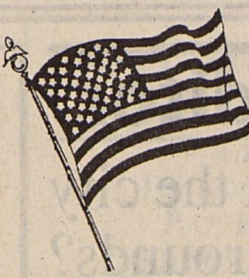


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Junior Girl Scout Troop 154 is shown with a portion of the Girl Scout cookies they received a couple of weeks ago. The girls have been busy making their deliveries since then. Members of the group include, top row, from left: Whitney Hobbs, Sarah Rose, Courtney Frerich, Jaclynn Duncan, Leader Sammie Duncan, Stephanie Bonner and Juliann Ashabranner. Bottom row: Jacquelyn Conoly, Celina Terrazas, Kaylynn Perez, Kristy Meyer, Emily Petrosky, Dana Bonner and Sara Farias. Not pictured: Ashley Castillo. This troop, as well as the other troops of Brackettville, have extra cookies to be sold. Anyone interested can call Sammie Duncan at 563-9655 or leave a message.

Fort Clark directors OK independent audit

By Sonja Shell
Staff Writer

The Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors called for a resolution to allow an independent audit of the books Saturday at its monthly meeting.

General Manager James Heath, in his report to the board, stated that he had been very busy his first three weeks reviewing the needs and concerns of Fort Clark Springs. He said he had spent quite a bit of time on audit questions and found that the figures fairly represented the general accounting principles used.

To help increase publicity for the Fort, plans are in the making for a newsletter and a once a year inexpensive tabloid. It will contain articles by committee chairpersons and others. The tabloid would pay its own way by advertising.

Heath also spent time formulating an opinion of the Fort's future. He said his main priority at this time is safety.

He said there have been a number of complaints by the membership of speeding vehicles and failure to stop at stop signs. He reminded the group that Smith Security has no police powers, "yet."

Heath said he had contacted the state legislative staff and the sheriff about law and enforcement of

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regulations on a private entity. "It may require state action before we are allowed to regulate speed and related violations in other ways than to limit member privileges," he said. "That will be a future concern."

He went on to state the golf course will now be open Martin Luther King Day, Columbus Day and Texas Independence Day. Hours have also been extended to 7 p.m.

Director George Cowart reported that a survey had been made of the old RV Park. It was reported that the area could be broken into six 80-foot by 160-foot lots and two 50-foot by 130-foot lots, without altering the existing utility services.

A motion to re-plate by Martinez and Wright was passed. The lots would be specialty lots and the cost of re-plating would be included in the sales price.

The meeting was adjourned by reminding the membership of the Annual Meeting at the amphitheatre on March 28.

Jailer indicted on charges connected to foiled escape

A former Kinney County Sheriff's Department employee was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury earlier this month on charges related to an unsuccessful jail attempt in April 1996.

Steven Isaac Clementz, 25, who was working as a jailer/dispatcher when the incident occurred, has been charged with conspiring to assist in an escape, two counts of instigating or assisting an es-

cape, and two counts of attempt by an officer to permit an escape.

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

Clementz informed Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter about the escape plan, which allowed local officials to cap-

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Sheriff L.K. Burgess

ture the two men as they entered the jail the day of the planned escape. The men had approximately \$10,250 with them.

"Steve gave us information that some people were coming in with some money to get some inmates out," Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said.

"It was on Sunday, which is visitors' day, so we waited behind closed doors and we had other officers on standby. Steve signaled us when they pulled out the money and we were able to apprehend them."

The case was then turned over to the U.S. Marshal's office.

"We never investigated Steve," Burgess said. "We never interrogated him, we didn't even question him."

If convicted of the charges specified in the indictment, Clementz faces up to five years in prison, fines up to \$250,000 and up to three years supervised release.

One-vehicle accident sends Brackettville man to hospital

A one-vehicle accident sent a Brackettville man to the hospital early Sunday morning.

David Lee Meyer, 46, was transported to Val Verde Regional Medical Center by Kinney County EMS personnel after flipping his 1989 Jeep Comanche on F.M. 693, but was released the same day.

Meyer was driving northbound when he lost control of the vehicle. He said he was trying to avoid a deer.

After crossing a set of railroad tracks, he veered to the right and overcorrected to the left, according to Texas Department of Public Safety officials.

Meyer then swerved sharply into the east ditch. He attempted to get back on the pavement, causing the vehicle to roll on its right side. It finally came to a rest upside down, trapping Meyer inside.

Border Patrol Agents Oscar Fuentes and Steve Stafford and Kinney County Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism were the first on the scene, shortly after 4 a.m. They used a high-lift jack to lift up the vehicle and free Meyer.

"They were quick," Meyer said. "I was only there three or four minutes."

DPS Trooper Tom Wylie was the investigating officer.

Molano runs for treasurer



JULIE FUENTES MOLANO

Julie Fuentes Molano has announced her candidacy for Kinney County treasurer.

Molano was raised in Brackettville and graduated from Brackett High School. She attended San Angelo State University where she obtained a bachelor's degree in business administration with a minor in marketing.

Molano served as City Alderwoman in Brackettville for four years (two terms) from 1989-1992.

Molano worked for Val Verde Home Nurses as administrator for four years. At VVHN,

Molano's responsibilities included supervision of employees, payroll, auditing and billing, personnel recordkeeping, keeping of patient records, interviewing and hiring applicants, providing inservice training, planning and preparing work schedules for employees, and maintaining open communication channels with state funding and regulating agency.

In addition, Molano maintained accounts receivable and expense accounts for the San Antonio Express-News in a self-employed part-time venture in Brackettville for six years while

working full-time in Del Rio.

Molano is currently assisting her brothers, Ben and Ralph Fuentes, in overseeing the newly established Old Arbor Saloon Restaurant located on North Street in Brackettville.

Molano has two daughters to whom she has dedicated most of her time in the last three years.

"I am prepared to successfully meet the demands and responsibilities of the position of county treasurer and believe that it will afford me the opportunity to engage my qualifications to their fullest potential," she said.

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The Brackett Tigerettes were eliminated from the state high school basketball playoffs Saturday after falling Marion. Sports/Page 7

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Hi Wheelers stop in Brackettville en route from California to Florida

By Allison Pollan
Kerrville Daily Times

Manfred Cizek, a building engineer from Vienna, Austria, and Josef Zimovcak, a restaurateur from Veseli nad Moravou, Czech Republic, are Hi Wheelers. They are cycling from Santa Monica, Calif., to Jacksonville, Fla., in 30 days.

Hi Wheelers are members of a specialty sport with a worldwide following of perhaps 60 aficionados. No doubt there are more in spirit, but in actuality a small group.

Cizek, 54, and Zimovcak, 41, met in Evendale, Tasmania, at a Hi Wheeler rally. They discovered that they lived about 60 miles apart in their neighboring countries of Austria and the Czech Republic. One thing led to another and they decided to Hi Wheel it across the United States together.

The two left California on Feb. 4 and cycled here to Brackettville in 15 days. They plan to be in

Florida within the 30 days.

Hi Wheeling is not a new experience for either man. Cizek's earlier trips include cycling from Vienna to Istanbul, Hong Kong to Shanghai, and Nagasaki to Tokyo. He is now on the fourth leg of his "Around the World" journey. His next tour will be from North Australia to South Australia, then Pakistan to India, and his final journey will take him from Liverpool to Vienna.

Zimovcak, will be in the 1997 Guinness World Book of Records for track racing 520 kilometers in 24 hours in the city of Bruenn, Czech Republic. The previous record was set 100 years ago at 502 kilometers.

Some years ago, Cizek found a book describing a 20,000 mile trip that Englishman Thomas Stevens completed on his "Penny Farthing" in 1888.

Today's Hi Wheeler was originally dubbed a penny farthing because the large front wheel looked like the large English penny coin,

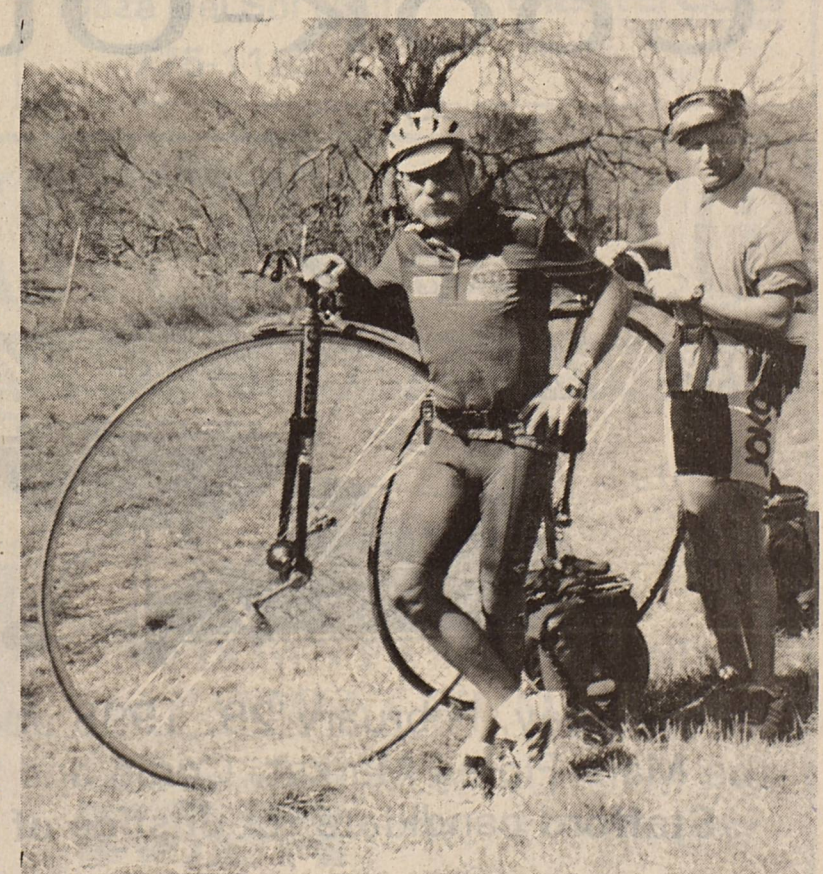
and the rear wheel looked like the small farthing coin.

Cizek was fascinated with the idea of duplicating Stevens' trip riding a penny farthing, and the seed was planted. It is now bearing fruit as he works diligently to complete the tour.

Hi Wheelers are currently manufactured only in Australia and the Czech Republic, which limits the availability to just a few. But, the yearly gathering in Australia helps to promote the sport and brings like-minded ones together. They even have an e-mail address.

Cizek has hopes of writing a book about his experience. He records the day's events each evening on a small recorder.

"The trip has yielded many experiences, not all pleasant," Cizek said. "The trip from Vienna to Istanbul was laden with danger as I crossed the war-torn area of Serbia-Herzegovina. Gratefully, I completed the tour without major incident."



Manfred Cizek, left, and Josef Zimovcak are cycling from California to Florida in 30 days. Brackett News Photo by Sonja Shell

"Here in the United States, we receive warnings periodically about theft. So far, though, things have been OK."

Cizek smiled and said, "The only problem we have is that Josef does not speak very much English."

Letters to the Editor

Have you seen the work the city has done on the pool, grounds?

I was wondering how many in the community have been by the pool facility, basketball courts, etc., on Ellen Street (seems like quite a few of the kids have)? If you haven't driven by lately, go check it out.

Since the lease to the city became final, things have really shaped up.

The city has fixed the road going in from Ellen Street, painted, cleaned up, and replaced backboards and basketball nets as necessary.

The pool itself has beautifully

clean, sparkling water in preparation for summer.

I understand from David Luna, city manager, that a sound system has even been ordered for the pool as well as there will be pool games for a small rental fee (no admission fee will be charged).

I am proud of the interest the city has displayed in serving the community. Many thanks to the mayor, city council, and city manager! Also thanks again to the county commissioners court for their participation in the lease!

Bonny Herndon

BISD has outstanding teachers

I would like for the BISD school to be aware that there are some wonderful outstanding teachers.

1. Mrs. Hooker, thank you for caring to take your time over the weekend to come to my home to have a home conference about my son. Also, I would like to say that I appreciate what you're doing for my son and for the other students. In my opinion, you're an outstanding teacher.

2. Mrs. McNew, thank you for caring to take your time to work

with my daughter. I have noticed you're always concerned about your students. You make sure my daughter is keeping her work up and you're always concerned about her well-being. In my opinion, you're an outstanding teacher.

3. Ms. Broussard, thank you for caring to take your time to work with my son. My son does well with you. You're strict but good. In my opinion, you're an outstanding teacher.

Barbara Waddell

Is FCS' board using new math?

On Feb. 21, 1998, at the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors meeting, the new manager asked the board for some funds to buy some street signs. The board made a motion and voted on this motion. The vote was four in favor and four against.

The manager also asked for funds for repairs to the park.

Again they voted four in favor, four against.

Since there are only seven members on the board, I want to know if this is the new math or an endorsed Good Government Group member with a degree in math high school level?

Roger Perez

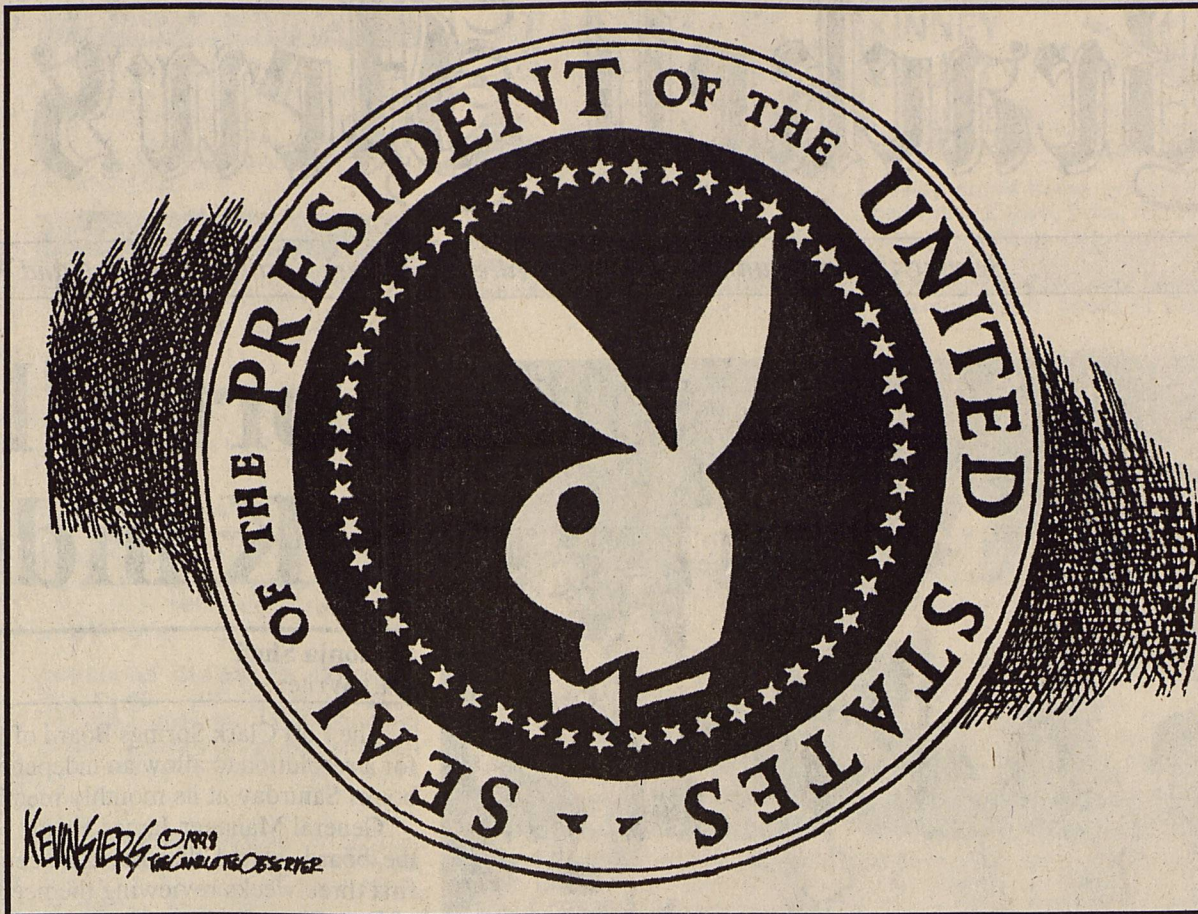
Townsend is an 'Unsung Hero'

If anyone deserves to be an Unsung Hero, it has to be Brother Joe Townsend.

His prayers and goodness will be always in our hearts and his love for everyone is a joy from

God. He has helped us cope with Paul's health problems. We love and respect him very much.

Linda and Paul Malone
Friendswood, Texas



Clinton's at it again

Bill Clinton pulls another scam on the USA and the world. As a draft dodger, he is certainly free in risking American lives to feed his arrogant egotism.

In a flagrant attempt to draw attention away from his problems of sexual misbehavior, he boldly lightly throws away literally many millions of dollars of taxpayers money as he tries to paint his picture as a great savior of the world today and for our children.

At last account, there were 20 ships, 450-plus aircraft and 30,000 troops involved in his saber rattling against Iraq.

He loudly claims world support of his actions and yet, with all his arm twisting, Great Britain sends one ship to join his armada and not a single nation has sent any military support.

France, China and Russia join many smaller nations in opposing his actions.

At this writing, the head of the United Nations finally has an OK

Between Us
By Joe Townsend



to go to Iraq to mediate. He would have gone several days ago except for the fact that Clinton stood alone opposed to his effort.

Pressure from the permanent members of the Security Council forced his accent.

Iraq has about two-thirds as many people as the state of Texas (10 million to 15 million) and is slightly less than two-thirds as large as is the state of Texas.

Can you imagine the large military contingent amassed against Texas that Clinton has sent against Iraq?

A blind man with a walking cane could see the dangers inherent in a tyrant like Hussein. Only a fool would in any way side with him.

The Catholic bishops who want to drop all sanctions are demonstrating a lack of intellectual integrity. If they want to solve the needs of starving masses, they should put their pressure on Hussein.

With his 19 "palaces" and unlimited money, his responsibility is to his people.

If the danger Clinton so loudly espouses were as real as he says, why is it that not a single neigh-

bor nation, nor any one in that area, supports Clinton's ego trip?

Clinton admits his present bombing strategy will not end the peril. He admits it will cost the lives of American service men.

He only wants to "punish" Hussein. It is a tremendous price to pay just to attempt to punish some tyrant.

So bombing destroys some of his palaces, how long before he will have even bigger ones built?

So the bombing obliterates his Republican Guard, how long before he has others trained?

So it costs him millions of dollars to rebuild, the U.S. will run out of money before he does.

To satisfy Clinton's desire for demonstrating his power is not worth the life of one American man, and the millions and millions of dollars wildly wasted could better serve many needs.

When even Congress has not as yet approved his actions and the majority of American people oppose him, any president with integrity would back off.

His ridiculous ambition to ape the accomplishment of George Bush in Desert Storm shows glaringly the shallow character of a boy sent to do a man's job.

Economy has to be protected

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

In the past few months we have seen and read the news stories about the financial crisis in Asia.

Concern over the worldwide impact of this collapse has led to calls for action by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is starting to prop up these economies so that the backlash doesn't hurt the world economy. Now, the IMF wants \$18 billion from the U.S. to replenish its reserves.

It started back in the fall of last year when the currency of several Southeast Asian nations tumbled. Then several of the Asian stock markets fell drastically. Almost all the economic experts believe that this is something we should watch closely.

There is no getting around the fact that our world is interconnected through trade and finance. The U.S. has benefitted from being a leader in world trade.

The question is how much will the turmoil in the Asian markets affect us here in America. There is some disagreement on this.

Many experts believe that if we were going to be hurt by the Asian crisis, it would have happened already. Others think that the worst is going to happen as these countries start pumping out more cheap exports to spur their economies. This could hurt U.S. manufacturing, exports and financial markets.

Most all of us would agree that we should do what we need to protect our economy. But giving more of our tax dollars to the IMF may not be the way to do it.

If the IMF is simply going to bail out foreign bankers, condone corruption, and reward sloppy financial habits, then we should have none of it.

As Americans, we know that failure is part of the equation. When we fall short, we have to pick ourselves up, learn from our mistakes, and continue on our way. What penalty will the Asian countries pay for risky economic policies?

If the IMF doesn't have good answers to this question and make an argument for these funds then we should tell them no.

The bottom line is that we need to protect the U.S. economy and the U.S. taxpayers first. If the IMF or other actions will help us then we should seriously look at them. But, if it's just another window dressing effort by those who think the U.S. is the world's piggy bank, then we should forget it.

Congress should ask tough questions and make firm demands in the weeks to come as it considers the IMF's request.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

A man came to Brackettville about 35 years ago. He has been an integral part of the community since that time. He has served well in public office.

For many years, he was an able and efficient county clerk. In later years, he has served well as justice of the peace.

Few men are his equal in devotion to family. He is an ideal husband and an outstanding father. He reared two exceptional sons.

In later years, he was devoted to his grand children. Few men are his equal in the depth of his devotion to them.

Sided by a fine wife, he has proved himself to be exceptional. He is warm-hearted and friendly. Surely, Alvin Hall is an Unsung Hero.



*Big Mama
Sez!*

*No one is useless in
this world who
lightens the burden
of anyone else.*

Workshop Dates - Fort Clark Art Club

Date and Times	Workshop	Instructor - Cost
Feb. 27, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Oil Painting: Bluebonnets on a Landscape	Viva Walker \$38.50
Feb. 28, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.		
March 14, 9 a.m.	Wearable Art: Painting on a T-shirt, sweatshirt or chambray shirt	Edwina Gaebler \$15 with own supplies; \$20 with paints and brushes provided
March 20, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Portraits: Use the medium of your choice	Frances McMaster \$25
March 21, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.		
Visiting Hours at the Art Club on Monday and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.		
Marie Coburn, 563-2038		Mary Batey, 563-2916

Hamburger Cook-Out!!



This Saturday, February 28, 1998 at 12:00 noon, at the Mary Flores Market. Come and meet Cynthia Stafford candidate for Justice of the Peace.

Habra una preparacion de hamburguesas en la tienda de Mary Flores en la calle Spring el 28 do Febrero al mediodia. Venga y conosca a Cynthia Stafford.

Paid political advertisement by Cynthia Stafford, P.O. Box 1256, Brackettville, Texas, 78832.

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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.

Early voting is underway

Early voting for the March 10 Democratic Primary election is underway and officials are expecting a banner turnout.

As of Wednesday afternoon, 116 Kinney County citizens had voted in person during the first three days of early voting.

In addition, 62 ballots have been sent by mail and 43 have been returned. The last day officials will accept applications for ballots by mail is March 3.

"It's been a very good turnout," County Clerk Dora

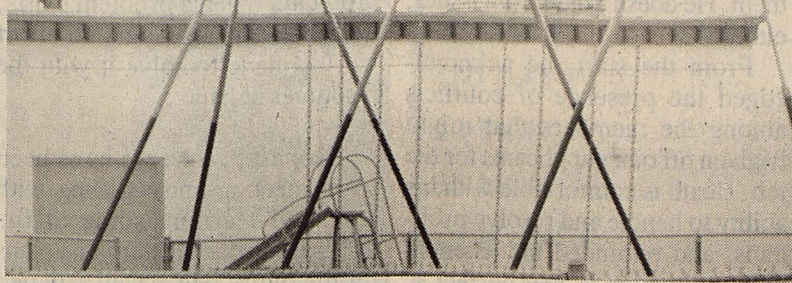
Sandoval said. "A lot of people are coming out to vote because of all the local candidates on the ballot. They're showing a pretty good interest in the election, which is good."

Early voting continues through March 6 on weekdays, from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., in the County Clerk's office at the Courthouse.

Citizens are reminded to bring their voter identification cards with them when they go to vote.



Someone recently painted graffiti on the building next to the pool (above), but city workers quickly removed the vandalism (below)



School prepares for TAAS writing

It's TAAS writing time for Grades 4, 8 and 10 in Texas. That means that each child in those grade levels will be given a writing prompt and told to proceed to write the Texas way!

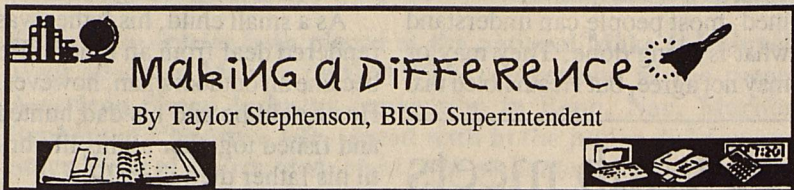
We have good teachers at BISD, and writing has been a strength in elementary, middle school and high school.

Another reason for the success in writing is that our staff takes the responsibility for the teaching of writing. In other words, writing teachers know who is to teach what, and they work hard to get that done.

Our kids will do well this year because we have good teachers and because they teach an articulated curriculum.

By the way, a year ago our kids scored the following in TAAS writing: Grade 4, 87.1 percent; Grade 8, 84.6 percent; and Exit (Grade 10), 97 percent.

Athletic Director Search
In interviews for our head coach and athletic director, the top 10 candidates had an opportunity to visit Brackettville, Fort Clark Springs, and Brackett ISD. They



were impressed with all that they saw.

Our school facilities have been vastly improved in the past 10 years.

I believe that the major improvement started with the remodeling of Jones Elementary and the building of the Middle School and cafeteria.

The district progressed to the point of building an all school library. We added an alternative school, an all weather track, baseball and softball fields, and new lights for all of the fields.

In the planning phase are four new tennis courts and the academic wing at BHS.

These facilities have helped in our quest for excellence.

Along with checking out the facilities, the coaches have looked at the wonderful climate and the availability of housing.

When Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs are combined, we have enough housing and great recreational facilities.

I hope that all of our political entities - the county, city, schools and Fort Clark Springs - will always cooperate in trying to provide for the needs of the people that we serve.

There was much more to talk about in the interviews, but I just wanted you to know some of the reactions.

New Traffic Light

Have you noticed that we will soon have a new traffic light on Highway 90 at the intersection of the highway and Ann Street?

I believe that the light will make for safer access to and from downtown Brackettville from Highway 90.

There have always been con-

cerns about the folks who pull off the highway before getting to Ann Street and instead of turning on Ann, they cross it. Whoa! This one will wake you up.

When you're on the highway turning right to the school and suddenly someone in your right lane crosses Ann from an access lane, it's really a dangerous intersection. I hope that the new light will help us be safer at this intersection.

Improving the District

We're doing fine at BISD this week. It's nice to have a payday. Every payday is a reminder that the school system pays my salary through taxes, and that each day I should try to improve the school district.

I won't please everyone in my approach. Above all, I have to satisfy myself that I have done things today that make this school district better.

Don't forget the Friday night concert of bluegrass music at 7:30 p.m. in the Kinney County Civic Center.

Have a great week!

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, February 17
9:45 a.m., Johnny Dee Fremon, 60, of Del Rio was arrested by Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess for telephone harassment. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Fremon was released the same day after posting a \$500 cash bond.

Wednesday, February 18
9:55 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported a minor traffic accident in the Bank and Trust parking lot. Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the scene.

11:00 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that a Ford Escort was racing back and forth on Second Street near the projects. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He met with the driver of the vehicle, who said he was not used to a standard transmission and that was why he spun out in the gravel.

11:05 p.m., A Brackettville

woman reported that two dogs were missing from her residence on Patrick Street.

Thursday, February 19
1:41 p.m., Continos Hester, 20, of Kenosha, Wis., was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Hester was released the same day after paying a \$236 fine.

1:48 p.m., Kara Lane Jasinski, 22, of Lakeville, Ill., was arrested by Trooper Ashley for possession of marijuana. Jasinski was booked into the Kinney County Jail where she is still being held.

11:50 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported loud music near the corner of Veltman and Brown streets.

Friday, February 20
2:00 p.m., Deputy Guidry met with city and school officials about vandalism at the city pool and at the school. School officials had a suspect, but officials said the ju-

venile denied any involvement with the graffiti.

9:40 p.m., A domestic disturbance was reported at the Super S parking lot. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene.

9:49 p.m., Benito Herrera Talamantes, 20, of Brackettville was arrested for public intoxication by Deputy Chism. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Talamantes was released the next day after paying a \$100 fine plus time served.

10:24 p.m., A Brackettville woman requested that a deputy keep an eye on her business because she had heard noises at the building the night before.

Saturday, February 21
11:30 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported loud music near El Paso and Gove streets.

Sunday, February 22
12:48 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported a bunch of juve-

niles yelling and fighting on W. El Paso Street. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene but was unable to locate anyone.

3:40 a.m., Border Patrol officials reported a one-vehicle accident on S. Macy Road, adding that a person was trapped inside the vehicle. Deputy Chism, EMS officials, and members of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched to the scene.

10:27 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported that a dog almost bit her son. Animal control officers from the city of Brackettville were notified.

1:55 p.m., Leo Kininsky, 22, of Del Rio was arrested by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie on outstanding DPS warrants out of Kinney County. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Kininsky was released the same day after paying a \$303 fine.

8:52 p.m., Visitors at the Kinney County Jail reported a fight outside.

Fort Clark Springs Arts & Craft Fair
Saturday, March 7th,
9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Service Club
For more information contact: Jo Workman
P.O. Box 1571, Brackettville, Tx 78832
(830) 563-2606 or Adult Center (830) 563-2024.

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Free Bar-B-Que with Live Music
March 9th, 6 pm til 8 pm, at the Kinney County Civic Center
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Clara McCord, left, and Hazel Ivey were selected as Valentine Sweethearts for Brackettville's two Beta Sigma Phi Chapters.

Local sororities honor Sweethearts

Two Beta Sigma Phi Chapters of Brackettville honored their chosen Sweethearts earlier this month at a dinner party at the Los Moras Inn at Fort Clark Springs. Husbands of members also attended.

Clara McCord and Hazel Ivey were announced as the Valentine Sweethearts.

The sweethearts were given a shower of gifts by their sorority sisters, and all the members present were given a gift from their secret sister.

Nancy Frerich, president of Theta Sigma Chapter, Pam Melancon, president of Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter, pre-

sided over the program.

A moment of silent prayer in honor of Betty Inman was observed followed by the invocation by Doraline Keller.

Appropriate decorations gracing the tables were provided by the decorating committee — Hazel Ivey, Evelyn Whitley, Jan Peck, Betty Mathison, Flo Stafford, and Barbara Miller.

A delicious meal was served by Barbara Simmons and her efficient helpers.

Lynn McNew sang the lovely song, "So In Love," by Cole Porter.



Members of Cub Scouts Pack 257 include, from left: Cullen Duncan, Stanford Conoly, Seth Frerich, James Gass, Israel Muniz, Austin Shewbart, Tommy Garcia, Michael Stephenson, Webelos Scout Miles Braesicke and Cub Scout Leader Drew Duncan.

Cub Scouts take advantage of weather

Bear and Webelos scouts of Cub Scout Pack 257 recently took advantage of spring-like weather conditions and went fishing along Las Moras Creek.

These scouts have recently been working on different achievements and activity badges.

The Outdoorsman Activity Badge requires young boys to

learn skills such as how to rig a fishing pole and knot tying.

Cub Scout Pack 257 renews its charter this month and is looking for volunteer leaders.

The pack is also accepting applications for boys in Grades 1-5 who are interested in becoming new Cub Scouts.

For more information, call 563-9695.

Briefs ...

Goebel receives degree from Texas Tech

LUBBOCK — Brackettville's Edward Goebel was one of more than 1,700 students at Texas Tech University to receive degrees during 1997 fall commencement exercises. Goebel received his bachelor of science in civil engineering.

Sponholtz to address local historical society

The Fort Clark Historical Society has announced that Fort Clark resident Pat Sponholtz will be the speaker for Saturday's meeting at 10 a.m. in the Palisado Building. New members are welcome.

Sponholtz, the daughter of long-time Fort Clark residents Sid and Jo Sponholtz, entitles her talk "Glittering Misery — the Story of Army Wives on the Western Frontier."

Daughters of the Republic of Texas meet

The Caddell-Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas met last Thursday at Las Moras Restaurant with 25 members and six guests attending the luncheon and monthly meeting.

Following the luncheon, the group met Larry Mendeke for a tour of the Fort Clark Museum. He then toured them through the Palisades Building, Adult Center and Wainwright House. Next on the schedule was a tour of Ben and Rozetta Pingent's beautiful home. Pingent is a Son of the Republic of Texas.

Castleberry addresses DAR group in Uvalde

Dr. Judy Castleberry, director of the Texas Educational Service Center for Region 20, was the guest speaker at the Daughters of the American Revolution's monthly meeting in Uvalde on Saturday. Local members attending were Jan Chism, Hawkins Huey and Pat McKelvy.

Schlatterer hosts local sorority meeting

Betty Schlatterer was hostess for the Laureate Epsilon Iota sorority's meeting last Thursday. Flowers were presented to the sorority's Sweetheart, Nakai Breen. Schwandner won the hostess' gift. Jean Summers presented those present with hand made dish cloths.

Heath addresses Rotary Club

Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Jim Heath, Fort Clark Springs' new general manager, was the speaker at last Thursday's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting.

Heath is not hard to get to know or hard to reach. He's rather folksy — a Texan from the word go. He likes people and interacting with them. He doesn't hide from issues, either.

From the start, he acknowledged the presence of conflicts among the members that might frighten off other applicants for the job. Heath is comfortable with his ability to handle and resolve problems, and reminded his listeners that no situation is ever perfect.

He feels that living here is a joy. Luckily for Fort Clark members, Heath had grown tired of cities and wanted to live in a more peaceful setting.

This remark was greeted with laughter, but he responded by saying that, given time, the points of

conflict should be able to be resolved. For every problem there is a solution.

In fact, he was taught as a child that if you kept faith and got out of the Lord's way, any problem could be solved in time.

Heath then asked for time to address the Fort's problems. He stressed that members would be heard if they saw something as a problem. When a problem exists, it will be addressed and an effort will be made to solve it with the resources at hand.

His past two weeks have been spent meeting and working with staff and learning some of the Fort's immediate history and plans for the future. He is well satisfied with staff members and says they are a "good crew."

The problems that exist are largely a matter of perception, he said. When the picture is examined, most people can understand what is being done. They may or may not agree, but Heath noted that

Fort Clark Bridge Club meets

By Joyce Bell
Contributing Writer

The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club held its weekly game Tuesday in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

There were eight tables playing, using the Mitchell Movement.

Fred and Nita Clayton won first on the north-south side, while Bob Barnett and Walt Geeze were second and Kelly Dennis and Betty Lee were third. Winners on the east-west side were Evelyn Whitley and Ann Molin. Joyce Bell and Alice Seargeant finished second and Mona Miller and Dena Scott took third.

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

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

Courtesy of his descendants

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 26, 1886

Marched on guard in a slight drizzle this morning. Went to office before guard mounting to explain absence from tattoo last night but Gen. Smith was not there. After guard mounting went back to office and explained. The General accepted my explanation but told Hall some arrangement ought to be made for giving an interval at these concerts so that officers can go to tattoo. Hereafter shall make it a point to take the call. Would have done so last evening but did not hear it in time to change my pumps, and did not want to go out on the damp ground in pumps. Mail brought letters from home from King and from Capt. Simonds. Changed clothes and wrote to King and Farber and after lunch to Forsyth. Read paper and Draper in the afternoon

and studied up some recent decisions on points in tactics. After dinner forgot sword and had to return from my quarters to Hewitt's for it. Stopped in at Capt. Vance's to tell him I was on guard and learned that he had won in his fight with Hall for Vernou's quarters. Ah glad of this for Hall had no right to them; if he had won Gen. Smith would have been very arbitrary in future in the quarter question. Capt. Vance is very much disturbed about turning Mrs. Hall out on account of their intimate friendship. It is all Hall's fault; he ought not to have been fast in moving in. Am very much afraid this will break up our pleasant whist club. Read Draper and dozed until after midnight when Officer of the Day inspected.

Saturday, February 27, 1886

Cunningham relieved me at guard mounting. Mail brought nothing but an advertisement for me. After guard mounting went over to town to get pay accounts cashed but was unsuccessful. Returned to garrison and after a few games of billiards with Geary got accounts cashed at store and paid

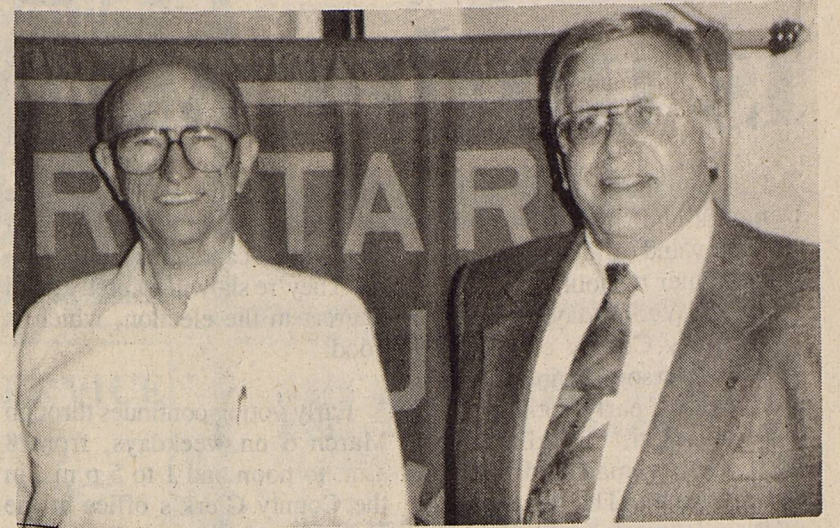
Geary for the loan he made me early in the month. After lunch went over to town to get some postal orders to pay Foltz for the socks and to renew Father's subscription to the Register. Learned that today was the last day for the payment of county taxes in this state and got Friedlander to send word down to have ours paid. The deed has not come up yet, but look for it every day. Paid a number of small accounts and then took a long and pleasant ride with Steele. After this wrote to Shunk and to the Register Co. in Washington enclosing postal order. Capt. Vance is Officer of the Day and took the calls. Sat with Miss Folsom a while before diner and accompanied her up to Mrs. Hall's, but she was out. After dinner went over to Gen. Smith's to get the name of a music book and listened to some good music played by Mamie Smith. Then wrote down to San Antonio to order this book of vocal duets and spent rest of evening at Col. Bliss' where he & I beat Town and Vance. Played until midnight and enjoyed the evening very much.

Sunday, February 28, 1886

Col. Bliss mustered and inspected the Infantry battalion this morning. Had charge of the company as Capt. Vance was on guard. The package of papers from home was my only mail. After inspection went over to the Library to look over the papers. Wrote usual letter home and took a bath. Spent a few minutes at Capt. Vance's and after going to the hospital for some quinine to stop a cold that is coming, took a long walk out by the target ranges. Read the papers from home until dinner time. Attended service as usual in the evening, escorting Mrs. Hall home. Miss Folsom, Miss Saunders and some others came, and we spent the rest of the evening singing. Sat on Mrs. Fechet's porch with Hewitt and Miss Folsom before church time.

Monday, March 1, 1886

The month commenced more like a lion than a lamb. Mail brought the music book from San Antonio with bill and a letter from home. Capt. Hall received the volumes of Draper for me. After mail came went out to the target range to see a match between two



Program Chairman Frank Cheaney, left, introduced Jim Heath at last week's Rotary Club meeting. Photo by Eric McMaster

there are always two sides to things.

Heath was born in El Paso in 1938. His family had moved there from Kentucky where they raised tobacco and bred Morgan horses.

As a small child, his father was rendered deaf from an illness. He became an outdoorsman, however. Heath said he and his dad hunted and fished together all his life until his father died in 1979.

A true Texan, members of the Heath family on his mother's side lived in the state for several generations — four to six generations — "according to who you believed," he added with a grin.

Looking back to the time when Texas fought for its independence means looking at 32 sets of grandparents, Heath said. His great-great-great-grandfather and his

two brothers fought for Texas Independence.

Heath is very proud of his immediate grandfather who was a Texas Ranger from 1878 to 1882. Heath can remember him vaguely.

"He was an old man, sitting on the porch in a black suit and hat. I sat in his lap, and he told me something, but I can't remember it," he said with regret.

In contrast to other males in the family, Heath said he isn't a horseman. He and his sister are the "city slickers" of the family. He experienced every other aspect of ranching and belonging to the 4-H, however.

When he and his sister go home for a visit, they are immediately given their share of the chores.

"None of these involve horses," he added with a wry smile.



squads from the company. Am very glad to see the men showing so much interest in firing. Returned before the match was over to see a Mr. Dean, the agent for Scribner's new edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica, and subscribed for it, one copy to come every two months at \$6 a copy. Don't know whether this additional expense ought to be incurred but hope to be able to pay for the whole set. After lunch went with Hewitt to Capt. Vance's to read over the French lesson. Bought a postal note in town and mailed it to pay for the music book. At four o'clock compared muster rolls. No dress parade this evening. After dinner the whist club met at Mrs. Hall's, where Hewitt and I had our usual success. Enjoyed the evening very much. Went in to see Miss Folsom a few moments after the game and then watched Steele start for Spofford Junction where he goes after Capt. Feche't who is expected tonight.

Tuesday, March 2, 1886

Had usual drill this morning. No mail came for me today. Tried a man before the garrison court after guard mounting and then went over to the Library to look over the papers. While there had a hard shower with thunder. Spent a few moments at Capt. Vance's after lunch and then wrote up proceedings of court. Read Draper and went over to town to buy a postal note but was too late as the office had closed. After dinner escorted Mrs. Williams to Capt. Vance's to the Cercle Francais where had a pleasant evening. The Captain gave us some fine refreshments. Called on Dr. Mu"hl, a contract doctor, at Steele's house before the Cercle. He came in last night with Capt. Feche't who is feeling better.

Wednesday, March 3, 1886

A slight drizzle did not prevent drill this morning. Had a hard rain after breakfast. When it slackened went over to town and bought a postal order for \$10 to send home. Mail brought a letter from Gardner, a receipted bill and an advertisement. After it came went over to town again to buy a postal note of \$2.22 which handed to Capt. Hall to pay for the volumes of Draper. Have exchanged these

with Remington for his set, as I wore the volume he lent me considerably and was ashamed to return it in that condition. Started to write usual letter home but was interrupted by callers. After completing letter home wrote a short one to Lula alone in regard to her engagement. Had dinner early today. After it went into Capt. Vance's a moment. Took retreat and then went to Mrs. Feche't's where saw the Captain a while. He is looking better than I expected to find him but he imagines himself to be worse than he really is. Sat for a short time down stairs and then went over to Gen. Smith's to return a music book to Miss Saunders and to sing some duets with her. Stopped for a short time at Capt. Vance's before tattoo where found Hewitt and we talked French. After the call read Draper and dozed.

Thursday, March 4, 1886

Had preliminary target drill this morning. Mail brought me the extra copy of the Army Register which shall send home to Father. While waiting for the mail which came late went into Capt. Feche't's and engaged to escort Miss Folsom to Capt. Vance's after lunch to practice some music. Sat a while with Capt. Vance before lunch. Had a very pleasant afternoon with Miss Folsom practicing vocal music at Capt. Vance's, Miss Saunders and Mrs. Cunningham coming in to assist for a while. Miss Folsom's voice is well trained and she handles it well, but it is not a sympathetic voice. Took a bath before retreat. After dinner sat a while on Mrs. Lyster's porch chatting with her. Later escorted Miss Folsom to her house where a number of musically inclined folks were assembled and had a small musicale. Some of the music was very good and other poor; but the evening was quite enjoyable.

But, I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall



How can I be me?

Last week was brotherhood and sisterhood week. I hope you hugged somebody.

I don't know exactly what we were supposed to do differently, but I'm sure somebody, somewhere, does. And maybe we did it. Perhaps it was simply being nice to people.

Anyway, there are two young ladies up at school who always make my day. They always greet me, and everyone else, with a smile. They have their share of trouble, but they never seem to be down or in a bad mood.

I can't keep my grouchy self intact when I see them. I just have to brighten up. If I resist, they just say, "Come on, sir. You know you want to smile!" They refuse to let me be disagreeable.

You know who you are, so just let me tell you that you're doing a great job of making this world a lot more cheerful.

Keep up the good work. It's fun to know you. But, I could be wrong.



Texas' two entries both placed at the national Make It Yourself With Wool or Mohair (MIYWWM) competition at the recent American Sheep Industry convention in Reno, Nev. Marijon Benham of Childress, left, placed sixth in the junior division and Stacy Wells of Jourdanton, right, was an honorable mention winner in the senior division. They were accompanied by Doris Haby of Brackettville, who is the Texas MIYWWM director.

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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."

The duo has an album entitled "Windy Days and Dusty Skies." They have seven originals on the 15 tracks interspersed with tunes by legendary Uncle Dave Macon and Western swing trail-boss Bob Wills.

Carr and Munde are music instructors in the country and bluegrass music department of South Plains College in Levelland, Texas.

The duo will appear in concert for students in all grades at Brackett ISD and Head Start earlier tomorrow afternoon. 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.



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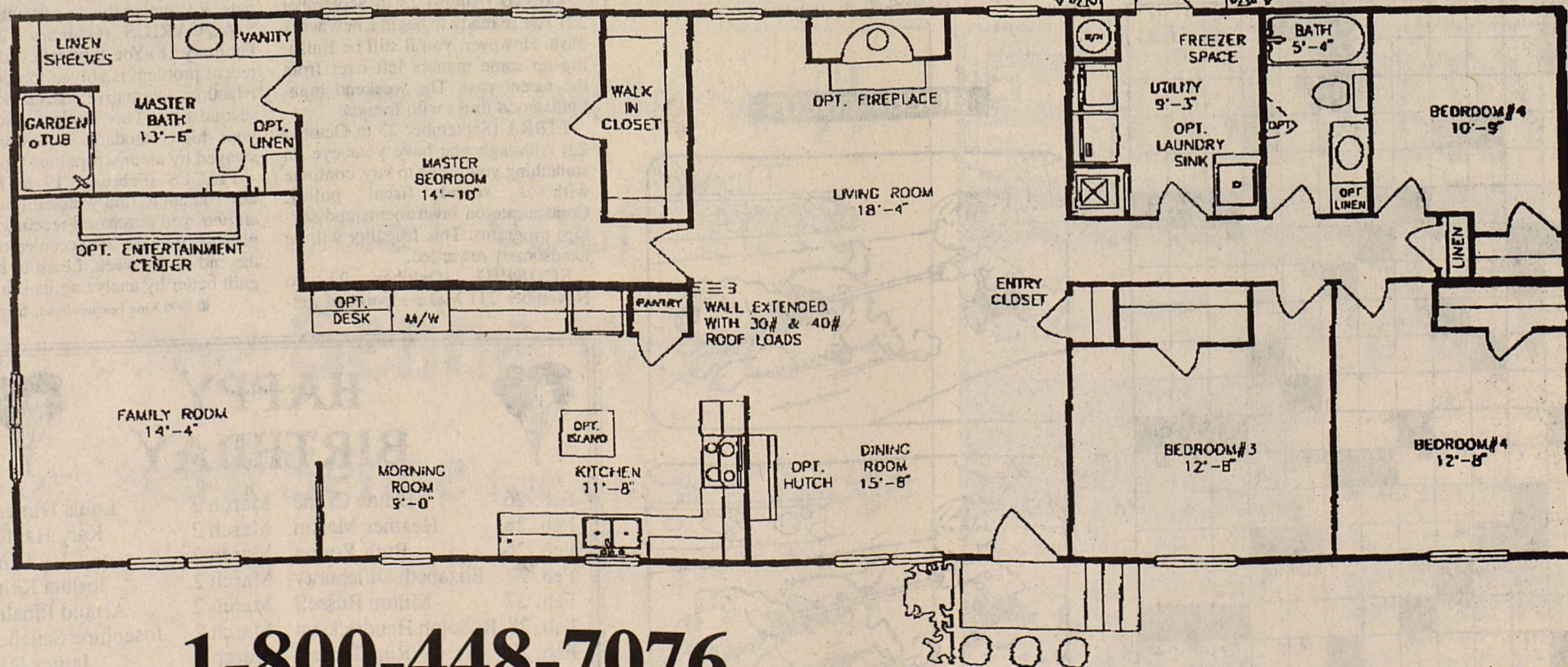
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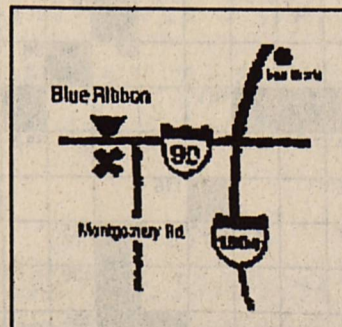
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 69 In-your-face item
 70 Disapproves, briefly
 73 Sanguine TV actor?
 76 Necklace part
 77 Monty's milieu
 78 Eva or Zsa
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 80 Ring material?
 82 Mrs. Jim Anderson
 84 Lowdown types
 86 Fit for a king
 90 Fuss with feathers
 91 Fashionable resort
 93 Red-hot receiver?
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 99 Shady character?
 100 "The Name of the Rose" title
 101 Crude cartel
 103 Change the decor
 106 Various
 109 Performer in the pink?
 114 Other, in Oviedo
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 117 Like a cold
 119 Government security
 123 Carl of "Cosmos"
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 14 Pie — mode
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 17 Church support?
 21 Hang out theme
 23 Mailer's "The — Park"
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 26 Draft material?
 29 Coup d'—
 32 "Three Men — Baby"
 34 Boss a waiter?
 35 Hot, in a way
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 83 Columbus' birthplace
 84 Thirteen, to a baker
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 126 Word form for "recent"
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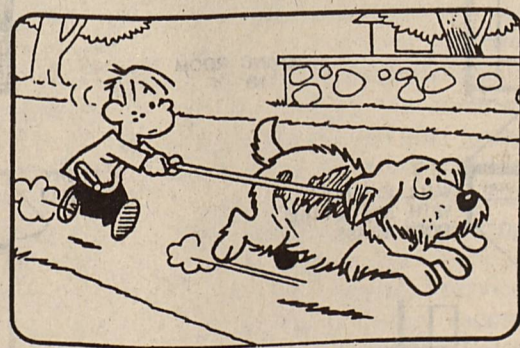
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
 Differences: 1. Lash is shorter. 2. Tail is lowered. 3. Wall is hidden. 4. House is missing. 5. Tongue is different. 6. Front paw is hidden.

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You could end up being the silent partner in an enterprise. Discord arises mid-week with a cantankerous co-worker. Ego considerations cause you to blunder into selfish behavior this weekend.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Career objectives will be achieved, but it's better to work from behind the scenes than to engage in pitched battle. Keep peace on the home front. Some are just looking for an excuse to argue.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The financial picture for you should be improving. In fact, you should be able to plan that special vacation trip you've anticipated. Family members are cooperative over the weekend.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You'll get your career on the right track this week. Still, further planning is needed. The weekend is relaxing and invigorates you for the week to come.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Loved ones should have a good time together, although the accent this week falls on home-based activities later on. Some could be burning the midnight oil this weekend with additional work tasks.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're ready to begin a new work push. However, you'll still be finishing up some matters left over from the recent past. The weekend highlights good times with friends.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Although you have your eye on something you'd like to buy, continue with a sound fiscal policy. Concentrate on investments and savings programs. This frugality will be handsomely rewarded.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Make a point of get-



ting good value for your money. A child accuses you of being inattentive. This weekend, it's best to be more aggressive with those who are overly dominant.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) More thinking is required before making a career move. You do not make a very good champion for your special cause because you're pushing too hard. This weekend, avoid raising controversial issues with loved ones.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your spending habits are inconsistent this week, alternating between cheapness and extravagance. If you can't get what your heart is set on, you tend to become indiscriminate. Recognize this to prevent it.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You'll be relieved that a recent problem is solved to your satisfaction. Alternative plans needn't be second best. This weekend, stick to your high standards and don't be swayed by an unscrupulous type.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You could find yourself returning an item you purchased recently. Still, pleasure pursuits are accentuated toward the end of the week. Learn to handle guilt better by analyzing its source.
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 26	Elaine Crane	March 2	Louis Dimery
Feb. 26	Heather Martin	March 2	Katy Hagler
Feb. 26	Ruth Young	March 2	Clay Hunt
Feb. 27	Elizabeth Dillahunty	March 2	Joshua Keith
Feb. 27	Milton Russell	March 2	Arnold Pinales
Feb. 28	Rudolph Hendrickson	March 2	Josephine Sanchez
Feb. 28	Ruth Lagow	March 3	James Day
Feb. 28	Dale Smith	March 3	Johnny Fritter
March 1	Betty Gaither	March 4	Melba Foreman
March 1	Antonia Pena	March 4	Vincente Lumberas
March 4		Trisha Smith	

Alexson, Salyer take top honors

Charlie Alexson and Walt Salyer took top honors Wednesday in the Men's Golf Association's two-man, select-shot tournament at Fort Clark Springs. The tourney featured 24 teams.

Alexson and Salyer won the First Flight with a team score of 62. They had an eagle, eight birds and one bogey.

Charlie Smith and Roy Dyer took second place with a 63, and the third place team was Bob Lee and Tom Beatty with a score of 64.

The Second Flight winners were Blake Hinton and Lyle Niel who finished with a score of 67.

Clarke Horning and Howard Peck claimed second with a score of 68. George Clark and Roger Stephens tied Harry Daniels and Glen Shepherd for

Golf Roundup

third. Both teams had 70s.

Bill Dunton and Alfred Pena won the Third Flight. They posted a score of 68.

Don Bell and Ruben Martinez were second with a 71 and third place went to Tom Faulkenberry and Allen McCord who had a 72.

Couples League: The team of Carol Benfield, Darlene Horning, Dale Kendrick, Charles Smith and Ken TeGrotenhuis combined for a 25 Monday to finish on top of a field of 45 golfers.

Four teams shot 26 to tie for second place in the scramble. Winning the chip-off was the team of Joe Johnson, Margo Kendrick, Stan Sommers, Wally Warm and Mylo White.

Tigerettes fall short to Marion

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

HONDO -- The Brackett Tigerettes were eliminated from the state high school basketball playoffs Saturday after falling to the Marion Lady Bulldogs, 59-27, at the Activities Center.

The Tigerettes finished second in District 30-2A. They close their campaign with a 16-11 record.

Marion lost to Poth, 69-43, Tuesday in the area playoffs. Poth and Comfort, the District 30-2A champion, will advance to the regional tournament. Comfort earned a berth in the tourney after defeating Fayetteville, 45-25, on Tuesday.

Katrina Rathburn scored 20 points to pace the Lady Bulldogs Saturday, and Stacey Riley had 12.

Marion jumped out to a 19-7 lead after the opening stanza and then outscored Brackett 10-9 in the second period for a 29-16 advantage at halftime. The Lady Bulldogs went on to outscore the Tigerettes 12-4 in the third quarter and 18-7 in the fourth.

Lindsey Brotherton was Brackett's leading scorer with eight points, Laura Lee Ballew and Hilda Aguirre each had four, La Toya Wright scored three, Jennifer Ashabanner, Jamie Bader and Samantha Payne all had two, and Patty Lopez and Tricia Robinson added one apiece.

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OUTDOORS

Rules and regulations differ by size of boat

With the warmer weather and spring approaching, I thought this might be a good time to review some of the requirements for boaters headed to their favorite fishing hole.

Rules and regulations differ somewhat by size of boat and each boat owner's situation. The following is a general listing of requirements.

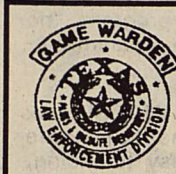
Your situation may be different. If you have a question about the rules or regulations and how they apply to you, please call me at the Parks and Wildlife Department before you put your boat in the water.

First of all, if your boat is required to be registered, be sure that you have done so and that it has a current decal displayed on the side next to the registration numbers.

In addition to the numbers and decals displayed on the sides of your boat, you are required to carry the certificate of number with you on the boat.

The certificate of number is the blue card, about the size of your driver's license that has the information about your boat on it. You get one when you register your boat or renew your registration.

Speaking of registration numbers on the sides of your boat, be sure that they are the right numbers and properly displayed. It should have the letters "TX" (if registered in Texas) followed by 4 numbers and 2 letters, such as "TX 1234 AB", and can be found on the certificate of number card



A Little On The Wildlife Side

By Henry Lutz
Kinney County Game Warden



you received when you registered the boat.

When I was stationed on the coast at Port Isabel, I once checked a boat that the registration number "TX 78520" displayed on the sides of his boat.

I was somewhat puzzled as to where he had gotten that number from. I asked him for his certificate of number card and looked at his address on the card. He had used his zip code for the registration number.

Check to see that you have the proper fire extinguishers on board and that they are properly charged and accessible. Check your life jackets and throw cushions. Be sure that you have one Coast Guard approved, wearable type, life jacket for everyone on board your boat. Check to see that it is in good condition and accessible.

On motorboats under 26 feet

long, a child passenger under 13 years old must wear a lifejacket at all times while underway or moving. This lifejacket must be one that fits the child, not an adult sized jacket.

Check your other equipment to see that it is working properly, such as boat lights, horns or whistles, flares (if required), rear-view mirror (if required).

Here is a checklist of other items you might want to have on hand or be sure that they are in good working order: spot lights or flashlights, paddles, anchors, ropes, batteries, tie down straps, bow lines, gas tank, gauges, bilge pump, boat plugs, oil reservoirs, gas and oil lines, trailer registration, lights, and tires.

When you are going out on the water, let someone know where you are going and when to expect you back, even what boat ramp or

launch place you are going to use. This saves time if or when problems occur and someone needs to search for you.

Another thing to check before launching is the weather report. Each year many boaters lose their lives or equipment or need to be rescued or searched for because they get caught in a storm or high winds. It is not worth risking your life for just a few hours of fishing. Not only do you put your life in danger when boating in bad weather, but you put the lives of your rescuers in danger.

Many people do not know that they can register their boat right here in Brackettville. They can do this at the County Tax Assessor-Collectors Office on the first floor of the Courthouse. Of course, you can also do it by mail through the Parks and Wildlife Department office in Austin at 1-800-792-1112.

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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 the service of 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.



