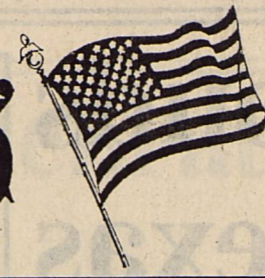


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Members of the Brackett High School Class of 1998 are congratulated after Friday night's commencement exercises at Tiger Stadium. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Jailer acquitted

Defense attorney says Clementz never should have been charged

A former Kinney County Sheriff's Department employee was acquitted by a federal jury last Wednesday on charges related to an unsuccessful jail escape in April 1997.

Steven Isaac Clementz, 25, who was working as a jailer and dispatcher when the incident occurred, was facing charges of conspiring to assist in an escape, instigating or assisting an escape, and attempt by an officer to permit an escape.

"I'm just glad it's over," Clementz said after last week's trial in Del Rio.

Victor Garcia, a Del Rio attorney representing Clementz, said his client never should have been charged.

"We just felt that he was innocent," Garcia said. "His conduct reflected that he was innocent. We felt the charges never should have been brought against him."

"The case was built on convicted people testifying against Steve, and that always causes a problem with credibility," he added.

Last year, two men had made arrangements to pay Clementz over \$10,000 in order to free two to five U.S. Marshal prisoners being housed at the Kinney County Jail.

"His conduct reflected that he was innocent. We felt the charges never should have been brought against him." Victor Garcia

Clementz informed Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter about the escape plan, which allowed local officials to capture the two men as they entered the jail the day of the planned escape. The men had approximately \$10,250 with them.

"The (prosecutors) could not overcome the fact that Steve had told law enforcement officials from the very beginning and that he did the right thing," Garcia said. "When Steve knew the people were serious, he immediately reported it to the proper people and helped them in the actual sting."

"I think that's the impression that the jury must have had — that he never should have been prosecuted to begin with because from day one he told law enforcement and followed up on everything he was supposed to do," he added.

Clementz was facing up to five years in prison, fines up to \$250,000 and up to three years supervised release.

"Steve has a very religious family," Garcia said. "It was a good feeling to know that I was dealing with clients that are very religious. They put their faith in God. He felt all along he was not guilty."

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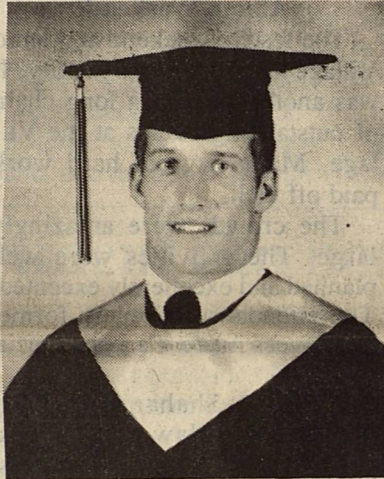
Ballew, Perez earn graduation honors

J. Wayne Ballew and Samantha Perez were named the valedictorian and salutatorian of Brackett's Class of 1998 last week.

Ballew, the son of Jimmy and Jaime Ballew, graduated with a grade point average of 4.898.

He will be majoring in biomedical sciences at Texas A&M in the fall and has received the university's academic achievement scholarship and valedictorian scholarship.

Other scholarships he has been awarded include the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation scholarship, the Coca-Cola Scholar Award, the 1998 Adelle McClendon Young Leaders GT scholarship, the Fina/Dallas Morning News Scholar Athlete finalist award, the Sandhills Odessa Stock Show scholarship, the Mirabeau B. Lamar Masonic scholarship, the Texas Elks State Essay Award, the Super S schol-



J. WAYNE BALLEW

arship, and the Texas Education Agency Honor Graduate scholarship.

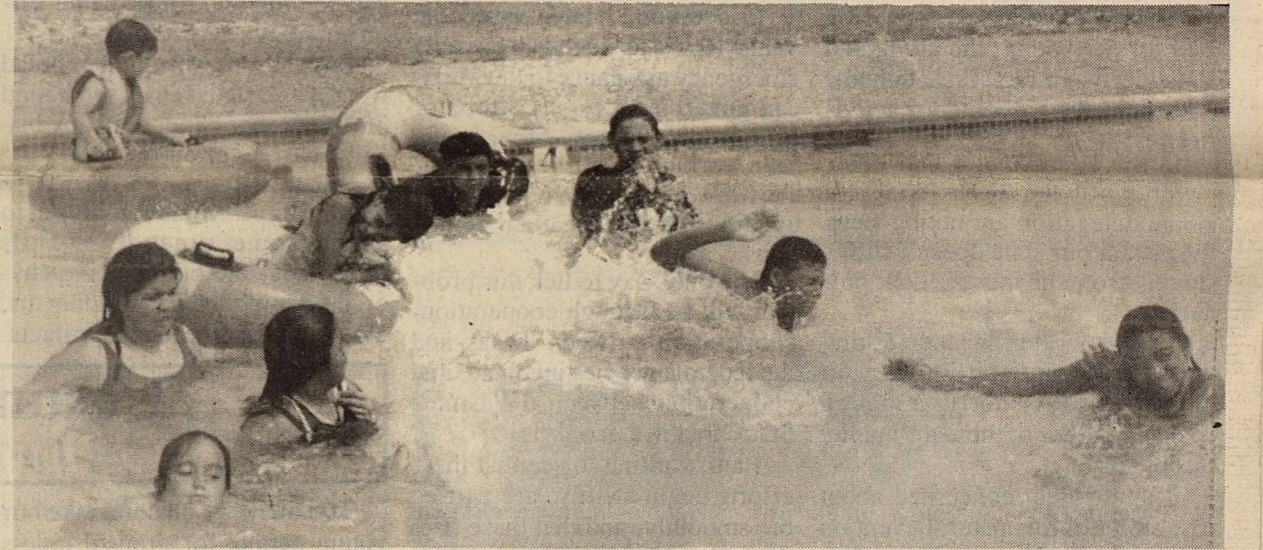
In high school, Ballew participated in several sports, including football, track and baseball. He was also active in National Honor Society, Student Council, Science



SAMANTHA PEREZ

Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, UIL literary events, Future Farmers of America and the 4-H Club.

Perez, the daughter of Pete and Leslie Perez, graduated with a 4.875 grade point average. ■ See PEREZ/Page 3



Local youngsters enjoy a little fun in the sun Saturday at the grand opening of the City Swim Park. The city is leasing the pool from the county. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Gonzalez appointed mayor protem

Alderman Ralph Gonzalez was appointed mayor protem by the Brackettville City Council earlier this month.

Alderman Wes Robinson motioned to appoint Mary Flores to the position, and Councilman J.J. Guidry seconded his motion. Flores then motioned to appoint Gonzalez, and Tencha Pena seconded her motion. Robinson and Guidry voted for Flores, and Flores and Pena voted for Gonzalez. Mayor Carmen Berlanga broke the tie, voting for Gonzalez.

County not alone in wait for HIDTA funding

Kinney County is not the only entity waiting for reimbursement from a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) grant, according to Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess.

Kinney County has paid \$7,966.52 for the salary of a deputy working for the DEA's Multi-Agency Drug Task Force in Eagle Pass, but has yet to be reimbursed.

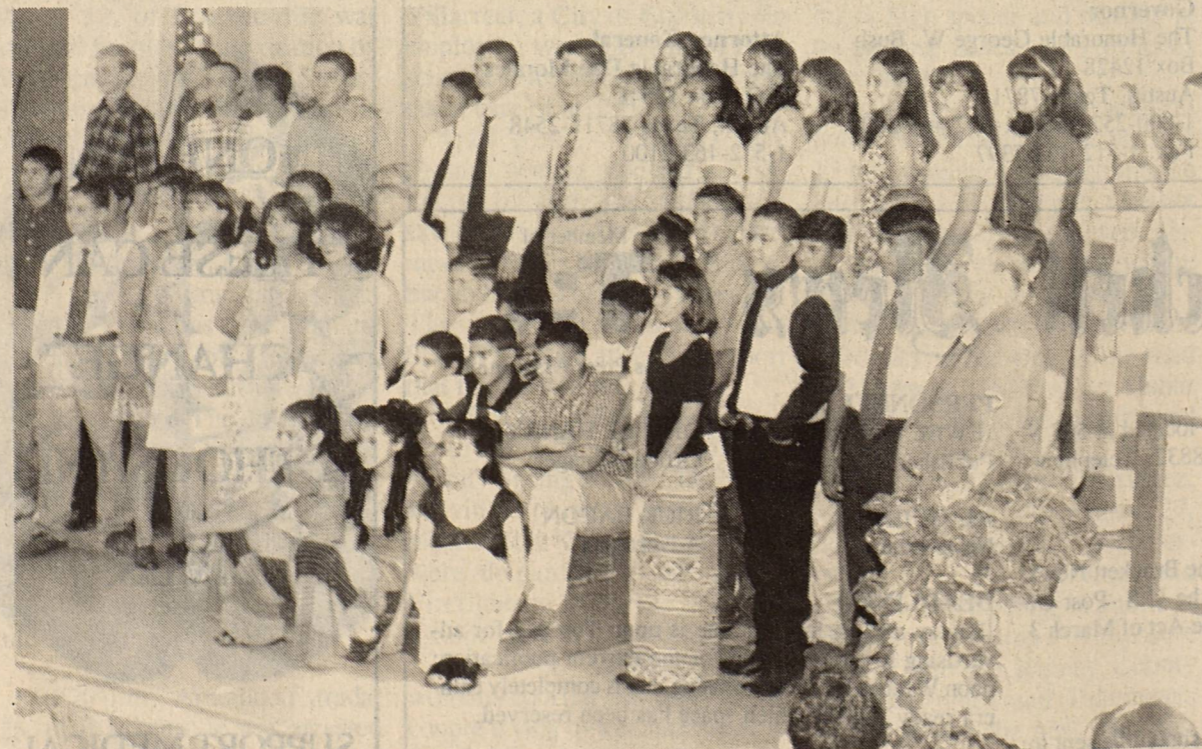
"We're not the only ones having problems with getting paid," Burgess said at last month's commissioners court meeting. "Other agencies are having the same problem. The money's coming, but it's just going to be a while."

County Auditor Cordelia Barlow said the county has received overtime pay for the

deputy from the DEA.

"DEA is responsible for paying his overtime," said Will Glaspy of the DEA. "To my knowledge, DEA has been reimbursing the county for overtime expenses. When the funds are available, HIDTA will be in charge of reimbursing the county for the salary." ■ See a COUNTY/Page 3

Brackett eighth grade students graduate, ready for high school



Members of the Brackett Middle School eighth grade class participated in commencement exercises Friday. The graduation program was held in the high school auditorium. Principal George Burks presented the diplomas to the graduates. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Remember 'The Alamo' Fans celebrate Duke's life

John Wayne fans from throughout the world gathered at Alamo Village in Brackettville last weekend to celebrate the legendary actor's life and to reminisce about the making of his epic film "The Alamo."

The two-day extravaganza attracted people from five countries, including Switzerland, Brazil and Germany, and 32 states.

Special guests for Duke's 91st birthday celebration and "Alamo" movie reunion were participants in the film including Wayne's widow Pilar, Joan O'Brien (Mrs. Dickinson), Bill Daniel (Col. Neill), Rudy Robbins (It Do), and Dean Smith (the youngest stuntman on the film).

Other participants attending the reunion were Willie Champion (El Curro), Teresa Champion (who did the famous table dance in the film), Rosita Fernandez (San Antonio's First Lady of Song who was a cantina dancer), Emma Hernandez (cantina dancer), John H. Hamilton (first gunner), Roy Estrada (the young Mexican boy

John Wayne carts up the stairs in the beginning of the movie), Jim Brewer (cannoneer on top of the Alamo chapel), Edmundo Trevino (Juan Seguin's bodyguard), Tommy Worrel (one of San Houston's men), and Bill Moody (a defender in the Alamo).

Moody's Rancho Rio Grande Ranch was used to film Mexican army marching scenes. Dozens of other extras and crew members, including John Wayne's double on the film, Marshall Jones, also were in attendance at the event.

Also on hand for the festivities were more than two dozen members of Dukes Hollywood Cowboys, an international John Wayne fan club dedicated to keeping the spirit of the Duke and the spirit of the Old West alive.

Dukes' member Eral Williamson, who dresses like and has an uncanny resemblance to John Wayne, entertained the crowds on hand for the event with patriotic recitations and dialog scenes from "The Alamo" and ■ See FANS/Page 3

INSIDE

Joe Townsend

My family and I went to Nakai Breen's "Cowboys and Indians Museum" for lunch. I have never been more hospitably treated. Opinion/Page 2

Chuck Hall

Last week, I related a story about a boy from SA. If you missed it, find a copy of last week's paper. Lifestyles/Page 4

Discipline is key

Fair discipline is the key to success in high school sports, according to David Yeager, Brackett's new athletic director. Sports/Page 5

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Smoke clouds air over Texas

I went home to LaMarque for Mother's Day. As much as I enjoyed the visit with my mother, I was shocked at the air quality on the Gulf Coast.



Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Visibility in Houston was horrible from a smoky haze hanging over the city. It was the worst I've seen in the area where I grew up and spent the first 30 years of my life.

By now you've probably heard why this is happening. Smoke from agricultural and forest fires raging in Mexico and Central America has been wafted north across the gulf by prevailing winds.

Dry conditions in Mexico have driven out of control the annual fires set to burn the remains of last year's crops and clear forest areas for more planting.

The smoke has created a public health alert in Texas, the first of its kind in recent history. A public health advisory has been issued for 51 Texas counties, including the cities of Houston, Victoria, Corpus Christi, Kingsville, Brownsville, and Laredo.

The National Weather Service is predicting that conditions are worsening for the cities of Austin and San Antonio. Haze can be seen in the air over Fort Worth and Wichita Falls.

The first priority of government in this situation has to be trying to stop the fires, and ensuring that Texans are aware of the health risks the smoke may cause and what precautions they can take to avoid problems.

These conditions are especially bad for the young, the ailing and the elderly. In fact, local schools have cancelled all outdoor activities.

In the meantime, I and other members of the Texas congressional delegation are taking steps to see that our state doesn't suffer doubly from the increased air pollution.

I have written a letter asking the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) not to sanction Texas because of these air quality problems.

I am acutely concerned about the effect of this natural event on the ability of Texas to meet fed-

eral clean air standards. Texas has worked diligently to improve its air quality greatly.

San Antonio now complies fully with federal air quality standards under the Clean Air Act, but without the relief I am requesting from EPA, these fires may result in the EPA reclassifying San Antonio's air quality.

Such a reclassification would mean that EPA could mandate additional regulations that could have severe economic consequences for the area. These could include stringent new regulations on vehicles, business and industry, such as mandatory carpooling and denying permits for business expansion.

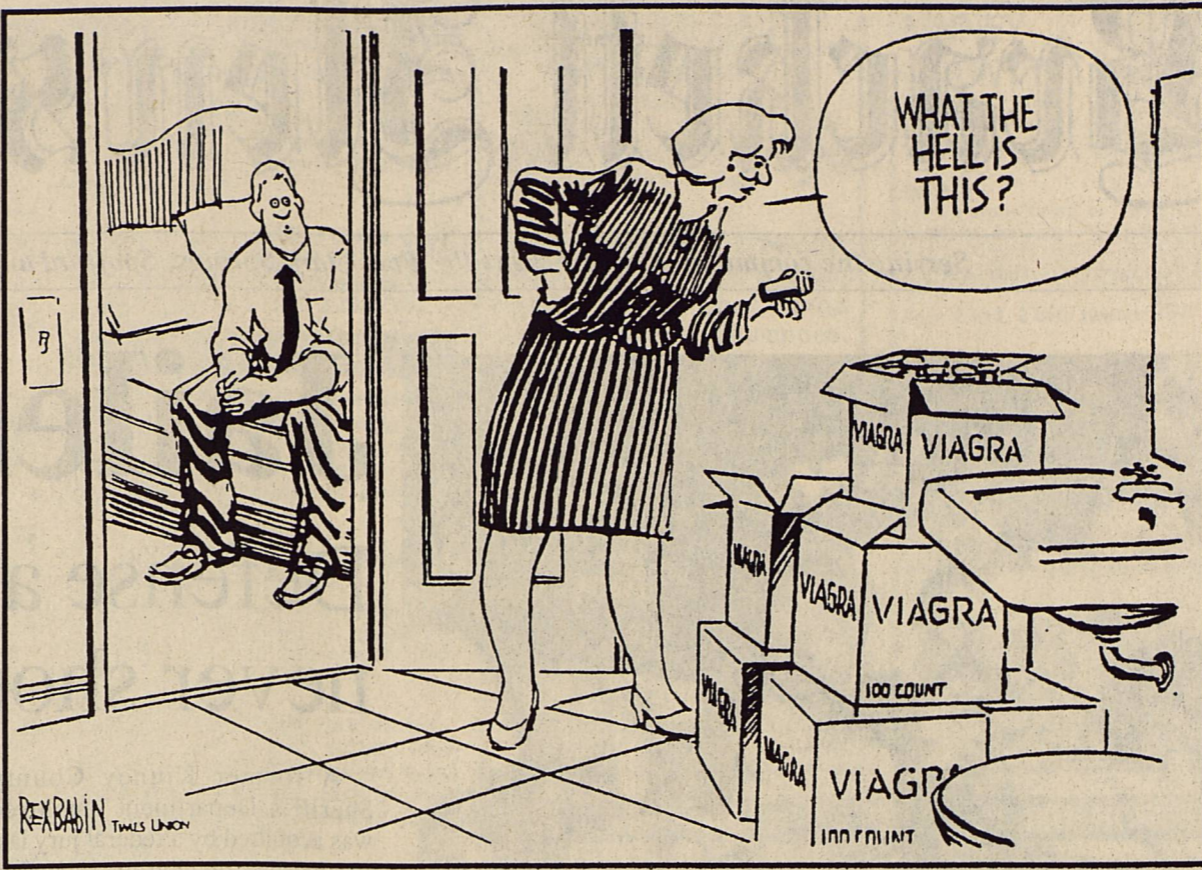
Our communities -- and their economies -- should not be punished for a situation they can do nothing to alleviate when they've worked so hard for so long to remain in compliance with the law.

I have asked EPA Administrator Carol Browner, specifically, that any poor air quality due to the fires not be used to determine whether Texas cities are achieving the standards set under the Clean Air Act.

In addition, I have asked the White House to extend all possible emergency assistance to the Mexican government for its efforts to extinguish the fires. Mexico has been working feverishly to put out the fires, but has been hampered by drought and weather conditions.

The only way to lick this problem will be through cooperation: cooperation between Texas and the federal agencies involved, and cooperation between the United States and Mexico.

I am working to see that these efforts begin swiftly, are carried out smoothly, and that these fires do not have lasting consequences.



Make time to visit Breen's museum

So much to say and so little time and space.

Sunday my family and I went to Nakai Breen's "Cowboys and Indians Museum" for lunch. I have never been more hospitably treated.

After a salad, I enjoyed meat loaf, mashed potatoes and corn on the cob. This was followed by a delicious dessert.

Our waiter was constantly aware of tea glasses and coffee cups being almost empty. There can be found no where better service than we received.

I'm not sure what kind of bread we were served. It was some kind of biscuit, but better than any biscuit I have ever eaten.

When you visit the "Cowboys and Indians Museum" plan to spend some time. The walls throughout the building are covered with modern day Indian art, along with some aged artifacts.

Between Us

By Joe Townsend

These are artfully displayed. This is an exciting addition to the historic atmosphere of Brackettville. Bud and Nakai are to be highly commended.

Athletic Banquet
The all sports banquet is one of the highlights of the year in Brackettville.

Anyone who questions the value of athletics in a school system need only attend this annual gala to erase any doubts. Participation in any part of such a variety of activities increases interest in the total school agenda.

The high numbers of commendable academic achievements



shows the value of the athletic program.

Alamo Weekend
The festive weekend at Alamo Village has passed into history. It was another link in a long chain of outstanding events at the Village. Many days of hard work paid off well.

The crowds were amazingly large. The activities were well planned and excellently executed. The attendance of many former employees made it a very special occasion.

Virginia Shahan, aided by Tulisha Wardlaw and others, pulled off an extremely successful weekend festival.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

Too often we all sorta take our young people for granted unless they are our own.

We have an above average entourage of fine young people in high school in Brackettville. One of the very finest of these is Samantha Perez.

Samantha's parents are of the highest quality. This is shown by Samantha, even to those who do not know Pete and Leslie Perez.

Samantha is of high moral standards and behavior. She is a serious student pulling down high honors academically.

She is an outstanding athlete, showing dedication and hard work in athletic discipline and practice.

Samantha is a sweet and likeable person. She is a friendly person with no vestige of arrogance. Surely, Samantha Perez is an Unsung Hero.

Correction

In a letter to the editor in the May 21, 1998 edition of The Brackett News signed by many city employees, the writers said on April 1, 1993, "The City Council, did for the second time in two years, fire another city secretary ..."

The city secretary at the time was not fired. She resigned from her post.

The Brackett News regrets the writers' information was in error.

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A supermajority in Congress to raise taxes would protect taxpayers

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

There is no better time than the present for Congress to lift the tax burden on Americans.

The federal government has just raked in billions of dollars from the hard working taxpayers of America, and the large check you've just written to the IRS is still fresh in your mind.

Therefore, it is the perfect time for this Congress to give something back to the people who work so hard to keep the federal government fat and happy.

The Tax Limitation Amendment would have been the perfect gift. But some in Congress do not agree that making it harder for Congress to take your money is a good idea.

The amendment, which unfortunately did not pass the House, would have made it impossible for taxes to be raised without a two-thirds supermajority vote in Congress. Simply put, this amendment would have made it a lot tougher for your taxes to be raised.

Taxes are too high as it is and taxpayers deserve the peace of mind this amendment would have given. But sadly, that was not enough. The amendment needed 283 votes to pass, it got 238.

Instead the federal government will continue to have the freedom to pick your pockets whenever it feels the need.

We all remember when the government felt that need in 1993. That was when a one vote margin in Congress raised our taxes to their highest level in the peacetime history of this country.

That tax hike would have never happened if the Tax Limitation Amendment had been in place.

Requiring a two-thirds supermajority vote in Congress to increase taxes would protect ranchers and small business owners in Texas and across the country.

When businesses or ranches are passed down to family members, the inheritance is clobbered by the federal government in the form of estate taxes, also called "death tax."

Countless small businesses and ranches in the United States have been driven out of business because of this high tax burden.

This Tax Limitation Amendment would have spared ranchers and small business owners, who want to pass their business down to their children, from the constant threat of higher death taxes.

We must continue to fight to lower the tax burden on Americans. Congress owes it to taxpayers to make raising taxes more difficult.

You should be able to keep more of what you earn so you can do more with your families. It should be up to you how to spend your money, not the federal government. After all, it is your money. You work hard for it.

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Members of the Brackett pre-kindergarten class participated in commencement exercises Friday. The graduation program was held in the high school auditorium. Jones Elementary School Principal Michael Schooler presented the diplomas. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

County still waiting for funding

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Glaspas said the funding is through a federal grant that is approved for a fiscal year, from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.

Other departments, such as the Eagle Pass Police Department, haven't received their fiscal year '98 funding either," Glaspas said.

"I have been on the phone on a weekly basis with the HIDTA office in San Antonio, and they're the ones that are responsible for putting everything together for this area, from Del Rio to Brownsville. They keep telling me that the funds have been approved. It will be next week, we hope, when they get it.

"They keep telling me (the funds will be available) any day now," he said. "Of course, they were telling me that in February."

Kinney County joined the drug task force last December, despite questions concerning the written agreement.

The document said the Sheriff's Office "will be responsible for establishing the salary and benefits, including overtime, for the officer assigned to the task force, and for making all payments due them.

Paul O'Rourke, the only commissioners who was opposed to the task force, pointed out during the December meeting that the contract did not address an outside source paying the deputy's salary.

"The contract said DEA was going to pay for the overtime, but nothing at all was in writing about the county getting reimbursed for the deputy's salary," the Precinct 4 representative said. "That makes me mistrustful."

Glaspas said, "The agreement was between the county and DEA, not between the county and HIDTA. I can't speak for HIDTA, I can only speak for DEA. What was in the contract was what DEA could do. That's why there was nothing in there about the deputy's salary."

O'Rourke then asked if there was "some type of a contract with the federal government and HIDTA and the DEA."

"We submit a budget on a yearly basis," Glaspas said. "The budget included salary for a Kinney County deputy to be on our task force. The budget was approved. Other than that, there's no other contract."

"I have no doubt that the money will become available," he added.

Sheriff's Department can not enforce 'rules' at Fort Clark

Kinney County Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess clarified that the Sheriff's Department can not enforce rules at Fort Clark Springs earlier this month at the regular commissioners court meeting.

"I just wanted to make it plain and in the record that he can't enforce just any rules made by the Fort Clark Springs Association," said Precinct 4 Commissioner Paul O'Rourke, who requested the

item be placed on the agenda.

"No peace officer can enforce a rule," Burgess said. "They can enforce ordinances and laws, but not a rule brought up by a private entity."

"If somebody gets on the golf course and tears it up, they violate a state law, criminal mischief, and that is enforceable."

"There's not but about five or six charges that can be enforced

on traffic," he said. "We can enforce every criminal law on Fort Clark."

Burgess said his deputies have been spending a lot of time patrolling at Fort Clark Springs.

"There's a lot of talk about Fort Clark," he said. "We're doing about all we can for Fort Clark right now. We have reserves patrolling. We respond to every call made.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, May 18

6:28 p.m., A Kinney County woman reported that there were some illegal aliens at her ranch gate that had broken into her residence. Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter and Border Patrol officials were dispatched to the scene. Two days later, the woman reported that they were missing some of her daughter's work clothes.

Tuesday, May 19

7:30 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that someone had stole some rocks from the back of her residence on W. Fulton Street. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene. He met with the woman and talked to her neighbors, but could not obtain any more information.

11:00 p.m., Johnny Wayne Ward, 52, of Brackettville was arrested for public intoxication by Department of Public Safety Trooper Richard Slubar. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Ward was released the next day for time served.

Wednesday, May 20

4:11 p.m., A Brackettville man called 911 from his cellular phone to report a fire on Las Moras Road, near the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery. The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to the scene.

Thursday May 21

10:44 p.m., A Spofford man reported a stray dog at a residence in Spofford growling at a woman and her grandson.

Friday, May 22

10:20 p.m., Armando Estrada, 25, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Chism on a felony charge of assault under the Family Violence Act, and terroristic threat, a Class B misdemeanor. He was booked into the Kinney

County Jail where he is still being held.

10:23 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported a domestic problem at a residence on E. Thomas Street. deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.

Saturday, May 23

9:28 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported that a red pickup had ran into her fence at her residence on First and Fort. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was dispatched to the scene. The driver of the vehicle was not at the scene, but Guidry met with him at his residence. The driver said he dodged an object in the road and did not know he hit the fence.

3:35 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that her butane tank was run over and that butane was in the air. Domingo Villarreal, a City of Brackettville employee, was dispatched to the scene at 3:40 and the problem was taken care of at 3:59.

4:28 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs woman reported a missing red billfold. She said she last saw it at Pico's. Sheriff's Department officials contacted Pico's, but no billfold had been turned in. The woman returned to the Sheriff's Office at 5:17 to report that the billfold was found.

4:52 p.m., A Brackettville man reported a house fire on the Moody Spring Ranch. The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department and the Kinney County EMS were dispatched to the scene. Firefighters from Del Rio and Uvalde were also contacted.

7:21 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that there was a couple trying to kill each other at the Senior Apartments on W. Spring Street. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene and the matter was taken care of.

9:04 p.m., A Brackettville

woman reported that another woman was driving by her residence on N. Brown Street and yelling at her, calling her obscene names. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene and the problem was taken care of.

Sunday, May 24

12:30 a.m., Jose Omar Sanchez, 33, of Houston was arrested by Deputy Guidry for public intoxication. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Sanchez was released the next day after paying a \$100 fine, plus time served.

8:52 a.m., A Brackettville man reported that someone had sliced the tires on his vehicle at his residence.

3:32 p.m., An unidentified man reported a vehicle that was driving at high speeds and passing in no passing zones. DPS officials were notified.

4:11 p.m., A Del Rio man reported that an illegal alien was hurt 13 miles south of Brackettville on Highway 131. Kinney County EMS and DPS officials were dispatched to the scene, but they were unable to locate the subject.

4:47 p.m., EMS officials found a woman on the side of the road on Highway 131. Trooper Slubar was dispatched to the location and picked up the woman.

8:43 p.m., Robert Rodriguez, 42, and Manuel Talamantes, 27, both of Brackettville, were arrested by Deputy Chism and charged with fighting in public, a Class C misdemeanor. They were booked into the Kinney County Jail. Rodriguez and Talamantes were released the next day after each paid a \$100 fine, plus time served.

10:09 p.m., A fight was reported at Mario's Bar on W. Spring Street.

Fans celebrate Duke's life

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other Wayne movies. "I've portrayed John Wayne all over the world, but this weekend was really special for me," Williamson said.

Highlights of the event, billed as "The Alamo" Adventure, included El Curro performing Dimitri Tiomkin's haunting main theme from "The Alamo," "The Green Leaves of Summer" during the opening night Fandango, Teresa Champion recreating her famous table dance, a magic performance of classic cowboy songs by "The Spirit of Texas" band, headed by Rudy Robbins, and a 90 minute panel discussion by participants on the making of the film.

Daniel recalled how kind Wayne was to him.

"It was a very thrilling time for me. I not only got to play the dialog part of Col. Neill, but I secured the Longhorns and it was my joy to serve as historian, and attorney and coordinator of publicity and public relations for the film."

The 83 year-old Daniel brought tears to an overflow crowd when he asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Wayne, J. T. "Happy" Shahan, whose ranch the movie was made and others in the cast and crew who have died.

He also brought gales of laughter from the audience when he revealed for the first time that he had a crush on star Joan O'Brien.

O'Brien, who played Mrs. Dickinson, recalled how Wayne asked her when she interviewed for the part if she knew what it meant to "walk tall." She said she did.

"Well, that's the way I want you to walk out of the Alamo,



Rudy Robbins (from left), Joan O'Brien and Virginia Shahan (standing) listen as Pilar Wayne addresses the crowd during a panel discussion at last weekend's movie reunion at Alamo Village. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

head held high and walking tall," Wayne told her.

She did and the scene was recently voted by critics as one of the 50 most memorable ending scenes in the history of film.

O'Brien also recalled the camaraderie among cast and crew.

"It was a wonderful experience and even after nearly 40 years, I can still feel John Wayne's presence. And I can feel the presence of every cast and crew member involved with the film. It's almost a sacred feeling."

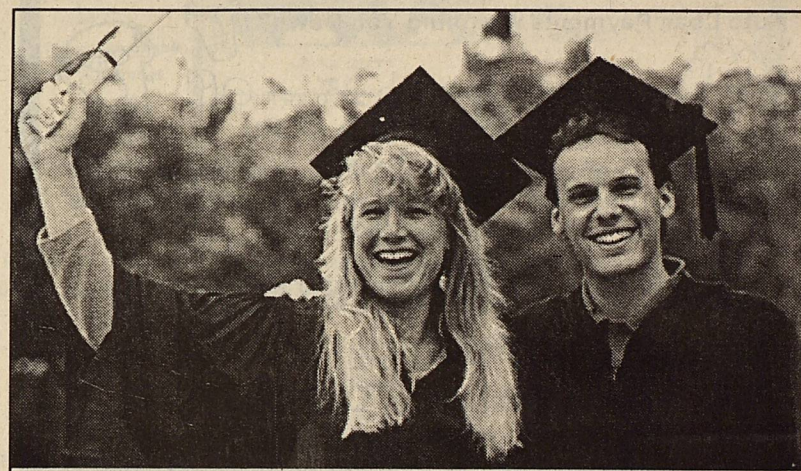
Robbins, a resident of Bandera, said being a part of the movie

"changed my very life." Pilar Wayne, who was married to Duke for 27 years, said making "The Alamo" was the happiest time she ever spent on location with Wayne. "It was a passion for Duke."

Shahan's widow, Virginia, talked about John Wayne the man and not the actor.

"I remember him as having a lot of compassion for the young people. He's asked the young people he met, "What do you plan on doing with your life? That's the most important thing you have. So do something good with it."

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Perez named salutatorian

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She will be majoring in mathematics/science field at the University of Texas at San Antonio where she has been awarded a track and field scholarship.

Other scholarships she has been awarded include the Mirabeau B. Lamar Masonic scholarship, the Rotary Club scholarship, the Lions Club scholarship, a Brackett Booster Club scholarship, and a Las Moras Hispanic Organization scholarship.

In high school, Perez participated in several sports, including cross country, track, golf, and volleyball. She was also active in National Honor Society, Student Council, Science Club, and UIL literary events.

Pack and Bobbie Waddill express thanks to:
Neil and Barbara Simmons for the delightful food and drink service!
Our niece, Judy Mathews, and family for the overall table and floral arrangements.
And to all our many friends who helped us celebrate. We love you all!



Katherine Harrison, left, presents a mohair coat to Fort Clark Springs' Norma Conner. Harrison, of Rio Frio, is the president of the Caddell-Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT). The coat, donated by Dolores Vernor of Camp Wood, was raffled off as a chapter fundraiser for college scholarships. Conner's name was drawn Saturday at the DRT state convention in Nacogdoches. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Seniors' drug-free party a great success

The all-night senior drug-free party was a great success last weekend!

Susan Harrison has been the chairperson for this one for years. She did a great job getting the evening organized.

Donations by local and area merchants were very generous. We appreciate the support of the community.

Graduation

The graduation was beautiful. The yellow roses graced the stage.

It's an unusual tradition to give roses to those relatives and friends who helped the seniors reach this achievement.

The field was beautiful thanks to a caring staff. Our Tiger Band was there to give the final touch to a beautiful ceremony.

TEKS

This week, we're working on 1998-99. Seems strange, but we must begin.

MAKING a DIFFERENCE
By Taylor Stephenson, BISD Superintendent

Texas has a new curriculum called the Texas Essential Knowledges and Skills. We're working hard to make sure that it can be put in place by the beginning of school next year. So, for three days the staff is back to school.

We're also working on technology and on instructional support for the classroom setting. It's going just fine so far.

Tennis Courts

You will notice that work has begun on the tennis courts. We'll have four of them across the street from the high school. Concrete should be completed by the end of June.

fine facility to our school and town.

Academic Wing

The proposals for the high school academic wing are due in June also. We hope to analyze the bids and get this moving soon.

This project will be a big one. It will take about eight months to complete.

Dry Weather

It's still hot and dry in Kinney County. Each day, we look for rain clouds. So far, we have had very few drops.

As the ranchers tell me, each day we're one day closer to rain. I believe!

Have a great week.

But, I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall
Update: He isn't behind the plow!

Last week, I related a story about a boy from SA. If you missed it, find a copy of last week's paper.

Incredibly, the boy somehow discovered a way out of his dilemma. He found a military school that would accept him. He turned himself over to the United States Army!

They have taken control of his life. He gets a good night's sleep. (Every night!) Eats three regular meals a day. But most importantly, he has learned to like himself.

My daughter, Kasey, told me that he went to see her just before he checked out of the regular school.

I'm sure he'll miss his mom. Probably miss his friends and even his old neighborhood. And just maybe he'll even miss a teacher or two.

I know he won't ever read this, but I wish him well.

I would like to shake his hand. And tell him that he just got the best chance he's ever going to get.

Somehow, I know he's going to make it. Somebody's prayers were heard and answered.

But, I could be wrong.

Briefs ...

White receives bachelor's degree from Sul Ross

ALPINE — Brackettville's Westley White received a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice on May 16 at Sul Ross State University's commencement ceremonies.

Meek, Meyer named to Dean's Honor Roll

UVALDE — Amanda Meek and Kelly Meyer of Brackettville were among 153 Southwest Texas Junior College Students that qualified for the Dean's Honor Roll during the 1998 spring semester.

In order for students to make the honor roll, they must have been enrolled in at least 14 semester hours and achieved a grade point average of 3.6 or higher, according to Gloria A. Rivera, dean of instructional services at the junior college.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets at Fort Clark

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 three and a half tables playing, using the Howell movement.

Tina Bauguess and Ben Pingenot won first place, while Joyce Bell and Alice Seargeant tied Rozetta Pingenot and Flo Stafford for second place.

Callnan hosts Beta Sigma Phi meeting

Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Patsy Callnan last Monday for its regular meeting.

President Alicia Raymer led the opening ritual and called the meeting to order with 10 members present.

A short business meeting was conducted with lists passed around for members to sign up for committees, programs and hostesses for next year.

Callnan served a delicious meal of lasagna, salad and homemade bread topped off with a black forest trifle dessert.

For her program, Callnan chose to read an essay about Edith Phipps by Robert Fulghum.

The meeting was adjourned with the closing ritual and mizpah.

Those in attendance were Callnan, Raymer, Vicki Bell, Jan Chism, Nancy Frerich, Marge Geeze, Luella Gilliland, Gaye Kurz, Pat McKelvy, and Molly Schroeder.

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

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

Friday, May 28, 1886

It was quite a luxury to sleep after reveille and to feel that drills will bother us no more for a while. Mail brought a letter from Cunningham asking me to attend to some errands for him. Spent the morning at the office and at quarters reading "Middlemarch." After lunch attended to the errands for Cunningham after going to the Commissary's and Quartermaster's. Had a hot & dusty walk over in town to get some tobacco which afterwards found in the Commissary. Wrote to Cunningham, read and dozed until dinner. Went over to hospital for some medicine after dinner. Attended parade in white helmets this evening. Watered the grass a while and then went down to Mrs. Friedlander's to call on Miss Landa from San Antonio and stayed there until tattoo. She is right pleasant had has much more sense than Miss Jacobs. After tattoo Col. Bliss and Lester called on Ives. The former was very entertaining with his stories. He will soon leave us.

Saturday, May 29, 1886

The mail brought a letter and bundle of papers from home. Sat on the porch with Mrs. Lyster during guard mounting and spent the rest of the morning reading the papers from home. After lunch Ives and I sent down invitations to the party tonight to Miss Jacobs and Miss Landa to accompany them which were accepted. Then went over to the company to get the tailor to press my evening suit. Must have all my clothes aired and sunned as there was a moth in them today. Completed papers from home by dinner. Hewitt was not at dinner as he and other departing ones dined at Hall's. After dinner went over to the hospital with Ives and then watered the grass until retreat. Donned swal-

low tail suit and escorted Miss Landa to the party given in honor of Col. Bliss and other departing friends. Had a rather stupid time although almost everybody in the garrison was there. Refreshments of ice cream and cake was very acceptable.

Sunday, May 30, 1886

Had usual inspection this morning. Mail brought letters from Cunningham and Ogle. Commenced letter home before breakfast. Had our last meal as Hewitt wanted to pack up intending to leave tonight. Saw Mrs. Kinney and arranged to start in at the mess. Wrote on letter home after going up to see Hewitt and Capt. Vance a while and at noon went to the mess for lunch. Completed letter and read "Middlemarch" until dinner time. Capt. Vance was Officer of the Day and took the calls. After dinner went to see Capt. Vance and Hewitt and then called on Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Lyster. After tattoo bade Miss Folsom good-bye and then went to Hewitt's to sit for a while. When he had finished packing said good-bye. He has promised to write me while abroad. It makes me feel a little homesick to see these folks going, but my turn will come.

Had a call this morning from Maj. Wilcox who gave me instruction how to apply for a cheap rate ticket on the steamer from Galveston to New York and promised me a letter to a passenger agent to secure reduced fare from home to San Antonio.

Monday, May 31, 1886

No target practice, today being Decoration Day. Made out pay accounts and deposited them at store before breakfast. Went up to pay Mrs. Lemay for the mess and to pay Sophy & George. Marched on guard this morning and spent the day reading "Middlemarch" which I finished and "House of Seven Gables," just commenced. It was very warm at the guard house all day. Mail brought a letter from Marie Gorgas, the first one in a long while. Spent the evening dozing and reading. Officer of the Day

inspected at 3 A.M. when I turned in for the night.

Tuesday, June 1, 1886

The only pleasure in being Officer of the Guard comes when he is relieved. Detest the duty and was very happy to learn after marching off that this duty was to be discontinued after today. A letter from home was my mail today. After marching off guard straightened out, shaved and cleaned up and then went over to the Library to return some books and to read the papers. Sat a while with Capt. Vance. After lunch watched Ives paint. He is quite an artist in water colors and it was pleasant to watch him work. Read Hawthorne till dinner time. After retreat sat a while with Capt. Vance and called on Col. Bliss and at Gen. Smith's. Have been taking some medicine and it took effect on my bowels making me cut the call at Gen. Smith's short in consequence. Stayed in quarters reading Hawthorne. Returned books to Miss Saunders this evening.

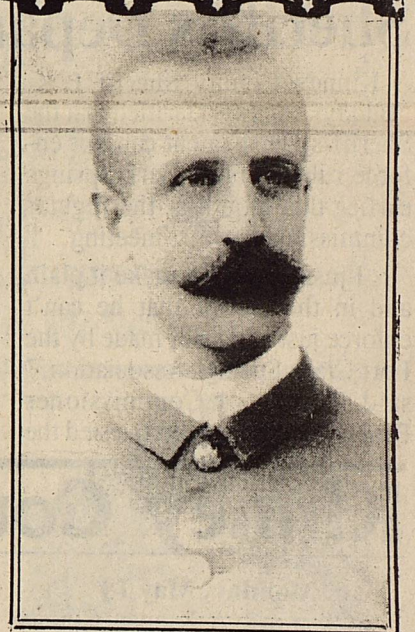
Wednesday, June 2, 1886

Hard shower came up in time to prevent me from going out to target practice this morning. Want to commence work on sharpshooter legs, but the rain hindered this morning. The rain cooled the air well and freshened the grass a good deal; wish we had had more. Mail brought only an O.B. for me. After the rain was over went up to see Capt. Vance and then called on Col. Bliss a while and read the papers in the Library. Then went to the company and made arrangements to fire this afternoon. After lunch spent most of the afternoon on the range where succeeded in getting a sharpshooter leg at 500 yds. Must work diligently now and see if I cannot get this cross. Wrote usual letter home today completing it after dinner. Spent the evening until tattoo down at Mrs. Friedlander's practicing vocal duets with Miss Landa. Like her voice better than Miss Folsom's, think it's sweeter; and she reads faster also. Read Hawthorne and dozed until bedtime.

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

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

Courtesy of his descendants



Thursday, June 3, 1886

After breakfast went out to the range to relieve Capt. Vance. He takes the men who are working for marksmen while I have the sharpshooter class. Just after arriving on the range a hard shower came up that put an end to the practice lasting for about an hour. Was glad to see the rain but would like to have practiced a little. Wrote to Black, Starr & Frost as the previous letter requesting them to send samples of wedding invitations has not been answered yet. Mail brought a letter from Guard. Went up to see Capt. Vance a while and then over to Col. Bliss' where learned that he would start tonight. Then went to the company to arrange for target practice after lunch. Looked over the papers in the Library and practiced my part in the vocal duets with the aid of the organ in the hall. After lunch went out on the range again and was caught again in a harder shower than this morning. Was soaked before getting back to quarters. Changed clothes, wiped out gun and then read Hawthorne, completing "House of the Seven Gables." Do not like it as well as "The Scarlet Letter." Steele left after dinner on the march to Langtry to relieve Cunningham who will be here in about two weeks. After seeing him off went in to see Ives and to see Black until retreat. In the evening stopped a while at Capt. Vance's and then went over to bid Col. Bliss good-bye. Afterwards sat in Capt. Vance's until tattoo. Commenced "L'Amour" after the call and left it to figure up the probable expenses of my next leave and the amount of money to pay them. Think I can afford to go to New York.

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Briefs ...

McKelvy, Stephenson finish tied for first

Pat McKelvy and Mary Stephenson tied for first place after finishing with gross scores of 83 with 23 points in a game of point par last Tuesday during Ladies Golf League action at Fort Clark Springs.

Luella Gilliland and Rosemary Johnson tied for third place. Each had gross scores of 91 and 16 points. Arlys Simpson was fourth with a 92 and 16 points.

City Swim Park opens

The Brackettville City Swim Park held its grand opening on Saturday.

The pool will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and tomorrow, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, and 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Sunday.

The Swim Park will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

The Brackettville City Council agreed not to charge admission to the pool at its regular meeting earlier this month.

Yeager: Fair discipline is key to success in high school athletics

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Fair discipline is the key to success in high school sports, according to David Yeager, Brackett's new athletic director.

The Tigers head football coach was the guest speaker at last Thursday's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting.

Yeager believes in a positive approach to handling youngsters combined with discipline. He said he treats youngsters he coaches like he treats his own children -- with fair discipline. This requires attention to detail.

He believes in telling youngsters what he expects of them from the start, so that they will have a clear understanding. It also provides a structured environment, which contributes to building character.

The athletic program is not something that is active during parts of the year, it is an ongoing training.

"It's in the off season that ball games are won," Yeager said. "This is the time a student needs to focus on character building and developing leadership ability."

Yeager asks three questions of his students: Can I trust you? Are you committed to excellence? Do you care about others?

He wants to know if they are willing to "lay it on the line" for others. If not, it means selfishness. He explained that the team counts on each player, and that the team is larger than the individual.

Yeager wants youngsters to realize that school years are the best time of life. Being a member of a team means being involved with fellow team members and fighting together for a cause.

Morale is more important than physical unity because it rests on being unselfish. Youngsters realize that discipline is a part of the picture. They also want structure, even if they seem to resist both of these factors.

Yeager said that he lets his team vote for who is captain. He tells the captain that a lot is expected from him. A willingness to work is an essential ingredient of leadership. Leadership also requires focus on the task at hand.

Leaders don't whine nor complain. Leaders focus on solutions, not problems. This kind of attitude means the leader is energetic and excited, which is communicated to team members. This is a winning attitude and it creates success, not only in ball games, but in all of life itself.

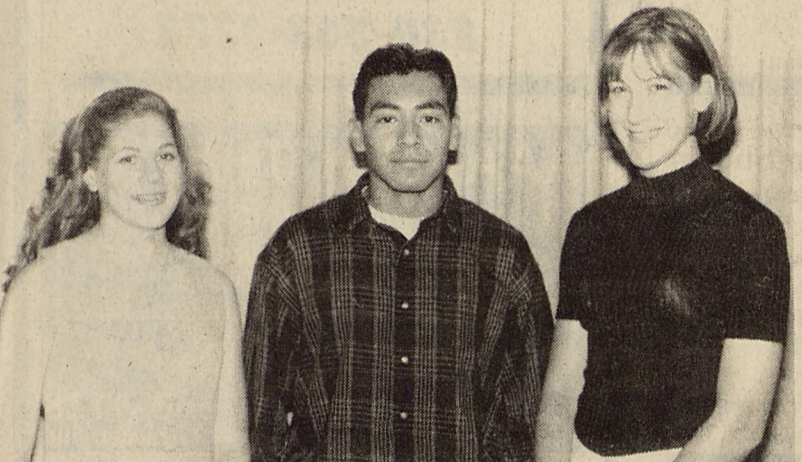
Yeager came here from Magnolia, Texas, which is close to



Brackett Superintendent Taylor Stephenson, left, introduces David Yeager at last week's Rotary meeting. Photo by Eric McMaster

Houston, on April 1. His wife, Leslie, and children will follow as soon as she is able to clear up business matters.

run The Old Magnolia Tea Room. It is located among tall pines in a good building artfully decorated.



Samantha Perez (from left), Lionel Ramos, Tina Meek and Caleb Crumley (not pictured) each received a \$400 scholarship from the Brackett Booster Club. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

OUTDOORS

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

Boaters urged to get up to speed on new laws

AUSTIN — Texas game wardens are beginning the third year of summer saturation patrols on lakes, rivers and bays across Texas. New provisions of the Water Safety Act affecting all boaters will be enforced this summer.

There are several aspects of the new law, in effect since Sept. 1, 1997, pertaining to youth, personal watercraft, and — for the first time in state history — mandatory boater education for 13- to 15-year-old operators and violators of certain regulations.

"Game wardens will again conduct saturation patrols across the state throughout the summer from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day," said Jim Robertson, law enforcement director for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD).

"One of their primary goals, besides enforcing the Water Safety Act, will be to communicate with boaters about the new requirements."

"Again, we want to remind boaters to obey boating while intoxicated laws, wear your life jacket at all times, and be especially careful on personal watercraft," he added.

Before hitting the water, boaters should be aware that:

- Boaters cited for operational violations dangerous to public safety may be subject to both mandatory boater education as well as a fine.
- In order to operate boats of 10 horsepower or greater alone, 13- to 15-year-olds must have completed an approved boater education course.
- Those under 13 years of age must be accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older in order to operate boats of 10 horsepower or greater. Accompaniment is defined as on-board the vessel during operation.

- Personal watercraft (PWC) operators must observe a new 50-foot rule: PWCs may not be operated within 50-feet of another PWC except at headway speed. Headway speed is defined as slow, idle speed or speed only fast enough to maintain steerage on course.
- All violators of dangerous operational regulations and special PWC operational regulations will be subject to mandatory boater education in addition to a fine.

"This law definitely has teeth and should affect the way boaters operate," said Carlos Vaca, TPWD boating law administrator. "It will change the way parents monitor their teenagers who operate boats or personal watercraft, and the minority of boaters out there who cause trouble will find out that reckless operation will result in having to complete a boater education course within 90 days of court action."

The new law will also serve to educate a new generation of boaters, according to Tim Spice, TPWD boater education coordinator.

"More and more people are becoming aware of the importance of boater education," Spice said. "With this new law in effect we're seeing more parents enrolling in courses with their teenagers."

Last summer, game wardens made contact with 603,884 people in 211,567 boats. Nearly 95 percent of the boaters checked were in compliance with the law.

However, game wardens will continue to crack down on boating while intoxicated (BWI) violators. Last year, 189 boaters were cited for BWI.

For more information about boater education courses or boating safety requirements, check the TPWD website at www.tpwd.state.tx.us or contact the department at (800) 792-1112.

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Cartoon strip by Mark Szorady featuring a dog character and a character named Harold. The dog says "WOW! NICE CAR!" and "I WAS TALKING ABOUT MINE." Harold says "HAROLD!! DID YOU USE THE LAST PIECE OF TOILET PAPER AGAIN??"

Super Crossword

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MAGIC MAZE - GAS

Magic maze grid with letters for word search. Includes instructions: "Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally."

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Concentrate on improving income early in the week. Don't allow someone to talk you into unnecessary purchases. A travel plan or a legal matter needs further thought before taking action. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're excited about the the week's chances for success on the job, and have a right to be. Do be careful, though, and don't be brusque with a friend whose prospects are not as bright. Be considerate of this person's feelings. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be the first to make up if you hurt someone's feelings. You're an independent soul, but you work best in partnership. Accent cooperation over the weekend. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) There are those who exaggerate and those who prevaricate. In either case, take what you hear with a grain of salt. Some signals could be crossed this weekend. LEO (July 23 to August 22) Responsibilities at home base are easily dealt with. You could make major purchases while out shopping. Banking, estate matters, insurance and mortgages come under scrutiny later in the week. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Efforts to raise extra capital probably won't meet with luck. Although a domestic matter needs further thought, you will still enjoy entertaining others. You're quite the social butterfly during the weekend. LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) This is a time when shoppers could make a mistake in judgment. If someone seems too slick in business, seek advice. Guard against being extravagant. SCORPIO (October 23 to



NO... I ONLY USED IT ONCE. November 21) Judgment could be off with shopping and finances. An argument with a loved one could leave you frustrated, but wonderful chances for fun and romance occur over the weekend. You can patch things up. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Indecision could make you too willing to take advice. Things aren't yet clear, so wait a bit longer for your inner voice to tell you what to do. Inspiration strikes during weekend meditating. CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Self-discipline gets you started, but when imagination takes over, you really make headway with creative work. Travel plans shape up nicely for you. However, look for bargains in this regard. AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It seems someone is trying to pressure you into making a business or financial decision. Watch spending. Accent moderation in social life if out and about this week. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It's a good time for creative work and getting your ideas across to others. There are still some things left hanging in business, however. Tend to those as soon as possible.

18x18 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 129.

HOCUS-FOCUS

Two panels of a cartoon showing a boy and a dog. The dog is hanging from a ledge. Text: "FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY banner with names and dates: May 28 Rene Diaz, May 28 Dorothy Oliver, May 28 Vern Price, May 28 Leteicia Vela, May 29 Bernadette Frerich, May 29 Ruby Frerich, May 29 Rosie Garcia, May 29 Mary Etta Speaker, May 29 Ruby Veltman, May 30 Fernando Valdez, May 31 J. C. Morrow, May 31 Les Roper, May 31 William Varner, May 31 Merle Wills, June 1 Taylor L. Dunbar, June 1 Levi Moore, June 1 Gabriel Dick, June 1 Alvin Hall, June 3 Louise Johnson, June 3 Louise Johnson

Missionaries offer presentation

By Elder Cain and Elder Eatchel
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Who are the two bicyclists in white shirts? To clarify things, they're not English men, insurance salesmen, or Amish. They are missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, two of 58,000 full-time missionaries serving throughout the world, sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are those two missionaries and we believe in God. We know he lives and reigns as our eternal Father.

Jesus Christ is God's only son in the flesh. He conquered death for every one of the children of God. He is the light of this world and the savior of mankind.

We believe that his father and our father is one God who is eternal and unchanging. In

the Bible he called prophets to testify of his son. He still does.

In the year 1820, that same God that spoke to prophets of old spoke again. He and his eternal son descended through the sky in a pillar of fire.

The voice of God was heard that day in that year, testifying of Christ, saying: "This is my beloved son. Hear him." Those words were heard by a modern day prophet named Joseph Smith.

That prophet was called of God to translate an ancient record written by prophets that lived among the ancestors of the American Indians.

Soon after the resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ, these prophets were personally visited by him. His words were recorded then and translated in 1830.

We have them today. We have the Old Testament, the New Testament, and now Another Testament of Jesus Christ.

As missionaries, we share the gospel of Jesus Christ as it has been restored to earth.

We know these things to be true. God does not cease to communicate with his children. The heavens are open today as they were before. Everyone has the privilege of asking God in sincerity and faith to know for themselves. We have taken that privilege and are sharing it now.

We share the message of our heavenly Father's plan. We share a 15 minute presentation and Another Testament of Jesus Christ.

If you are interested, call us at 563-3408. Please leave a message of your name, address, and phone number and the best time to share this special presentation.

Methodist church hosts Vacation Bible School

By Rev. Sheree Harris
First United Methodist Church

The Bible tells us to bring up children in the way they should go. As a mother, I try to do that.

I also realize that this world is a very complicated and dangerous one for children. The shootings by children across our country is a sad and convicting commentary on our society.

I believe that the primary circle in which children receive love and learn to give it is the family.

As parents, my husband and I try to provide and teach love. We also know we can't do this alone. One of the places to which we turn for help is the church.

Next week, June 1-5, First Methodist will have Vacation Bible School. We invite all children ages 4 years through fourth grade to "come to the storytelling tree" each day from 9 to 11:15 a.m.

With the help of our special friend, Leafy, we'll learn about building on a rock, the relationship between seed and soil, the forgiving father, little seeds that produce big results, and our real neighbors. We'll enjoy songs, crafts, and snacks.

If you know a child who needs love (and I have yet to meet one who doesn't), please bring them to the storytelling tree and together we will help bring them up in the way they should go. God will bless you both.

True Christians stand against evil

By Pastor Charolette Corey
Gateway Ministries

When the going gets tough, the tough get going. Fair weather Christians fall under pressure. True Christians will stand against evil, even when things appear to be impossible. They walk by faith, not by sight.

A test of true Christianity is found when adverse things happen and you are able to see them as opportunities for God's blessings. (You can do all things through Christ which strengthens you.)

Are we teaching our children to fight with God's armour on? Are we teaching them to look to the reward set before them "Jesus, and his anointing?"

Ken and Barbie, and the "American Dream" never prepared anyone to be victorious in life. Only by seeking first the kingdom of God, loving him with all your heart, mind, will, and strength, and loving your neighbor as yourself will make you an overcomer.

Are we teaching our children how to be strong by being humble? Are we teaching them strength of

character by having a "servant's heart," a willingness to serve God and give him all the glory? Are we teaching our children to focus on their spirit beings which is their true nature, and teaching them that the things of this world are secondary?

It is much easier to give up and run away from a problem, only to have to face it in another form on another day. It takes courage to stand against it when it first rears it's ugly face, but when you have the right attitude, you can laugh in its face, because you know who you are ... sons and daughters of the most high God.

Jesus has paid the price for our assured victory, we only have to appropriate him into our lives. As joint heirs with him, we receive the Father's blessings by walking in the power of the Holy Spirit.

God wants to either bless us outright or multiply our blessings through adversity as he did for Job. When the thief (the devil) is caught, he must return what he has stolen seven fold. So, the results are, you are blessed by him with manifold abundant blessings through "catching the thief" and binding him. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Readings from book of Psalms

By Pastor William Adams
St. John's Missionary Church

"This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

"Save now I beseech thee, O Lord! O Lord, I beseech thee send now prosperity!

"Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; we have Blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

"God is the Lord, who hath shown us light; bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.

"Thou art my God, and I will praise thee; thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

"Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever."

Psalms 118: 23-29
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The greatest human value is love

By Rev. Joe Townsend
Frontier Baptist Church

Helen Steiner Rice in her book "Someone Cares" says, "The only important human values are trust, honor and love."

Trust is the activation of faith. Faith that does not trust is not faith.

If you cannot trust a man out of your sight he's not worth anything. If you don't trust God out of your sight he's nothing to you. Trust is the peace factor in life. One must trust in himself, in others and most of all in God.

The Boy Scout Oath begins: "On my honor." A person with-

out honor of self is nothing.

I have to live with myself and so my personal honor makes me want to dress right, live right, treat others right and treat God right. I want to treat others right. Not because they deserve it but because my soul demands it.

I want to be nice to others. Not because they are nice but because I am nice. I want to be honest with others. Not because they are honest but because I am.

Jesus says, "The greatest of these is love." One must love one's self. Over indulging self does not show love for self.

Love demands I take care of

my body my mind and my soul. I cannot truly love myself until I love others. I must love the unlovely, the cad, the bore, the slanderer. Love can only be true love when it is centered in Jesus Christ.

If we truly love Christ we can gleefully sing, "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord" and "I Love Thy Church O God."

There is faith, there is hope and there is love, and the greatest of these is love. Love trusts. Love honors. Love fully trusts in Christ as the personal savior.

There will be another message from the Bible at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11. Come and see.

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Answers to Super Crossword

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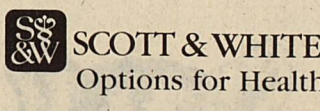
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Geraldine Koehler, D.D.S.

Question: I think that I have a TM disorder. My jaw is always popping and clicking. What can I expect a dentist to do about my condition?

Answer: TMD, or temporomandibular disorder, is a family of problems related to your complex jaw joint. Clicking sounds and pain in the jaw are common symptoms and more easily diagnosed and treated now than they were in the past. Early detection and treatment are important and an evaluation can confirm a diagnosis of a TM disorder. It can also help pinpoint the causes. No one treatment can resolve TM disorders completely. TM disorders develop for many reasons. You may be clenching or grinding your teeth or you may have a damaged jaw due to injury or disease. This can result in a malaligned bite, pain, clicking, or grating noises when you open your mouth. You may have trouble opening your mouth. When a patient is experiencing pain, a dental and medical history is taken. This information helps the doctor gather information on symptoms, overall health, and family history. The answers help determine the causes of the patient's problems. Your dentist will examine you to detect symptoms by firmly touching your muscles and jaw joints for pain, tension, or tenderness. A stethoscope can pick up the clicking sounds in your jaw and ruler can measure how wide your jaw can open. X-rays can show damage in joints or bones. A dental cast may be made of your teeth. This cast is an exact replica of your teeth and can help show how your lower jaw moves. Once your doctor has determined the cause of your symptoms, treatment can begin. There are a variety of treatment options available ranging from physical therapy to a plastic appliance, called a splint, that fits over your teeth and helps to change the position of your jaw.

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HEALTH
Mother-friendly environment at work encourages continued breastfeeding

When Lisa Schultz returned to her job following the birth of her daughter Morgan, she found she could get back into the swing of work and still continue to breast-feed her baby, especially since she had the whole-hearted support of her employer.

"Even though I was working, I felt I could still contribute to my daughter by breast-feeding," said Schultz, who works for the Texas Department of Health (TDH) in Austin.

Part of her support came in the form of Mom's Place Pump Room, a small converted lounge in her office building that offers working mothers a private spot with comfortable chair, sink and an electric breast pump.

Schultz was the first to use Mom's Place four years ago when it opened at the agency. Now TDH has a Mom's Place in four work sites.

"When I was using Mom's Place to pump milk during the day, it was almost like a support group," said Tina Sheffield, another TDH employee who has used the facility. "You knew other mothers who were doing it, and you saw that it was possible that you could combine work and breast-feeding."

The fact that TDH is practicing what it preaches delights Chan McDermott, breast-feeding promotion specialist with TDH's Bureau of Clinical and Nutrition Services.

"Some mothers are fortunate to have on-site child care or flexible work schedules that allow them to continue nursing the baby on an as-needed basis even after they return to work," McDermott said. "But most women opt to pump their breast-milk at work."

These options range from hand pumping to using high-powered, carefully engineered electric pumps which remove milk from both breasts simultaneously. Whatever the choice, most women who need to pump breast-milk must do it while at work.

"When you work in breast-feeding promotion long enough, you hear all the stories," McDermott said.

"A Dallas mother can't pump breast-milk at work because she doesn't have any break time and rarely a lunch hour.

"A young mother from San Antonio tried it, but she said she had to carry her pump past a work area where men teased her," he said. "And then when she set up the noisy pump in the bathroom, her female coworkers also teased her."

"And in a Houston law firm, an attorney was sure that storing pumped breast-milk in the shared refrigerator was a biohazard," McDermott added.

More businesses are becoming supportive of working women who want to continue to breast-feed their children, McDermott said.

Helping the situation is the Mother Friendly Worksite Program, established by the Texas Legislature in 1995 as part of House Bill 359, which among several items guarantees women the right to breast-feed in public. The voluntary work site program encourages employers to support and promote breast-feeding among the working mothers on their staff.

To be designated a mother-friendly site, a company must:

- develop and implement a policy supporting work site breast-feeding;
- offer work schedule flexibility to allow time for pumping or breast-feeding;
- provide an accessible, private location for pumping or breast-feeding;
- ensure access to a clean, safe source of water and a sink; and
- ensure access to a hygienic storage option for pumped breast-milk.

A company then submits an application to the Mother Friendly Worksite Program at TDH. Companies designated as mother-friendly sites receive an identifying certificate or decal and are included on a list at TDH.

Major corporations such as IBM, Motorola, 3M and Texas Instruments have developed lactation options for their employees as have smaller businesses such as Aerobics To Go, a Fort Worth exercise studio, and Caremor Health Services in Amarillo.

McDermott said that many companies view lactation programs as wellness, long considered a regular feature of employee benefits.

"The benefits of breast-feeding for both moms and babies have been well documented," said Maggie Mathies, Motorola's occupational health resources manager. "Motorola is very proud to have offered on-site lactation rooms for more than five years."

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