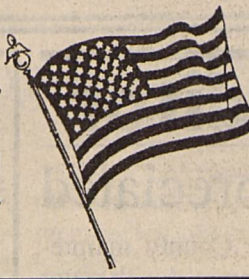


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The bluegrass duet of Alan Munde, left, and Joe Carr performed at the Kinney County Civic Center last Friday. The event was sponsored by the Kinney County Arts Council and the Texas Commission of the Arts.
Brackett News Photo by Sonja Shell

High turnout expected for Tuesday's primary elections

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

With over 300 people participating in early voting, County Clerk Dora Sandoval is expecting a banner turnout for Tuesday's Democratic Primary election.

As of Wednesday afternoon, 251 Kinney County citizens had voted in person, and an additional 83 ballots had been received through the mail.

"I think we'll have a great turnout on Tuesday," Sandoval said. "In Precinct 4, there hasn't been as many people voting early as in the past. That precinct usually has the biggest turnout for early voting so, hopefully, those people will come and vote on Tuesday."

Early voting continues through tomorrow, from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., in the County Clerk's office at the Courthouse.

Polling sites for Tuesday's Democratic Primary are Slaton Hall, Precinct 1; High School Auditorium, Precinct 2; Brackettville Housing Authority, Precinct 3; and Kinney County Library Annex, Precinct 4.

The Republic Primary polling site is at the Kinney County Civic Center for all four precincts.

No local candidates are running in the Republican Primary, but the Democratic Primary has several contested races including (candidates are listed in the order that they will appear on the ballot):

■ **County Judge:** Tommy Seargeant (incumbent), Herb Senne.

■ **District and County Clerk:** Dora Sandoval (incumbent).

■ **County Treasurer:** Janis J. Floyd (incumbent), Julie Fuentes Molano.

■ **Precinct 2 Commissioner:** Joe Montalvo

Primary Polling Sites

Polling sites for the Tuesday's Democratic Primary election:

Precinct 1 Slaton Hall
Precinct 2 High School Auditorium
Precinct 3 Housing Authority
Precinct 4 County Library Annex

Polling sites for the Tuesday's Republican Primary election:

All precincts Civic Center

(incumbent), Jerry Mayes, Dennis J. Slubar Sr., Flavio Talamantez.

■ **Precinct 4 Commissioner:** Paul L. O'Rourke (incumbent), Pat Melancon, Jerry Strother, Bill Bizzell.

■ **Justice of the Peace:** Gregorio O. Juarez, Arnold A. Pinales, J.E. Meil, Cynthia Stafford, John Ford, C.M. "Puffy" Porter.

Heath: Fort Clark must focus on safety, health

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Since taking over as general manager at Fort Clark Springs last month, safety and health have become important issues facing James Heath. And he plans to address those problems with quarterly seminars to help educate residents there.

"If we live here, we ought to feel like we can rest assured that we're secure and we don't have problems," Heath said.

"I think going through the informa-

tion seminars, with involvement from the fort membership, we'll get a lot of ideas and a lot of problems that they're experiencing. We'll try to address those with expertise, put some programs in motion if they're within our ability and budget, and move in that direction."

Heath said he first believed law enforcement was needed at Fort Clark Springs but, for the time being, is pursuing other avenues.

"We're going to start with education and information to the fort, rather than

moving into a tangible creation of a police force," he said. "That was just in an idea stage."

"The first step is to see if these other measures will bring us more in line with a level of safety and protection that we're looking for here at the fort."

During his first few weeks on the job, Heath said he noticed the numerous complaints that were being received about traffic violations that seemed to be "repetitious in certain areas of the fort."

Heath said plans are underway to put

up a number of cautionary signs on Fort Clark Springs.

"I became quite concerned about the liability of Fort Clark Association," he said. "If we don't have and show measures of protection, I would think that we would be subject to certain liability in the event of an accident or, God forbid, a more serious tragedy."

"Safety is a common denominator for everybody. We need to be sure we're doing as much as we can within our resources and budget limits to do that."

Part of the problem is Fort Clark Springs' limited ability of law enforcement.

"We don't have our own police force," Heath said. "We have a security force that, by record and my research, is doing a good job. But they can only go so far and beyond that they don't have the ability of arrest authority."

Heath said the problems lie with repeat offenders who continue to violate traffic rules.

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Filing underway for city, school elections

Filing is underway for Brackettville's city council and school board elections in May.

The mayor's position and three city council spots, which all have two-year terms, will be up for grabs in the May 2 election.

Mayor Carmen Berlanga and Alderwomen Mary Flores and Tencha Pena have all filed for re-election.

The third city council post, which has been vacant since Tino Gomez's resignation last month, has drawn two candidates - Ralph Gonzalez and Martin Luna.

In the school board race, trustees will be elected to fill three expiring three-year terms and one unexpired term with one year remaining.

Incumbents Lloyd Lee Davis Jr., Gloria Garcia and Darlene Shahan have filed for the three-year terms.

Jim McDaniel has filed for the unexpired term. He was appointed to the board last year following Jimmy Bader's resignation.

Potential candidates have until March 18 to file for a position on the ballot.

Fort Clark Springs directors select independent auditors

The Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors appointed Schuler and Schuler as its independent auditors for the current fiscal year last week.

The Del Rio accountants released its audit for the last fiscal year in December, which included this statement: "In our opinion, the financial statements referred to present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Fort Clark Springs Association ... and the consolidated results of its operations and their consolidated cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles."

Schuler and Schuler conducted an unqualified audit, which Fort Clark Springs General Manager James Heath said "is the best type of audit you can get."

Cynthia K. Schuler of Schuler and Schuler described three types of other audit reports:

■ **"Except For" Qualified Opinion:** used when the scope of the examination has been restricted; financial statements are materially affected by a departure from generally accepted accounting principles; information essential for a fair presentation of the financial statements is not disclosed; a change in accounting principles has been improperly applied; and the auditor has determined that an adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion is inappropriate.

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Accordianist prepares for week-long visit

Brackettville is gearing up for a week-long visit from master accordionist Santiago Jimenez Jr.

From March 16-22, Jimenez will discuss and present traditional Tex-Mex conjunto music for the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce, Brackettville Rotary Club, seniors centers, schools, Head Start groups, and other sites throughout the community.

With the discussions and mini-performances, Jimenez will underscore the impor
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Brackett junior Bobby Castro has qualified to compete in the regional powerlifting meet at Tuloso Midway on March 14.

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Bush praises new bridge Gallego believes Brackettville will also benefit from increased traffic

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

EAGLE PASS -- Gov. George W. Bush was on hand Thursday as officials symbolically broke ground on a new international bridge touted as a great economic hope for this border city.

Bush joined government officials from the United States and Mexico at a ceremony that launched construction on a second bridge linking Eagle Pass to Piedras Negras, Mexico.

"This bridge is a tangible expression of our strong and needed and necessary friendship between Texas and Mexico," Bush said.

"I have often said that the United States and Mexico share more than a border. We share a rich history of family ties and common challenges. And soon, much to the relief of the people of

Eagle Pass and Piedras Negras, we will share another bridge."

Touted as evidence of the North America Free Trade Agreement, which has brought increased traffic along the Texas border, the new state-of-the-art \$20 million bridge is expected to open in 1999.

The current two-lane bridge is in the downtown Eagle Pass business district, creating traffic congestion from hundreds of cars heading to Mexico each day.

Bush said the new bridge will "relieve traffic congestion. It will allow this region to keep pace with the growth and it will promote trade."

State Representative Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, said area communities will also see the benefits of the new bridge.

"One success is everybody's success and you'll see a domino effect," he said.

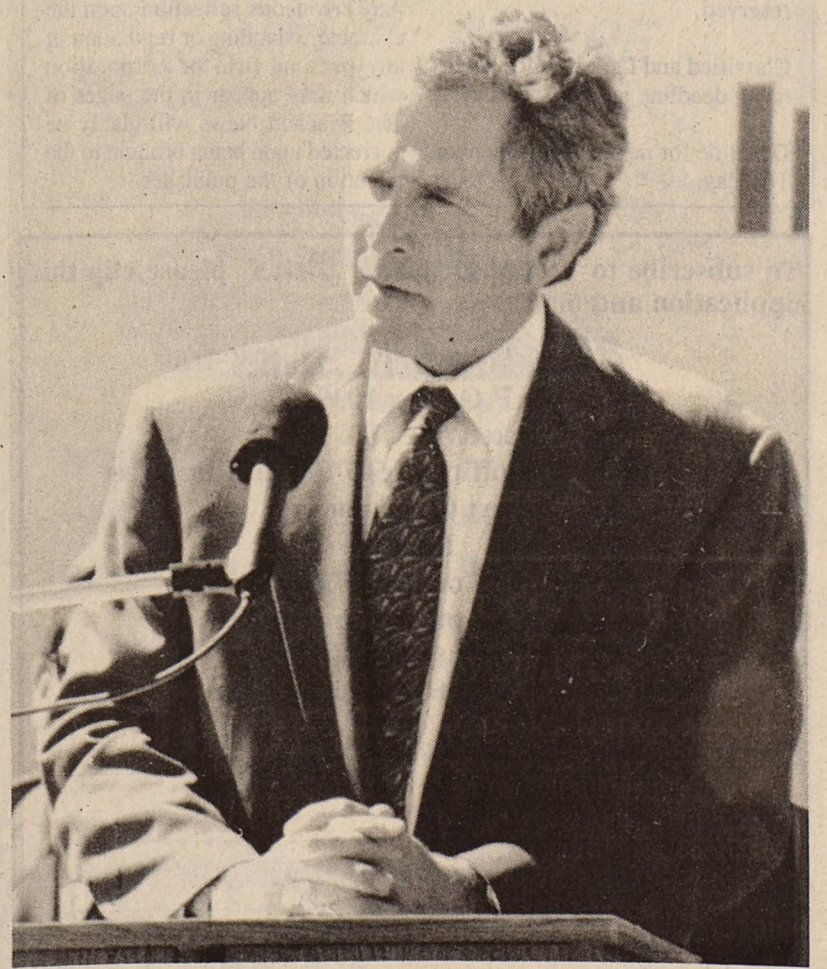
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Pete Gallego

"As the traffic increases through here, it will increase through Del Rio and through Brackettville. I think you will see an increase in tourism, in traffic, and in general business and commerce."

The new span will add to the 20 international bridges along the Texas-Mexico border. It will have six toll lanes in each direction, two lanes for commercial truck traffic and a 6-foot-wide sidewalk.

In addition, a 47-acre tract of land adjacent to the bridge will house U.S. Immigration and Naturalization and Customs services.



Gov. George W. Bush addresses the crowd at last week's ceremony that launched construction on a second international bridge in Eagle Pass.
Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Letters to the Editor

Local volunteers are appreciated

Citizens of Kinney County: On Thursday afternoon, Feb. 26, we received a telephone call that our ranch located two and a half miles north of Highway 90 on Highway 3008 was on fire. By the time we reached the front gate, one fire truck was already on the property and another was at the gate. For the next five hours, the men of the Volunteer Fire Department worked tirelessly to not only save most of our property but to prevent the fire from reaching properties all the way to Highway 90.

The Kinney County maintenance workers arrived with water trucks and also to help cut fire breaks with their road maintainer. We wish to express our deepest thanks to the Volunteer Fire Department, the County Maintenance Department, local Border Patrol and Highway Patrol and all others who "pitched in."

We urge you to remember the Volunteer Fire Department when you consider contributions this next year. Many thanks again. **Dub and Mona Miller**

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John Ford

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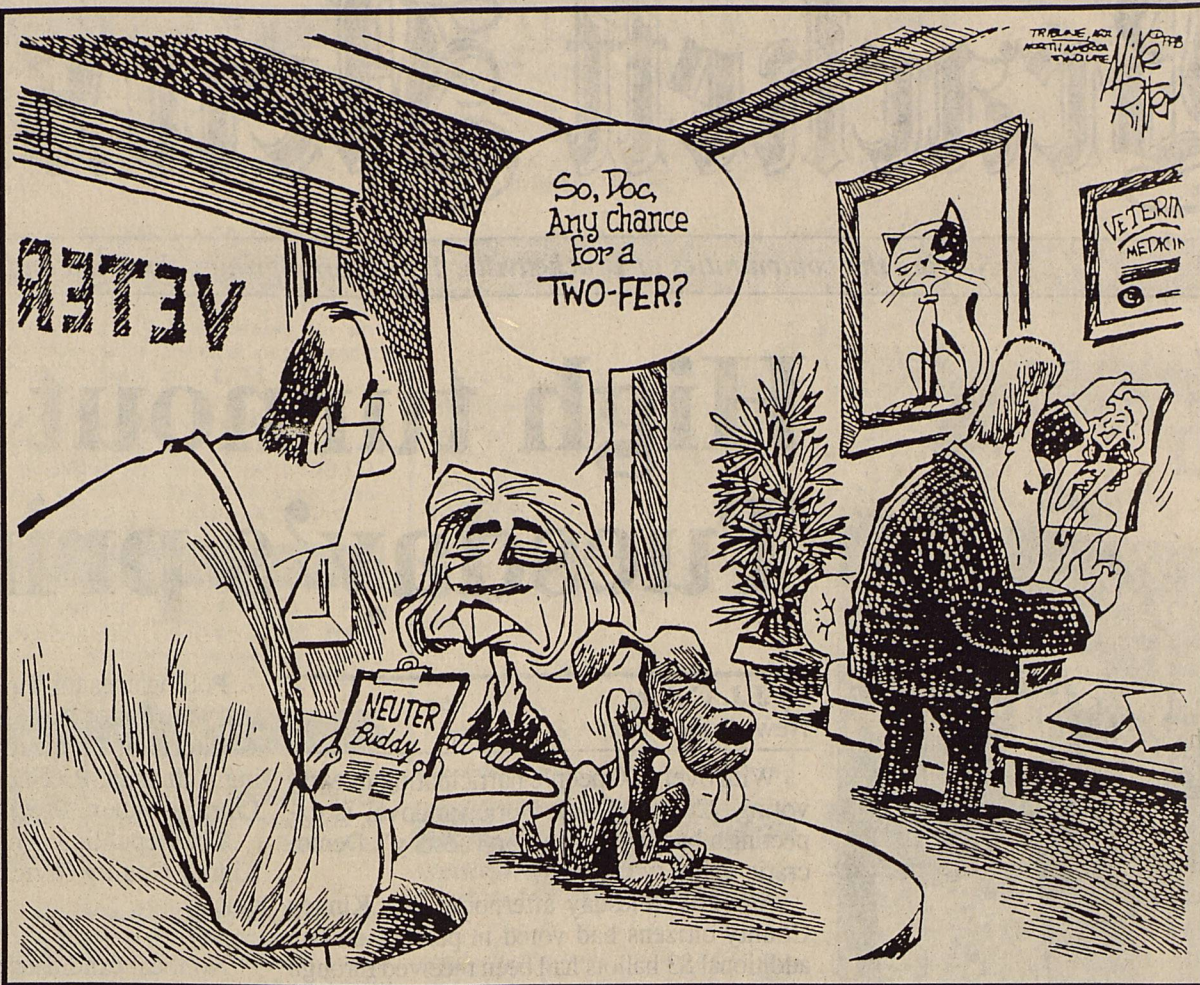
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Hussein wins again

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



So Hussein wins again. Bill Clinton succeeded in shunting attention away from his sleazy actions by cramming down unthinking peoples' throats the imagined dangers of horrifying deaths by the thousands at the hands of a maniac despot.

Over his protest, he finally agreed for the secretary general of the United Nations to go to Iraq to broker a peace.

By Hussein's refusal to abide by demands of the U.N., he convinced his neighboring nations and three of the five permanent members of the Security Council of the U.N. that he would endure the "punishment" bombing by the U.S.

The big desire of Hussein from the close of Desert Storm to now was a lifting of the sanctions imposed on his nation. This stultified his economy, severely limited his sale of oil, and hampered the freedom of his nation.

After seven years, he decided to push the envelope. He finally

agreed to basically do what he had agreed to do at the close of Desert Storm.

The latest agreement was not nearly as binding as his first commitment. This agreement he didn't even sign. This agreement came certainly not from the threatening and braggadocio of Bill Clinton and the parade of U.S. military might, but because of the easing of sanctions which he has been trying to get for years.

Before the highly touted agreement, the U.N. agreed to allow him to sell almost twice as much oil as he had been allowed to previously.

To allow a nation to sell over \$4 billion worth of oil to feed 16 million people in a country two-thirds as large as Texas, is quite a concession to the nation. Clinton

tells us it would destroy our national interests (whatever he means by that).

So in effect, Hussein has accomplished a great deal of what he wanted.

Clinton's failure to lure the American people and most of the nations of the world into his fantasy world shows his failure in a spurious attempt to be a bigshot world leader. Now, he'll have to find other ways to deflect the continuing parade of witnesses to his immorality and lack of integrity.

His attempts to discredit his accusers and Starr are about to come back around.

When his chickens come home to roost, as they inevitably will, those who have supported him can wring their hands and weep.

Deregulation proposal electrifies Texans

Most of us think about our electricity supply on only two occasions: when we get the bill, and when we flick the switch and nothing happens.

But a proposal before Congress to deregulate the industry is shining a spotlight on the issue of how America's electric utilities operate and serve their customers.

Some analysts suggest that deregulation could cut electricity rates by as much as 25 percent for the average family. There would be, however, certain operational costs to be borne by each electricity consumer.

In my annual questionnaire, I asked Texans if they believe electricity deregulation would be beneficial to them. Your answers were, so to speak, illuminating — 48 percent of you said this is a good idea: 52 percent turned thumbs down.

Here are some of your comments:

From Fredericksburg: "Deregulation of the electricity industry would be beneficial to me if the transitional and operational costs are not set at such a rate as to offset the savings. But in the past, when a deal like this has been cut and the taxpayer thinks he is getting a break, it turns out not to be the case. Somehow the public pays more, not less, and the companies enjoy greater profits."

From Center: "I can't see an electric utility (or any energy company) giving up its stockholders' margin of profit. Perhaps utilities shouldn't be privately owned. Dividends are the name of the game. I figure they will get their profit one way or another, and those 'transitional' costs will go on forever — or they'll think of something else."

The Texas Legislature attempted to pass such legislation last term but the move was narrowly defeated.

From Brenham: "Deregulation in any industry is a plus. Free enterprise has been lost to governmental interference. Competition keeps prices fair and companies honest."

From Wichita Falls: "I'm a little leery of this. Remember when they deregulated the cable TV industry? This was supposed to encourage competition and keep prices reasonable. My cable bill hasn't gone down, it continues to get higher every year. I think we're being sold out again."

From Perryton: "I believe deregulation would be beneficial to everyone if it is done correctly. Why should anyone but the investors in a utility company pay for the costs of starting a project? Aren't they the ones who will be receiving the profits?"

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U.S. SENATOR

From Pharr: "Deregulation is a desirable goal, but we should move slowly and carefully to avoid creating a mess like we did with the telephone industry. I have been 'slammed' twice (long distance access provider changed without the customer's permission) and had another attempt while I was writing this. My telephone bill hasn't gone down and my service isn't any better. The utilities have no real experience in a truly open market and perhaps this is the problem."

From Hempstead: "I don't believe Congress will deregulate electricity. I do believe Congress will remove current regulations and replace them with new ones that will not be to my benefit."

From Waxahachie: "I Hope Congress doesn't 'deregulate' in a way that results in a longer law than the one that's currently on the books."

From Gilmer: "If the costs of deregulation turn out to be excessive, this won't do consumers a bit of good. I expect that if there is any benefit to be had, consumers won't enjoy it anytime soon."

From Crockett: "Deregulation would be of benefit to everyone. The current system lacks a competitive element — you can't shop around."

From Blanco: "Deregulation is a good idea. But the way we convert to a deregulated energy market needs to be closely monitored so that investments in existing systems are not lost."

The advocates of electricity deregulation claim it will lower prices, lower business operating costs, increase reliability of service and help the environment.

Several states already have enacted some form of deregulation. The Texas Legislature attempted to pass such legislation last term but the move was narrowly defeated.

I support increased competition in the market and less government regulation. However, it is important to ensure that rural areas continue to receive quality service. In addition, utility companies should not be left with substantial unreimbursed investments. I will continue to monitor this legislation closely.

Who really wins under tobacco settlement?

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

What would you do with \$15 million? Most of us probably can't not imagine that amount, but for some trial attorneys this windfall may not be a dream.

Last month, a federal judge in Texarkana signed off on an agreement to fork over \$2.3 billion dollars of our money to about 150 lawyers in five law firms.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales had sued the tobacco industry for health care costs believed to be associated with tobacco-related illnesses. These private attorneys were hired by the attorney general to litigate the case for Texas.

The case was settled before it went to trial. The attorneys' fees became part of the largest civil settlement ever in U.S. history — a record \$15.3 billion.

The judge called the lawyers' \$2.3 billion fee "reasonable." \$2.3 billion is reasonable? Let's see.

Part of the money would go to health related projects. For example, \$200 million is slated for a new Children's Cancer Research Center at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

Each of those five law firms, however, will make over \$420 million on the deal. So that's \$200 million to fight children's cancer versus \$420 million for a single law firm. Something's not right here.

Governor George Bush is suing to ensure that more of the money goes to health care and less trial attorneys. His plan would let the state legislature decide the dollars.

The details of the agreement were worked up in secret, behind closed doors.

Now that it's seeing the light of day, Texans should be able to decide for themselves not only where their money will go, but how much of a windfall the lawyers should get.

Congress may consider in the near future a national settlement totaling almost \$370 billion. This agreement, if approved, would supercede and replace the Texas settlement.

Many of the issues that Congress will consider, including lawyers' fees, will be the same.

Congress should provide fair pay for the lawyers' work, but it should make sure that sick children, not trial lawyers, go to the head of the line.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

A very fine man with his wife came to make their home at Fort Clark about the time it was started as a community.

He was quite active in helping Fort Clark to become a fine place to live. He and his wife were an important part of the development.

In later years, his wife developed Alzheimers disease and as it progressed she became more and more in need of a great deal of care. He never complained, but because of his love and devotion to her cared for her constantly and tenderly.

The time came when she was to be placed in a nursing home. He made arrangements for her to be in a home at Port Arthur where two of their sons lived. He had her prescriptions diverted to the home and planned to transport her there this week.

He had eaten at a local eatery, and started home when he was struck with a massive heart attack and passed away.

He will be missed by many of us who have counted him friend through the years. He was admired, and highly respected.

He refused to be downcast when things became turbulent and cares came to bear heavily upon him. Surely, Bill Mills was an Unsung Hero.

The task is finally complete

The job of a Board of Education is a difficult one. They are charged with insuring that education in each of their school districts works the way that it should.

For instance, one of their jobs is to make the final decision on hiring of school personnel.

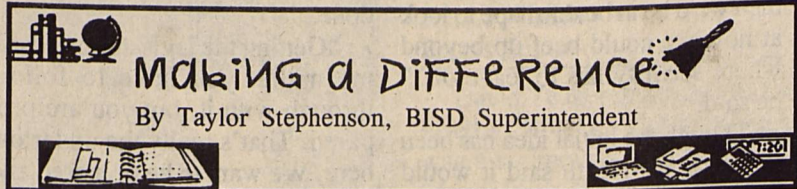
Even though a committee had worked many hours interviewing coaching applicants, the board still had to interview the finalists. That job took four hours this past Friday night.

Then, the board came back Monday to select the coach and athletic director. This job took another hour and a half Monday night.

David Yeager is our new athletic director and head football coach. The task is finally over.

Yeager looks forward to moving to Brackettville. Though he is very competent as a teacher and coach, he will need the support of all.

Our coaches and athletes must be a team with Yeager at the helm



if we are to be successful. Parents and community must also be a part of this team.

The board's job is done. Coach Yeager will be here within a month. Let's get on with phase two. I believe in this community. I believe that Yeager is the man who can do the job.

Block Scheduling

Another task that the School Board is working on is weighing the positives and negatives of block scheduling.

In the surveys that were returned, there were many reasons given to support the belief of the respondent.

As with any decision, there are concerns for blocks and against blocks.

This issue was brought up by

board members who believe that they should ask questions about the way our school works.

The board will have the responsibility and authority to determine what type of schedule we will use next year. That's another tough one that will require time to think and study.

I have worked as a superintendent for 24 years. Out of those 24, only two have been in school districts that had block schedules.

Do regular schedules work? Are blocks better? There have been fine students who graduated from both kinds of schools - blocks and regular. There have been regular citizens, lawyers, doctors, musicians, teachers, scientists and mathematicians from both types of schools. As with anything else, it's the

effort and hard work that goes into the system that determines if the product is good or not. So, the board will eventually study this one, and we will move on to another issue.

I hope that you will support them in their efforts to study and make a decision here. They have sought input from lots of people.

It's time to study the data and to decide. Then, let's get on with the plans for the next school year.

Spring Break

That's about it except for Spring Break, which is March 9-13.

My wife and I are headed for northern California to visit our daughter, Traci, in her new home just south of Redding.

I hope that you too get a day or two to do something different during Spring Break. We'll come back refreshed and ready to finish the school year.

Have a great week!

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Local junior college to offer lifeguard training

Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde is sponsoring a four-day Red Cross lifeguard training course on two consecutive weekends.

The course is scheduled for Saturday, March 21, Sunday, March 22, Saturday, March 28, and Sunday, March 29. Saturday hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday hours are from noon to 8 p.m.

"The junior college has an indoor, heated pool and, therefore, is one of the only facilities in our area where a lifeguard course can be held at this time of year," Bonnie Herndon said.

"It would be a great benefit to our community to have as many as possible take this course and become certified.

"There is a definite shortage of certified lifeguards in our area and there will be job openings this summer at area pools and summer camps," she added.

The course teaches first aid, professional rescuer CPR and basic surveillance and rescue skills for pool, waterfront and waterpark lifeguards.

Participants must be at least 15 years of age and be able to pass a swimming test.

The cost of the course is \$147. "The initial cost of the course is \$113, including the required pocket mask, and an additional \$34.21 for two required textbooks," Herndon said. "However, the textbooks can be shared between students.

"If the cost of the course is prohibitive to a prospective lifeguard, we will try to find a sponsor," she said. "We can also arrange transportation to and from the course if needed."

Interested sponsors or prospective lifeguards in need of a sponsor or transportation should contact Herndon at 563-9000.

The lifeguard training certification is valid for three years and the CPR for the professional rescuer certification is valid for one year.

Rob Fowler, the junior college's lifeguard instructor, hopes to also offer a water safety instructor course soon.

"Water safety instructors are qualified to give swimming lessons and would be a real asset to our community," Herndon added.

For more information or to register, contact Rob Fowler at (830) 591-7244.

Jimenez visits Brackettville

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tance of Tejano conjunto music and demonstrate why his accordion was influential in the creation of the unique conjunto sound.

The week of activities will be the eighth of 20 Community Residencies scheduled throughout Texas from January through June.

This residency celebrates Mexican American culture and musical traditions, one being Tejano conjunto music.

Following the tradition which his father helped establish, Jimenez performs polkas, waltzes and schottisches in a melodic and spirited manner.

He continues to be one of the most popular musicians recording and performing in the conjunto tradition.

Other Community Residencies will feature such traditional music masters as fiddlers Johnny Gimble, Alvin Crow and Valerie Ryals Bates, blues artist W.C. Clark and Carol Fran and Clarence Hollimon, singer and cowboy poet Buck Ramsey, and conjunto accordionist Mingo Saldivar.

Alamo movie cast and crew invited to reunion

Cast and crew members who worked on John Wayne's epic film "The Alamo," are invited to a reunion May 23-24 at Alamo Village Movie Location.

Alamo Village is the famed Southwest Texas movie set built by Wayne for his 1959 film.

Made from more than a million and a quarter hand-formed adobe bricks, the movie set - the largest and most complete outdoor set in the world - sits in the middle of the 30-square-mile HV Longhorn Ranch, owned by Virginia Shahan.

Shahan's late husband, "Happy," convinced Wayne that his movie on the Alamo battle had to be made in Texas, more specifically in Brackettville.

In the nearly 40 years since, more than 100 major motion pictures, television movies, mini-series, commercials and music videos have been filmed at Alamo Village.

"We have long wanted to have a reunion of the Alamo cast and crew, but for one reason or another, it just never happened," she said. "Then we were contacted by the Dukes of Hollywood Cowboys, and organization dedicated to preserving Wayne's memory, who said they would like to celebrate Duke's 91st birthday at our place. We decided now is the time for the reunion."

Anyone who worked on the movie in any capacity should call Alamo Village at (830) 563-2580, or fax (830) 563-9226.

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Heath addresses safety concerns

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"By continuance, it seems that there is an image apparently that we can't enforce our own rules, so (repeat offenders) are just going to do what they want," he said. "That still poses a real threat of safety, I feel, to the membership."

Heath's original idea was to deputize retired law enforcement residents who would volunteer to patrol Fort Clark Springs at night in maintenance vehicles.

"If we had legislation written for Fort Clark through our representatives that would say Fort Clark is empowered to have their own designated law enforcement group to carry out the enforcement of violations, particularly traffic,

then we'd be in better shape to look at how we could beef up beyond where security has to leave off," he said.

Though the initial idea has been put on hold, Heath said it would still be wise to pursue the necessary legislation.

"We are still interested in pursuing the possibilities and feasibility of that legislation," he said. "Whether we would ever use it or not, at least we'd have it on the shelf if we ever decided somewhere down the line we needed that, rather than waiting until the next legislative session to get it

done. "Getting the legislation doesn't mean that you have to follow through with it, but you are prepared. That's really the undertow here. We want to be prepared and just do a better job, where we're able to, of safety and improvement."

Another idea of Heath's is to form neighborhood watch groups made up of volunteers.

"They would help monitor some of the things," he said. "They would be a control group that would do nothing more if they

see something suspicious than getting a license number so if something did occur we'd have a starting point."

Heath said there were never any plans to turn Smith Security into a law enforcement group.

"The last thing we want is for people to feel like we're creating a police state over here," he said. "Nothing is further from the truth."

"Security will never be able to do more than what they're doing right now, and I think they're doing a good job. But we're all frustrated that we know there's more needed."

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, February 23

10:30 a.m., A Brackettville man reported livestock theft at his ranch. He said that someone had killed one of his goats, and then skinned and gutted the animal.

10:40 a.m., Arvel Lewiston Baker, 74, of Brackettville was arrested by Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess and charged with terroristic threat. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Baker was released the same day on a \$750 personal recognizance bond.

Tuesday, February 24

2:55 p.m., Smith Security officials reported that someone had cut the fence on the west side of Fort Clark Springs, one-tenth mile south of Highway 90 on F.M. 3348.

Wednesday, February 25

9:00 p.m., A Brackettville woman requested assistance from a deputy in removing a man from her apartment. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He took the man to his residence.

Thursday, February 26

7:33 a.m., Border Patrol officials reported a dead body at the Kinney and Maverick county line. Medina County Sheriff's Department officials were dispatched to the scene and informed local officers that the body was located in Kinney County. Sheriff Burgess was then dispatched to the scene.

3:45 p.m., An employee at the Brackett School District said that a woman had reported seeing some juveniles put a small boy in the trunk of the car. Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter was notified and went to the residence of one of the juveniles. He was told by the juvenile's mother that they were "just playing."

Friday, February 27

8:38 a.m., A traffic accident was reported at Kinney County Land Company on Highway 90. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie was dispatched to the scene.

9:45 a.m., A Texas Department of Transportation employee reported a car fire two and a half miles west of Brackettville on Highway 90. No injuries were reported. Members of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched to the scene.

1:00 p.m., A Brackettville man reported a burglary at his residence on W. Patrick Street.

Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. Building material valued at \$1,104 was missing. The case is still under investigation.

6:30 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported a possible burglary at her residence on Thomas Street. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He found a window on the south side of the house pushed in, but found no evidence of entry. The case is still under investigation.

7:00 p.m., A Brackettville man called the Sheriff's Department and said that he wanted to see his daughter but his ex-wife wouldn't let him. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. After meeting with County Attorney Tully Shahan, Guidry told the couple they would have to work out the situation. The woman agreed to let her ex-husband see the child.

Saturday, February 28

1:00 a.m., Raymond Paul Gutierrez, 24, of Natalia and Jonathan Zavala, 17, of Hondo were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism. Gutierrez was charged with public intoxication and Zavala was charged with possession of marijuana less than two ounces, a Class B misdemeanor. Both men were booked into the Kinney County Jail. Gutierrez was released the same day after being credited time served. Zavala was released on March 2 after posting a \$1,000 bail bond.

6:16 a.m., A Del Rio man reported seeing a man laying in front of the restrooms at Fritter Park, east of Brackettville on Highway 90. He said there were no vehicles in the area. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He found two men sleeping on the ground.

8:14 p.m., A Brackettville man requested the assistance of a deputy because another man would not leave his residence on S. Beaumont Street. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.

8:21 p.m., Patricio Gomez, 43, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Chism and charged with public intoxication. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Gomez was released on March 2 after being credited with time served.

Sunday, March 1

2:53 a.m., A Uvalde Police Department employee reported

that a Kinney County woman was beaten by her intoxicated husband at a ranch on Anacacho Road. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.

2:58 a.m., Uvalde officials said that the woman had made it to the ranch entrance where she met with Border Patrol officials. The woman's husband had rammed her vehicle twice.

4:09 a.m., Casey Allen Dailey, 31, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Chism and charged with assault. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held.

4:34 a.m., A Brackettville man reported loud music at the pool hall. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene and had the music turned down.

11:33 a.m., A Gladewater, Texas man reported that he had left his wallet on the pay phone at Stop-N-Shop. Sheriff's Department officials called Stop-N-Shop but the wallet was not there.

11:37 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported loud music. She called back about the music at 11:53 p.m., 12:21 a.m., and 12:30 a.m. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene and had the music turned down.

Monday, March 2

11:58 a.m., Clarence Wayne Smith, 48, of Quemado, Texas, was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley for possession of marijuana less than two ounces, a Class B misdemeanor. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Smith was released the same day after posting a \$500 cash bond.

3:50 p.m., Juan Antonio Rodriguez, 32, of Eagle Pass was arrested by Trooper Ashley on outstanding warrants for speeding and failure to appear. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held.

Tuesday, March 3

8:10 a.m., A burglary was reported at the Headstart Center. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. Someone entered the building through a broken bathroom window on the south side of the building and then left through the rear door on the east side. A telephone, calculator, camera, stereo, two containers, first aid kit, and a flashlight were reported missing. The case is still under investigation.



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The 26 cents per month surcharge would not be billed to customers who receive ELC. However, customers who receive ELC and pay less than the maximum \$3.50 a month residential ELC charge or less than the maximum \$7 business ELC charge will have to pay the additional 26 cents per month charge.

Expanded Local Calling was created in 1993 by Texas legislation that requires telephone companies to provide toll-free calling between small towns that share a community of interest such as a school or hospital district. The legislation allows telephone companies to recover costs not paid through customer charges by applying a surcharge to all other customers in the state who do not receive the ELC service or who do not pay the maximum ELC rate. The maximum monthly ELC rate allowed under state law is \$3.50 per line for residential customers and \$7 per line for business customers.

Southwestern Bell estimates that the 26 cents per month per line charge will recover the \$27 million annual cost of providing ELC service that is not recovered from ELC rates.

If approved by the PUC, the monthly statewide surcharge of 26 cents per line per month will begin with the April, 1998 billing cycles, with an agreement to refund all or part of the charge if the PUC does not approve it.

For questions about the reasons for the charge, please call the Southwestern Bell Business Office listed in your directory.

The PUC assigned Docket Number 18513 to this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this matter is March 31, 1998. Persons who wish to intervene or comment in these proceedings should notify the PUC by March 31, 1998. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX, 78711-3326. For information intervening, please call the PUC at 1-888-782-8477 or at 512-936-7120.

AVISO PUBLICO

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) presentó una solicitud ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUC) para cobrar 26 centavos más al mes por línea para recuperar los costos por el servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) a ciertos clientes en Texas.

El cargo de 26 centavos al mes no se cobrará a los clientes que reciben ELC. Sin embargo, los clientes que reciben ELC y pagan menos del máximo de \$3.50 al mes por el servicio ELC residencial o menos del máximo de \$7 por el servicio ELC comercial, tendrán que pagar 26 centavos adicionales a su pago mensual.

El servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) fue establecido en 1993 por la legislación del estado de Texas y requiere que las compañías prestadoras de servicios telefónicos ofrezcan llamadas de larga distancia gratuitas entre pequeñas poblaciones que comparten un interés común tales como distritos escolares y de hospitales. Esta ley permite que las compañías telefónicas recuperen los costos no pagados mediante cargos a clientes, a través de un cargo a todos los demás clientes en el estado que no reciben el servicio ELC o que no pagan la tarifa máxima del servicio ELC. La tarifa máxima mensual permitida por la ley estatal es \$3.50 por línea para clientes con servicio residencial y \$7 por línea para clientes con servicio comercial.

Southwestern Bell calcula que los 26 centavos al mes por línea cubrirán los \$27 millones del costo anual del servicio ELC que no está cubierto por las tarifas de ELC.

Si la PUC autoriza el cargo mensual estatal de 26 centavos al mes por línea éste comenzará a partir de los ciclos de facturación de abril 1998, con el acuerdo de reembolsar todo o parte del cargo si la PUC no lo autoriza.

Para preguntas relacionadas con este cargo, por favor llame a la Oficina Local de Southwestern Bell listada en su directorio telefónico.

La PUC asignó el número de registro de 18513 a este procedimiento. El plazo de intervención sobre este asunto terminará el 31 de marzo de 1998. Las personas que deseen intervenir o hacer comentarios sobre este procedimiento deberán notificar a la PUC antes del 31 de marzo de 1998. Todas las solicitudes de intervención deberán enviarse por correo a Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Para mayor información sobre la intervención, por favor comuníquese con la PUC al 1-888-782-8477 o al 512-936-7120.

Monday, March 5
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.
6:30 p.m., The Lions Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

Monday, March 9
9:00 a.m., The Kinney County Commissioners Court meets at the Court House on Ann Street.

Tuesday, March 10
6:00 p.m., The Brackettville City Council meets at the City Annex on Highway 90 West.
7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.
7:00 p.m., The Las Moras Masonic Lodge No. 444 meets at Lodge Hall on Ann Street.

Thursday, March 12
9:30 a.m., The Mountain Laurel Garden Club meets in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.
6:30 p.m., The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

Saturday, March 14
10:00 a.m., The Fort Club Springs Community Council meets in Shafter Hall.
Monday, March 16
6:30 p.m., The Brackett School Board of Trustees meet.

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Yeager named athletic director

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

David Yeager of Magnolia, Texas, has been hired as Brackett's new athletic director. He was unanimously selected to fill the position Monday at a special School Board meeting.

"It's an exciting opportunity," Yeager said in a telephone interview. "I'm looking forward to it. I'm thrilled to death."

Yeager has 11 years of experience as a teacher and coach in the Magnolia and Klein school districts. He replaces Roy Rokovich, who accepted a coaching position in Donna.

Yeager, who was also hired as head football coach, said he is looking forward to gear-

ing up for the upcoming gridiron season.

"We're going to be an aggressive team," he said. "We're going to be disciplined and we're going to have structure. We will be fundamentally sound, paying attention to the small things."

Yeager, who is a graduate of Sam Houston State, is hoping to be on the job by April 1, if not sooner.

"We feel like we have a good person," School Board President Lloyd Lee Davis said at Monday's meeting. "We think he will fit right into our program."

Yeager and his wife, Leslie, have three children - Coty, 11, Kara, 8, and Katie, 5.

Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said Yeager had previously applied for the position when Rokovich was hired in 1995.

"We are very excited about getting him here," Stephenson said. "All of his references show that he is a good family man and a strong teacher."

Over 100 coaches applied for the position. A committee consisting of Stephenson, High School Principal Don Sims, Middle School Principal George "Stoney" Burks, and School Board Trustee Steve LaMascus then narrowed the list down to 10.

After interviewing the 10 candidates, the committee selected four finalists that were interviewed by the School Board last Friday.



Coach Ron Arnesen, rear, spots Bobby Castro as he squats Tuesday morning. Castro is gearing up for the regional powerlifting meet at Tulo Midway. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Castro qualifies for regional powerlifting

Brackett junior Bobby Castro has qualified to compete in the regional powerlifting meet at Tulo Midway on March 14.

He will be competing in Division II, made up of athletes from Class A, 2A and 3A schools.

Castro finished third in his weight class at the Sinton Invitational, behind two Division I (Class 4A and 5A) athletes.

His score at Sinton has him sitting fourth in the region. The athletes with the top 10 scores in the region advance.

"I was extremely happy with

Bobby's performance," Tigers coach Ron Arnesen said. "He did very well."

The top two finishers at the regional meet will advance to the state finals.

Junior Steven Hagler also competed at the Sinton meet. He finished 10th in his weight division.

"He did real good," Arnesen said. "He got personal bests in each one of his lifts."

This is Brackett's first year to compete in powerlifting, which combines the bench press, squat and dead lift.

Tigerettes gear up for Uvalde tourney

With a week off from games for TAAS testing, the Brackett Tigerettes are gearing up for Saturday's Uvalde Invitational softball tournament.

"We need to use this week to our advantage," Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin said. "We need a lot of practice."

"It should be a good tournament. We're in a pretty tough bracket. We're looking forward to some more good competition."

Brackett opens the tournament Saturday morning against Carrizo Springs in a 9:45 matchup.

"Carrizo Springs has a good program," Nowlin said. "They're a 3A school. I expect a tough game."

The Tigerettes will play either Cotulla or Pearsall in the second round at 1:15 Saturday afternoon.

In other first round matchups, Uvalde faces Hondo and D'Hanis plays Crystal City.

Brackett is 0-2 after competing in the Natalia tournament last weekend.

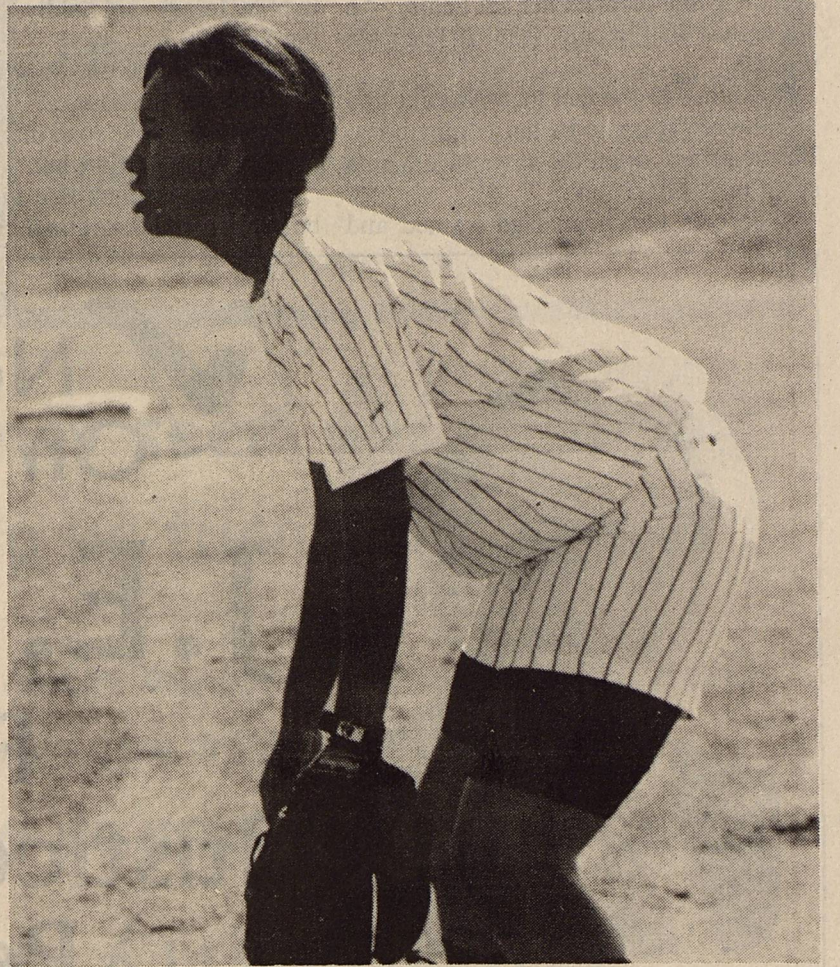
The Tigerettes lost their opener to St. Gerard, 16-0.

"They had a good ball club," Nowlin said. "They threw an all-state pitcher against us. She threw pretty hard and shut us down."

In the second round, Brackett lost an 8-6 decision to Blanco, the team that eliminated the Tigerettes from the playoffs a year ago.

"We fared a lot better against Blanco," Nowlin said. "We out-hit them, but we didn't make some routine plays. We showed what we can do, we just weren't consistent."

Lindsey Brotherton and Erika Garcia both went 2 for 3 at the plate against Blanco. Brotherton scored a run and drove in two more, and Garcia crossed home plate twice.



La Toya Wright and the Brackett Tigerettes will compete in the Uvalde Invitational Saturday. Brackett News File Photo

Harrison takes third

Jarrett Harrison won a seven-hole playoff to finish third at the Pleasanton Invitational Monday.

Harrison posted a score of 78 to pace the Tigers, who finished 10th out of 23 teams with a 357.

Chad Neuman shot an 86, Nat Terrazas had a personal best of 88, Aaron Taylor finished with a 105, and Brian Collier shot a 129.

Ladies Golf League: Mary Stephenson won three skins and took first place in the A Flight Tuesday action at Fort Clark Springs.

In the B Flight, Elizabeth Dillahunt and Pat Nelson tied for first. Kay Roberts won the C Flight.

Ladd and Roberts each had two skins. Hinkleman and Luella Gilliland both won chip-ins.

Golf

Tigers take second at LaPryor

LA PRYOR - Errors proved to be costly for Brackett Saturday as the Tigers lost to Crystal City, 5-3, in the championship game of the La Pryor Invitational baseball tournament.

Jorge Rodriguez only gave up one earned run, but Crystal City picked up eight hits and capitalized on four Brackett errors.

Rodriguez (1-1) went all seven innings for the Tigers, striking out 11 batters and walking only three.

"Jorge pitched real well, but we misplayed some balls and made a few mental errors, and I think that cost us in the end," Tigers coach Garry Grubbs said.

Rodriguez, Luis Guajardo and Michael Meyer represented Brackett on the all-tournament team.

"We played well during the tournament," Grubbs said. "The pitching was really good. The defense is further ahead of where I thought it would be, except for during the championship game."

In the semifinals, Brackett picked up an 8-4 win over the La

Tigers eye title at Dilley Invitational

The Brackett Tigers have their eyes on the gold as they open play in the Dilley Invitational baseball tournament today.

The Tigers (3-1) will face Sabinal at 4:30 in Pearsall.

"I haven't seen Sabinal play yet, but I saw them last year and they have quite a few kids back," Brackett coach Garry Grubbs said. "They hit the ball

real well."

The Tigers will face either La Pryor or Natalia in second round. If they win their opener, they will play at 2 p.m. tomorrow. If they lose, they play at noon.

Carrizo Springs has a first-round bye. In today's other matchup, Dilley plays Asherton.

Pryor Bulldogs.

The Tigers jumped out to a 4-0 lead after the first three innings, but the Bulldogs tied the game up in the fifth. Brackett rallied for four runs in the sixth to claim the win.

Meyer (2-0) picked up the win for the Tigers. In six innings of work, he gave up two earned runs on five hits while fanning 11 and walking two.

Guajardo and Wes Baker each had two hits for Brackett in the contest.

The Tigers opened the tourna-

ment with a 15-1 victory over Cotulla.

Rodriguez pitched all four innings for Brackett, giving up three hits and no earned runs. He had eight strikeouts and two walks.

Brent Woelke led the Tigers at the plate. He was 2 for 3 at the plate and drove in a run.

"It was a solid win, Grubbs said. "Jorge pitched real well. We played solid defense and we hit the ball pretty good. I was real pleased with everybody's play in that game."

OUTDOORS

TPW Commission sets boater education rules

AUSTIN - Persons who have completed an approved voluntary boater education course in the past will be exempt from the recently legislated mandatory classes, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

Similar to the passage of mandatory hunter education in Texas, the new mandatory boater education program represents a significant step up from the current voluntary program that began in 1977.

The commission established that all courses approved for certification must be approved by the department; that the minimum age for certification is 12 years of age; and that persons who have successfully completed a voluntary boater education course in the past, administered or approved by the department, be exempt. The effective date of the action is March 1.

"Basically, we're fine-tuning the existing boater education program in order to accommodate those affected by the new mandatory boater education law," said Steve Hall, TPWD education di-



A Little On The Wildlife Side
By Henry Lutz
Kinney County Game Warden



rector. "Now, the 13 to 15 year-olds who are impacted by this new law can enroll in a course in order to operate legally in Texas."

Persons born on or after Sept. 1, 1984, who operate personal watercraft, vessels of 10 horsepower or greater, or sailing vessels over 14-feet in length are required to pass a TPWD approved boater education course in order to operate on public water alone.

In the past, TPWD has offered voluntary boater education courses taught by volunteer instructors across the state.

In 1997, nearly 5,000 people completed TPWD boater education courses. Because of the new law, TPWD boater education coordinator Tim Spice expects that number to nearly quadruple this year.

Changes to the boater education program also include a fee schedule, legislatively mandated, ranging from \$5 to \$13. Courses taught by TPWD employees will cost \$5 and courses taught by non-TPWD employees will cost \$13.

Diverse teaching methods, such as home study, challenge exams and a course available over the World Wide Web, are planned in order to make it as convenient as possible for boaters to comply with the new provisions.

Education staff have been preparing for an anticipated increase in boater education enrollment by stepping up recruitment efforts for volunteer instructors and putting into place alternatives to the classroom-style course currently offered.

"Because many of our courses

are taught by volunteers, we do our best to schedule the classes at convenient times and in a range of areas," Spice said. "But there are folks who are not able to attend a class, usually because they live in an outlying area, and we're doing our best to make the class available in some form to all boaters."

Boat Texas, approved by TPWD, offers a home study guide that includes a video, instruction manual and a mail-in test. Challenge, or "equivalency exams" and an on-line course and procedures are expected to be in place some time this year, according to Hall.

Currently, department-approved courses are also offered by the U.S. Power Squadrons and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

For information on boater education courses offered by TPWD, call the department's toll-free line at 1-800-792-1112, or 512-389-4999, or check the TPWD website for a listing of courses at <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us>.

Cubs claim fourth place honors

ROCKSPRINGS - The Brackett Cubs took fourth place honors Saturday at the Rocksprings track meet.

The Cubs brought home two medals in the distance races as Carlos Gomez won the 3200 and Jamie Montalvo finished first in the 1600.

Jesse Davis took second place honors in the triple jump, while Matthew Holloway was fourth in the 100 and Raymond Gomez was fourth in the 400.

The mile relay team of Carlos Gomez and Raymond Gomez, Fabian Farias and Isaac Finkenbinder finished second.

Farias, Holloway, Raymond Gomez and Juan Rivas took third in the 400-meter relay.

Susannah Davis led the Cubettes to a fifth place finish. She took first in the triple jump, third in the 100, and sixth in the long jump.

Duquesa Hunt was fourth in the high jump. Candice Ingram finished fourth in the triple jump and fifth in the 200.

Grace Flores took third in the 800 and fifth in the 400, while Jessica Terrazas was fourth in the 1600 and Sheena Meyer took fifth in the 800.

Davis, Ingram, Vanessa Castillo and Diedra Townsend finished third in the 400-meter relay.

Castillo, Davis, Hunt and Townsend took fourth in the 800-meter relay, while Castillo, Hunt, Flores and Townsend were fifth in the mile relay.

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Martin brings feline friends along on bicycle trip

By Sonja Shell
Staff Writer

It all started on the first day of October last year. There was a plan -- a trip from New Jersey to Arizona by bicycle. One detail left to work out. The cats!

What do you do with cats that have been a daily part of your life for years.

Artemis had been around for eight years and Nikia had been around a couple of years. Throw away cats, who needs them!

There was only one solution to the problem: the cats had to learn to travel.

That was the dilemma facing Bonny Martin as she planned her adventure. An adventure that would take at least six months.

Resigned to the fact that Artemis and Nikia were going to be her companions, Bonny set out upon the adventure with a spirit of exhilaration.

The cats had been lead trained and

Bonny didn't anticipate any trouble on that front. What she hadn't counted on was the fact that the cats were terrified by the new sights and sounds they were encountering.

Each pit stop brought new terrors for the furry felines. They refused to take advantage of the stops and Bonny was frustrated by the discomfort she knew they felt.

The first day she stopped each hour, but by the time evening fell, the cats had refused each attempt to comfort them.

The first night was spent camping in forbidden territory. Signs on the Fort Dix military base Bonny had to travel through in New Jersey said boldly, "No trespassing."

Just what does one do when night falls and the cats are hungry?

You slip off the road into the trees and set up camp, that's what.

You would think that the cats would be ready to get out of their cramped quar-

ters at the end of the first day.

Of course, they acted out their displeasure of having their lives disrupted in the only way they knew how. The cats refused to come out of the trailer that had been their home for the past few hours.

Leads around the necks of two squirming cats ended up entwined and their human wasn't too happy either. A few strokes and a half hour of ignoring them was about all it took to help them come to grips with their new life style. But it was only after camp was set up that the cats began to relax.

This scenario was replayed over and over during the next couple of weeks.

Only a couple of problems have befallen Bonny on her trip. One happened in Louisiana, the frame of the trailer developed a couple of cracks near the wheels. She had to walk seven miles pushing the bike and trailer before she came to a welding shop. The owner repaired the damage and refused to charge.

That wasn't the only time she has been befriended. Many home owners have given permission to spend the night on their property. Some have let her stay in back yards, some in barns.

In Alabama she met Barbara and Charlie who had a home on Mobile Bay. They provided her with a beautiful camp site on the beach. They also told her about friends they had in Brackettville and told her to look them up.

That is how Bonny came to know Cordelia Mendeke and Lucille Fuentes and why she has decided to rest here for a couple of weeks before starting on her last leg of the trip.

Bonny developed a complication in her plans while she was camped on the Nueces River near Uvalde.

When she awoke the next morning, she found that she had company. A yellow dog was curled outside her tent. It was pitifully thin and seemed to be hurt. It had trouble walking. What to do now?

"What are you going to do with this dog?" she mulled to herself. "Don't encourage him. You know you can't carry enough water for yourself, two cats and now this young dog."

She decided to pack up camp and what would be, would be. Naturally, the dog followed. Three miles into the trip the dog now had a name. She dubbed the dog "River."

But, River's condition had worsened. The dog was unable to keep up with Bonny. A soft spot in her heart would not let her leave the dog on the side of the road. She made a decision.

The next pickup truck that came by, she flagged down. They loaded into the back of the truck. River is here with her in Brackettville. He is gaining strength and his coat is beginning to show signs of improvement.

One thing River does not have is a home. Bonny will be off to Arizona next week. Is anyone out there listening?

Thoughts on Freemasonry and religion

This is the first of a three-part series on Freemasonry and religion.

"Get a life" -- it is a phrase you hear a lot these days. Usually it is directed at someone who is spending time worrying about trivial or too much concerned with the insignificant.

Get a life! It's probably good advice, but it isn't easy.

Getting a life -- a life which gives the individual room for personal growth and development, which is filled with rich relationships, which benefits others, which helps to make this world better, and which focuses a man's attention of those outside himself as an expression of his inner growth -- is the work of Masonry.

Getting a life -- a life which extends beyond this world into eternity, which fulfills a divine promise, which is based on the specific theological tenets of faith -- is the concern of religion.

Not that those are mutually exclusive. Religion, for most people, has a this-world claim, too. But, for a good many people, organizations in addition to their religious institution play a vital part in their experience.

Existence and Expectations

Existence itself isn't too hard for us to accomplish. A minimal amount of food, air, water, shelter, and instinct will do it. That works for everything from bacteria to wolves.

But if a man is to have life, expectations have to be added to existence. We have to have expecta-

tations of ourselves and others, we have to meet the expectations others have of us as well as those we have of ourselves.

There are many expectations of ourselves and others, we have to meet the expectations others have of us as well as those we have of ourselves. There are many expectations which turn an existence into a life.

A list might include:

- We expect ourselves to be honest, and we expect others to be honest with us.

- We expect ourselves to be able to love and to be loved by others.

- We expect to follow our own faith and others to follow theirs.

- We expect to have our right to freedom of thought respected, and to respect that same right in others.

- We expect to improve our world for the betterment of all and hope that others will do the same.

- We expect to have relationships with trusting, dependable, compassionate friends who share our values, and we expect to be such a friend.

Like Home and School

In some ways, it's like home and school for a child. Learning overlaps. Long before entering school, the child will have learned to speak. Often he or she will have learned to read. Certainly, the child will have learned survival skills -- looking both ways before crossing a street, not playing with strange dogs, knowing what tele-

phone numbers to call for help.

And the child will have to have learned values, too. From the way the child sees adults interact, from the way they are treated, from the things the parents consider important, the child will have formed expectations about the way the world works and how they and others should think and act. "Getting a life" begins there.

School is different. It's a continuation of learning, of course, but with a different thrust and purpose, and with some additional expectations.

Children learned language at home, but now their vocabulary expands. They learn the formal rules of the language and how its grammar works.

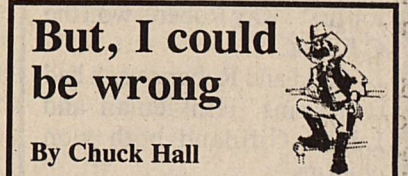
Put in an environment with others, children learn social skills and independence. Their range of ideas enlarges. Ideally, the values learned at home are strengthened.

As children learn history, they take pride in their heritage and the sacrifices others have made for them. They learn the tools of research and the value of critical thinking. The enrichment of the child's life happens here.

And when the system works well, the home is there, too, reinforcing the things learned in school, providing a background against which that learning takes place.

The home and school are not in computation, one is not a substitute for the other.

Much the same is true of Masonry and religion. Each has its purpose, each does a different "thing," but both teach complementary expectations and both teach how to meet these expectations.



But, I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall

Who says no one listens?

Everyone has been asking me why my article appeared twice in the newspaper recently.

OK, I'll tell you. I sat down with the editor of the paper to have a heart-to-heart talk (most of you didn't think I had a heart).

I really felt like I wasn't getting the exposure that I deserved. The publishers of the paper immediately agreed. Things were looking up.

I should be front page. Every week. This is high quality stuff I write (or borrow from the local coffee shop talk, or copy from some restroom wall).

Anyway, I delivered an ultimatum. Give me more exposure or else!

After the usual "or else what?" I made the incomparable threat: "Or else I'll write more!"

There was no further discussion. I had 'em on the ropes. They were at my mercy and they knew it. What could they do?

They promised I would see twice the usual exposure. However, after the remarks many of you have been making, I think I could have been wrong!

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Calderon addresses Rotary Club

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Brackettville Rotary members experienced a special treat at their most recent meeting.

"Blondie" Calderon, a well known musician from Del Rio, told members something about his life as leader of the Ray Price Orchestra and played several pieces of music on the baby grand piano upstairs at Las Moras Inn. The piano came to life when Calderon magically touched the keys.

Calderon's visit was arranged by Tino Guzman, a Rotarian from Del Rio, acting at the request of program chairman Eric McMaster.

When McMaster declared he "owed" Guzman for coming up with this program, Guzman replied, "Yes, you owe me for the next 10 years." Members agreed that seemed a fitting price.

The Calderon family is blessed by exceptional musical talent. Calderon has five natural siblings and the family adopted two other cousins who had lost their parents. He grew up in a family with eight children, all of whom were musical. Calderon began playing the piano by ear when he was 7 years old.

He was nicknamed "Blondie" because of his hair. His mother was so enthralled by his blonde locks that she let his hair grow in ringlets when he was a small child. He

said that he "looked like Shirley Temple."

Calderon graduated from high school in 1958 and married. He and his wife have four daughters who have beautiful voices and sing professionally. His son plays five musical instruments.

In 1960, Calderon began managing the family restaurant, Memo's, which was named after his father's nickname (which is "Bill" in English). He was also playing music professionally.

On Feb. 2, 1967, Calderon joined the Ray Price Orchestra when fate took him east.

Price was in Austin and had been looking for a xylophone player and a friend of Calderon's gave Price his name. He had it written on a napkin which was folded away in his billfold. Fortunately, it had survived.

Price called Calderon, who went to Dallas the same day to audition. Two others also played, but Calderon "out played them," he said.

He considers this the turning point in his life because with Price he has been able to travel from coast to coast and overseas to such places as Japan. He is proudest of having played for two presidents in the White House, Lyndon Johnson and George Bush.

Calderon has played by ear all of his life. When he was offered a job with Price, he reluctantly admitted that he didn't read music.



"Blondie" Calderon, left, is welcomed to last week's Rotary Club meeting by Tino Guzman. Photo by Eric McMaster

Price said, "That's OK, I never took any voice lessons either." Both are simply superb, natural musicians.

A year and a half after Calderon joined the orchestra, Price pulled him out to lead it.

The two men have a friendship that has endured through the 31 years they've been together.

Calderon speaks of Price with great respect, but occasionally with irreverent humor. Price is "like his brother," Calderon says.

Price comes to Del Rio once or twice a year and will probably be there at the celebration of Memo's 67 anniversary.

Together, they have cut 22 al-

bums, including one in Spanish. Now Price wants to record another in Spanish and has assigned Calderon the task of selecting 10 songs to go in it.

Price always wants to know the meaning of each word. That's because, according to Calderon, Price wants to be able to sing from his heart.

They've had a lot of fun together. This is easy to believe because Calderon has a great sense of humor.

When Price told Calderon he was planning to retire sometime this year, Calderon complained, "When I took this job, I thought it would be steady work."

Fort Clark Bridge Club meets

By Joyce Bell
Contributing Writer

The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club held its weekly game Tuesday in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

There were seven tables playing, using the Mitchell Movement.

Ken and Betty TeGrotenhuis won first on the north-south side, while Mac and Marie McCandless were second and Mona Miller and Ben Pingent finished third.

Winners on the east-west side were Alice Seargeant and Joyce Bell. Molly Schroeder and Carol Benfield took second and Evelyn Whitley and Ann Malin were third.

Briefs ...

Shahan named to Dean's List at McMurry

ABILENE - Brackettville's Wil Shahan, a sophomore accounting major, has been named to the Dean's List at McMurry University for the 1997 fall semester. To be selected to the Dean's List, a student must take 12 or more credit hours and have a 3.5 or better grade point average.

Genealogical Society plans local meeting

The Southwest Texas Genealogical Society will hold its regular quarterly meeting in Kinney County on Saturday. The meeting will be at Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs, beginning at 10 a.m. Registration and luncheon fees will be \$10 per person.

Fort Clark museum curator Larry Mendeke will be the featured speaker at the meeting. Following his presentation, Mendeke will conduct the group on a tour of the historic Wainwright house on Fort Clark's Colony Row.

The public is invited to attend the meeting. For more information, call Pat McKelvy, the group's treasurer, at 563-9287, or program chairman Nona Whitley at (830) 278-2096.

McKelvy hosts Beta Sigma Phi meeting

Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter met Monday in the home of Pat McKelvy. A Memorial Ritual in honor of Betty Inman preceded the group's regular business meeting.

Members of Beta Epsilon Omecron Chapter attended the Ritual. President Nancy Frerich conducted the Ritual, and she was assisted by McKelvy and Alecia Raymer.

Refreshments of cookies and punch were served to members and guests before Frerich called the regular business meeting to order with 13 members answering roll call.

Committee reports were given. Bobbie Waddill reminded members that the "Stride for Sight" project will be March 14, to raise funds to check the school children's vision and provide eye glasses for the children who need help. The sorority voted to make a donation from the chapter.

The meeting was turned over to Luella Gilliland, who presented a program on "Packing for Travel." Gilliland told of a few misfortunes she has experienced over the years and asked for helpful suggestions to avoid such misfortunes in the future.

The meeting was adjourned with the closing Ritual.

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.

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

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

Courtesy of his descendants



Hoffman. Callers on him prevented my writing until he went to lunch, when after a bath I commenced usual letter home. Was interrupted by callers, one being Cunningham who wanted Mr. Hoffman and self to go over to the Hall to practice some music for tonight. The hour he set was our dinner hour and when I told him this he invited me to dine at his house. Did not like to accept under the circumstances, but could not well refuse. Wrote on letter home until near 4 o'clock when went up to notify Hewitt about being absent from dinner. Escorted Mr. Hoffman to the Hall and introduced him to the ladies, where we practiced a quartet for tonight. Mr. Hoffman has a strong bass and helped the music a great deal. After the singing went to Cunningham's and had a good dinner. Mrs. C. seems to be just the kind of a wife for him, and has already greatly improved him. He doesn't drink nor smoke and doesn't use slang, like he used to do. Had to hurry to finish letter before church time. Took Mr. Hoffman over to church. The singing was not much appreciated as the choir was in a bad place, and then we had not practiced enough together. Tried to sing tenor but was put out by Maj. Witherill who does not sing by note. After church all went to Mrs. Hall's and sang together for a while and had a right pleasant time of it. Then returned to quarters with Mr. Hoffman to prepare for his departure and went to corral to see that ambulance was ordered. Callers came in until he left. He is a very pleasant gentleman, right good company and sings well. Liked him and was sorry to see him go.

Monday, March 8, 1886

Had charge of drill as Capt. Vance was on guard. Mail brought a bill from the Military Service Institution for this coming year. Tried a man before the garrison court and wrote up the proceedings before noon, taking them to Maj. Morris for signature while on the way to lunch. In the afternoon completed the letter to Marie Gorgas and also wrote to Shunk to enquire about that land purchase as it is so long since the deed went to San Antonio to be recorded that Geary and I are becoming anxious about it. We may be unjust to Mr. Friedlander, but

one cannot help suspecting a Jew. In the evening escorted Miss Folsom to Mrs. Cunningham's where Steele brought Miss Saunders. Read over two plays to select one to be played at the Hall. Was a fool to accept as I cannot play. Came home early and read Draper a while when Steele came and we had a long talk about Christianity. This talk showed how little I know of it.

Tuesday, March 9, 1886

Had usual drill this morning. A norther came up that made the air quite chilly at reveille and gave us a beautiful day. Mail brought me a letter from home, which enclosed one from John White to Father and Mother asking for their consent to his marriage with Lula. She writes that his business engagements prevent him from making a trip to Ft. Wayne as was expected. Am sorry for this, as a personal interview would have been much more satisfactory to Father than a letter. Wish I were better acquainted with Mr. White. But we ought to be guided a great deal by what Lula thinks and if she consents we ought not to put any obstacle in the way. Tried two men before the garrison court and then went to the Library to read over the papers. After lunch Hewitt loaned me \$500 for 18 months at 8% interest; expected to pay 10%. This is far cheaper than Friedlander charges. Hewitt, Geary, Steele and self met at Capt. Vance's to read over the French lesson. Then went over to town and bought a postal order for \$65.80. Wrote up proceedings of this morning's court and then wrote a letter to Harry Rhoads enclosing the money order to settle my account. He has been very good in giving such a long delay. After dinner went down to the store with Geary who told me that Friedlander had received the deed back from San Antonio. Intended to take up my note and complete the settlement for the land but Friedlander was away from his office. Played a game of billiards with Geary and then went to the Cercle Francais at Mrs. Gillmore's. Tonight was more successful than usual as more French was spoken.

Wednesday, March 10, 1886

Drilled as usual. After breakfast went with Geary to the store where we played billiards a while.

Then had a settlement with Friedlander, paying that note which was cancelled by his tearing my name off, and I afterwards burned the name. Now I have 18 months to pay Hewitt with interest at only 8%. My share of the land cost altogether \$657.45; think it is worth more now. Mail brought nothing but an advertisement for me. Before lunch Geary and I completed the abstract of title that we bought with the land and have now the full chain of the title. Went to lunch and then wrote usual letter home, enclosing John White's letter. Had dinner early and then went to Gen. Smith's to make an engagement to escort Miss Saunders to the hop this evening. Stopped a while at Capt. Vance's and got him to take tattoo for me. After retreat Steele came in a while. Called for a short time at Col. Bliss' and arranged to go over to Spofford Junction to meet some friends whom they expect soon. Then escorted Miss Saunders to the concert where was a small crowd. Had a rather dull time. After seeing her home stopped in at Mrs. Feche's a while where found Hewitt. Had some cake and wine there. It is raining a little tonight.

Thursday, March 11, 1886

The rain prevented drill this morning. Mail brought a letter from Foltz stating that the socks cost 38 cts. a pair instead of 30 as he first wrote. Tried a man before the garrison court. Capt. Weeks came in before lunch for a game of cribbage. After lunch called at Mrs. Bliss' for a while and engaged to play whist there tomorrow evening. Went over to town to get some postal notes. Wrote up proceedings after returning and letters to Foltz and to Mil'y. Service Institution enclosing the notes to pay for socks and annual dues. In the evening escorted Mrs. Williams to Gen. Smith's to a musicale where had a pleasant time. Started to read Holland's "Kathrina" today.

Friday, March 5, 1886

Usual target drill this morning. Mail brought a letter and bundle of papers from home. Command was paid today by Maj. Muhlenberg. Looked over the papers in the Library and played on the organ after getting the mail. In the afternoon played billiards at the store with Geary and then with Gen. Smith who plays a fine game. Had parade in blouses this evening on account of our trimmings having been sent away for alteration. Spent a very pleasant evening with Hewitt and Capt. Vance playing whist. Capt. Vance and Mrs. Hall were badly beaten. Had some cake for refreshment. Before going to the store this afternoon examined a prisoner for trial tomorrow.

Saturday, March 6, 1886

No drill this morning. Marched on guard and expected to have some trouble as it [was] so soon after pay day. But everything went along quietly. After guard mounting went up to report to Capt. Hall about a prisoner and to quarters for stationery. Then tried a man before the garrison court and wrote up proceedings, carrying them up to Maj. Morris his signature on the way to lunch. Got my mail at lunch and was glad to get a letter from Lizzie and one from King. Read papers in afternoon and a little in the second volume of Draper. Geary dined with us. In the evening commenced a letter to Marie Gorgas, but feeling sleepy did not finish it. Officer of the Day inspected after midnight.

Sunday, March 7, 1886

Was awakened before reveille by the arrival of Lieut. Hoffman 11th Inf'y. with a squad of recruits. Took him up to my quarters to sleep. Capt. Hall came after him for breakfast. Steele relieved me at guard mounting and Capt. Vance went on as Officer of the Day so that I did not have to go to roll calls. Mail had nothing for me this morning. Sat in the office a while and then went down to the commissary with Mr.

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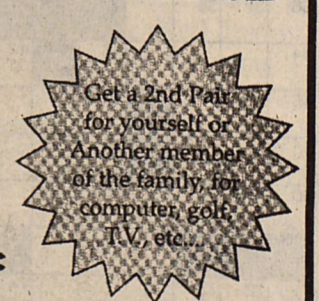
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6 Rope material	56 Deck out	100 Horner's fruit	6 Bankbook	42 Silly Caesar	80 Motionless
11 Speedometer spot	57 Santiago's	101 Play a flute	7 Fury	43 Maestro de Waart	83 Key stone?
14 Jewel	59 Cut a cuticle	103 Lower California	8 Knight's title	45 Cooks chestnuts	84 Hollow stone
17 Pericles' home	60 '70 Elton John tune	106 Unwell	9 Some	46 It holds plenty!	87 Med. test
19 Ocean-adapted	62 Pugnacious pig	107 Kikuyu, e.g.	10 Release	47 Chateau valley	88 Rock band's need
20 — de Cologne	63 Trattoria treat	110 Poet	11 Eshkol's successor	50 Fancy dances	89 Hoe or hammer
21 Genetic info	66 Bank mach.	111 — man	12 Track sound	53 Relatives	92 Einstein's birthplace
22 '67 Temptations hit	67 Officer's ornament	114 Grazing ground	13 Actor Grant	54 Antipollution grp.	93 Buddy
25 Rep.	70 Flaubert's friend	115 '92 Geena Davis flick	14 Quite satisfactory	57 Go from 0 to 60?	94 Baloney
26 Chang's sib	71 "Pelleas et Melisande" composer	121 Legendary Bruin	15 Swallow up	58 Sentry's shout	97 Queen of mystery
27 Neolithic novelist?	75 — Mis-behavin'?"	122 Take advantage of	16 Lusterless	59 Cruise	100 Helmsman
28 Country star Brooks	76 '89 Tom Selleck movie	123 Comic Korman	18 Full of oneself	61 Actor Julia	102 Must
29 "For shame!"	81 Demoniac	124 Scheduled to be...	19 Blanc or Brooks	62 Scold of "Charles in Charge"	103 Crank's comment
30 Gymnast Korbut	82 "To be, —"	125 Cobb and Hardin	23 Affirmative vote	64 Litter Hank	104 Ornyan
31 Earl Grey's place	84 Croc's kin	126 '60s chic	24 Utterly rotten	65 Intelligence	105 Places for perps
35 Peevishness	85 Sought office	127 "The Innocents Abroad" author	30 TV's — Life to Live"	68 Dieter's discomfort creator	107 111 Down's
36 Fed	86 Enthusiast	128 Unfeeling DOWN	31 Scrumptious	69 Gratitude	108 As well
39 Thomas of "That Girl"	87 Biblical people	1 Melodious Marvin	32 Therefore	71 C-G link	109 Require
40 Let up	89 Lodger	2 Schoolboy's jacket	33 King of the ring	72 Actress Le Gallienne	110 Porker's palace
44 Less available	90 Chemical ending	3 Eve Arden series	34 — favor"	73 Bird-watching 111 Dorothy's dog gear	112 Writer Wister
46 1940 Cary Grant film	91 Eve Arden series	3 Schoolboy's jacket	35 He'll give you a squeeze	74 Bear and Berra	113 Singer Kim
48 Part of ETA	95 Detection device	3 Swallow the suds	36 Turkey topping	77 Homeric letters	116 Coupe grp.?
49 City with spirit?	97 Put in the shade	4 Prefix with plunk or plop	37 Tenor Del Monaco	78 Ryan of "The Beverly Hillbillies"	117 Epoch
51 Surpass	98 Crucifixes		38 Pianist Claudio	119 Marsh	118 Word form for "egg"
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Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Career matters continue to gel for you. New opportunities arise to improve status and income. Romance is most fortuitously highlighted during the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
New career developments occur in the office and you'll be the one to make them happen. Your graciousness opens doors for you at this time.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Spend some time in the company of friends and loved ones. Good fortune comes to you through family later in the week. Prepare for making a major purchase for the home by getting your budget in order.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
News comes from a distance, with a travel plan as the happy result. You have extra drive, but don't be stubborn about your way of doing things. An intriguing weekend social invitation comes your way.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
You'll get an early start this week as you're especially motivated to achieve. Later in the week, though, the accent falls on sharing and pleasant outings with loved ones. You'll feel better if you allow yourself to relax more.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
It's a very productive week for you. A business deal works out as planned and you'll have a dear one at your side to enjoy a victory celebration. This weekend, avoid an unfortunate tendency to gloat.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Things fall into place at home, thanks to your efforts. Romance sets the pace for weekend activities. Your financial situation looks rosy.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Partnership activities are highlighted. Intuition proves an asset in business and a good head for facts and figures promises you finan-

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
It should be a good week for those involved with sales, but downplay high-pressure techniques. An unexpected turn of events later in the week could affect your personal life. However, take this in stride.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
You should be all fired up this week and your enthusiasm is catching to co-workers. Others are impressed with the way you handle yourself in a personal situation. Advice you give this weekend is taken seriously.

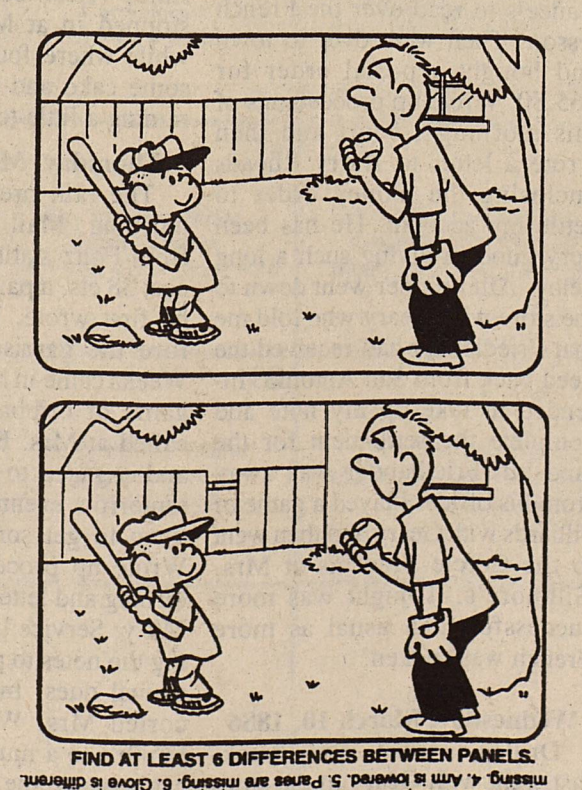
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
It's a good week to rid the house of some clutter. Dealings with banks and realtors are promising at this time. Some add an inspiring touch to home decor over the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
It's a rocky road for you in love unless you make a conscious effort to be aware of another's sensitive points. Accent creativity. Your wheels are turning and ideas just bubble from you.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 5	James Harber	March 10	Maria Sandoval
March 5	Dorothy Salmon	March 10	Dutch Schoolfield
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March 6	Billie Foust	March 10	Delma Benites
March 6	Margaret Byrd	March 10	Joe Escamilla
March 8	Antonio Flores	March 10	Jesse Davis
March 9	Johanna Smith	March 10	Woodie F. Trotter
	March 11	Margo Kendrick	

The largeness of the Christian life provides a glorious destiny

By Rev. Joe Townsend
Frontier Baptist Church

David came to be large in character and accomplishments. It was not an easy road. He was hammered till crude ore became steel.

Largeness is the characteristic of the Christian life. Christ does not chop away at us to make us a stump but he prunes us like the vineyard owner prunes his vines to produce more grapes.

He said, "I am come that you may have life and have it more abundantly."

To know the true largeness of life, a life must be geared to the omnipotence of God.

Paul said in God's word, "I can do all things through God who strengtheneth me."

David went at the giant Goliath saying, "I come to thee in the name of the Lord" and thus slew the giant. Whatever giants come in life there is the superior power of God in our hearts to bring victory.

Martin Luther said, "Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise, so help me God" and thus came the Reformation and the Protestant Revolution.

David said, "The Lord is my strength and song."

There is a vast difference in pleasure and joy. Pleasure is for the moment. Joy is a characteristic of the soul. Joy is not affected by circumstances, other people, nor tragedies of life.

As a characteristic of the soul because of a personal relationship with Christ it tramples all adversities. It makes one say with the Scripture, "In whatsoever state I am I have learned therewith to be content."

Those who live the larger life, know the real joy of victory over sin, of communion with God and the richness of bearing the burdens of their fellowmen.

The largeness of the Christian life provides a glorious destiny. This largeness of life reflects the concept of live beyond the grave.

When we are in Christ, life cannot be narrowed by anything or anybody. The Scripture says nothing nor nobody can separate us from God.

Knowing this, there is no reason for any person to feel unimportant. After all each of us is important enough for Jesus Christ to die on the cross for us.

There will be another message from the word of God by the pastor at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a.m. Come and see.

Church to recognize scouts at worship service

By Rev. Sheree Harris
First United Methodist Church

This Sunday, March 8, is National Girl Scout Sunday. During our regular worship service at 11 a.m. at First Methodist, we will recognize all current and former Girl and Boy Scouts who are with us.

The Daisy Scouts and Brownies will assist in leading the worship service.

First United Methodist Church sponsors two scout troops. They meet in our fellowship hall and members of our church are troop leaders.

Kathryn Letsinger, with the help of Jill Woodson, leads Brownie Troop No. 166 (first through third grades).

Lori Schuster, with Stephanie York's help, leads Daisy Troop No. 150 (5-year-olds to kindergarten).

These troops learn a lot, make new friends and have a great time.

Scouting is a wonderful program that recognizes God's grace and power in our lives and that helps to instill high moral values in children and youth.

As a church, we feel blessed to be in cooperation with the scouting program, and we invite you to worship with us and to help recognize these young girls for their devotion and effort.

Students attend Catholic Youth Conference

SAN ANTONIO — Three local youth represented St. Mary Magdalene at a Catholic Youth Conference on Sunday.

Fabian Farias and Erica and Shena Meyer joined 2,400 other young Catholics from 88 different parishes throughout the Archdiocese of San Antonio at the conference.

Laura Farias, coordinator for youth activities, also attended and was in charge of supervising and transportation.

The focus of the event was to celebrate the coming of the Jubilee year 2000 and to help the students to recognize and use the Holy Spirit in their lives.

The keynote speaker was Brian Keith Johnson from the office of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Galveston-Houston.

"His message was as entertaining as it was powerful," Laura Farias said.

The students and adults in attendance were shown how important it is for their lives to be joyful in the knowledge that with the power of the Holy Spirit, they need not worry what someone may think about their outward expressions of Christian love and caring.

The power of their lives will come from their willingness to reach out to others. The challenge to make a difference in their home parishes was given to everyone.

As Johnson's daily motto says, "There is nothing that God and I can't handle together."

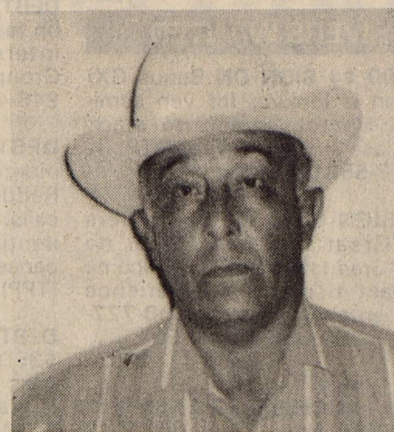
The three students attended workshops which focused on making moral decisions and accepting responsibility.

Laura Farias attended a panel discussion in which the many issues surrounding domestic violence were presented.

"The day made a real impact on those who attended," she said.

In order to start putting the experience into action, the St. Mary Magdalene Youth Group will have its next meeting on Sunday at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All seventh through 12th graders are invited to attend.

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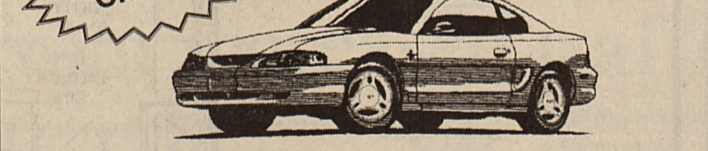
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Readings from Psalms

By Rev. William Adams Sr.
St. John's Baptist Church

Praise the Lord!
"Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity."
"For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither like the green herb."

"Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed."
"Delight thyself also in the LORD, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."
"Commit thy way unto the

LORD; trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass.

"And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday."

"Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him; fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass."
"Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; fret not thyself in any wise to do evil."

"For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait upon the LORD shall inherit the earth."
Psalms 37:1-9

Praise the Lord!

If you truly love God, it will show by your actions

By Pastor Charolette Corey
Gateway Ministries

If you truly love God, People will know it because your actions will show it. (1 Cor. 8:3)

You will show God's "agape" (unconditional love) in all areas. You will be known for loving your enemies. (Luke 6:27-49)

You will be known for loving your neighbor as much as yourself, and plotting no evil against him. (Mark 12:30, Romans 13:9-10, Romans 13:10)

You will be known for fervently loving your fellows-in-Christ in a pure manner. (1 Peter 1:22, 2:17, 1 John 3:14-24, 1 John 4:6-21, 5:1-4)

You will be known for keeping God's commandments. (1 John 5:1-4)

You will be known for "laying down your life" for your friends and serving others. (John 15:9, Gal. 5:13-14)

You will be known for being patient and forbearing towards others. (Eph. 4:2)

If you are a husband, you will be known for loving your wife. (Eph. 5:25-33, Col. 3:19)

If you are a wife, you will be known for loving your husband and your children. (Titus 2:3-5)

You will be known for holding fast the form of sound words. (2 Tim. 1:13-14)

You will be known for provoking others unto love and to good works. (Heb. 10:24)

You will be known for being kind, suffering for what is right, not envying, not being haughty, not behaving unseemly, not blowing your own horn, not being easily provoked, thinking no evil, rejoicing in truth, bearing all things in the strength of the Holy Spirit, believing all good things of God, hoping all good things of God, and enduring all hardships through the power of his spirit. (1 Cor 13:1-13)

You say you have a "gap" in your ability to love with Christ's "agape" (unconditional love), then let Jesus fill the "gap" in your "agape." Appropriate Jesus and his love into your life, and through him he will empower you to be more than a conqueror. (Romans 8:37)

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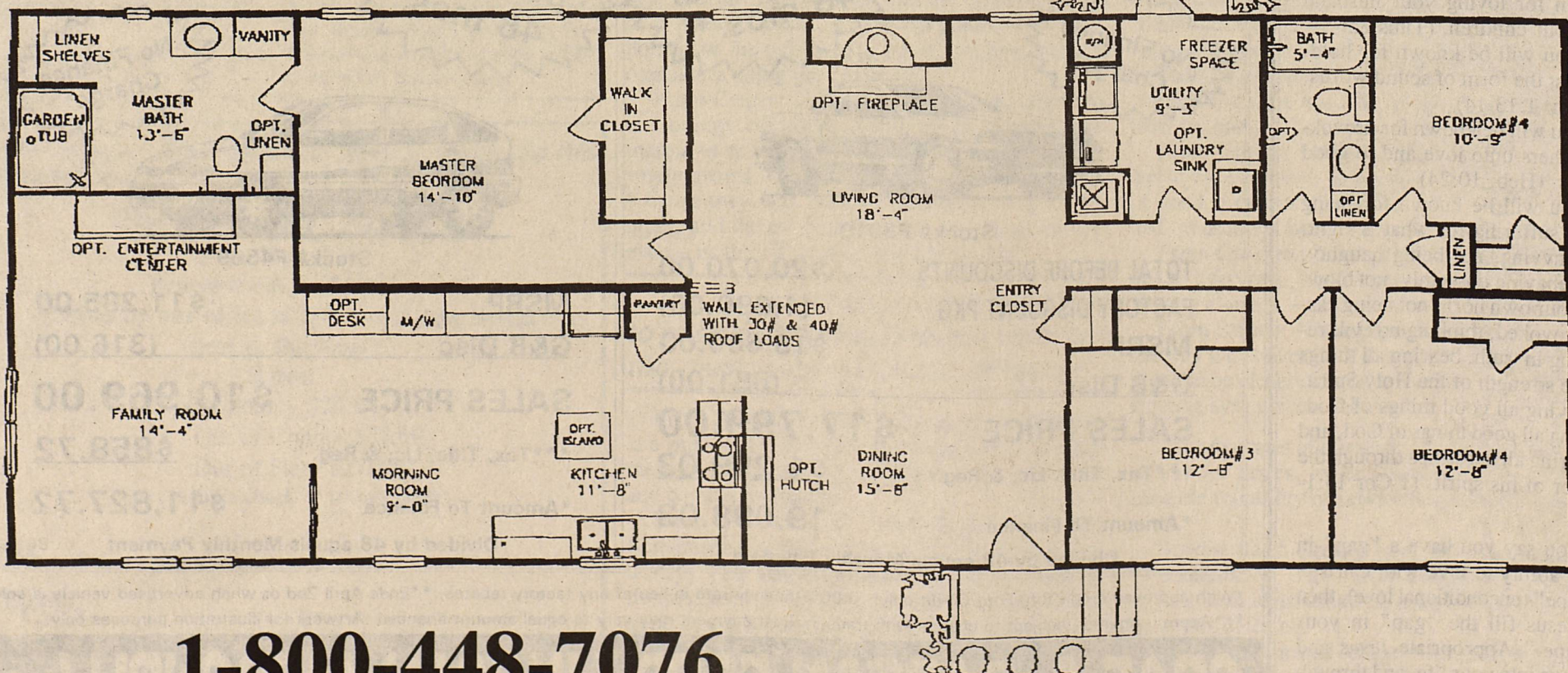
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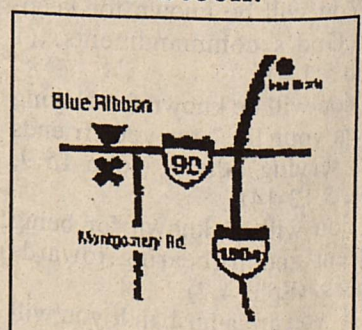
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