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BRIEFS

Fort Clark Ladies Golf

March 1st Game of the day was best back 9, Pat Alexson placed 1st, Ruth Spence and Lou Green tied for 2nd, Fern Dyer placed 3rd.

LEPC hosting raffle

The Local Emergency Planning Committee is raffling a Bud Breen original oil painting as a fund raiser. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets are available from Jewel Robinson or by calling the EMS office at 563-9090. The painting will be on display at the Fort Clark Springs festival.

White recovering from surgery

Harry White had a recent lung transplant. Our prayers are with him and his family. We wish him a speedy recovery.

GED Classes

Adult GED Classes are being held at the Brackett Educational Academy (formerly known as the Alternative School) 703 N. Ann Street, on Tuesday, March 22. Orientation and Registration at 5 p.m. Bring photo ID and social security number for registration. For more information, call 830-563-9537.

Volunteers needed to share heart, home

Volunteers -with or without children at home- are needed to SHARE! their heart and home with international high school exchange students for the coming 2005-2006 fall semester or school year. The students will arrive in August and are in need of caring adults or families to provide a home and share with them this unique experience.

The host family will provide a bed, meals, as well as friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to share the American way of life with a youngster from overseas.

The students are between the ages of 15 and 18, speak English, are covered by medical insurance and have spending money for their personal expenses.

They will attend the high school closest to their host family's home. Families are able to review student applications and select the student they feel will best match their family. The SHARE! High School Exchange Program is sponsored by ERDT, a non-profit educational foundation.

For more information, please call Yvette Coffman at the SHARE! Southwest Office at 1-800-941-3738.

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Two file for school board

There is only one contested race for the upcoming Brackett ISD School Board election.

Pam Hale and Jeffrey Duncan are on the ballot to fill the unexpired term of Tom Swinson, who did not complete his term.

Hale is employed by The Brackett News while Duncan is a Border Patrol Agent.

The two will face off on the May 7 ballot.

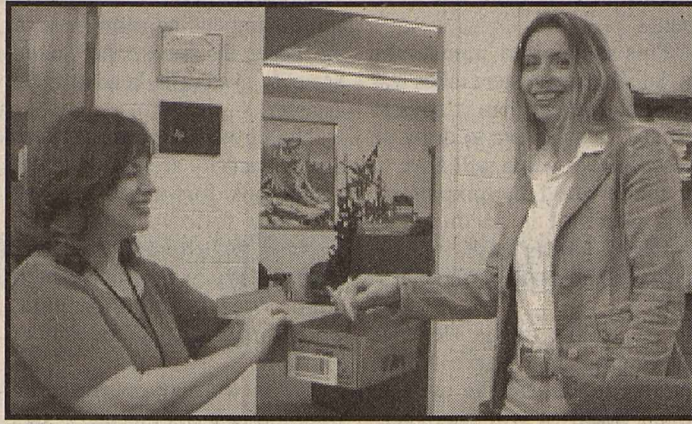
Incumbents Henry Lutz and Ronnie Hobbs are both unopposed for their posts.

On Tuesday, Hale drew the first position on the ballot with Duncan taking the second slot.

According to the school's election clerk Susan Esparza, applications are now being accepted for early voting ballots by mail for the election.

The last day to for a candidate to withdraw from the race is March 15.

On March 23, the early vot-



Pam Hale, left, candidate for Brackett ISD school board draws for position on the ballot. Hale drew the first position in the contest against Jeffrey Duncan.

ing clerk may begin mailing early voting ballots to applicants as soon as ballots are available.

Wednesday, April 20 is the first day to vote early in person. Esparza noted that early voting takes place in the superintendent's office during regular busi-

ness hours.

The last day to vote early in person is Tuesday, May 3.

Election day is from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the school's central office.

Both Lutz and Hobbs are set for their next three-year term.

Two races ready for city council election

There are two races to watch in the upcoming election for Brackettville's City Council.

The election is Saturday, May 7.

Place 1 and 3 on the city council are up for grabs. Place 1 Incumbent Tully Welch signed up, hoping for a reelection nod. Challengers for Welch include Camilo Cruz Jr. and Charles Bushart.

In Place three, incumbent Tomas Gomez Jr., did not sign up for reelection. So, the new place will be occupied by either Mary V. Flores or Anita Ertle, both of whom signed up for the May 7 election.

For Place 1, the names on the ballot will appear as follows:

Camilo Cruz Jr., Charles Bushart and Tully Welch

For the Place 3 election, Anita Ertle will be first on the ballot followed by Mary V. Flores.

The first day to accept applications for early voting ballots by mail was March 8. The last day for a candidate to withdraw in the election is March 15.

Early voting clerk begins mailing early voting ballots to applicants on March 23.

The last day to receive application for ballot to be voted by mail is April 29.

Early voting is set for April 20. The last day to vote early by personal appearance is May 3. Early voting is set for city hall during regular business hours.

Election day is Saturday, May 7 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

GED Classes 'She Married Well' on stage this week by Old Quarry Society

The highlight of Saturday night's Fort Clark Festival will be The Old Quarry Society's presentation of "She Married Well" by John Kirkpatrick.

Under the direction of Ida Perez Holley, this one act farce is the story of two college roommates, who loved to hate each other. Now, 25 years later, Eula arrives for a visit with Sallie.

The cast for this production brings together some of the Old Quarry's finest. The role of Sallie Bradford is played by Suzanna Lowery. First appearing in last fall's production, Suzanna has become a well-liked and very talented member of the OQS group.

She also sings with "The Voices" and tried her hand at directing with our Christmas play.

Dr. Kent Lowery plays the role of Ned Bradford, Sallie's

husband.



Simpson



S. Lowery

Also seen on our stage for the first time last fall, Dr. Kent delights the crowd with his fine acting ability. He takes care of many of our aches and pains, as well, as Brackettville's resident chiropractor.

Edith Bradford, their daughter, is very ably played by Tina Meek.

Tina has graced our stage many times, mostly notably as Ora Lee in "The Glory Road," and we are glad to have her back again.

The other "friend," Eula Potter, is in the very capable hands of Mary Petrosky.

Mary will be remembered as Sister Hubert in last year's production of "Nuncrackers," in addition to several other roles.

She teaches math at Brackett Junior High, as well as working on her Master's Degree and serving as sponsor for numerous



"She Married Well" premieres this week during Fort Clark Days. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students. Proceeds benefit the Old Quarry Society.



Meek

Jack Simpson. Jack has been seen on our stage before and can be expected to give a delightful performance. He also is a very talented wood-worker. Welcome back, Jack.

The only newcomer in this

UIL activities.

Eula's husband, James Potter, is coming to life through the work of



Edwards

production is Cody Edwards, who plays Peterson, the son of Eula and James.

Cody is a Senior at BHS and we hope this won't be the first and last time we see him on our stage.

As always, when Ida Perez Holley is involved in a production, we can expect a beautifully decorated stage.

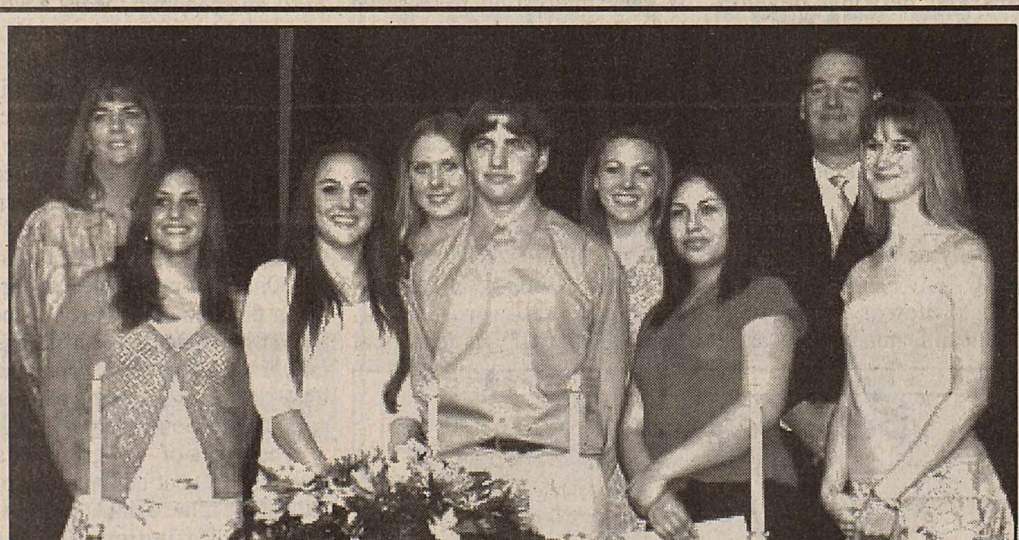
This time won't be a disappointment.

Ida has directed our spring play for several years and has also been seen on stage in numerous productions.

Saturday evening, March 12, promises to be a delightful evening with the presentation of "She Married Well," 7:30 p.m. at Post Theatre.

The play can also be seen Sunday, March 13, 2:30 p.m. at Post Theatre.

For non-season ticket holders, tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and can be purchased from cast members or by calling 563-3070 or 563-9229.



NHS newcomers

New members to Brackett's National Honor Society include Dana Bonner, Jessi Crane, Alanna Conoly, Brand Wylie, Danielle Moore, Lilianna Hernandez, and Rachel Swinson. The group was inducted into the NHS last week and welcomed by BHS principal Paula Renken and Superintendent of Schools Bobby Templeton.

DPS reminds Spring Break drivers to slow down, move over

Drivers headed to Spring Break destinations are reminded that state law requires drivers nearing stopped emergency vehicles with emergency lights activated to either slow down or change lanes.

Specifically, the law states a driver must either slow down 20 miles per hour below the speed limit or vacate the lane closest to the stopped emergency vehicle that has emergency lights activated if the road has multiple lanes traveling in the same direction. Drivers should only move over if they can safely and legally do so; otherwise, they should slow down.

A violation of the slow down/move over law is pun-

ishable by a maximum fine of \$200.

If the violation results in property damage, the maximum fine increases to \$500.

DPS troopers also remind Spring Break travelers to make sure drivers are well-rested. Troopers will be looking for speeders, drunken or impaired drivers and seat belt violators.

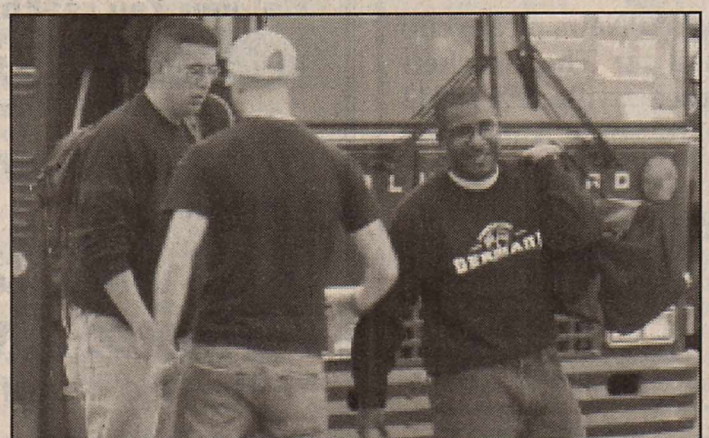
"The drinking age in Texas is 21 and there is a zero tolerance law in Texas when it comes to underage drinking and driving," warns Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "If you're under 21, you face charges and license suspension if you drive with any detectable amount of alcohol in your system."

Laughlin security forces team returns from Iraq

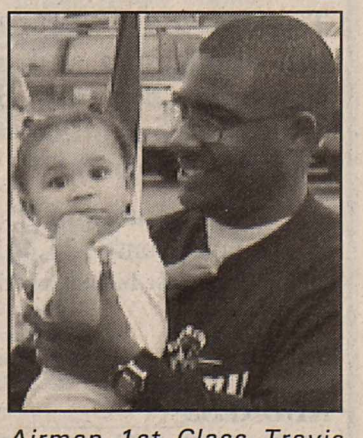
LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas - Nine Airmen from the 47th Security Forces Squadron returned from an almost seven-month deployment to Iraq. The Airmen were based in Baghdad, where they provided security for Multi-National Forces assigned to assist the Iraqi government. The nine airmen who returned are Senior Airman Charles Harrell; Airmen 1st Class Arturo Granados, Travis Cleark, Adam Beggs, Charles Harris, Timothy Cooper, James Trussell, and Nidia Trussell; and Airman Marcos Vasquez. A tenth Airman, Staff Sgt. Scott Ramsey, the team's noncommissioned officer in charge, stayed

behind to train incoming forces. He is expected to return next week. The Airmen were met by family, friends and coworkers. Joining them were other security forces Airmen who returned from their deployments to Southwest Asia in the past two weeks. They are: Capt. Gerald Mulhollen; Staff Sgt. Joshua Aston; and Airmen 1st Class Garrett Boyce, William Smith and Adam Battin.

Five Airmen who deployed with the group are due back soon. They are Staff Sgts. Gregory Leonard, Joseph Joslin and Marina Ramos; and Senior Airmen Keith Combass and Robert Perez.



Airmen 1st Class Charles Harri, left, and Travis Cleark greet a coworker as they return from Iraq. The Airmen were based in Baghdad where they provided security for multi-national forces assigned to assist the Iraqi government.



Airman 1st Class Travis Cleark holds his 10-month old daughter Vanessa after returning from a seven-month deployment in Iraq.

We need to tackle the social security challenge now

America's Social Security system is headed for trouble, two trains rumbling toward a collision.

One train rumbles on tracks laid down by financial promises made when this New Deal-era program was established. The second travels on a path set by long-term demographic trends. To avoid the wreck, we need to change the courses of the trains, and the time to do it is long before the conductors on these trains can see each other.

Without significant changes, the question is not whether this accident will happen, but when. The demographic trends pushing us toward disaster are simple: birthrates are going down while people are living longer. This was not a problem in 1935 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt founded the Social Security program.

With an average life expectancy of 64, only 54 percent of workers were expected to live long enough to collect their checks.



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

Today, the U.S. Census reports the average life expectancy is 77.2 years and increasing.

The Department of Health and Human Services reports that by 2050, American men will live an average of 79.7 years and women will live even longer.

These trends will be amplified when 76 million Baby Boomers hit retirement age. Born between 1946 and 1964, they will begin retiring in 2008, and threaten to swamp the Social Security system.

For many years, there was no problem with Social Security, because the abundance of workers paid far more into the program than it provided to retirees.

The excess money was placed in something called the "Social Security Trust Fund."

Unfortunately, by law, the Trust Fund is required to save the excess payments in U.S. Treasury bonds which are, for lack of a better word, "IOUs" from taxpayers.

The money itself has been spent.

This means the minute the Social Security system takes less in from workers than it pays to retirees, it will have to draw on those bonds, which will have to be made good by taxpayers. This shortfall is predicted to begin as early as 2018.

Inaction is out of the question.

According to the Heritage Foundation, if Congress does nothing to reform the system, Social Security will need general fund infusions to make up the difference in tax revenues and benefit payments amounting to \$72 billion in 2020, \$275 billion in 2030, \$429 billion in 2050 and \$719 billion in 2070.

The long-term projections of Social Security's financial health will continue to worsen because, with each passing year, a surplus year passes and a deficit year is added in the calculation.

Compounding this problem

was the fact that changes in Social Security also weakened the financial health of the system. Originally, initial benefits at the time of retirement were linked to inflation, but in the 1970s they were pegged to the rise in wages, which tend to go up faster than prices.

Coupled with demography and the impending retirement of the Baby Boomers, the Social Security system is headed for a disaster.

Numerous proposals to save Social Security are on the table, and I look forward to talking with my fellow Texans and working with my colleagues to craft policy changes which will honor present commitments, while providing a permanent solution.

While we may not agree on what the best options are at this point, it is unacceptable to pretend there is no problem.

The financial future of Social Security is determined not only by demographic trends; it is affected by the promises made when the program was established.

We have a window of opportunity to remake the program so the promises made today will be fulfilled tomorrow without mortgaging the future of our children and grandchildren.

The road to the Capitol

The halls of our nation's Capitol are filled this month with students.

Young adults from across America are given one week every Spring to break away from the books and take a rest from their classroom studies. Hundreds of these students choose Washington, D.C. as their travel destination. I love this time of year. This week alone, I've met with dozens of students. We discuss everything from how a bill becomes a law to my favorite football team (the Cowboys, of course!).

A few days ago, a young man asked me a very pointed question that stuck in my mind, "How did you become a Congressman?"

It's a simple question, but it made me think about my life at age 17. When I was attending South San Antonio High School, I never thought that I would one day represent you in Washington as a United States Congressman.

It was something of a feat for a student to graduate from my high school, let alone go on to college and beyond.

Most people assume congressmen have worn suits their entire life, and that a law or business degree is a required ticket of admission.

However, Congress is full of self-made men and women who came from every background imaginable.

Let me share a few examples with you. At the young age of 20, Rep Bob Riley of Alabama began selling eggs door to door with his brother. The small operation grew to become one of the largest totally integrated poultry and egg operations in the Southeast.

Rep. Ellen Tauscher of California was the youngest person to win a seat on the coveted New York Stock Exchange at age 25.

She worked as a stock trader and investment banker. After moving to California she founded the ChildCare Registry, the first company to pro-



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

vide background information on child-care providers.

Congress has attracted its share of athletes over the years. Rep. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma was a college All-American football player at the University of Oklahoma.

He went on to play for the Canadian Football League, and after that became a youth minister. Rep. Steve Largent, also of Oklahoma, was another professional athlete.

He played for the Seattle Seahawks for 14 years and was inducted to the NFL Hall of Fame after retiring as the third all-time leader in pass receptions in 1989. Sen. Jim Bunning of Kentucky was a Major League pitcher and is also a Hall of Famer.

Congress is also honored by the service of true heroes - its war heroes. Rep. Sam Johnson of Plano, Texas, is a retired Air Force colonel who endured nearly seven years of brutality - over half of that period in solitary confinement - in a North Vietnamese prison camp. He then went on to fly with the Air Thunderbirds Supersonic Flight Team before running for political office.

Congress is full of people from all walks of life, many who never ran for office before coming to Washington. My colleagues have included a great songwriter (Sonny Bono), a winemaker, a restaurant manager and a self-described "journeyman" carpenter, just to name a few.

America is still a country where the American Dream can become a reality.

It's a country where a child living in a public housing project can grow up to become whatever he or she dreams of becoming.

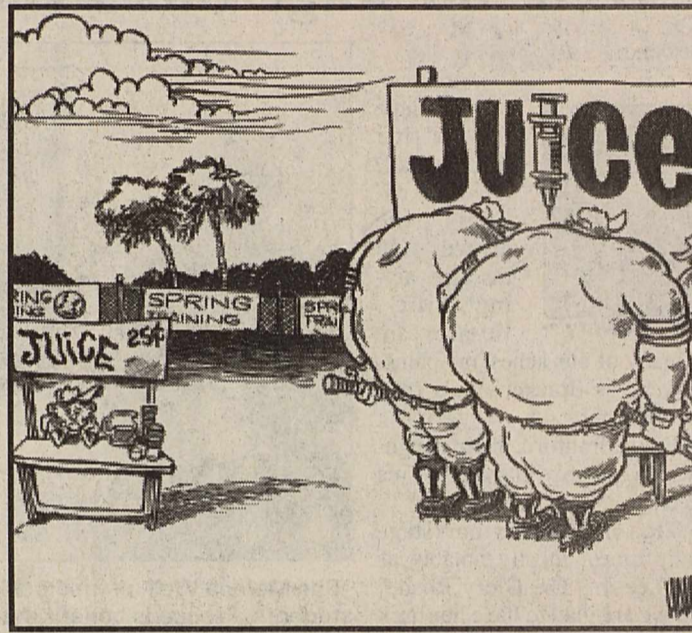
Big Mama Sez!



The best minute you spend is the one you invest in someone else.

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Liberals are really socialists

By Nathan Tabor
Contributing Writer

"Liberty has never come from the government.... The history of liberty is the history of the limitation of governmental power, not the increase of it." - PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON

Woodrow Wilson has often been called a Liberal.

But Wilson's brand of liberalism had its focus on opportunities and personal development, not government control.

When I was in college, back in the 1990s, I already knew that it made more sense to be a Conservative than a Liberal.

But there was still a lot I didn't know.

One day in class, I criticized somebody as being a "classical Liberal."

My professor, being more astute than I, immediately asked

me for the definition of a classical Liberal.

When I fumbled for an answer, and eventually got it wrong, he taught me something I didn't know.

A Liberal was once what we call a Conservative today.

For example, both Adam Smith and John Locke were known as Liberals in their day.

That moment was embarrassing for me, but enlightening. It is very interesting to observe how definitions change over time - usually because somebody co-opts a good word to advance a bad agenda.

Like using "choice" as a euphemism for infanticide, or "diversity" to promote unnatural sexual deviance, or "tolerance" to legitimize heresy.

That's exactly what has happened with the word Liberal. Being "liberal," in historical

terms, is actually a good thing. The problem is, Democrats have perverted and changed its meaning. (This is a familiar pattern with Democrats.)

What do you think you'll get if you go to Google and search: "what is liberalism?"

Here are two definitions of "liberalism" that I found on the Princeton website:

1. a political orientation that favors progress and reform;
2. an economic theory advocating free competition and a self-regulating market.

Wow! Both of those definitions sound downright Conservative to me.

But let's think about these interesting ideas in modern terms for a moment.

Regarding Definition Number One, the new-styled Liberals in the Democrat Party of today only want to "reform" things that give people more from the government and require less personal responsibility.

Their idea of "progress" is a new government bureaucracy to tell people how to think and live.

As to Definition Number Two, the Liberals of today are the complete opposite of the free-market model.

Their core agenda is to tax people and businesses to pay for their social programs.

Along with all the nanny alphabet agencies like OSHA, EPA, EEOC, etc. - not very much self-regulating there!

Now let's consider the definition of "Socialism."

This is what you get if you go to Google and search "what is socialism?":

1. a theory or system of social organization by which the major means of production and distribution are owned, managed, and controlled by the government, by an association or workers, or the community as a whole; (Does this one sound like a Hillary Clinton speech, or what?)
2. an economic system in which the means of production are controlled by the state.

We wonder why the Chinese are taking over the production of most consumer goods sold in the U.S.A.

The answer is simple.

They use convict labor and pay slave wages. Meanwhile, back in the states, the Democrats have pushed for all these government programs, regulations and taxes that restrict the ability of our own domestic companies to compete on the global market.

Classical Liberalism is about freedom, and government leaving people alone.

Socialism is about total control, and government being involved in everything.

We ought to give hungry people a fishing pole and teach them how to fish; instead, we give them hot fried fish in a convenient to-go box at a drive-thru window!

It's time to rename the party of Howard Dean, Hillary Clinton, Ted Kennedy, Michael Moore and all the rest. If it looks like a duck, quacks like a duck, and walks like a duck... then it must be a duck.

Today's Liberals are really Socialists.

If the Democrats ever wish to reach the common man, they are going to have to be honest with their agenda.

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"I know practically everything there is to know about physical security and survival" states Lee. "It's been my entire life. It's time I shared these talents to help our children."

With our society becoming more and more dangerous, and our children becoming more vulnerable, Lee felt the need to reveal his techniques and secrets. He's organized the Fear Not Foundation to distribute information on actual techniques and moves children can use to protect themselves, as well as a step-by-step Family Safety System



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The Fear Not Foundation

that parents can implement immediately.

Kids will learn how to escape if they are grabbed by one wrist... or both wrists, how to escape if lifted or picked up, how to escape if they are grabbed by the shoulders and much, much more. Some of the things parents and grandparents will learn in this guide are how to develop a "Family Safety Program" that kids will learn and use every-day, what essential rules a child

must learn and follow to avoid being abducted and safety tips for securing the home.

The foundation offers the "10 Golden Rules for Safety" for Free. Send a business-size, self-addressed stamped envelope to: The Fear Not Foundation, 501 Myrtle St., Syracuse, NY 13204, or visit our website www.ChildSafetySystem.com to view and download the "10 Golden Rules," along with other helpful information.

This weeks goodies I enjoyed at a friends house recently and begged them to let me share. You won't have to worry about leftovers when you serve these.

Andrea's Baked Onion Dip
2 cups finely chopped onion, 3 pkg. (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened, 2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, grated, 1/2 cup mayonnaise.

Mix all ingredients and put in 9X12 casserole dish. Bake 45-60 minutes at 325 degrees until bubbly. Best when served hot but very good cool also. Offer chips, crackers, bread or veggies for dippers. Serves approx. 18 "nibblers" or 10 "eaters".

This may be halved without



Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

problems.

Cranberry Spread
4 oz. cream cheese softened, 2 tbsp. frozen orange juice concentrate, 1/4 cup dried cranberries, 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans. Whip cream cheese until smooth; Add orange juice. Fold in cranberries and nuts. Chill 30 minutes. Serve with crackers of your choice.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, February 28
5:08 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a possible structure fire on Highway 90 between Brackettville and the Air Force Base. Deputy Ron Ring was informed and reported a controlled burn was being conducted on a local ranch.

8:30 p.m., A woman reported loose cows on Highway 334. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was notified.

Tuesday, March 1
8:39 a.m., A man reported his ranch gate sign had been stolen.
9:02 a.m., A woman stated that her mother's car had been hit. Constable Bobby Guidry was informed.

Wednesday, March 2
10:17 a.m., A man reported heavy smoke on the East side of town. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was notified.

7:36 p.m., A Fort Clark Security officer reported a reckless driver in a silver Dodge truck.

Deputy Donald Page was informed.

Thursday, March 3
3:43 p.m., A man reported loose goats on Highway 90 near Fritter Park. The owner was notified.

5:12 p.m., Bobby Wayne Coleman, 33, of Florida, was arrested by Trooper Rios for Driving while license suspended. Coleman was later released after posting a \$1000 bond.

8:00 p.m., A man reported loud music coming from his neighbors house. Deputy Page was informed.

Friday, March 4
1:13 a.m., A Fort Clark security officer requested assistance concerning a minor. Deputy Page was dispatched.

2:43 p.m., A woman requested a deputy in regards to a minor accident with a deer on Highway 277. DPS and Del Rio police department were advised.

7:35 p.m., Ramon E. Lujan, 25, of Tatum, New Mexico, was arrested by Trooper Duanz for fugitive arrest (4 warrants). Lujan was still being held when report was made.

Saturday, March 5
12:00 a.m., A local business requested a deputy's assistance. Deputy Gutierrez and Trooper Tully Welch were notified.

12:54 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a wreck at the intersection of Highway 90 and 674. Deputy Manuel Pena and Sheriff Buddy Burgess were advised. A TxDOT employee for traffic control and a wrecker were notified.

1:40 p.m., Carlos Suarez, 28, of Mexico, was arrested by

Deputy Gutierrez for warrant out of Bryan County for Criminal trespassing. Suarez was still being held when the report was made.

10:30 p.m., A man reported another man harassing his wife at a local business. Deputy Gutierrez was advised.

Sunday, March 6
11:04 a.m., Rocksprings Sheriff's office requested a DPS Trooper concerning an accident between Brackettville and Rocksprings. Del Rio DPS was notified.

6:50 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a parked car beside Highway 90 east of Brackettville. Deputy Gutierrez was advised.

Texas awarded Governor's Cup

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today announced that Site Selection magazine, the world's foremost publication for business expansion and relocation, has awarded the annual Governor's Cup to Texas for securing the most job creation announcements in the nation for 2004.

Texas last won the award in 1992, when it shared the award with North Carolina. Texas also won the award in 1978, 1980, 1981 and 1982. This year's win brings a record six wins to Texas, more than any other state.

"The 12-year drought is officially over, and the Governor's Cup has come home to Texas because we have pursued a path of limited government, fiscal restraint and made unprecedented investments in job creation," Perry said. Site Selection magazine noted: "The Governor's Cup returns to the Lone Star State, which demonstrated in 2004 what happens when a state has the right tools to compete."

At the rate Texas is racking up new facilities lately, and with a business climate ranked first in the U.S. by this publication, it could happen again.

"We have made job creation a priority because jobs are the foundation of a bright future for all Texans," Perry said. "Jobs are the bricks that pave the path to prosperity. And they generate something far greater than

paychecks for workers or revenue for government priorities, and that is hope for Texas families." Site Selection magazine editor Mark Arend said, "Governor Perry and his team clearly intend to make Texas an economic development powerhouse, and this award recognizes the state's progress toward that end."

Site Selection called the \$295 million Texas Enterprise Fund (TEF) a tool that is "Central to Texas' ability to lure projects" whose role "cannot be overstated." Perry has asked the legislature to reauthorize the TEF, which has helped secure projects that will create more than 24,000 new jobs and pump \$6 billion into the Texas economy.

The Governor's Cup rankings are determined by tracking the number of business expansion projects in a state that involve a capital investment of at least \$1 million, create 50 jobs or more or involve 20,000 square feet of new floor space. Texas secured 668 such projects in 2004. Michigan, which placed second in the rankings, had 653 projects.

Additionally, the magazine ranked the Dallas Fort-Worth Metroplex first among major metropolitan areas in the nation for securing the most job announcements in 2004 with 277. Detroit placed second.

Thank You

We, Odilia and Claudio Arredondo, the family of Tranquilina Alvarado, would like to thank each and everyone for being with us at our time of sorrow.

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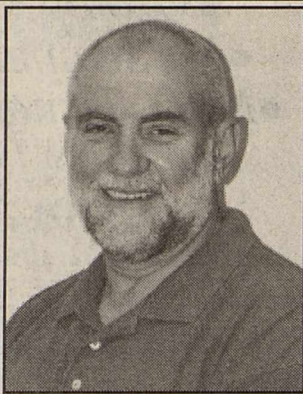
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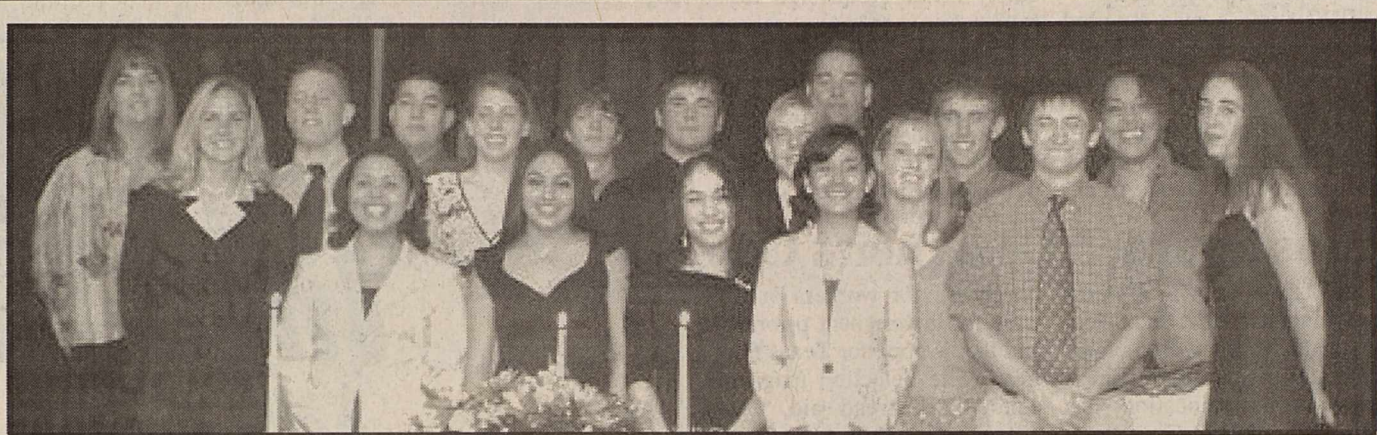
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■ Eighth grade: Veronica Garza, Rebecca Mann, Samantha Moore, Maribel Rivas and Laura Swinson.
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■ Eighth grade: Summer Allen, Amanda "Katie" Braesicke, Emily Calk, Serenity Gammill, Jessica Garza, Jessica Jones, Jerry Miller, Harmony Pettett, Graciela Rocha and Jacob Schroeder.
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Brackett High School National Honor Society 2004-05

Brackett High School National Honor Society 2004-05; pictured from left: Principal Paula Renken, Juliann Ashabranner, Brandon Kluzek, Clarissa Aguirre, Oscar Sierra, Courtney Frerich, Monica Gonzales, Kody Yeager, Whitney Massingill, Celina Terrazas, Cody Robinette, Superintendent Bobby Templeton, Kristin Meyer, Whitney Hobbs, Tillman Davis, Cody Edwards, Shanae Simmons and Jackie Duncan.

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Cubettes bring home fifth from Harper

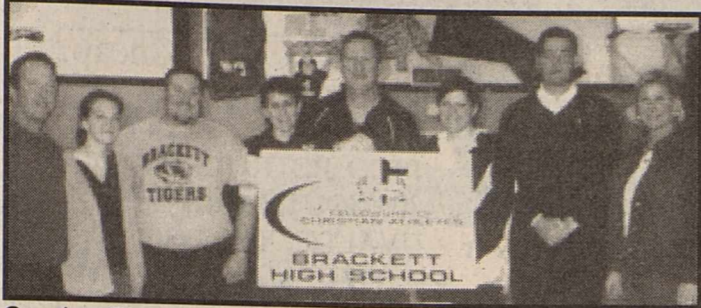
The Junior High Cubettes brought home fifth place from the Harper Relays on March 4.

The 400 relay team of Ashley Resendez, Katie Braesicke, Becca Mann and Brooklyn Gose brought home sixth place with a time of 59.09.

The 800 Relay team of Gose, Braesicke, Harmony Pettett and Samantha Moore brought home second place with a time of 2:01.7.

The 1600 relay team of Braesicke, Moore, Nena Molinar and Lila Molinar brought home fourth with a time of 4:53.7.

In the 2400 m, Pettett brought home third with a time of 10:21.3 while S. Moore won second in the 200 m with 28.6 second and Pettett won sixth in the 1600 m with 6:35.8 and in the high jump, S. Moore brought home fifth with 4'4 record.



Coaches Rhonda and Charlie Marquardt were honored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes - Adult Chapter with a sign promoting Brackett ISD's FCA Chapter.

FCA signs given in honor of Marquardts and all FCA coaches

Brackett High School's Fellowship of Christian Athletes Coach/Sponsors were honored last week with a surprise "Thank You Presentation" by the Adult FCA Chapter and Brackett ISD's Superintendent of Schools Bobby Templeton.

As Templeton presented the two black, white and gold aluminum 2 by 3 foot signs on behalf of the Adult Chapter of FCA, he told the coaches and the students that "Fellowship of Christian Athletes is helping to build the moral character of Brackett students, and we are grateful to you coaches for your consistent, steady leadership."

The signs were presented in appreciation to all Brackett High School Coach and sponsors who help support FCA.

The signs were given in honor of lead FCA Coach Sponsors, Rhonda and Charlie Marquardt and presented in appreciation to the Marquardts, David Yeager, Tiffiny Blore, Candace Hohman, Greg Vogles, and Steve Hutcherson.

The inter-faith student group meets every Wednesday night during the school year for prayer, fellowship and service and is the largest student organization on campus at Brackett High School. The signs will be erected in the community next week.

FCA Adult Chapter President Carolyn Conoly thanked the coach/sponsors for "helping to strengthen the Body of Christ in our families, our school and in our community."

Tigeretts take first in LaPryor Relays

The Tigerettes brought home a championship win at the LaPryor Track Meet.

The Tigerettes won with 163 points. Pearsall took second with 122 points; Rocksprings had 83 points, which was enough for third. Cotulla had 82 points, followed by Carizzo Springs and Natalia with 80 and 29.5 points respectively.

Individually, the 1600 relay was won by Brackett's Bianca Stewart, Daphne Hunt, Courtney Frerich and Rachel Swinson with a time of 4:22.6. The team of Anolda Watkins, Hunt, Frerich and Stewart took third in the 800 relay with a time of 1:55.8 In the 400 relay, Watkins, Swinson, Brandy Smith and Vanessa Williams took third with a time of 53.2 seconds. In the 3200 meter, Juliann Ashabranner took first with a time 13:11.4; Gabby Schroeder took third with a 13:44.1 and Jessi Crane took fifth with 14.59. In the High Hurdles, Bailee Allen took fourth place with

a time of 18.03. Hunt took first place in the 800 m with 2:33.0 while Swinson took first in the 400 m with 62.1 and Steward took second with a time of 65.3.

In the Intermediate Hurdles, Frerich took first place with 52.1 and Allen took fifth with 53.2 Watkins took third in the 200 m with 28.6 seconds. In the 1600 m, Ashabranner, Schroeder and Ashley Castillo took first, third and fifth, respectively. They had times of 5:58.2; 6:27.3 and 6:30.0.

In the shotput, Allen brought home sixth with a range of 27 and 10.5 feet. In the triple jump, Hunt took third with 30 feet and 8 and a half inches. In the long jump, Swinson took second with 15'7.5". while Frerich took first with 4 feet, 10 inches and Stewart with 4 foot 8 inches in the high jump competition.

For the junior varsity girls, Vickie Resendez took third and Lauren Cornelius took fourth in the 400 m with time sof 72.1 and 72.3, respectively.

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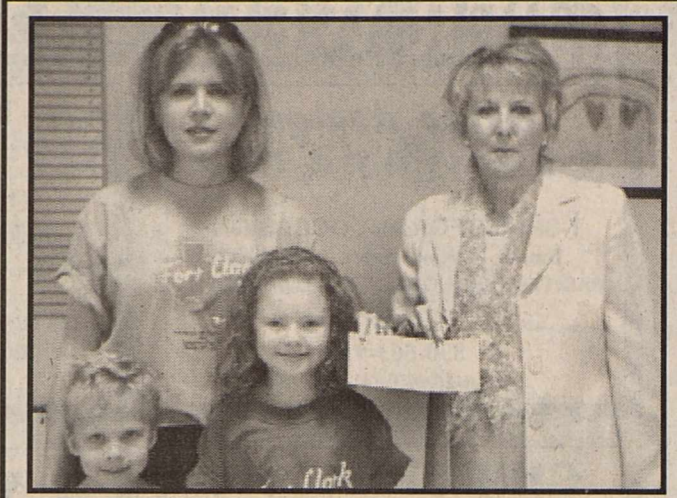


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60 Twenty-five hundred.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-67 indicating starting positions for across and down words.

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— forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

Today's Category: Words That Rhyme With SKY

Grid for Roaring Twenties puzzle with words circled: Nigh, High, Lie, My, Nigh, Pry, Rye, Spry, Thigh, Vie, Why.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:
1. Buy 11. High
2. By 12. Lie
3. Cry 13. My
4. Die 14. Nigh
5. Dry 15. Pry
6. Eye 16. Rye
7. Fly 17. Spry
8. Fry 18. Thigh
9. Guy 19. Vie
10. Hi 20. Why

HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Hold on to your objectivity this week. Although a close friend wants to involve you in something, it's not your place. Stay out of it.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're tempted to blow your diet or exercise regimen this week. It's not a good idea. Just remember how hard you've been working at it.
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A concern that's weighing on your mind this week has you off-kilter. You'll find it difficult to concentrate as a result. You need to get away from this for a bit to clear your head.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're usually pretty perceptive about people and their motivations. This week, though, you're not as sharp. You could fall for someone's snow job.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You need to resist the temptation to blow your budget. Sure, there seem to be lots of "bargains" around. However, if you do your homework, you'll find that's not really the case.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You can't be the only one trying to solve a domestic dispute. You need the cooperation of all involved. Until then, stop hitting your head against that proverbial brick wall.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) You feel the need to break out a bit creatively. In fact, this could lead to an exciting new career or lucrative venture. Later in the week, you're in no mood to entertain at home.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone close to you has good advice concerning financial interests. While this may surprise you, this person really knows about such things. This weekend, you're a bit out of sorts.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You're usually a pretty forgiving sort. However, this time, you're very upset over a sharp remark made by a loved one. It's best to clear the air honestly about how you feel.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're looking forward to having a good time socially. However, be sure that whatever you choose to do doesn't cost a lot of money. Your budget can't accommodate that right now.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Something which requires you entering into a legal agreement may not be all that it's cracked up to be. Be sure you research this thoroughly. Over the weekend, you focus on your home and family.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You need to take a deep breath this week and get away from the hustle and bustle. This will clear your head and result in great new ideas. Just be sure you have them all sorted out before pitching them to the proper people.

OBITUARY

Donald A. Swanson

Donald A. Swanson LCDR USN Ret. passed away March 1, 2005 in Del Rio, Val Verde County, Texas. He was born on October 1, 1920 in West Palm Beach, FL. He was the son of Arthur Leander Swanson and Henrietta Matilda Katherine Stevens Swanson. He was predeceased by Mary Frances Watters, his wife of 47 years and survived by his wife Earlene Thurber Swanson; brother,



Henry F. Swanson and wife Billie; cousin, Helen Ochtel; daughters, Gladys Louise Swanson Franssen and husband David, and Frances Adell and husband Charlie Becker; son, Donald Q. Swanson; step-daughter, Earlene Newhart; grandchildren, Olivia and William Short, Charlie Michele, Jackie and Donald Ray Becker.

Burial was at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery at 2:30 p.m., March 7, 2005. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to EMS, Kinney County Museum, Fort Clark Historical Society or to your favorite charity.

Patsy L. McKelvy

Patsy Lee Cummings McKelvy was born July 17, 1930 in Uvalde, Texas. She was the daughter of Pat and Avile Carroll Cummings. She passed away March 3, 2005 at 12:11 p.m.



She married Clarence Hubert "Clemmy" McKelvy on Sept. 24, 1951 in Uvalde and lived in Iraan, Texas until he retired in 1984, when they moved to Fort Clark Springs.

She was a member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church and was their first female lector. She had served on the Parish Council and Finance Committee.

She was a member of the Mountain Laurel Garden Club, Ladies Golf League, Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, Fort Clark Historical Society, and a former member of the Kinney County Chamber of

Commerce and the Kinney County Arts Council. She was a past-president of the Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, past-president of the Caddell-Smith Chapter Daughters of the Republic of Texas, a member of the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter No. 2070 United Daughters of the Confederacy and was a former District VII chairman. She had also been a member of the Daughters of the Indian Wars and Daughters of the War of 1812.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister Lindel Cummings Frerich, a son Ted Alan McKelvy, and a grandson James Laroque McKelvy.

She is survived by her husband and two children, Keith and wife Beckye and Kay McKelvy Culverhouse; a nephew Alan Frerich and wife Liz; 6 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, 2 grandnephews and 1 grandniece.

Memorial services were held at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church, March 5, at 11 a.m.

Leonel B. Castro

Leonel B. Castro, age 78, long-time resident of Houston passed away Feb. 13, 2005. He was surrounded by his loving family, and embraced by his dear wife of 55 years, Alice Garza Castro.

He is survived by wife Alice, daughters Gloria Castro and Melinda Castro, son Lionel J. Castro, daughter Anna Nys and son-in-law Pierre Nys loving grandsons Laurance Nys and Christopher Castro, sisters Agatha Gandara, Josephine Romo, Jessie Castro, and Virginia Garcia, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was born Feb. 27, 1926

in Brackettville to Tranquilina Olvera Castro and Agatho Castro. He served in the Army Air Force during World War II. He attended the University of Texas in Austin.

Married in 1949, he and Alice moved to Houston in 1952 where he completed his pharmacy degree at the University of Houston. For 35 years he was the proud owner of the Clinton Drug Store in Galena Park. He earned his pilot's license at age 50.

Funeral services were held at South Park Funeral Home at 1310 North Main in Pearland, Texas.

Planting for the future

In the springtime of each year, the statisticians of the United Methodist church begin to tell us how the preceding year looks from a numerical standpoint. For us in Brackettville, it's a mixed story. While locally our membership and attendance are up, our entire district of more than thirty churches (which stretches north to San Angelo) has only experienced a net growth of only twelve members. Of course, like most of the mainstream denominations, we're in the midst of the shift from the leadership of the WWII and Korea generations into the leadership of people raised with television. The generations of "joiners" are fading away as many go on to their final reward.

Many of the social organizations such as service clubs and fraternities are noticing the same effect - people aren't joining the way they used to. Membership numbers are down in almost every area in America that has "members". Sadly, some churches are beginning to feel that unless their membership rolls are expanding that they've lost their purpose.

When numbers become the driving force behind sharing the message of Jesus Christ, I think we lose something.

Evangelism shifts from a personal encounter with the Divine to a scripted, assembly line process where every human encounter becomes an opportunity to recite some rote Scriptures and press for a commitment. Of course, lasting commitments can only be built upon a lasting trust. Evangelism that focuses on a week or an hour will result in conversions of similar length.



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Rev. Roger Baker

True evangelism requires a longer commitment; both by the candidate for conversion and by those called to be a part of this process. Only the Holy Spirit works true conversion. The Holy Spirit can use those who surrender to Him in this process. The same is true for churches. We must remain committed and surrendered to the Holy Spirit to be effectual in the process. This means having a bigger vision than a specific membership number.

If your church or denomination has some statistics that seem a bit troubling, I advise you to take them in stride. Certainly discover what you can do to improve, but don't forget the primary business of building up your church by sharing the Good News. Sometimes you'll plant, and sometimes you'll reap.

Many times those who plant won't be the ones who see the harvest. (John 4:34-38)

The point isn't just to count the harvest - the point is to keep on farming. And as anyone in agriculture can tell you, if you're truly committed, you stay in for the long haul, enjoying the good times and surviving the tough times.

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I don't know if it was the first time but I know it was a tragedy for me and things were never the same after that. It was the time I played hooky from school and went swimming. The school called my dad and he hurried home from work to find me. When he saw me he said, "Young man you go to your room and stay there. We are going to have a talk." He didn't come to my room right away and the wait seemed like an eternity. I felt so ashamed. My father is a very loving kind man not given to violence or loud shouting. I never saw him hit my mother or anyone else. What I did hurt my father very much, it was a major problem and he had to punish me for disobeying. That is similar to the problem God faced with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, (Genesis 2:15-



Jerry Davenport
Brother J.

17, & 3:6,7) when they disobeyed. That beautiful fellowship and relationship had been severed or broken, (Genesis 3:8). God's punishment was painful and had long-term consequences to them. My punishment from my dad was painful but I think the fact of the broken relationship even hurt more. After the punishment God started planning or making a way that a relationship to mankind could be restored, (Romans 5:8). See you in Church next Sunday.

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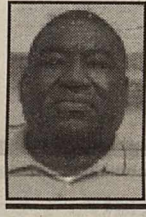
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tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; And white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear, and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten; be zealous therefore and repent. Revelation 3:13-19. Praise the Lord!

Take your time and cool your head

After breakfast the "big man" returned. Rick saw him coming. He leaned forward just as the "big man" passed behind. Rick smiled to himself knowing he had outwitted him. "What's with that guy?" Rick asked.

"He jus wants t'let ya know dat yo's low on da peckin order." Joe answered. "Is best to stay 'way from him and thu othahs dat follows 'im 'round. B'lieve me, day won do yo no good!"

"But why pick on me?" Rick asked. "I ain't done nuthin to him!" Ev'ry new guy dat comes to dis cell block gits de same treatment. Da quickah yo figger it out da bettah off yo goin t'be." Rick felt his rage surfacing, feelings that gave him courage and energy to fight. "There ain't nuthin he can do t'me. I'll show 'im."

Joe studied Rick's face. "Yo got two choices Rick. Eithah yo join de gang or yo gotta be yo'wn man. "Yo stay as fah 'way from dose boys as yo can. One a'dese days them boys'll have yo against a wall someplace. Dey'll yank yo pants off and yo find yoself bein raped. It'll be s'quick yo won know what happen."

Rick cringed but said nothing. He knew instinctively that Joe was right. The only way he could control the situation would be to stay away from the gang. "Lemme tell yo somethin Rick." Joe continued. "They's two kinds a'men in dis place. One kind has learned somethin and made some peace wid demselves.

"Dey 'spect to get outa heah in one piece and do things differnt."

"And the other kind?" Rick asked.

"Well," Joe said. "Dey's like dat big man yo almost got yoself



Empowering Families

Dr. Donald Smith

yo wuz right t'ignore da 'big man.' A wise man once says dat d'fool is quick t'anger but a smaht man ignoahs an insult (Proverbs 12:16).

When dat rage comes up yo be wise t'take yo time and cool

yo head (Proverbs 29:11)."

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