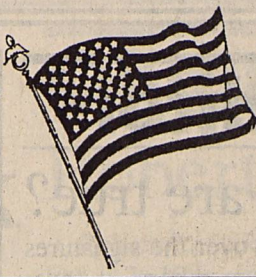


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## Construction of water lines begins for city of Spofford

By Sonja Shell  
Staff Writer

The Brackettville to Spofford water line is under construction and right on schedule, according to Rusty Johnson of the Hoot Johnson Construction Company.

The Johnson Construction company is using a Vermeer 800 trenching machine to dig the line.

"So far this machine has been able to do the job," Johnson said. "There is a lot of rock in the soil and if this machine is not big enough to cut through, then we will just get a bigger one."

"The trenching job should be finished in six weeks if the weather holds. It will take two more weeks to tie into the Spofford city water lines and meters, then fix all the leaks that are bound to happen," he added.

Spofford Mayor J.B. Herndon said, "We, the Spofford residents, have worked since the early 1980s to make the dream of having our own water system a reality, and we are happy to see the end result so close at hand."

"We could not have done this without the combined efforts of Spofford, Kinney County, city of Brackettville, Middle Rio Grande Development Council, CBG, EDAP, and others."



Bruce Schwiesow was one of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department members fighting a brush fire on Ellen Street last Thursday afternoon.

Brackett News Photo by Sonja Shell

## Adobe, local opposition fail to reach agreement

By J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

UVALDE -- Adobe-Eco Systems and local opposition to a proposed solid waste landfill could not reach an agreement at a mediation session Tuesday at the Holiday Inn.

"No agreement could be reached," said Tootsie Herndon, wife of Spofford Mayor J.B. Herndon. "We were very disappointed with Adobe because they didn't offer us anything that hadn't been previously offered."

Local officials at the mediation included Herndon, Herb Senne and Commissioners Paul O'Rourke and Joe Montalvo representing Kinney County; Mayor Carmen Berlanga, representing the city of Brackettville; Brent Trant and Don Parks of CARE; adjacent landowners Blake Williams and Vannie Cook Trust; and Richard Lowerre, an attorney representing the protestants.

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Tootsie Herndon

"It didn't work," said Pam Gibling, the attorney representing Adobe-Eco Systems, after Tuesday's mediation. "I think everybody tried to talk through some of the things that divide us, but it didn't work out."

The contested hearing was scheduled for April 6, but has been delayed 60 days because of a request made by the protestants.

Elisa A. Fontenot, an attorney mediator of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, presided over Tuesday's hearing.

## Mayor blasts local newspaper coverage

Brackettville Mayor Carmen Berlanga blasted The Brackett News at last week's City Council meeting, voicing her complaints about the lack of news coverage.

"I am grateful for the coverage we have received," she said. "We will take everything that we can get, but there's a lot more to be had -- more potential, more local news and better coverage. I feel that we were getting better coverage when the Brackett News was not our (official) newspaper."

"Since October 1997, we have made important and perhaps historical news. It is my opinion that these issues have been under-reported, under-published, or not reported at all."

"The city provides a lot of news, and it is there for you to take," she said. "You can use it all, if only you would."

Alderman Wes Robinson said he felt the city council meeting was not the place for the mayor to voice her opinions.

"I personally do not feel that council chambers are the place to express our personal opinions," Robinson said during the meeting.

"I feel that if you have a grievance with the newspaper, you should discuss it with the publisher. And if you're very opinionated, you should write a letter to the editor, they print them all the time."

Berlanga responded by saying, "If I were to submit a letter to the newspaper, I

very seriously doubt that it would be published."

At that point, City Secretary David Luna interrupted the council.

"Mayor, with all due respect to the council and to the mayor, I think you all are totally out of line," he said. "You're taking pot shots at each other and that's not what the meetings about."

Berlanga said that her comments were "not in anger and not with malice."

## Law enforcement officials discover suicide victim in Kinney County

By J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

A 38-year-old Converse man committed suicide in Kinney County on Friday, Feb. 6.

Wade Morgan was found dead in his 1993 Chevrolet Blazer with a self-inflicted gunshot wound in his chest. The military man was stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

In his vehicle was a 12-gauge Remington shotgun and several suicide letters, according to officials.

"The man was having personal problems," Kinney County Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said. "In the letters he wrote, he just indicated that he couldn't put up with it anymore and this was the best out for him."

DPS Trooper Tony Ashley discovered the vehicle, which was parked on Ranch Road 3008, near the Highway 90 turnoff, 12 miles west of Brackettville.

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Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess

"Trooper Ashley pulled down the road and observed the vehicle," Burgess said. "He saw that it was running, so he pulled around to see if he was having problems."

Ashley notified the Sheriff's Department at 8:36 a.m.

Burgess said he did not know why Morgan came to Kinney County.

"We asked the military and they had no idea," he said. "We thought maybe he had friends at Laughlin, but they didn't know of any. I think he was just driving."

## Floyd announces re-election bid

Janis Floyd has announced her candidacy for re-election as treasurer for Kinney County.

Floyd was born in 1948 in San Angelo, Texas. She graduated from Kermit High School in 1966 and from San Angelo Business College in 1967.

Floyd took office in 1995 and has handled accounts receivable, payroll, health insurance, workman compensation, unemployment, retirement, and quarterly reports.

She assisted in the writing and passing of Kinney County's employee personnel policy, which included allowing employees the right to carry-over vacation and sick leave.

She was also instrumental in the acceptance of a new insurance agent for good health, dental and vision care insurance.

Prior employment includes secretary to the Kinney County judge, secretary for the Kinney County attorney, Kinney County justice of the peace clerk, cashier and bookkeeper at Stop-N-Shop, and bookkeeper at Fort Clark Springs.

She was also vice president and manager of employees at Amistad Title and Abstract of Del Rio. She worked for Lowrey, Tunnell, Forby and Lowrey, attorneys at law, and Hal Holbrook, CPA, both of Plainview, Texas, West Texas State University in Canyon, Texas, and Armor Cote Corporation of Odessa, Texas.

"In my service to the county, I feel I have been fair and honest and have the experience required to fulfill the needs of the position," Floyd said. "I would greatly appreciate your consideration and vote on March 10."



JANIS FLOYD

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The Brackett Tigerettes will open the basketball playoffs Saturday as they battle the Marion Lady Bulldogs at 7 p.m. in Hondo.  
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## AHEAD OF HER TIME Woman relates life story for Black History Month

By Allison Pollan  
Kerrville Daily Times

### Kinney County Closeup

KERRVILLE -- Charles Emily Wilson remembers teaching in segregated schools long before integration was ever considered a possibility. Though she did not initially aspire to teach languages, she said she fell into teaching English and Spanish to help right the wrongs of an intolerant society.

Wilson majored in elementary education and library science while attending college, but said she was compelled to learn Spanish due to the ridicule she witnessed black children face when they came to the United States from Mexico.

"Black children came from Mexico not speaking a word of

English and the other children would laugh at them and I wanted to hit them on the head," Wilson said. "That's why I went into Spanish."

Wilson, who is 87 years old, will speak during a luncheon celebrating Black History Month in Kerrville today at Leslie Place Personal Care Center.

Kerrville Mayor Charles Johnson talked with Wilson about her life as he signed a proclamation commemorating Black History Month Tuesday at the Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library.

Though she moved to Kerrville only about four months ago, Wil-

son brings with her a history replete with tales of life as a black woman in a small town.

Wilson was featured in a 1996 book, as the last black Seminole still living who was born on the Fort Clark Reservation.

According to the book in which she is featured, "The Black Seminoles," by Kenneth W. Porter, the history of the black Seminoles began in Florida when escaped slaves moved to Florida and married Seminole Indians living there.

Victoria Mosty Roberts, library director, said the library has ordered a copy of the book which should arrive in a few weeks.



Charles Emily Wilson, left, and the late Else Sauer are shown signing copies of the Kinney County History Book. File Photo

"This is a wonderful history that nobody really knows about," Roberts said. "These are significant pieces of our history that get glossed over."

Wilson was born to Seminole descendants at Fort Clark in Brackettville, and spent her entire life there, except for her college years at Tillotson College (now Huston-Tillotson College) in Austin and Prairie View A&M.

She was the youngest of three children and returned to Brack-

ettville after finishing school and started teaching.

"They needed a teacher and I was home," Wilson said of her start in teaching. "The family didn't want me to teach there. I was very hot-headed, being the baby I guess."

She taught at segregated Carver School for black students where her sister also taught and later became principal.

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## Letter to the Editor

### How many statements are true?

The present Board of Directors addressed the members of Fort Clark Springs in a letter to the editor under the heading: "Board works for best interests of FCS members."

The third paragraph is as follows: "Suffice it to say, that many of the statements being made are false or misleading and obviously are intended to invite anxiety on the part of the members."

This statement admits that many -- or many more -- of the so-called "allegations" are true and justified facts presented to the board by concerned members!

If I'm told that a stack of currency I took to the bank contained many forgeries, it means that many, or possibly most, of the bills are good and legal. Correct?

So, what has the board done about these many admitted unsound financial decisions, application of illegal provisions of the bylaws and the infringements on the members' rights? Ignored them or swept them under the rug?

Ladies and gentlemen of the board, in many less lenient societies this admission would have guaranteed you a lifetime retirement in beautiful Siberia or similar vacation spot, not only removal from the board, as one member demanded!

In the fifth paragraph of the

same article, over the signatures of all board members, it says: "The board has acted in what it feels to be the best interest of the association with respect to all decisions."

The article concludes with the sentence: "The Directors will continue to do what they feel is in the best interest of the whole association."

They "feel?" I believe they did and they do.

This writer has been in executive positions in several multi-million and multi-billion corporations. Never, and I repeat, never, have decisions in these corporations been based on "feelings."

In the real world of business decisions are based on sound facts, market research, interests of the corporation and its stockholders, and sound financial considerations within the framework of the law, the corporate bylaws, and the rights and privileges of the stockholders.

Feelings have a place in kindergartens and nurseries! FCSA is not a Mickey Mouse outfit!

Could the Good Government Group possibly provide some pointers regarding the management of a large corporation to the members of its Board of Directors?

Rudy Brenk

## Big Mama Sez!



Buying what you do not need is an easy road to needing what you cannot buy.

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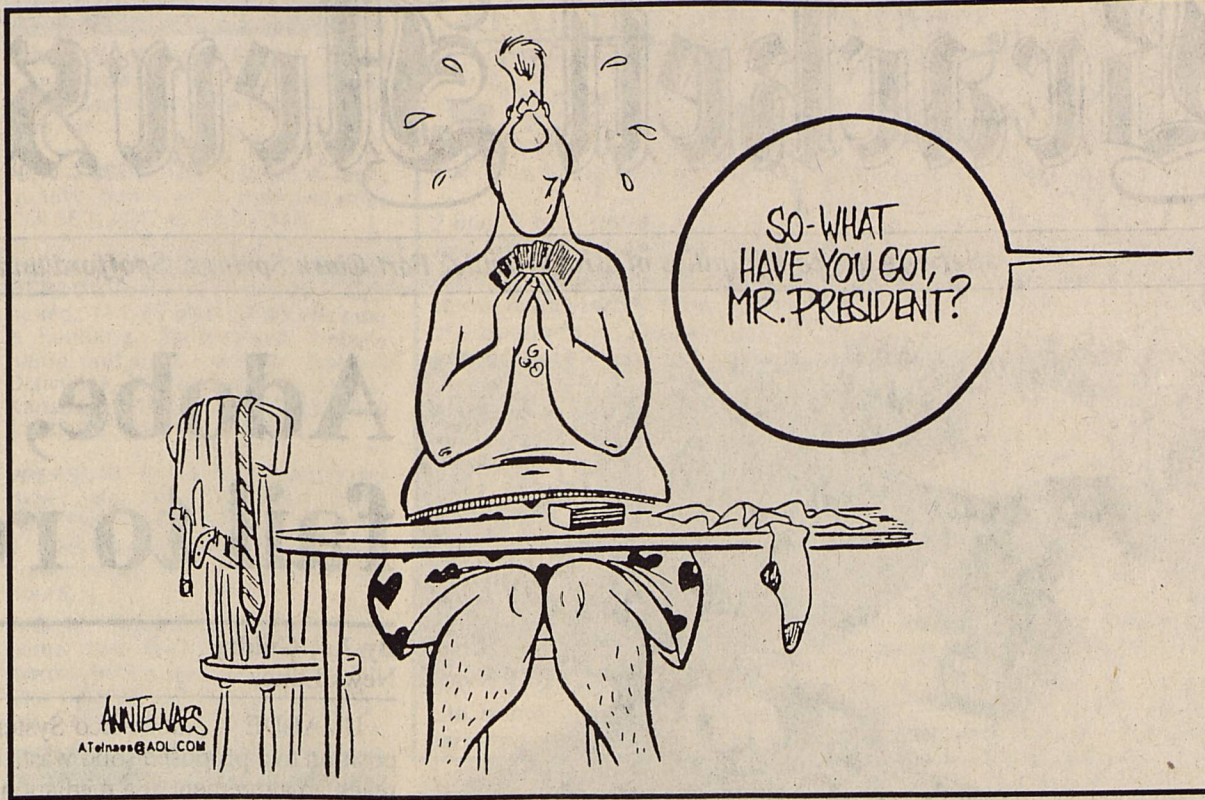
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## Latest Hooten chapter recalls government's lack of integrity

Almost daily events give evidence of the idiocy of government activities. After the set up and persecution of Norman Hooten, the latest chapter in the episode recalls the lack of integrity of government actions.

In a personal vendetta against Hooten, the thirst for blood spread like wildfire. The spark plug of the affair was a woman, Rosanna Church, an "investigator" for the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

Apparently not having any challenge of violent crime nor white collar crime, she decided to try to enhance her standing with DPS by spending thousands of man-hours and many thousands of taxpayers' dollars to persecute a man for attendance at a dog fight.

She enlisted the support of agents of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to try to get penalties beyond state mandates.

She knew she could not get a conviction in Kinney County involving Hooten in dog fighting.

### Between Us

By Joe Townsend



She turned to the USDA, a willing comrade apparently with little else to do.

Eventually, charges were filed by the Feds against most of the people in attendance at the dog fight seeking fines of \$1,000 each, plus a year in jail.

Rather than face the fate of Norman Hooten and the cost of lawyers, most simply paid fines.

It is questionable whether the dog fight qualified as a federal crime under federal law. No matter, bureaucrats had their game to play and their ego's to feed.

Hooten really threw a monkey wrench in their little plans by dying. They were stymied in their plot. This presented a quandary. They still felt compelled to try to justify their game.

Let me say I do not like nor condone dog fights. I have a hard time understanding how people enjoy this activity. However, I don't understand why anyone would buy lottery tickets nor play sweepstakes hoping to get something for nothing.

I could point out dog fights and cockfights are by no means rare in Texas. Very recently a cock fight in San Antonio was raided. In no case has the USDA become involved.

Any thinking person would feel that when Hooten was found guilty of perjury, the predators would be happy and drop the whole matter.

This does not take into account egotism that drives some people for a place in the sun, no matter to what ends they stoop.

## Kinney County's EMS has limited future

By Ruby Meyer  
Contributing Writer

I regret that this will be my last article for the EMS. Due to personal reasons, I have moved out of town.

One of many things that forced me into making this decision was the stress and strain put on me and my family by being on call for too many hours.

I'm sure that if the employment board ever got wind of how this county pays its EMS personnel that it would surely be faced with high fines.

Most EMTs are paid at least \$7 an hour and rises up with experience and years of service. Our "salary" only adds up to \$5.17 an hour.

We do not get paid overtime. Besides the 40 hours we put in each week, we put in a total of 148 to 172 hours a month (depending on if we get one or two weekends off), and for this we get paid an extra \$100 a month, plus \$20 for a run only if the patient gets transported to a medical facility.

If that \$100 was divided into minimum wage, it would be gone with the first week of 3 a.m. to 8 a.m. on call hours that we must put in before going into the office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

We do not get paid overtime, and we only accrue comp time if we go on a run one of the few times that we aren't on call.

It is my understanding that either overtime must be paid or comp time be given for equal amount of hours put in over 80 hours for two weeks. But, then again, since we are "always" on call, even when we do try and take our comp time, we're still on call. It's a losing battle for us.

The cliché, "Over worked and under paid," is an understatement in regards to the EMS personnel of this county.

It seems to me that the county officials sure do like the money that we bring in, but they don't want to give us any because we have to share that money with all the other departments, and then beg and plead for money when we need it.

Our ambulances have gone to pot because they not only need outside maintenance, but maintenance on the equipment on the inside as well.

We have a man who wants to do this for us like he does it for Val Verde EMS, but I doubt the county will be willing to dish out the money to pay him.

It would be a lot cheaper to pay for preventative maintenance than to wait for the unit to break down.

If this new turbo diesel unit is not taken care of with preventative maintenance, it will go to pot like our other two units have.

It's the 90s, hardly anyone does major work for free. Life is a business and you have to pay people to keep it running smoothly.

I really regret leaving Michelle Rosas alone again. She was forced to work alone when Bea Kuhns moved to rejoin her husband after he had completed Border Patrol training.

Bea had her resignation in for at least a month and the judge knew that I was willing to take over her place for the same amount of time, and still it was two weeks after she had left before I was finally given the full time job.

Yes, those two weeks I was "on call" with her while at my previous job, but that was not right for Michelle, the service, the members of the community, or my employer at the time.

Unless the pay is drastically increased and overtime paid, I doubt that there will be anybody willing to take my place.

Those who passed the State ECA exam already have full time jobs that pay very well so they won't be quitting to come take my position any time soon. Our out of town volunteers need their days off from their jobs too, so I hope that the commissioners will realize that they will not be able to rely on them to keep this service going.

The variance will be up at the end of June. At that time, we will no longer be allowed to run our ambulances with only one certified attendant. We will go back to having to run with two certified attendants or lose our license.

We love our job and we love helping people, but we have families to support.

It is my opinion that, unless Val Verde Regional Medical Center (VVRMC) decides to expand their district to encompass Kinney County, there will no longer be an EMS service in this area.

I believe that it is very likely that Kinney County EMS will fold within a couple of months, if not by the end of the year, and the people of this community will be forced to call and wait for assistance from either Uvalde EMS or Val Verde EMS.

By doing this, the EMS personnel would finally be paid what we're worth, with overtime, and have real days off. The personnel from VVRMC EMS will then be paid to come over and help to properly man our county 24 hours a day.

By proper, I mean enough personnel to already be on call for those times that there is a 911 call for an ambulance while the on call crew is gone. This will alleviate the problem of having to call around to find an ECA or EMT who's at home to go out on the call.

Remember, when this happens, we are pulled away from spending quality time with our family, which really puts a damper on making plans for a family outing.

Herb Senne really worked for EMS and I want to make it known how much his support was appreciated. I hope that he is elected because he could do wonders for improving this county. But, by the time he takes office, if elected, it will be too late for this service.

I really hope, for the sake of my partner and friend, and other coworkers, that VVRMC EMS takes over this service.

## Treaty targets U.S. agriculture, national security

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

American politicians and bureaucrats should work in the interest of America. That sounds reasonable enough.

But that's not what happened in Japan last December. You may recall that at that time, the nations of the world met to negotiate the United Nations' Global Climate Change Treaty. This treaty attempts to address fears that the Earth's climate is being harmed beyond repair by "greenhouse" gas emissions.

The people who were supposed to look out for us, instead accepted a document that could devastate American agriculture -- our leading export -- as well as give the United Nations some control over our military. That's no exaggeration.

No one likes pollution or wants to hurt our planet's climate. Scientists, however, don't agree on how much human beings affect weather patterns. Nor do they agree on what needs to be done.

Even though the developing nations of the world are the biggest producers of greenhouse gases, they are essentially exempt from the treaty's restrictions. No such luck for U.S. agriculture.

Our own Department of Commerce says that meeting the requirements of the treaty will be like imposing a 25 cents per-gallon gas tax on Americans. That translates into a 24 percent loss in net farm income, according to American Farm Bureau economists. And that's a conservative estimate.

Even our own armed forces are controlled by the treaty. All domestic operations and training are included in the emission limits. That means that we may have to cut vital training for our service personnel.

Now, considering that our military is already underfunded and overstretched, this is a direct threat to our national security.

If a military operation isn't approved by the United Nations, then it is not exempt from the emissions limits of the treaty.

So, if we needed to act in our own interest -- like the 1986 bombing of Libya -- we would have to get United Nations Security Council approval first. This is just ridiculous. It would be plain funny if it wasn't true.

The White House says that they won't put the Global Climate Change Treaty before the Senate for consideration, as required by our Constitution, until 1999.

The treaty isn't a good idea now, and it won't be a good idea then.

## Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

Rotary has a youth program for outstanding young people. Youthful leaders are invited from schools of the area to attend a weekend program at Lackland in San Antonio.

These young people engage in activities pointed toward developing leadership qualities.

Each high school is invited to send two students. The local Rotary Club has participated in the program since its inception.

This year, one of the young people chosen to attend was Amanda Petrosky.

Amanda told of her experience to the Rotary Club. She is one of the most charming young ladies I've ever known.

She is a beautiful person. I mean that not just from appearance, and she is beautiful to look at, but from her inner self.

I knew nothing about her outstanding record as a student. By her presentation, she was most impressive. Her humble yet glowing spirit was indeed compelling.

Her demeanor showed a self-confidence without even a hint of arrogance. Her total character gave evidence of outstanding parenting by her father and mother. Surely, Amanda Petrosky is an Unsung Hero.



**Spofford residents complain about recent road work**

By Sonja Shell  
Staff Writer

A group of Spofford residents complained about road repairs in their city at last week's Kinney County Commissioners Court meeting.

Carlos Costillo appeared before the court with a complaint petition signed by 17 Spofford residents in regards to recent road work done by the county.

The complaint stated that the roads were in better condition before the work was done than after.

The court requested that the Road Department go back to Spofford and reblade the roads after work is completed on Gaebler Road.

**County Cemetary**

It was determined that the county is not responsible for damage done to a cement border in the County Cemetary.

Even though the county owns the cemetary, individuals are responsible for their own plots and damage done to a plot by an individual is a civil matter and not a county responsibility.

**Computer Contract**

Tiger Tec Solutions of Brackettville was awarded the contract to install a new computer in the office of the justice of the peace.

**4-H Report**

County Agent Robert Elledge reported the Fort Worth Livestock Show netted Kinney County 4-H'ers two thirds, one sixth, and two ninth place finishes in lamb divisions.

Elledge also stated that The Brackett News article about the new Youth Development Center netted a \$150 donation from the Middle Rio Grand Development Center.

**March primary election falls during Spring Break**

One of the concerns that I have is that Brackett ISD's Spring Break falls right in the middle of the Texas primary election on Tuesday, March 10.

That means that lots of folks will be traveling around visiting the sites while the local election is being held.

The admonition is that early voting begins on Monday. I urge you to vote early if you aren't going to be home on election day. We have some great candidates this year. Let's give them our support.

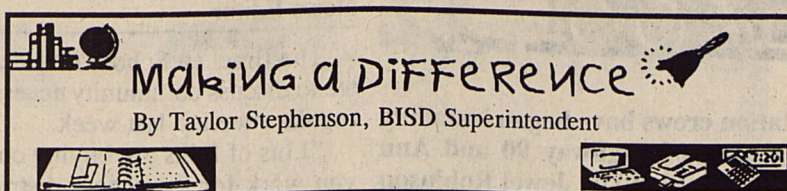
We have so much positive going on in our community that we shouldn't have to go digging up the negative thoughts to be amused.

We live in the best place in the USA. I hope that we will step back from the conflict lines long enough to realize that life is good here.

Years ago, a wise preacher friend of mine received a very negative letter in the mail signed by a person who was critical of the preacher.

The preacher wrote a note back saying, "I think you should know that some horse's rear is sending out this kind of mail and signing your good name to it!"

From the president to the local political scene, we seem to have acquired a habit of branding each other as villains and cheats. I wish lots of those folks would do some different things, but I haven't walked in their shoes. Until I do, I'll try to be cautiously supportive of their efforts.



I hope you will join in as we try to once again learn the meaning of community.

**Block Scheduling**

We have a divisive type of analysis going on at BISD. It wasn't meant to be that way, but folks like to turn it into negatives.

The analysis is taking a good hard look at the type of schedule that we will use at middle School and high school next year.

In 1992, the middle school changed over to a new, experimental type of schedule called block schedules. The high school followed suit in 1993 and also moved to blocks.

This type of schedule means basically that we will have class every other day for roughly twice as long as the everyday type of schedule works.

Blocks work well for some and don't for others. Around the country, the experience is the same. Some towns love blocks; others see them as inhibiting learning.

This week, parents and students of secondary school students will receive a survey with their report card asking for their thoughts about block schedules.

There will be a stamped envelope to be returned to Don Sims, BHS principal.

Please take the time to tell us what you think. The number one question is has block schedules helped your children learn?

Some say no, my child needs class every day. Others say yes, we need longer class periods to allow for more in-depth learning even if it is every other day.

There are folks out there on both sides of the issue. I want to hear from you on your thoughts about how blocks help or do not help kids to learn. We've asked the teachers who teach blocks their thoughts. So, let us know.

We won't count votes, just get ideas as to how the learning has helped or not helped through the use of blocks.

We'll have a fast deadline on this one. Surveys that lay around the house are never returned. Send yours back by next Tuesday.

**Athletics**

That's about it for this week. We have cut our list of coaches to 10 finalists. We're looking at those 10 now trying to cut to three. We'll then go visit the schools of the top three applicants.

Congratulations girls basketball team and coaches Gregg Nowlin and Julie Bruce. We're very proud of you.

Have a great week!

**Obituaries**

**Robert Lee Harris**

Robert Lee Harris, 64, died Feb. 12, 1998, in Johnson City, Texas, after a lengthy illness. He was born Sept. 9, 1933, at Elgin, Texas.

Harris graduated from high school in Houston in 1951. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in December of 1955. He attended college on the GI Bill and graduated from New Mexico State University in 1959 with a bachelors degree in Agricultural economics.

He went into the produce business, packing and shipping vegetables, with his father-in-law, Al Heskett, for many years and then in the late 1960s began farming in Brackettville.

For the past 10 years, he has been an international farmer, in such diverse areas as South America, the Bahamas and Mexico.

He was with a farming operation in Mexico and the United States when he was struck by a massive heart attack in September 1996 in Laredo and remained hospitalized for eight months before coming to the LBJ Nursing Home in Johnson City.

Harris is survived by his par-

ents: Thelma and David Lively; one sister: Jean Hammond and her spouse of Gatesville, Texas; five children: Robyn Henderson and Jennifer Pasanski and their spouses of Johnson City, Melisa Harris of San Antonio, David Harris and his spouse of Spofford, and Bill Harris and his spouse of St. Louis, Mo.; five grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Monday, Feb. 16, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetary in San Antonio with military honors. Rev. Sherry Strain officiated.

Pall bearers were Dal and Bill Harris, George Henderson, Michael Pasanski, Josh Henderson and Forrest Pasanski. Honorary Pall Bearers were Luke Henderson and Eddy Hammond.

Services were under the direction of Croft Funeral Home, Johnson City.

**Van Cleave**

Albert Van Cleave, formerly of Spofford, passed away Feb. 12, 1998, in San Antonio.

Memorial services were held Monday, Feb. 16.



Fire Chief Joe Williams, left, and Rudy Luna battle a grass fire on Ellen Street Thursday. Brackett News Photo by Sonja Shell

**Wilson guest speaker at Kerrville luncheon**

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After integration, she worked for Brackett High School as a teacher and librarian until 1979. Wilson moved to Kerrville this

fall to be closer to family. Though she now lives with her niece, she is a day resident at Leslie Place.

"She keeps everyone in line and interested and she's attentive to other residents," said Lois

Shaw, administrator of Leslie Place.

"Her coming to Kerrville and Leslie Place as a day resident has been such an asset because of her teaching ability."



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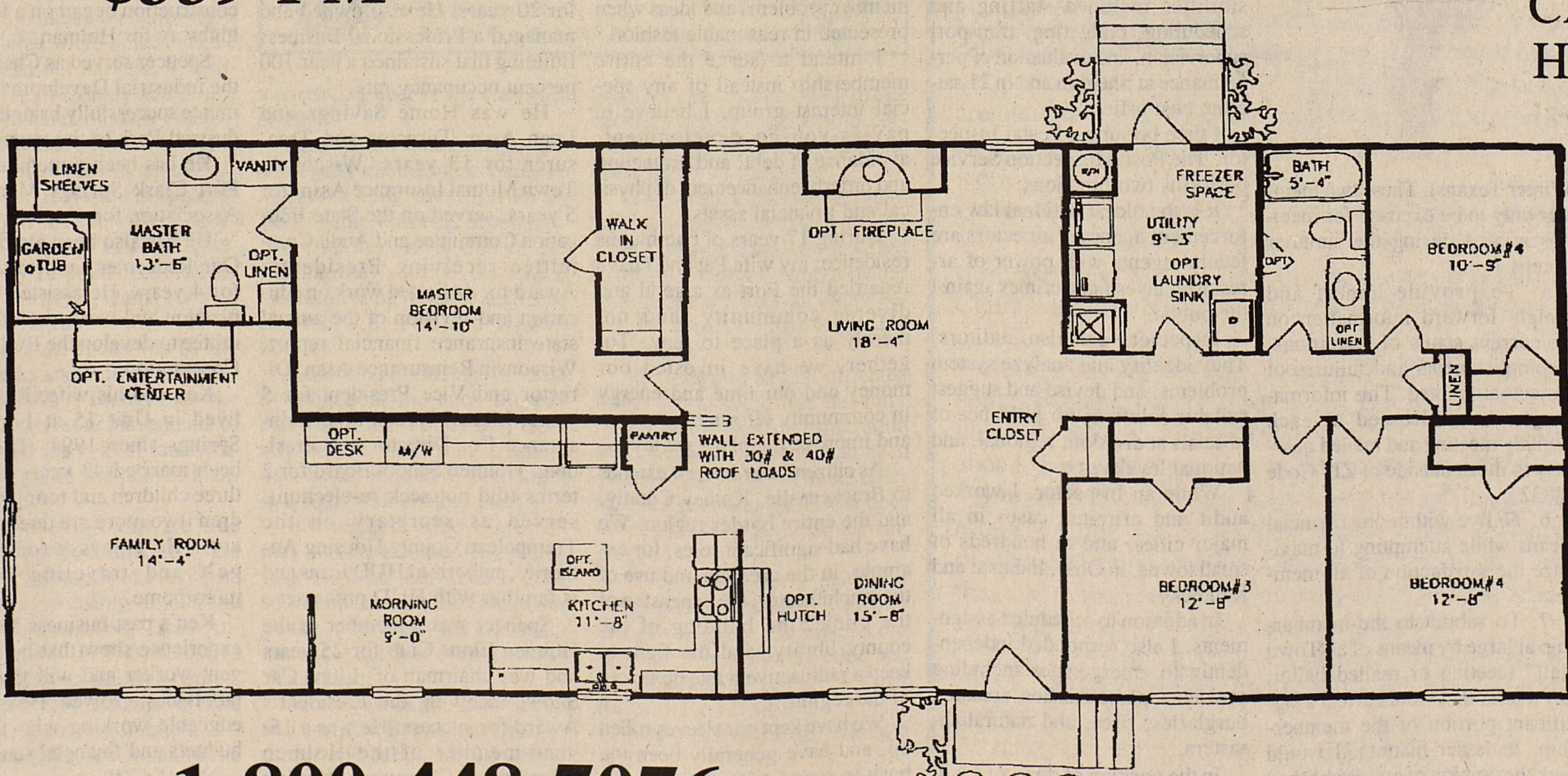
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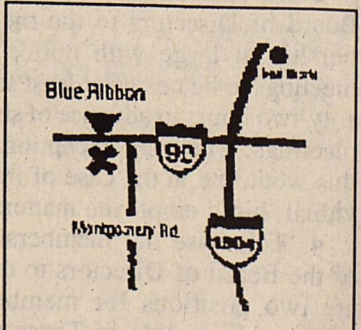
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## Accordianist to visit Brackettville

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

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



Texas Department of Transportation crews have begun installing the new stop light at the intersection of Highway 90 and Ann Street. Brackett News Photo by Jewel Robinson

# Living history event to re-create Alamo seige

Alamo Village Movie Location will host a special three-day living history program on Feb. 27 through March 1, that will re-create important moments that took place during the siege leading up to the famous March 6, 1836 Battle of the Alamo.

Living history interpreters from across Texas and the United States will converge on the Shahan HV Longhorn Ranch, located seven miles north of Brackettville, to apply their talents in what is being billed as a "total immersion event."

Utilizing the replica Alamo Mission and the town of San Antonio built by John Wayne for his epic 1959 film "The Alamo," about 100 living Historians will re-create various elements of the Alamo siege from both the Texians and Mexicans point of view.

The unique event, being coordinated by 7th Infantry Living History Association, is designed to bring personal experience not only to the participants but to the public as well, according to noted author and Alamo Historian Kevin Young.

"While the event is designed to transport the participants to the heady days of the Texas Revolution, it is planned to give visitors a three-dimensional historical experience," Young added.

Visitors to Alamo Village, the largest and most complete outdoor movie set in the world, will be organized in small groups and "toured" by costumed docents through both the Mexican siege lines and the besieged Alamo.

On Friday, Feb. 27, the site will reflect the day before the Alamo siege, while Saturday, Feb. 28, in a compressed historical sequence, the first five days of the Alamo siege will be re-created, Young said.

"This will include the arrival of the Mexican Army and its occupation of San Antonio, the demand for unconditional surrender of the Texian garrison, and the Feb. 28 assault of the Permanent Battalion Matamoros against the Southern defenses of the Alamo," Young explained.

In between the activities of the siege life, including Mexican artillery bombardment and the dispatching of couriers from the Alamo will occur, he added.

On Saturday evening, a special dinner and candle light tour limited to 100 people, will be offered, then on Sunday morning, a special re-creation of the 1837 memorial service held by Colonel Juan Sequin for the burial of the remains of the Alamo dead will take place.

"This event will begin in the San Fernando Church replica and

proceed to the Alamo replica where a joint memorial service honoring both the Alamo defenders and the soldados of the Mexican Army will be conducted," Young said.

"There will be no re-enactment of the March 6 Battle," he stressed.

According to Young, the 7th US Infantry Living History Association is one of the most recognized and respected living history groups in the United States.

"They are known not only for their attention to detail but their enthusiasm and esprit d' corps," he said.

The unit focuses on portraying the men and women of the US Infantry from the years 1810-1850.

The original regiment is the most decorated unit in the U.S. Army and is famous as the "Cottonbalers" of the 1815 Battle of New Orleans and the defenders of the Fort Brown in 1846.

The 7th Living History Unit has hosted events for the National Park Service and the State Parks of Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Illinois, Alabama and Florida. It also has been a driving force in the commemorating of the Mexican War Sesquicentennial.

For more information and to make reservations to attend the event call Alamo Village at (830) 563-2580.

## Trustees appoint committee to discuss community internet access

By J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

The Brackett School Board appointed a committee to discuss community access to the internet at its regular meeting last week.

"Lots of folks are buying computers and, unless you work for the school district, you can't get on the internet without getting a carrier and paying for long distance calls," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

"This is a community education issue that we need to help folks solve, perhaps not with finances, but with ideas."

Don Ralston will chair the committee, which will also consist of Frank Taylor, Sara Terrazas, Michael Schooler, Cindy Braesicke, Sandy Herman, and Tino Gomez

"This committee will brain storm and come up with some possible solutions, and then bring those ideas back to the board," School Board President Lloyd Lee Davis said.

### Property Tax

The board was advised that it can use local values for property tax purposes for the 1998-99 school year.

Texas state law requires that local tax values be within 5 percent of the state property tax division's estimate of property values in the district. The state bases its estimates on sales of property and on comparative valuations.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report

### Tuesday, February 10

6:10 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that a scooter was driving fast up and down Louise Street.

### Wednesday, February 11

2:43 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported harassing phone calls. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the residence on Third Street and met with the woman.

8:40 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that a man was bothering her at her residence and at work. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry met with the complainant.

### Thursday, February 12

1:51 a.m., A member of the Del Rio Fire Department reported a grass fire 22 miles west of Brackettville. Members of the Brac-

kettville Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched to the scene.

8:30 p.m., Marcelino Herrera, 42, of Uvalde was arrested by DPS Trooper Richard Dixon for driving while intoxicated and on outstanding DPS warrants out of Kinney County. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held.

8:30 p.m., Mota Perez, 64, of Uvalde was arrested for public intoxication by Trooper Dixon. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Perez was released Feb. 15 after paying a \$200 fine, plus time served.

### Friday, February 13

6:55 p.m., Robert Floyd Titt, 43, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Guidry for public intoxication and criminal mischief.

"Lots of folks are buying computers and, unless you work for the school district, you can't get on the internet without getting a carrier and paying for long distance calls."

Superintendent Taylor Stephenson

"Last year, we used state value and it was a big problem," Stephenson said. "This designation of local value is much better for our school district."

"The appraisal district worked hard to bring local values to state requirements," he added.

### Financial Report

Stephenson informed the board that the district's investment revenue was up for the first quarter of the school year.

"We are averaging about \$1,000 more per month because of better rates, more money to invest and because of Dixie Brown's persistence in making sure all of the funds are invested," he said.

### Historical Tax Exemptions

The board approved historical tax exemptions for 13 applicants. The exemption is for 25 percent of the assessed value.

"Requirements are stringent for qualifying for this exemption," Stephenson said. "Most of the applicants are in the historic district of Fort Clark Springs."

### Saturday, February 14

11:51 a.m., A motorist reported that her travel trailer came loose from her vehicle and overturned, blocking both lanes of traffic on Highway 90 East, near Fritter Park. The Texas Department of Transportation was notified.

3:40 p.m., The maintenance supervisor at Fort Clark Springs reported that someone had driven a motorcycle on the golf course. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene and took pictures of the damage.

## FCSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES

All five of the candidates for the Fort Clark Springs' Board of Directors were contacted by The Brackett News through the mail and invited to submit a brief biography for publication. The following are the responses received by the newspaper.

### Bill Kelly

I am an honest and independent person, in thought and action, not belonging to any special interest group, but I do participate in those activities that are of interest to me.

Having lived on the Fort for the past seven years, I have observed the sometimes questionable actions of the Board of Directors and Management.

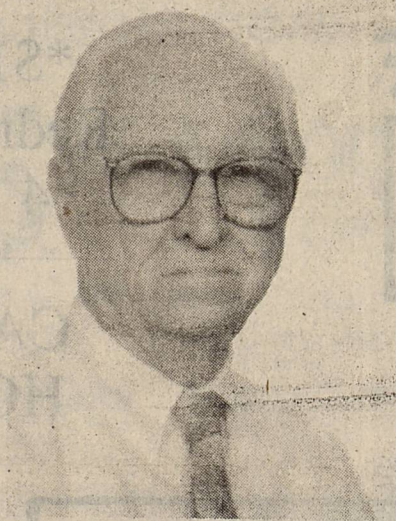
As a result of these observations I have studied the FCS official documents of incorporation and others related to the operations of our Association and made my decision to seek election to the Board of Directors in an attempt to propose and/or support the accomplishment of the following:

1. A thorough review and change of the Association's Declarations and Bylaws to reflect the fact that North American Towns and its related real estate promotion is no longer a factor in the operation of FCS and that we the members control our future.

2. To take all reasonable actions to make a membership in FCS a worthwhile thing and readily distinguishable to any prospective member, guest or visitor.

3. To open all meetings of the Board of Directors to the membership at large with notice of meetings to be posted at least seventy-two hours in advance of such meetings. The only exception to this would be in the case of individual, hired employee matters.

4. To revise the membership of the Board of Directors to create two positions for members who reside outside of Texas for at least four months of the year



(Winter Texans). These two members only to be excused for meetings missed during the summer months.

5. To provide honest and straight forward information on the current status of operations, accomplishments and failures of projects attempted. This information to be addressed at each monthly meeting and mailed quarterly to those outside of ZIP Code 78832.

6. To live within our financial means while attempting to maximize the satisfaction of all members.

7. To submit to the membership at large by means of a "Town Hall" meeting or mailed ballot, any matter that would affect a significant portion of the membership. In lesser matters, I would seek the opinion of any established committee or special interest group before deciding on any course of action to be taken.

I sincerely seek your vote in support of the above objectives.

Bill Kelly

### Don Parks

My thanks to the publisher of The Brackett News for this opportunity to relate my qualifications to be a director at Fort Clark Springs, and my reasons for seeking that position.

My abilities as an adult problem-solver were first tested in serious fashion when I was an infantry rifle-squad leader in combat in Europe 1944-45, engaged in campaigns including the siege at Lorient, the Battle of the Bulge, clearing the Saar-Moselle Triangle, and the drive to the Rhine.

Soon after return to civilian life, I became Assistant Postmaster at Sheldon, Iowa. My responsibilities included staffing and scheduling, budgeting, transport supervision, and evaluation of performance at Sheldon and in 21 satellite post offices.

I then became a Postal Inspector. The Postal Inspection Service performs two functions.

It is the oldest national law enforcement agency. Inspectors are federal agents with power of arrest who investigate crimes against the public.

Inspectors are also auditors. They identify and analyze system problems, and devise and suggest suitable solutions for guidance of officials at division, regional, and national levels.

While an Inspector, I worked audit and criminal cases in all major cities, and in hundreds of small towns, in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky.

In addition to scheduled assignments, I also responded independently to emergencies including accidents, plane crashes, assaults, burglaries, fires, and natural disasters.

In the position of director I will employ my professional skills in system evaluation, independent problem solving, group management, decision making, and planning.

I will attend all board meetings,



barring illness or circumstances beyond my control. I will consider member problems and ideas when presented in reasonable fashion.

I intend to serve the entire membership instead of any special interest group. I believe in pay-as-you-go development, avoidance of debt, and protection and orderly enhancement of physical and financial assets.

During 17 years of continuous residence, my wife Pat and I have regarded the Fort as a solid and diverse community, and not merely as a place to play. Together, we have invested our money and our time and energy in community efforts to preserve and improve the place we love.

As citizens, our interest extends to Brackettville, Kinney County, and the entire border region. We have had significant roles, for example, in the creation and use of the amphitheater, the expansion of the clinic, the building of the county library, and the fight to keep a radioactive waste dump out of the region.

We have kept our sleeves rolled up, and have generally been too busy to spend a lot of time complaining or criticizing. We believe the proper function of citizens is to build, and not to destroy. As a director, I will adhere to that belief.

Don Parks

### Ken Spencer

In running for the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors, Ken Spencer said his top priority would be to update the Bylaws and Articles of Corporation.

Second on his list of priorities is to develop a more open format for all board meetings.

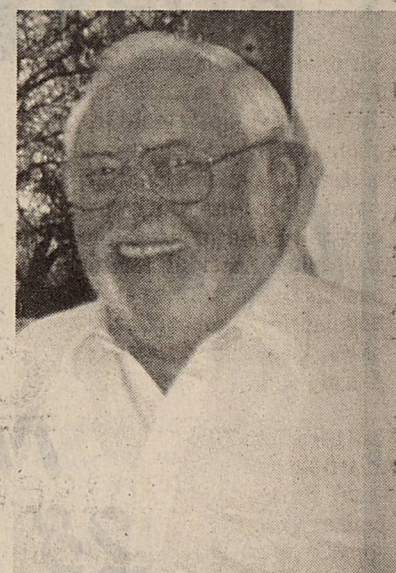
Spencer graduated from Central High School in Red Wing, Minnesota and served in the military during World War II.

He started his career working in sales for the Armour Leather Co. He owned and operated Spencer Independent Insurance for 15 years and was CEO of Western Wisconsin Mutual Insurance Co. for 20 years. He also owned and managed a Professional Business Building that sustained a near 100 percent occupancy rate.

He was Home Savings and Loan Assn. Director and Treasurer for 13 years, Wisconsin Town Mutual Insurance Assn. for 5 years, served on the State Education Committee and Audit Committee receiving President's Award for dedicated work on education and revision of the annual state insurance financial report, Wisconsin Reinsurance Assn. Director and Vice President for 5 years, Mutual Spread Loss Reinsurance Co. Director and President, Holmen School Board for 2 terms (did not seek re-election), served as secretary on the Trempeleau County Housing Authority, authorized HUD loans and is familiar with HUD processes.

Spencer was a member of the Holmen Lions Club for 25 years and was chairman of Lions Car Show, receiving the President's Award for success. He was a 15-year member of the Holmen Chamber of Commerce, serving as president for two years and as a director for six years.

He received the Man of the Year Award. After no funds were budgeted for highway improvements, Ken and his committee met



with the state governor and within a year money was budgeted and construction began on a four lane highway for Holman.

Spencer served as Chairman of the Industrial Development Committee successfully bringing an Industrial Park to the town.

He has been a member of the Fort Clark Springs Men's Golf Association for 4 years.

He has also been a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church for 4 years. He assisted in organization and worked on the committee to develop the By-laws and Constitution.

Ken and his wife, Ruth, have lived in Unit 15 at Fort Clark Springs since 1994. They have been married 42 years and have three children and four grandchildren (two more are due in February). He enjoys woodworking, golf and traveling in their motorhome.

Ken's past business and board experience show that he is a diligent worker and will get important issues resolved. He is knowledgeable working with financial budgets and financial statements.

He is willing to work with people to build Fort Clark Springs into a more profitable and enjoyable association for full and part-time residents. Ken will be available through E-mail any time he needs to be away from the Fort.



Briefs ...

Committee to narrow field of applicants for BISD athletic director

Brackett ISD officials will narrow the field of applicants for the athletic director and head football coach's position to 10 by next week, Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

Stephenson said from that point, the field would be cut to three applicants who will interview with the School Board of Trustees.

Lights come up short

DEL RIO - The Young Guns built a 36-23 and held on for a 65-51 win over the Brackett Lights Sunday in City League basketball action.

Brackett rallied late in the game, but the Young Guns had a 29-28 in the second half.

Clay Hunt poured in 25 points to pace the Lights and Mark Crawford added 10.

Gary Grubbs scored five points, Rick Creel had four, Frank Morgan chipped in three, and J.J. Guidry and Beau Smallwood each had two.

Tigerettes open slate

The Brackett Tigerettes junior varsity softball team opened its season on Tuesday with a double-header against Uvalde.

In the first game, the Tigerettes lost to Uvalde's junior varsity, 21-4.

Queta Garza, Michelle Melancon, Marty Payne and Gracie Terrazas all had one hit and one run. April Crumley and Brittany Shewbart also added hits.

In the second game, Brackett battled Uvalde's varsity. The Lobos came away with a 22-4 victory.

Garza went 2 for 2 and scored a run against Uvalde's varsity, and Erika Garcia was 2 for 3 with a run.

Tiffany Eckenrod was 1 for 2 at the plate. She scored one run and drove in another.

Payne also scored a run, and Cindy Jennings and Savannah Massingill each had a hit.

Ladies Golf League elects new officers

The Fort Clark Ladies Golf League elected new officers on Tuesday.

Officers who will take office April 7 are: Arlys Simpson and Ann Malin, co-chairmen; Barbara Miller, secretary; Mylo Unruh and Jean Land, Nine Hole chairmen; Marge Maderich and Betty Mathison, social chairmen.

Tigerettes open playoffs against Marion Saturday

By J.J. Guidry Sports Editor

The Brackett Tigerettes will open the state high school basketball playoffs Saturday as they battle the Marion Lady Bulldogs at 7 p.m. in Hondo.

The Tigerettes (16-10) were picked to finish fifth out of six teams in District 30-2A in the pre-season polls, but they claimed second place and a post-season berth.

"We're real excited," Brackett coach Gregg Nowlin said. "We feel real fortunate to have made the playoffs."

"I'm extremely proud of the kids. They proved a lot of people wrong. I think they're pleased with what they have done, but I don't think they are satisfied."

The Lady Bulldogs (17-10) won the District 29-2A title.

"Marion is a big school," Nowlin said. "They're going to be good. They're a perennial playoff team like we are. I expect a tough game Saturday."

The Tigerettes closed the regular season last Friday, dropping a close decision to Natalia, 69-62.

La Toya Wright paced Brackett with 16 points, Lindsey Brotherton scored 14, Patty Lopez



Jennifer Ashabranner (3) puts up a jump shot as Laura Lee Ballew (21) and Lindsey Brotherton (40) crash the boards. Brackett battles Marion Saturday in Hondo. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

finished with 13, Tricia Robinson pitched in six, Laura Lee Ballew scored five, Stephanie Terrazas

had three, Jennifer Ashabranner and Jamie Ballew each had two, and Hilda Aguirre added one.

Tigers fall short to Center Point, 58-44

By J.J. Guidry Sports Editor

CENTER POINT - Ryan Witt scored a game-high 21 points Tuesday to lead the Center Point Pirates to a 58-44 win over the Brackett Tigers in District 30-2A basketball action.

Jacob Richter added 14 points for the Pirates, who improved to 16-14 overall and 2-7 in district. The Tigers fell to 9-17 on the season and 2-7 in league play.

In other conference games on Tuesday, Charlotte edged Natalia 68-66 and Comfort topped Dilley 55-47.

Comfort is leading the district race with an 8-1 mark, Charlotte is 7-2, and Dilley has a 6-3 league record.

Luis Guajardo scored 19 points to pace the Tigers in Tuesday's contest. Rene Luna also scored in double figures, finishing with 11.

Xavier Toms scored four points, Caleb Crumley and Phillip Juarez each had three, and Brent Woelke and Coty Williams scored two apiece.

Last Friday, Brackett dropped a 49-46 decision to Natalia on the road. The Mustangs had a 26-23 advantage at intermission.

Guajardo was the Tigers' leading scorer with 16 points. Luna finished with 14 points and Woelke scored 10.

Juarez had four points in the game and Demitrus Williams added two.

David Stamenov scored 21 points to pace Natalia's scoring attack.

Brackett will close the regular season tomorrow night as they face the Comfort Bobcats on the road in an 8:00 contest. Comfort can clinch the district title with a victory.

OUTDOORS

Man accused of faking contest entry

AUSTIN - In a bizarre twist of big buck bravado, a Dallas man faces criminal charges that he schemed to claim honors in a trophy deer contest by entering a huge-antlered white-tailed buck he allegedly did not harvest, according to a Travis County grand jury indictment handed down Feb. 4.

Bruce Weldon Morrow, 47, is charged with three counts of tampering with government records, stemming from entry form documents he allegedly falsified to enter a trophy 12-point buck into the 1995-96 Texas Big Game Awards (TBGA) program.

The contest, sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), recognizes the skill and harvest achievements of hunters and the role of landowners in big game and habitat management.

"If these allegations are true and they go unchallenged, the reputation and ethics of every person who responsibly enjoys the outdoors is tarnished," said Andrew Sansom, TPWD executive director. "It's an insult to conservation and sportsmanship and we're not going to tolerate it."

Morrow reportedly claimed he killed the huge deer in Starr County, according to a TBGA entry form. Based on the Boone and Crockett system of scoring trophy game used by the TBGA program, Morrow's deer netted 184 2/8 typical points and was declared the

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

top-ranking deer in the statewide contest.

Speculation that Morrow did not legally kill the buck sparked a 10-month long investigation by Texas game wardens, in cooperation with the Travis County district attorney's office, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

According to findings from the investigation, the buck Morrow entered in the TBGA may actually be the rack from a Kansas deer believed to have been killed in a fight with another buck.

Investigators believe Morrow may have purchased his trophy rack from an individual in Missouri and brought the antlers into Texas, where he then claimed to have shot the deer during a South Texas hunt.

Morrow took the deer antlers to a certified Boone and Crockett scorer and submitted the official score sheet with his entry into the TBGA.

Record book quality deer antlers, regardless of their origin, are a coveted commodity among collectors. To qualify for the Boone and Crockett record 184 typical

points is a rarity, according to one certified scorer, and would certainly be remembered by any serious hunter or collector.

Ironically, a magazine photo publicizing Morrow and his TBGA winning deer may have led to the investigation, after a reader recognized the rack as likely being the same one that originated in Kansas.

According to TBGA officials, Morrow requested that his entry be removed from consideration several months after he had been awarded top honors. Unlike other big buck contests, the TBGA does not offer cash or prizes to its winners.

"This is not just a matter of fudging on a contest entry form," Sansom argued. "It raises concerns over our hunting ethic and the sportsmen of Texas can thank Ronnie Earle and the Travis County DA's office for taking a stand."

If convicted of the charges, Morrow could face confinement in a state jail for any term of not more than two years or less than 180 days. In addition to confinement, a fine not to exceed \$10,000 may be assessed.

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With the above in mind, I hope that you will consider my candidacy for the office of Commissioner, Precinct 4. All candidates should be qualified to serve in the office they seek; in some cases this is not always true. In my case, I know I am qualified.

I was elected in 1990 to Commissioner's Court, Precinct 4. I was a good commissioner, one who worked hard for the benefit of Kinney County; used a proven business experience and a lot of common sense. Some of the benefits during my four year tenure are:

- I personally supervised the construction of four low water crossings on the Tularossa Road (By the way, they are still there).
- I personally supervised the complete renovation of the County's Road Dept. Building.
- I started the idea of remodeling and adding to the old jail building that is now our County Aging Services. I supervised the start of the remodel and removal of old jail cells; also supervised the remodel and updating of the Swim Park area and building.
- I personally supervised the remodeling of our County Jail so we could pass our creditation. I had to spend time in Austin with the Jail Commissioner requesting extensions for completion so we would have time to raise funds necessary to do the work.
- Our Road Department was able to purchase a new Loader, new Crew Truck, and a 1/2 Ton Pickup for the Road Supervisor. Our Sheriff's Department purchased two Cars and new Radios; our County Agent received a new Pickup. Added a new Ceiling and Insulation to our Civic Center; and much more for the improvement of our County.
- I'm not saying this was all my accomplishment; as you all know, there are four commissioners and a county judge. Ask anyone who remembers my four years and they will tell you that I worked at being a Commissioner as you can see from the above. **I wasn't a one or two day a month Commissioner.**
- I want to be a full time Commissioner again and work harder to turn our County around. At the end of my four years, we had a balance in excess of \$400,000.00 in the General Fund and Road & Bridge; we owed a little over \$90,000.00, most of that due to the remodeling of our county jail. I wish our county was in that good of condition today, but unfortunately it isn't.

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**But, I could be wrong!**

By: Chuck Hall



**Happy birthday to me!**

I had a birthday recently. One of the big ones. Yep, 5-0. It's not too bad if you say it real fast. And 50 isn't really that old (Not if you're a tree!).

I am reminded of the line that George Burns once used: "If I had known I was going to live this long, I would've taken better care of myself!"

I want to be like a fine wine and just get better with age.

In 50 years of living, I have learned some things. Like being slow to anger and quick to laugh.

Like having patience with the old and the young.

And I hope I can always remember that real life isn't like movies or TV. We should laugh and cry more in real life. Real life is a lot better.

Anyway, I hope the next 50 years are as much fun as the last 50 have been.

And the only reason I'm writing about my birthday is because some of you forgot! But, I could be wrong.

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**Petrosky praises RYLA conference**

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Rotary Club heard Amanda Petrosky describe her weekend in San Antonio attending a Rotary Youth Leadership Association (RYLA) conference.

Petrosky enthusiastically recounted what she had learned as well as how much fun she had while there.

One other student, Wes Baker, was also selected to go, but was occupied at school taking a test, and will be Rotary's guest at another time.

Don and Joy Ralston took the two to San Antonio and Mike and Ida Holley brought them back. Every minute of the weekend was filled, and the young people slept all the way back to Brackettville.

Petrosky said she was shy about going to RYLA. Meeting new people can be intimidating. However, she reported having a wonderful time. Everyone was friendly, and she got to meet and interact with students from all over the state.

RYLA was not an occasion for just sitting and being addressed by various speakers. A variety of games and exercises accompanied the talks where students put into practice the speaker's topics. The attendees learned such things as the ethics of leadership and the qualities that make a good leader.

Each student attending was placed in a group of people he or she did not know. One of the first things Petrosky learned was not to let meeting others intimidate her. She was also told that it's all right to want to be a champion in

everything she does.

Those attending came from areas all around San Antonio. Petrosky said it was "incredible to experience how big the world is when you get out in it."

One of the exercises in which they took part was to run a leadership reaction obstacle course. The task they were assigned was to be a group trying to get some medication delivered across a bridge that was guarded. They were to operate as a group, which meant to cooperate with one another as they attempted to succeed at their task.

The penalty for a mistake was a push-up. Petrosky admitted her group had to do "about 90 push-ups."

The qualities of good leadership include kindness, a positive attitude, and to cooperate with one another rather than be self-absorbed.

Each participant was to make two lists. One listed how many of the good qualities they felt they had and how many they felt themselves lacking or needing improvement.

They wrote down the ones they wanted to work on during the following six months. This list was put into an envelope, which will be mailed to them at the end of the time period. Petrosky felt she was going to learn a lot from this exercise.

Taylor Stephenson then addressed the club about topics having to do with school.

He mentioned that they had received many resumes and several applications for the job of head coach and athletic director. The screening is expected to be com-



Taylor Stephenson, left, welcomes Amanda Petrosky to last week's Rotary Club meeting. Photo by Eric McMaster

pleted and someone selected by the first part of April.

A visiting Rotarian from Del Rio, David Trent, has been surveying the land that will be the site of the new school. They want to avoid disturbing five huge pecan trees if they possibly can.

Ten classrooms will be constructed along with four tennis courts. This building will accommodate the additional 100 students gained in recent years.

The number of students is presently 675. By the year 2000, 750 students are expected to be registered.

An adult education class teaching conversational Spanish has started. Stephenson said 70 to 100 people attend.

Another project is under consideration. Don Ralston is heading a committee that is evaluating the possibility of providing internet access to the community.

**Overdue books being accepted without fines**

February is amnesty month at the Kinney County Library. Any overdue books will be accepted without paying a late fee.

"This is the perfect opportunity to hunt down those overdue books and return them without paying a fine," Librarian Sara Terrazas said.

The library's second internet line is now operational. Terrazas said an internet class is being considered. Persons interested in learning how to use the internet can sign up at the library.

**FOOTSTEPS ECHO**

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

Courtesy of his decendants



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

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

**Friday, February 19, 1886**

Marched on guard this morning with Capt. Vance as Officer of the Day. Dont like to go on with him as I lose the good effects of his being on guard such as being excused from roll calls. After guard mounting went up after the mail and was rewarded by a letter and bundle of papers from home. Then changed clothes and appeared for the first time in trousers with white stripes. Tried a man before the garrison court and wrote on proceedings after drilling a gun detachment. At noon fired a salute of 13 guns in memory of Gen. Hancock. After lunch completed proceedings and read papers from home. Geary came in for a short time to see me. Carried proceedings up to Maj. Morris on way to dinner. In the evening wrote a letter to Miss Folsom, took it up to the guard house and sent it over to her house by the orderly. Tried to read Draper but felt too sleepy. The Officer of the Day inspected soon after midnight when turned in.

**Saturday, February 20, 1886**

Steele relieved me at guard mounting. Mail had nothing for me this morning. While in the office this morning a telegram came from Gillmore stating that Feche't was dying. Earnestly hope this report will prove a mistake. Shaved and went down to the store with Geary. Our deed has not come up yet; it ought to be received soon. After lunch called on Miss Folsom, and remained at her house for quite a while. She was annoyed because some lady asked Steele not to call on her so long in the day time. Steele should not have told this to Miss Folsom; but I think it was intended as a kindness in Mrs. Hammond to make the request, although it has the appearance of interference. Miss Folsom certainly is a little free,

but this is the result of her home training. She is a Western girl and I have noticed that they are much freer than those from the East. At the same time, Miss Folsom is a true, good girl and knows when to stop, and it would be much better not to interfere with her. Mrs. Feche't permitted callers to stay as long as they pleased, and Mrs. Hammond who is staying with Miss Folsom at nights ought not to object. Think she is put up to this by Mrs. Kauffman. Carried a watch over to have a new crystal put in having broken it at Miss Folsom's. Read the papers in the Library and played on the organ. Issued clothing in "E" Co. until retreat. Spent the evening playing whist at Col. Bliss', he and I beating Dr. Town and Capt. Vance. Enjoyed the evening. Had some nice refreshments. It commenced to rain tonight.

**Sunday, February 21, 1886**

It was raining this morning when I got up and continued until after guard mounting. This will help the grass a great deal. Received a letter from Foltz stating that he had sent the socks by registered mail; they ought to be here soon. He has been very obliging to me. Wrote usual letter home and one to the Adjutant General of the Army to ask for another copy of the Official Register to send to Father. Took a bath and then sat with Miss Folsom a while. Read papers in the Library. After dinner read Draper until retreat, when spent a few moments with Steele at Miss Folsom's and took a walk by myself out to the target range. Attended service as usual and escorted Mrs. Hall home. Read Draper until tattoo and the Bible afterwards.

**Monday, February 22, 1886**

Went over to office after guard mounting and was rewarded by a letter from home enclosing one from Aunt Libbie and a paper. Completed signing the clothing book at the Company and gave directions to the Sergeant about gallery practice. Looked over the paper in Geary's. After lunch went over to post hall and played on the organ a while. Read the

papers in the Library before lunch. Studied tactics and rifle firing in the afternoon and played a few games of billiards with Geary. Read Draper until retreat. No dress parade today being Washington's birthday. After dinner called on Miss Jacobs who was out, on Mrs. Kauffman and on Miss Folsom until tattoo, after which called with Steele at Halls's.

**Tuesday, February 23, 1886**

A very kind letter came from Harry in which he writes me to take all the time I want in paying him. If Hewitt can let me have that \$500 the first of next month, this bill will be settled at once. Drills commenced this morning lasting half an hour. Capt. Vance begins right with setting up just what all the men ought to be put through. None of the other companies had it. Sat in Miss Folsom's after breakfast until mail came and then went over to the company to start gallery practice, going to the Q.M. to get some paint for the target. Had the recruits out and drilled them in the different positions. After lunch read over the French lesson with Geary and then read Draper for a while. In the evening went to the French club and had a pleasant time there. Miss Folsom was present but did not read although she knows French.

**Wednesday, February 24, 1886**

Rain prevented drill this morning. Went over to the Library to look over the papers while waiting for the mail which was a little late. It had nothing but advertising circulars for me. Wrote usual letter home and mailed some books to King. Packed my shoulder knots and took them over to Capt. Hall who is going to send on all of ours to be altered. Witnessed opening some boxes of Ordnance. After lunch Geary and Steele sat in my house a while. Then called on Miss Folsom but found Miss Jacobs there and did not enjoy the call much. Went into Capt. Vance's a while, then to the Library and to the guard house to see Hewitt. Engaged to escort Mrs. Gillmore to the promenade

concert but it was postponed until tomorrow when the engagement will hold good. In the evening went up to Gen. Smith's and sang duets with Miss Saunders. She is not very thorough. Had a pleasant time. Stayed at Capt. Vance's until tattoo. Afterwards read Draper.

**Thursday, February 25, 1886**

Had usual drill this morning, the company being drilled by squads as before. The other companies are well advanced already, but soon they will have to repeat what they are now going over and the repetitions will make the drill tiresome and the men will become careless and indifferent. Had target practice after guard mounting to let the recruits fire at the target. Think they will do well as they are a steady set of men. Mail brought me the socks from Foltz. Took them up to Hewitt's after the practice for him to select but he was out riding with Miss Folsom. Read papers in Geary's then. At lunch carried the socks up and opened the package. They are good socks and acceptable colors, and cost only thirty cents a pair, quite a reduction from fifty cents what I paid Friedlander for some cotton socks. Intended to take pay accounts over to town to be cashed and send the money to Foltz, but concluded to wait until Saturday. Sat in Geary's a while and then played a few games of billiards with him at the store. Marked the new socks afterwards. After dinner escorted Mrs. Gillmore to the promenade concert. Only a small number of people present, but all danced and the evening was quite pleasant in consequence. Read Draper after returning and Steele came in for a while.



## But, I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall

### Happy birthday to me!

I had a birthday recently. One of the big ones. Yep, 5-0. It's not too bad if you say it real fast. And 50 isn't really that old (Not if you're a tree!).

I am reminded of the line that George Burns once used: "If I had known I was going to live this long, I would've taken better care of myself!"

I want to be like a fine wine and just get better with age.

In 50 years of living, I have learned some things. Like being slow to anger and quick to laugh.

Like having patience with the old and the young.

And I hope I can always remember that real life isn't like movies or TV. We should laugh and cry more in real life. Real life is a lot better.

Anyway, I hope the next 50 years are as much fun as the last 50 have been.

And the only reason I'm writing about my birthday is because some of you forgot! But, I could be wrong.

### Kohlman addresses garden club

June Kohlman was the guest speaker and demonstrator at the Mountain Laurel Garden Club's monthly meeting last Thursday in the Gorgas Room at Fort Clark Springs.

Kohlman, a member of the Minuet Garden Club of Del Rio, gave an informative presentation on floral design, showing the mechanics of putting a floral design together.

Kohlman's design was very different. She used a tall vase with beautiful fresh greenery, a bird of paradise and small yellow flowers. The intriguing part was the two carrots, three lemons and a bunch of purple grapes.

Since it was Valentine's week, the decorations were in red and

white with hearts all around. The table centerpiece was fresh plants, gardenias and baby roses in a red heart shaped basket with lace, accented by candlelight.

Refreshments were heart shaped sugar and molasses cookies, surprise cookies with chocolate kisses in the center, an angel food cake with chocolate icing, and a variety of candies.

The decorations and refreshments were provided by Rosie Mattingly, Carol Miller, Charlene Simmons and Edith Palmer.

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club will meet again on March 12 at 9:30 a.m. in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs. The meeting is open to the public.

### Fort Clark Bridge Club meets

The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club met Tuesday in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

There were six and a half tables playing, using the Mitchell Movement.

Flo Stafford and Tina Bauguess won first on the north-south side, while Mac and Marie McCandless were second and Ben and Rosetta Pingnot were third. Winners on the east-west side were Evelyn Whitely and Ann Malin. Joyce Bell and Alice Seargeant finished second and Ken and Betty TeGrotenhuis took third.

### Briefs ...

#### Davis receives degree

COLLEGE STATION — Brackettville's Joaquin Davis received his bachelor's degree in agriculture science from Texas A&M University during December commencement ceremonies.

Over 3,000 graduates were presented degrees at three separate ceremonies. Featured speakers at the ceremonies were Patrick H. Wood III, chairman of the Public Utility Commission of Austin; Ronald Dirk, mayor of Dallas; and U.S. Rep. Joe Barton of Ennis.

Davis is also among several thousand honor students recognized by the university for outstanding academic performance during the fall semester.

He was named to the Dean's Honor Roll, which recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio out of a possible 4.0 during the grading period.

#### DRT to meet at Fort Clark in February

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas will hold its monthly meeting at Fort Clark's Las Moras Restaurant today at 11 a.m. For information or reservations, call Pat McKelvy at 563-9287.

#### Genealogical Society plans local meeting

The Southwest Texas Genealogical Society will meet on Saturday, March 7, at Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark beginning at 10:30 a.m. Registration and luncheon fees will be \$10.

Anyone is welcome to attend, but must pre-register for the luncheon by calling Pat McKelvy at 563-9287.

#### McKelvy joins SAR

Clarence Hubert "Clemmy" McKelvy was admitted into membership of Uvalde Chapter No. 53 Texas Society of the Sons of the American Revolution at a luncheon Saturday at the Holiday Inn.

## Bluegrass duet to perform Births at Civic Center on Feb. 27 Morelli

The Kinney County Arts Council will bring the bluegrass duet of Alan Munde and Joe Carr to the Kinney County Civic Center in Brackettville on Friday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. The concert is co-sponsored by the Texas Commission of the Arts.

The music played by Carr and Munde is a collection of traditional and original bluegrass with a little Texas swing. Joe Carr is an internationally known bluegrass picker who plays guitar, mandolin and does vocals. Alan Munde is a highly respected banjo player who has been called "one of the best loved banjo players in the world."

Carr and Munde are music instructors at South Plains College in Levelland, Texas.

The duo will appear in concert for students in all grades at Brackett ISD and head start earlier in the afternoon on Feb. 27. Students who attend the concert Friday night with their parents will be admitted free.

Tickets are available at Bank and Trust, Brackettville Branch, Fort Clark Springs and from any Arts Council member.



The bluegrass duet of Joe Carr, left, and Alan Munde will perform at the Kinney County Civic Center in Brackettville on Friday, Feb. 27. Photo Special to The Brackett News

Mr. and Mrs. B.E. Sweet and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kral wish to announce the arrival of their new granddaughter, Kayla Lucille Morelli. She was born Feb. 10, 1998, at 2:50 p.m., weighing 7 pounds and 9 ounces, and 20 inches long.

Congratulations Joe and Tina!

### Valenzuela

Proud parents Frank Valenzuela and Christine Key announce the birth of their baby boy, Michael Ernest Valenzuela, born Sunday, Feb. 8, 1998, at Twin Rivers Hospital in Kennett, Missouri. Michael weighed in at 6 pounds and was 19 inches long.

Michael is welcomed by paternal grandparents Mary and David Campos and Ernest Valenzuela of Brackettville.

Maternal grandparents are Mike and Helen Key of Kennett, Missouri. Great grandparents are the late Stella Guajardo and Francisco Guajardo, and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

## Local art club, 'a good thing'

To quote Martha Stewart, the Fort Clark Art Club is "a good thing" for several reasons.

First on the list are its members.

"A more friendly and talented group would be hard to find," said Mary Batey.

The club's membership continues to grow with two new ladies joining in the past month — Rosaleen Eason from the Dallas area and Pat Parks, a long time resident of Fort Clark.

A new face-lift has been given to the Art Studio by winter residents from Unit 37. Jo Workman and husband Jack, Betty Wright and husband Harlan, and Chuck

Endrus are responsible for applying pegboard to all the walls and painting it.

"It looks great," Batey said. "We are so fortunate to have such a studio."

The same two ladies, Betty and Jo, are organizing the annual Arts and Crafts Fair on March 7.

Four of the club's members have given, or are about to give painting workshops.

Bud Breen presented a workshop last month and Viva Walker will give her third workshop on Feb. 27-28. Walker's topic will be bluebonnets in a landscape.

A portrait workshop using the medium of your choice will be given by Frances McMaster on March 20-21.

A change of pace workshop

will be given by another member, Edwina Gaebler. She will discuss fabric painting on a T-shirt, sweat shirt or chambray shirt on March 3.

The Fort Clark Art Studio is open to visitors on Saturday and Thursday, so come and see 'a good thing.'

For more information, call Batey at 563-2916 or Marie Coburn at 563-2038.



Happy 18th Birthday Melanie! Love Mother, Dad, Lindsey.



HAPPY 96TH BIRTHDAY to our grandma and great-grandma, Mrs. Sophia C. Gomez. Sending our hugs, kisses and love with God's blessings on this special day, Norman, Vivian, Debra, Patricia, Mario, Ralph, Robert, Claudette, Victor, Michael, Brian, Brittany, Nathan, and Stephen Norman.

BISD Cafeteria Menu	
Parents welcome to join their children at breakfast or lunch	There are 20 days in the month of February.
There are three choices for breakfast every day.	Elementary @ \$1.10 = \$22.00
1. The printed menu.	Middle & High @ \$1.25 = \$25.00
2. Cereal, toast and juice.	Salad Bar & "B" Line every day.
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Milk offered will vary meal.	
<b>Breakfast Menu</b>	<b>Lunch Menu</b>
<b>Friday, Feb. 20</b>	<b>Friday, Feb. 20</b>
Pancakes	Macaroni & Cheese with Ham
Syrup	Steamed Broccoli, Chilled Peaches
Fruit or Juice	Fresh Baked Roll
<b>Monday, Feb. 23</b>	<b>Monday, Feb. 23</b>
Glazed Donuts	Sausage on a Stick
Fruit or Juice	Oven Fries, Fresh Fruit
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 24</b>	<b>Tuesday, Feb. 24</b>
Grilled Ham	Chicken Patty, Whipped Potatoes
Toast & Jelly	Cream Gravy, Seasoned Vegetable
Fruit or Juice	Fresh Baked Roll
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 25</b>	<b>Wednesday, Feb. 25</b>
Waffles	Cheese Enchiladas
Syrup	Spanish Rice, Beans
Fruit or Juice	Apple Crisp
<b>Thursday, Feb. 26</b>	<b>Thursday, Feb. 26</b>
Banana Muffins	Hamburger, Burger Salad
Fruit or Juice	Oven Fries, Fruit

### Live a Piece of History

At Alamo Village Feb. 27, 28 and March 1st, reenactors from all over the U.S. will interpret the historical events leading up to the battle of the Alamo. Friday, Saturday and until noon Sunday. Open 9 to 5. Tickets at gate. \$10 adult. \$5 children.

Saturday night dinner at cantina and candlelight tour of the Soldado and Texican camps. 5:30 p.m. Tickets for dinner and tour \$13. Available at Kinney County land Office and M.U.D. office. Only 100 tickets available.

J.B. Herndon's birthday party, on Feb. 21 at 7 p.m., has been relocated from the Service Club at Fort Clark Springs to the Kinney County Civic Center.

**Fort Clark Springs Arts & Craft Fair**  
 Saturday, March 7th,  
 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Service Club  
 For more information contact: Jo Workman  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to charge an additional 26 cents per month per line to recover costs for providing Expanded Local Calling service (ELC) to certain Texas Customers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### AVISO PUBLICO

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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**Super Crossword**

- |                            |                              |                             |                                     |                          |                          |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ACROSS                     | 50 Myanmar, formerly         | 93 Choir member             | 4 That woman                        | 40 "Say no more!"        | Naked —                  |
| 1 "Man" (78 tune)          | 52 Hwys.                     | 94 Tremendous               | 5 Astoria's locale                  | 79 Vision-related        | 79 Vision-related        |
| 6 Fish hooks               | 53 He was liked in '56       | 95 Bargain                  | 6 Fathom                            | 80 Yokel's exclamation   | 80 Yokel's exclamation   |
| 11 Comment from a crank    | 54 Craftiness                | 100 Big Band name           | 7 Fine, volcanic lava               | 83 Victim                | 83 Victim                |
| 14 Wheel part              | 55 Kapitan's command         | 103 In a dull manner        | 8 Prohibited                        | 85 Shopper's Shangri-la  | 85 Shopper's Shangri-la  |
| 17 Leading men?            | 57 Urban atmosphere: colloq. | 105 Designer                | 9 Chilling site?                    | 87 Reagan Cabinet member | 87 Reagan Cabinet member |
| 19 Popular vacation spot   | 59 Protest tactic            | 106 Paint pigment           | 10 Eydie's man                      | 89 Ruhr Valley city      | 89 Ruhr Valley city      |
| 20 Winter hazard           | 61 Author Wallace            | 107 Actress                 | 11 Clinton or Cosby                 | 90 Likely to last?       | 90 Likely to last?       |
| 21 — Khan                  | 62 Lingerie items            | 108 Film — Redding          | 12 "— Ventura: Pat Detective"       | 91 Connoisseur           | 91 Connoisseur           |
| 22 Start of a remark       | 63 Singer                    | 109 — Moines                | 13 Geometric figure                 | 96 Tennyson's tales      | 96 Tennyson's tales      |
| 24 Dictionary              | 64 Bowled over               | 112 Author                  | 14 Indy entry                       | 97 Disposition           | 97 Disposition           |
| 26 Asian holiday           | 65 Part 3 of remark          | 114 End of remark           | 15 Actress                          | 98 Inventor              | 98 Inventor              |
| 27 Crossword puzzle part   | 70 Away from home            | 118 "Sister Act"            | 16 Feathered yankers                | 99 Couch potato's woes   | 99 Couch potato's woes   |
| 28 Cut at an angle         | 72 Bjorn's opponent          | 119 Cow                     | 18 Beetle                           | 100 "Lorna —"            | 100 "Lorna —"            |
| 30 Basketball venue        | 73 Spoken                    | 120 Ms. Francis             | 19 Silly Skelton                    | 101 Take place           | 101 Take place           |
| 31 Walt Kelly's possum     | 74 Last stop                 | 121 Shape up                | 23 Run amok                         | 102 Swiss river          | 102 Swiss river          |
| 32 Jacket style            | 77 Pipeline part             | 122 Palindromic preposition | 25 Jeremy of "House of the Spirits" | 104 Punjab prince        | 104 Punjab prince        |
| 34 Greek gathering places  | 78 Dynamo                    | 123 Songstress              | 29 Imitation                        | 107 Genealogy diagram    | 107 Genealogy diagram    |
| 35 British title           | 80 Looon's relative          | 124 "Siddhartha" author     | 31 Battery part                     | 108 Vane dr.             | 108 Vane dr.             |
| 38 Big vein                | 81 Salty spread              | 125 insomnia cure?          | 32 Vulgure, with "out"              | 109 Con                  | 109 Con                  |
| 39 "Boccacagna" (opera)    | 82 First lady?               | DOWN                        | 33 Corn Belt soil                   | 110 Ferrara first family | 110 Ferrara first family |
| 41 Way off base?           | 83 Wear out the carpet       | 1 AKC reject                | 34 "— & Andrew" (193 film)          | 111 Defeat by a knockout | 111 Defeat by a knockout |
| 42 Sine — non              | 84 Act badly?                | 2 Tennis great              | 35 Trite                            | 113 Be in debt           | 113 Be in debt           |
| 43 Part 2 of remark        | 86 "— We Dance?"             | 3 Arthur                    | 36 Wise to                          | 115 Si or oui            | 115 Si or oui            |
| 48 Archibald and namesakes | 88 Part 4 of remark          | 3 Atkins or Huntley         | 37 Powerful pooch                   | 116 Actress Sue          | 116 Actress Sue          |
|                            | 92 Pie — mode                |                             |                                     | 117 Guy's counterpart    | 117 Guy's counterpart    |

**MAGIC MAZE**

**FIRST NAMES IN WORDS**

W T Y V T P O O L I G D B B Y W  
 N T E R P M K I M F A D A D D  
 B I Y K W L U A S N E A N I Q  
 O M L K C L R I N F T O I D D  
 B Z X U N I V E R S A L L Y W  
 U E S Q A H R D O N G R O T L  
 J S H C F P D C O C E A R A A  
 Y K H W V U R T S U R C A K Q  
 P I L L I B Y A L P G N C L K  
 I M H F C I M O T A E H T A P  
 E O C B Y R A M O T S U C Z Y

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Atomic	Cricket	Mariachi	Tarpaulin
Banner	Customary	Path	Universally
Carload	Dough	Playbill	Uphill
Carolina	Katydid	Segregate	

**Your Horoscope by Natasha**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) The near future is likely to bring a pay raise or a new chance to improve your income in some way. Coincidentally, your love life will take priority over friendship and family for a while.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Make it a point to plan some more weekend getaways. You need a diversion in a work-related project and may not be in the mood for much socializing.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Property and family concerns take center stage this week. Work progress is intermittent, though. Over the weekend, loved ones are on the save wave length.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A new romantic interest is on the horizon for singles in the near future. You'll reach an important decision this week concerning a financial or domestic matter. Trust your instincts.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You take pride in what you accomplish at work this week. However, watch your credit card spending. This weekend, romance and children's interests are favored.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) It's a good week for signing a contract or reaching an important agreement. You receive important insights and make further decisions about career concerns. The weekend favors quiet pursuits.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You're looking good in terms of financial prospects for the foreseeable future. However, a career matter requires further thought. This weekend, social life is accented.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) For the most part this week, benefits come to you through the auspices of an adviser. You derive



a greater satisfaction from intellectual interests than from your social life this weekend.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You receive plaudits from your superiors. In general, this is a time of important career gains. Later in the week, others seek your advice. Cultural interests are highlighted during the weekend.

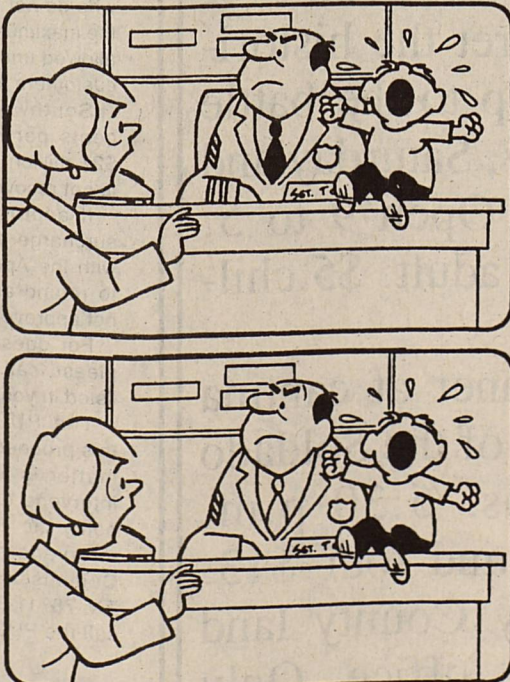
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your popularity is at a peak this week. In addition, your thinking is on target regarding career, interests and personal goals. Follow through on hunches.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You embark on an important research or creative project. However, guard against money slipping away through careless spending. This weekend brings interesting times with friends.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Reaching an agreement about a mutual financial concern may be difficult this week. However, you have renewed self-confidence. Over the weekend, enjoy home-based activities with family.

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**HOCUS-FOCUS**



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.  
 Missing: 4. The is different. 5. Badge is moved. 6. Arm is moved.  
 Differences: 1. Hair is different. 2. Chair is missing. 3. Cuff stripes are

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Feb. 19	Michelle Keith	Feb. 23	David Melancon
Feb. 19	Reggie Pena	Feb. 23	F.B. Stanley
Feb. 19	Sophia Gomez	Feb. 24	Lorraine Coffin
Feb. 20	Henry Yeackle	Feb. 25	Jack Brewster
Feb. 21	Jimmy A. Lutrell	Feb. 25	Jack Phillips
Feb. 21	Lester Meredith	Feb. 25	Oscar Sierra Jr.
Feb. 21	Ricky Sandoval	Feb. 25	Cassandra Mata
Feb. 22	Francisco Arellano	Feb. 25	Arnold Pinales Jr.



# Entire structure of Christianity is based on the word 'believe'

By Rev. Joe Townsend  
Frontier Baptist Church

The entire superstructure of Christianity is based on the word "believe." The root meaning of the word is confidence in, faith and trust in.

When Jesus said, "Whosoever believeth in him shall have everlasting life," the word "believeth" means more than a mental concept.

To "believe" in Jesus Christ means to accept him as the son of God. It means placing one's load of sin upon him, depending on his death on the cross to atone for your sin.

Believing on him means to lean on him much as a cripple leans on his crutch. It means depending on his everlasting arms undergirding all of life. Believing on him means leaving our burdens for him to carry.

"Come unto all ye who are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me and you will find rest unto your souls," is the promise he makes to his followers.

To believe on him means to trust him to intervene on our behalf with God, the father. There is no one else nor other way to reach God except through Jesus.

To believe in him is to depend on him to take us to heaven when we die. If he can't do this, he can do nothing.

To believe in Jesus means to trust his guidance and leadership. When we face any decision, if we ask ourselves, "What would Jesus do?" and in acting out the answers, we demonstrate our belief in him.

To refuse to believe in him robs one of the chance to live victoriously and know true happiness in life.

There will be another message from the Bible by the pastor at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11:00. Come and enjoy a blessing in worship.

# Ashes symbolize mourning of the death of Jesus Christ

By Rev. Sheree Harris  
First United Methodist Church

Next Wednesday you may see some people with a dark smudge on their foreheads. That's because it will be Ash Wednesday and they have been to a Service of Ashes.

Although it is commonly thought that such a service is restricted to the Roman Catholic Church, this is not the case at all.

Ashes have been a powerful symbol of our Judeo-Christian heritage much longer than the Roman Catholic Church has been in existence.

The ancient Hebrews used ashes as an outward sign of repentance (see Jonah 3:1-10, Job 42:1-6, Matt. 11:20-22), as well as a sign of mourning when a loved one died or all joy was gone (see Esther 3:12-4:3, Isa. 61:1-4).

Early Christians continued to use ashes as symbolic of their grief and repentance. Many centuries later, some reformers chose not to continue their use.

Today, the ashes symbolize our mourning of Christ's death, our acknowledgment of our own mortality, and our repentance and desire to turn our hearts and lives closer to God.

In keeping with our long and precious tradition as Biblical people, we will observe a Service of Ashes next Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. at First Methodist Church.

We invite you to come to the service. It is a time of worship, reflection and prayer.

The imposition of the ashes is optional. If you do not wish to receive the ashes, simply remain in your seat during that part of the service.

If you do wish to be marked, you will be invited to come to the altar rail and ashes will be put on your forehead in the sign of the cross.

If you have questions regarding the service or the use of ashes, please call me at 1-800-775-4052.

May God forgive and bless us, one and all.

## Readings from Psalms

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

Praise the God! Praise ye the Lord, blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Wealth and riches shall be in his house; and his righteousness endureth forever.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness; he is gracious, and full of compassion and righteous.

A good man showeth favor, and leadeth; he will guide his affairs with discretions.

Surely he shall not be moved forever; the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

He shall not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.

His heart is established; he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.

He hath distributed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth forever; his horn shall be exalted with honor.

The wicked shall see it, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away. The desire of the wicked shall perish. Psalms 112.

Praise the Lord!

## Let God's power change your will

By Pastor Charolette Corey  
Gateway Ministries

Faith, love and forgiveness will cast out your torment. You may say you are in torment if you find yourself distressed, tossed, vexed, or in pain in your body, mind, will, or emotions ... or if you feel like you've been suffering on "the rack or wheel that twists you beyond your endurance." Then you need to apply the power of God's living word.

Fear comes in when you allow the devil to twist your faith into a lie. God's living word says, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of love, and of power, and of a sound mind." (2 Tim. 1:7)

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear; because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." (1 John 4:18)

Apply the living word of God by, "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." (2 Cor. 10:5)

And be sure your heart is filled with forgiveness, remembering the parable of the king who forgave his servant, but when the servant failed to likewise forgive those who owed him, the king gave his servant unto the tormentors until the debt was paid.

"So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses." (Matt. 18:21-35)

So take heart, it is within the power of God's living word, as you apply it through the strength of his Holy Spirit, that you are freed from torment and the tormentors.

If you are having problems with forgiveness, ask God to change your heart and let the power of his will change your will. He will do it.

## HEALTH

# Survey says suspension of driver's licenses will deter youth tobacco use

Some 64 percent of Texas youth said the threat of losing their driver's license would keep them from smoking, according to a recent statewide survey conducted for the Texas Department of Health (TDH). Another 23 percent said the sanction would make them cut back on smoking.

Senate Bill 55 imposes a range of penalties for tobacco use by Texans under 18, including mandatory attendance at tobacco education classes, required community service, a \$250 fine and suspension of the driver's license for repeat offenders.

The 75th Texas Legislature charged TDH with conducting a public education campaign aimed at curbing tobacco use among youth.

NuStats International conducted the survey for the department to identify the attitudes of Texas children ages 10 through 17 and their parents about tobacco and the new state law that aims to keep kids tobacco-free.

"We surveyed young Texans and their parents to find out what would have the best chance of making kids think twice before using tobacco," explained TDH Commissioner Dr. William Archer. "Overwhelmingly, teens said that losing their driver's li-

cense is the sanction most likely to deter them from using tobacco."

NuStats interviewed 233 sets of parents and children (466 total), chosen to represent the geographic, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity of Texas. Survey findings include:

- Youth surveyed said the threat of losing driver's licenses (64 percent) and the \$250 fine (48 percent) would be the top two deterrents for youth smoking.

- Tobacco education class (45 percent) and community service (44 percent) would be slightly less effective deterrents.

- More than half (58 percent) of Texas youth say family members smoke and about a third (34 percent) have close friends who smoke.

- About half the parents and youth were not aware of the new law.

- 86 percent of parents and 87 percent of youth approve of Texas' new tobacco prevention law.

"Tobacco is the leading cause of preventable deaths in Texas, and it is the only product that, when used as directed, causes mass addiction, disease and death," Archer said. "Yet, the survey revealed that most parents

and youth do not believe the fact that tobacco kills more Texans than alcohol, AIDS, illegal drugs, auto accidents, suicides, homicides, and fires combined."

While some of the provisions of Senate Bill 55 took effect in September, the most far-reaching aspects took effect in January. Highlights of the law include:

- Prohibits minors from buying, using or possessing tobacco products except in the presence of their parent or guardian.

- Allows law enforcement officers to write citations to minors caught smoking or possessing tobacco products.

- Penalizes minors for violating the law by requiring them to attend eight hours of tobacco awareness classes or pay a fine of up to \$250.

- Allows judges to suspend the driver's licenses of repeat offenders and youngsters who fail to attend the required tobacco awareness class or pay the fine.

- Prohibits the sale of "kiddie packs" containing fewer than 20 cigarettes.

- Restricts cigarette vending machines and other self-services sales except in places not open to those under 18 or in places used as cigar humidors.

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37 MACHO GRIFFS BAH RIM  
46 USHERS RESORT ICE ALY  
46 THEREARETHREE LEXICON  
51 TET GRID BEVEL ARENA  
51 POCO BLAZER AGORAS  
68 BARONET LODGE SIMON  
68 AWOL OUA REASONS FOR  
68 NATES BURMA RTES TAKE  
68 ART UBOAT SMAZE SITIN  
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61 GONOR JULYAN AUGUST  
61 NIUN AWE ARBUENE SINAPTO  
61 ERE LEE HESSE SLEEP

FIRST NAMES IN WORDS

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## NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION PRIMARIA)

To the registered voters of the County of Kinney, Texas:  
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Kinney, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on March 10, 1998, for voting in a primary election to elect Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers; and FOR the purpose of adopting or rejecting the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the Legislature, session(s), of the State of Texas.

(Noifiquese, por las personas que las casillas electorales situadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 10 de marzo de 1998 para votar en la Elección Primaria para elegir Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precinto y PARA adoptar o rechazar las enmiendas propuestas constitucionales así como fueron sometidas por la Legislatura Sesión(es), de la Estado de Texas.)

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(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

County Clerks Office Oficina de la Secretaría del Condado  
(location) (sino)

Recommended but not required

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on February 23, 1998 (date)  
(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 23 de Febrero 1998 (fecha)

and ending on March 6, 1998 (date) (y terminando el 6 de Marzo, 1998 (fecha)

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P.O. Box 9  
(Address) (Dirección)

Brackettville, Texas 78832  
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

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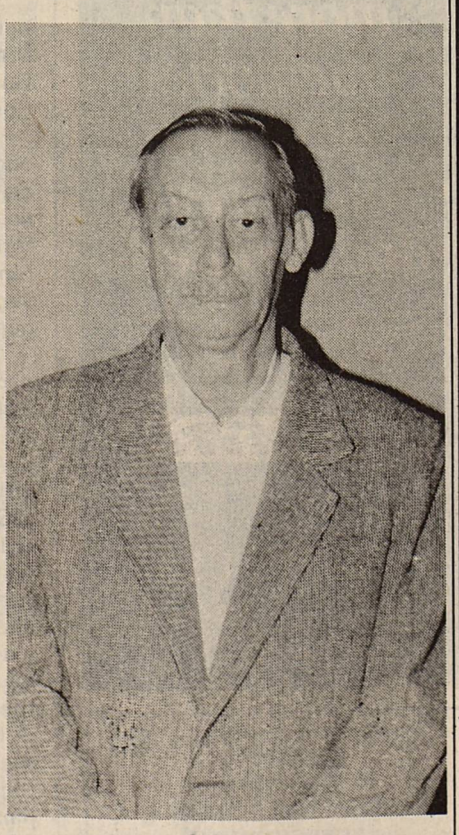
March 3, 1998  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY** given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of BETTY COLE INMAN, Deceased, were issued on February 17, 1998, in Cause No. 930, pending in the County Court of Kinney County, Texas, to: THOMAS COLE McNEW. The residence of the Independent Executor is P.O. Box 1416, Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas 78832; the post office address for claims is: c/o: TULLY SHAHAN, Attorney at Law, Post Office Box 367, Brackettville, Texas 78832-0000. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 17 day of February, 1998. Tully Shahan, Attorney at Law, Post Office Box 367, 401 South Ann, Brackettville, Texas 78832. Telephone: 830/563-2462. Facsimile: 830/563-9240. By: TULLY SHAHAN, Attorney for the Estate, State Bar No.: 18087500.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**EARLY VOTING FOR** the March 10, 1998 Primary Election will begin in the County Clerk's office on Feb. 23, 1998 and will continue thru March 6, 1998. There is a new Legislative Change: The new law requires proof of (ID) identification for voters being: a. Drivers License, b. ID with photo, c. Birth Certificate, d. U.S. Citizen papers, e. Passport, f. Pre printed checks or other forms of identification. I urge everyone to please bring your certificate with you whether you are voting in my office or in your precinct on election day. If you have misplaced your certificate go by the Kinney County Tax Assessors Collectors Office for a replacement card. Thank you, /s/ Dora Elia Sandoval, County/District Clerk, Kinney County, Texas.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**RESOLUTION EARLY VOTING:** Resolution by the City of Brackettville concerning early voting ballot board for the May 02, 1998 City Council Election. Be it resolved that on May 02, 1998 the City of Brackettville will hold their 1998 City Election to elect a Mayor and three (3) Alderman for the period of two years. Whereas, the Mayor of the City of Brackettville has ordered Election and given all information required by law; and whereas, the Council will appoint on March 10, 1998 an election Judge and Alternate presiding Judge for the City Council election to be held May 02, 1998; and whereas, the City Council needs to create an early voting ballot board. Now therefore, be it resolved that: The City Council of the City of Brackettville does direct the election officers for the May 02, 1998 City Election to serve as the early voting ballot board for the early voted ballots. Adopted this 10th day of February, 1998. /s/ Carmen M. Berlanga, Mayor. Attest: David G. Luna, City Manager.

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**REQUEST FOR BIDS**

**BRACKETT ISD INVITATION TO BID:** Brackett Independent School District is seeking bids for food products for the remainder of the 97/98 school year. Any party interested in receiving a spec sheet for bids may do so by contacting: Brackett Independent School District, Attn: Taylor Stephenson, Superintendent, P.O. Box 586, Brackettville, TX 78832, 830/563-2491. All bids are to be specifically marked and are due into the Central Office by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24, 1998. Brackett I.S.D. is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Brackett I.S.D. reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

*A comparable expression in French to "don't waste your breath" is "don't waste your saliva."*

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT WEATHER MODIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS**

Date of the first of three weekly publications of this notice: February 5, 1998 in The Brackett News.

1. Notice is given that Weather Modification, Inc., 3802 - 20th Street North, Fargo, ND 58102-0908, has filed an application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a State permit to conduct weather modification operations to change, or attempt to change, the natural development of clouds for the purpose, objective, period, and by the method summarized herein below. The Executive Director will issue this permit unless a written hearing request is filed within 30 days after the first newspaper publication of this notice.

2. Weather Modification, Inc. applied for, and received on October 6, 1997, a Texas weather modification license, valid until September 1, 1998.

3. The purpose of the weather modification operation is to increase rainfall. The period of the permit is January 1 through December 31 in each of the years of 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001.

4. The proposed weather modification operation is to be conducted for and on behalf of the Edwards Aquifer Authority, a political subdivision of the state, 1615 N. St. Mary's Street, P.O. Box 15830, San Antonio, Texas 78212-9030.

5. The proposed weather modification operation is to be carried out in both an "operational area" and a "target area" to cause the intended effects to occur only in the target area. The operational area is that area including Bandera, Bexar, Blanco, Caldwell, Comal, Edwards, Guadalupe, Hays, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, Medina, Real and Uvalde Counties, which is the target area and those portions of the following counties within 30 miles of the outer boundary of the target area: Atascosa, Bastrop, Burnet, Fayette, Frío, Gillespie, Gonzales, Kimble, Llano, Maverick, Sutton, Travis, Wilson, Val Verde and Zavala Counties.

6. The area to be affected by the proposed weather modification operation is the target area. The target area is that area described as Bandera, Bexar, Blanco, Caldwell, Comal, Edwards, Guadalupe, Hays, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, Medina, Real and Uvalde Counties.

7. The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation are summarized herein: A licensed meteorologist will select cumuliiform clouds or other appropriate clouds for cloud-seeding using a weather-radar display, standard meteorological analyses, forecasting techniques, surface weather observations, and pilot reports to initiate the release of the seeding particles, such as silver iodide crystals, from airplanes equipped with flare racks and/or generators.

8. Persons interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed operation should contact the applicant or George Bomar, MC 158, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087, (512) 239-0770.

9. Requests for hearing on this application must be submitted in writing during the 30 day-notice period to the chief clerk's office, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-3300. The petition must contain: (1) the signature, full name, address and phone number of each person requesting the hearing; (2) a statement that each person is at least 18 years of age and resides, or owns, property in the operational area; and (3) a description of each person's interest and how that interest would be adversely affected. Requests for hearing must be received by the Commission within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this notice. If at least 25 eligible persons make written request, the Commission will hold a public hearing on the application prior to issuance of the permit. For more information concerning citizen participation, contact Blas J. Coy, Jr., Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-6363.

**BUSINESS**

**Rachel's Fabric Shop hosts grand opening**

By Sonja Shell  
Staff Writer

Rachel's Fabric Shop had its grand opening last Friday. The new business is located on W. Spring Street.

"Our fabric shop is geared to offering custom made clothing for special occasions, such as weddings, proms and quinceaneras," said Rachel Fuentes, owner of Brackettville's newest business.

"We have swatches of fabric and patterns for customers to choose from."

A small selection of other fabrics and patterns are offered, along with zippers and thread. Also Spanish Christian music, Spanish greeting cards and T-shirts are available.

Santa Martinez is the clothing designer and seamstress of the establishment.



Santa Martinez, left, and Rachel Fuentes welcome customers to Rachel's Fabric Shop during the business' grand opening Friday.

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