Homework wasn't always fun and many times it made your head hurt: struggling to solve algebra problems, writing papers for English class and working on history projects.

Like many of my classmates at South San Antonio High School, schoolwork did not come naturally to me. It was discouraging to see half of the kids in my class give up the fight and quit school. However, I believed — and continue to believe — that if you work hard and give it your all, you can do anything you want. Each of you has the power to become a doctor, a rancher, a writer, an engineer, or even a U.S. representative.

Here in America, we have greater opportunities than any place in the world. Education provides us with endless possibilities. It opens doors we never realized existed. For example, there are many people out there who start their lives at a disadvantage. But with hard work and a dedication to their education, they can soar to new heights. I know this is true, because it happened to me. Real life success stories begin in communities just like yours.

Every day is an opportunity — an opportunity to learn and an opportunity to set new goals for yourself. You might learn how to program a computer, build a fence, speak a new language or put together an engine.

Whatever you plan to do in the future, never stop thirsting for knowledge and reaching for the stars. Your efforts and success are what will keep our nation strong in the coming century. So, for those students out there who are about to march across the stage and receive your diploma, I would like to congratulate you on a job well done.

You're about to start a new chapter in your life. I wish you great luck as you set out to realize the American dream.

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You can learn a lot from children

Children, what fresh, delightful, little beings they are. They remind me of bright sunshine filled afternoons or early morning dew drops. They are so fresh, so vibrant, and so new to life.

Just imagining life through their eyes makes you wish that you were in their shoes. To live life again and grow into the world that has a newness one can only find in childhood.

These feelings about these smaller, but just as significant, people are usually happily resting in my mind ... that is until I took a babysitting job.

Once thought that their energy was inspiring, but after a full day of two tiny tots, it just made me feel that my old age had come much earlier than I had expected it would. Not only did they run me down mentally to the feeling that I was a ragged middle-aged woman, but they exercised me to death.

These bright-eyed angels we call children remind me of little animals. It is easy for them to mess up a perfectly clean area. If not dressed in the right accoutrements, they will whiz where they please. And once let outside, they want to come right back in.

The day started good enough. I agreed to the job and was excited about the task at hand. We played, we laughed and we swam in the pool for about a total of five minutes. After that, all the fun began.

Satisfaction never came quickly for them. If hungry, they would whine. They were full after eating two bites of the dish offered. And another two minutes later, they were begging for food again.

If bottoms were left unbuttoned, a bare-bottomed baby was sure to be found running happily around. Toys were scattered and when stepped on, it was not a pleasant site. No matter what activity was offered for



Teen Spirit

Shanee Simmons

entertainment, it was dull within seconds.

Finally, after dirt covered them from head to foot, and touching them was a chore for fear of being permanently stuck to their sticky hands, it was bath time. I think after the whole ordeal, I touched more water than they did.

It began by me carrying the youngest up the stairs, but of course, the eldest saw this as a port of transportation he wanted to experience. In the end, I found myself carrying one in each arm up a steep flight of stairs. It was a very good cardiovascular activity in the end, but that was just the beginning of it.

They ran to the bath tub, excited to find another way to give their babysitter a good workout. They tried to be helpful by putting all the toys in the tub, but one was missed, and once again, I found a sharp object in my foot.

After nursing my booboo, I looked up, noticing the eldest was running around in the nude. He giggled and laughed, then ran around the entire area.

I began to get the youngest prepared, thinking of the best solution to get them bathed and keep myself dry, while the other hopped around, seeming to enjoy his freedom when all of a sudden he was gone.

"Oh no," I thought after not hearing his shrill voice. I called for him many times, but he was gone and did not answer. All kinds of images ran through my head. The biggest one of his parents pulling up and noticing

that their delightful little tyke was outside skipping about in the driveway, naked as a jay bird. Of course, nothing of that sort happened. He finally noticed my calls and came running back with a toy boat.

"I can't take my bath without my boat," he said, sounding as if I should have already known such a significant part of the bathing procedure.

Both were eventually bathed and were squeaky clean. After looking at the shining faces, I began wondering how I could have temporarily thought children were terrors. They were so clean and looked so sweet, both sitting in pajamas, with wet hair parted down the side.

In the end, everything went well. I looked back and wondered how I could have ever seen them as such a difficult task. They were just children.

So they changed their minds frequently about whether playing inside or outside. So they ran away from me a couple of times. So they gave me two heart attacks, one stroke and some premature hair loss. It's even OK that I am slightly deaf in one ear, they still taught me something.

They taught me that when you're a kid you have more energy than you will probably ever have again in your life, you are a great source of exercise for others, and though you can be a little monster, you're really just a sweet little munchkin at heart.

The kids weren't that bad. I actually took a liking to them. By the end of the day, we had bonded. I am excited for our next adventure together. Hopefully, it will be just as full and exciting as this one.

Kids can teach you so much. I learned that because of them. So you may greatly mature physically when in their presence, but they do have a way of keeping you youthful.

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OBITUARY

Kermit Alton Hessig

Kermit Alton Hessig, 91, of Fort Clark Springs, was reunited with the Lord on Friday, May 23, 2003, at the Val Verde Regional Medical Center. He was born in Beaver, Minn., on Oct. 15, 1911.

In 1978 he retired from Kermit's Bar in Elba, Minn. He and his wife then moved to Fort Clark Springs in 1989.

Hessig is survived by his wife: Maria Hessig; stepchildren: Walter Montgomery and wife Lorene, Brigitte Roschn and husband Tom, Debra Books and husband Dave, Larry Montgomery and wife Susan, Rose Loftus and husband Jeff, Garrett Montgomery and wife Karen, and Brian Montgomery and wife Julie; several grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and one sister-in-law.

Hessig's final wishes were to be cremated and buried in the family plot located in Elba, Minn. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Don's Funeral Chapels.

BRIEFS

Summer entertainment set at Village

Summer entertainment is underway at Alamo Village, the movie set that John Wayne built for the epic movie "The Alamo." Every day through Labor Day, four different music shows and gunfights are presented at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

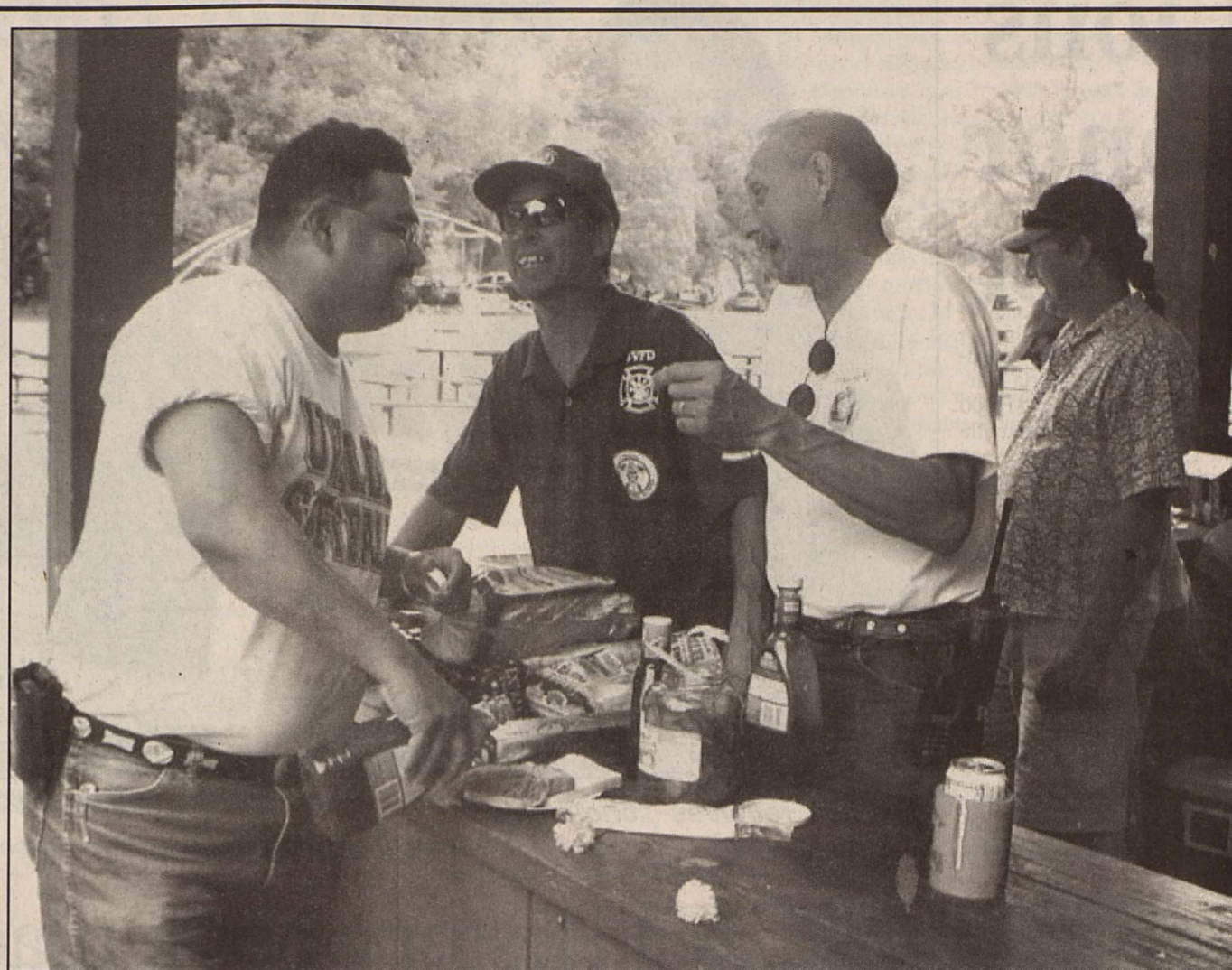
On July 5, the Fourth Annual Gunfighters Competition will be held. Gunfighter teams from throughout Texas will be competing in the competition and numerous awards will be given out, including ones for best overall show, best actor, best actress and best authentic costume. The gunfighter groups will compete with entertaining skits of the old west. In addition to the gunfights, there will be music all day provided by the Alamo Village Tejas Band. There will also be a variety of foods and beverages available all day.

On Labor Day, Sept. 2, plan to attend the 43rd Annual Labor Day Cowboy Horse Race. Along with the always exciting horse races, there will be music, games and a wide variety of food and beverages. Alamo Village will again be offering 30-minute trail rides. This attraction was very popular last year with riders of all ages and levels of experience from those first time riders to the skilled equestrian.

While at the Village, visitors can tour any one of the 18 walk-in displays including an Old West Jail, Bank, Church, Parson's House, Livery Stable, and more than two dozen other adobe and board and batten buildings.

FCA hosts donation car wash Friday

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will be having a donation car wash on Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Jones Elementary School parking lot.



Raising funds

Rick Hinajosa (from left) of Uvalde visits with Leo Luna and Rudy Luna of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department as Adam Luna helps another customer. The firemen had a barbecue fundraiser Sunday at the Fort Clark Springs swimpark.

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2002 Chevrolet Silverado Ext. Cab	27,450 miles	SN 5031
2002 Chevrolet Silverado Sportside Ext.	33,111 miles	SN 5034
2001 GMC Yukon XL	17,497 miles	SN 5042
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Lions honor senior

Maria Martinez, the daughter of Natividad and Maria Martinez, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by the Brackettville Lions Club. Maria plans to attend Rice University next year to major in engineering.

While in high school, Maria was a member of the National Honor Society, the History Club and the Science Club. As a senior, she competed on the state level in UIL debate.

She has received outstanding student awards from the Brackettville Border Patrol, the National Hispanic Recognition Program and the Rotary Club.

Maria is a member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.



Martinez receives scholarship
 Maria Martinez (left) is presented the Lions Club scholarship by Mary Dixon, president of the Brackettville Lions Club.

Popsickle sticks: Another one of life's mysteries

I ate a Popsicle the other day. Don't tell Connie. She thinks I'm on a diet and she might not read this.

It was really quite tasty. It had been a long time since my last taste of one. I may have to do it again soon. It was as refreshing as I had remembered it.

The only thing different that I noticed was the Popsicle stick. When did they get so short?

It's not my imagination either. This isn't one of those childhood to grownup shrinking things. They really are shorter than they used to be. If you don't believe me, then go buy one and see for yourself.

Why did this happen? What is to be gained by shortening the stick?

I suppose there would be a slight saving of money. But too little to notice, I would think.

I also believe they would have to freeze the popsicle harder to make sure it stuck to the stick in its shortened condition. By using more energy to cool it longer, the small savings



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

accumulated would be quickly lost.

Wait a minute. Wait a minute. I have a thought. What if they don't freeze it longer? What if they don't make it harder and don't make it stick to the stick better? What if they don't even want it to cling to the wood? Yeah, it starts to make sense, doesn't it?

They made the stick shorter, not to save money, but to cause 10, 15, maybe even 25 percent of the Popsicles to fall off of their sticks. Now what happens when you, or your squalling kid, loses his Popsicle?

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History book places second in state

Charolotte Corey, history book chairman for the Caddell-Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, missed first place in the state competition at the 112th annual state convention by only one point, but that still meant second place.

The massive book that received raves from the judging committee had one small flaw that caused the deduction.

For the second consecutive year, the local chapter won the print inches competition with a total of 3,876 inches.

The Brackett News has received the DRT Bluebonnet Award for its cooperation in publicizing events and activities pertaining to the time that Texas was a Republic.

The theme of the convention was "Return to Our Birthplace, The Cradle by the Sea" and the site was the beautiful San Luis Resort. A total of 576 DRT related persons registered, including eight from the local Caddell-Smith Chapter.

Activities began on Wednesday afternoon with a tour of

Galveston historic homes, followed by a memorial service for deceased members.

The formal opening ceremony was on Wednesday evening with the presentation of colors by the Alice Johnson Junior High School ROTC group from Channelview.

Guest speaker was Casey Edward Green, who is head of the special collections at the Rosenberg Library and Texas History Center at Galveston. Green's topic was "A Pantheon of Texas Heroes."

A reception honoring DRT President General Virginia Gregory Van Cleave was hosted by the Liberty chapter as the last event of the day.

Thursday morning was spent hearing reports. The luncheon was hosted by chapters from Freeport and Sugarland. Dr. Stephen Curley, professor of English at A&M University-Galveston, spoke on "The Pirates of Galveston."

At the afternoon business session, the report of the nominating committee for the Board of

Management for the next two years was received.

The historical evening dinner was hosted by chapters from Galveston and Angleton.

The Outstanding Seventh Grade History Teacher in the state was Donna Jenkins from Plano.

The Outstanding Fourth Grade Texas History Essay was won by a Huntsville student and the seventh grade award was won by a Lampasas student.

The Caddell-Smith Chapter, along with other chapters in the state, sponsor these contests each year, awarding three places to both grades, with the winners competing for scholarships when they are seniors.

Dr. Bruce Winders, Alamo historian and curator, spoke on "The Alamo, Why We Remember."

On Friday morning, the ballots were cast for the Board of Management positions for the next two years.

A style show entitled "Early Styles Along the Gulf" from the Peanut Butter Warehouse enter-

tained members during the luncheon that was hosted by chapters from Pasadena and Baytown.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison was scheduled to speak, but her duties at the capitol made it un-able for her to be present.

Other Chapter Awards were presented with the local chapter placing first in attendance, achievement, membership and yearbook.

The Caddell-Smith Chapter won the Texas History Award and the President General's Project Award. Chapter members had a total of 4,800 volunteer hours devoted to DRT and six members received 25-year membership certificates.

Friday afternoon, the new officers were installed. No local chapter members ran for office.

Dorothy Black of San Antonio, the District VII chairman, announced that the annual workshop for the district would be in Corpus Christi on Oct. 28.

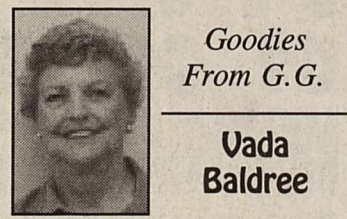
The 113th state convention will be May 12-15, 2004, at the Holiday Inn Convention Center & Suites in Odessa.

Chorizo appetizer makes any occasion special

I've lived in South Texas most of my life, but just learned this week that chorizo, a favorite hereabouts, is a traditional food from Spain.

This recipe for a fancy appearing appetizer made with chorizo will make any occasion a special one. It's called chorizopimiento filled fried phyllo.

Here's what we need: 2 teaspoons of olive oil plus extra for frying, 2 tablespoons of minced onion, 1 clove of minced garlic, 1 tablespoon of fresh minced parsley, 1/4 pound of sweet or spicy chorizo (finely chopped), 1 tablespoon of dry red wine, 1/



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Vada Baldree

4 cup of minced Spanish pimientos del piquillo or roasted red bell pepper, eight 17-by-12-inch sheets of frozen phyllo dough, thawed.

Heat the olive oil in a medium-size skillet. When medium low, add onion, garlic and parsley, and cook for three minutes

or until the onion is wilted.

Increase the heat to medium high, add chorizo and stir one minute or until it begins to release its oil.

Stir in wine, boil one min or until wine evaporates. Stir in pimientos. Remove filling with slotted spoon, and then cool on paper-towel-lined plate.

Cut one sheet phyllo in half longwise (keep remaining sheets covered with plastic wrap or cloth) and put 2 teaspoons of filling in the middle of one end of the phyllo strip. Fold sides over filling, roll up, and brush ends with water to seal. Place on pa-

per-towel-lined baking sheet. Fill all phyllo sheets and cover with plastic wrap.

Fill a large skillet with at least a 1/2 inch of oil (or use deep fryer) and heat oil to 385 degrees. Fry rolls in small batches, 1 to 1 1/2 minutes or until golden brown, turning once. Drain on paper towels. May be put in 200-degree oven to keep warm for up to 30 minutes.

These can be made up to three hours ahead. Cover and refrigerate them. To reheat, place in 350-degree oven for about 10 minutes or until crispy and warm. It makes 16 appetizers.

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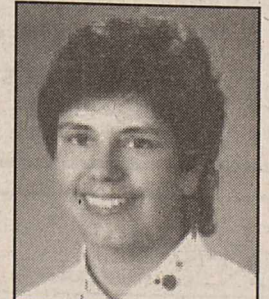
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Senior Class of 2003 numbers 43; readies for ceremony Friday

Commencement Week has arrived in Brackettville! The Senior Class of 2003 numbers 43. There are 40 BHS grads and three from Brackett Alternative School. This is the largest class to graduate in several years.

The festivities begin at 8 p.m. Friday at Tiger Stadium. Come join the class, and their friends and relatives in toasting the Class of 2003!

Spring Showers

As I write, the rain has begun in Brackettville. Reports of 5 or 6 inches in Del Rio, maybe more, have been circulating all day. We had half an inch earlier in the week and have had an inch and a half on Tuesday. I hope that the rain covered all of sun-parched Kinney County.

Athletic Banquet

The past week has been an enjoyable time at BISD. Our students have been basically well behaved as they tried to complete another year in high school.

The sports banquet sponsored by the Athletic Booster Club was well attended and was a very positive gathering of folks who came to thank the athletes and cheerleaders. I was thankful to receive a banner and a plaque wishing me well in my retirement from the athletes at BHS.

Band Concert

Our band concert was a good one. Jim DCamp had the band from BISD grades 6 through 12 in rare form.

The area jazz band included DCamp and three of our students. What a show they put on.



Making A Difference

Taylor Stephenson

The audience was appreciative and the bands seemed to get better as the evening progressed.

Cafeteria Addition

This week, bids on the cafeteria addition will be opened and read. Architect John Graves Jr. will then assist school administrators in evaluating the bid before presenting the bids to the school board for final approval.

Retirement

As school ends, we say goodbye to one of BISD's finest

teachers — Angie Meeks.

We plan to keep Angie around next year as she helps keep our Gifted and Talented program on track.

Thanks to Kay Qualia, retiring elementary school counselor, for caring about the children at Jones Elementary.

TAKS results

Our TAKS results have been received at BISD. We are analyzing the results and will release information on the scores soon. Most of our students scored very well. There were many pleasant surprises.

Summer Activities

As summer begins, don't forget BISD's web-page for announcements of summer activities, www.brackett.k12.tx.us. Have a great week!

The Brackett Independent School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided at the school cafeteria, located at 400 N. Ann St., Brackettville, TX Beginning June 2, 2003 through June 26, 2003. Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and lunch will be served beginning at 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. People who are eligible to participate in the program must not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex age, disability, religion or political belief. Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: Director, Civil Rights Division, MCW-106, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. NOTE: Discrimination complaints based on religion or political beliefs must be referred only to the Director, Civil Rights Division, Texas Department of Human Services.."

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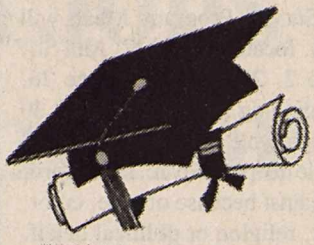
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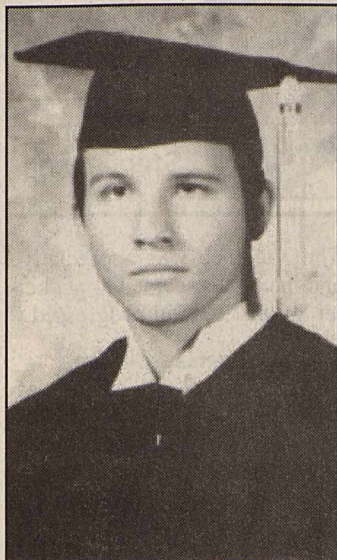
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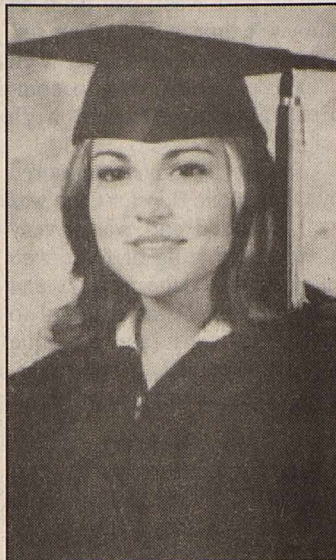
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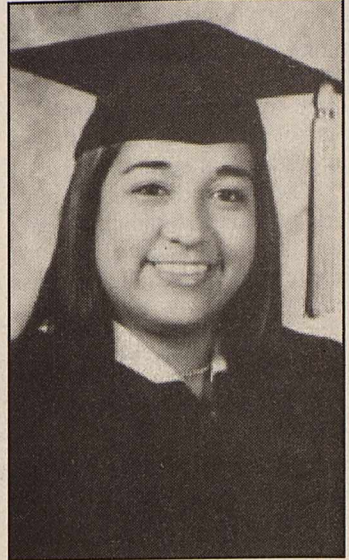
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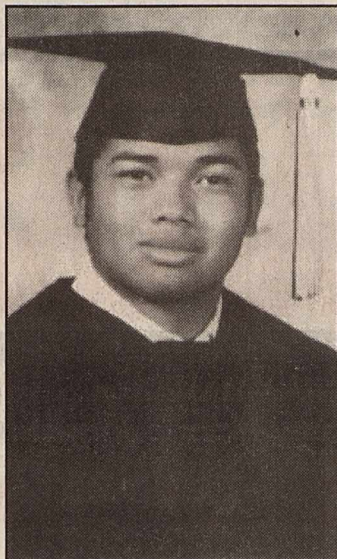
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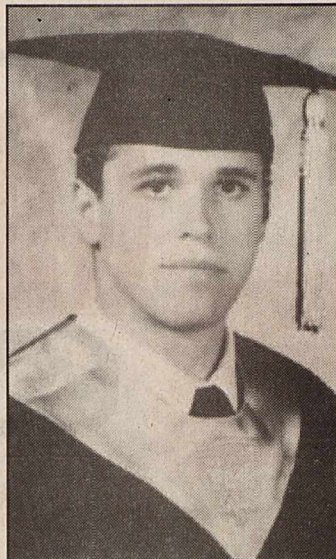
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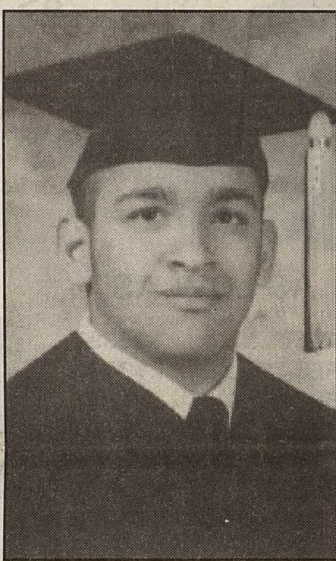
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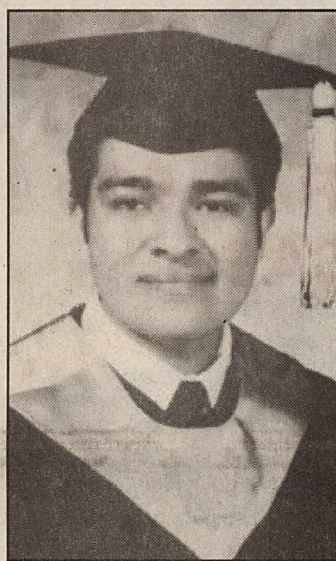
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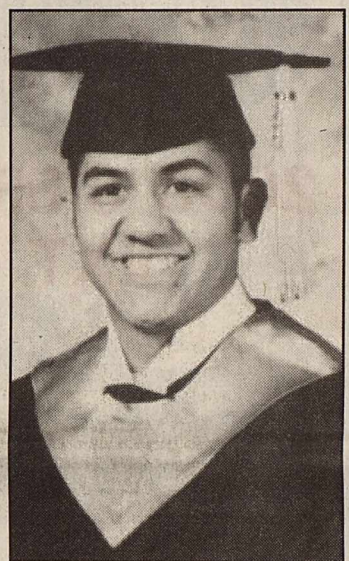
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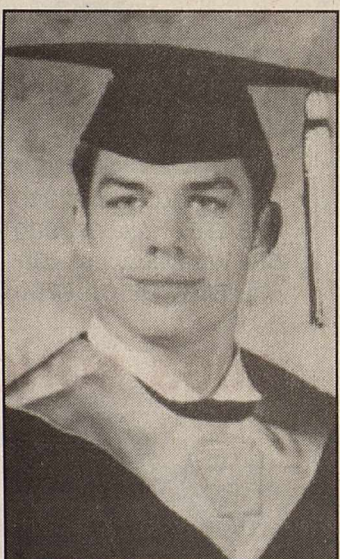
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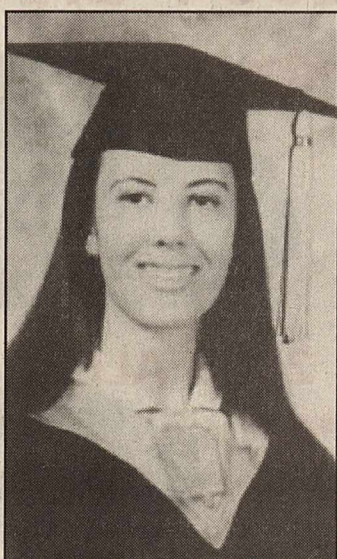
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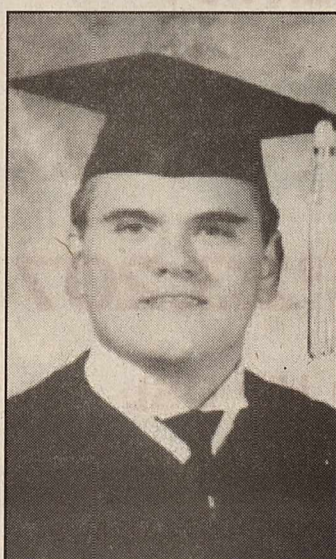
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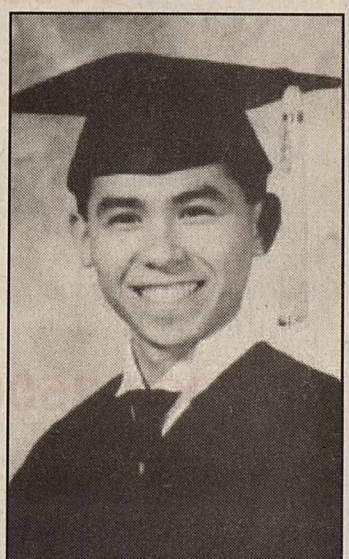
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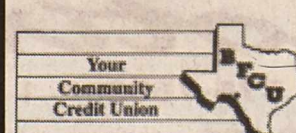


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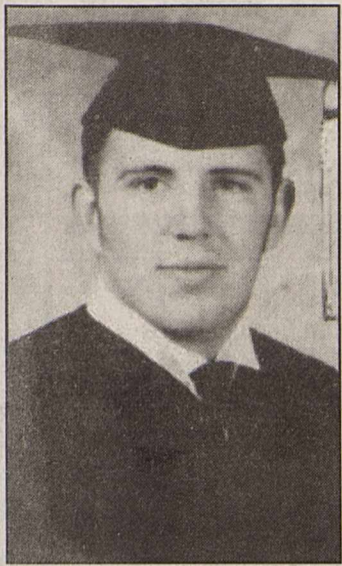
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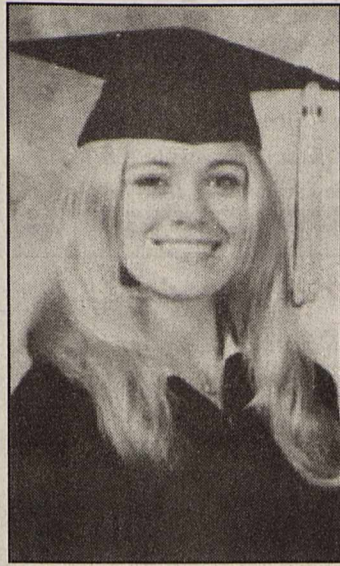
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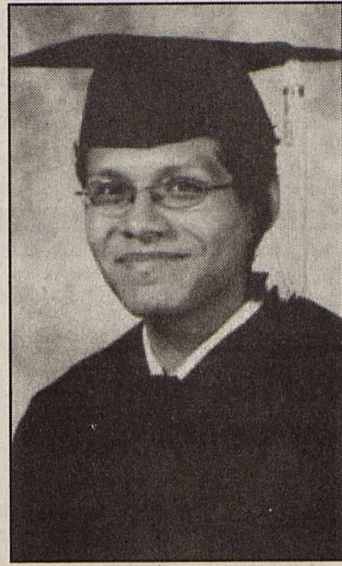
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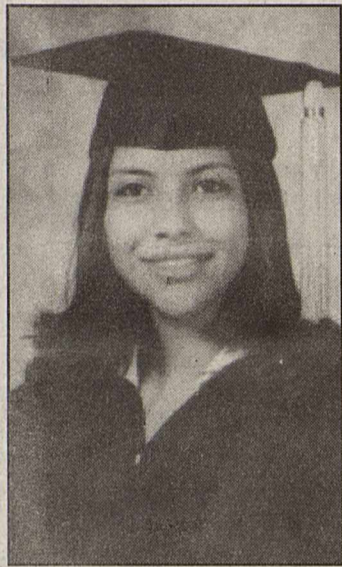
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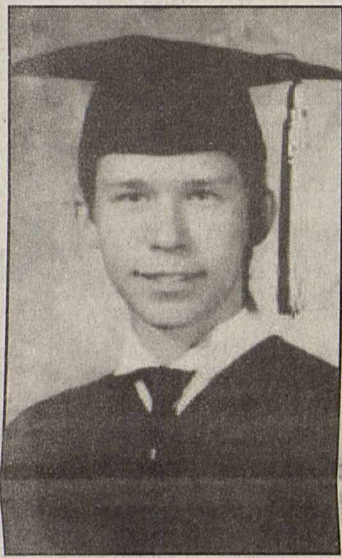
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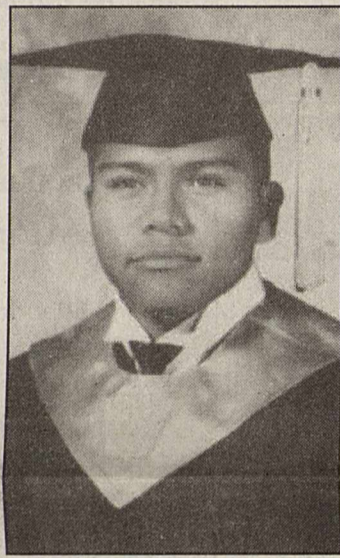
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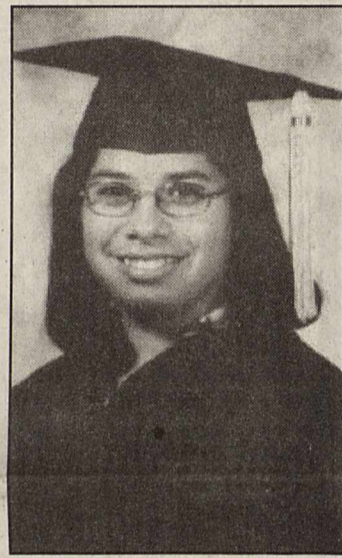
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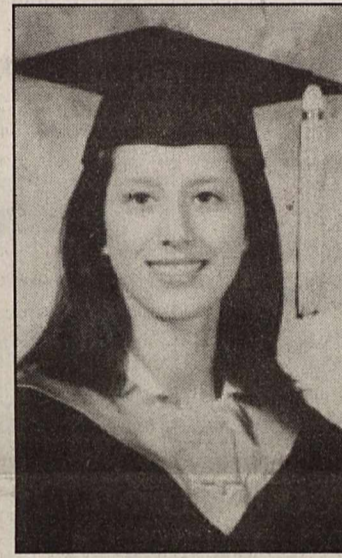
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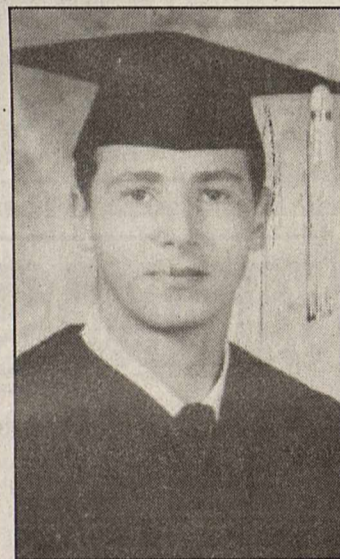
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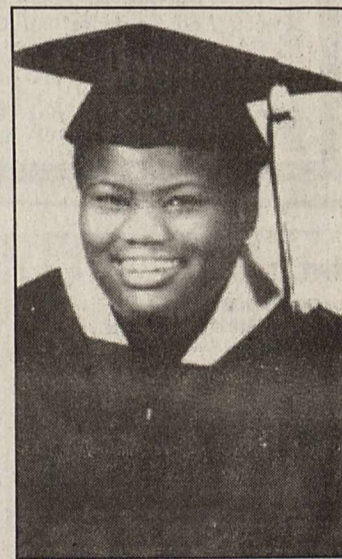
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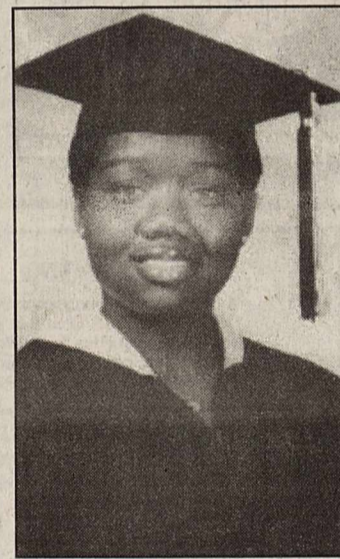
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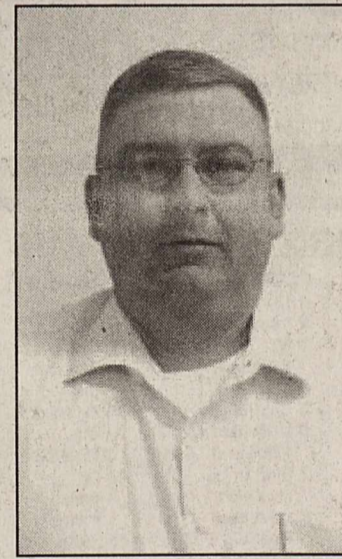
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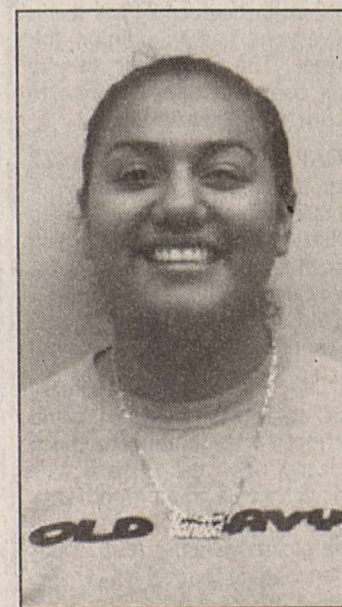


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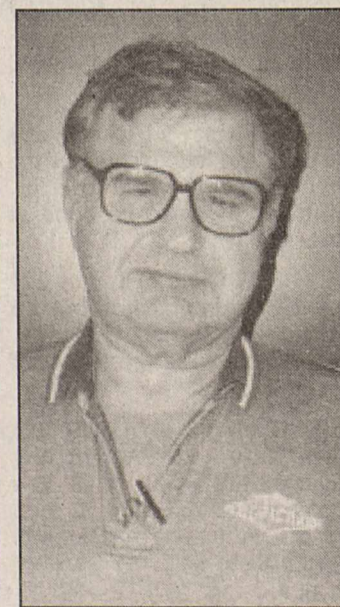


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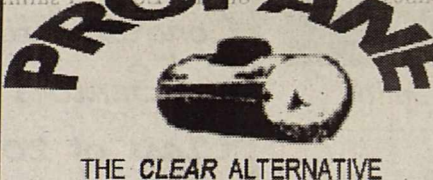
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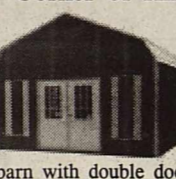
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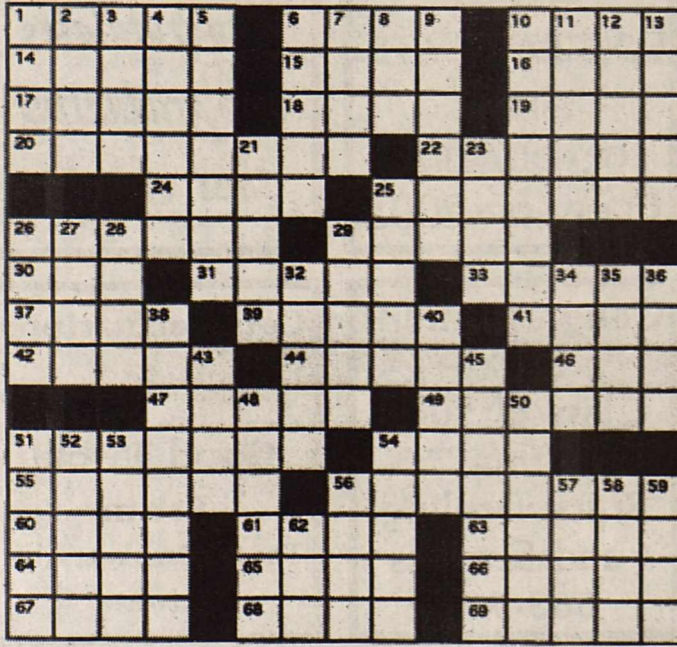
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ROARING TWENTIES

In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

1. Arch	11. Head
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3. Bone	13. Knee
4. Brow	14. Lung
5. Butt	15. Neck
6. Calf	16. Nose
7. Chin	17. Palm
8. Face	18. Shin
9. Foot	19. Skin
10. Hand	20. Ulna

HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Keep close track of scheduled appointments. If not, you could miss something important this week. Beware of a tendency to criticize family members.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're not exactly enthusiastic about an upcoming social event. You're particularly irked by some on the guest list. To ensure a good time, simply avoid them.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your mind isn't focused as the week begins. Rein this in. There's much to be done at work.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A co-worker is holding up progress on the job. If need be, go it alone. That project can't wait.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're uncharacteristically clumsy this week. While you find this disconcerting, it soon passes. A financial decision will just have to wait.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A surprise visit from someone who lives at a distance throws your schedule off. With some doing, you can get back on track. Over the weekend, enjoy catching up on events.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You could lose some sleep over a pending work project. Instead of fretting, action will make you feel better. Later in the week, you need some time by yourself.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some minor irritations keep you from enjoying yourself. In truth, you're blowing these all out of proportion. If you focus more on the positive, you'll be able to overcome this.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It seems everyone has an opinion this week. The problem is, they're all contradictory. It's best to trust your own instincts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You and your mate disagree on how to spend that financial windfall. If you both think in practical terms, you'll find the right solution. This weekend, a friend's needs come first.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Make an effort to communicate more clearly this week. This is particularly true when it comes to family members. Later, you'll be pleased when a mutual understanding is reached.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) While the week doesn't go the way you wanted, it will still be productive. Some could have minor mechanical problems with a major appliance. Fortunately, you're just the one who can fix this.



Knights of the Altar ceremony

Father Scanlon (center) recently presented Rolando Ortiz (from left), Tony Rosetti, Joey Montalvo, Tillman Davis and Oscar Sierra III a Cross of Honor as a symbol of their distinguished service as a Knight of the Altar and in recognition of their reverence at Holy Mass and all the services in the Catholic Church. During the ceremony at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, Ramon Gutierrez IV (front) was installed as a member of the Knights of the Altar.

Photo Special to The Brackett News

Don't give up on hope

In a recent edition of the San Antonio newspaper, there was, as usual, a very poignant "Classic Peanuts" cartoon.



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Lynn McNew

In the first frame, Snoopy says, "Everyone needs to have hope." Then he says, "Sometimes it's only a little thing that gives us hope ... a smile from a friend or a song, or the sight of a bird soaring high above the trees."

In the third frame, Woodstock (the bird) flies by upside down. And finally, in the last frame, Snoopy says, "So much for hope."

This made me stop and think — what do we hope for? Do we get our "hopes up" and then suffer a big disappointment because the thing we hope for doesn't materialize? And what is the difference between hoping for something and wishing for something?

The dictionary defines hope as: "to desire with expectation of fulfillment."

Wish is defined as: "a longing or strong need or desire for something."

It is interesting to me that the word "desire" appears in both definitions.

Hope, wish, desire — all words that mean the same thing, or different levels of feeling?

It seems to me that these three words are different levels of feeling. We hope for the Spurs to beat the Lakers, we wish for good

weather for our trip, we desire good health for our family.

The Bible gives us numerous examples of hope:

Romans 13:12, "Rejoice in hope, be patient under trial, persevere in prayer."

This is hope that God is there for us, is watching over us, is protecting us.

1 Corinthians 13:13, "There are in the end three things that last: faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love."

All three go together. Our faith gives us hope — the hope of salvation, and the hope of salvation comes from our love of God.

So, I agree that we all need to have hope, but I don't agree that we should give up on it. Hope in God as the Giver of all things is the hope we need, the hope we can depend upon.

Maybe instead of using the word "hope" we should be using the word "pray." I pray that you will have a good week.

You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. God bless you!

God's spirit brings us life

I hear an awful lot of talk these days about "counterfeit Christians" and "counterfeit churches" and "dead Christians" and "dead churches."

What does a dead Christian and a dead church look like? James 2:26 says, "For the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

So, a dead Christian or counterfeit Christian must be one who comes to church faithfully and that's it.

I am told that there are just too many Christians sitting around doing nothing. That there are just too many Christians thinking about themselves only. I am told that they say, "I am saved! I have the truth! Let me concern myself with me and no one else."

If a person has that kind of a mentality, they surely must be spiritually dead. They surely must be unhappy and without joy. We cannot have happiness and joy, unless we put Jesus first, others second and self third.

A dead Christian is just like that, "body without a spirit." A dead Christian is just like that, "faith without works."

I am told that there are just too many dead Christians coming to church only to keep others from questioning their faithfulness. If this is true, we need to help them get right, because God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.

Let me say this, I believe that it is a spiritual impossibility for a lively Christian with a lively hope to worship and fellowship with a dead and incumbent Christian.

Hang in there with me, let me explain. A lively Christian practices Christianity. A complacent Christian practices churchianity — they just come to church, nothing more and nothing less.

A lively Christian works on his or her spirituality. An incumbent Christian focuses on his or her seniority. The number of years in the church dictates status quo. A lively Christian gives as God prospers them.



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It is not that the dead Christian does not know what they ought to be doing (telling others about Jesus and encouraging them), they choose not to do it.

This is very similar to the sleep-walking Christian. The sleep-walking Christian believes that he or she is doing the will of God, but in reality he is being used as the devil's pawn.

Satan can and will destroy a Christian's spirituality, if given the slightest opportunity.

Our physical appearance reflects a much deeper image of what is happening inside us spiritually.

It's important that you understand what I just said. A person's physical characteristics reflect a much deeper image of what had

happened to him on the inside due to his relationship with Satan. It's important to remember that this person did not get this way on his own. Somewhere in his or her past, a door was opened to Satan.

This is where Satan does his most work. See, the devil has the people out in the world, so primarily, his work is in the church. Just one of the tricks of the devil is to convince us that there are different levels of sin.

The truth is, sin is sin and it doesn't matter who does it. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

The devil knows that an idle mind is his work shop and an idle Christian is his top employee.

What makes a Christian alive or a church alive is God's spirit. It's either there or it is not. And the good news is that it is available to any and all who ask for it.

People of God, claim the spirit. Claim it in your life, your church and your homes.

Jesus is the greatest warrior of all

Soldiers of war have existed all through history. Those who brought honor to us as a people are the ones we want to remember.

Even if you don't remember much about the Revolutionary War, you remember the outstanding leadership of George Washington. Even if you don't know much about the Civil War, you remember Abraham Lincoln or Robert E. Lee.

You may not remember much taught to you in school about World War I or WWII, but you may remember movies about Eisenhower, Montgomery and Patton. My favorite movies were about godly men who fought in these wars such as Sergeant York and of Audie Murphy.

We honor all who fought for and those who died for our freedom in America and for the world.

More importantly, we remember those soldiers of the



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Bible who without their courage and the favor of God would not have succeeded, without whom we would not have the gospel of Jesus to share with the world, without whom there would be no hope nor love.

We have read the scriptures about Abraham, the father of Israel, as well as our spiritual father, but do you also recall that he was also the warrior who led his own trained servants to pursue and attack the armies of the kings of Shinar, Ellasar, Elam and Tidal king of nations who had made war with the kingdoms of Sodom and Gomorrah (which had fallen to these four kings and

taken Abram's nephew Lot including all his family and wealth).

Abram and his 318 men pursued, attacked and made "slaughter of Chedolaoemer (king of Elam) and of the kings that were with him" and brought back Lot and all his family and wealth. (Genesis 14)

You remember Moses, who led the children of Israel out of Egypt and to the land of Canaan in spite of the armies of the Egyptian king, and the different nations that were traveled through until his successor, Joshua, led them into the promised land and took hold of the inheritance which God had originally promised Abraham. (Exodus, Numbers, Joshua)

We remember Gideon, whom God called out as a soldier in Judges 6. We remember God's grace given to Samson (Judges, chapters 13-16) and my favorite, David, who slew Goliath as

well as many, many other nations in pursuit of obedience to God. (I Samuel 16, 17-21, II Samuel 1-24)

Because these men were obedient, Jesus overcame Satan's attempt to keep him from being born.

We thank all those who have fought for our faith after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. They are to be remembered and honored for all time, yet, the greatest warrior of all to be remembered and honored is Jesus, who came and fought our final battle against death and the grave so that through his blood sacrifice we have eternal life through faith in him. (I Corinthians 15:55, Romans 8)

Thank God for those who have gone before us to bring us our freedom. Never cease to remember them as a memorial to God's grace and mercy.

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Discipline, hard work ensure future success

"Thanks, Dad. It's a great pickup," Ricky said. "I really appreciate getting it. I couldn't ask for a better graduation present."

Ricky's voice had a tone of genuine sincerity. As the two men hugged, Ricky couldn't help but notice that he was now taller and was looking down at his dad. He had never noticed before. He always thought he looked up at his Dad.

"I'm really sorry it's not a new one, son. It's what we could afford. Mom and I know you'll take care of it and make it last."

John was proud at this moment. Ricky had been a good student and had learned to ap-

ply himself with discipline. "Dad, don't apologize for what you can't do," Ricky said. "Pickups and other material things will only last a few years. You and Mom have given me something that is eternal and priceless."

John looked up at his son in wonderment. Suddenly this child was sounding like a man. There were no words to express what was in his heart.

"Dad, I've been watching you for these past 18 years," Ricky said. "Your example has taught me discipline and perseverance. From you I've learned to work hard. When things were difficult, you gave me the encour-

agement to stick it out and finish the task. You've taught me to learn from every circumstance."

Ricky paused. "Dad, a pickup, new or used, won't help me get a good job or an education," he said. "Discipline and hard work are what will ensure my future success."

John choked up at the words



Empowering Families

Dr. Donald Smith

in his heart. "Ricky, you are wise beyond your age," he said. "You are a fine son and you make me proud."

"Long ago a very wise man said that discipline is not accessible to many. She is irksome to the unruly and the fool cannot stand her. You, my son put your shoulder to her yoke and she will become your joy and you will wear her as your robe of glory." (Sirach 6:18-31)

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Let the Lord show you the way

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice; have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

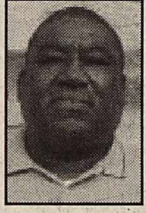
When thou saidst, seek ye my face: my heart said unto thee. Thy face Lord, will I seek.

Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies; for false witnesses are risen up



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against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait on the lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait I say, on the Lord. (Psalms 37:7-14)

Hallelujah! What a mighty God we serve.

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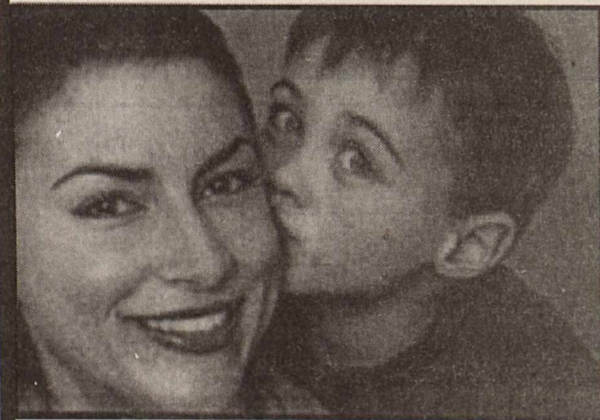
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