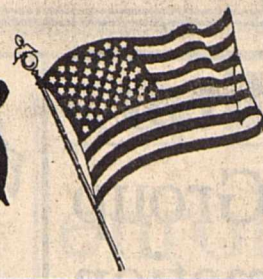


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Kinney County says: 'Not here!'

Party status requests for CARE, Del Rio delayed by objections

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Citizens Against Ruined Environments (CARE) and the city of Del Rio were left hanging after requesting party status at Tuesday's public hearing concerning a proposed municipal dump.

Adobe Eco-Systems has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a permit to authorize a solid waste management facility. Tuesday was the first step in the process of approving or disapproving the application.

"I think everything went as expected," said Stuart Henry, an Austin attorney representing CARE and the cities of Spofford and Del Rio. "There was a good turnout."

The hearing was conducted by a panel from the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

Following a hearing on merits, simi-

lar to a trial, which is tentatively scheduled for April 6, the panel will make a recommendation to the TNRCC, which will make the final decision on the permit application.

This week's hearing enabled local citizens to make public comments concerning the proposal, and allowed individuals and entities to request party status, which is required to participate in future hearings.

Kinney County and the cities of Brackettville and Spofford were approved for party status.

Adobe Eco-Systems objected to party status requests for the city of Del Rio and CARE. Decisions on the requests will be made at a later date.

"This is like any trial, so there are certain rules," said Pam Giblin, Adobe Eco-Systems' attorney. "Anytime you bend the rules in favor of somebody, you bend them against somebody. It's just a matter of fair play."

Giblin questioned the membership of CARE, which is headed by a group of citizens who own land near the proposed Middle Rio Grande Solid Waste Facility, located on 424 acres, approximately one-half mile south of Spofford.

"This organization is real amorphous, you don't know who the members really are," Giblin said. "So when you resolve issues with them, you don't know who it is that you're settling with. It's very difficult to resolve issues when you don't know the entity."

Henry said he wasn't concerned about the delay in the approval of party status for CARE.

"With the CARE group, that's not even a close call," Henry said. "If CARE doesn't get standing party, I think that would be real easy to overturn in court, so that doesn't bother me."

"You have adjacent landowners and they're represented by CARE. Any question they got standing and they are going

to participate in this preceding. They'll either do that or they'll go to the Courthouse, and that will delay the proceeding a lot longer."

Giblin opposed Del Rio's request because the city is approximately 35 miles from the proposed site.

"Del Rio is so far away and they're not really a part of this community," she said. "That's why we didn't have objections to Brackettville, Kinney County and Spofford. Those people are really true members of this community."

"Del Rio has their own issues. I bet you they would take offense to some of the folks from here trying to intercede in one of their hearings. It's just more fair play than anything else."

Giblin questioned the intentions of the city, implying that Del Rio officials looked at the proposed regional waste facility as "competition."

"I think we proved up our case for Del Rio," Henry said. "I just think we

did a lot of nit-picking here for nothing, just for lawyers to mess around. It's really sort of unfortunate in my view."

Local and area citizens expressed a variety of views at Tuesday's hearing, both for and against the dump, with the majority of those in attendance in opposition.

Citizens against the solid waste facility expressed numerous reasons for not wanting the dump. Those in favor of the facility said it was something that the region needed.

"We were very pleased at the sincerity of the public comment," Giblin said. "We thought some of the comments were extremely focused and very good, and we're going to take them all to heart."

"We are absolutely committed to comply with the law and to get along with our neighbors. We really are going to try every single day to try to let folks know that we really want to take their concerns and address them."



Assistant Fire Chief Pete Bland, County Commissioner and Fire Chief Joe "Boy" Williams, Harold Byrd of the Hillcrest Foundation, and City Councilman Wes Robinson admire the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department's new brush truck. The vehicle was obtained by the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department through a grant from the Hillcrest Foundation. The new truck was unveiled at a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday at the Kinney County Civic Center. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Sergeant, Montalvo to be tried separately

By J.J. Guidry and Wes Robinson
Staff Writers

Two Kinney County officials indicted on charges of abuse of official capacity will be tried separately, District Judge George M. Thurmond ruled Monday at a pretrial hearing.

Kinney County Judge Tommy Seargeant and County Commissioner Joe Montalvo were re-indicted Sept. 17 on charges dealing with unlawful appropriation of highway guard rails. The trials are tentatively set to begin on Oct. 27. Seargeant's trial will precede Montalvo's.

"My concern is on the standard of respect

of criminal conduct," Robert T. Bass, Seargeant's attorney, said after making the request for individual trials. "The jury will be apt to confuse the conduct of one to the conduct of the other."

Rogelio F. Munoz, Montalvo's attorney, said: "It doesn't make any difference to me. I respect his request."

District Attorney Tom Lee said he also did not have a problem with trying the two cases separately.

"We're just anxious to get the trial over with so we can move on with our business," he said on Wednesday.

Also at the pretrial hearing, Thurmond

denied motions by Bass and Munoz to squash the indictments.

Bass had hoped to prove the state's key witness, Clifford Fritter, was an accomplice. Fritter is Kinney County's Road and Bridge Superintendent.

Bass told the court that his client did not have authority, by virtue of his office, to obtain the property. He said the county is under the unit system of road maintenance, therefore, Fritter was responsible for the property.

The state has declared, regardless of what type of system the county was under, it intends to argue that the property was obtained under the direction of Seargeant.

Fort Clark Days celebration set to kickoff tomorrow

Fort Clark Springs Association will host its annual "Fort Clark Days" this weekend.

Against the backdrop of America's best privately preserved frontier fort, a host of activities and attractions will be tak-

ing place to celebrate the history of this unique place.

The event will kick off tomorrow evening, with a dance for all ages at the swim park, beginning at 8 p.m.

Activities open at 9 a.m. on Saturday, with a multitude of enjoyable experiences for young and old alike.

The massive stone Commissary building will be the site of the Bloody Bucket Saloon presented

by the Badland Rangers.

In and around the Old Guardhouse Museum will be living history demonstrations recounting the cavalrymen who served at Fort Clark.

Judge Roy Bean Court will be

in session throughout the day, with an important trial set for 1 p.m.

Craft and food booths will fill the area and local organizations will hold many creative competitions.

Live entertainment from Alamo Village and the 1877 Fort Clark Performers will be performed throughout the day at the "Butcher Shop" outdoor stage.

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Sonya Correa won first place honors at the Leakey cross country meet, leading the Tigerettes to second place overall. Sports/Page 5

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HOMECOMING '97

Gonzalez, Hagler crowned this year's king and queen

Jose Gonzalez and Katy Hagler were crowned Brackett's 1997 king and queen at Friday night's annual Homecoming football game.

The seniors were crowned by outgoing king and queen Beau Smallwood and Chica Garza.

The Homecoming court consists of Angela Childress and Robert Sotelo, representing the junior class; Tara Eckenrod and Steven Hagler, sophomore class; Enriqueta Garza and Javier De Leon, freshmen class; LaToya Wright and Zachry Davis, Student Council; Samantha Perez and Caleb Crumley, National Honor Society (NHS); Susie Hernandez and James Burks, Science Club;

Windy Goodloe and Alfred Rodriguez, Fightin' Tiger Band; Laura Lee Ballew and Wesley Baker, Future Farmers of America (FFA); Amanda Mulvaine and Michael Meyer, Future Homemakers of America (FHA); and Amanda Petrosky and Brent Smith, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

Gonzalez has participated in football, basketball and baseball. He is a member of the Science Club and the FHA.

Hagler is active in volleyball, basketball, track, and she is a varsity cheerleader. She is a member of the Science Club, Student Council, NHS, and FFA.

Other queen candidates were Tina Meek and Cherrise Ward.

J. Wayne Ballew and Demitrus Williams were king candidates.

Meek is currently participating in volleyball and is a varsity cheerleader. She is a member of the Student Council, and the Science Club.

Ward has been active in the One Act Play, numerous UIL academic competitions, and is a varsity cheerleader. She is a member of the FFA, FHA, FCA, NHS, Student Council and the Science Club.

Ballew is active in football and track. He is a member of the NHS, Student Council, FCA, and FFA.

Williams is active in football, basketball, baseball and track.



Katy Hagler, left, and Jose Gonzalez were crowned Brackett's 1997 Homecoming king and queen on Friday night.

Letters to the Editor

Good Government Group provides false information

Twenty-five years ago, Nat Mendelson arrived in Texas from California and Arizona, fleeing from flakey development deals in those states.

He purchased Fort Clark Springs and formed North American Towns, Inc. He then formed a Public Utility District, sold bonds and used the money to develop Fort Clark Springs.

With the help of RLT Marketing, Rio Grande Marketing and Resort funding, he sold memberships to most everyone in Texas.

North American Towns got in trouble with Texas HUD. They slapped their hands and told them they could not sell memberships without property.

Fort Clark Springs Association was formed and controlled by North American Towns, who held 400 plus memberships to control the vote and Board of Directors.

After Nat Mendelson passed away, a new group emerged by the name of "Good Government Group."

This group set out to control the vote and candidates of Fort Clark Springs Association. They did this by fabricating false and misleading resumes for their candidates. They went so far as to mail this stuff to out of state members. Could this be mail fraud?

At the present time, the Good Government Group has managed

to get four of their members elected. We have none with experience or expertise in the operation of a multi-million dollar corporation.

How would you like for them to run your personal business?

We cannot blame the present Board of Directors for inheriting this dog and pony show. We can only blame the Good Government Group and uninformed members that put these people in office.

I have been researching this information for two months. I discovered this association and North American Towns have been running this cover-up operation in a circle for the past 25 years, property deals, employee perks, incompitant management and the list goes on.

It seems logical to me that we should have professional management with experience and the same qualifications for the board. We need all management and Board of Directors to bring to the table more than a warm body.

There is no reason that we as members should settle for less than the "best," not the best of the worst.

I believe we all came here for about the same reasons, to enjoy this wonderful place and live without constant threats of power moves and cover-up operations.

Bob Moore

Townsend needs the facts

An open letter to Joe Townsend: Your letter was nothing but false information. Let me give you the facts.

Twenty years ago, memberships at Fort Clark Springs were \$6,000 or more. Today, you can buy a membership for \$500. Or Less. Property values have gone down the sewer lines. We do not need a video to see the difference.

Today there are 78 homes, mobile homes or member lots for sale. Why?

The Board of Directors give false financial reports. They will not allow the members to inspect these reports, even if it is against the law not too.

The last three months they have not listed the number of members lost. Why?

Mr. Bill Kelly received 1,159 votes, 21 votes less than Ben Pingnot. Now that there is an opening, will he be appointed to the board? (Not on your life).

The Golf Course had \$29,207 profit at the end of July. At the end of August, it had only \$19,581.20. Where did the other \$9,625.90 go?

The Board of Directors has been operating illegally for the last two years.

Santos Yerena, on his resume, said he was a captain in the Army. He forgot to say he was in the

Mexican Army.

Over 1,000 voters who voted for him were misinformed. The members of the board know this, but will do nothing, they like having a second-the-motion man. These resumes were mailed. This is mail fraud.

This man recommended the last manager of the Las Moras Restaurant to the board. He was not a good manager. His record proves it.

I have a letter from Mona Miller where she said, "The board knows we have a problem with the restaurant and we are looking for solutions." This was after several letters that I wrote, letters to the editor. This was in April 1997.

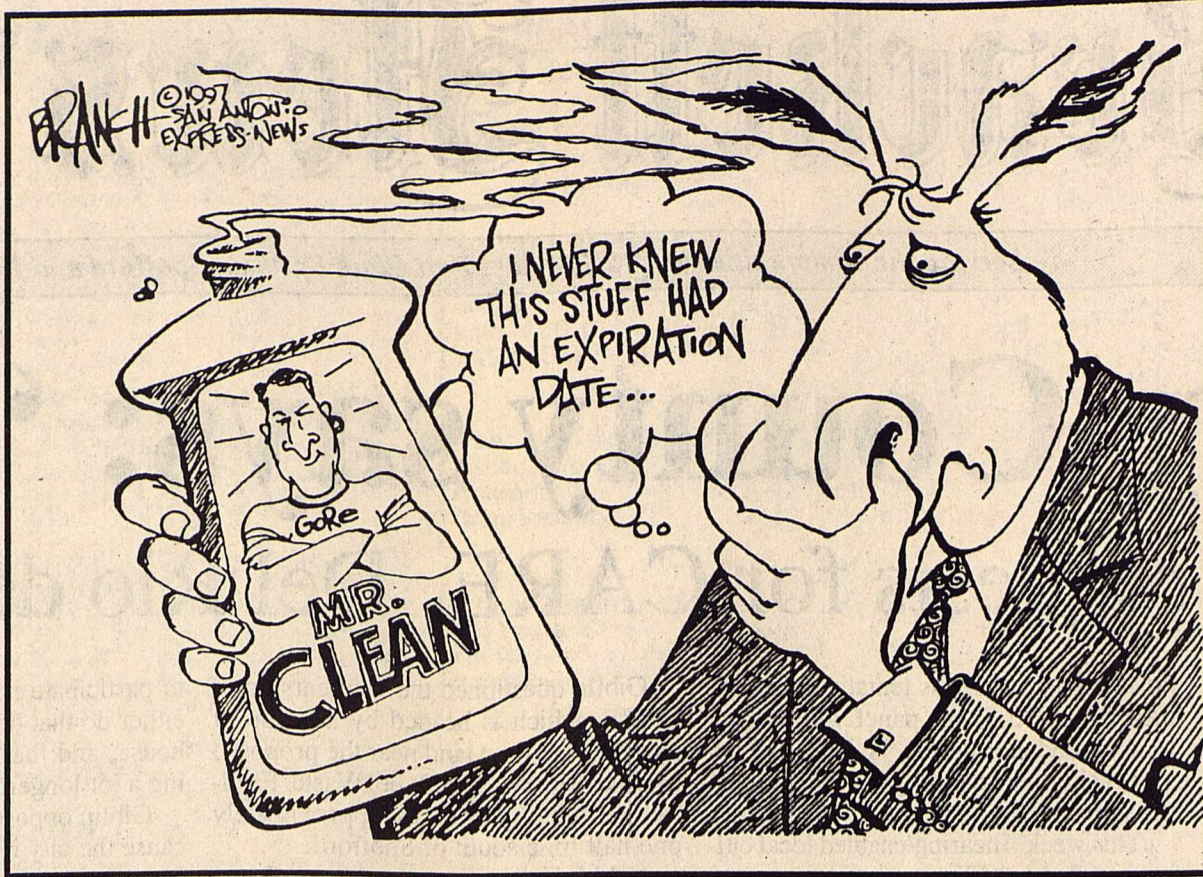
After six months and loosing \$60,000, the problem was solved. I must have been right.

I can list 25 more wrong-doings by this board.

Mr. Townsend, the only thing in your letter that I agreed with was where you said you were not a member of Fort Clark Springs and should not concern yourself with the affairs of the association.

Now, Mr. Townsend, if you agree to get your facts right and mind your own business, I will make you a super lifetime Unsung Hero.

Roger Perez



College football coach resigns to promote "Promise Keepers"

The best way to gauge a person's belief in God and relationship to Him is to note his or her reaction to those who want and try to make God and his word, the Bible.

The football coach at the University of California, following a most successful season, resigned to organize and promote "Promise Keepers."

This is an appeal to men to confess their sins and place their faith in Jesus Christ.

With this tenet as a basis, men are challenged to be what God in his word tells them to be and do.

The first gathering overflowed the football stadium at the University.

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



This movement has mushroomed into an international phenomenon.

Meetings have been held through the years in many of the large cities of the USA. Always, the crowds are amazing.

The great culmination was reached this week when well over 1 million men gathered to confess, pray and promise.

The ungodly and liberal media gave less publicity to this gather-

ing than to the radical Louis Farakham and his gathering of 400,000 blacks.

One of the greatest facet of the meeting was a splinter group of less than 200 women under the leadership of NOW.

It was a graphic illustration of what can be done when people actively choose God and his way. It also demonstrates what eventually happens to movements who fly in the face of God.

Voters to decide future of Texas' water supplies

By Bob Bullock
Lieutenant Governor of Texas

Texans soon will have a chance to vote on our state's future. Two amendments on the Nov. 4 ballot will change the state's constitution and play a critical role in making sure Texas has enough water for the next century.

One amendment will allow property tax relief on land using water conservation measures. The other will give the Texas Water Development Board greater flexibility in financing a wide variety of critically-needed water projects without increasing the state's bond debt limit.

The two votes cap a 40-year span of false starts in developing a long-range, comprehensive state water plan. Lawmakers last spring approved a master plan to conserve, develop and manage the state's valuable water resources.

Now it's up to Texas voters. Failure to get behind the effort could produce disastrous results in the future. Texas grew from 11.2 million people in 1970 to more than 19 million in 1997. And the state's population is expected to reach more than 33.8 million in 2030—an 99 percent increase since 1990.

Although the numbers underscore the challenges facing the state, they don't reflect the water shortages Texans have lived with on a regular basis. The state has suffered through five major droughts since the 1930's, including a catastrophic seven-year

drought in the 1950's.

The most recent drought in 1995-96 cost Texas farmers, ranchers and businesses an estimated \$5 billion in damages. Federal disaster relief blamed on water shortages went to 242 of the state's 254 counties.

But historically, widespread concern about water supplies has washed away when the first drenching rains fill our lakes, rivers and streams.

Texans soon forget the water restrictions that scorched their lawns, and the billions of dollars of crops and parched cattle devastated under the glare of the summer sun.

But the threat never goes away. Despite rapid urbanization, farms and ranches remain a vital and important part of the Texas economy. Other businesses and industries need adequate water too, and Texas needs them to keep the state's economy in high gear.

The Legislature gave top priority to a water bill this year. The law mixes a variety of strategies to meet future demands.

Like most Americans, Texans take a lot for granted. They expect to have water when they turn on the faucet to wash their hands, scrub their dishes or brush their teeth.

Unfortunately, taking it for granted that the amendments to the state's water plan will pass is gambling with Texas' future.

A better bet would be to vote yes for the water proposals in November.

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Priorities

The Clinton administration is going to have to decide which is more important: stopping the flow of illegal drugs across the Mexican border into this country, or making the border more hospitable for nocturnal ocelots.

Down in Brownsville, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has drawn a bead on the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

As part of Operation Rio Grande, the Border Patrol has increased its manpower, added equipment and installed some two dozen lights along the banks of the Rio Grande to foil nighttime sneaking activities by drug smugglers and illegal aliens.

But these lights, Fish and Wildlife officials allege, disturb two large species of cat, the nocturnal ocelot and the jaguarundi. Brownsville INS sector chief Ernesto Castillo says the lights are an essential of the Operation Rio Grande strategy, protecting both Border Patrol agents and thwarting drug traffickers.

Mexico is the source of between 20 percent and 30 percent of the heroin and 70 percent of the marijuana shipped into the United States. It is the transit point for between 50 percent and 70 percent of the cocaine sold in the United States.

The use of illicit drugs among eighth graders has risen 150 percent in the last five years. Heroin addiction is climbing and crack cocaine remains an epidemic in America's urban centers.

As valid as it is to be concerned about endangered animals, I am even more concerned about an endangered generation of children in America.

The federal government has all but lost control of the 1,200-mile border between Texas and Mexico.

One of Mexico's largest drug cartels operates across the border from Brownsville. Texas farmers and ranchers are being terrorized on a daily basis by drug thugs who operate with impunity in that area. And the McAllen Border Patrol Sector, which includes Brownsville, now exceeds San Diego in the number of illegal aliens crossing the border.

On Aug. 25, the INS stepped into that breach, lights and all, with its Operation Rio Grande.

Congress has few higher priorities among its legislative activities than to provide the resources to address this problem, and Operation Rio Grande is part of the Clinton administration's response to our concerns.

I oppose any attempt to diminish the impact of Operation Rio Grande, or any other effort to secure the Texas Mexico border. Not one light should be turned off.

The administration should rein in Fish and Wildlife and instruct it to work with the Border Patrol to resolve this matter in a way that does not impede law enforcement efforts. The overriding issue here is the well-being of our children and our nation as a whole.

Kindly intentions toward wildlife notwithstanding, that must be our first priority.



**Big Mama
Sez!**

It is better to look
ahead and prepare
than to look back
and regret.

Area code grace period ends

Long-distance phone users who haven't become accustomed to the two new area codes in South Texas during a three-month grace period have run out of time.

The use of the new 830 and 956 area codes became necessary Monday to complete calls.

A caller who dials an incorrect area code will receive a recording advising that the area code has changed, and requiring the caller to make the call again with the correct area code. The recordings will be in effect until Dec. 8; after that, callers are on their own.

In July, the 210 area code was split three ways. The San Antonio metropolitan area kept the 210 code. Areas north of Webb County, including Kinney County, previously in the

210 area switched to the 830 area code, while the area from Webb County and Laredo stretching south to Cameron County and Brownsville changed to 956.

In September 1996, the Dallas area added the new 972 area code in suburban cities. The new 281 area code took effect in the Houston suburban area last November.

South Texas is among 70 regions nationwide to receive new codes over the last two years, including six in Texas.

The need for more area codes can be attributed to population and business growth, as well as the proliferation of fax machines, modems, cellular phones, pagers and additional phone lines, officials said.

The Public Utility Commission of Texas estimates 711,000 phone lines will keep the 210 area code, with 240,000 lines changing to the 830 code and 371,000 lines switching to the 956 code.

The commission and other telecommunications industry experts expect the 210 area code to exhaust its numbers by 2004. The 830 area code is expected to last until 2011, and the 956 area code should last until 2009.

Phone company officials are reminding telephone users to reprogram automated equipment that uses the area code, such as storing or analyzing telephone numbers, security systems, business telephone systems, modems, speed call lists and automatic dialing.

SWTJC celebrates enrollment record

UVALDE - Southwest Texas Junior College (SWTJC) is once again celebrating a new fall semester enrollment record.

Ismael Sosa, dean of admissions and student services, announced that the new enrollment figure of 3,418 students will be etched in the history books of 1997 as a record breaking enrollment.

The previous record was set last fall with 3,257 students.

The Uvalde main campus has the largest number of students attending classes with a total of 1,621.

"We see more and more students staying at home attending SWTJC to obtain their basics before transferring to a senior level

institution," Sosa said. "Also, our faculty should be commended for offering a quality education to SWTJC students."

"Also, our technical/vocational courses are growing due to the fact there is an increasing need for skilled technical/vocational employees in the workforce," he added.

The SWTJC Eagle Pass Outreach Center student enrollment increased by 88 students. With 798 enrolling this fall, the campus is slowly outgrowing the three year-old facility.

Enrollment at the SWTJC Del Rio Outreach Center increased by 19 students. They have 842 students attending school in their newly constructed facility.

Briefs ...

Old Quarry Society to host melodrama

According to Webster, "a melodrama is a play full of sensational and startling situations of often highly emotional," and it is!

Under the direction of Betty Slatterer, the Old Quarry Society is presenting "The Drunkard" on Saturday evening at 8:00 in Fort Clark's beautiful Old Quarry Amphitheater.

There will be three new faces in the cast, Richard Slubar, Larry Mendeke, and Woodie Frances Trotter. Two exciting and talented returning thespians are Jewel Robinson and Harrell Floyd.

Tickets bought in advance are \$4, and \$5 at the gate. Your attendance will add to and enhance your memorable cultured experiences.

Lopez to attend ITT Technical Institute

SAN ANTONIO - Ignacio Lopez III, has enrolled in the electronics engineering technology program at ITT Technical Institute.

The local campus, located at 4242 Piedras Drive E., Suite 100, is one of a nationwide network of 60 ITT Technical Institutes operated by Indianapolis based ITT Educational Services, Inc.

The two-year program, which began Sept. 8, will help Lopez begin to prepare for a career in electronics engineering technology. Upon successful completion of the program, Lopez will earn an associate's degree.

Lopez is a 1997 graduate of Brackett High School.

Friends of the Library seeks map advertisers

The Friends of the Library are currently selling advertising space for businesses or organizations on a map of Brackettville.

The locally produced map lists the streets, alleys and highlights of the city.

Any business or organization can have a small listing on the back of the map. For more information, call Sarah Terrazas at the Kinney County Public Library at 563-2884.

The map will be sold by the Friends of the Library as a fundraiser and distributed by the Chamber of Commerce.

Fort Clark Days begins tomorrow

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A featured performance by the VisionQuest Buffalo Soldiers will highlight the afternoon at 2 p.m.

Wagon tours of the Fort Clark National Register Historic District, Seminole BBQ, black powder demonstrations, and face painting are just a few of the other activities going on throughout the day.

Saturday night will showcase a melodrama entitled "The Drunkard" performed by the Old Quarry Society at 8 p.m. in the Old Quarry Amphitheater.

Sunday morning at 8 a.m., a devotional will be conducted in the Old Quarry Amphitheater by the Voices of Fort Clark.

Las Moras Restaurant, formerly the Officer's Club of the 5th U.S. Cavalry, will serve a breakfast buffet from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. At 10 a.m., festivities will resume with vendor booths, food and entertainment until 5 p.m.

Homecoming festivities a success at Brackett High

We had a great homecoming. The parade was one of the best. There were kids, floats, cheers, skaters, and a conglomerate of spirit raisers. The pep rally down town was a good one.

Coach Rok gets really excited when he talks about football. He can inspire others to take up the Tiger cause.

This year, the cheerleaders produced a homecoming program that was outstanding. Though it was the first effort, I think they probably broke even financially on the project. We all are appreciative of their efforts to make things better.

Nice Rain
We got a nice rain! Gentle, soaked in about .75 in my gauge at my home.

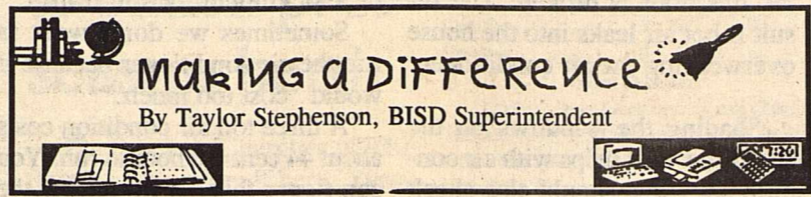
The countryside is starting to get back to its beautiful green color. Rain restores life.

Fort Clark Springs should be beautiful for its celebration of Fort Clark Days this weekend.

Six Weeks Grades
Report cards are out. I encourage parents who need to confer with a teacher to call the school and schedule a conference.

It's early in the year, and many problems can be worked out through better communication between school and home.

Student Holiday
Monday is a holiday for students. The teachers will be going through staff development that includes training for site based committees and for Title I support staff, new textbook workshops for math at the elementary school, technology sessions on planning web sites, a new grade book pro-



gram for secondary schools and much, much more.

There is so much going on in the way of curriculum and instruction that we need days to make sure all of the staff is on the same page.

Committees
Please remember that each campus has a parent-teacher committee.

Check with your principal and find out when this committee meets. We need your input into the planning of the school program.

We also have campus committees and a district level committee that include parents, business representatives and community representatives.

These committees which also include teachers and other educators from BISD do lots of the ground work in planning new initiatives for the school children. Your voice is needed.

School Board Meeting
Our School Board meeting was a good one. The board approved a new Gifted and Talented Instruction policy for BISD.

The state regulations have changed, and our policy is now updated to meet the requirements of the new law.

Parents will be sent information soon on the referral and screening process.

Facility Improvements

I'm excited about getting an all-weather surface on the track. We have lots of fine tracksters who have been getting shin splints for years on the asphalt track.

The tennis courts that the board approved will be a welcome addition to the school facilities. We just don't have enough places for our kids to play tennis.

Alcohol Abuse Program
One of the positives from the board meeting was a suggestion that the school district take a proactive role in establishing an alcohol abuse training program for students.

We have the DARE program for the fifth grade. The need is for an educational program that teaches our students. We'll be looking at some new initiatives in the future.

The State Legislature has taken a no tolerance attitude toward the use of alcohol on school campuses. It is a violation of state law.

We're working hard to educate our parents, staff and students as to the effects of the new law. For more information, please check the Code of Conduct in the student handbook.

As I said, rain brings new life. We have opportunities as stewards of this great earth to make today and tomorrow better than yesterday. Let's go do it!
Have a good week!

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, September 29
8:33 p.m., A man informed officials that he had lost his wallet, containing \$10 and credit cards, at Fort Clark Springs.

9:06 p.m., A Kinney County woman reported that "there were some boys egging." Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess was notified.

Tuesday, September 30
3:45 p.m., Brian Joseph Flores, 18, of Brackettville, was arrested by Sheriff Burgess on charges of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury. He was released the next day after posting a \$5,000 bail bond.

10:15 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that a few kids were "egging" on Fulton and Gove streets. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was notified.

Wednesday, October 1
11:30 p.m., A Brackettville woman requested assistance in reference to a green car that was driving away after hitting a Suburban at the corner of Brown and Thorn streets.

Thursday, October 2
7:41 a.m., An employee at the Brackett Independent School District reported that a blue Chevrolet pickup was speeding through the school zone and driving the wrong way on a one-way street. Sheriff Burgess was notified.

6:42 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a reckless driver in a tan Ford car. Department of Public Safety officials were notified.

8:57 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a beige and red station wagon, driving in reverse, that nearly hit a couple at a stop sign. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene.

8:59 p.m., An employee at Mario's Bar said a customer was mad at her because she would not sell him anymore beer. She said he drove off mad and nearly hit her car.

9:17 p.m., Maxie Odell Morgan Jr., 49, of Brackettville, was arrested by Deputy Chism for public intoxication. He was released the next day after paying a \$100 fine, plus time served.

Friday, October 3
5:04 p.m., Officials were notified about a domestic problem at a residence on Fort Street. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene.

9:25 p.m., A Brackettville woman said her ex-husband had gone into her residence on Thomas Street and had taken their kids with him. She also said he was drunk. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.

10:45 p.m., Jesus Pena, 30, of Brackettville, was arrested by Deputy Chism for reckless driving and driving while intoxicated. He was released the next day after posting a \$1,500 bail bond.

Saturday, October 4
11:00 a.m., A Brackettville woman complained about her neighbor on Gove Street who was burning trash, adding that there was too much smoke coming into

her residence. The dispatcher notified a city employee.

11:00 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported a car and a truck parked at the football stadium. Deputy Chism was on duty and was notified of the situation.

10:30 p.m., Felipe Angel Acosta, 40, of San Antonio, was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley for displaying expired license plates and driving with no liability insurance. He was released the next day after paying a \$393 fine.

Sunday, October 5
4:34 a.m., A Border Patrol official reported that an individual had stolen some highway signs. Officials detained the man at the Cline Check Point and Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.

5:00 a.m., Steven Randall Bartel, 19, of Lake Jackson, was arrested by Deputy Chism for criminal mischief, a Class B misdemeanor. He was released the next day after posting a \$500 bail bond.

8:00 p.m., A Del Rio woman said she was driving around Brackettville and was being followed by a black truck.

9:19 p.m., A motorist reported that a blue pickup passed him just west of Brackettville in east bound lane and was swerving. The motorist said that whoever was driving the pickup was probably drunk. Uvalde County officials were notified.

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Schmidts return from Rotary service in Kenya Hardin offers energy savings tips to club members

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Rotary Club welcomed home Dr. Charles and Marsha Schmidt, who recently returned from their Rotary International service in Kenya, at last Thursday's luncheon.

Schmidt, a dentist, served as a volunteer repairing the teeth of needful Kenyan natives. The local Rotary Club members take pride in having one of their members represent them in serving Rotary International.

Marsha Thurman Schmidt, an R.N., accompanied her husband. After they finished their time in Kenya, they traveled to Germany and London, England before returning to Brackettville.

New member Joe Hardin is a CPL customer service specialist. He presented a program about energy conservation. However, Hardin said that conservation can be a boring topic. Instead, he suggested we think in terms of money. His sub topic could be "small changes make a difference."

To an adult, pennies seem hardly worth picking up when dropped. To a small child, the story is different.

Hardin's own son scrambles to pick up pennies. He had been collecting coins for a long time and putting them in a large jar. The coins hadn't been counted, but quite a sum of money had accumulated over time.

Similarly, if a person makes small changes in his or her use of electricity, the amount saved could add up to a significant sum. Five cents an hour saved would add up to \$1.20 a day, \$36 a month, and \$432 annually.

Change your home air conditioner thermostat from 77 to 79 degrees, and five cents an hour would be saved.

Hardin added that you wouldn't even notice a change in outdoor temperature of a couple of degrees. He said a house would be comfortable at 79 degrees.

Most of us want to find a magic formula which lowers our bill drastically, but that is rare.

When Hardin makes energy

checks at houses, he often finds cool air leaking out the space around doors. Weather stripping around doors and caulking windows would save electricity.

Many times, attics have little or no insulation. The savings in electricity would quickly pay to have insulation installed.

Another costly mistake is keeping the hot water heater set too high. We like steaming hot water, but we dilute it with cold water to make it comfortable. If the heater is set at 120 degrees or lower, the water would be hot enough and would decrease energy costs.

Every dryer has a trap door that should open and close. However, in most of the homes Hardin visits, this door is broken. The result is hot air leaks into the house overworking the air conditioner.

Shading the windows on the south and west helps with air conditioning. One should also check to see that leaves haven't clogged the condenser. A dripping faucet causes the water heater to work constantly.

Try to see the situation from a different prospective. Grandmother was grateful to have running water. We don't want to do without a dishwasher and losing the refrigerator is unthinkable. We take these conveniences for granted.

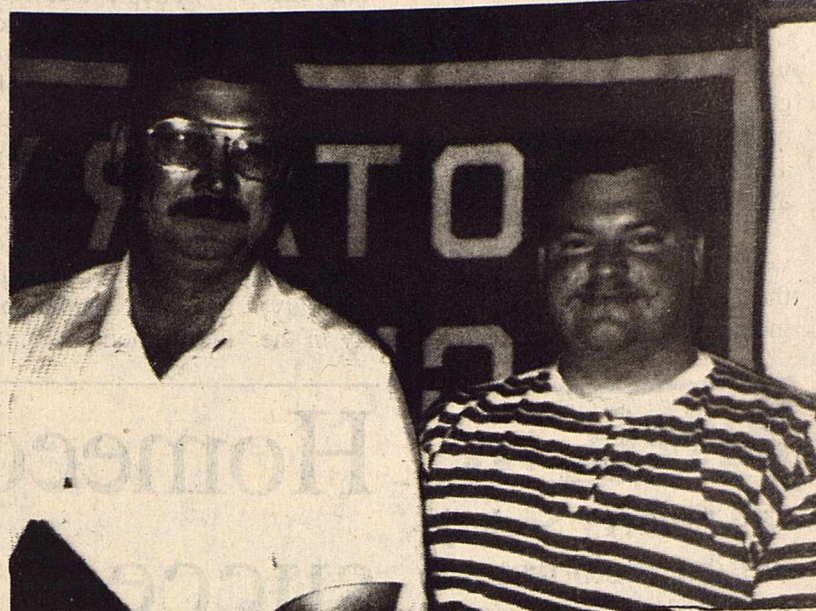
What do we value the most?

Hardin once asked a complaining customer how many children she had. She answered three, and added defensively that they didn't leave the doors open or stand in front of the open refrigerator.

Hardin asked how many soda pops they drank each day. She answered two apiece, one at lunch and one after school. At 50 cents each, she was spending \$3 a day or \$90 a month for soft drinks.

Sometimes we don't want to run the air conditioner because it would "cost too much."

A three ton air condition costs about 44 cents an hour to run. You can figure this out by getting the amperage, then multiplying by the voltage to get the watts of electricity it used. Then, divide by 100 to get the kilowatts.



Joe Hardin, right, shown with Program Chairman J. J. Guidry, offered some energy saving tips at last week's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting. Photo by Eric McMaster

When we have company, we can easily spend that much on cold drinks and dips.

Hardin remarked that it is a myth that leaving an air conditioner on when you leave the house during the day saves the air conditioning from working so

hard to cool down the house upon return. Most units cool an area in 20 minutes.

Leaving the AC running when you're away, he said, was like trying to improve your gas mileage by leaving your car motor on when you weren't using the car.

But, I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall

Then the rains came

Rain. Water. What a wonderful system. Rains come to regenerate the earth. Bringing with it the promise of newness to life.

Plants grow. Animals live in and around those plants, and then many of those plants are eaten by the animals, or by us.

To me, very few things are as pleasant as falling rain. Rain is enjoyable for all ages of folks. There is a tranquilizing, almost magical, effect of water on people.

Water is still my favorite drink, and fish live in it, you know. (See past issues of this paper for my views on that subject!)

Right now, we need a good rain. We could even use a bad rain, if there is such a thing.

I, personally, have never experienced it, but Joe York Jr., told me about a man, long ago, who claimed once he had seen a bad rain. And there was one time that it never did rain again. But he didn't remember when that was. And he could be wrong.

Pete's Sake

"Gee, boss, I'm sorry I'm late," the frazzled employee said. "My mother-in-law is staying with us, and this morning she slipped in the bathroom and fell unconscious over the sink."

"My goodness!" the boss exclaimed. "That's terrible. What did you do?"

"Well," the answer came slowly. "At first I didn't know what to do. But, finally, I just shaved in the tub!"

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

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

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

The diaries and letters are an intriguing window to late 19th century Army life at Fort Clark and to the American experience of the Victorian Era. You will find Lt. French to be a caring and sensitive man who, like us all, has opinions on people and politics. He is a bachelor and immersed in the "society" of Fort Clark. However, always in the background is his profession of being a soldier and an officer, which he takes quite seriously. This is his diary.

We first ran the diaries for the period January 1883 until April 1884, during which time Lt. French commanded the Seminole Negro Indian Scouts.

April of 1884 was a turning point in the young lieutenant's experience in Texas. He relinquished command of the Seminole Scouts and was detailed to Fort Brown, in Brownsville, where he was made the "Supervisor of Target Practice." He suffered from a boil and the difficult goodbyes to friends at Fort Clark. While waiting for the train at Spofford Junction he met Colonel Owen who had come to place the corner stones of the reservation (Fort Clark had recently been purchased by the United States for \$60,000). In San Antonio he saw the Alamo where he thought, "... Davy Crockett was killed." He took the train from there to Galveston where he used a telephone to arrange his passage by steamer to Brazos. On board the steamer he "gave back" his meal to the Gulf of Mexico and endured a five day ordeal before reaching landfall and reporting to the garrison at Fort Brown (he previously served at Fort Brown in 1882 during a Yellow Fever epidemic). He moved in with Dr. Gorgas and resumed his social activities, observing that, "The fleas are terrible" and "Why can't ladies get along peacefully?"

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Francis Henry French, 2nd Lieutenant, "E" Company 19th Infantry, U.S. Army

Courtesy of his descendants

In May of 1884 he was responsible for target practice and lived with Dr. William Crawford Gorgas (later Surgeon General of the United States Army). He visited Matamoros for Cinco De Mayo and fired the 21 gun salute for the post. On other visits he smuggled bottles of perfume back into the United States. Gorgas became sick and the married officers' wives continued to provide comfort for the bachelor French. Military duties concentrated on construction of the rifle range and an "experimental march" which took Lt. French on an 86 mile trek making him footsore and weary. Finances, ladies, socializing and his mail were the focus of his existence.

Now it is October 1885 and Lt. French is preparing to leave Ft. Brown and rejoin his regiment, the 19th Infantry, at Fort Clark. He has waited several weeks for the ocean going steamboat to get into the harbor and finally decides to take the train out of Mexico, then a stagecoach, and finally another train to Spofford. He is reunited with Captain Vance, his Company Commander, and other officers of the regiment. A new building is nearing completion (Bachelor Hall, now the Cavalryman Condominiums) and French makes application for a set of quarters upstairs. He again quickly grows comfortable with the routine of garrison duties at the frontier post, Fort Clark, Texas.

Friday October 9 1885
Marched on guard this morning. After guard mounting weighed my baggage and sent it to the railroad depot. Spent the rest of the morning in the Q.M. office and Library and played piquet a while at Benham's. In afternoon went down to depot with Forsyth and marked all the bundles and made a crate secure. Then returned to steamer office and learned that boat had not yet come in and the sea was too rough to permit lightering. After dinner took retreat and had a call from Bradford. Mail came this morning bringing letter from Mattie. No mail this evening, though northern is abating. After Bradford's call took tattoo and then made a long call at Forsyth's and then played piquet with Benham until 11-30 o'clock

when inspected. Also played piquet with Gardener before Bradford called. Have everything packed up and want to start now. It is tiresome waiting.

Saturday October 10 1885

Took reveille and marched off guard for the last time here I hope. After guard mounting went down to steamer office and learned that lightering had been commenced but the sea is still rough. Returned to Q.M. office to sign up letter book, and then went to Benham's to play piquet. In the afternoon straightened out account with Jagon, went to the steamer office but did not get much satisfaction and then bought a cake of un-a de gato, cat's claw, to send to Father. After dinner went down for choir practice but was too late. Stopped at steamer office and learned that sea was still rough. Only two small lighter loads were taken out today and the boat is still outside the bar. Cannot possibly get off until Monday if then. Played piquet a while with Gardener and then called on Mr. Hall and at the Scanlon's. No mail in this evening.

Sunday, October 11 1885

Read papers in Library after breakfast and then went to church where a good sermon was delivered. The singing was poor. After church walked home with Miss Valls and then went to Adjutant's office and wrote letter home. Read papers in Library until near three o'clock when went to dinner. After this played on the organ and then went over to office where I received an O.B. and a letter from Capt. Hennisee who is pleasantly located in Chicago. Then went down town and learned that only a small part of steamer's load was taken out today and we cannot leave until Tuesday if then. Sat on Gardener's porch a while and then went to church. Hope this is for the last time here. Said good-bye to some members of the choir. Went up to Johnston's afterwards but he was not at home. Returned to doze a while before retiring.

Monday October 12 1885

Went down to steamer office with Johnston after guard mounting and learned that no communication could be held with steamer on account of rough sea. Then went with him to Capt. Kelly's office and to post office. Then attended to a little work in Q.M. office and sat in Capt. Bradford's office a while. Walked up with O'Connor to the

shops and rode up to Johnston's where sat reading until noon when played piquet a while with Gardener at his house. In afternoon sat a while on Bradford's porch and then went out to see an old colored woman who used to wash for me to say good-bye. After dinner went down to steamer office and was disgusted to learn that sea was too rough to permit any lightering today. Played piquet a while with Gardener and then went into U.S. telegraph office and telegraphed up to Ringgold to learn about cost of trip from Matamoros to Ringgold. If steamer does not come in tomorrow shall leave Wednesday morning over land. Then went to Benham's to call meeting Johnston there and afterwards called to say good-bye to Mrs. Woodhouse's.

Tuesday, October 13 1885

Did not march on guard this morning. Went down to steamer office after going to office and was told that there was no change at Brazos but that there would be definite news in the evening. Went to Library a while and then up to Johnston's where finished reading Zoroaster. Played piquet at noon with Gardener and then went to steamer office but got no satisfaction. Read in Library and hung around office until 4 o'clock when went to steamer office and learned that steamer was still outside and would not be able to start back until Friday. Made up my mind then to go via Ringgold and went to telegraph office to order a hack sent to San Miguel, the end of the railroad from Matamoros. On way to dinner said good-bye to O'Connor and family. After dinner got some Mexican money in exchange for currency, went to telegraph office and then called on Mrs. Rooke & Miss Houston, on Dr. & Mrs. Mulholland, at the Valls house, at Forsyth's, Benham's, Gardener's & Bradford's to say good-bye. Attended to a little packing before going to bed as am to start early in the morning. Directed Corp'l. of the Guard to wake me up at 5 o'clock. This will be my last night at Brown. No mail for me this evening.

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Commentary

School's track stadium in dire need of repair

By Samantha Perez
Contributing Writer

As a track participant, I would like to know if anyone from the proud town of Brackettville has recently taken a good, long look at the Brackett Independent School District's track field facilities.

If one has observed the Fighting Tiger Track Field, he would notice that this facility has not "acquired" the proper attention that it needs.

Any citizen from Brackettville knows that the location of the track and field facilities are at least a half a mile from the closest sign of any building.

Secondly, as all the track athletes know, there is no running water available to the participants. Any bathroom business is taken care of in such a manner as a great outdoors-man.

Furthermore, shade from the 105 degree scorching Brackettville, Texas weather is only provided by the three by three foot by three row set of bleachers. Not to mention, drinking water is only available to those who have access to their own vehicle and water jug.

This does no justice for the description of the maintenance deficiency for the track and field situation.

The equipment for the few track stars is rather limited. To

begin, the track surface itself requires no need for explanations. But for those who have not recently seen it for themselves, shin splints and knee problems should clear up the picture nicely.

Secondly, the small gravel pits that somebody intended to be sand pits are plain despicable.

Finally, the high jump poles (PVC pipes), the standards (which are adjusted with rocks and sticks), and the pole vault mats are none-the-less dangerous to anyone who attempts to compete in that category.

I don't understand why the track program does not receive the attention it deserves.

In 1996, nine girls won first place in the District 30-2A track meet, six of which progressed to the regional meet. Last year, 12 boys and girls competed in the regional meet. Therefore, the problem does not lie in the lack of participants.

However, I do not want to complain. I simply want to inform some of the ignorant. I appreciate what we have, little or excessive.

In the previous year, we were awarded with a track coaching staff, therefore I must grant that a gigantic step in providing the track program with the attention that it has so long been lacking has obviously been taken.

Tigers open district tomorrow

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

The Brackett Tigers will open their District 30-2A gridiron slate tomorrow night as they travel to Center Point to battle the Pirates. Brackett is 1-4 on the season. Center Point is coming off of a 54-0 loss to Nixon-Smilely.

"I think Center Point has a good football team," Tigers coach Roy Rokovich said. "They are much improved over last year. It should be a challenge for us."

The Pirates are led by quarterback Seth Blackledge and wide receiver Ryan Witt.

"They are a good offensive football team," Rokovich said. "They like to throw the ball.

Blackledge has a good arm and Witt catches the ball well."

The Tigers are coming off of a 36-6 loss to the Cotulla Cowboys last week.

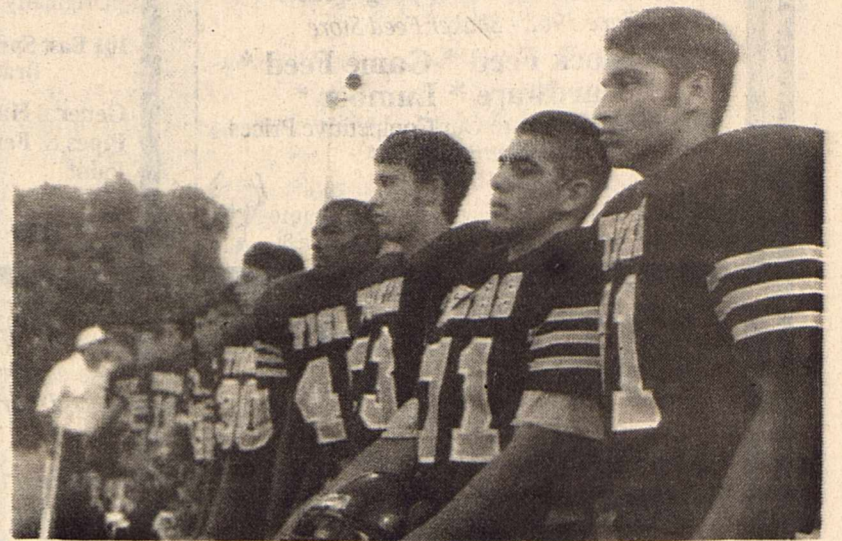
"I was real happy with our effort," Rokovich said. "We played some young kids. I thought they did real well."

Brackett trailed 29-0 at intermission, but came back strong in the second half.

The Cowboys outscored the Tigers 7-6 in the second half, but Brackett had eight first downs compared to Cotulla's four.

The Tigers also had possession for 15:27 in the second half, while Cotulla had the ball for 8:33.

"We're ready to move on and begin district," Rokovich said.



The Brackett Tigers will open their district schedule tomorrow night against the Center Point Pirates.

Tigerettes try to clinch post-season berth

The Brackett Tigerettes will be fighting for a playoff berth Tuesday as they host Natalia in a district volleyball match at 7.

Brackett is 2-0 in league play, while Dilley and Natalia are both 0-1. Dilley and Natalia played on Tuesday, but results of the contest were not available at press-time.

With a win on Tuesday against Natalia, the Tigerettes are assured of a playoff berth.

The Tigerettes will host Lytle on Saturday in a non-conference match at 2.

Tigers-Cowboys game report

Cowboys 36, Tigers 6
Cotulla 7 22 7 0 - 36
Brackett 0 0 0 6 - 6

First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
Cotulla - Juan Gonzalez 11 run (Zachery Thomas kick), 1:58. Drive: 79 yards, 9 plays, 5:51. Key play: Gonzalez 34 and 19 runs. Cotulla 7, Brackett 0.	Cotulla - Fidel Romero 43 fumble return (Jesse Garcia pass from Antonio Garza), 9:47. Cotulla 15, Brackett 0. Cotulla - Antonio Garza 26 run (Raul Ramirez run), 2:55. Drive: 29 yards, 2 plays, :50. Cotulla 23, Brackett 0. Cotulla - Antonio Garza 1 run (Zachery Thomas kick failed), :02. Drive: 50 yards, 5 plays, 1:10. Key play: Jesse Garcia 27 pass from Garza. Cotulla 29, Brackett 0.	Cotulla - Antonio Garza 6 run (Zachery Thomas kick), 7:40. Drive: 37 yards, 3 plays, 1:19. Key play: Juan Gonzalez 27 run. Cotulla 36, Brackett 0.	Brackett - Rene Luna 12 pass from J. Wayne Ballew (run failed), 6:04. Drive: 65 yards, 7

plays, 3:36. Key Play: Demitreus Williams 26 run. Cotulla 36, Brackett 6.

TEAM STATISTICS	CC	BT
FIRST DOWNS.....	11	11
Rushing.....	8	8
Passing.....	3	1
Penalty.....	0	2
THIRD DOWN EFF.....	1-5	3-10
FOURTH DOWN EFF.....	0-0	1-1
TOTAL NET YARDS.....	313	151
Total Plays.....	36	46
Avg Gain.....	8.7	3.3
NET YARDS RUSHING.....	204	118
Rushes.....	27	38
Avg per rush.....	7.6	3.1
NET YARDS PASSING.....	109	33
Completed-Att.....	6-9	3-8
Yards-Pass Play.....	12.1	4.1
Sacks-Yards lost.....	1-2	2-11
Had intercepted.....	0	0
PUNTS-Avg.....	3-33	6-26
TOTAL RETURN YARDS.....	85	97
Punt Returns.....	39	0
Kickoff returns.....	3	0
Interceptions.....	0	97
Fumble returns.....	43	0

PENALTIES-Yards.....7-61 3-19
FUMBLES-Lost.....4-1 3-2
TIME OF POSSESSION.....20:15 27:45

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING
Cotulla - Juan Gonzalez 13-147, Antonio Garza 12-63, Robert Sanchez 1-2, Javier Saldivar 1-(8).
Brackett - Brent Smith 9-50, Demitreus Williams 10-36, J. Wayne Ballew 10-21, Wes Baker 9-11.
PASSING
Cotulla - Antonio Garza 6-9-0 109.
Brackett - J. Wayne Ballew 3-8-0 33.
RECEIVING
Cotulla - Raul Ramirez 1-42, Jesse Garcia 3-27, Orlando Tellez 1-20, Juan Gonzalez 1-15.
Brackett - Rene Luna 1-12, Jacob Mann 1-11, Demitreus Williams 1-10.
PUNT RETURNS
Cotulla - Juan Gonzalez 1-20, Jesse Garcia 4-19.
Brackett - None.
KICKOFF RETURNS
Cotulla - Javier Saldivar 1-3.
Brackett - Tommy Sandoval 3-44, Demitreus Williams 2-36, Rene Luna 1-17.

Briefs ...

Cubs shutout Canyon

CAMP WOOD - The Brackett Cubs picked up their third straight win of the season last Thursday as they shutout the Nueces Canyon Panthers 20-0 in junior high football action.

With the victory, Brackett improves to 3-1 on the season. The Cubs resume action today as they host their annual Black and Gold Game. The action begins at 5:30.

Cubettes get first loss

EAGLE PASS - The Brackett Cubettes were handed their first loss of the season after Eagle Pass swept a double-header Monday.

The eighth grade team is 9-1 on the season and the seventh graders are 4-6.

Correa claims top honors at Leakey

By Samantha Perez
Contributing Writer

LEAKEY - Sonya Correa won first place honors Saturday at the Leakey Invitational cross country meet.

Correa ran a 13:36 to lead the Tigerettes, who finished second overall in the eight-team field with 58 points. Leakey won the meet.

Jania Finckenbinder placed third with a time of 13:56. Queta Garza finished in 16:08, claiming 15th place. Liz Aguirre came in 19th place in 17:02. April Crumley finished in 20th place in 17:47.

Heather Martin came in 23rd place in 19:26.

The Tigers competed individually, running an extra-long course. James Burks finished fourth in 19:18 and David Honstein was 16th with a time of 21:03. Tony Rubio placed 18th in 21:19. Isaac Gutierrez came in shortly after in 21:23, placing 19th.

Schiller Hill competed in his first meet of the season, placing fourth in the junior varsity division with a time of 25:14.

Brackett will resume action Saturday as they compete in the Dilley Invitational.

OUTDOORS

Texans urged to help in the study of Monarch migration

AUSTIN - Borne on the winds of a cold front millions of Monarch butterflies are headed for Texas, some of which bear tiny tags indicating where they came from.

Texans are being urged to help in a nationwide effort to solve the mysteries of the migration by finding tagged Monarchs, tagging more of them and keeping track of their numbers and location during the migration.

The massive Monarch migration is a well-known phenomenon, but much needs to be learned about how they get to their overwintering grounds in Mexico in the fall. To provide answers, a research project is underway with funding from the Nongame and Urban Wildlife Program of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Margaret Cullinan Wray Trust.

"We know that tens of millions arrive at the central Mexican overwintering sites in late October and early November," said Dr. Calvert, an entomologist leading the TPWD-funded study.

"We also know that their migratory journey originates in the central and eastern states and Canada, and that they fly in a southwesterly direction across the continental United States converging on Texas before disappearing into Mexico.

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

"Still, the great mystery is how Monarchs coming from many different sites from Colorado to New England all find the same tiny overwintering areas in the high fir forests of central Mexico year after year," he added.

Scientists wonder what environmental cues are used to guide the Monarchs' migratory flight, whether they use the sun as a compass or the earth's magnetic fields, and whether structural features such as rivers and mountains play a role in guiding them.

Average Texans can help answer these and many more questions by getting outside and collecting information about the migration and Monarch populations each year.

Keeping a Monarch migration "calendar" of the presence and abundance of Monarchs and tagging them all over the country also helps researchers to keep track of where they go from year to year. The data is compiled, showing where and when tagged butterflies are found and their numbers are reported to Monarch Watch Centers.

Late in the week of Sept. 15, hundreds of thousands of Monarchs were passing through Kansas and Missouri. The migrants normally enter Texas during the last week of September along a 200 mile swatch centered on Wichita Falls.

Due to the intense efforts of nationwide Monarch Watch volunteers, many thousands of these Monarch have tags attached to their hindwings. Each tag has on it a unique number and the instructions: "Mail to, O. Taylor, Entomology, Univ. KS, Lawrence, KS 66045."

People can also call the Texas Monarch Watch Hot-Line at 1-800-468-9719 to report the tag numbers and locations of tagged butterflies found.

Once the tag number is read and confirmed and the sex of the butterfly noted (male Monarch have two small black dots on their hindwings), the butterfly may be released to continue its journey to Mexico. Anyone can also receive a biannual newsletter about the Monarch migration through Texas upon request.

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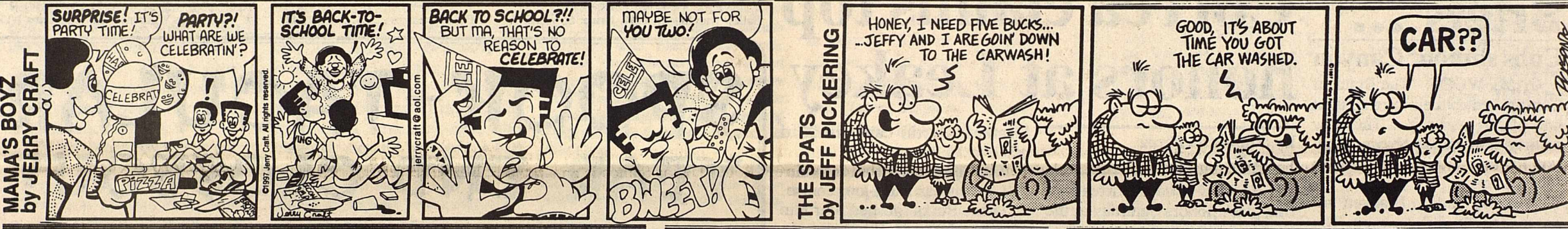
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Your Horoscope by Natasha

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Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charolette Corey

During this time of violence in homes, streets, and the world, one can take comfort and draw strength from Psalms 3:3 "But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me, my glory, and the lifter up on mine head. I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and he heard me out of his holy hill . . . I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me.

It is also a comfort to know in Isaiah 54:17 "No weapon formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise up against thee in judgement thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord."

When you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you can appropriate his righteousness (not your own which is like filthy rags). As the Father looks upon you and sees his righteousness and calls you righteous (in right standing with God). You can pray to him or call out to him in your day of trouble and he will hear you, because in

James 5:16 it states" . . . The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (is powerful and effective). A righteous man manifests this righteousness by staying repentant as shown in the first part of James 5:16. . . "Confess your faults, one to another, and pray for one another that ye may be healed."

God, the Lord of hosts (Lord of all the angels), is here to protect you, but not if you walk in pride and haughtiness. Yes, he will protect you for his own name's sake, but he wants you to remain humble and remember where the gift of safety came from. It is not in your own works, but because of his "agape", unconditional love for you that he offers and performs this gift.

So . . . take comfort, but stay in prayer. Be bold, but stay humble. Rest, yet be fervent in prayer. Repent and keep your heart clean through the power of the Holy Spirit. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.



Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

What a pity so many people sell themselves short and rob themselves of so much joy and enjoyment of life because they do not worship God with other Christians in Church.

This practice is a good way and place to shed all our worries and misgivings. This slight adjustment in our souls makes a big difference. At worship in the presence of others and God is a great state to be in. It provides a peace and confidence that is "Out of this world". Spiritual things become real and reminds that one's soul is eternally real.

It develops the best and cleans out the worst in one. No person is as good who never goes to church and worships God as he or she would be if he did make worship

and church attendance an integral part of his life.

It makes one thankful. One never gloats about self when God is there. One leaves having touched hearts with God.

It makes ones life fruitful. There are enough lives making the world bad. God wants every one of us to be a blessing to life.

To regularly worship God in church helps keep eternity in view. If you are already living with him, dying is simply changing the place and manners of abode. Worship in church is the best investment of that time here and hereafter.

There will be another worship of God and message from the Bible at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday a.m. at 11:00. Come and be blessed.

St. John's Baptist Church
Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.
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Praise the Lord!
Jim Linzey will be at St. John Missionary Church Saturday October 11. 7 pm in concert. Everyone is invited. Jim is the Chaplain at Laughlin Air Force Base Del Rio, Texas.

Psalms 108:1 O God my heart is fixed; I will sing and give Praise: even with my glory.
Praise the Lord!

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church will be conducting a census of all Catholic families in the community between Oct. 5, and October 26. It is our goal to reach all families who are currently or would like to be members of St. Mary Magdalene parish. Teams of census takers will be calling on homes in Brackettville, Spofford and on Fort Clark Springs during this time. If your home is not visited, please call the church at 563-2487.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Pastor Nathan Lafrenz

A little boy noticed a sign saying puppies for sale. He only had \$2.37 with him but he wanted a puppy. He asked the owner of the store to show him the puppies, and out they came. The owner said that they cost between \$30 to \$50 each. Then the boy noticed a little crippled dog in the rear of the cage. He asked the owner what that puppy was worth. The owner said he couldn't sell the crippled puppy because he was not worth anything. The boy said he wanted to buy that puppy. He said he would pay the \$2.37 now, and 50¢ each week until the bill was paid.

The owner said why would the little boy want a crippled dog who could never run. The boy lifted

up his pant leg to show a crippled deformed leg supported by a brace. He said, "I don't run so well my self, and the puppy needs someone to understand him.

We too need someone to understand us. Our God understands. Emmanuel meaning God with us, tells us that in the incarnation our God became flesh and dwelled among us. He knows our sufferings. He knows our vulnerabilities. How? Because he became vulnerable by living and dying with us. Let each of us throw away our defense mechanisms that cause barriers to be between ourselves and others. We must become vulnerable in order to empathize, love, and to share.

Unsung Hero
By Joe Townsend

A man came to our community for a particular job. In the few months he was here he did a fine job. His years of experience showed in his work. His meals served to Rotary were without exception above the ordinary. His salad bar left nothing to be desired. His soups were always outstanding. His meals better than

acceptable. He was truly professional in every respect. Lack of support by the people of Fort Clark made it impossible for him to operate a financially acceptable organization. As he leaves some of us carry a pang in our hearts. Surely Roger De los Santos is an Unsung Hero.

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GABLE PRATO BANDOJOY

46 SITROLL BADEN GEO
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HEALTH

ECA students close to completing course

Our ECA students have only 3 classes left before completing the course.

At the end of the course, they will be eligible to take the state exam. Once the results are back showing a passing grade, these individuals will be certified to practice the ECA skills that they have been trained to provide.

Due to personal reasons, a couple of students dropped out of the class. However, JoLee Jones decided to take the class after an incident occurred at the high school.

Sheriff's Report

I'm sure that those of you who read the weekly Sheriff's Report frowned upon reading that, "three EMS attendants refused to respond" to a telephone call from the dispatcher who worked that night.

Kinney County EMS Pulse

By Ruby Meyer, EMT

I would like to enlighten you as to the reason for our refusal.

What the dispatcher failed to state in that report was the fact that the caller did not want an ambulance. What the caller wanted was a home health care worker to assist him/her back into bed.

We, the Emergency Medical Service attendants, have liability insurance that covers us when responding in the ambulance to a call, or when we respond to a call in which the ambulance will arrive shortly. In those instances, we use supplies from our EMT

Jumpbags to provide BLS treatment until the ambulance arrives.

The caller, who did not want an ambulance, had fallen. That caller could have had a hairline fracture to the hip or pelvic bones. In this type of fracture, there is no obvious deformity and only X-rays can rule out the possibility of a broken bone.

Hence the possibility of a law suit for a patient being moved incorrectly without the use of a backboard and splints, and working without the protection of liability insurance by acting on our own accord.

TDH urges yearly flu shots for everyone

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) urges all Texans to get yearly flu vaccinations. The experts also warn that the elderly and others who may be at high risk of influenza and its complications should be immunized even before the flu season begins. The flu season usually lasts from December through April.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) each year predicts which strains of influenza pose the greatest public health danger in the U.S. The vaccine CDC has recommended for the 1997-98 season is meant to combat the A/Wuhan, A/Bayern and B/Beijing strains of the disease.

The effectiveness of each year's shots declines with time, therefore, annual immunizations with the appropriate vaccines are recommended for everyone except people with serious allergies to eggs.

People most at risk of severe or fatal complications of the disease include those 65 or older, anyone with chronic respiratory or heart problems, diabetics and children on aspirin therapy.

Influenza kills about 20,000 in the U.S. each year. According to Jim Schuermann, TDH public health technician, the elderly are the group hardest-hit by influenza and its complications.

"Fewer than 30 percent of elderly Americans and others in high-risk groups heed our regular warnings to have yearly influenza vaccinations," he said. "We know that one reason some older people fail to be vaccinated is because of a persistent, unfounded fear that the vaccine can actually cause influenza.

"The truth is that a vaccinated person may still contract some strains of influenza, but not from the vaccine," Schuermann added.

Yearly breast, cervical check-ups help save lives by early detection of cancer

Much of Texans' awareness of the facts about breast or cervical cancer has resulted from the annual National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and its state and local counterparts which coincide in October with the national observance. This year's events will mark 22 years of the observance.

Part of Texas' plans for Breast Cancer Awareness Month this year included First Lady of Texas Laura Bush, who joined officials from the Texas Department of Health (TDH) in ceremonies for Breast Cancer Awareness Day on Wednesday, as proclaimed by her husband, Gov. George Bush.

Also on Wednesday, TDH and the American Cancer Society co-sponsored the first Texas Wreath Project to promote greater local support for breast and cervical cancer screening.

Patterned after successful wreath projects in other states, the effort encouraged local mammogram and cervical exam providers to enlist their communities in designing symbolic wreaths for display at their local courthouse throughout Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

In courthouse wreath-hanging ceremonies, community leaders and health officials will proclaim Breast Cancer Awareness Month in their counties, and a local breast cancer survivor will tell her own story.

Dr. Philip Huang, chief of the TDH Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention and Control, said, "We are excited about the Wreath Project, and

especially pleased by the support from Gov. and Mrs. Bush. We are off to a good start in enlisting the participation of counties throughout the state. And we hope to involve all 254 Texas counties by next year."

Dr. Huang explained that public awareness of the importance of early cancer detection has saved countless women's lives since Breast Cancer Awareness Month began.

Huang said that since 1991, the TDH Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program has worked to make mammograms and breast and cervical exams more available to all Texas women who are 50 and older, who have no insurance and who meet certain income-eligibility guidelines.

"Particularly women who are 50 or older need breast and cervical check-ups yearly, since the risk of breast or cervical cancer increases with age," he said. "Fortunately for them and all women, many mammography clinics offer reduced rates on mammograms during Breast Cancer Awareness Month."

Huang estimates that as many as 11,500 Texas women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. As many as 2,800 breast cancer patients will die from their illness.

"As tragic as those numbers are, at least one-third of the women who are diagnosed with breast cancer - mainly those whose illnesses are detected in their earliest stages - can be saved by aggressive treatment or surgery," he added.

Texas crash survivors used safety devices

Every day, Texans are involved in life-threatening traffic crashes. During 1996 in Texas, 298,143 traffic crashes killed 3,247 people and injured 204,635 more.

People who use safety belts, child safety seats, air bags or bicycle helmets have a much greater chance of avoiding injuries and surviving traffic crashes.

The Texas Survivors Club, sponsored by the Texas Department

of Health, honors crash survivors who credit the use of protective devices with preventing death or injury.

Club members receive a lapel pin, certificate and other free promotional items.

About 300 Texans are members of the Texas Survivors Club. Members can choose whether or not their stories can be used for educational purposes. There is no fee to join.

"The Texas Survivors Club allows us to give some positive reinforcement and recognition to individuals who model good traffic-safety behaviors," said Patti Patterson, M.D., Texas Commissioner of Health.

To join the Texas Survivors Club, call 1-800-252-8255. You can ask for a Texas Survivors Club application form to be mailed to you or simply tell your story via telephone.

ADOPTION

Note: It is illegal to be paid for any thing beyond medical and legal expenses in Texas adoptions.

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EMPLOYMENT

THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE Development Council is accepting job applications for the position of Career Case Manager II for the Uvalde Career Center. Applicants must possess a high school diploma or GED certificate and have prior experience in workforce development programs such as JTPA or other federal/state program requiring a high degree of interpersonal skills and ability to prepare program participants for the workforce or self-sufficiency. Preference will be given to applicants who have an associate degree or a minimum of 30 academic college hours. Two years of direct work experience may be substituted for each 30 college hours or two years of related work experience may be substituted for each year of direct experience. All applicants are required to be computer literate and should be able to travel in and out of the nine county region when requested. Some overnight travel may also be required. Salary range for this position is \$16,767-\$20,379 negotiable based on experience. Persons interested in applying must send a resume and/or file an application with MRGDC and send copies of transcripts to: Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Director of Administration, Middle Rio Grande Development Council, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834. A copy of the job description and application for employment are available upon request. Applications and/or resumes will be accepted for this position until filled. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. For more information please contact our VOICE and TDD telephone number (210) 876-3533.

CLASS A CDL truck drivers needed by national utility contractor. Also seeking foremen and directional drilling operators. gas distribution experience a plus. Call 1-888-878-5065. EOE.

EMPLOYMENT

RIO GRANDE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. is accepting applications for a part-time custodian position cleaning our Brackettville office (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Applications may be picked up at the front office, or mailed out by calling 563-2444. Applications must be returned or mailed to RGEIC, Administrative Department, P.O. Box 1509, Brackettville, TX, 78832, and post marked on or before October 17, 1997. EOE (Vancancy 97/13)

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

REQUEST COUNTY IS accepting proposals for Group Health, Dental, Vision, Life and AD&D insurance. Bid Specifications and Forms will be available on October 3, 1997, at 9:00 AM, from the Agent of Record, Joe Jobst, located at 6323 Sovereign, Suite 288, San Antonio, Texas 78229. Duplicate proposals are required. Sealed proposals for Group Insurance will be received no later than October 17, 1997, at 4:00 PM by the Agent of Record and the other copy by Janis Floyd, County Treasurer, Kinney County, 201 South Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas.

Kinney County reserves the right to reject any or all bids/proposals or any portion thereof and to accept the bid/proposal most advantageous to the County.

Chamber welcomes member

Border Limousine Service is the newest member of the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce. The limousine service offers luxury for special occasions and events, such as weddings, proms, anniversaries, tours, bachelor and bachelorette parties, birthdays and meetings. The company is also offering a back-to-school special. Border Limousine Service provides a limousine with a fully equipped bar, including soft drinks and champagne, and an experienced tuxedoed driver. For reservations, call (830) 563-2337.



Bobby Titt, left, and Border Limousine Service are welcomed to the Chamber of Commerce by Jewel Robinson.

Super S Foods captures Silver Penguin

Super S Foods, a chain of supermarkets with headquarters in San Antonio, has been awarded the prestigious Silver Penguin award by the National Frozen Foods Association (NFFA). The nationwide competition is held annually as a way for the industry to recognize the efforts of supermarkets to help promote frozen foods to their customers during National Frozen Foods Month.

Super S Foods, which operates a store in Brackettville, was the exclusive winner from the state of Texas and the only chain store winner in the entire Southwest United States. "We are grateful to the National Frozen Foods Association for their recognition of our efforts in promoting National Frozen Foods Month," said John L. Dieterle, president of Super S Foods.

Uvalde Bone & Joint Clinic celebrates first anniversary

Uvalde Bone & Joint Clinic recently celebrated its one-year anniversary. Over 200 people attended the anniversary celebration.

The clinic, which is located in Uvalde Memorial Hospital, is owned and operated by orthopaedic surgeon, Gloria Gonzalez Box, M.D.

Box came to Uvalde from Houston in September of last year, after completing a five year residency in orthopaedics at Baylor College of Medicine.

"When I chose this part of Texas to establish my practice, my expectations were high," Box said. "I was raised in a rural community in west Texas, so I thought I knew a bit about what to expect.

The people in this area have exceeded all expectations.

"I do want to thank the people of Brackettville who have so graciously supported me and Uvalde Bone & Joint Clinic during our first year. I look forward to continuing to serve Brackettville area and to providing its residents with quality orthopaedic care for many years to come."



Uvalde Bone & Joint Clinic recently celebrated its one-year anniversary. Staff members present at the celebration were, from left: Elizabeth Stockton, Liza Ybarra, Gloria Gonzalez Box, Darla Foster, Margaret Padilla, Amy Schawe and Gilbert Lozano Jr.