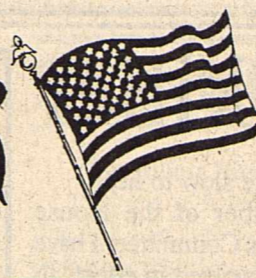


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Briefs ...

Historical Society to elect officers Saturday

The Fort Clark Historical Society will elect officers at its monthly meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Palisado Building.

Ben Pingenot will present a program entitled, "Three Second Lieutenants."

Kinney County 4-H hosts Food Show

The Kinney County 4-H Food Show will be held on Saturday.

The judging will start at 9:30, beginning with the pre-junior division.

The public is invited to attend the awards program and tasting of entries at 11:30 a.m. at the Brackett I.S.D. Cafeteria.

Alternative school to host Open House

The new Brackett Alternative High School will host an Open House on Monday from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The school is located three blocks north of the Brackett ISD campus at 700 N. Ann Street.

The Alternative School has been in existence now for three and one-half years. It has been located in the Library, a small modular building behind the old gym, and now in our new home north of the High School.

Classes are held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The school serves two groups of students, academic and discipline.

The academic group is made up of students at risk of becoming drop-outs. These are students who are two or more credits behind their peers or have failed one or more parts of the State TAAS test.

The other group is the discipline program. These are students who have committed school code of conduct violations or have participated in some type of serious felony.

"Regardless of the reason for coming to the school, the staff is committed to helping each student get back on track with school and their life," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

The school also works in conjunction with Southwest Texas Junior College to offer adult education classes every Tuesday and Thursday night from 6 to 8 p.m.

Genealogists to meet

Members of the Southwest Texas Genealogical Society will meet Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Inn of Uvalde, with members of the Uvalde Historical Commission as special guests.



Brackett Athletic Director Roy Rokovich, left, and Del Rio Freshman School Principal Lupe Sotelo, right, look on as Marga Lopez-Baker, second from left, presents a \$2,000 donation from Central Power and Light to Mary Martin. The donation is to help fund a program that will bring former professional football player Keith Davis to Brackettville and Del Rio to talk with students about the effects of drugs and alcohol. Davis will be in the area on Dec. 8-10. A youth rally will be held on Dec. 8 at the First Baptist Church in Del Rio at 7 p.m. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

County may have to delay cloud seeding

Lack of funding may delay Kinney County's involvement in a cloud seeding project, County Judge Herb Senne said at last week's Commissioners Court meeting.

The cost for Kinney County to participate in the program is approximately \$45,000, and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) would provide matching funds.

Senne said the only way the county could fund the project is with help from other entities. He told the commissioners that some groups have shown interest, but other entities could not commit until the next budget year.

The commissioners took no action concerning joining a weather modification district, but did appoint Senne and Commissioner Paul O'Rourke to represent the county in future meetings dealing with cloud seeding.

"We need to at least designate a representative to go to the meetings to keep us informed," Commis-

sioner Freddie Frerich said. "We don't want to totally drop it."

Officials from seven different counties met at Fort Clark Springs last month to discuss the benefits of cloud seeding and the possibility of forming a weather modification district.

"Cloud seeding is an effort to equip clouds to become better rain producers," said George Bomar, a meteorologist with the TNRCC.

"Seeding involves giving a cloud some additional ice crystals with which rain drops can be manufactured. It is giving a cloud a nudge in the right direction."

Bomar said cloud seeding has been practiced continuously in Texas since 1970 in a region of West Texas on the upper Colorado River.

"It looks like a good program," Senne said. "It looks like it might work. There's no way to tell for sure whether it will work unless it is done in Kinney County. It is working in other places."

Voting begins for extended local calling

Voting is underway for Extended Local Calling (ELC). Southwestern Bell customers in Kinney County started receiving their ballots on Nov. 8.

If approved, ELC would allow Kinney County citizens to make toll-free calls to Del Rio, Eagle Pass and Uvalde for a monthly fee.

"In return, people in those cities can also call us as a local call without incurring additional costs," ELC Coordinator Tino Gomez said.

If 70 percent of the returned ballots favor each exchange, then Southwestern Bell customers will be charged up to \$3.50 for each residential line and up to \$7 for each business line.

"It does not matter whether one exchange or all three get approved, the cost will most likely be the maximum allowed as established by the Public Utilities Commission," Gomez said.

The ballots must be marked either "yes" or "no" for each city, dated, include the customer's phone number, signed and postmarked no later than Nov. 21.

Gomez said that anyone who did not receive a ballot for each phone bill they get from Southwestern Bell can contact him at 563-3208, or Wes Robinson at The Brackett News, 563-2852.

"A blank letter ballot will be provided that may count in the absence of the original ballot," Gomez said. "It must still be mailed by Nov. 21."

Trustees to consider new academic wing

The Brackett School Board will consider adding a new academic wing to accommodate the growing number of students at a work session on Monday at 6:30 p.m.

The district's Growth Committee, headed by Trustee Tim Ward, presented the idea at last week's School Board meeting. The new academic wing would provide the district with 11 new classrooms.

"We are short of classrooms," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "Every classroom that we have is being utilized today."

Stephenson said the district has grown from 574 students in 1993 to 650 this fall.

"We project, at the same rate of growth, that we could have 744 kids in our system by the year 2000," he said.

Chamber of Commerce sponsors big buck contest

By Kathryn Letsinger
Contributing Writer

Fall always brings a hustle and bustle to Brackettville. Hunting season gets us all hopping. Just ask Chuy Munoz at Chuy's Deer Processing or Frank Garza at Freddie's Deer Processing!

On top of all the great deer from this area that they are processing, the Chamber has asked them to measure the best of the best for the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce's Big Whitetail Buck Contest.

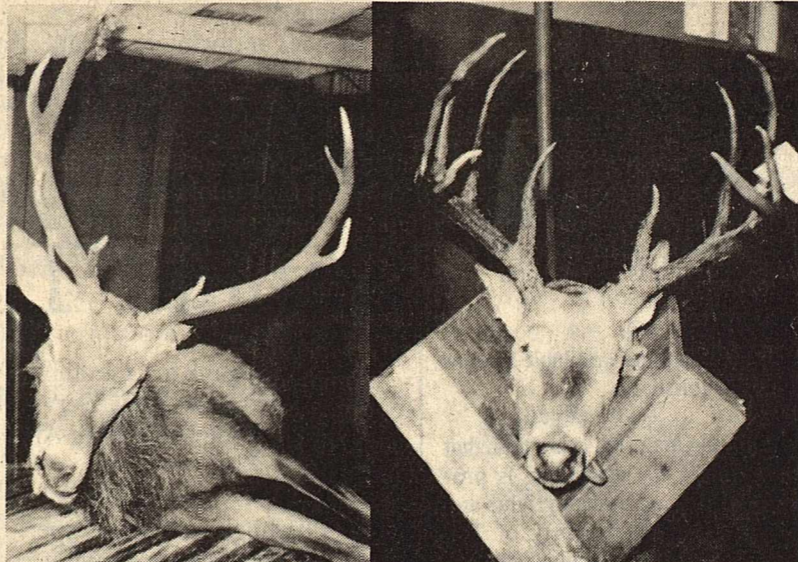
Several great bucks have already been entered in this year's

contest. The entry fee is \$5 and the bucks must be measured at Chuy's or Freddie's to be considered for the Chamber's Contest.

This year, a cash pot of \$300 will go to the hunter with the best buck. Second and third place prizes will also be awarded.

Several local businesses have already contributed to the cash pot. Special thanks to: M&S Price Ranch Company, Davis Hardware, David Mann, Buster Jamail, Burger and Shake, and J.D. Cox Ranches.

The Chamber of Commerce will also raffle a barbecue pit at the end of hunting season.



Chuy Munoz has some excellent animals come through his deer processing plant. He has the opportunity to process more than whitetails. This red buck (left) was killed close to Rocksprings. The big whitetail buck (right) is an example of the type of buck that can be bagged in Kinney County. Chuy's Deer Processing is located behind Super S Grocery on Ann Street.

Arts Council's Tour of Homes set in December

The Kinney County Arts Council's Third Edition of Christmas Tour of Homes will be held on Sunday, Dec. 14, from 2 to 5 p.m. in Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs.

The cost of admission is \$5. Tickets are available at the Fort Clark Adult Center, the First State Bank, Jeans, or from any Arts Council member. There will be an open gate anyone wishing to take part in this event.

Six beautiful homes will be decorated for Christmas and will make up the Tour of homes.

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Joe Townsend

It's time again for the annual Community Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance.

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Chuck Hall

Henry Lozano is a friend of mine. Those of you who don't know him should take the time to meet him.

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Perez takes ninth

Brackett's Samantha Perez finished in ninth place at the Class 2A state cross country meet Saturday at Old Settlers Park.

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Geologists study springs in Kinney County

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Early in the morning one day last summer, a small group of people parked a white van at the edge of the Fort Clark Springs holding pool and unloaded mysterious looking equipment and a small boat.

Then, one of the group dressed in diving gear slipped silently over the edge of the pool and disappeared into the water.

This strange episode was observed by curious Fort Clark residents taking their early morning walks.

One of them, a Rotary Club member, invited the group to return to tell their story to the Brackettville Rotary Club last Thursday.

Anne Ardis and Lynne Fahquist, hydrologists/geologists from the Water Resources Division of the United States Geological Survey (USGS), came from Austin to report the results of samples of water they took from Fort Clark Springs.

Ardis explained that USGS is

a scientific agency. It does not regulate or enforce, nor does it manage. It does not make policy. In other words, she and Fahquist simply collect unbiased data.

The USGS was established in 1879 under the Department of Interior. The purpose was to classify the public lands, examine geologic structure, mineral resources, and products of the national domain.

Today, its mission is to provide geologic, topographic, and hydrologic and biologic information that will help in the wise management of the Nation's natural resources. It promotes the health, safety, and well-being of the people.

The research done at the Fort Clark Springs was conducted under the National Water Quality Assessment Program.

The project assesses the status and the quality of the nation's ground and surface water resources. The status is then linked to the trends. This will contribute to an understanding of the natural and human factors such as industrial pollution and population dis-

tribution that effect the quality of water.

To organize the research project, the nation was divided into around 60 basins, and groups were assigned to gather data from each of these across the United States. In 1991, the researchers started looking at 20 basins, another 20 in 1994, and another 20 in 1997.

Their study area is South Central Texas, which takes in the Edwards Plateau, the Hill Country and the Gulf Coastal Plain.

The study will assess the water quality of the major aquifers with emphasis on the recently recharged ground water associated with present and recent human activities.

Fahquist said they first studied the Trinity Aquifer in the Hill country, the summer before last.

A lot of people are moving there, causing concern about the water quality.

The second study focused on the Edwards Aquifer by separating out deep and shallow wells. The latter were studied a year ago.



Program Chairman Frances McMaster, center, welcomes Lynne Fahquist, left, and Anne Ardis to last week's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting. Photo by Eric McMaster

This summer, they studied deeper wells, then they moved to the various springs because of their importance to the people who lived there.

The first thing the team does in the field to collect samples is to determine the water level so

they will know how deep they will be going in the aquifer.

If they are investigating a water well, they purge the well by pumping it for a long time. They want a fresh sample which will

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How to stop a killer

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

November is National Diabetes Month. Diabetes is a serious disease that can lead to blindness, heart attack, stroke, kidney failure and amputations.

We still don't know what cures diabetes. We do know, however, that getting a jump on diabetes is the best defense against it. Just by exercising, eating right and controlling your weight now, you can help control or prevent diabetes later.

Diabetes impairs your body's ability to process food sugar into energy. That can cripple you or even kill you. The scariest part of diabetes is that most people are unaware that they have the disease until it is too late. Of the 850,000 Texans who have diabetes, half of them may not even know it.

Could you be at risk for diabetes? If you are over 45, overweight, do not exercise regularly or have a family history of diabetes, then you are at risk of diabetes.

So what can you do? Keep an eye out for those warning signs of diabetes: fatigue, excessive thirst, rapid weight loss, blurred vision, frequent urination and cuts or

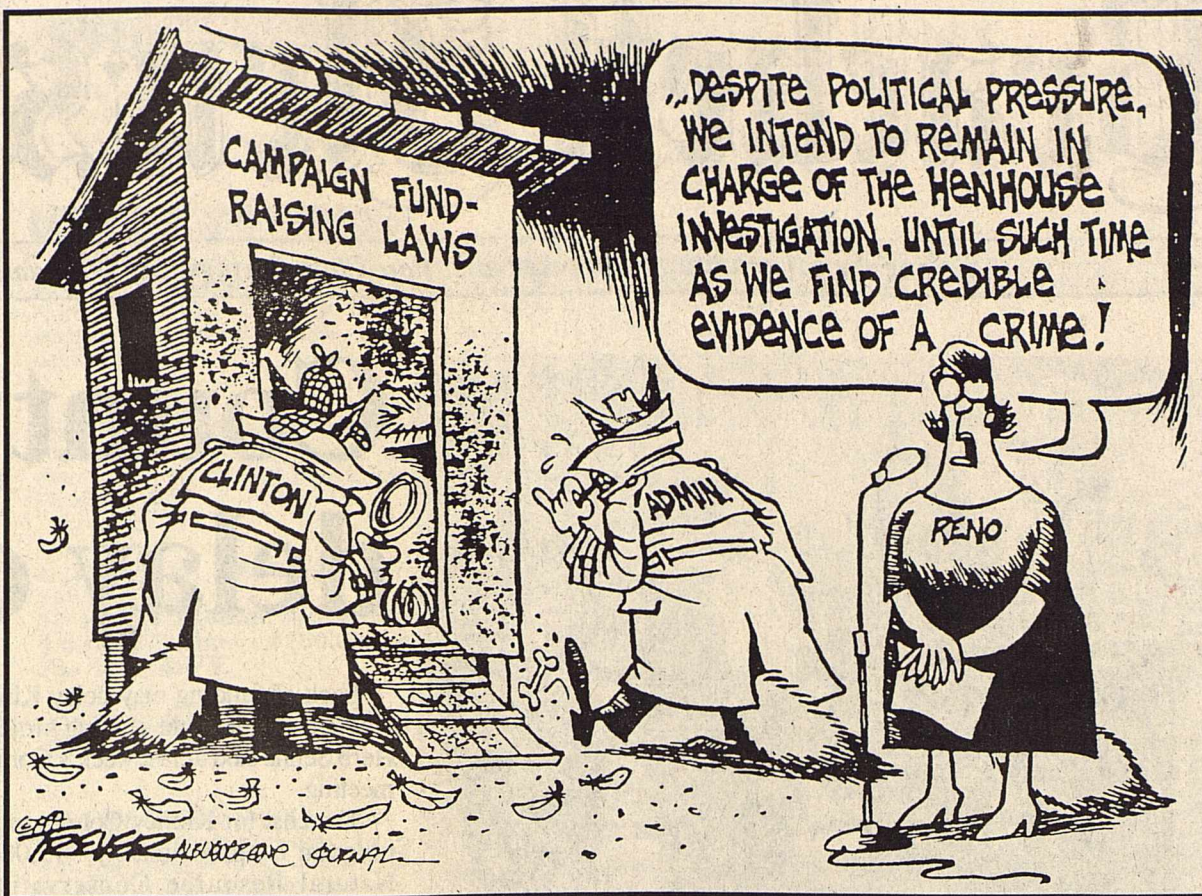
bruises that are slow to heal. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I have been deeply involved in efforts to expand diabetes research and prevention around the country.

I am happy to report that progress is being made. New treatments are giving diabetes patients freedom and flexibility.

For example, some patients have insulin pumps inserted just under the skin. This allows patients to control their own dosages of insulin, giving them freedom from inconvenient, uncomfortable insulin shots. This is just one example of the positive breakthroughs of diabetes research.

Searching for cures to deadly diseases like diabetes is important for every American. Diabetes costs Texas alone an estimated \$2.7 billion each year, taking into account medical costs and lost productivity. Investing in research saves tax dollars and saves lives.

We don't have a cure for diabetes yet, but we are making great strides every year. For now, our best defense against diabetes is awareness and education. For more information regarding diabetes, please call the American Diabetes Association at 1-800-DIABETES.



Texans \$1.5 billion richer thanks to lawsuit reform

By Paul Howell
Board Member, Texas for Lawsuit Reform

Many citizens have become skeptical about the ability of their local, state and federal governments to hear their concerns, pass laws that address these concerns, and then insure that the benefits of the new laws actually flow back to the people.

But sometimes things happen the way they are supposed to, giving everyone renewed faith that this system we call Democracy, although far from perfect, is still the best system on earth.

The story of lawsuit reform in Texas, so far, is a textbook example of successful public policy. Just a few short years ago, Texas was known nationally and internationally for having a "wild west" reputation in our civil courts.

Texans by the thousand spoke to their political representatives, and the Governor and the Legislature in 1993 and 1995 (and, to a much lesser extent, in 1997) enacted sweeping changes that have gone a long way in putting Texas back in the mainstream of American jurisprudence.

Now a Texan can access his or her courts, whether as a plaintiff or a defendant, with greater assurance of a hearing and a result based on fairness and common sense.

Besides restoring confidence in our civil justice system, tort reform has also begun to repeal the "tort

tax" that is hidden in the cost of the goods and services we Texans pay every day.

The cost of a flawed justice system is reflected in everything from a bag of groceries to a filling at the dentist's office. As fewer meritless lawsuits are filed and more reasonable settlements are achieved, companies are able to lower prices, hire more people, and increase salaries and benefits for employees.

Recently, the Texas Insurance Commissioner, Elton Bomer, ordered \$610 million in 1998 liability insurance rate cuts. This was on top of two previous cuts of \$435 million for 1996 and \$441 million for 1997. That's a "tort tax" cut of \$1.5 billion in three years, all flowing directly to Texas consumers and businesses. No other state in the union has cut liability insurance rates for three consecutive years. Texans demanded action, their elected officials acted, and the benefits are being sent right back to the citizens — a prime example of democracy at work.

It would be great if all the problems of the civil justice system had been fixed in just a few legislative sessions, but that is not the case.

Class action lawsuits are still being abused so that plaintiff attorneys are able to make tens of millions of dollars while the injured parties sometimes receive only pennies. So much good has been done, but there is still more to do. But we now have irrefutable proof that when we fix our civil justice laws, Texans benefit.

Decisions critical to local competition

By Luis Wilmot
Contributing Writer

There's a lawsuit going on in the quiet North Texas city of Wichita Falls that has serious implications not only for local phone competition in Texas and across the nation, but also for the electronic publishing business.

In an aggressive action aimed at Congress, Southwestern Bell seeks to overturn all restrictions in the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 against the company's market entry into not only the long distance business, but also into electronic publishing alarm services and manufacturing.

Bell's renewed interest in electronic publishing may surprise many folks in that business, because Southwestern Bell and the other regional Bells have negotiated an entry restriction settlement with the electronic publishing industry.

The agreement protects the on-line publishing industry from Bell entry until the year 2001. Some of the same restrictions were enacted into state law. However, now Southwestern Bell claims in its suit that the provision infringes on its constitutional right to free speech.

But that's not all. The suit also alleges the Federal Telecommunications Act discriminates against Southwestern Bell and other regional requirements before they can offer long distance service. The requirements include a checklist covering interconnection and service relationships between the Bells and new local service competitors.

In Austin, the Texas Public Utility Commission is deciding how to separate the Southwestern Bell and GTE networks into parts and how to let new competitors purchase those parts at cost plus a reasonable profit.

This decision is vital to bringing Texas local phone competition, which means lower prices improved service and advanced technology. It also will help new competitors provide different services by selecting the network elements they want.

Southwestern Bell in January filed a lawsuit against the PUC for an earlier decision allowing new competitors to resell Southwestern Bell's services. And in still another lawsuit, Southwestern Bell in August filed suit against the PUC for granting AT&T a certificate to provide local service in Texas.

Congress got it right last year when it insisted that the Bell companies yield to competitive entry first before being allowed to sell long distance and other services, such as electronic publishing.

Hopefully, Southwestern Bell's lawsuits will be dismissed, allowing the federal law to stand. And the PUC will finish the work it began last year by allowing new competitors to select the network elements they need to provide local service.

■ **Editor's note:** Luis Wilmot is the executive director of the Partnership for a Competitive Texas.

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Ministerial Alliance sponsors annual Thanksgiving service

It's time again for the annual Community Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance.

Starting 30 years ago, this has been a highlight religious experience for the entire community.

The location of the service rotates throughout Brackettville. The preachers also rotate in bringing the Thanksgiving message.

This year, the service will be Sunday night at 7 p.m. at Frontier Baptist Church. The message will be by Rev. Sheree Harris, pastor of the First United Methodist Church.

Between Us
By Joe Townsend

Participants in the evening's worship will be Father Bill Cashion of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church; Rev. Bill Adams, pastor of St. John's Baptist Church, Stan Conoly of the Episcopal Church; Charlotte Corey; and Rev. Joe Townsend, pastor of Frontier Baptist Church.

There will be a period of fellowship following the service. This is always a rich experience and blessing to all who attend.

This is an opportunity for all Christians to put aside their denominational idiosyncrasies and worship together as one body expressing Thanksgiving to God who makes it all possible.

School choice is first step in education reform

By Jimmy Mansour
Chairman, Putting Children First

Education reform is at the forefront of public debate in Texas. We all agree: our children are our top priority and to ensure a bright future for them, we must find a solution to the current crisis in education.

One thing is clear, after years of massive spending increases and countless new internal programs, the current education system has been unable to reform itself in a substantive manner. Parents and taxpayers are concerned, as well they should be.

According to numbers released by the Texas Education Agency, there are almost 800,000 Texas children trapped in failing schools.

Most of these children are trapped because their parents can't afford to flee to the suburbs or pay for private school tuition. Many come from low-income neighborhoods and attend inner-city schools where gangs, drugs and violence are more prevalent than reading, writing and arithmetic.

To its credit, the state legislature expanded the public education grant (PEG) program during the last session. The objective was to give these low-income students a chance to transfer out of their failing schools and into

better public schools.

Unfortunately, this plan is not working. Many public schools are either already overcrowded, or they simply won't accept transfers.

It is obvious to those outside the education establishment that reform will not occur until parents are given real choices, and schools will have to improve or lose some of their student base.

As a true Texas leader, Lt. Governor Bob Bullock understands the gravity of this problem and that's why he's agreed to be honorary chairman of Putting Children First. He knows that the State of Texas has a responsibility to get its children out of failing schools.

During the 1999 Legislative Session, Putting Children First will again advocate for school choice. And again our goal is to make it possible for parents of the 800,000 children trapped in failing schools to use their education tax dollars for the schools of their choice — public or private.

As this debate continues to unfold, you may hear the education establishment portray proponents of school choice as right-wing extremists who want to undermine the public schools. Or as a special interest group that just wants tax breaks for sending rich kids to elite pri-

vate schools.

Nothing could be further from the truth. The fact is, Putting Children First is fighting to strengthen our public schools and for the children who can't afford elite private schools.

When you move beyond the name calling and the labeling which opponents of school choice have resorted to, you will find a group of dedicated parents, teachers, business men and women, and state officials leading the way to real education reform as part of Putting Children First.

Our nation has the finest higher education system anywhere, in fact, it is the envy of the world.

For years, we as American taxpayers have empowered millions of American veterans to attend the university or college of their choosing through the GI Bill. This has resulted in a quality college education for these recipients and it was all done with taxpayer funds or "vouchers."

It has not dismantled our university system, but instead has strengthened it and resulted in many new and diverse public and private colleges to be established.

The same effect will result when we allow dedicated education funds to become "child centered" in a school choice initiative.

National Education Week honors those who work in public schools

This is National Education Week! It's a time to honor those who work and serve in our public schools.

We have some fine teachers and support staff at BISD! Every day we work to try to be a better school system. I hope you will take the time to tell a teacher or school employee "thanks" for making a difference.

Please take notice of a couple of special events that will be held at BISD:

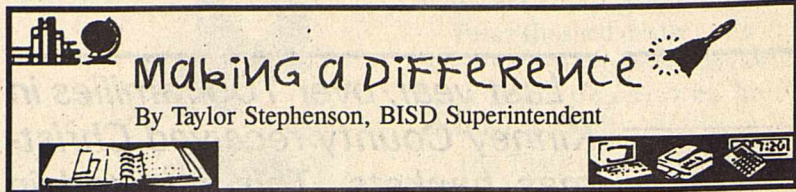
■ **Friday, Special Education Parent Coffee**, 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Parents of all special education students are invited.

■ **Monday, Brackett Alternative School Open House**, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Everyone is invited! Come and see our new Alternative School.

■ **Thanksgiving Holidays**
Next week, we'll be off for Thanksgiving Wednesday through Sunday.

The Wednesday holiday will allow those who travel to get to their destination before nightfall. It will allow those who stay home to get those last minute preparations made for the Thanksgiving Dinner.

■ **Academic Wing**
We're excited about the School Board's consideration of a new academic wing at BHS.



The board will meet in a work session this next Monday to discuss the project.

Before the board would consider the project, it asked for input from staff. Each principal was to hold a meeting of its campus site based committee to make suggestions and comments on the proposed project.

The board will allow members of the public to make suggestions or comments at a session in the near future.

Basketball

Basketball season has begun! We had two eighth grade games here Monday. Check the schedules and support the roundball players. We're excited about our teams at BISD.

Drug Problems

I listened to a television report this morning about a large community near Fort Worth that was having severe problems with cocaine.

This was a high income, model community with fine schools. Parents didn't believe their kids had a problem. This town had three

teenage deaths in the past year because of drug overdoses.

I believe every parent of every child should constantly be on the alert to the possibilities of drug abuse.

Our kids in Brackettville are no different than kids in any other community. Some will try drugs. Parents must maintain communication with their teenagers about what drugs can do to tear up their dreams.

For those who need help and support, please contact a school counselor, principal or me. We'll give this effort top priority.

In Brackettville, I have no proof that our problems extend beyond alcohol abuse.

Freeze

This last Saturday, we knew that a freeze was imminent. I drove around and checked Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs out before the freeze. I wanted to see flowers and trees before the freeze.

I checked out the large poinsettias growing outside near St. John's Baptist Church. Mary Beatty, who lives in Unit 1, has a

beautiful bougainvillea. So does Candy Hobbs! I drove by both to make sure that I saw those beautiful Southwest flowers.

At the FCS RV Park, the inhabitants had covered up everything or moved it inside as they made preparations for the freeze.

One of our teacher aides, Ernestine Luna, cut her beautiful lavender mums because the freeze was near. After being cut, they were beautiful in the Middle School Special Education Room.

At my home, I covered roses and moved potted plants under the covered porch where I could protect them.

That afternoon, residents all over FCS and Brackettville covered their plants. It was an interesting hour or so watching folks getting ready for the first freeze of the year.

I don't think that the freeze got here, but it was a wake-up call to enjoy the outdoors before the real freeze hits.

That's about it. Watch out for new flu-like junk going around where you lose your voice.

I got it. Didn't really bother me much, but I like to talk. The staff was probably ecstatic because I could only make faces like happy or unhappy -- with no lecture to follow.

Hope you have a great week.

Sheriff's Report

Thursday, November 13
7:37 p.m., A woman reported that she had left her purse in the women's restroom at Fritter Park. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene. He found the woman's purse and brought it back to the Sheriff's Department. The woman was contacted and said she would pick up the purse the next day.

Friday, November 14
2:15 a.m., A Brackettville man asked for assistance because he believed there was a prowler in his yard at his residence on Remote Alley. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene and told the man he would work around the area to see if he could spot anyone.

11:18 p.m., Smith Security requested assistance from a deputy in reference to a robbery. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.

Saturday, November 15
6:22 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that a black corvette was racing another vehicle

north on Gove Street. Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter was notified of the situation.

8:10 p.m., A Brackettville girl called 911 to report that her parents were arguing and fighting. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene. After meeting with the subjects, he said the situation was taken care of.

Sunday, November 16
12:16 a.m., Hipolito Ramos, 46, and Rosendo Mata, 23, both of Brackettville, were both arrested for public intoxication by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar. Ramos and Mata were both released the following day for time served.

2:10 p.m., A Spofford man reported that there were some dogs killing livestock at a Kinney County ranch.

3:40 p.m., A Brackettville man reported a car fire on N. Ann Street. Members of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched to the scene. Officials said the fire was caused by a busted radiator hose.

LAS MORAS MASONIC LODGE

meets the 2nd Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m.

School of Instruction meets the 1st, and 3rd Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m.

Visiting Brothers are Welcome

Geologists address local water supply

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reflect the aquifer. Then, they begin collecting samples.

When their collecting is finished, their equipment is cleaned in order not to contaminate the next samples they gather.

Then, these samples are shipped to Colorado to the laboratory.

Similar research groups are sending in their samples from all over the country.

The final report, which will summarize the testing done over the entire nation, is not yet completed.

Among the slides that were shown of the process of the researcher's work, one slide showed a small probe placed by a seuba diver into an orifice of Fort Clark Springs to obtain an uncontaminated sample.

While they were at Fort Clark Springs, they measured the amount of flow.

Fort Clark has a pretty large spring, Fahlquist said. At that time, it was about two-thirds the flow of Barton Springs in Austin, which is considered large.

Fort Clark Springs was flowing at about 38 cubic feet per second when they were here.

Measurements made in the field include the temperature, pH, specific conductance, dissolved oxygen, turgidity and alkalinity.

Lab measurements were of major inorganics, nutrients, dissolved organic carbon, pesticides, VOCs radon, and trace elements such as lead, zinc, and copper.

One slide showed a provisional table that compared the pH, nitrogen, calcium, sulfate, fluoride, iron, dissolved solids and lead of the city of Brackettville with Fort Clark Springs MUD, Las Moras Springs, San Pedro Springs, and San Marcos Springs.

All of these figures were compared to the standards for drinking water.

The water from these different locations was very similar in content and very clean.

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Garden club tours historic Del Rio

DEL RIO — Artist-designer Jay J. Johnson, along with his wife and mother, entertained Mountain Laurel Garden Club members in his historically registered 4600-square-foot mansion on Hudson Drive.

The 13 club members enjoyed the decorum of the Italian imported hand-painted tiled floors in the fireplace foyer, as well as the ballroom sized living room, complete with forged iron gates, archways, columns and imported Mediterranean cypress beamed ceiling.

The formal cathedral ceiling dining room has the original century old chandelier still hanging.

There is a shaded Mexican tiled courtyard built around a three-tiered hand carved Cantera stone fountain contain-

ing goldfish outside the south doors.

Following the home tour of what now is the only historic bed and breakfast in Del Rio, members took a short stroll by the adjoining vineyard to visit the historically registered Val Verde Winery.

At the winery, the group enjoyed wine tasting, as well as a tour of the facilities.

Wines currently produced at the winery are: Sauvignon Blanc, Muscat Canelli, Texas Blush, Texas Rose, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Tawny Port.

The winery has been in operation continuously for 114 years by the Qualia family.

The group's final stop was at the Whitehead Memorial Museum where the famed Judge Roy Bean is buried.

Lions Club sponsors Christmas baskets

By B. Peter Pohl
Contributing Writer

Plans are under way for the 1997 Christmas baskets for the needy, a program sponsored by the Brackettville Lions Club.

Last year, over 105 families in Kinney County received Christmas baskets. This resulted in over 300 boxes of food and toys, valued at over \$2,500, being delivered.

The following donors came together to provide the needy funds and supplies: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bauguess, Fort Clark Community Council, Kinney County Chamber of Commerce, Mr. and Mrs. Descheemaker, Brackettville Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, Preceptor Theta Sigma Sorority, Fort Clark Men's Golf, Fort Clark Women's Golf, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bell, Beta Epsilon Omicron, Newell Mayberry, Fort Clark Art Club, Brackett High School Home Economics Class, First United Methodist Church adult Sunday School Class, Mountain Laurel Garden Club, Fort Clark Springs Association, Molly Schroeder, Bob Burkpile, Ann B. Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Beene, Brackett ISD, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bret Trant, First United Methodist Church, Anna L. Owen, Carol Benfield, Marshall and Norma Connors, Marion A. Young, Boy Scout Troop 257, Dr. James Harber, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Parks, Brackettville Rotary Club, B. Peter Pohl, Betty Inman, Ruth Wilks, Adobe Eco-

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Systems, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Baar, Howard Wakefield, Howard Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Powell, Border Patrol, VFW Post 8360, Horace Troy, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Land, Brackett Tiger Junior Varsity Basketball, and the many individuals who contributed toys and food items.

The Lions Club plans to make delivery of this year's Christmas baskets on Saturday morning, Dec. 20.

The club hopes that all these businesses, churches, individuals and civic organizations can once again support this program, as well as many new sponsors who would like to become a part of this wonderful project.

Collection boxes are being placed through out the community for those who would like to donate nonperishable food items or toys for the Christmas baskets.

Item can also be brought to the Lions Thrift Shop. The Thrift Shop is open the first and third Saturday of the month, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

But, I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall



Philosopher by choice

Henry Lozano is a friend of mine. Those of you who don't know him should take the time to meet him. He has some very profound philosophies about life.

He once told me that when he has a flat tire on the highway, rather than bemoan his fate, he gives thanks to God.

That one escaped me, so I asked for an explanation. He said that maybe there was an accident down the road just about to happen, and that God delayed him so that he wouldn't be involved.

That's beautiful. I've always tried to remember that.

We all encounter bumps in the road of life, but there are smooth spots too.

Henry has found a way to look at everyday events, good or bad, and find something favorable in them. I should try to be more like him in that respect.

So in your wanderings this week, if you happen by Lozano's welding shop, stop in and introduce yourself. Henry is a welder by profession, an artist and philosopher by choice.

But, I could be wrong.

Pete's sake

Fellow who lived beside a golf course kind of got his Irish up when the golf course issued a for-

mal warning that dogs caught on the greens would be captured and held for the dogcatcher to haul away.

He immediately fired off a letter to the golf course, giving notice that any golfers caught searching for balls in his yard would be bound to the garage, and the police notified of their trespassing.

Further more he warned, if a golfer should BITE a yardman during the struggle, he would have to be confined for five days, awaiting the results of a rabies test!

COME ONE! COME ALL!
Ora's
Welcome Party for all my Texas Winter Friends and Customers.
Thanksgiving Dinner
Saturday November 22, 1997
5:00 p.m. Till !!!

Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he graduated 12th from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lt. of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas, where Lt. French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882, the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.

At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt. French began diaries, which he faithfully maintained for the next 30 years.

Friday, November 20, 1885

Mail brought a letter from home, an O.B. with several copies of an order detailing a Gen'l. C.M. of which I am J.A. and a case to be tried. This will get me off of guard duty. Felt stiff and sore from so much exercise yesterday, but it is good for my digestion. After guard mounting went down to Q.M. office to arrange for stationery for the court and then to guard house to examine a prisoner for trial and to the barracks to examine some witnesses. Called on Capt. Hall for an orderly for the court. Then read the papers in the Library. Eckerson came up for a while before lunch. After eating watered the grass in the yard and then played cards with King and Hammond. Started to write a letter to Lizzie but parade interrupted. Sat in Kendall's talking after dinner about books. Enjoyed this a great deal as he is well informed and has excellent ideas. It is a pity that such a bright intelligent man should drink so hard. Called at Capt. Kauffman's where met Miss Young daughter of Maj. Young of the 3rd. Cav'y., a rather young lady and then called on Miss Jacobs a while where had to listen to some indifferent singing. Read in "L'Amour after tattoo.

Saturday, November 21, 1885

Letters from Mattie, Harry Rhoads, Johnston and Capt. Ballance comprised my mail. Johnston complains bitterly of the change from Brown to Ringgold, but very foolishly; he ought to be willing to take the disagreeable stations as well as the agreeable ones so long as he is obeying proper orders. He will develop into a regular grumbler like Towle if he doesn't stop. A postal order for \$19.54 in settlement of our account was in his letter. Mattie is still in New York enjoying her visit very much. After guard mounting played tennis with Steele, Miss Young and Mrs. Payne until noon. Then went over to town to get money order cashed and to get another to pay for the tennis set. After returning played cards a while with Hammond, sprinkled the grass and took a bath. Spent the evening at a children's party given by Capt. Vance in the hop room to which

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

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

Courtesy of his descendants

escorted Mrs. Hall. The affair was a grand success.

Sunday, November 22, 1885

Attended inspection after breakfast and then went into Capt. Vance's while. Read over papers in Library and went to office where Capt. Hall said that Spencer had been recommended for retirement and been granted a leave until retired; also that Gen'l. Smith intends to recommend that Williams be dropped as a deserter if he does not return by the 1st prox. If he does return he will probably be dismissed by a court. Jake Smith has been snubbed by Gen. Stanley and other officers in San Antonio and was refused permission to attend the theatre there. As he is still in arrest, he ought not to have applied for this permission. Some officers here think that he is being persecuted. Cannot understand this feeling of sympathy for such a scoundrel. Sat awhile in Kendall's and then wrote usual letter home. No mail for me this morning. Read papers from home and had a short call from Hewitt before dinner which was early today. Read papers after retreat and then went to chapel where had a kind of rambling sermon. Sat in Hewitt's a while and after tattoo read for Bible. Bade Gillmore good-bye as he leaves tonight for New Mexico for field duty with his Troop. He invited me to call on Mrs. Gillmore while he was away.

Monday, November 23, 1885

Contrary to my hopes and much to my disappointment the mail had nothing for me this morning. Attended drill as usual. After guard mounting arranged the room for the General Court which met at 10 o'clock and disposed of one case. Then went over to town to pay express charge on tennis set and get a postal note to send to see Capt. Hall about guard tour but he was out. He detailed me for tomorrow; I thought this court business would excuse me. Looked over papers in Library a while where had a talk with Col. Lyster about guard duty and learned the custom of the post was not to excuse. Wrote to Capt. Ballance enclosing the postal note. After lunch played tennis with Miss Jacobs against Steele and Miss Young. Was invited by Mrs. Feche't to a commerce party tomorrow evening and so after consultation with Capt. Hall exchanged guard tours with Payne. Dress parade took place as usual.

Spent a pleasant evening at Mrs. Kauffman's to which escorted Miss Saunders the school teacher. Played progressive euchre, Miss Young and I winning first prizes before refreshments; mine was a small pen knife. Returned about midnight. Capt. Vance took tattoo.

Tuesday, November 24, 1885

No mail for me again this morning. Cannot understand why last week's letter from home has not come yet. Col. Lyster and Capt. Remington made quite long calls after guard mounting. Had an enjoyable chat with latter about books and was surprised to find that he was so well informed about books and authors for I did not take him to be much of a reader. He showed in his talk this morning that he had read a great deal and with understanding. Wrote up proceedings of yesterday's court and then went after Miss Jacobs to play tennis with me against Miss Young and Steele. We won every set. Capt. Vance being Officer of the Day, did not attend roll calls. Had to wait on Hewitt for dinner as he went out hunting today. Played piquet a while with Hammond and then went to a Commerce party at Mrs. Feche't's where won two prizes, a stick of cosmetic for mustache and a satchet. Gave latter to Miss Saunders. First time of playing the game and enjoyed it.

Wednesday, November 25, 1885

Had charge of "E" Co. at drill and got along all right. Received a letter from home and an advertisement in the mail. After breakfast went into Capt. Kauffman's and engaged to escort Miss Young to the hop this evening. Then had a talk with Capt. Hall at the office about the hop and hunted up Steele to complete arrangements with Hall. Found Steele at Capt. Kauffman's and hurried him over to see Hall while I accompanied Miss Young and Mrs. Kauffman up to Gen. Smith's where they went to call. Met Capt. Remington on the way and he accompanied us. Stopped in at Hewitt's afterwards to talk with him and Steele about the hop. After going with Steele to see Hall, we went to Kendall's to arrange escorts for the ladies. Dr. Black refused to bring any lady as did some of the others. Wrote on letter home and played cards with King until three o'clock, going down to have haircut and to Capt. Remington's for a book and a prescription for a cold & to hospital to fill it, before commencing letter home. At three



o'clock went over to hop room with Steele to wax the floor and then completed letter home. Accompanied Miss Young to the hop in the evening. It commenced to rain before the hop and rained a little while it was going on so that only a very few were there. Black came without any partner and in a blouse, while notice was given that it was to be a full dress affair. Confound him he came without a partner and tried to monopolize the ladies. Think there ought to have been more of an attendance as the weather was not very bad. Missed tattoo, the first roll call missed so far. Made an engagement to play music tomorrow at Capt. Vance's with Miss Young, she on the violin and I to accompany on the piano.

Thursday, November 26, 1885

Thanksgiving day. A cold thin drizzle has kept up almost all day. After breakfast went to office to explain to Gen. Smith about absence last night and he told me that he did not expect officers to leave formal affairs to take the calls. He was very kind in his remarks. Then went into Capt. Vance's to see that everything was in readiness and brought Miss Young there where spent a pleasant morning. She does not play strictly in time and flatted some of her notes, but on the whole she does quite well. After escorting her home returned to Capt. Vance's to talk a while with him, Steele & Hewitt and then wrote a letter to Harry Rhoads and commenced one to Mattie when Hammond came and played piquet until dinner. Had meal early today, Capt. Vance being our guest. On coming out of the house was disgusted to hear retreat sound off. So will have to explain this tomorrow. Played cards a while with King and then went to Mrs. Gillmore's for the French class and found Kendall & Hammond there in addition to Hewitt and Vance. Spent a very interesting and instructive evening there. More French was spoken this evening than on the previous occasion. Then played cards with King. No mail for me today.

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Breakfast Menu	Lunch Menu
Friday, Nov. 21 Glazed Donuts Fruit or Fruit Juice Monday, Nov. 24 Cheese Toast Fruit or Fruit Juice Tuesday, Nov. 25 French Toast Syrup Fruit or Fruit Juice	Friday, Nov. 21 Oven Roasted Turkey Whipped Potatoes/Gravy Cornbread Dressing California Blend Pumpkin Pie W/Topping Fresh Baked Roll Monday, Nov. 24 Pepperoni Pizza Garden Salad W/Dressing Fruit Mix Tuesday, Nov. 25 Corn Dog Oven Fries Assorted Fresh Fruit

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER UNDER 47 U.S.C. §214(e)

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC") for the purpose of being designated an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") in accordance with 47 U.S.C. §214(e) by December 31, 1997. Southwestern Bell's application is currently being considered in Docket No. 18100.

Southwestern Bell is required to obtain ETC status in order to receive Federal Universal Service Funds ("FUSFs") beginning January 1, 1998. 47 U.S.C. §214(e) requires the PUC, either upon its own motion or upon request, to designate common carriers as ETCs for service areas. Southwestern Bell seeks ETC status for its entire service area. Southwestern Bell has requested a minimum waiver for one year of the requirement to deploy toll control.

Persons who wish to comment or intervene in this application should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas by November 20, 1997. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136, or use Relay Texas (800) 735-2989 to reach the commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477.

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Briefs ...

Tigerettes host Leakey

The Brackett Tigerettes will open their basketball season tomorrow as they host the Leakey Lady Eagles at 6:30.

Brackett returns two lettermen from last year's 20-12 ball club that won the District 30-2A title, LaToya Wright and Patty Lopez.

Transfer Lindsey Brotherton also has varsity experience. The junior was a two-year starter at Comstock.

Newcomers to the varsity team include Jennifer Ashabranner, Stephanie Terrazas, Hilda Aguirre, Tricia Robinson, Tiffany Eckenrod, Samantha Payne and Erika Garcia.

"It's going to be a slow start because of all of the new players," Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin said. "They still have to get used to each other."

Cubettes win opener

The Brackett Cubettes eighth grade basketball team opened its season Monday with a 22-2 win over Comstock.

Duquesa Hunt paced the Cubettes with eight points, while Erica Meyer and Deidra Townsend both scored four points, and Michelle Bizzell, Stephanie Gomez and Sherry Villarreal all added two points.

The seventh grade girls open their season today against Del Rio in a 6:00 road game.

The Cubettes will host La Pryor in a double-header on Monday at 5 p.m.

Cubs fall to Panthers

The Brackett Cubs dropped a 26-21 decision to the Comstock Panthers Monday in the season opener for both eighth grade basketball teams.

Juan Flores, Matthew Holloway and Manuel Madrid each scored three points for Brackett, while Carl Dalton, Levi Duncan, Fabian Farias, Carlos Gomez, Tony Molinar and Juan Rivera all added two.

The Cubs resume action on Monday, Dec. 1, on the road against Rocksprings.

Lions Club attracts 46 to benefit tourney

A total of 46 golfers turned out for the Brackettville Lions Club's Second Annual Community Benefit Golf Tournament at Fort Clark Springs Golf Course on Nov. 8.

The team of Art Terrazas and Mike Cervantez of San Antonio took first place honors in the first flight. Second place went to Lupe Gomez and Greg Carta of Del Rio. Third place winners from Uvalde were Pete Garza and Mando Rodriguez.

In the second flight, top honors went to Phil Land and Bob Williamson of Fort Clark. The second place winners were Armando Martinez and Ed Rodriguez of Uvalde. Third place went to Joel Terrazas and Don Bell from Fort Clark.

Uvalde's Charles Martinez and R. Perez took top honors in the third flight. In second place was the team of Howard Peck and Gordy Petaja of Fort Clark. Ray Contreras and Al Salinas of Uvalde took third.

Unruh, Turner team takes first in scramble

The team of Unruh and Turner tallied a 57 to take first place in the first flight of a Two Couple Scramble during Couples Golf League action last Thursday.

The Stephens and Herron team took second place in the first flight, the team Williamson and McCord was third, the McKelvy and Petaja team finished fourth, and the team of Stafford and Dillahunty placed fifth.

The team of Ambler and Spencer tied the Hinton and McCord team for first place honors in the second flight. Both teams finished with 63s.

Scramble ends in tie

Three teams tied for first place honors in the 9 Hole Ladies Golf League's scramble last Tuesday.

Betty Schlatterer and Mary Hermanson, Orlene Alves and Mylo Unruh, and Betty Mathison, Jean Land and Doris Webber all finished with top scores of 38.

Perez takes ninth at state



SAMANTHA PEREZ

ROUND ROCK — Brackett's Samantha Perez finished in ninth place at the Class 2A state cross country meet Saturday at Old Settlers Park.

Perez finished the two-mile run in 13:11. Teammate Sonya Correa took 35th place after being clocked at 13:50.

The Tigerettes won the District 30-2A title and finished fourth at regionals in the school's first year to compete in the sport.

Katherine Duncan of Roscoe won the girls' competition with a time of 12:10.

In the boys' three-mile race, Brackett's Lionel Ramos finished 77th overall.

Ramos and the Tigers took second place in district behind Dilley, which won the state meet.

Rey Soto and Henry Esqueda finished fifth and seventh, respectively, to lead the Wolves.



SONYA CORREA

Brotherton named District 30-2A MVP

Lindsey Brotherton was named 29-2A's most valuable player and five other Brackett Tigerettes were named to the all-district volleyball team, which was released last week by the conference's coaches.

Brotherton started at setter for the Tigerettes and finished the season with 385 assists. She was Brackett's third leading scorer with 153 total points, serving a team-high 97 percent. She also had 44 kills, 22 aces, 18 digs, and eight blocks.

Outside hitters Katy Hagler and Tina Meek represented Brackett on the all-district first team. Both are seniors.

Hagler was the team's second leading scorer with 159 points and a team-high 40 aces. She also had 100 kills, 54 digs, 13 blocks, and four assists.

Meek led Brackett in kills with 142. She had 94 points, 58 digs, 21 aces, 16 blocks, and two assists.

The Tigerettes had three players named to the second team -- Hilda Aguirre, Jennifer Ashabranner and Stephanie Terrazas.

Aguirre was Brackett's leading scorer this year with 192 points, with a 91 serving percentage. She finished the year with 107 digs, 30 aces, 10 kills, and five assists.

Terrazas led the Tigerettes' defense with a team-high 137 digs. She also had 75 points, 16 aces, six kills, four assists, and one block.

Ashabranner finished the year with 97 kills, 82

29-2A all-district team

The following is the 29-2A all-district volleyball team as selected by the conference's coaches:

Most Valuable Player		
Lindsey Brotherton	Brackett	junior
First Team		
Lee Ann Stinson	Natalia	senior
Leona Jonas	Natalia	junior
Katy Hagler	Brackett	senior
Tina Meek	Brackett	senior
Kelly DuBose	Dilley	junior
Courtney Surlis	Dilley	junior
Second Team		
Hilda Aguirre	Brackett	junior
Jennifer Ashabranner	Brackett	junior
Stephanie Terrazas	Brackett	junior
Carrie Sims	Natalia	senior
Sue Collins	Natalia	senior
Sammy Sanchez	Dilley	junior
Kristin Hardy	Dilley	senior
Newcomer of the Year		
Wendy Carrasco	Dilley	soph.

points, 36 digs, 23 aces, 10 blocks, and seven assists.

Tigers fall to Rams in opener

DEL RIO — The Rams outscored the Tigers 31-13 in the second half Monday night as Del Rio's junior varsity topped Brackett in the basketball season opener for both teams.

The Tigers only trailed 11-9 after the opening stanza, but Del Rio outscored Brackett 19-14 in the second quarter to take a 30-23

advantage at intermission.

Brent Woelke led the Tigers with 17 points. Damian Toms scored six, Coty Williams had five, Demitrus Williams pitched in four, and Jacob Hughes and Xavier Toms added two apiece.

Brackett will resume action tomorrow as the Tigers host Del Rio at 7:30.

Basketball schedules

High School

Date	Opponent	Teams	Place	Time
Nov. 25	Eagle Pass	9G/JVG/VG/VB	Home	4:30
Dec. 2	Comstock	JVB/VG/VB	Home	5:00
Dec. 2	Del Rio	9G/9B	Away	7:00
Dec. 4-6	N.C. Tour.	VG/VB	Away	TBA
Dec. 9	Rocksprings	JVG/JVB/VG/VB	Away	5:00
Dec. 11-13	SWTJC Tour.	VG/VB	Uvalde	TBA
Dec. 16	Nueces Canyon	JVB/VG/VB	Away	5:00
Dec. 18	Del Rio	9G	Home	6:00
Dec. 19	Cotulla	JVG/VG/VB	Home	5:00
Dec. 29-30	Tiger Tour.	VG/VB	Home	TBA
Jan. 2	Del Rio	9G/9B	Home	2:00
Jan. 6	La Pryor	JVG/VG/VB	Home	5:00
Jan. 6	Eagle Pass	9G	Home	4:30
Jan. 9	Leakey	JVG/VG	Away	5:00
Jan. 13	*Center Point	JVG/VG	Away	5:00
Jan. 13	Del Rio	9G/9B	Home	5:00
Jan. 16	*Comfort	JVG/VG	Away	5:00
Jan. 17	BHS JV Tour.	9G/JVG/JVB	Home	TBA
Jan. 20	*Charlotte	JVB/VG/VB	Home	5:00
Jan. 22	Eagle Pass	9G	Away	5:00
Jan. 23	*Dilley	JVG/VG/VB	Away	5:00
Jan. 24	Rock. JV Tour.	JVG/JVB	Away	TBA
Jan. 27	*Natalia	JVB/VG/VB	Home	5:00
Jan. 30	*Center Point	JVG/VG/VB	Home	5:00
Jan. 30	Del Rio	9G/9B	Away	5:00
Feb. 3	*Comfort	JVG/VG/VB	Home	5:00
Feb. 5	Del Rio	9G	Away	6:00
Feb. 6	*Charlotte	JVG/VG/VB	Away	5:00
Feb. 10	*Dilley	JVB/VG/VB	Home	5:00
Feb. 13	*Natalia	JVG/VG/VB	Away	5:00
Feb. 17	*Center Point	JVB/VB	Away	5:00
Feb. 20	*Comfort	JVB/VB	Away	5:00

*Denotes District 30-2A games

Middle School

Date	Opponent	Teams	Place	Time
Nov. 20	Del Rio	7G	Away	6:00
Nov. 24	La Pryor	7G/8G	Home	5:00
Dec. 1	Rocksprings	7G/8G/7B/8B	Away	5:00
Dec. 6	Del Rio Tour.	7G	Away	TBA
Dec. 8	Comstock	8G/8B	Away	5:00
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Super Crossword

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

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Amiable	Gentle	Pleasant	Tender
Cordial	Good	Polite	Thoughtful
Fair	Kind	Sympathetic	

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
 Things could easily fall into disarray at home base this week. There just seems to be too much to do. Partners, though, are in rapport. This weekend, enjoy a social visit.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
 Changes or mix-ups in social plans plague you early in the week. A child doesn't see eye to eye with you, but be patient. The weekend brings new insights into financial dealings.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 Minor details at every turn seem to impede your progress at work early in the week. Try not to let this get you down. Good news or a visitor from afar brightens up your weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 Couples can't seem to get enough time to spend together this week. You're just too busy. A worrisome business matter is happily resolved by week's end. Financial prospects improve.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
 There's some difficulty this week coming to agreeable terms with co-workers. Also, a matter about a child concerns you. This weekend, a friend is a source of encouragement and inspiration.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
 Work priorities take precedence over travel this week. A mix-up in communication is likely with a loved one. Time alone over the weekend leads to inspired thought.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
 You could have too many irons in the fire where work is concerned. Try to focus on what's most important so that you can ensure success. The weekend brings a burst of creative energy.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
 Social life doesn't exactly match up to your expectations.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
 You're unable to get that private time you so crave early in the week. Interruptions are just par for the course. A loved one gives you a new perspective on a family concern.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
 A business delay has you fuming and fretting. Don't let this cause you to lay back and do nothing. Implement whatever you can under these circumstances. Accent financial planning over the weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
 You're likely to meet with some unplanned expenses this week. In general, it's not the time for reaching financial decisions. This weekend, creativity and romance are happily highlighted.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
 You're likely to receive some conflicting information on the job this week. However, by week's end, you achieve a clear perception of what your next step should be.

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Arm is raised. 2. Hair is different. 3. Chair back is added. 4. Diploma is lower. 5. Pocket is removed. 6. Mismatched tie.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Nov. 20	Jerry A. Henry	Nov. 24	Lois Causseaux
Nov. 20	Tracy Gilbreath	Nov. 24	Mary J. Nobles
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Nov. 23	Harold Miller	Nov. 26	Mateo Montalvo
Nov. 26	Anthony Flores		

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"Thank You Daddy! Thank You Momma!" If you have ever been a parent, these words are like music to your ears.

As a parent, you want to be a blessing to your children, not expecting anything in return. Your own actions are performed out of simple love for your children. Anything in return is what we call "gravy" or extra "goodie".

But when our children look at us with adoration and reverent love and say, "Thank You!" and give us a hug or kiss, it is so fulfilling. It builds us up on the inside of our souls as it blesses us. It also helps to motivate us to do even more for our children. But we especially love that kind of response, even when we haven't given them any special gift, but simply because they love us for ourselves.

The same thing applies to God the Father. Put yourself in remembrance of all that He has done for you and say, "Thank you Daddy!"

Give him a "spiritual hug and kiss". He is so worthy! He is worthy even if you don't feel like he has given you any gifts, because he gave you life! If you have Jesus as your Lord and Savior, he has given you eternal life with him... that in itself is more than enough.

If you could see all the ways that he has protected you, directed you, healed you, carried you through hard times, given you opportunities to be blessed, even fought your battles for you, you could not help but love him! He has watched over you like a hen watches over her chicks. (Psalms 17:8, 91:4-16)

He is worthy of all honor, praise, and glory! So, gird up your soul with thankfulness this "Thanksgiving Day" and make it a lifelong commitment of giving thanks to God.

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

Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

The greatest attribute of our God aside from providing redemption through the death of Christ on the cross is His keeping power. For the new Christian to the midlife Christian to those facing the end of the way God's keeping power gives peace and contentment. The metaphor used by Peter is a military metaphor. The picture is a person ringed about with soldiers. He is not only keeping heaven for us but is keeping us for heaven. He keeps us by faith until faith becomes sight. He keeps from the sinful power of the flesh within but also from the power of the sin of the world about us. Satan comes at us sometimes as an angel and sometimes as a roaring lion but however he comes, God meets him and conquers Him. God can keep our minds in peace. He can keep us

free from doubt, fear, depression and discouragement.

The condition of the heart determines the action of the mind so it is incumbent that we have God keeping our hearts in tune. Our whole spirit, soul and body need to experience the keeping power of God. The channel through which God keeps us is our faith in Him through Jesus Christ. Liturgy has no power; man made objects or pronouncements are a detriment; faith in self is totally insufficient. Dictates of human institutions are worse than nothing. The Bible tells us he keeps us by indwelling our spirits and by angels from without. "He will give his angels charge over thee to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up lest thou dash thy foot against a stone."

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Answers to Super Crossword

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Unsung Hero
By Joe Townsend

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord, he is God; it is he who hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth to all generations. Psalms 100. Praise God

There is a young man in Brackettville who was from here and has been here all his life. He's a product of Brackett Schools. He is faithful to his job and loyal to the agency he works for. He has always been a fine part of a good family. He feels great responsibility for the family. Since his father went to heaven some months ago he has shouldered more responsibilities. He shies away from controversy but is strong in his principles and behavior. He is friendly to all who would be his friend. Anyone who knows him likes him and admires him. Surely Jimmy Salmon is an Unsung Hero.

Tommy Talamantez

On November 30, 1997 at 10:30 a.m. a mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Catholic Church will be held in memory of Tommy Talamantez who passed away in California on October 19, 1997. He was the son of Thomas and Thelma Mendeke Talamantez. He was preceded in death by his father. All relatives and friends are invited.

Lordy, Lordy Rene

It's been 21 years ago, November 20 you came in this world and made us real happy. Happy Birthday and many more.

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HEALTH

Education vital for people with epilepsy

For many people with epilepsy, the myths are about as hard to live with as the medical disorder itself. Even harder is the discrimination, especially in employment, that often limits and isolates people with epilepsy.

Betty Flores, director of Texas Department of Health's TDH Epilepsy Program, believes that education is as basic to the treatment of the condition, which is characterized by recurring seizures, as is medication.

"Epilepsy needs to be better understood," she said, "because, for many people with the disorder, the biggest problem isn't epilepsy itself but the attitude of others toward those with the condition."

Lack of self-confidence and self-esteem often go along with the disorder as well.

"People with epilepsy have the same range of intelligence and abilities as the rest of the population; epilepsy is not related to mental illness," Flores said. "A person having a seizure does not need to be restrained. And people having convulsive seizures cannot swallow their tongues. These are all myths that people with epilepsy hear every day."

Epilepsy is a general term for a variety of seizure disorders -- disturbances in the electrical activity of the brain. About one person in 10 will have some type of seizure at some point in life, and one person in about 100 has some form of epilepsy.

No cause is known in about two of every three cases. Of the others, the most frequent causes are head trauma; brain tumor and stroke; poisoning such as lead poisoning; maternal injury; infections such as meningitis and viral encephalitis; and occasionally other diseases such as lupus, mumps, measles or diphtheria.

Medical treatment is generally long-term anticonvulsant drug therapy using one or any combination of the more than 20 antiepileptic drugs currently avail-

able. Surgery is used only when medication fails. Occasionally, some people respond well to special high-fat, high-calorie diets.

Flores hopes that, because November is Epilepsy Awareness Month, people will begin to understand and accept people with the disorder.

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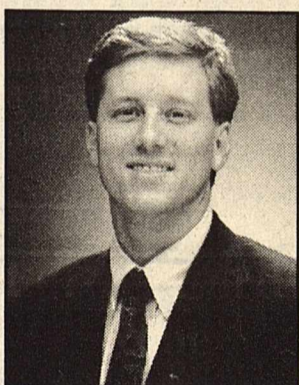
Epilepsy Foundation of America and other regional epilepsy groups to help people know more about the disorder and how it does and does not affect people.

TDH's Epilepsy Program offers services to people with epilepsy who are not eligible under Medicaid or Medicare or who are uninsured. These services are used by about 6,000 Texans in 160 counties.

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Vomiting and Diarrhea in Children

Matthew Bierwirth, MD



Question: What should I do when my third-grader gets a stomach virus?

Answer: For infants and children over six months of age, begin by giving clear fluids such as commercially available rehydrating solutions, fruit punch (not fruit juice), jell-o broth (mixed one pack per one quart of water), ice chips, popsicles, or, for older children, flat carbonated beverages. Avoid milk, dairy products, full-strength formula, and fruit juices. If the child has diarrhea but not vomiting give plenty of fluids to keep up with the diarrhea. If the child has vomiting, give one ounce every half-hour for two to three hours, then increase to two ounces if tolerated.

If the child does not take fluids initially, wait three or four hours then try again. Cool fluids are better if your child

does not have diarrhea. When tolerated, gradually increase the amount of fluids.

After one or two days, you may give applesauce, toast, bananas, rice cereal, and crackers if symptoms are better. Do not give dairy products. If diarrhea or vomiting become worse, return to clear fluids. When tolerated, advance the diet slowly by giving sherbet, oatmeal, mashed potatoes, rice, and custard. Avoid fried foods, candy, potato chips, or dairy products until well.

If vomiting or diarrhea become worse, return to clear fluids and again begin advancing diet slowly.

Dr. Matthew Bierwirth is a pediatrician at Scott & White Clinic in Waco, Texas, and an associate professor at Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine.

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