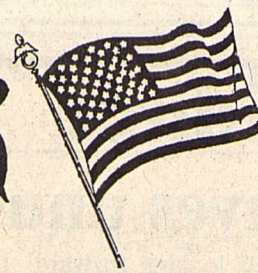


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Voices present concert

FORT CLARK SPRINGS - The Voices of Fort Clark Springs will be presented in concert on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

The program of country and western music will include old classics, Texas tunes and today's country music.

As added entertainment, there will be performances by the Fort Clark Line Dancers, Kinney County Kickers Square Dancers, and an accordion trio of Cathy Conrey, Pat Strother and Frank Eckenroth.

The Voices are directed by Lynn McNew and accompanied by Cathy Conrey. There will be no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be taken.

The Voices, in conjunction with the Brackettville Ministerial Association, will again sponsor an Easter Sunrise Service at the Amphitheater at Fort Clark Springs. The ecumenical service will begin at 7 a.m. and the public is invited to attend.

Band Boosters hold aluminum can drive

The Brackett Band Booster Club is currently planning an aluminum can drive to raise funds to participate in the Buckaneers Day Parade in Corpus Christi.

Members of the booster club and the Fighting Tiger Band will go door to door on Sunday, April 6, beginning at 1 p.m. to collect aluminum cans.

"We would appreciate the public's consideration in saving crushed aluminum cans for the band's benefit," Director Michael Smellie said.

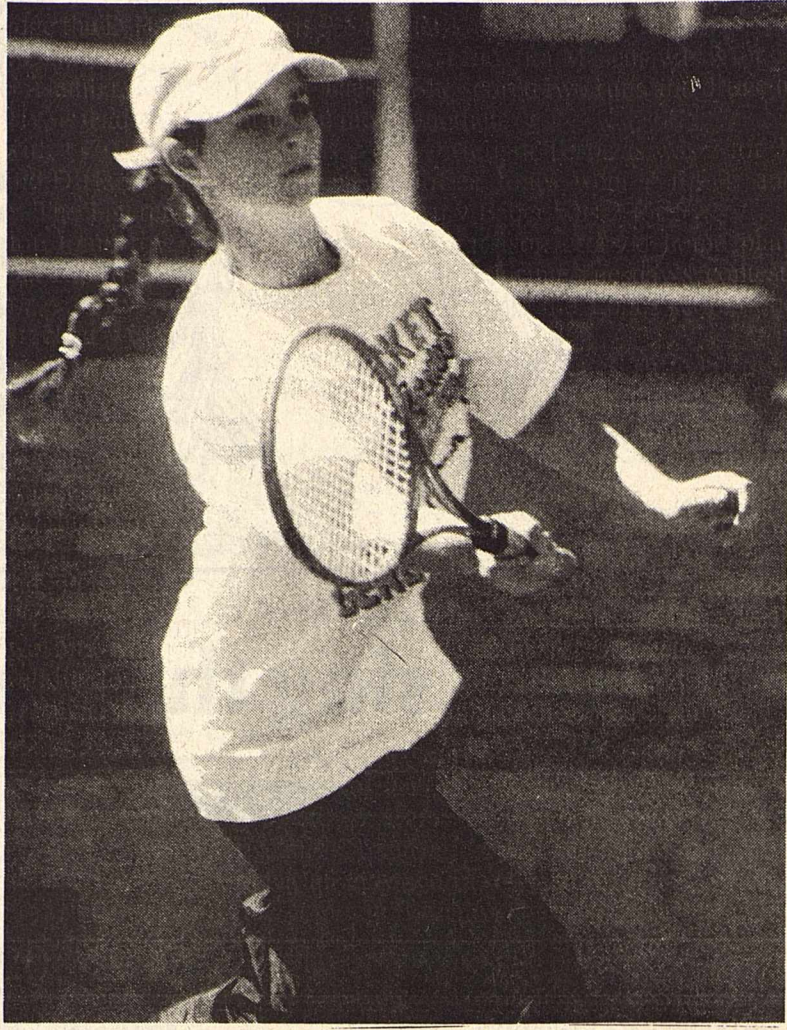
"If someone is not going to be home on April 6, they can leave the cans they collected in their front yard and we will pick them up, or they can drop them off during normal hours at the band hall," Smellie added.

FCHS meets Saturday

FORT CLARK SPRINGS - The Fort Clark Historical Society's monthly meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Palisado Building.

The program will feature a slide presentation and commentary by John Stockley, chairman of Maverick County Historical Commission, about San Juan Bautista, "Gateway to Spanish Texas."

This program is a prelude to a planned "field trip", in caravan, to San Juan Bautista by the membership in lieu of the regular meeting in April.



Reccia Jobe hits a forehand volley during the Hondo tourney. Jobe and the Brackett tennis team are preparing for district.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE HONDO ANVIL-HERALD

Five file for two council positions

School Board incumbents to run unopposed

Five candidates have filed for two positions on the city council and two school board incumbents will run unopposed in the upcoming May 3 elections.

Three candidates filed in the city council elections on Wednesday, which was the last day to file an application for a place on the ballot.

Incumbent Ralph Gonzalez has filed for re-election for Place 3, which is assigned to budget and finance. He has served three terms as an alderman.

Gonzalez will be opposed by Wes Robinson in the May 3 election.

Alderman Felix Gonzales' term will also expire in May. He has announced that he will not seek re-election, leaving Place 1, fire and police, vacant.

Candidates who filed for Place 1 in the upcoming election are J.J. Guidry, Marsha Harrell and Gregorio Juarez.

The drawing for placement on the ballot to determine the order in which the names are to be

printed will be on Monday.

The polling place for the May 3 election will be City Hall, located at 119 West Spring Street. The poll will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted on weekdays at City Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The early voting period begins April 14 and ends April 29.

Two trustees will be elected to three-year terms at the Brackett school board election, also on May 3.

Incumbents Rose Mary Slubar and Tim Ward have filed for re-election in the school board race.

Slubar has served one term as a trustee. Ward was appointed to the board last summer to fill the unexpired term of Stan Conly, who resigned.

Tuesday is the first day to apply for a ballot by mail. All applications must be received by April 25.

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The Las Moras Hispanic Organization will host a banquet Saturday to honor members of the organization and those who have helped to make the organization a success.

Saturday's banquet begins at 6 p.m. at the NCO Club on Fort Clark Springs, and will be followed by a dance at 8.

Outgoing Cinco de Mayo Queen Leticia Rivas will be honored at the banquet. She is the first queen to represent the organization.

Three girls are currently running for this year's Cinco de Mayo Queen, including Naiya Garcia, Ariana De Leon and Mayra Fuentes. The winner will be determined by a penny a vote.

The Las Moras Hispanic Organization was established in 1996, and has already sponsored various scholarships for the community's high school graduates.

The group also provided Brackettville with its first Cinco de Mayo celebration, as well as a Diez y Seis celebration.

Members of the organization are already planning for this year's Cinco de Mayo celebration, which is set for May 3 with a parade kicking off the activities at 9 a.m.

Festivities will continue throughout the day with special performances from community members.

Highlighting this year's celebration will be a baby pageant. The first little Mr. and Mrs. Cinco de Mayo will be crowned.

The Las Moras Hispanic Organization is a non-profit organization geared to funding scholarships for area youths who will continue their higher education. The group meets at the Kinney County Courthouse.

Little League elects officers

Player registration begins today

The Kinney County Little League elected its officers for the upcoming season Monday night.

Officers include Woody Massingill, president; J.J. Guidry, vice president; Marla Madrid, secretary; and Candy Hobbs, treasurer. Also named to the Little League Board of Directors were Maxine Bonner, Frances Castilla, Honey Bee Gomez, Margaret Grubbs, Ruby Munoz, Manny Pena, Michael Schooler and Helen Seargeant.

The local organization will begin registering players today at 4 p.m. at Jones Elementary School. Other registration dates include April 1 at the high school baseball field, April 2 at Jones Elementary, and April 4 at the high school softball field. Tryouts for players will be at the Little League field on Saturday, April 5.

Applications for managers and coaches must be turned in by April 3. Anyone wishing to manage or coach a Little League team can get an application from a board member.

The directors set two workdays on April 3 and April 10 to get the Little League field ready for the season, which begins with Opening Day Ceremonies and a barbecue on April 26.

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INGRAM - Brackett's Reccia Jobe set a meet record Saturday in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles at the Warrior Relays.

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Tigerettes edge Cowgirls, 9-8

Brackett closes in on lead

D'HANIS - The Brackett Tigerettes racked up 14 hits and overcame seven errors Tuesday to edge the D'Hanis Cowgirls 9-8 in a District 5-2A softball game.

Natalia, who was open Tuesday, is leading the conference race with a 2-0 record. Brackett is 2-1 and D'Hanis is 0-3.

The Tigerettes will resume action tomorrow as they travel to Del Rio to face the Queen's junior varsity in a 3:30 contest. Brackett will face Del Rio's varsity at 1 on Wednesday.

Patty Lopez started on the mound against D'Hanis. She went four innings, giving up one earned run on three hits with seven walks and three strikeouts.

Harrison (3-3) relieved Lopez and pitched the last three innings. She allowed no earned runs on two hits while fanning two and walking four.

Hilda Aguirre paced Brackett's

offensive attack against the Cowgirls with a 3-for-4 plate performance. She had two runs and two RBIs.

Lindy La Mascus was 3 for 5. She scored two runs and drove in another.

Melissa Terrazas was 2 for 3, JoLee Jones went 2 for 4, and Amy Bader was 2 for 5.

Harrison crossed home plate twice during Tuesday's contest, and Jones and Lopez scored one run apiece.

The Tigerettes suffered their first district loss of the season Friday as they fell to Natalia, 5-3.

Harrison went all seven innings on the mound. She gave up one earned run on four hits with five strikeouts and four walks.

Bader, La Mascus, Jones, and Melissa and Stephanie Terrazas all had one hit for Brackett.

Bader, Harrison and La Toya Wright each scored a run.



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Members of the Brackettville City Council, the Brackett School Board of Trustees and others who contributed to the work behind the Ball Parks at Brackettville were honored at a ceremony Friday.

Letters to the Editor

Hooten's death leaves unusual feelings

Dear Editor:
I just wanted to send my thoughts to the friends and loved ones of Norman Hooten. I live in North East Texas and came home recently to find my copy of the Brackettville News that told about Norman's death. I was shocked and devastated! That may not seem like anything unusual to most of the people around Brackettville who knew Norman, but for me, it was unusual.

You see, I didn't know Norman. Oh, I met him at least once, but it was just one of those "hello, how are you" type meetings. You know, the polite conversation you have when your mother introduces you to one of her friends. That's all the personal contact that I've had with the man; so it seemed odd to me that I would have such tremendous feelings of loss when I read that he died. My feelings about Norman's death have nothing to do with his friendship with my mother. My mother has introduced me to a lot of her friends, some who are dead now also, yet I didn't feel a personal loss at their deaths. That's why my feelings seemed so unusual, even to me. I'm not much on reading newspapers, but when Norman was writing his column for the Brackettville News, my husband and I both read his column before reading anything else.

I found myself looking forward to his column each week, and I was extremely disappointed when he stopped writing it.

Reading his column was what made me feel like I knew something about this man. I thought he was very well written, and I grew to admire this man who seemed to be willing to tell the good and the bad about the law enforcement. He obviously wrote what he felt and believed, and I admired that. Reading his articles made me feel good: about Norman, about law enforcement officers, about things in general. The things he wrote made me believe that there are still some individuals in positions of authority who believe in doing what's right not just what's good for their pocketbook. It seemed that he "told it like it was" not just what some people wanted told. I believe this man truly loved his community and the people he served. It was obvious from the article he wrote after his mother's death that he loved and admired his mother. Most of the men I know wouldn't be able to express such sentiment in a newspaper for all to read. In my opinion, it takes a real man of strong character to be able to express deep sensitive emotions (that is, emotions other than anger). Surely, all who read his column had to have felt some form of respect and admiration for

the man even if they didn't agree with him.

I feel a tremendous loss at the death of this man I don't really know, so I know the loss must be that much more for those of you who knew him. Personally, I was hoping that someday he would get around to writing a book, and I was hopeful that I might get the opportunity to read it. I feel a bit cheated.

To his friends and family: In my own way, I share your loss, and you are in my prayers.

To his enemies: You too are in my prayers. You have suffered a tremendous loss even if you are not aware of it. You are the ones I really feel sympathy for. At least, his friends and family know what they've lost, but you just got left out in the dark. What a shame!

Sincerely,
Linda J. Barrett
P.S. Thanks, Joe Townsend, for the articles you've written. I really enjoy those also, and I especially enjoyed what you wrote about Norman. My mother use to use a phrase "how the cow ate the cabbage," and that's what I think about when I read Norman's column and when I read yours. Whether I agree with your opinion completely or not at all, I have to admire your way of telling what you believe. Keep up the good work!

Preserve and protect the basic freedoms

As I write, Albania is big in the news. There is civil strife. The government controls radio and television. Anyone expressing disapproval with the elected officials via the printed page are suppressed. This is under what the government considers to be democracy.

Anyone in a democratic society can readily see that what is transpiring there is in no way freedom. We lived in Albania as a family for nearly a year and a half as voluntary missionaries (paying our own expenses), until moving here in January 1996. We saw first hand in Albania what the suppression of the basic freedoms, that we enjoy here in this country, produced in the eastern block and continue to produce.

Freedom of worship, of assembly, of speech and of press are inherent to a free people.

Albania was one of the cruelest of communisms where suppression of All these freedoms were legislated. It was a criminal act to worship. It was a criminal

act to assemble without a permit. It was a criminal act to speak openly about the government. It was a criminal act to print anything displeasing to those in political position. All such acts were punishable by imprisonment without trial, or by death.

In the WEST such suppression could not exist, OPENLY. But more subtle forms could, and do exist. The persecution of religions not popular or main stream in a particular area is frequent in the news today. Too, there is the socio-economic-political restricting or blackballing by those in a position of social or political or religious authority against someone who speaks or writes something displeasing about them or about their political representatives in elected positions.

Anyone half intelligent can see that for what it is. Even a bird knows when it has been caged and its freedom is restricted. No one who loves freedom would willfully abuse his or her authority to deny a person or a group their un-

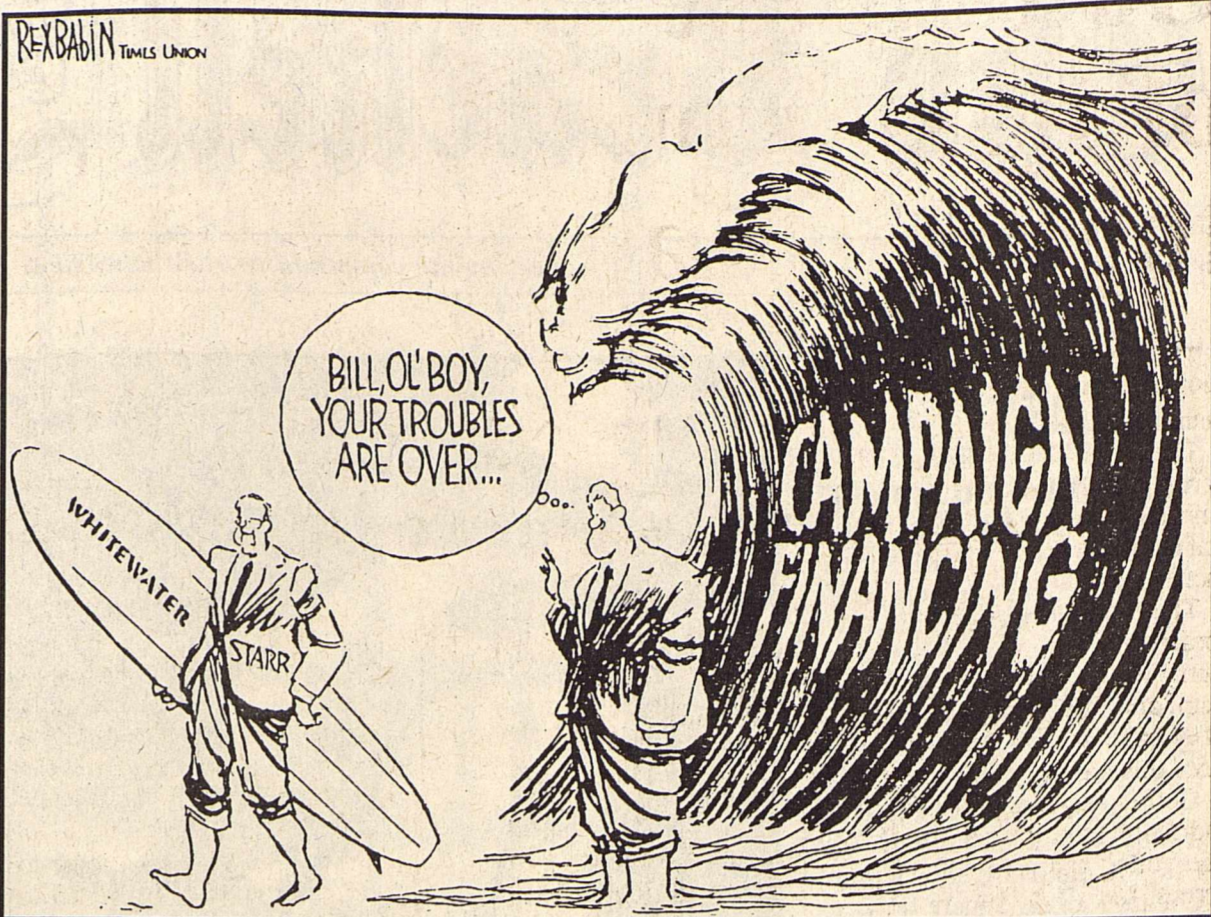
alienable rights, nor punish them for exercising such, not in the U.S. or Texas or Kinney County nor Brackettville.

So, have you seen the news about Albania as of late? The government there, just this week, kicked out the international reporters, and is attempting to control PUBLIC OPINION (what goes to the public via the news media). That ruler and government will eventually be overthrown or replaced for their failure to preserve and protect the basic freedoms of the governed. But isn't that typical of man ruling man? He promises freedom, but when he is in power, he restricts freedom.

How do you feel about the FREEDOMS, of worship, of assembly, of speech, and of press? To all freedom lovers, these freedoms are precious and they are ours!

Certainly they are worth preserving. Most certainly they are worth defending, now and every day!

Jay J. Johnson



We're losing the war on drugs

Mexico is one of America's two closest neighbors and Texas' largest trading partner.

This country has enjoyed a long-term partnership with Mexico that has grown closer and more cooperative over time. The North American Free Trade Agreement cemented and strengthened our relationship and our interdependence. But I am still concerned that we are not making as much progress as we'd like in stemming narcotics trafficking.

Partnership is a two way exchange. In recent years, we have drifted into tolerance of unacceptable conditions in the arena of drug trafficking and the endemic corruption it causes in communities on both sides of the border.

On Feb. 28, President Clinton certified (as required) by law to do each year) that Mexico is fully cooperating in the fight against drugs. This, at a time when, according to the State Department, Mexico is the source of 30 percent of the heroin, up to 70 percent of foreign grown marijuana and the transit point for more than 50 percent of the cocaine shipped into the United States.

The terrorization of Texas border ranchers by drug dealers is a prime example of what must stop. The revelation two days before the



Capitol Comment
U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

certification that Mexico's drug czar was bought and paid for by the very drug cartels he was supposed to be policing dealt a death blow to the credibility of Mexico's drug enforcement agency.

However, because a flat refusal to certify Mexico would cause enormous harm to U.S. exports and other vital interests, I believe the only appropriate action for the U.S. government to take in this situation is to register our concerns and lay out what must be accomplished in the next year. Our national interest requires it.

What Mexico needs, in my opinion, is a wake up call and some "tough love."

We simply must insist that the Mexican government work with U.S. agents to take good faith steps to stop this narco-corruption that infests and demoralizes both our countries.

The goals include: taking effective action to destroy the ma-

kingpins, implementation of laws to curtail money laundering, compliance with U.S. extradition requests, increased interdiction efforts and better cooperation with U.S. law enforcement agents, including allowing them to be armed when in Mexico.

The challenges of establishing a corruption free law enforcement relationship with Mexico are formidable, but not insurmountable.

The Mexican government must ensure the integrity of those involved in its efforts. It must give law enforcement agencies the resources and authority they need to get the job done. It must make sure that those who are caught and arrested receive meaningful punishment.

On our side, we must curb the demand for drugs that drives this corruption.

Organized crime was contained in the United States, but only after decades of effort, and only after Americans came to understand the danger it poses to our way of life. That containment did not happen overnight.

Mexico cannot be expected to remedy its current shortcomings tomorrow. But business as usual is not good enough, on either side of the border.

Another week, another Clinton antic

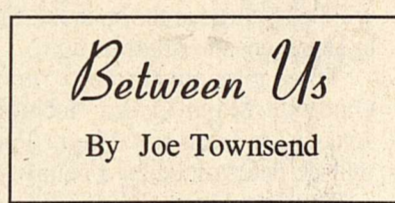
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Writing a new legal code seems to be his forte. By his code you can violate the law, get on TV and say the action was not illegal but it was not good so will give the money back and all is well.

By his reasoning one could rob a bank and when caught say it was a mistake and give the money back and all would be well.

His latest antic in sending the Lake recommendation to the Senate to be confirmed as head of the CIA blew up in his face.

There are a number of things in his past that should de-rail his nomination. Before the heat was really turned on by the committee the man himself pulled his name



and castigated the committee.

I wonder how he would characterize the treatment of Judge Borg?

At least Clinton will not have one of his elk at head of the CIA. He already has to many of his and Hillary's clones in the White House.

Now came his fall down the stairs and tearing his knee.

Where most people with this injury would go home from the hospital no later than the next day, he stayed three days.

When he was wheeled out of the hospital he was wearing an expensive jogging suit chosen by color to look good on TV.

Where were the jeans and T-shirt he was wearing. It is common knowledge that he and Hillary have anything but a warm and loving relationship. They even have separate bedrooms - a far cry from living together before they were married.

When he is wheeled out so regally from the hospital he was stopped while Hillary put on a TV production of bending over and kissing him.

He has hardly left the White House (and certainly not to go overseas) without Hillary and Chelsea standing close by.

However, this time, bad knee, crutches and all Hillary drags Chelsea and off they go for a tour of Africa. This is a loving and caring wife?

Never dies the dream. Not a single one of Clinton's foreign policy actions has proved to have any merit, but now he wants to coerce Boris Yeltsin to agree with his policies so when they meet in Helsinki, he can brag that he led Yeltsin into his camp.

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Sheriff's Report

Wednesday, March 12
9:20 a.m., Joe Wesley McDuff, 21, of Brackettville was arrested by Constable Bill Lindeman for theft by appropriation and driving while intoxicated. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail and magistrates by Judge Alvin Hall. McDuff was released the same day after posting bond of \$1,000 for theft by appropriation and \$3,500 for driving while intoxicated.

Monday, March 17
8:05 p.m., Oscar Sanchez, 35, of San Antonio was arrested by Department of Public Safety Trooper Tom Wylie on outstanding DPS warrants. Sanchez was booked into the Kinney County Jail and is still being held on bond.

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Big Mama Sez!

Age is like love, it cannot be hid

The Las Moras Hispanic Organization is once again preparing for "5 de Mayo" program to benefit our high school graduates. We encourage our community to come out on Sat. May 3rd and support this great event. For:

Booths Contact -	Robert Aguirre-	563-9574.
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Baby Contest -	Anabelia Talamantes -	563-2437.
Parade Entry -	Anabelia Talamantes -	563-2437.
Queens -	Lorenza Gutierrez -	563-2036.
Accordian Contest-	Alma Gutierrez -	563-3139.

Golf tourney an example of how people working together leads to success

The weather was perfect for the 1997 Brackett Invitational Golf Tournament on Monday.

The rains had dressed up the Fort Clark Springs Golf Course. It misted all around us, but on the golf course at Brackettville the sun shone.

The weather was perfect, according to Coach Dee Curry. Ken Curry works with our boys' golf team, and Dee is the girls' coach. They have been doing a fine job since this past December.

Golf is a lifetime sport. Older and more fragile folks can play. The young can play and are the heroes, like Tiger Wood.

In most schools, golf doesn't have the high profile that the major sports have. Because the skill lasts a lifetime, the young need to learn to play.

At BISD, kids can learn to play the game for a low price. It's cheaper than most of our school activities because the school, the golf association and Fort Clark Springs make it possible.

Kids can get loaner clubs. All you really need is a good attitude and a pair of shoes.

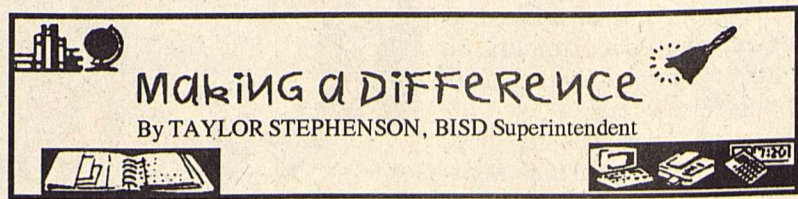
Dee Curry dreams about the day when our school might offer six weeks of golf to middle school students to give all the same shot at learning.

So, students don't wait until adulthood to learn the game because it will be much more expensive.

A great big thanks to the Golf Association members who allow use of their course that they pay for with their dues. Our whole community deserves a pat on the back for making this opportunity possible.

Back to the tournament. There were 12 boys' and four girls' teams.

The First State Bank of Brackettville sponsored the tournament, and they deserve kudos for their help. It was a real community effort.



The marshal and guides were Theresa Stephens, Lou Green, Fern Dyer and Bob Lee. They helped keep the kids moving and made the tournament enjoyable.

Bob Slate, golf course manager was there supporting the tournament by opening and closing and getting the course in beautiful shape.

Carl Green prepared the meat and made sure the food was warm when the kids came off the course. He fed 98 that day with a grand meal of fajitas, flour tortillas, guacamole, hot sauce, Mexican rice, beans, and iced tea.

The Brackett Athletic Booster Club provided soft drinks for the participants. Parents helped by donating food and helping to organize the food.

The parents of our golfers who donated food and their time are the Ashabanners, Angela Childress' mom, Samantha Perez's parents, and Cherrise Ward's mom.

Aaron Taylor's mom brought food and served, as did Alex and Richard Moses' mom, and the parents of Jeff Luna, Chad Neuman and Nat Terrazas. We couldn't have done it without the parents.

Coach Roy Rokovich was there from beginning to end helping Ken Curry with the organization and scoring of the tournament.

Rok helped slice meat and serve food. He's handy to have around.

Ken and Dee deserve much credit as do our fine student golfers. The tournament was well organized and ran like clockwork.

That's the story this week. It's about a tournament, but it's much more. Folks came from many towns and found a classy tournament. They loved it.

The most impressive thing to me is seeing us work together to solve problems. There's a lesson for all of us here.

We saw it at the softball/baseball field dedication as the city, school and lots of citizens worked together to produce a product bigger than life. It happened again at the Golf Course Monday.

A key to why our folks are working together might be in this letter about our fine kids at BISD that I received from Frank Randolph, owner, and Donna Wilkerson, manager of the Taste-Freez in Junction:

"On Saturday, March 1, we had the privilege of serving meals to your track teams while competing in the Frank Hubbell Relays.

"I want to compliment you and your coaching staff on these student athletes. They were extremely mannerly and well behaved while in our restaurant. Obviously, they are getting the right guidance from parents, school, and community.

"Many school groups cannot or do not meet the standards that were being displayed by Brackettville High School. Thanks for the opportunity to serve you."

Keep up the good work!

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President Bill Clinton signed a proclamation designating National Older Workers Employment Week in March.

"American workers age 55 and older represent one of our country's richest resources, and the value of their potential contribution to our society is immense," the proclamation read.

Ballew finishes on top at regional science fair

DEL RIO - J. Wayne Ballew was awarded best overall high school exhibit Friday at the Del Rio Regional Science Fair.

The Brackett junior also won first place in the earth science division.

Cherrise Ward finished with a second place finish in the high school earth science division.

In the life science division, Tina Meek claimed first place and Laura Lee Ballew won second place.

Helen Flores took first place honors in the high school physical science division.

In the middle school division, April Crumley took first in life science and Jael Johnson was second in earth science.

Old Quarry Society hosts Variety Show

FORT CLARK SPRINGS - The annual Variety Show presented by the Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts will have a unique twist this year.

Under the direction of Harrell Floyd, the Variety Show will include local talent in various singing and dancing acts.

The show will be held on Saturday, March 29, at 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$3 each. There will be no advance ticket sales and no reserved seats.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Spofford and Concerned Citizens to meet with Kinney county Commissioner in regard to reinstate opposition to Adobe Echo System proposed Land Fill.

Time and Date to be announced at a later time. Check all Bulletin Boards for information flyers.

Please attend this very important meeting. Your attendance and support are greatly appreciated. If unable to attend please call your County Judge Tommy Seargeant or Commissioner in opposition.

Mayor J.B. Herndon

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But, I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall



Questions

My daughter, Charlie, is always asking me questions that I can't answer. One day, she asked me an easy one: "Why is it illegal to throw litter on the roads?" "Because it looks bad. It's unsightly. It pollutes the land where everybody can see it." "So, then it's OK as long as nobody sees it?" "Well..." "It's acceptable as long as you hide it? Why is it better to put all of the trash in one place rather than distribute it evenly around the world?" I changed the subject. I would have to get back to her on this one.

I'm not a "tree hugger" but I do consider myself an environmentalist. We all had better be. One of our biggest problems heading into the 21st century is trash. I have said for years that we need to become a nondisposable society. One of my earliest memories is one involving a rug that my grandmother had made. It was woven out of strips of cloth from worn out clothing. It was oval and had every color in the rainbow. After several years of use, the rug had to be thrown away. It was worn out. I remember thinking that if grandma were here she could salvage this thing and re-weave it again. I think we need to be more like our grandmothers. But, I could be wrong.

Brackettville Lions Club hosts pancake breakfast, Stride for Sight Walkathon

By Peter Pohl
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Lions Club held its annual Stride for Sight Walkathon and pancake breakfast on Saturday. It was a beautiful day and the turnout was exceptional.

The Brackettville Lions sponsor the local Boy Scout Troop 257 and they also turned out to help us with the Walkathon and breakfast.

The money raised by the local club will benefit research efforts sponsored by the Lions Sight Research Foundation in San Antonio, as well as the Lions Mobile Eye Screening Unit that was in Brackettville in October.

The local club wants to thank everyone in the community for their support.

The Brackettville Lions Club has medical equipment that can be borrowed for short periods of time, such as crutches, wheelchairs, braces, walkers, portable commodes, bath chairs, canes, etc. Contact any member of the club for more information.

One of the ways that the Brackettville Lions Club is able to help so many is through its Thrift Shop.

If you have any items that you would like to donate to the Lions' Thrift Shop, please call 563-9249 or 563-2133. You do not need be a Lion to help at the Thrift Shop.

The Thrift Shop is open the first and third Saturday of the month.

The Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month, upstairs at the Las Moras Inn. Come and enjoy a meal with the club and learn more about Lionism.

Emotions in the work place can effect the success of a business

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Rotary Club held its regular luncheon meeting on March 13 and heard Vice President John Ford speak on emotions in the work place.

Ford pointed out that traditionally the expression of emotions at work was absolutely unacceptable. Psychology has shown us how dysfunctional this can be.

Feelings don't disappear because we judge them unacceptable. They must be given a high priority. Ignored, they pop out in disguised ways and sabotage goals. Stress and frustration hamper performance, and the result in a business is low productivity.

The most potentially damaging emotion is probably anger. If an employee feels the employer is treating him or her unfairly, and has no way of expressing this without endangering his or her job, these feelings will likely be buried.

Employees who feel they have been treated unfairly can undermine a business. An angry employee is not likely to be an enthusiastic salesman. He or she

often gets back at an employer by a cold refusal to cooperate that will eat away at a business.

The bottom line is a loss of income at the time of crisis, and later as ignored customers or ones treated impolitely take their business elsewhere.

Does this mean having mayhem in the work place as arguments erupt and anger is unchecked?

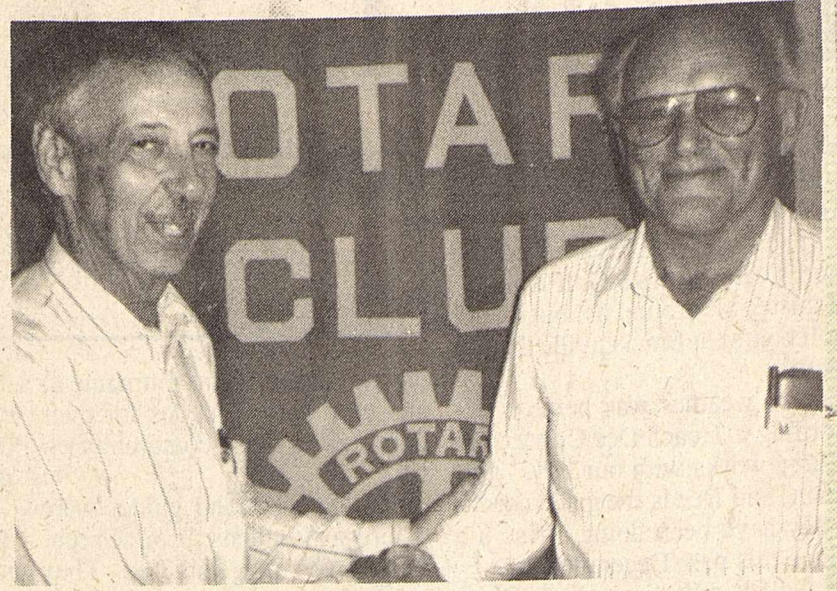
No. It means learning to deal with and manage feelings such as fear, joy, excitement, frustration, hurt, sadness, anxiety, and elation. These feelings follow us throughout the day in the work place and go home with us when we leave. They can't be divorced.

Having feelings is part of being human. They are not good or bad, they just simply exist and it is what we do with them that counts.

If we could work in a place where emotions were never expressed, everyone would be alike. No creativity would exist. Things would stay the same.

In a dynamic environment, differences mean potential that exists for problem solving and growth.

Effective communication can



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY ERIC McMASTER

Rotary Club President Mike Holley introduced Vice President John Ford at last week's regular luncheon meeting.

recognize differences so that rough edges can be smoothed. Differences are not regarded as flaws or evidence of wrong beliefs or attitudes.

Being the head of a business means that your own emotional state impacts the lives of the people who work for you. It is important to maintain a positive outlook.

Dynamic environments require a lot of flexibility and pa-

tiende. To deal with growth requires maturity and the ability to stand aside and evaluate ones own actions as well as viewing the other person's actions in a fair way. It means having the courage to admit mistakes.

It is this very honesty which engenders trust and encourages the creativity that can be flourish in a dynamic environment.

Pete's Sake

Folks who claim that life is just an accident would get an argument from Professor Edwin Conklin, the great Princeton University biologist.

He put it this way: "The probability of life originating from accident is comparable to the probability of the Unabridged Dictionary resulting from an explosion at a printing factory."

Watch out for those magazine ads that offer a guarantee.

Friend of mine ordered a gadget he thought he might need from one of them that promised "Your money back if not satisfied."

The gadget wouldn't work, and besides that, it was broken when it arrived.

So Charlie wrote them and demanded his money back.

A few days later, he got a reply.

"Sorry," it read. "Your money was completely satisfactory, so no refund can be made."

Paul's little grandson is learning to play piano, although he is only eight years old.

"Gran'pa," he said, "learning to play piano is a good thing to do because it gets you invited to parties and stuff, and it is something you can do right up in to ADULTERY!"

Editor's note: If you enjoy these stories and comments, send for a free sample of Post Story Book. Write Pete, Box 712, Kingsport, Tn., 37662.

Smoke From Nakai
By Nakai Breen

Today I put my bird tracks on these talking leaves and put some Indian humor on it.

When the elder Native American's used to go fishing, some of them used hooks, and others speared the fish. When they used the fishing hook they used meat or frog legs for bait. When they saw the white man using worms they were at awe because the worm was still wriggling. They asked the man why are you trying to drown the worm? The Indian humor at times is very serious and dry. It takes a while to make laughter.

A guy said to an Indian "Hey you guys are so fit and trim because you live by the river and you are born swimmers." The Indian asked "what is fit and trim." "Well being by water and swimming every day you exercise and become muscular." The Indian answered "So, what happened to the whale?"

So you see now why a lot of people say we Indians are stone faced we never laugh on the outside until we study the joke and then we laugh on the inside. That is by ourselves.

So until then, be good to yourselves.
Nakai

Bridge Anyone

The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met last Tuesday.

Winners in the north-south direction were Mac and Marie McCandless, first place; Ben and Rozetta Pingenot, second place; and Flo Stafford and Evelyn Whitley, third place.

Winners in the east-west direction were Arnie and Gertie Trautwein, first place; Mary Edgar and Diane Daniels, second place; and Mona Miller and Joan Lindley, third place.

Jazz meets Classical at Museum of Art

Musical Offerings will present the fifth program of its popular series "Jazz Meets Classical" on April 8 and April 13, at the San Antonio Museum of Art.

The program includes pieces from Rachmaninoff, David P. Jones, E. Toussaint, Rodrigo and Gershwin.

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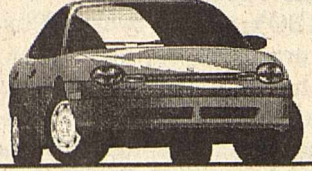





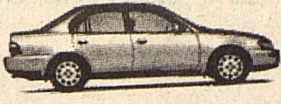


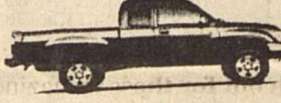

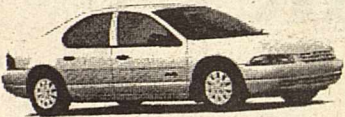
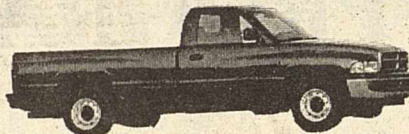
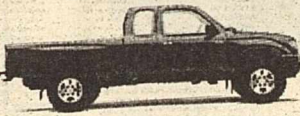
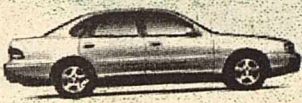
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Ricks Furniture's grand opening draws praise

What do Kincaid, LA-Z-BOY, Broyhill, Sealy, and Ashley all have in common? Yes, they are all leading nationwide brand name furniture companies, but what connects them in Del Rio is their high regard for Lonnie Ricks and his family owned furniture business.

Sales Representatives from all five companies were on hand for Ricks Grand Opening Ceremony on Feb. 27. They wanted to see all the improvements and additions Ricks has made to his Del Rio store.

Needless to say, they were all impressed with the way their products are highlighted. A common theme echoed by each vendor was that they were proud to have their line represented in a store like this.

As one vendor put it, the renovation has made Ricks Furniture store the "Prettiest West of San Antonio." In fact, they all said there was no need to even go to San Antonio for furniture, because Ricks buying habits have brought the best lines to Del Rio, at the most reasonable prices anywhere.

Joe Nichols, Sealy sales representative, says he has called on Lonnie for nearly 10 years and his company's CEO was good friends with Ricks' father.

"He carries our line exclusively. He shows 13 to 14 models when most stores only show six or eight. He has made Sealy into a showcase department and it is beautiful. You're not going to find another store in the area that even compares to this bedding department. Nothing comes even close," Nichols said.

"Sealy is the largest manufacturer of bedding in the country. The products Lonnie uses are shipped out of Brenham, Texas. The mattresses are made of Texas cotton and other products. The company originated in Texas.

"Ricks treats vendors like part of the family. He treats you special and if he needs anything, we have a business relationship where we treat each other like brothers," Nichols said.

Shelton Abrams, Kincaid sales representative, said he has been selling his line of furniture to Lonnie for 15 years and he thinks the new store is more gorgeous than ever.

"They have always treated me great," Abrams said. "I'm proud to be a part of them."

"Kincaid is a subsidiary of LA-Z-BOY Inc. and will sell 100 million this year. It's the kind of stuff grandma bought. Kincaid is the largest manufacturer of solid wood in the U.S. We are based out of Hudson, N.C.

"We don't use anything but hard woods. If it is cherry it is solid cherry, not particle board. Most all our lumber comes from an area north of Carolina, like Pennsylvania," Abrams said.

Bob Broadnax, LA-Z-BOY sales representative, said he has been selling to Ricks for 15 years and is very proud to take part in his grand opening.

"LA-Z-BOY will do over one billion this year. We are based out of Monroe, Michigan. We have eight manufacturing facilities across the U.S. from Redlands, Calif., to Florence, N.C. I'm proud my line is represented in this store," Broadnax said.

Ricks carries a lot of products from LA-Z-Boy, which has a 98 percent name recognition rate and is a leader in the furniture industry.

David Reynolds, Broyhill sales representative, said he was at the grand opening to answer any questions about his company's products.

"If people want to know about construction, wood, finish or just how to take care of furniture, I can answer their questions," he said. "We work with dealers and act as a back up service for any kind of problem that may occur."

"Broyhill will sell 600 million in furniture this year. We have been in business 71 years. We carry full line furniture for bedroom, dining room, upholstery, occasional entertainment and accessories.

"We are always trying to produce furniture that is appealing to the mass public, with a lot of style, a lot of class and at the same time affordable to the average working American," Reynolds said.

Jim Townsend, Ashley Furniture Industries representative, said his company has been associated with Lonnie for 13 years and he has personally worked with Ricks Furniture for four years.

"Lonnie has really grown with Ashley," he said. "He carries all Ashley categories and is respected highly within the company."

Ashley is 51-years-old and is out of Arcadia, Wis. There are factories and warehouses all over the U.S.

"We sell all over and this year we will sell 550 million. When I started with the company 14 years ago, we sold 18 million. This shows how we have really grown and we are buying more factories this year," Townsend said.

Ashley makes full line wood furniture for dining rooms, bedrooms, living rooms, occasional and entertainment centers. Townsend said Ashley is "in the low to mid price range."

All of these vendors say that Ricks Furniture in Del Rio is a real showcase that the entire community will enjoy and benefit from.

Uvalde Memorial Hospital promotes Kathy Griffin

Uvalde Memorial Hospital's Kathy Griffin has been promoted as the hospital's first assistant administrator.

"The enthusiasm, leadership, and experience Kathy has brought to our institution speak for themselves," said Ben Durr, the hospital's administrator. "The best way to describe her role is to claim it as an infusion of new leadership and innovative blood."

Griffin joined Uvalde Memorial Hospital in January 1996 as the executive director of nursing administration.

Her duties included the intensive care unit, day surgery and surgery departments, Women's and Newborns' Center, emergency department, and the medical and surgical units.

In June of 1996 the hospital adopted a new organizational chart and Griffin's duties were

expanded to include chemotherapy, cardiac catheterization, dietary, housekeeping, laundry, social services, cardiopulmonary, and patient registration.

She graduated from El Centro in Dallas as a registered nurse and received a bachelor of business administration degree from Northwood University in Dallas.

Griffin is currently working toward a masters in health care

administration from Kennedy Western.

Prior to UMH, Griffin was the administrative director of nursing at Tri-City Hospital in Dallas, a 137-bed facility, managing over 200 nursing employees.

Kathy and her husband, Don, assistant administrator of Val Verde Hospital in Del Rio, have two daughters Kourtney, 15, and Kahla, 16.

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Jobe sets meet record at Ingram

INGRAM - Brackett junior Reccia Jobe set a meet record Saturday in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 48.90 at the Warrior Relays.

The Tigerettes finished in fourth place overall as Brackett piled up 68 points. Burnet won the meet with 171, Ingram was second with 156, and Kerrville Tivy was third with 141.

Jobe also placed third in the high jump with a leap of 4-6. Teammate Tina Meek was second in the event after posting a jump of 4-10.

Amanda Meek took third in the shot put competition with a throw of 32-4 3/4.

In the distance races, Darla Campos was third in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 6:19.20 and Samantha Perez was third in the 3,200-meter run after running a 12:55.16.

The Tigers took sixth place overall in the boys' division, racking up a total of 35 points. Burnet won the meet with 145 points, Kerrville Tivy was second with 137, and Ingram was third with 104.

Lionel Ramos took second place in the 800-meter run after being clocked at 2:06.70. He also took third in the 1,600-meter run with a 4:56.07.

Brackett's 3,200-meter relay team took third place after running the two-mile race in 10:16.26.

Moses takes top honors

FORT CLARK SPRINGS - Alex Moses became the first golfer in school history to shoot par as he won first medalist honors at the Brackett Invitational golf tournament Monday afternoon.

Moses finished the tournament with a 70. Regan Rothe of D'Hanis was second with a 73 and Natalia's Eddie Tijerina took third with a 79.

Del Rio took first place overall with a 340. Brackett was second with a 344 and Rocksprings finished third with a 348.

Chad Neuman helped Brackett's cause with an 81. Aaron Taylor shot a 92, Nat Terrazas had a 101, and Jeffrey Luna finished with a 111.

Jennifer Ashabranner took second medalist honors for the Tigerettes with a 100.

Tricia Fry of Rocksprings shot a 98 to edge out Ashabranner for top honors. Uvalde's Haylea Ray finished in third place with a score of 115.

Uvalde won the team title with a 498 and Somerset was second with a 511.

Brackett's Samantha Perez shot a 121 and Angela Childress had a 130.

Brackett slips by Ozona, 4-3

Brackett collected eight hits Tuesday as the Tigers edged the Ozona Lions 4-3 in non-district baseball action.

Brackett improves to 13-1 on the season. The Tigers will travel to Carrizo Springs tomorrow before opening district Tuesday against Center Point.

Jorge Rodriguez (4-0) picked up the mound win for the Tigers. In seven innings of work, he allowed two earned runs on four hits while fanning three batters and walking five.

Rodriguez helped his own cause with a 2-for-3 plate performance, including a double.

Moses Hernandez was also 2 for 3, driving in a pair of runs.

Ozona took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first before Brackett took the lead for good in the bottom half of the inning.

Michael Meyer and Rene Luna led off the inning with a pair of singles. Ramon De Leon was then hit by a pitch to load the bases. Meyer and Luna scored on Hernandez's single and Patrick Munoz drove in De Leon.

The Tigers added a run in the fourth when Beau Smallwood singled and stole home.

Tigers take third place in Brackett tournament

The Tigers nailed three home runs Saturday night en route to a 9-1 victory over Del Rio's junior varsity in the third place final of the Brackett Invitational baseball tournament.

Brackett led 2-1 before breaking the game open in the bottom of the third inning. Jorge Rodriguez nailed a grand slam home run, and moments later J. Wayne Ballew hit a solo shot over the fence as the Tigers built a 7-2 advantage. Brackett put the game away in the fourth as Moses Hernandez added a two-run homer.

The Tigers, who are now 11-1 on the season, were represented by junior catcher Patrick Munoz on the all-tournament team.

La Pryor won last weekend's tournament after defeating Carrizo Springs, 6-4, in the championship game.

Rounding out the all-tournament team were John Paul Garcia, Peter Garza and Joseph Martinez of La Pryor, and Jason Laxson and Carlos Garza of Carrizo Springs.

Ramon De Leon (3-0) picked up the mound win against Del Rio. In six innings of work, he gave up no earned runs and five hits while fanning five batters and walking one.

Hernandez paced Brackett offensively. He was 3 for 3 with two runs and four RBI. Rodriguez and De Leon were both 2 for 3. Rodriguez had one run and four RBI, and De Leon scored three times.

In the semifinals, Brackett lost a 5-2 decision to La Pryor. Michael Meyer (3-1) pitched all seven innings for the Tigers. He allowed one earned run on eight hits while striking out nine batters and walking one.

Brackett had only two hits in the contest. Hernandez led off the second inning with a single and Munoz nailed a solo home run in the seventh.

The Tigers first scored in the top of the third. Meyer led off the inning with a walk and later crossed home plate on a wild pitch.

Brackett opened the tournament on Friday with a 9-1 victory over the Asherton Trojans. Rodriguez (3-0) was the winner. In six innings of work, he gave up one earned run on two hits with 13 strikeouts and only two walks.

Meyer, De Leon, Hernandez, Munoz and Ballew each had two hits to pace Brackett's attack at the plate.

De Leon scored three runs for the Tigers, Hernandez crossed home plate twice, and Meyer, Munoz, Rodriguez and Ballew had one run apiece.

Tigerettes claim fourth

The Tigerettes lost a nailbiter Saturday night, falling to Carrizo Springs 11-10 in the third place final of the Fourth Annual Brackett Invitational softball tournament.

Brackett trailed 6-3 before rallying for three runs in the fifth inning to tie the score. Both teams added three runs in the sixth, but Carrizo Springs outscored Brackett 2-1 in the seventh to pull out the victory.

Courtney Harrison (2-3) pitched all seven innings for the Tigerettes. She gave up four earned runs on 11 hits with one strikeout and three walks.

Harrison and Lindy La Mascus were both 3 for 5 at the plate. Harrison scored one run and drove in another, and La Mascus crossed home plate twice.

Jessica Payne entered the contest in the third inning and turned in a 2-for-2 performance. She scored one run and drove in three more.

Hilda Aguirre went 2 for 5 in the contest. She scored one run and had three RBI.

La Mascus represented Brackett on the all-tournament team. In three games, she went 6 for 9 at the plate.

Devine's Misty Thompson was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Also named to the all-tournament team were Samantha McLure, Tammy Foulds and Leah Lorraine of Devine, Shanna Nihart of Bandera, and Lesley Zambrano of Carrizo Springs.

In the semifinals, Brackett dropped a 9-1 decision to Bandera. The Tigerettes only had two hits in the contest.

La Mascus (1-2) was the loser. In four innings of work, she allowed five earned runs on seven hits and four walks.

La Mascus had both of Brackett's hits. She was 2 for 3 at the plate.

The Tigerettes opened the tournament Saturday morning with an 11-6 win over Eagle Pass' junior varsity.

Patty Lopez (4-1) was credited with the mound win. In two innings, she gave up four earned runs on four hits.

Lopez was relieved in the third by Harrison, who picked up her third save of the season.

Amy Bader and La Toya Wright were both perfect at the plate, turning in 2-for-2 performances and scoring two runs apiece. Bader also had a RBI.

JoLee Jones went 2 for 3 against Eagle Pass. She drove in two runs.

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What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 1997 renditions is Monday, April 14. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be postmarked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 14 deadline.

Where do you file?

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A Texas fishing license is required when?

By Henry Lutz
Kinney County Game Warden

This week, and in the weeks to come, I would like to include a few reminders to those heading out to enjoy the great outdoors and the beautiful spring weather by fishing their favorite lake or river.

First of all, don't forget your fishing license. A fishing license is required to fish in public water, for those fishing who are at least 17 years old and older. If you have had your 17th birthday, then you need to have a fishing license. This license is the Resident Fishing License and costs \$19. Anyone under 17 years old

does not need any fishing license.

For those on the other end of the age bracket, if you turned 65 years old before Sept. 1, 1995 (date of birth before Sept. 1, 1930), then you do NOT need to purchase a fishing license. You are required to carry a drivers license or identification card with you (regardless of age, if old enough to have one) for proof of age.

If you turned 65 years old on or after Sept. 1, 1995 (date of birth Sept. 1, 1930 or later), then you ARE required to buy a fishing license. This license is called a Special Resident Fishing License and costs \$6.

In order to qualify for the resident license, you must be a resident of Texas. A resident is defined as a person who has lived continuously in Texas for more than six months immediately before applying for a license, or any members of the United States Armed Forces (and their dependents) on active duty anywhere.

Just because you own property and/or pay utilities in Texas does not qualify you as a Texas resident.

There are many non-residents who have out-of-state drivers licenses, out-of-state vehicle registrations, and who live out of state for six months or more and still own property here in Texas.

You cannot be considered a resident of two states and enjoy the privileges of residency of both states.

For our out-of-state friends, you are required to buy a Non-Resident Fishing License which costs \$30.

This license is not required if you are a non-resident under 17 years of age, a non-resident 65 years of age or older from Kansas or Louisiana, or a non-resident 64 years of age or older from Oklahoma.

There are temporary licenses available at less cost and there are stamps needed in some cases such as salt water fishing.

Any license that has been lost or de-

stroyed can be replaced for a small fee at any license sales location.

The first Saturday in June of each year is the annual Free Sport-Fishing Day, and no person is required to have a fishing license or stamps while sport fishing on that day.

There are other fishing licenses and/or stamps that may be required for special instances such as the above mentioned salt water fishing or freshwater trout fishing.

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your zeal and drive lead to many business gains this week. An opportunity that comes your way has some financial potential. This weekend, a loved one demands your undivided attention.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Making plans for a pleasure trip is favored. On the job, you encounter a co-worker who is inconsistent and moody. This could stand in the way of your plans for what you want to get done. Later in the week, a friend who asked for your advice doesn't respond as you'd hoped.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) This is a good time for those looking to change residences. Good news also arrives this week on the financial front concerning an investment. A family member needs your understanding on a personal matter.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You encounter more than one opportunity concerning your career this week. However, later on, you are overly lax and need to exert some self-discipline. If not, you could be facing some overtime before the weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good time for you on the social front with benefits accruing from friends. Before deciding about a certain purchase, take some time out to think about it. It's a deal with repercussions.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You could decide to purchase some much-needed household furniture to replace what's worn out. However, do shop for bargains. A private concern has you pleased.



However, keep this to yourself for now.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You get along famously this week with friends and family. At the same time, you and a co-worker have trouble seeing eye to eye. When stating your viewpoint this weekend, make sure you are also doing some listening.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Couples enjoy a meeting of the minds and can make important plans together for the future. You are delighted later in the week by a friend's good news. However, a relative is somewhat touchy.

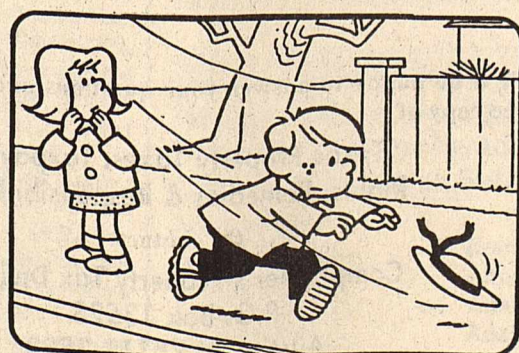
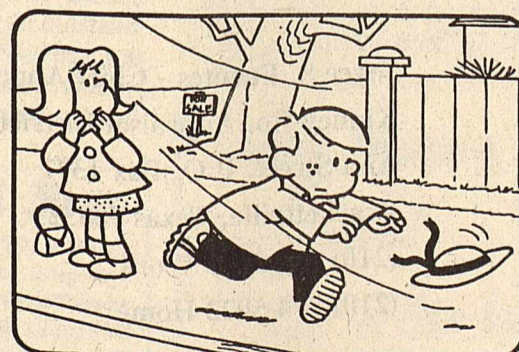
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Success is achieved with getting unfinished projects out of the way. A family member has some exciting news for you as the week comes to a close. This weekend, a planned social event fizzles out.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're in a no-nonsense mood and make important strides in your career. You are also likely this week to receive financial benefits. This doesn't mean, though, that you have money to burn.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Some at work are overly egotistical and sensitive this week. You need to exercise tact with these people. In all, you achieve much by exercising initiative. This is the time for you to lead.

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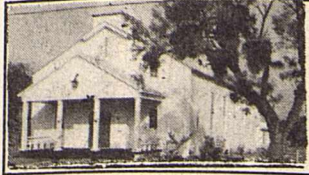
HOCUS-FOCUS



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
Differences: 1. Jacket is different. 2. Pocketbook is missing. 3. Sign is missing. 4. Leg is moved. 5. Post is different. 6. Hat is moved.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mar 20	Marlene McKnight	Mar 24	Dorothy Frank
Mar 20	Virginia Smith	Mar 24	Agapita Morin
Mar 21	Irene Mata	Mar 24	Paula Munoz
Mar 21	Justin Coates	Mar 24	Jesus Reschman
Mar 21	Michael Mellor	Mar 24	Pablo Briseno
Mar 21	Mary Lue Smith	Mar 25	Teresita De Hoyos
Mar 22	Celia Ramon	Mar 25	Dwite Gilliland
Mar 22	Gene Slate	Mar 25	Victor Abrigo
Mar 22	Camille Niel	Mar 25	Dixie Lee Brown
Mar 23	Jeffery Mills	Mar 25	Laura Rivas
Mar 23	Nicole Mata	Mar 26	Anne Owen
Mar 23	Estella Guajardo	Mar 26	Felicia Abrigo
Mar 23	Patricia Gass	Mar 26	Arturo Falcon



First Baptist Church
Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor
"The Pastor's Pen"

This week from Friday 3 p.m. till Saturday 5 p.m. Annie and I were privileged to go to the Baptist camp near Leakey, Texas. The purpose of the trip was to sit in on a seminar on "How to Deal with Stress." It was designed for pastors of churches and their spouses. It was to help us to slow down and alleviate some of the stress that comes with being so busy and on call twenty four hours a day seven days a week. That lifestyle and pressure is labeled as stress.

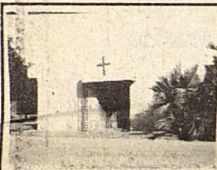
On arrival at camp the following announcement was made for the benefit of those that had not been there before: "You will be given a key to one of the motel rooms and checkout time will not be until five o'clock tomorrow. All of the meals will be provided for you and you will find a basket of fruit awaiting you in the room. Be aware though that there are no telephones in the rooms to have to answer and neither is there a television or radio in the room. We do not provide alarm clocks or wake up calls. We want this to be a time in which you can relax without interruption. Even after you check out of the room you are welcome to stay to enjoy God's wondrous creation of nature. Just slow down and enjoy your time with your spouse."

Everyone within my hearing distance thought that was such a wonderful plan. But I wondered how effective the seminar might be. How can 24 hours change habits that have been developed for years? We were treated to a wonderful meal that evening and began to get ac-

quainted with each other. At 8 p.m. the first session began and we began to unwind. The next morning breakfast was to be served at 8 a.m. and we learned some had wound down so much that they almost missed it. That was a good sign. The first morning session went well with a 10:30 break but I could sense that some tensions were rising to the surface as some were making calls to the office. At noon we went to lunch and returned to the conference room at 1:15 p.m.

There was a problem. The group of 24 had dwindled to 18. Six had too much to do and had to leave for home and office. The conference leader stated, "I want to finish a little early to give you more freedom and time on your own. We should be complete by 2:30 and you can have the rest of the time as your own. Remember, you do not have to check out of your room until 5 p.m." He finished as promised so Annie and I decided to go to the room just to rest before driving home. At 4:45 we went to the office to return the key for the room. We found a bucket outside the office door with a label "room keys." We learned Sunday evening from the camp coordinator that of the 18 that remained after lunch 14 checked out by 2:45 p.m., 2 by 4:15 p.m. and that we had passed the "Seminar Stress Test" with honors. We were the last ones to leave the camp.

We are feeling great! And only a little guilty. It is okay to take a day off. We're told that even God took a day of rest!



Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

There are many dark sides of actions in society today. The continuing hoop-la over homosexuality shows a lack of social consciousness relative to a degenerate way of life solidly condemned by the Bible and common sense. The millions of abortions is indicative of the contempt to which human life is held. The "partial birth abortion promoted over a large vote in both houses of Congress by President Clinton's veto cannot otherwise be described than out right premeditated murder. The fact that a man who admittedly killed his baby son and was sentenced to die is turned free to be able to kill again on an absurd technicality is frightening. Every week brings news of millions of dollars awarded to clients of "ambulance chasing lawyers" is totally ridiculous cases. The fact that thousands of land acres can be piratized by the pen of the President is frightening. The fact that hardly a week passes that some ridiculous new edict by the EPA robs businesses and society of benefits to satisfy the ridiculous and often unfounded dreams of arrogant bureaucrats is cause for considerable concern. However the basic foundations of life and right are still as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar. The Bible is still the best selling book of all time. The Bible is still the inerrant word of God. There is still no greater code of life than the ten commandments. There is still no better way of life than the sermon on the mount.

Trying to "unisex" the Bible does not destroy the "Fatherhood of God", Sneers and attacks on the Bible does not dilute its message. The Bible is and always will be the same. It's teaching is incontrovertible. Any who try to mock its message simply mock their own character.

God is still the same. He is truth and truth never changes. He is love and love never fades. He is life eternal and "eternal" can never end. God is still the creator and master of the universe. The evolutionist who tries to write God out of the beginning of life proves his errant thought. If man is the product of evolution. Where did his soul come from?

Jesus Christ is still the same. He is still the way to reach God. He is still the only way to reach God. He is still the atonement for the sins of every person. He is still the only way of atonement. The Holy Spirit is still the guide and director of life. He is still the indwelling "comforter" that seals our souls for ever as children of God. Heaven is still heaven and hell is still hell. God, still judges and punishes sin. God still blesses and rewards the right. All these permanent and rock solid facets of life wipe away any fear of all the sins Satan can inspire.

There will be another message from the Bible at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11:00. Come and see!



St. John's Baptist Church
Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.
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If it had not been the Lord who was on our (my) side, now may Israel (I) say,
If it had not been the Lord who was on our (my) side, when men rose up against us (me);
Then they had swallowed us (me) up alive, when their wrath kindled against us;
Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul;
Then the proud waters had

gone over our soul.
Blessed by the Lord, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

Our soul is escaped like a bird out of the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Psalms 124. Praise the Lord. Come feast with us in the Lord. The table is set.

Obituary

Jesusa G. Munoz

Jesusa G. Munoz, age 82, died March 12, 1997 in San Antonio, Texas. Jesusa was born in Hondo, Texas on September 17, 1914. Mrs. Munoz helped many years with her husband's business, Munoz Cafe. They were always well known for their homemade pies.

She is survived by her husband, Gilberto Munoz, Sr.; children, Gilberto Jr. and Jovita Munoz; Eulogio and Aggie Gomez and Ms. Sylvia Ramirez. Grandchildren: Adam and wife, Sakota Ramirez, Monica and husband Jason Charland,

Michael, Divina Ann, Theresa Ann, and Gilberto III. Great grandchildren, David Michael, Justin, and Katty Lynn. Numerous loving brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Friday, March 14, 1997 in the Brackettville Funeral Home in Brackettville. Mass of Resurrection was Saturday at the Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Rev. David Cashin officiated. Burial was in the Brackettville Cemetery. Arrangements were with the Brackettville Funeral Home.

Memorial service scheduled

Memorial services for Jack W. ("Bubba") Whitworth will be conducted Saturday, March 22, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church by the Rev. Michael M. Davis, priest-in-charge. Graveside services in Junction, March 12 were held for Mr. Whitworth, who died

March 10 in San Antonio. The family has requested that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.

After the Saturday memorial service at St. Andrew's, refreshments will be served to the mourners in the church's parish hall.

Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charolette Corey

"This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because of his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: Great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him." Lamentations 3:21-25.

"Thou art my hiding place and my shield; I hope in thy word. Uphold me according to thy word, that I may live; and let me not be ashamed of my hope. Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe; and I will have respect unto thy statutes continually." (Psalms 119: 114, 116, 117).

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Rom. 8:28.

"Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." Rom. 12:21.

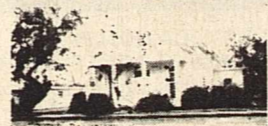
"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in Hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." Rom. 15:13.

There has been a lot of heart-ache moving around in the community lately. I share these words with all of you even as I have shared them with my own children.

Remember, if you fail in something you are not a failure. Repent, learn from your mistakes, grow stronger and move on. You are still that "Pearl of great price" that Jesus died for. Through faith in Jesus, just crawl up into your Heavenly Fathers lap and let Him love on you. He is steadfast and faithful. Rest in His faithfulness.

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

First United Methodist Church



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

This coming week is traditionally known among Christians as Holy Week.

It's not that the other 51 weeks of the year aren't holy also; It's that this is a very special time set apart to remember the heart of the Christian gospel.

The Hebrew word for remember means much more than simply to recall to mind. It means also to re-enact, to relive. In the holistic Hebrew tradition, remembering is something that affects the whole person and whole community. Remembering involves sparking our mind, opening our heart, and renewing our spirit on an intimately personal level with God and on

an intensely communal level with one another.

During this special time, our church is offering several opportunities to come together and remember. On Palm Sunday we will remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On Maundy Thursday, we will remember his Last Supper. On Good Friday, we will remember his death.

Jesus commanded us to remember him. Through remembering, God will prepare our minds, hearts, souls, and our community for the rebirth and renewal we receive in Christ's resurrection.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

U.M.C special worship services

Everyone is invited to First United Methodist Church for several special worship services that lead up to Easter. On Palm Sunday, March 23, at 11:00 a.m. there will be special music and a "Parade of Palms" by the children as we celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Thursday, Mar. 27, is Maundy Thursday. At 5:30 p.m., there will be a service of holy communion as we remember our Lord's Last Supper. The name Maundy is derived from the Latin word mandatum which means mandate or commandment. At his last supper, Jesus commanded us to continue to share this meal "in remembrance of me."

Friday, March 28, is Good Friday. At 7:00 p.m. there will be a Tenebrae service or service of darkness. Through a series of scripture readings, we will remember Jesus' suffering,

trial, and crucifixion. During the service 12 candles will be extinguished, and we will end the service in darkness. The darkness symbolizes a world without Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. All of these services are designed to help us prepare our hearts for the return of our Savior, the celebration of Christ's resurrection, and our own rebirth or renewal. Please join us at 102 James St.

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Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Rev. Nathan La Frenz 563-2047

On Palm Sunday we celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

How the people celebrated as he entered riding, as prophesied in Isaiah, on the back of a donkey. He realized what was awaiting him in a few short days. He knew he was not the Messiah of Glory as hoped for by the people. Jesus knew that obedience to the will of His Father would result in His suffering and death. It is so easy to get lost in the triumph of Palm Sunday and Easter, and yet overlook the death and suffering of Good Friday. It is so much more fun to celebrate. We at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will be celebrating on Palm Sunday. We will be celebrating not only

the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem, but we will be celebrating our organization of our church into a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran of America.

However, although it is certainly appropriate to celebrate, and celebrate we shall, we must remember that the real destination of Christ on Palm Sunday is not to the Palace but to the Cross. The road to the Cross is the road of obedience and servanthood.

May the Lord enable Our Redeemer Lutheran Church to be obedient to the Word of God and be of service to the will of our Heavenly Father in the building of the Kingdom of God here in Brackettville, Texas.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church to celebrate "Recognition Sunday"

On Palm Sunday March 23, 1997 a once in a lifetime event will take place in Brackettville, Texas. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church will celebrate "Recognition Sunday." This celebration recognizes Our Redeemer Lutheran Church as officially becoming a Lutheran congregation affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

The constitution and by-laws of the new church have been adopted by the congregation and now also approved by the Southwestern Texas Synod of the ELCA. Articles of incorporation have been filed with the Secretary of State of Texas and more than 60 people have signed the charter. Palm Sunday has been selected for the celebration of "Recognition Sunday." This moment has been a long time coming. These devoted, ambitious, Christians began meeting for worship service in 1992 in a card room at the Fort Clark Springs golf course. Pastor Jim Feierabend from Del Rio served as the first pastor in the early stages of development of the congregation.

Pastor Nathan Lafrenz of Eagle Pass, Texas was called to serve Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in May of 1995, when worship services were moved

from Saturday to Sunday. The first president, Jerry O'Brien, will continue to serve as president of the congregation for the balance of 1997.

Joining the congregation for "Recognition Sunday" services will be Rev. James Bennett, Bishop of the Southwestern Texas Synod of the ELCA. The public is cordially invited to attend the special Palm Sunday service and help celebrate this joyous occasion.

Following the service a light lunch will be served.

The March 23 celebration will begin at 9 a.m. in the church at the corner of Henderson and Fort Street in Brackettville, Texas.

Other Easter week services will also be held on Maundy Thursday at 6 p.m., on Good Friday at 5 p.m. and Easter Sunday morning at 9 a.m. Come worship with us.

Thank You
I would like to thank each and everyone for their prayers cards and flowers while I was in the hospital and a special thank you to my cousin Audrey Ward.
Georgia Mae Shields

