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**BRIEFS**

## Municipal court temporary closed by City Council

The Brackettville City Council approved the temporary closure of its municipal court Tuesday night.

The action came at the recommendation of the Comptroller's Office, City Manager David Luna said.

Luna said the municipal court may be reactivated in the future. The city has been without a police chief since Arnulfo Alonzo resigned on Oct. 12.

"We were waiting for all the tickets and money to come in from when the police chief left," Luna said.

Mayor Carmen Berlanga said the city would hire another police chief "in due time."

## BHS to present play Sunday at 3

The Brackett High School one-act play, "Small Actors" by Stephen Gregg, will be presented for the public on Sunday at 3 p.m. at Fort Clark Springs' Post Theatre.

The play has a cast of 14 and crew of four. There will be no admission charged, but donations will be accepted.

The play will be performed Monday in district competition at Three Rivers High School.

## Historical society set to host lecture on S.A. missions

Dr. Roselyn Rock will discuss the missions of San Antonio at the next Fort Clark Historical Society meeting Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Palisado Building.

Rock, a San Antonio native, will focus on Mission San Juan. She is Texas' director of missions, and is responsible for the preservation and marketing of the historic sites for the state.

The Palisado Building is located one block east of Fort Clark Road, behind the Old Guard House Museum and the Suttler's Store.

## Red Hatters host regional meeting April 5 in Uvalde

The Kinney County Red Hatters will be hosting the regional Red Hatters quarterly meeting at the Uvalde Country Club. Grab a red hat and a purple outfit and join the fun on April 5.

Mail a \$12.25 check made out to the Uvalde Country Club to Pat McKelvy, P.O. Box 232, Brackettville, TX 78832. All ladies who want to have a fun day are invited. The deadline for reservations is March 29.

# Fort may have to pay for water

The Fort Clark Municipal Utility District (MUD) and Brackett ISD will have to submit well permit applications by April 1 to the Kinney County Groundwater District.

Larry Sofaly, MUD's general manager, said he was informed Tuesday that he had two weeks to complete the necessary paperwork required to be filed.

"The attorneys for the water district have said that we will have to pay for our water us-

age," Sofaly said.

If MUD is forced to pay for its water usage, Sofaly said the decision would likely mean increased costs for Fort Clark residents.

The MUD board voted Wednesday morning to file its applications, but to have its attorney, Ralph Brown, look into the legalities of having to pay for water usage. The debate surrounds whether or not MUD is a municipality.

*"We pay taxes to the water board, they want to charge us for water usage and then we would have to turn around and charge the customer. That's double taxation."*

**Brackettville City Manager David Luna**

State law states that a district cannot regulate a well "that is located in a county that has a population of 14,000 or less if the water is to be used solely to

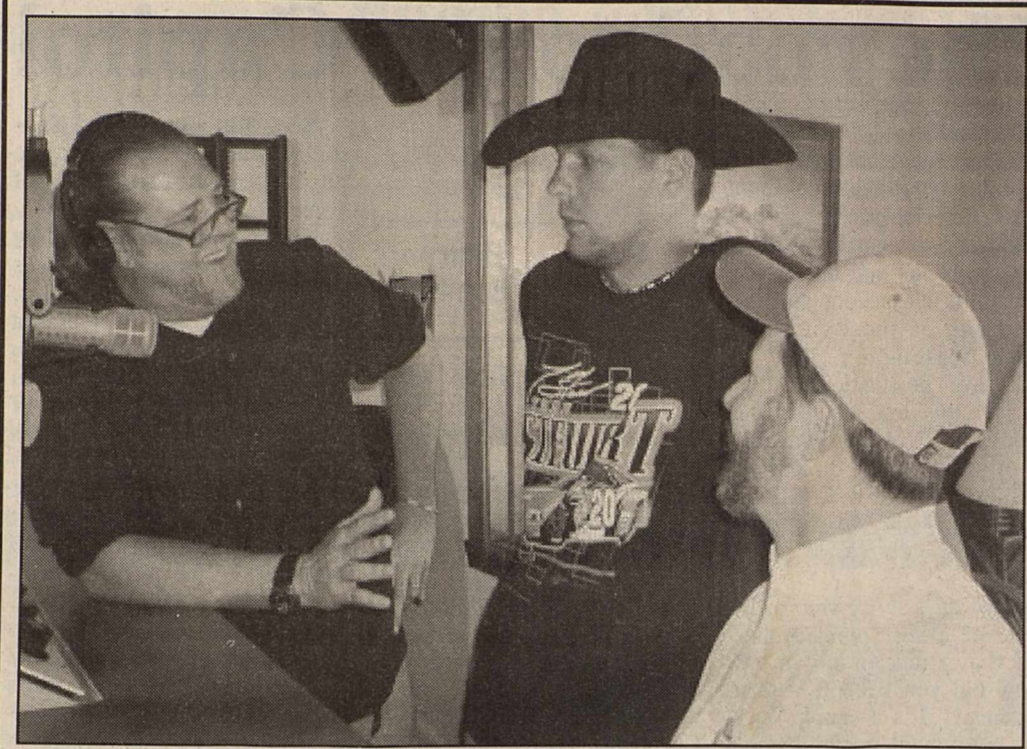
supply a municipality that has a population of 121,000 or less and the rights to the water produced from the well are owned by a political subdivision that

is not a municipality, or by a municipality that has a population of 100,000 or less."

Steven Walthour, the water district's acting general manager, said in a telephone interview the city of Brackettville would not have to pay for its water usage.

The City Council discussed the issue at its Tuesday night meeting.

"There is no way in the world



**On the radio**  
Heath Childs (center) of Del Rio, lead singer of the local band Wild Ride, is interviewed by radio personalities Steve (left) and Harley on the Armadillo Radio Hour. Wild Ride's first single, "Rodeo World," co-written by Childs and J.J. Guidry of Brackettville, was recently the "pick hit of the week" on the syndicated radio show. Wild Ride, which features local guitarist Wes Robinson of Brackettville, performs live on this week's show, which can be heard Sunday at 7 p.m. on Uvalde's KVOU 104.9 FM.

# Castillo to run for school board

Four candidates have now filed to run for the Brackett ISD Board of Trustees in the upcoming May 3 election.

Susanna Castillo filed to run in the election this last week, according to school district officials. Mark Frerich, Martha Gerardo and Sondra Meil had previously filed paperwork to be included on the ballot.

The four candidates are vying for two at-large positions on the school board. Three-year terms are expiring for trustees Rose Mary Slubar and Tim Ward, who have yet to file for a re-election bid.

There are also two seats up for grabs in the Brackettville City Council election, also on May 3.

Bonnie Wardlaw will be challenging incumbent City Council member Martha Ward McDonald in the May 3 election. They are the only candidates to file for the Place 1 position on the city ballot as of press-time.

Tomas Gomez is the Place 3

**ELECTIONS**

incumbent alderman. He will face Camilo Cruz Jr. and June Kaminski in the election.

Each City Council seat has a two-year term.

Wednesday was the last day to file to run for school board. Candidates seeking positions on the City Council can file an application through 5 p.m. today.

Early voting by personal appearance for the city election will be held at City Hall April 16-29 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for Good Friday on April 18. Applications to vote early by mail will be accepted beginning March 4. Ballots must be received by April 29.

Early voting by personal appearance for the school board election will be held at the BISD Central Office April 16-29 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Applications to vote early by mail will be accepted by the close of business on April 25.

## Lions Club hosts pancake breakfast and walk-a-thon

The Brackettville Lions Club will host a pancake breakfast and Stride-For-Sight walk-a-thon on Saturday.

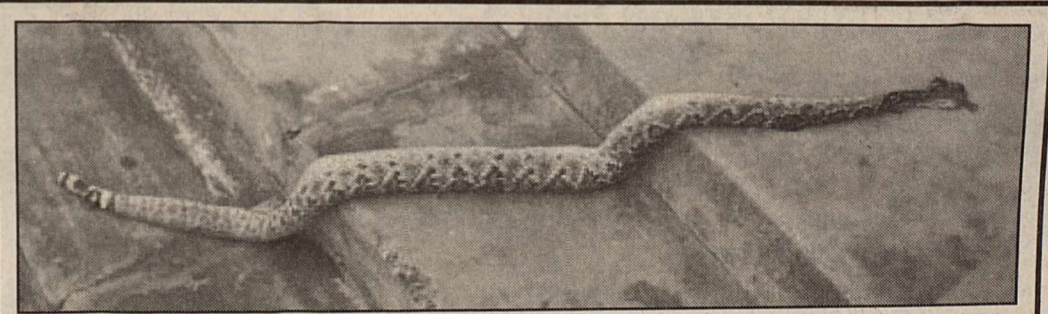
A breakfast of all-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice and coffee will be served from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Fort Clark Springs' Service Club, and the walk-a-thon will take place throughout the morning.

Tickets for the breakfast are \$5 each and can be obtained

from any member of the Brackettville Lions Club.

Bobbi Waddill is chairperson of the walk-a-thon and she has pledge sheets available.

The Stride-For-Sight walk-a-thon is an annual event for Texas Lions. The proceeds from the event are used for the advancement of sight research, which is an ongoing project to which Lions Clubs International has always been dedicated.



**Dead rattlesnake**  
A dead rattlesnake was found on the doorsteps of the Kinney County Courthouse last Tuesday morning. Officials are still unaware of who or why it was left there.

# School district to announce finalist for superintendent's position

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Editor

The Brackett ISD Board of Trustees will name a finalist for the superintendent's position within the next two weeks.

The school district has re-

ceived 30 applications. Tomorrow is the deadline to apply.

The Board of Trustees will hold the first of several closed workshops tonight at 6 to review applications for the district's chief administrative position.

"We are happy with the quality of the applicants," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

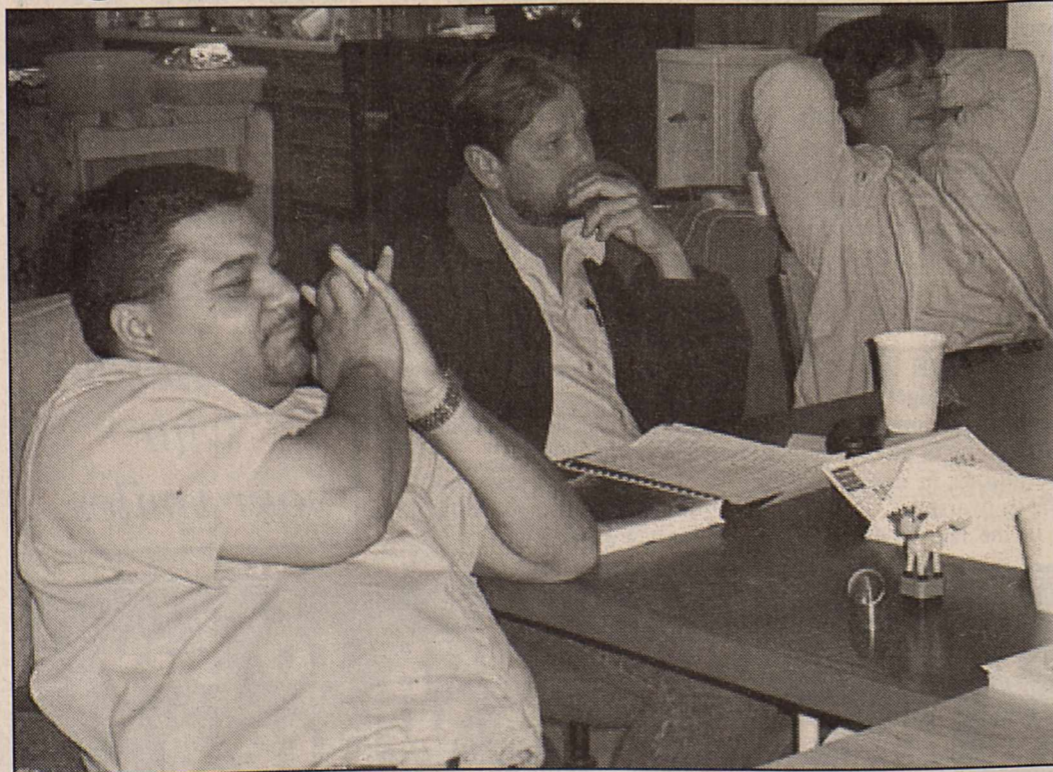
The board will conduct interviews of applicants at special meetings tonight and on Monday. A new superintendent will be hired the week of April 21.

Stephenson announced his retirement in January. He has worked in public education for 43 years. Stephenson came to Brackett ISD in 1992 as its curriculum director and federal programs coordinator, and is currently in his seventh year as the

district's superintendent. His resignation is effective July 31.

"The work has been rewarding, and we have made tremendous progress in the past 10 years. I have particularly enjoyed the young people through the years," Stephenson said.

# Master plan developed for Kickapoo Cavern State Park to guide staff members with future interpretive endeavors



**Making a plan**  
Kickapoo Cavern State Park staff members Randy Rosales (from left), assistant manager; Mike Knezek, manager; and Liz Reinhold, clerk; listen to input from stakeholders during the interpretive master plan meeting.

An interpretive master plan for Kickapoo Cavern State Park was initiated recently by a group of eight stakeholders and seven Texas Parks and Wildlife staff members.

The stakeholder group included local residents Bill Haenn, Tommy Seargeant, Neville Smart and Ernest Smith, in addition to Kickapoo Cavern State Park staff members Mike Knezek, Liz Reinhold and Randy Rosales, and volunteer Mary Jane Harrison.

Other Texas Parks and Wildlife Department staff and stakeholders from elsewhere in the state, representing various areas of expertise and interest, rounded out the panel.

The interpretive master plan will guide park staff in future interpretive and educational endeavors, such as guided tours, exhibits, brochures, signage and special programs.

"The mission of interpretation is to increase visitor understanding and appreciation of the significance of park resources," explained Linda Hedges, regional interpretive specialist for

*"The mission of interpretation is to increase visitor understanding and appreciation of the significance of park resources."*  
**Linda Hedges**

the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Park Manager Mike Knezek added: "The input we received from the stakeholder session was invaluable, and provides a strong foundation for the remainder of our planning efforts."

During the meeting, stakeholders shared their visions for the site, addressed issues and obstacles, and brainstormed on other topics of importance, such as target audiences and available resources. The input that was received was used the following day by TPWD staff to develop interpretive goals for the park.

For more information about Kickapoo Cavern State Park, call (830) 563-2342.

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I noticed that I had something in my pocket. I reached in and pulled out a short stub of paper. It read: "Keep this coupon." I guess I had obeyed.  
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## Envelope should remain 'unmolested'

Well, the deadline for getting your ballots signed, sealed and delivered is here. Now it's up to the counters to sort it all out and send the sealed envelope back to FCSSA.

It is to be picked up at the Post Office and signed for twice — first that it was properly delivered, and secondly that it was still properly sealed upon delivery.

And after it arrives at the administration office, anyone "else" touching this document has to sign the envelope and the seal to further insure it has not been tampered with.

Once at the administration office, it is "supposed" to be put into the safe where it is to remain "unmolested." That means unopened and unaltered by any devious person or persons.

And it is "only" to be opened when read at the annual meet-

ing by the secretary.

Now it is my understanding, at this time, the secretary is "supposed" to ask if anyone would like to inspect the sealed envelope before it is opened for reading, and again to inspect the findings that have been read. But I'm almost certain that this step will be unfortunately forgotten. So it will be up to us to see that doesn't happen.

To those who voted, I thank you for taking the time to do so.

To those who voted to change the way things are being so poorly run here, I say: "God bless and keep you." The right people voted in will make a vast difference.

And, once again, to *The Brackett News*, thank you from the bottom of my heart for letting myself and others have our say.

Richard A. Card Sr.

## Fort should show respect for U.S. flag

Many questions have been raised concerning the management of Fort Clark, and the pros and cons of this management have been debated. However, the disregard for the proper manner of flying the flag of the United States is beyond debate.

For at least the last three weeks, the flag flying near the statue of the horse has been up for 24 hours a day, without benefit of being lighted during the nighttime hours. This is traditionally unacceptable.

Change may be necessary, but I can think of absolutely no rea-

son for this change. The flag should be shown respect — even more so on this historic fort.

This is not the first time this has happened since Ms. Maggie Banner-Kerr decided to save money by not raising and lowering the flag as was the custom for so many years.

It was great when the flag was taken down each evening and a recording of *Retreat* was played, and *Reveille* was played each morning when the flag was raised.

Emet B. Huntsman

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Wallflowers

## The road to the Capitol

The halls of our nation's Capitol are filled this month with students. Young adults from across America are given one week every spring to break away from the books and take a rest from their classroom studies. Hundreds of these students choose Washington, D.C. as their travel destination.

I love this time of year. This week alone, I've met with dozens of students. We discuss everything from how a bill becomes a law to my favorite football team — the Cowboys, of course!

A few days ago, a young man asked me a very pointed question that stuck in my mind: "How did you become a Congressman?" It's a simple question, but it made me think about my life at age 17.

When I was attending South San Antonio High School, I never thought that I would one day represent you in Washington as a U.S. congressman. It was something of a feat for a student to graduate from my high school, let alone go on to college and beyond.

Most people assume congressmen have worn suits their entire life, and that a law or business degree is a required ticket of admission. However, Congress is full of self-made men and women who came from every background imaginable. Let me share a few examples with you.

At the young age of 20, Rep.



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

Bob Riley of Alabama began selling eggs door to door with his brother. The small operation grew to become one of the largest totally integrated poultry and egg operations in the Southeast.

Rep. Ellen Tauscher of California was the youngest person to win a seat on the coveted New York Stock Exchange at age 25. She worked as a stock trader and investment banker. After moving to California she founded the ChildCare Registry, the first company to provide background information on child-care providers.

Congress has attracted its share of athletes over the years. Rep. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma was a college All-American football player at the University of Oklahoma. He went on to play for the Canadian Football League, and after that became a youth minister.

Rep. Steve Largent, also of Oklahoma, was another professional athlete. He played for the Seattle Seahawks for 14 years and was inducted to the NFL Hall of Fame after retiring as the third all-time leader in pass receptions in 1989.

## NIH: The guardians of medical research

In 1900, the average life expectancy for a man born in the United States was 47 years.

By 1950, Americans were living somewhat longer to 68 years — still youthful by today's standards.

Half a century later, children born in 2000 can reasonably expect to draw their last breath in 2077.

The increase in life expectancy can be attributed to many factors — environmental, dietary and societal to name a few — but the greatest contributor is breakthrough medical research. And no one organization can take more credit in the advancement of modern medicine than the National Institutes of Health (NIH), our nation's steward of medical and behavioral research.

**National Institutes of Health**  
NIH is the federal agency responsible for funding medical research. With the far-reaching mission to "uncover new knowledge that will lead to better health for everyone," it has focused on the health and well being of Americans since the late 1700s.

Originally founded as the Marine Hospital Service on July 16, 1798, by President John Adams, the organization has since evolved into a top-notch research center. Building laboratories, research centers and worldwide respect along the way, NIH ultimately became the center of medical excellence it



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

is today.

With centers ranging from the Office of Research on Women's Health aimed at enhancing research into conditions and diseases that afflict women, to the Division for Environmental Health Sciences which focuses on the biological, chemical and physical effects of environmental agents, NIH now tackles every imaginable health concern facing humanity.

Its overall goal is to acquire knowledge in how to treat, prevent, detect and diagnose everything from life-threatening genetic disorders to the common cold. With such a vast calling, NIH officials realized early on that success would not be determined by government scientists in federally-run laboratories alone, but by the utilization of the tremendous assets — scientific and human — that existed in the medical community.

Today, NIH invests 84 percent of its budget to grants and contracts supporting research and training in more than 2,000 institutions in every state, as well as overseas.

In the late 1990s, Congress

Sen. Jim Bunning of Kentucky was a Major League pitcher and is also a Hall of Famer.

Congress is also honored by the service of true heroes — its war heroes.

Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska served his country in an elite Navy SEAL team in Vietnam and was awarded the Medal of Honor after losing part of his right leg in action. After returning home from Vietnam, he started building up a chain of successful restaurants and health clubs before he moved to politics.

Rep. Sam Johnson of Plano is a retired Air Force colonel who endured nearly seven years of brutality — half of that period in solitary confinement — in a North Vietnamese prison camp. Congress is full of people from all walks of life, many who never ran for office before coming to Washington.

My colleagues have included a great songwriter (Sonny Bono), a winemaker, a restaurant manager and a self-described "journeyman" carpenter, just to name a few.

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

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

realized the full potential of NIH could not be achieved without adequate funds and committed to doubling the NIH budget over a five-year period. In that short time, NIH has proved it is worth its weight in research funding by making life-altering discoveries.

From giving hope to the paralyzed by treating immune cells to repair injuries and restore lost nerve impulses, to mapping the human genome — medical research funded through NIH has exploded.

And as Dr. Michael DeBakey, chancellor emeritus at the Baylor College of Medicine, put it: "We are on the brink of discoveries that will make the next decade a renaissance of genetic treatments and cures."

**Medical Breakthroughs**  
A 50 percent decrease in the death rate from strokes, an 80 percent success rate of reducing or eliminating schizophrenia symptoms, and a 36 percent decrease in mortality rates from heart disease are just a few of the medical breakthroughs made possible by NIH.

In the new millennium, NIH is at the forefront in addressing contemporary concerns, like the emerging threat of bioterrorism, and we can be assured it will continue the cutting-edge discoveries that have become the agency's hallmark.

For more information on the National Institutes of Health, log on to www.nih.gov.



Teen Spirit

Shanae Simmons

## Spring Break ends too soon

Spring Break — what a wonderful holiday it is. I had one of the most brilliant breaks that anyone could have. I stayed up late, slept in, and watched plenty of cartoons. I acted as lazy as I could possibly get away with.

Some would assume that a break like mine would have anyone running back to school based on all the "exciting" activities, but they would be wrong.

Every lethargic minute of my last week of freedom before summer was enjoyed. I actually tried to do everything as slow as possible because I knew that it would pass quickly.

I made jewelry, while watching cartoons. I tried to learn to juggle, while watching cartoons. And I slept, while watching cartoons.

Actually, writing this column is the most thinking work I have done in a while that did not include watching cartoons. For a moment, I even forgot how to type.

Sadly though, everything is slowly coming back, and the realization that school is going to be my main source of entertainment for the next few months is slapping me hard in the face. No more staying up late, no more sleeping in, and no more cartoons, just school work and teachers.

I don't want to go back — they can't make me. I will fight every foot of the way. I will sabotage the school bus route. I will pay the principal. I will do anything — just don't make me go back.

OK, most likely none of those things will work and I will have to go back, but I don't want to. I have the Discovery Channel at home. I can watch it in between the cartoons.

Don't worry, everyone out there, I will go back. I have to. Anyway, it's not like I have a choice.

I can get through it, though. The school year is almost over, and I still have much to learn. It might be fun. I can handle it, what am I worried about?

Everything will be just fine. I am raring to go. Come on school, bring it, I am ready for ya. I just can't wait for that bus to come around my corner at 7 a.m. so I can hop on it and go to school and learn about ... stuff.

Actually, now that I think about it, I feel a little cold coming on, maybe I should stay home from school tomorrow, eat some soup and get some rest. Maybe even watch some cartoons.

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# BISD to expand its cafeteria.

The Brackett Board of Trustees began plans for summer maintenance at its regular meeting on Monday.

John Graves Jr., the district's architect, reviewed plans for a major addition to the school cafeteria. The project will take five months to complete and bids are expected to be received the first week in June.

Also, the metal roofing projects that are to be completed this summer were reviewed for the board. These projects will include the new high school, library, technology building, junior high and cafeteria, the fifth- and sixth-grade building, the ag building, the band room and home economic building, the library walkway and junior high walkway.

Once again, a busy summer



Making A Difference

Taylor Stephenson

of updating and remodeling is scheduled for BISD. The board hopes to be able to award this bid sometime during the first couple of weeks in May.

### Newest Eagle Scout

Congratulations to Cody Robinette, our newest Eagle Scout. In a very impressive Boy Scout ceremony held at the Church of Christ this past Saturday, Cody was honored by his peers, family, friends and supporters.

Joe, his dad, presided as the

scout master. Cody's mom and grandfather also participated. Our community is proud of Cody for reaching this lofty accomplishment.

### New Band Director

BISD's new band director, Jim DCamp, continues to have many positive comments about his instruction and approach to teaching band at BISD. Keep up the good work band and Mr. DCamp.

### Superintendent Search

The school board continues to hold special meetings to interview candidates for superintendent of schools.

We have received many inquiries, and the board has scheduled a minimum of six interviews.

### Deadline for Elections

The deadline for filing to run

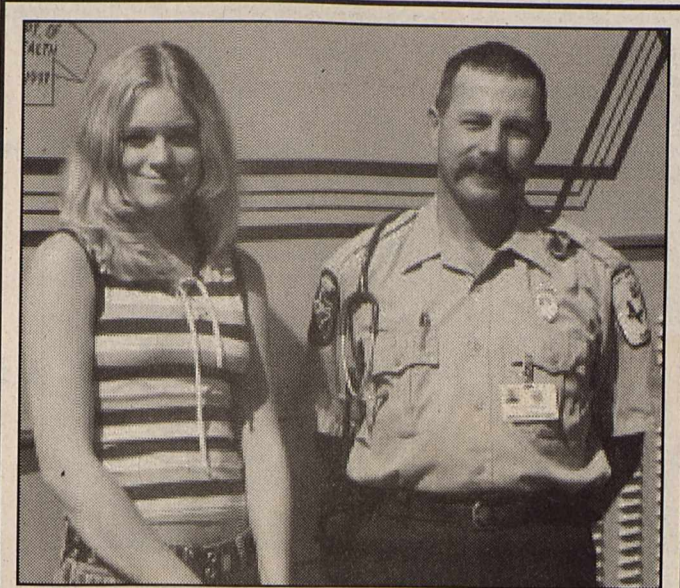
for school board was Wednesday at 5 p.m. I'll have more to say about the election in future newspaper columns. It is critical to have a good board if we are to maintain the fine schools that Brackett ISD has.

### Fort Clark Springs

It was good to see Fort Clark Springs busy for the past two weekends. The golf tournament appeared to be a major success. The motel was full, and folks were once again enjoying the beauty of the FCS. When this happens, the financial burden is less.

Somehow, we must learn that recreation is our major product. We need to pack folks in every weekend that it is possible to do so. I'm proud of the efforts made the past couple of weeks.

Have a great week!



Job Shadow Day

Photo by Kathy Wilson

Brackett High School senior Lacey Dodson, the daughter of Dennis and Donna Dodson, spent Job Shadow Day with Chris Calk, EMT internediate, of the Kinney County EMS on Friday.

## Free computer equipment available

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative has announced a grant program available that will give computers to qualifying individuals.

The computers are available through The Beaumont Foundation of America. The co-op's Internet service, RioNet, will provide six months of free Internet service to any individual in RioNet's local calling areas who is awarded a grant.

Applicants will be notified by May 20 if they are selected as the recipient of a Toshiba laptop computer, printer and software programs. To obtain free Internet service, applicants will need to supply proof of the grant award to RioNet Internet Service.

The deadline for applying to The Beaumont Foundation is March 31. To apply, call toll-free (866) 505-2667 or (800) 459-0311.

# Bonilla announces funding for Texas border

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. government has pledged \$3.6 million for the Southwest Border States Anti-Drug Information System, Rep. Henry Bonilla announced.

The information system is a secure, law enforcement information sharing system that provides connectivity among the intelligence databases in the four U.S.-Mexico southwest border states: Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas.

It has significant operational

impact and directly supports the National Drug Control Strategy and General Counterdrug Intelligence Plan. More than 42,000 federal, state and local law enforcement officers within the four state border region will be affected by the funding announcement.

The \$3.6 million funding announcement will assist the Texas sector to acquire automated systems for law enforcement agencies involved in the program. This funding will assist law en-

forcement officials along the Texas-Mexico border and enable them to work together with the other border states to stop drug smuggling, criminal acts and illegal border crossing.

"This system is truly revolutionary and will make a tremendous impact on our border region," said Bonilla. "By approving this legislation, Congress is sending a signal that it will take care of our nation's borders."

"We greatly appreciate the support Congressman Bonilla

has shown for the Southwest Border States Anti-Drug Information System," said Glen Gillum, director of the Criminal Information Sharing Alliance.

"His efforts have allowed us to develop and deploy an information sharing network that places information in the hands of law enforcement which is crucial in keeping Texas communities safe, our national border secure and combats drug trafficking and other violent crime."

## BRACKETT ISD HONOR ROLL

The following is Brackett ISD's Honor Roll, as provided by the district, for the fourth six-weeks grading period:

### High School

#### All-A Honor Roll

■ **Seniors:** Maria Martinez, Douglas Sanchez, Elizabeth Threadgill.

■ **Juniors:** Hector Febres, Sarah Meyer, Ashley Smith.

■ **Sophomores:** Tillman Davis, Oscar Sierra, Shanae Simmons.

■ **Freshmen:** Dana Bonner, Billy Steelman, Brand Wylie.

#### A-B Honor Roll

■ **Seniors:** Ryan Benton, Kami Berg, Robert Franklin, Laura Gonzalez, Jared Hobbs, Davina Luna, Jose Pineda, Tammy Smith, Jeffrey Tipples, Jose Vela, Maarten Vos, Victoria Ward.

■ **Juniors:** Elizabeth Ballew, Chestin Clark-Hatley, Stephanie Coronado, Amanda Davis, Dietrich Davis, Emily Petrosky, Arnold Pinales, Anthony Rosetti, Star Smith, Ashley Thourrot, Beau Watkins, Elijah Woolsey.

■ **Sophomores:** Juliann Ashabranner, Jaclynn Duncan, Cody Edwards, Courtney Frerich, Monica Gonzalez, Brandon Kluzek, Whitney Massin-

gill, Cody Robinette, Emmanuel Talamantes, Kody Yeager.

■ **Freshmen:** John Braesicke, Alana Conoly, Jessica Crane, Kimberly Glass, Cassandra Gomez, Liliana Hernandez, Yasmin Pena, Timmeka Simmons, Rachel Swinson, Soraida Talamantes, Tye Taylor.

### Middle School

#### All-A Honor Roll

■ **Eighth grade:** Justin Calk, Laura Meyer, Joshua O'Neill.

■ **Seventh grade:** Bailee Allen, Meghann Davis, Daphne Hunt, Conrad Moore, Bianca Stewart, Anolda Watkins.

#### A-B Honor Roll

■ **Eighth grade:** Dolores Cano, Robert Davis, Ivan Pinales, Austin Shewbart, Mariela Talamantes, Kara Yeager.

■ **Seventh grade:** Heather Baggett, Jesus Balderas, Doolie Fernandez, Lane Nowlin, Gustavo Resendez.

### Elementary School

#### All-A Honor Roll

■ **Sixth grade:** Katie Braesicke, Serenity Gammill, Becca Mann, Laura Swinson.

■ **Fifth grade:** Cheyenne Billings, Brooklyn Gose, Michael Rosetti, Katie Yeager.

■ **Fourth grade:** Kelsey Bruce, Bryan Calk, Haley Hale,

Janine Rex, Sahara Rodriguez, Joshua Smith.

■ **Third grade:** Brittany Hale, Stevie Lowrance, Nevada Payne, Joelson Terrazas, Daulton Woodson.

■ **Second grade:** Meghan Flores.

■ **First grade:** Korlee Allen, Arturo Castillo, Clay Flores, Dolores Garza, Marisol Gomez, Hannah Johnson, Anthony Martinez, Karina Martinez, Paul Resendez, Dustin Sanchez, Shelby Schuster, Haley Smith, Gabriel Walker.

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■ **Sixth grade:** Laura Adams, Ray Aguilar, Summer Allen, Brooke Bowlin, Emily Calk, Sam Childress, Jessica Garza, Jessie Jones, Miranda Letsinger, Bianca Martinez, Harmony Pettett, Maribel Rivas, Graciela Rocha, Veronica Talamantes, Scott Thourrot.

■ **Fifth grade:** Chris Blake, Cynthia Bland, Steven Brinker, Cody Clark, Charles Conoly, Shaun Davis, Taylor Dunbar, Brianna Escamilla, Ramon Gutierrez, Lauren Hernandez, Aracely Martinez, Paul Novel, Jay Proulx, Raul Rivas, Isaac Talamantes.

■ **Fourth grade:** Katie Bowlin, Sarah Davis, Mike Flores, Stella Guajardo, Abigail

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■ **Third grade:** Lauren Duncan, Adam Garcia, Amanda Herrera, Jeffrey Herrera, Emily Holmes, Kelsey Molano, Ismael Morales, Ernesto Ortiz, Salvador Pacheco, Joel Talamantes, Shandel Villarreal, Ashley Wardlaw.

■ **Second grade:** Priscilla Aguirre, Daniel Brinker, Brooke Brown, Cesar Castillo, Ryan Clark, Daniel Falcon, Yeika Garcia, Brianna Garza, Selena Gerardo, Sariah Guartuche, Rolando Gutierrez, R.J. Hernandez, Ethan Justice, Austin Pettett, Jonathan Pinales, Adam Resendez, Jose Rivas, Selene Talamantes, Marissa Villarreal.

■ **First grade:** Judy Adams, McKenzie Castillo, Clarrisa Cruz, Edgar DeLeon, Jose Falcon, Shannon Gammill, Ernan Hernandez, Steven Maldonado, Zachary Pevehouse, Isauro Rivas, Marilinda Rivas, Alberto Rocha, Nereyda Salazar, Kendall Seballos, August Stephenson, Landon Tuck, Damian Villarreal.

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## KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

### Monday, March 10

2:24 p.m., A man requested assistance from the U.S. Border Patrol at a local ranch on Highway 674.

4:30 p.m., Bobby Lee Evans, 37, of San Antonio was arrested by DPS Trooper Sweeney for theft of service, failure to appear and speeding. He was released the same day after paying \$1,600 in fines and posting bond.

5:29 p.m., A woman reported a black truck driving reckless in the back of Fort Clark Springs.

6:23 p.m., A woman reported two kids on motor bikes doing circles in the middle of Highway 90, about 12 miles outside of Brackettville.

6:59 p.m., A woman requested assistance at her residence in Unit 27 of Fort Clark Springs to help settle a family dispute.

7:15 p.m., A man reported that a woman had locked herself out of her vehicle on Rudolf Street.

8:23 p.m., A woman said that her spouse was still giving her trouble at her residence in Unit 27 of Fort Clark Springs.

### Tuesday, March 11

2 a.m., Juan Antonio Ortiz, 23, of Mexico was arrested by Deputy Chism on warrants out of Bexar County. He was still being held in the Kinney County Jail at press-time.

8:15 a.m., A woman reported a possible break-in at Expanded Horizons, located on E. Highway 90.

10:39 a.m., A Fort Clark woman said she wanted her boy-

friend removed from her residence in Unit 27 of Fort Clark Springs because of what had happened the previous night.

Constable Bobby Guidry and Jail Captain Alvin McClure transported Emma Salgado to the Texas Department of Corrections in Gatesville. She was sentenced to six years for a felony charge of driving while intoxicated.

4:30 p.m., A woman requested a deputy's assistance in retrieving some of her property.

6:41 p.m., A woman reported a hurt illegal alien at the BISD track stadium.

### Wednesday, March 12

2:41 a.m., A man reported loud music on N. Brown Street.

5:18 p.m., A Fort Clark woman reported that her purse was stolen from her residence on Fort Clark Road.

6:30 p.m., A Val Verde Sheriff's Office employee reported a stranded family on Highway 277, about 5 miles south of Sycamore Creek.

7:00 p.m., A Walforth man reported that he was running out of gas near George Rose Lane and had taken some gas from a gas tank at a local ranch. The local rancher was informed of the situation.

### Thursday, March 13

11:45 a.m., A Uvalde Police Department employee requested a welfare check on an individual in a maroon truck somewhere on Highway 334.

5:55 p.m., A man reported that he had been involved in a minor accident on Highway 90

West, about 100 yards past F.M. 2804, and that he had gone through a fence.

7:19 p.m., A woman reported that her cousin had borrowed a music CD and she said she wanted her disk back.

7:22 p.m., A woman reported loose sheep out on Highway 90, 2 miles east of Brackettville.

### Friday, March 14

12:29 a.m., A woman reported loud music at a party on E. First Street.

1:12 p.m., Bob Krueger, a railroad policeman, reported a deceased body laying beside a tree close to Pinto Creek on Standard Lane. The deceased male of Mexican descent was located. No positive identification has been made. The Mexican Consulate has been notified.

2:15 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs security employee requested a deputy in regards to a Fort Clark rule that had been broken.

### Saturday, March 15

7:50 a.m., Deputy Manny Pena reported deceased goats on Highway 131. He removed the goats.

8 a.m., Deputy Pena reported a freezer on Highway 131. He believed a local rancher had it on the back of a trailer. The rancher was notified.

3:50 p.m., A U.S. Border Patrol agent reported a cabin that had been broken into by an illegal alien on a local ranch.

4:40 p.m., A woman requested information on a problem between her daughter and another individual.

5:45 p.m., A man reported a reckless driver in a black and white car doing doughnuts in a parking lot.

5:47 p.m., Deputy Pena reported goats out on Highway 131.

9:20 p.m., A Border Patrol agent reported a stranded motorist with a flat tire about 3 miles west of Brackettville.

### Sunday, March 16

2:04 a.m., A woman reported someone knocking on her door on E. First street.

3:43 p.m., A woman reported a grey car flashing people and running them off the road on Highway 90, west of Brackettville.

6:00 a.m., Carlos Quintro, 26, of Mexico was arrested by DPS Trooper Tully Welch for failure to appear and possession of a controlled substance. He was still being held in the Kinney County Jail at press-time.

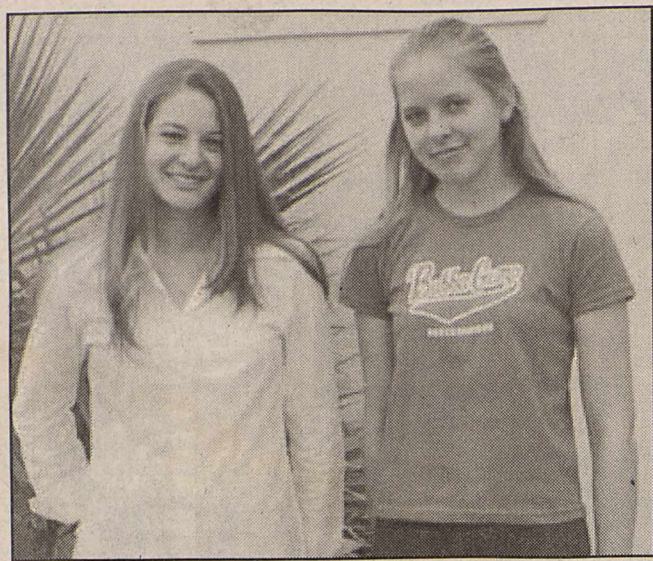
6:08 p.m., An employee at Ora's Drive Inn reported a customer complaining of chest pains. EMS personnel were dispatched to the scene.

7:00 p.m., A Spofford man reported that his trailer had been broken into.

8:15 p.m., A Kinney County woman requested a deputy to come to her residence because her 14-year-old son had been drinking.

8:40 p.m., Deputy Pena reported that he had run over a goat on Highway 131. The owner of the goat was notified and she said the fence line was down.

# Crider and Garza win DRT's Texas History Essay Contest



Winners of the West Nueces-Las Moras Soil and Water Conservation District's essay contest on soil and water conservation were Amanda Davis (above, from left), first place, and Alanna Conoly, second place. Poster contestants could choose from two themes: "The Gift of Trees" or "Food for the Future." The overall winners of the poster contest were Sarah Davis (below, from left), first place, Haley Hale, second place, and Maribel Rivas, third place. All were awarded cash prizes and will receive an award. All winners advance to the area competition. Amanda Davis' essay will advance to the state competition.

Madison Crider from Leakey and Rebekah A. Garza of Uvalde won top honors in the Texas History Essay Contest sponsored by the Caddell-Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Each year, DRT invite students in the fourth and seventh grades to compete in their essay contest.

Garza, a student at Anthon Elementary, was one of three Uvalde students to earn honors in the fourth-grade division. Their topic was "Susana and Angelina Dickinson, Survivors of the Alamo."

Kristen Coggins from Robb Elementary placed second in the fourth-grade division, and third place went to Taylor Kirkham from St. Phillips School.

Crider won the seventh-grade division, while Rebekah de las Fuente from Crystal City was second and Nathan Garcia from

Uvalde finished third. Their topic was "The Texas Navies—Their Battles, Their Ships, and Leaders."

Chapter winners receive a certificate and check from the local chapter. The winning essay advances to regional competition, and the winner from there goes on to the state competition.

The chapter's seventh-grade winner last year won the state competition. Information about the contest can be obtained each fall from any chapter member or the local education chairman, who is Mary Seaver. For the first time in several years, Brackett ISD had some entries.

The winning students recently read their essays to members of the Caddell-Smith Chapter, and punch and cookies were enjoyed by all.

A business meeting was held afterward. Billie Jean Davis,

president, called the meeting to order. Frances Brookshier, corresponding secretary general, led the pledges to the flags of the United States of America and of Texas. Nettie Ollre, chaplain, gave the invocation.

An invitation to the chapter was read regarding a meeting in New Braunfels. It was announced that member Gail Nichols' husband had died the past week. 2003 Convention material was distributed and members were reminded to turn in their volunteer hours at the April meeting.

Pat McKelvy, registrar, presented Judy Beth McFadin Burleson from Barksdale and Nelda Oden Coggins from Crystal City as prospective members. They were accepted unanimously. McKelvy also reported that the chapter has five original and 12 supplemental applications awaiting approval by the

registrar general.

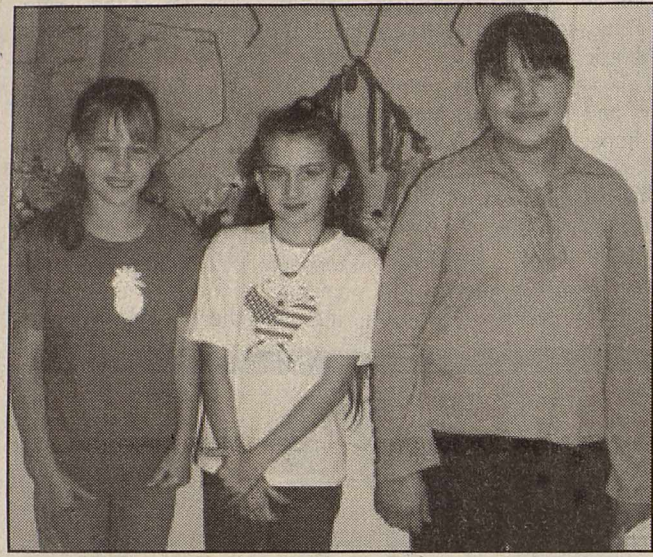
Any female over the age of 18 years is eligible for membership in the Daughters of the Republic of Texas if she can prove she had a lineal ancestor living in Texas during the time it was a republic.

Charolotte Corey, historian, presented a very innovative idea of having a section in the chapter history book which would show the member's name, photograph, DRT number, and a copy of her ancestor's land grant or whatever other proof was used showing that her lineal ancestor was in Texas during the time it was a Republic. This was accepted enthusiastically by the chapter.

Members were encouraged to send Corey a copy immediately of their ancestor's papers so that this project can be completed in time for the State Convention in May.

## Host parent visits Rotary Club meeting

By FRANCES McMASTER  
Contributing Writer



Rotary International exchange student Maarten Vos and host parent Louisa Stone were honored guests at the Brackettville Rotary Club meeting last week.

Louisa's husband, Charles, was working and unable to come, and their son, Eliot, Maarten's counterpart, was in Colorado visiting the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he may enroll in the fall.

Mrs. Stone spoke to the group

about the family's enjoyment at having Maarten stay with them since January. She also said that she and Maarten's mother, Marianne Vos-Vesper, quickly became friends when the latter visited from the Netherlands, along with Maarten's older brother, Reinout, in February.

Mrs. Stone related some experiences they have had since Maarten joined the family. She also mentioned some of the interests Maarten and Eliot share.

One thing they both enjoy is fishing. Since the Stones live close to Las Moras Creek on

Fort Clark Springs, the young men like to fish in the evenings.

When Maarten returns to Amsterdam, Eliot Stone will be going with him to visit the Vos family. They will travel for a while, then camp with Maarten's parents and younger twin brothers outside of Paris for a few days.

Mrs. Stone offered to serve as a resource for any parents who might be considering serving as host parents for future exchange students coming to Brackettville. She said she could enthusiastically encourage them

to volunteer for this opportunity.

She feels that everyone involved in the student-exchange project profits from it in numerous ways. The experience is one that will be remembered for a lifetime.

### Grant Visits Club

Eamonn Grant, Rotary assistant district governor, made his quarterly visit to the club last week.

Grant always is helpful to the officers in charge and brings advice, suggestions and news from Rotary International.

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Additional ingredients include 1 pound ground beef or chicken, and 2/3 to 3/4 cups of water.

To prepare the taco meat, cook the meat in a saucepan over medium heat until it is no longer pink, and then drain. Add water and 8 teaspoons of the season-



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Hint: To easily and quickly loosen burned milk or food in pans, cover effected area with water, add approximately 1 tablespoon of baking soda for each cup of water used.

Bring to a boil (do not leave unattended while doing this), and boil approximately five minutes. Turn off the heat. Will help, if badly burned, to stand awhile.

Check burned area for results before draining and washing the pan. This appears to work faster than vinegar.

Next week, watch for egg facts.

## Coupons provide a little mystery

I noticed that I had something in my pocket. I reached in and pulled out a short stub of paper. It read: "Keep this coupon."

I guess I had obeyed. I still had it. I tried hard to remember the last time I had worn this shirt. No register. On closer examination, I found there were actually two tickets. Well, I guess that meant that Connie had been with me. That clue didn't seem to help much.

Where had we been together that might have required these tickets? And when? In the last, what, six months? A year?

I couldn't put a time factor on them. No register. What event would have required an admission stub? At least I could congratulate myself for following the instructions. I had indeed kept the coupon.

But why was I supposed to



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keep it? Was I somewhere there were door prizes?

Obviously I didn't win anything. I could not recall any such happening. No register.

How long is one required to keep coupons such as these? Can I discard the cards now?

Wait, there are numbers on these certificates — 724297 and 724298. That isn't much help. No register. I guess the best thing for me to do is just put them back into my pocket, leave their fate to the dry cleaners and forget that I ever saw them.

I'll have to dismiss them from my memory banks. I'll not ever think of them again.

But I could be wrong.

## DAR Council hosts meeting

The Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution joined members of the other seven chapters in the council last Thursday for the quarterly business meeting at the Frio Canyon Lodge in Leakey.

The Sabinal Canyon Chapter hosted the event and their theme of red, white and blue made everyone feel very patriotic.

Jane Ginn, council president, welcomed members and led the opening ritual, assisted by Pat McKelvy, chaplain. Pledges to the flags of the United States of America and of Texas were recited, as well as the American's Creed.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Pricilla Montgomery and Jacqueline Pomeroy gave the treasurer's report.

Special events open to the public were confirmed for the upcoming months.

A Flag Day luncheon will be hosted by the Major James

Kerr Chapter in Kerrville on

June 14; the annual DAR Workshop hosted by the Council will be held at the Holdsworth-Butt Library in Kerrville, with Karen Tucker as chairman and with well-known area genealogist Ella Sheffield presenting the program; and the Constitution Day luncheon on Sept. 17 will be hosted by the Ephriam Andrews Chapter of Fredericksburg.

The Texas State DAR Conference will be in San Antonio at the Omni Hotel March 20-23.

The NSDAR Convention will be held in Washington D.C. July 9-13.

Local chapter members attending were McKelvy, Billie Jean Davis, Joan Davis, Alice Hicks, Francis Karasek, Nell McFadin and Louise Stone.

The next meeting of the council will be hosted by the local chapter at the Uvalde Country Club on May 8 at 11 a.m.

## Fort Clark MUD may have to pay for water

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that you can justify this," Luna said of the water board's previous intent to charge the city.

"We pay taxes to the water board, they want to charge us for water usage and then we would have to turn around and charge the customer. That's double taxation. We would have to pay twice to pump water. That's about as ignorant and foolish as you can get.

"Why should we save money to give the water board what they want because they can't be fiscally responsible? It's wrong."

Luna was a member of the drafting committee that created the legislation which enabled the formation of the water district. He said the committee unanimously agreed that the only fees that would be charged by the dis-

trict would be for the exportation of water.

"Everyone had agreed that the water board would operate solely on taxes," he said.

"Because of the way that they have handled things, they need more money to be able to operate. They're looking at a lot of different ways to come up with funding," Luna added as he was addressing the council.

The water board will meet at 5:30 Friday and consider postponing the April 1 deadline of fees associated with filing permits for water wells.

"I anticipate those filing fees will be postponed until later this year," said Walthour, a permitting enforcement manager with the Edwards Aquifer Authority who was hired in January as a consultant with the local district.

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## Garza, Martinez claim first in Las Moras Invitational

Pete Garza and Juan Martinez took top honors in the championship flight Sunday in the 14th Annual Las Moras Invitational Golf Tournament, a two-day, two-man-team event at Fort Clark Springs.

Three teams tied for second place in the championship flight: Gordon Boswell and Bryon Gould, Aaron Billings and John Aguilon, and Frank Hurt and Kaleb Langill.

The total purse of the tournament was \$10,500. Prize money was awarded to the top four teams in each flight, including \$750 for first, \$500 for second, \$300 for third and \$200 for fourth.

Ryan Gray and Tim McCormick won the first flight, Frank Anaya and Art Terrazas were second, Daniel Barrow and Jason Ruple took third, and Flip Talamantez and Mark Johnson finished fourth.

In the second flight, Roberto Carrillo and Elias Maldonado

tied Richard Quintella and George Carvajal for top honors. Jeff Wurn and Jeff Farley were third, while Mitch Frerich and Tracy Beams finished in a tie for fourth with David Arrendondo and Rogelio Martinez.

Winners of the third flight were Keith Cansler and Chuck Minor, Roland Del Toro and Ruben Martinez took second, and Fernando Carrillo and Raul Figueroa were third. There was a three-way tie for fourth between Tommy Real and James Hall, Monte Barnes and Wade Daugherty, and Nick Calderon and Ricky Calderon.

In the fourth flight, Matt Hurt and Derreck Weaver tied Juan Sanchez and Rober Sotelo Jr. for top honors. Ernie Moore and Ron Bownds claimed third-place honors, while Jorge Trevino and Rafael Olvera, Gray Hardaway and Steve Wilson, and Billy J. Gonzales and Eddie Ronriguez all tied for fourth place.

George Leyva and Joe Ray

Chavez won the fifth flight. There was a three-way tie for second between G.D. McClelland and Mike Tegeler, Tilo Garcia and Gilbert Sandoval, and Bob Saucedo and Robert J. Saucedo.

"As in the past, the tournament was a success due to the volunteer efforts of both the men's and women's golf associations, our contributing sponsors and, gratefully, Mother Nature again this year," said Eugene Sheldon, a member of the tournament committee.

"All of the contestants that the tournament committee spoke to at the end of play indicated that they had enjoyed the outing — the winners a little more than the others — and wished to be invited again next year.

"The members of the Fort Clark Springs Men's Golf Association, having completely enjoyed their company over the weekend, assured them the invitations would be there," added Sheldon.

## Ashabranner, Calk claim honors in Fort Clark Springs Festival 5K

Juliann Ashabranner was the first to cross the finish line in the Fort Clark Springs Festival 5K Run and Walk.

The 15-year-old Brackett High School student finished the race in 22:23. A little over a minute later, 14-year-old Justin Calk ran in.

The two BHS students could not claim the grand prizes because of UIL rules, but placed first in their respective age groups.

The grand prizes went to overall winners Matt Wyatt from Eagle Pass and local teacher Julie Bruce.

Over 100 people, from ages 5 to 78, participated in the event.

Calk won the male 18-and-under division, while Jared Harris was second and Ayland Letsinger finished third.

Ashabranner took top honors in the female 18-and-under division. Rachel Swinson came in second and Kelsey Bruce was third.

In the male 19-29 division, Scott Flint claimed first-place honors, Peter Perez finished second and Robert Aguirre was third.

Amanda Frerich won the female 19-29 division, while Suzanne Hobby was second and Heather Ruiz was third.

In the 30-39 female division, Jennifer Langford, placed first, Angie Lugo was second and Sheri Rutledge took third.

Jeff Duncan was the top finisher in the male 40-49 division, and Robert Smith finished second.

In the 40-49 female division, Mary Holt came in first, Lynn

McCarson was second and Melissa Davis took third.

Joe Fernandez raced to a first-place finish in the 50-59 male division. Second place went to Pete Perez and Luke Oliver was third.

In the 50-59 female division, Darlene Howery was first, Cindy Pilgrim finished second and Jama Brown was third.

John Dixon won the 60-69 male division, Maribel Clerc took top honors in the 60-69 female division, Joe Partlow claimed first in the 70-79 male division, and Pat Schotland won the 70-79 female division.

The event began with an aerobic warm up led by Ida Holley. Then, Curt Partlow, dressed in historical clothes, started the race with a bang from his black-powder gun.

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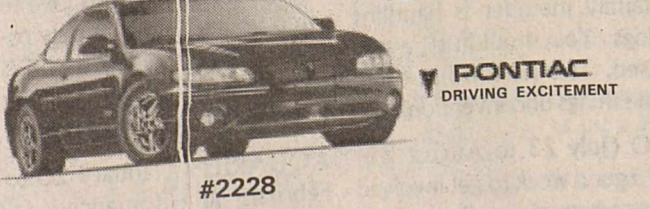


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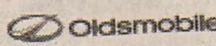
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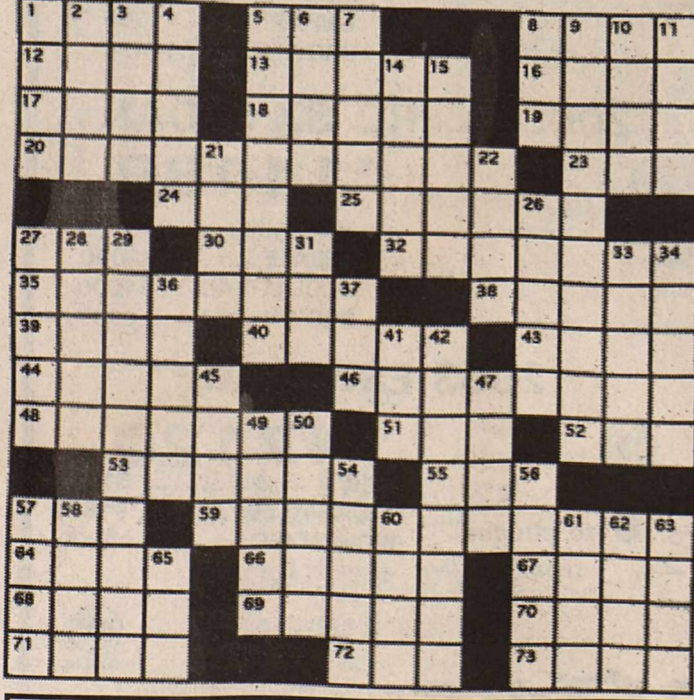
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67 \_\_\_ arm; Mount  
68 Sleep  
69 Carrier  
70 Uncommon  
71 Type of sword  
72 Hissing sound  
73 Suffix for persist or infer

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34 Endow with talents  
35 Spools  
36 Humphrey & Rockefeller  
37 WWII  
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42 Arguers  
45 Peruse  
47 Member of royalty  
49 Wading bird  
50 Former int'l. alliance  
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57 Become dim  
58 Preposition  
60 Kids' refreshments  
61 Mideast nation  
62 Drugbuster  
63 Delight  
65 Sneaker letters



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1. "Hee Haw"; 2. An unarmed nuclear weapon; 3. Olive Oyl; 4. Hugh Beaumont; 5. "A Day in the Life"; 6. "Travelers with Charley"; 7. Rosalynn; 8. Greece; 9. Smalville High; 10. Dean Martin

**ROARING TWENTIES**

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

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**Trivia Time by Walter Branch**

- What show replaced CBS' "The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour" after its abrupt cancellation?
- What did a B-47 drop in the backyard of Walter Gregg's Mars Bluff, S.C. home on March 11, 1958?
- What comic strip girlfriend measured in at 19-19-19?
- What "Leave It To Beaver" star moved to Minnesota and sold Christmas trees for a living after the end of the series?
- What Beatles song ended with a 24-second chord?
- What John Steinbeck novel was subtitled "In Search of America"?
- What is Jimmy Carter's wife's middle name?
- What Mediterranean country abolished its monarchy in June, 1973, and became a presidential republic?
- What high school did Clark Kent graduate from?
- What comedy team member said, "What's the difference if we don't chum around? To me this isn't a love affair. This is big business"?

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**ASTROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Be sure to obey all traffic rules this week. Choose your words carefully when conversing with a sensitive family member. Later in the week, your imagination soars.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your friendly nature attracts others to you. However, beware of someone trying to get too close. This person has ulterior motives.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You don't often give in to your impulses. However, a kitschy novelty item has captured your attention. Go ahead - indulge!

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You'd like to say yes to that request for a loan. However, you're not in the position to be so generous. Be honest with the person asking for this.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Those in sales will have a very successful week. In general, try to keep a low profile on the home front. You don't want to get involved in others' quarrels.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You feel the need to go it alone this week. That won't be possible. Family responsibilities beckon.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You're not happy with the way a family member is handling things. You shouldn't be surprised. This person has often done things unconventionally.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You'd love to wrap yourself in that new romance. However, a friend is more in need of you than you know. Be there for that person.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) It's a good week to get involved in a community activity. Volunteering will help others and yourself as well. This weekend, make time for loved ones.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Romance is favored early in the week. Later, it's all work and no play. By week's end, you want nothing more than some rest.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) An invitation to a social event comes your way. Take advantage of it. You can use this as an opportunity for some career networking.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You indulge your artistic side this week. Whether it means redecorating or indulging in a hobby, you're happy with it. Socializing is favored this weekend.

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**Roaring Twenties Solution:**

1. Alder	11. Juniper
2. Ash	12. Linden
3. Banyan	13. Maple
4. Birch	14. Mulberry
5. Chestnut	15. Oak
6. Dogwood	16. Olive
7. Elm	17. Pine
8. Fir	18. Redwood
9. Hazelnut	19. Sequoia
10. Hickory	20. Willow

## Do you have a healthy boundary system?

I ask, do you have a healthy boundary system? And you say, "A healthy what? Boundary system, what's that?"

The boundary that I'm talking about is that invisible fence around our personal God-given space.

These are the boundaries that keep people from using us and abusing us, that keep people from just bursting into our space and controlling us or getting us to do things before we have had a chance to think it over or say no!

Our boundaries also keep us aware of other people's boundaries so that we do not break into their own personal God-given space to control and abuse them in some manner.

These invisible "fences" mark off a "space" around us that no one else has the right to come into without our permission.

With healthy boundaries, we can protect ourselves from people who would control us. That's everyone, from strangers to friends, which also includes parents, mates and our children.

A person with healthy boundaries has them on all the time, that way we are not compelled to act, think or feel in ways that we do not personally choose.



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Rev. Dave Crowe

I want to make one thing perfectly clear here. These "fences" are just that, they are not walls. Walls are solid, impregnable, and nothing can penetrate beyond them, but with "fences," we can still hear other people's harsh or controlling words, insinuations and criticisms, and both see and hear them expressing emotions, apparently aimed at controlling us. We can stop these control devices from coming through our boundaries.

Without a healthy boundary system, we find ourselves continually getting over-committed, because we can't say no when people (particularly certain authority figures) ask us to do things, even though we may be feeling stressed by commitments already.

As Christians, we can imagine having Jesus Christ or the Holy Spirit as the keeper of our boundaries. Imagine Jesus standing just outside our boundary, and if people start crashing in, imagine him firmly stopping them.

The Holy Bible says that the Holy Spirit will comfort us. The word comfort also means to "strengthen." So a part of the Holy Spirit's job is to strengthen us and our boundaries.

Some people have developed good strong healthy boundaries. Some people have not learned on their own or been taught how to develop them. Some people find that they have very healthy boundaries most of the time and can say no or resist attempts at manipulation by others, but with particular people (such as a favorite child) have no boundaries at all and may feel compelled to do everything that is requested of them.

Healthy boundaries are required of us because God knows that if we do not have them, we will have great difficulty in doing his will.

The bottom line is this, I can't do God's will if I'm busy doing everybody else's will.

Remember this, God is never intrusive or abusive. He always waits outside our boundaries for us to decide whether or not we want to do what we sense he is asking us to do.

He never crashes through our boundaries to control our will. He loves us that much.

## Continue to trust in God

As we stand together and stand by our motto, "In God we trust," we link our souls together in Christ Jesus and form a barrier against the darkness of this world. No weapon formed against us shall prosper.

The schemes of the devil shall be revealed to the children of God because the devil is already defeated by faith in Jesus Christ, and the name of Jesus is above all names.

God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. His plans for you are for good and not for evil.

His word protects you as "He is my Shepherd, I shall not want." (Psalm 23)

"Want" means want for anything, and as you humble yourself in the sight of the Lord and live righteously, he will lift you up and prepare a table before you in the presence of your enemies.

When you pray according to God's word in the name of Jesus, your heavenly Father hears you and will perform it.

Jesus is your shelter that you can run into and abide in, even as he abides in you.

His word says: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

"I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my



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God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.

"He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust; his truth shall be thy shield and buckler."

"Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday."

"A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee."

"Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked."

"Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling."

"For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou

dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

"Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name."

"He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation." (Psalm 91)

Jesus is our refuge. He is our shield. He is the one that sticketh closer than a brother. He is our Messiah. He is our Savior. He is our peace.

"In Him we live and move and have our being ... For we are also his offspring." (Acts 17:28)

Stand fast together, wearing the amour of God. Each of us must plead the blood of Jesus to cover our households, even as the Passover Lamb's blood was sprinkled on the doorposts of the Israelites so that the spirit of death would pass over them without harming the firstborn in their families.

"In God we trust" is the battle cry of America. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Pray for the peace of America.

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

## Harm to women comes from women

The door closed quietly as the last of the women left. Mariana sank into the couch, relieved that the meeting was finally over. It seemed that so little was accomplished.

"Why can't Joan and Emily get along?" she asked herself. "Why do these two women bite and scratch at each other at every opportunity?"

Her thoughts were interrupted by her daughter. Mariana looked up.

"Mom, why do Mrs. Suarez and Mrs. Jones argue and fight so much?" Amanda asked. "I couldn't help but overhear your meeting."

"I don't know, sweetheart," Mariana said. "I hope I never have to serve with this committee again. Those two women are opposed to whatever the other one brings up. It's like they want to destroy each other. I've heard them tear each other apart in other circumstances too in the presence of other people."

"There's some girls like that at school, Mom," Amanda said. "They glare and spit at each other and sometimes I think they would scratch each other's eyes out if they got a chance. It's no fun to be around them."

Mariana laughed. "Do you know what we used to call that when I was your age?"

"No, what?" Amanda asked. Mariana laughed again: "We called that a cat fight. Isn't that



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hilarious?"

Amanda laughed with her mom and said, "I guess it's good we can laugh at it, Mom."

"Yeah," Mariana replied. "You have to find a sense of humor even in some unpleasant things."

"Why are some women and girls like that, Mom?" Amanda asked.

Mariana was thoughtful for a few moments: "I don't really know, sweetheart. But I think it's best to stay away from such people. Long ago a very wise man said that just as moths come from garments, so harm to women comes from women." (Sirach 42:13)

Mariana put her arm around her daughter and looked lovingly into her eyes. She smiled and said, "Honey, remember, we can always handle our men, but other women — that's another matter."

**Editor's note:** This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project, working in Brackettville to strengthen family, faith and education.

## Lent: A time for cleansing

Taking a bath or shower is something most of us probably never think about — unless we are a 10-year-old boy or in a cast and unable to bathe.

It is something we do frequently and go on with our lives. However, magazines, especially ladies' magazines, seem to have many articles on the relaxing, healing affects of a bath, and also advertise many products to make this experience more enjoyable.

I have to admit I enjoy a long relaxing soak in the tub from time to time. My spirit, as well as my body, seems to be cleansed and I come away with a new, fresh feeling.

When we receive the sacrament of baptism, we are cleansed from the stain of original sin. On Easter, we frequently have new members of the church baptized and at that time we renew our baptismal vows. I always enjoy this ritual, as it not only brings new family members into the Body of Christ, but it also reminds me again of the promises made for me by my godparents many years ago. I am cleansed again of the sins I have committed and come away feeling new and fresh.

The sacrament of reconciliation is also cleansing for me. Going to confession is not easy for me — many years ago I had a priest tell me in so many words to go do some-



St. Mary Magdalene Church

Lynn McNew

thing wrong before I came and wasted his time. However, when I go to confession, I come away with a feeling of renewed faith and hope and determination to be a better person, more committed to God. Lent is a good opportunity to receive this sacrament.

We have four weeks left in the season of Lent, and during this remaining time, I hope to be reminded of the cleansing my spirit seems to want and need. I want to remember how fresh and new I feel when I read a Bible passage or talk to Jesus in prayer.

I am determined to continue on this path. And just as a hot bath or shower makes us feel better at the end of a long, hard day, so also will we be refreshed in spirit by God's grace.

You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. In addition to regular weekend and weekday masses, there is Mass at noon on Friday and Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. on Friday. I hope to see you there.

God bless you!

## Let us find grace in a time of need

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God. Let us hold fast our profession.

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.



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Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16

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## HEALTH

### Early diagnosis key to fighting Alzheimer's disease

"I'm having a senior moment." That's become the half-joking, half-worried statement of aging baby boomers — hinting at the possible onset of Alzheimer's disease. But when does absentmindedness, such as forgetting where you put your car keys, become something for which to seek diagnosis and treatment?

Alzheimer's is an age-related, degenerative brain disorder that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior severe enough to interfere with everyday life.

Over time, as cognitive and functional abilities decline, people become dependent on others for all their care. Eventually their body functions shut down, and they die.

### Skin cancer an effect of over exposure to UV radiation

Skin cancer, the most common type of cancer in the United States, is a long-term effect of over exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

UV rays damage skin cells, which can lead to one of three types of skin cancer: basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and melanoma. Fortunately, skin cancers are prevent-

"People often are reluctant to seek a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, preferring not to know because in the past little could be done," said Elaine Braslow, administrator for the Alzheimer's Disease Program at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "Things have changed dramatically, and there now is hope and a sense of urgency for early diagnosis of Alzheimer's."

New drugs may help delay the progression of symptoms associated with Alzheimer's and are most effective when started at earlier stages.

Early diagnosis offers people with Alzheimer's the chance to help plan their own treatment and care and gives them time to put financial and legal affairs in order.

able and highly curable if found and treated early.

Protecting your skin from UV rays is a must all year-round, not just in the summer months. UV rays penetrate cloud covers and are not affected by temperature.

UV radiation is also reflected or scattered by different surfaces. Snow, for example, can reflect as much as 80 percent of

Diagnostic tools also have improved — there is a 90 percent accuracy rate in diagnosing Alzheimer's. In evaluating a person for possible Alzheimer's, health care providers can help rule out other disorders that share similar symptoms such as stroke, brain tumor, thyroid problems and substance abuse.

"Many of these conditions are reversible and best if treated early," Braslow said.

About four million Americans have Alzheimer's. But as the American population ages, the number of those with Alzheimer's increases and is projected to reach 14 million by mid-century.

About 280,000 Texans have this disease, with a projected

UV radiation and UV levels increase significantly as altitude increases. Winter sports, such as skiing, present an opportunity for UV exposure as intense as a day at the beach.

Feeling pale? Winter trips to tanning booths expose you to ultraviolet rays just as the sun does. Having a tan, natural or artificial, is a sign that the sun

552,000 expected by 2025 if no cure or prevention is found.

"Alzheimer's affects up to 10 percent of people age 65," Braslow said. "That rate increases to 50 percent of people at age 85 or older, although some people in their 30s and 40s have been diagnosed with the disease."

The earlier the diagnosis, the more likely symptoms will respond to treatment, Braslow said.

"Because some individuals with Alzheimer's do not realize they have a problem, it may be up to a family member of friend to help them make and keep a doctor's appointment," she said.

For more information on Alzheimer's, call (800) 242-3399.

has already damaged your skin.

People taking winter cruises or tropical vacations should also use caution. Sand may reflect as much as 15 percent of UV rays and sea foam as much as 25 percent. While the sun may not climb as high during the winter months, UV levels are still strong during mid-day and the sun is highest near the equator.

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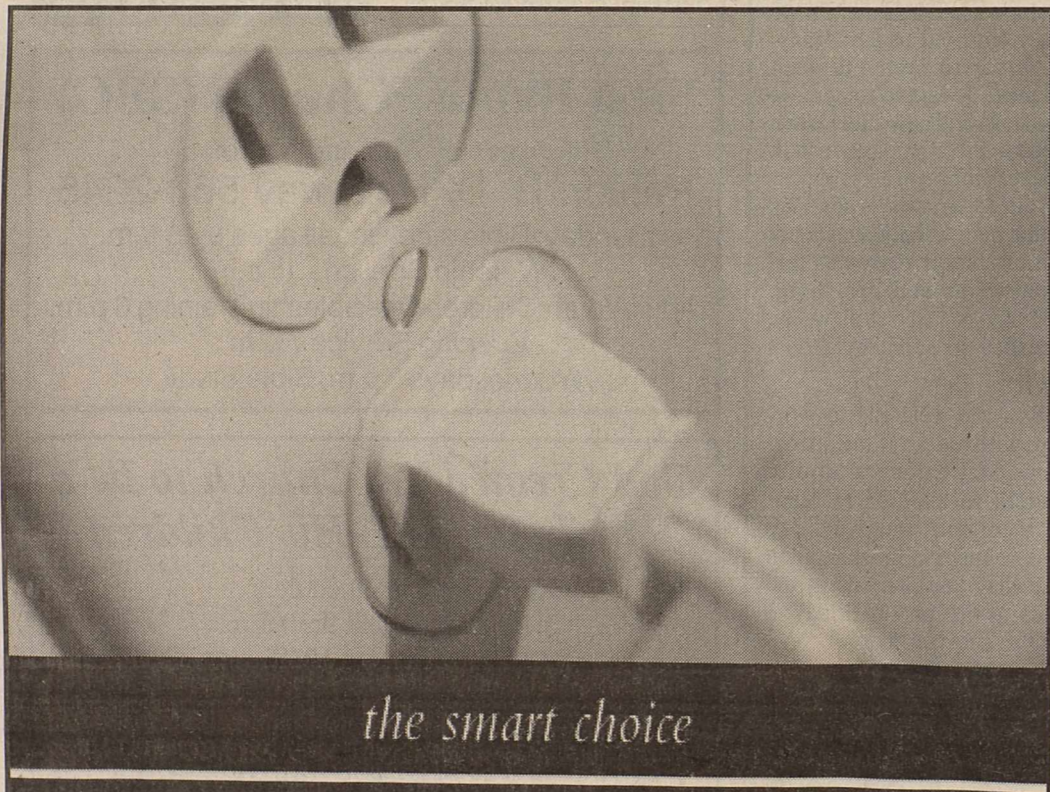
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