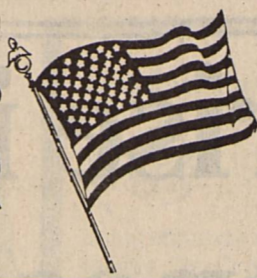


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MRGDC announces summer program

Students who are in good academic standing and are between the ages of 14 and 21 years old will have an opportunity to gather work experience through the JTPA Summer Youth Program.

The Middle Rio Grande Career Center is now accepting applications from students who are interested in a summer job. Eligible students will receive orientation on matters such as responsibility, work habits, teamwork, critical thinking, and they will be placed in jobs throughout the county.

"We feel that one of the best ways to prepare a young person for the future is to provide them with work experience," said Leodoro Martinez Jr., the executive director of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council.

"While we feel work experience is vital to a young person's development, we think education is equally important so we have designed a system to reward students who have fulfilled their academic obligations," he added.

If a student has passed all of their courses and are in good academic standing, they will be accepted into the application pool for the summer jobs. Graduating seniors will also have an opportunity to earn college credit.

For more information, visit the Middle Rio Grand Career Center at 201 E. Spring Street or call 563-2021.

Alamo cast and crew invited to reunion

Cast and crew members who worked on John Wayne's epic film "The Alamo," are invited to a reunion May 23-24 at Alamo Village Movie Location.

Alamo Village is the famed Southwest Texas movie set built by Wayne for his 1959 film.

Made from more than a million and a quarter hand-formed adobe bricks, the movie set -- the largest and most complete outdoor set in the world -- sits in the middle of the 30-square-mile HV Longhorn Ranch, owned by Virginia Shahan.

Shahan's late husband, "Happy," convinced Wayne that his movie on the Alamo battle had to be made in Texas, more specifically in Brackettville.

In the nearly 40 years since, more than 100 major motion pictures, television movies, mini-series, commercials and music videos have been filmed at Alamo Village.

Melancon, Montalvo win bids, Ford earns nomination for J.P.

Runoff results

DEMOCRAT

Precinct 2 Commissioner		
Joe Montalvo	199	68.2%
Flavio Talamantez	93	31.8%

Precinct 4 Commissioner		
Pat Melancon	156	55.7%
Paul O'Rourke	124	44.3%

Justice of the Peace		
John Ford	471	54.1%
J.E. Meil	399	45.9%

23rd Congressional District		
Charlie U. Jones	9,167	52.7%
Joseph P. Sullivan	8,235	47.3%

REPUBLICAN

Attorney General		
John Cornyn	136,258	57.9%
Barry Williamson	99,056	42.1%

Appeals Court, Place 1		
Mike Keasler	131,786	62.7%
Vicki Issaacks	78,357	37.3%

Appeals Court, Place 2		
Cheryl Johnson	106,124	51.1%
Harvey Hudson	101,478	48.9%

One incumbent Kinney County commissioner was re-elected and one lost in Tuesday's runoff, and a justice of the peace was selected after surviving a previously crowded race.

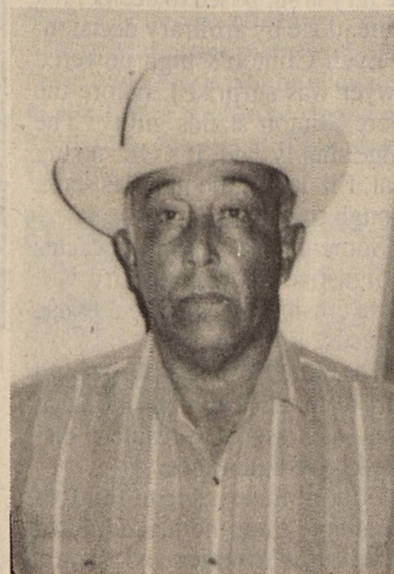
In the runoff for the Democratic Party's nomination for Precinct 2 commissioner, incumbent Joe Montalvo defeated challenger Flavio Talamantez 199-93.

Talamantez won the right to be in the runoff when his name was drawn after he tied for second place, behind Montalvo, with Dennis J. Slubar in the March 10 primary.

That tie for a runoff spot was the first in Kinney County history as Talamantez and Slubar each got 86 votes. Montalvo garnered 158 votes.

In the Democratic Precinct 4 race, incumbent Paul L. O'Rourke lost to Pat Melancon. O'Rourke finished with 124 votes and Melancon had 156.

In the race for justice of the peace, John Ford beat J.E. Meil

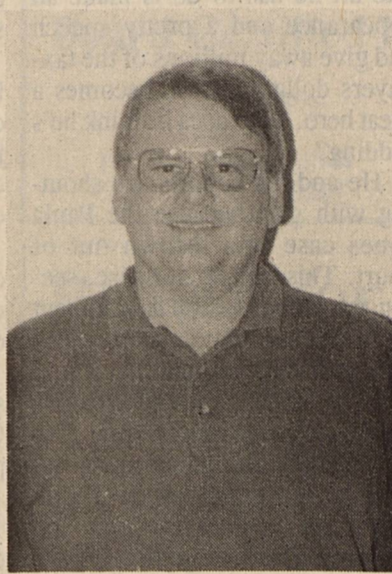


JOE MONTALVO

471-399. Incumbent Judge Alvin Hall did not seek re-election.

Ford and Meil were in the runoff after emerging as the top vote-getters from a field of six candidates.

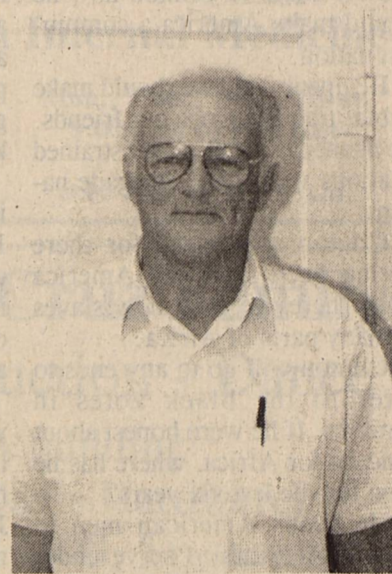
All Democratic primary winners are virtually assured a position, since no Republicans filed.



PAT MELANCON

In the Democratic runoff for the 23rd Congressional District, San Antonio lawyer Charlie Urbina Jones defeated Joseph P. "Joe" Sullivan.

In the November general election, Jones will face incumbent Republican Henry Bonilla, who is seeking a fourth term.



JOHN FORD

Jones, won in most of the sprawling 29-county district. His final margin of victory was 53 percent to Sullivan's 47 percent.

In Kinney County, however, Sullivan had 399 votes, or 59 percent, and Jones finished with 282 votes, or 41 percent.

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Joy Ralston, right, welcomes Patricia Taylor of Rio Grande Electric to last week's open house at the Middle Rio Grande Career Center. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Council denies request to close Fulton Street

The Brackettville City Council unanimously agreed Monday to deny a request to close Fulton Street.

Brackett Independent School District officials made the request to close Fulton Street, between Ann and Ellen streets, at last month's City Council meeting.

Without discussion Tuesday night, City Councilman J.J. Guidry made the motion to deny the request and Alderman Wes Robinson seconded the

motion. Guidry, Robinson and Mary Flores all voted for the motion. Alderwoman Tencha Pena was absent.

The school district is in the planning stages of building an academic wing on the Guidry property, which is located across Fulton Street from the high school annex.

At a public hearing earlier this month, School Board President Lloyd Lee Davis said the only reason for the request was "the safety of the children."

County considers housing 4-H animals at task force building

The Kinney County Commissioners Court may turn the drug task force building into a youth development facility, which could house up to 75 livestock.

The Kinney County Youth Development Association (KCYDA) approached the commissioners Monday with a lease proposal for the building at the county's monthly meeting.

The local group is asking for a 50-year

lease, without monetary payments, except construction costs for improvements made during that period.

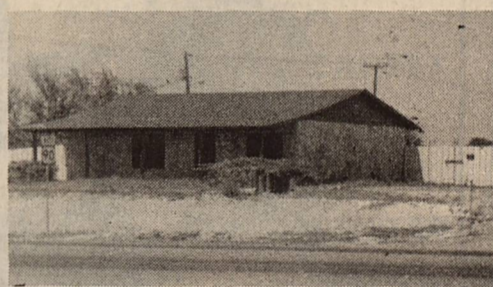
At previous meetings, commissioners have said they intend to sell the vacant property, but the county has yet to advertise it to the public.

KCYDA officials said the building would allow more local youth the opportunity to raise livestock projects.

"What we're trying to do is put something there that will give any kid the opportunity in this town that wants to raise a project to do it," said Jimmy Ballew, vice chairperson of the KCYDA.

"Kids, in the past, said they can't have a larger animal project because they don't have any place to put them. This would give them a place to put them."

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TASK FORCE BUILDING

Ward: Economic development leads to community revitalization

Tourism is a low impact means to economic development, which leads to community revitalization, according to Diana Koch Ward.

Ward was the speaker at the Brackettville Rotary Club meeting last week. She has studied business administration at Our Lady of the Lake in San Antonio and has owned businesses in San Antonio, Boerne, Del Rio and Brack-

ettville. Ward described Rotarians as community leaders and urged the members to stir up interest in their businesses, organizations and associations to feel the need for economic revitalization.

She asked what could be done to improve the community.

"The first priority in revitalizing our community is to create

economic opportunities, jobs and work for all residents," Ward said. "The creation of jobs provides a foundation on which residents will become economically self-sufficient and communities can revitalize themselves.

"Opportunities for entrepreneurial initiatives, small business expansion and training for jobs that offer upward mobility are key elements for providing economic opportunity and direction. The creation of jobs is the first critical step toward the creation of a livable and vibrant community where human initiative work and stable families can flourish."

Economic development can only be successful, however, when there is a comprehensive strategy for physical development, as well as human development.

"A community where streets are safe to walk, the air and water are clean, housing is secure, human services are accessible, and where a vital civic spirit is nourished by innovative design is a community that can be a source of strength and hope to its residents," Ward said.

"Texas is called the 'Friendship State.' Let us live up to that name. Every day we must remember that we are important ambassadors. We are the Texas Hospitality Committee."

Diana Koch Ward



Diana Koch Ward, left, is welcomed to the Rotary Club meeting by President John Ford. Photo by Eric McMaster

When members of a community band together to promote economic development, they can create and build a program where everyone gains. This requires a broad section of the community be involved.

"The road to economic opportunity and community development starts with broad participation by political and governmental leadership, community groups, religious organizations, and the private sector," she said. "The residents themselves, however, are the most important elements of revitalization."

Ward stressed that communities can not succeed with public resources alone. Private and non-profit support and involvement is critical to the success of a community seeking revitalization.

Everyone must work together to insure that resources are coordinated, flexible, and delivered in a timely fashion. Pro-active planning is required -- acting in anticipation of future needs, changes or problems, and taking control of circumstances rather than letting circumstances take control of you.

Ward said that a well planned economic development program establishes an entity to link public, private and non-profit sectors together for decision making and investment in revitalization projects. In this way, all sections of the community can work together collectively rather than competitively. All interests are heard and addressed in a cooperative spirit where everyone can win.

She said a great way to revitalize the community is to work with what you already have.

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INSIDE

Joe Townsend

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Golfers advance

Brackett's golfers qualified for the regional meet Monday after the Tigers won the boys' District 30-2A crown. Sports/Page 5

Chuck Hall

Things seem to disappear around me. I have lost enough tools to equip a garage that would be the envy of mechanics. Lifestyles/Page 7

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No surprise in the Paula Jones case

There has never been a slicker operator than Bill Clinton. He went to Africa to get away from continual revelations of adultery and sexual misbehavior. To curry favor he promised to hand out millions of taxpayer dollars.

He toasted and feted Mandela, even though Mandela berated the U.S.A. and told Clinton how he should make America a communist nation.

He openly said we should make Lybia, Iraq and Cuba our friends. He blamed the U.S.A. for strained relations with these renegade nations.

Clinton apologized for there having been slaves in America when there are even now slaves in many parts of Africa.

Clinton will go to any ends to cater to the black votes in America. If he were honest about concern for Africa, where has he been for the last six years?

He sends American men to Bosnia for years to serve under the U.N., yet in Africa tribes slaughter thousands of men, women and children, and he said

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



not a word.

Now in his arrogance he feels like all he has to do is make an appearance and a pretty speech and give away millions of the taxpayers dollars and he becomes a great hero. Who does he think he's kidding?

He and his cohorts are shouting with glee because the Paula Jones case was thrown out of court. This was no surprise, seeing the judge was once a student of his in-law school and has been a close friend for years.

In her court, some time back a woman was awarded several million dollars for harassment not nearly as egregious as Paula Jones. And besides, the judge did not say Clinton was innocent, she simply said that what he did was not a crime.

In this day of liberal judges, the

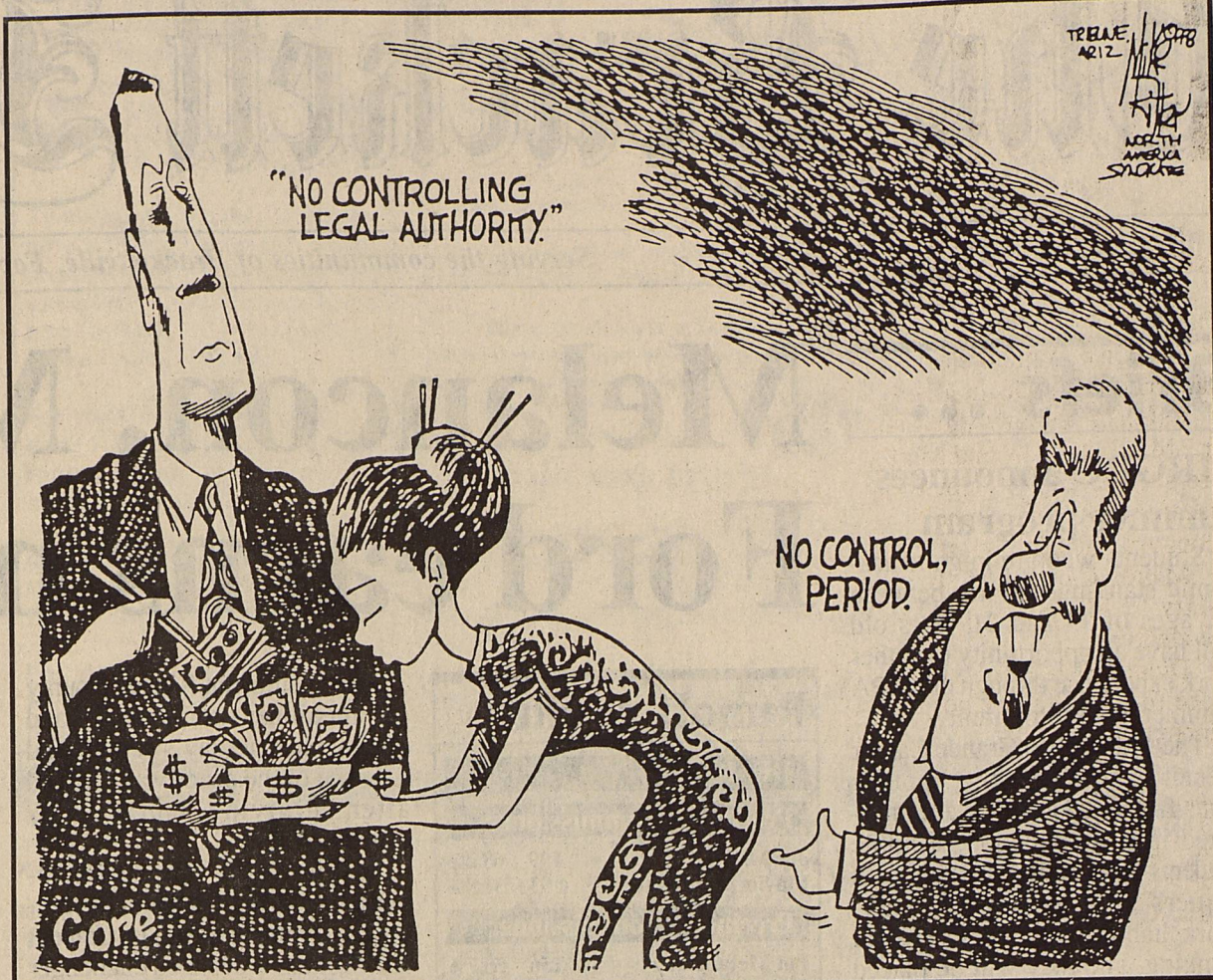
judge makes the law to mean what the judge wants it to. In America the jury is supposed to decide, not some judge by arbitrary decision.

Even Clinton's high powered lawyer was surprised, before the court Clinton stands guilty. The judge simply said, It's OK, no big deal. I'll decide, no jury has sense enough to decide.

Some day these long tentacles of injustice and immorality will come crashing down like a house of cards.

The American people should start to think. The very idea that Clinton is a good president displays gross ignorance.

I find it impossible to think of one single thing he has done for the good of America and I could write a book on the things he has done and is doing to the detriment of the U.S.A.



The federal government has gone fishing again

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

Well, they're at it again. The federal government is positioning itself to step on the rights of private property owners in Texas.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is moving forward with their proposal to add the Devils River Minnow to the Endangered Species list. They tell us not to panic just yet — at this point it's just a "proposal."

But we all know what happens almost every time the Fish and Wildlife Service sets a plan in motion.

They tell private property owners they are only "considering" adding an animal to the Endangered Species list. They spend thousands of your tax dollars conducting surveys and soliciting comments from locals. Then they go ahead and push their agenda anyway, without regard for the concerns of private property owners.

It's the standard "we're only thinking about it" line, but every time they even think about it, they do it.

The number of Devils River Minnows in the Devils River is not as high as it once was. What the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service glosses over is that there are still large numbers of these fish in West Texas and Mexican waterways.

Apparently, part of the reason for the lower number of minnows in the Devils River is that small-

mouth bass in that same river find the Devils River Minnows quite tasty.

It's unbelievable that landowners near the Devils River will have to pay the bill for the ill-mannered bass' dinner. But that's exactly what will happen if the Devils River Minnow is added to the Endangered Species list.

This is a classic example of the federal government once again jumping in and ignoring the rights of landowners in Texas.

The people of South and West Texas have cared for their land and their environment for generations. Bureaucrats in Washington can learn a lot from these folks when it comes to forming a plan that protects wildlife in these areas.

Landowners near Devils River are continuing to work diligently with the Texas Park and Wildlife Department (TPWD) to come up with a conservation plan for the Devils River Minnow. Landowners and TPWD officials have held meetings and conducted surveys to determine the current status of the minnow. In addition, 50 Devils River Minnows were taken from the San Felipe Creek for captive breeding.

We must protect the rights of landowners in Texas. The federal government has no business demanding that Texans alter how they use their own land, especially just to accommodate a minnow that will probably end up as a snack for a smallmouth bass anyway.

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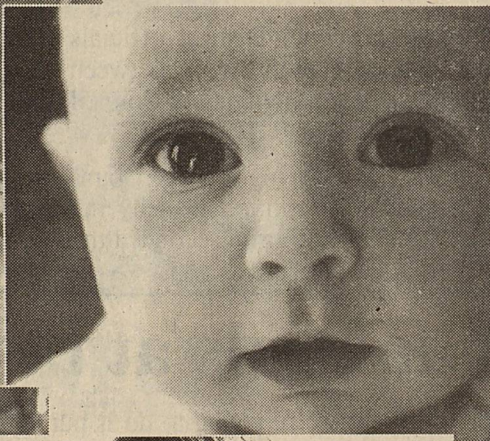
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Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

It is and has always been the purpose of this column to high and extol individuals whom I feel worthy of commendation. If there is any individual who takes offense at what I have said, I'm sorry. My intent is always to uplift and praise people.

Today, I want to turn the spot light on the pastor of St. John's Baptist Church. Rev. Bill Adams is truly an outstanding servant of the Lord. His ministry extends far beyond his congregation.

He is called on to drive people to San Antonio and elsewhere more than any man I know and many times it is gratis.

He seeks and finds many ways to be of help to the needy. At present, he is in the process of building a small place to accommodate transients and needy for a short time haven of care.

He did an outstanding job when he preached at the Easter Sunrise Service. He is a sweet spirited servant of man and God with a deep passion for anyone in need.

If ever there was an Unsung Hero, Rev. Bill Adams qualifies near the top of the list.

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Early voting underway in city, school elections

Early voting began yesterday for the May 2 Brackettville City Council and School Board elections. The early voting period will continue through Tuesday, April 28.

The City Council election features a five-candidate race for a vacant alderman's position.

Ralph Gonzalez, Alex Longoria, Martin T. Luna Jr., Mindy Slubar, and Martha E. Ward McDonald are seeking the city council post, which has been vacant since Tino Gomez's resignation last month. Longoria and Slubar are both write-in candidates.

Mayor Carmen M. Berlanga and Alderwomen Mary V. Flores and Tencha Pena have all filed for re-election.

Diana Koch Ward will challenge Berlanga in the race for the mayor's position. Flores and Pena are unopposed.

Early voting for the city election is being held on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at City Hall, located at 119 W. Spring Street.

In the School Board race, trustees will be elected to fill three expiring three-year terms and one unexpired term with one year remaining.

Incumbents Lloyd Lee Davis Jr., Gloria Garcia and Darlene Shahan have filed for the three-year terms.

Sara Terrazas has also filed to run for one of the three at-large positions.

Jim McDaniel has filed for the unexpired term. He was appointed to the board last year following Jimmy Bader's resignation.

Early voting for the school election is being held on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the BISD Central Office, located at 400 Ann Street.



Cinco de Mayo King and Queen candidates include Jorge Rodriguez and Gracie Terrazas (above), Katherine Vasquez and Nat Terrazas (below), and Maria Mata (not pictured). The King and Queen will be crowned at the Cinco de Mayo dance on Saturday, May 2, at the Kinney County Civic Center.



Super S Manager Ponce Padron (from left) presents \$100 donations to Patty Lopez, Marty Payne and LaToya Wright, who will participate in the European Community Cup tournament. Super S has welcomed back Manolo Rosas Jr., right, as assistant manager. The three Brackettville girls have accepted an invitation to participate in this summer's European Community Cup basketball tournament in Brussels, Belgium. They are currently trying to raise money to get them to Belgium. Raffles, cake walks, bake sales, and more are being held to raise the necessary funds. The girls will help represent the United States when basketball teams from California and Texas compete against high school teams from throughout Belgium. The athletes will travel to Belgium on July 27 and return to the U.S. on Aug. 3. For more information or to make a donation, call Lopez at 563-2891, Payne a 563-9032, or Wright at 563-2951. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Public Notice

The Brackettville city water supply will be shut off on Thursday, April 23, at 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. Friday, April 24, for the installation of a new pressure pump.



BUSINESS

Breen to bless new corporation

Nakai Breen has invited the public to a ceremony Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at Chesequah Inc. (Cowboys and Indians), a non-profit organization located in the old Mattie Hyberger home at 502 N. Ann Street.

"I will have a ceremony or what will be a blessing of the building," said Breen, executive director of Chesequah Inc.

The ceremony will include a flag ceremony in the Kiowa tongue, a pipe ceremony in the Coushatta tongue, singing by different tribes, and a prayer by an Alabama medicine man.

Breen said her new corporation "is a dream come true for me."

"We will run a small restaurant only to supplement the museum and to keep it going, and let the museum expand to bigger educational programs."

"My main concern is the children of today and I would like to talk to them about the damages that are done to them by corruption such as drugs, alcohol, inhalants and abuse," Breen said.

"I myself have never drank liquor, drugged or abused anybody, but I worked for the Kickapoo Indians out of Eagle pass and I saw the damage it did to some of them."

"I am planning to speak to the parents about the children. I will talk about preservation of nature. I will talk about herbs and their purpose. I plan to have Indian

speakers, Indian basket makers and weavers. I plan to set teepees on the back yard and wicki-ups and a complete Indian camp.

"My organization has no intentions of competing with anybody in town," she said. "The museum will represent all my work I did with the Kickapoo Indians for 45 years. I will have a cowboy museum and I will teach the children some of the old rigs that were used in the old days."

The business will be open to the public May 11.

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CCSWT, Inc. Head Start Program will accept pre-registration Applications at the Head Start center for children in Brackettville beginning April 13, 1998.

Children must be 3 years of age on or before September 1, 1998. Please bring copies of your child's birth certificate and proof of the family's annual income; 1040 tax form, W2, etc.

Head Start serves children with disabilities.

El programa de Head Start tendra registraciones para el año escolar 1998-99 en el centro de Brackettville empezando el día 13 de Abril. Niños necesitan tener 3 años cumplidos antes o el día 1 de Septiembre. Favor de traer copias del certificado de nacimiento del niño y prueba de ingresos de la familia; Forma de impuestos 1040, W2, etc.

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Sheriff's Report

Thursday, April 9
8:05 p.m., A Brackettville man reported wreckless driving on W. Fulton Street.

10:30 p.m., Deputy Chism was dispatched to Unit 7 in Fort Clark Springs in reference to a disturbance. A woman reported that a boy had hit her son in the face.

Group seeks use of task force building

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According to County Agent Robert Elledge, students who live at Fort Clark Springs can not have animals at their residences, so the new facility would increase 4-H participation.

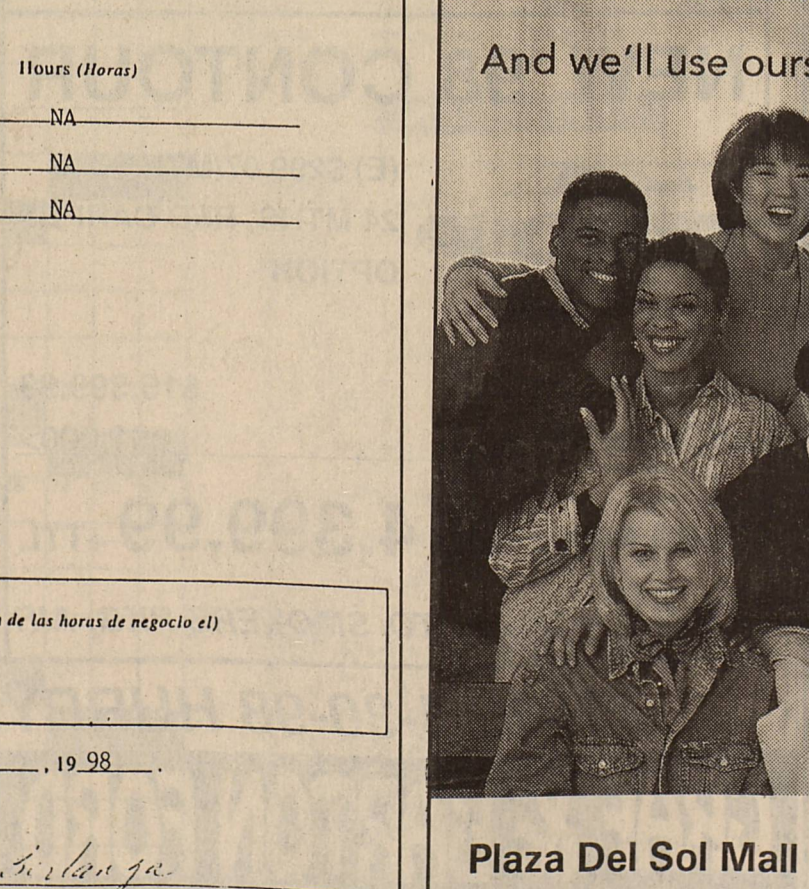
whole lot less with an existing structure than if we start and go from the ground up.
'We wanted something where the kids can get to it easily on a daily basis if they have animal projects there,' she said.

'The 4-H is really booming,' she said. 'We've got a lot of things that we're really trying to do but, unfortunately, it's very hard without a facility that is specifically for not only the 4-H, but for the service clubs.

cerned about the location.
'I agree with the project,' Precinct 1 Commissioner Freddie Frerich said. 'I think's a great idea. The location is the only thing I'm (concerned about).'

Obituary Virginia May Williams

Virginia May Williams, 86, of North Sand Branch Road, West Virginia died Saturday, April 11, 1998, at her home following a long illness.



Justin Berry (from left), the District 4-B representative for the Texas Department of Public Safety Officers Association, presents a \$1,500 donation to Brackett School Board President Lloyd Lee Davis as Superintendent Taylor Stephenson looks on.

Ward discusses economic development

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Long term revitalization establishes capable businesses that use public services and create tax revenues for the community.

letic teams and schools. Chains send profits out of town.
'Local businesses provide an extremely stable economic foundation as opposed to a few large businesses and chains with no ties to stay in the community,' Ward said.

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Cornyn upsets Williamson in A.G. contest
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In a stunning upset, John Cornyn defeated Barry Williamson in the runoff for the Republican nomination for Texas attorney general.

Briefs ... Brackett golfers qualify for regional tournament

Netters claim district

UVALDE — The Brackett junior high tennis teams claimed the seventh and eighth grade titles Monday at the District 30-2A meet.

In the eighth grade division, Brackett finished with 88 points. Center Point was second with 40 and Comfort had 16.

Suzanna Davis and Duquesa Hunt took first place in girls' doubles, while Michelle Bizzell and Erika Meyer were second.

Amanda Ward claimed second place honors in girls' singles, and Lee Davis was second in the boys' division.

In boys' doubles, Levi Duncan and Fabian Farias were first and Carl Dalton and Manuel Madrid took second.

The seventh graders finished with 86 points, Center Point tallied 34, and Comfort had 24.

Ashley Antoine and Shena Meyer won the girls' doubles title and Nicole Mata and Brittany Moore were second.

Vanessa Castillo was second in girls' singles, and Boyd Brotherton took third in boys' singles.

Jessie Davis and Phillip Munoz claimed first place honors in boys' doubles, and Jake Bostick and Doug Sanchez finished second.

Hardin, Kury, Waller, Young win Rotary title

Joe Hardin, Roger Kurz, Beth Waller and Bob Young combined for a 57 to win first place Saturday in the Rotary Invitational golf tournament at Fort Clark Springs.

Second place went to Charlie Alexson, Bill Mitchell, Taylor Stephenson and Jane Young. They shot a 59.

Carol Benfield, Mitch Frerich, Hoagy Nelson and Ron Ring claimed third place after posting a 60.

Brackett lights it up

DEL RIO -- The Brackett Lights had five players score in double figures Saturday as they picked up a 99-71 win over the Merger in Del Rio City League basketball action at the Ramos Center.

Ricky Creel paced Brackett with a game-high 26 points and Clay Hunt scored 24.

Mark Crawford had 21 points, Gary Grubbs pitched in 13, Richard Slubar had 12, and Steve Clementz added a three-pointer.

The Lights resume action Sunday as they face the league-leading All-Stars at 4 p.m.

Brackett's golfers qualified for the regional meet Monday after the Tigers won the boys' District 30-2A crown and the Tigerettes finished second at Fort Clark Springs.

For the second straight year, Chad Neuman won first medalist honors, pacing the Tigers to the championship. The senior shot a 72 Monday, and finished with a 150 for the tournament.

The district event featured rounds of golf at Fort Clark Springs, Devine and Fredericksburg. Individual scores were based on the top two rounds. All three rounds were computed in the team standings.

The Tigers finished the tournament with a score of 1,021. Natalia was second with 1,078.

Natalia's Eddie Tijerina was the second medalist with a 152, and Brackett freshman Jarrett Harrison was third with a 155.

Rounding out the Tigers' scores were Nat Terrazas with a 170, Aaron Taylor with a 190, and Brian Collier posted a 191.

Comfort won the girls' title with a score of 1,380. Brackett finished with a 1,410.

The top girls' medalist was Comfort's Becky Hunter with a



Brackett's golf teams qualified for the regional meet. Standing, from left: Brian Collier, Nat Terrazas, Aaron Taylor, Jarrett Harrison and Chad Neuman. Kneeling: Tina Meek, Samantha Perez, Cherrise Ward and Jennifer Ashabanner. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

score of 191.

Brandi Petty, also of Comfort, was second and Brackett's Jennifer Ashabanner finished third. Both girls had a 221, but Petty won a one-hole playoff.

Samantha Perez helped the Tigerettes with a 227, Cherrise

Ward had a 235, Tina Meek finished with a 243, and Savanah Massingill had a 251.

The Region IV-2A meet is April 27-28 in San Marcos. The boys division will be held at Quail Creek Country Club and the girls will compete at Aquarena Springs.

Lady Mustangs end Tigerettes' playoff hopes with 11-9 victory

NATALIA -- Sue Collins and Lee Ann Stinson both scored in the top of the sixth to lead the Natalia Lady Mustangs to an 11-9 win over Brackett Friday, closing the door on a playoff berth for the Tigerettes.

Natalia clinched the District 3-2A softball title with a 5-1 conference record. D'Hanis will also advance to the playoffs after finishing second in the league with a 3-3 mark. Brackett and Charlotte were both 2-4.

Freshman Erika Garcia (3-4) pitched all six innings for the Tigerettes. She gave up four earned runs while walking three batters and striking out two.

"Erika pitched great," Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin said. "She pitched well enough to win, we just didn't give her the defensive support she needed."

Stephanie Terrazas had a 3-for-4 plate performance, and Lindsey Brotherton was 3 for 5.

Natalia 11, Brackett 9	
Brackett	Natalia
ab r h bi	ab r h bi
Terrazas 2b 4 0 3 3	Alvarado c 3 2 0 0
Bithrin 1b 5 2 3 2	Rodrigz p 4 2 2 1
Garcia p 3 1 2 0	Stinson cf 4 3 1 1
Lopez ss 3 1 0 0	Collins 1b 4 2 2 1
Melanc c 4 0 1 1	Mendoza rf 3 0 1 0
Wright 3b 4 0 2 1	Sims 2b 4 0 1 0
Eckenrd rf 2 1 1 0	Perez 3b 3 0 0 0
Payne rf 1 0 0 0	Rodrigz 3b 1 0 1 1
Robinson lf 3 2 1 1	Estrada lf 2 0 0 0
Aguirre cf 3 2 1 0	Gonzalez ss 4 2 3 0
Totals 32 9 14 8	Totals 32 11 14 4

LOB - Brackett 8, Natalia 6. 3B - Terrazas, Collins, Stinson. 2B - Brotherton, Terrazas, Rodriguez. SB - Terrazas 3, Brotherton 2, Eckenrod, Wright, Rodriguez 2, Stinson 2, Alvarado, Mendoza.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Brackett	6	11	11	4	3	2
Natalia	4 1/3	11	8	7	5	3
Alvarado	1 1/3	2	3	1	0	0

Brackett ends its season with an 8-8 overall record.

Four netters advance

UVALDE — The Tigers claimed second place honors at the District 30-2A tennis meet Tuesday, and four Brackett netters qualified for the regional meet.

Caleb Crumley, Chris Petrosky, Lionel Ramos and Brittany Shewbart will compete at the Region IV-2A tournament, which will be April 29-30 in San Marcos.

Crumley clinched a regional berth in boys' singles after finishing in second place. He lost to Comfort's Chase Woerner in the finals, 6-1, 6-0.

Crumley defeated teammate Schiller Hill 6-4, 6-0 in the second place match. Hill finished third.

Petrosky and Ramos finished second in boys' doubles. They were defeated by Dilley's J.J. Neves and Grayson Wilmeth 6-4, 4-6, 7-5 in the finals.

Brackett's Colby Crosby and

Tony Rubio advanced to the third place final, but lost a 5-7, 6-3, 6-0 decision to Oscar Olivarez and Johnny Rodriguez of Dilley.

Shewbart won a regional berth in girls' singles after defeating Center Point's Carrie Duckworth 6-4, 6-1 in a match for second place.

Brackett's Amanda Petrosky won her opening round match, but then lost to Duckworth, 6-0, 6-1.

In girls' doubles, April Crumley and Tiffany Eckenrod won their first match, but then lost in the semifinals to Dilley's Terry Benavidez and Kristina Gulick, 6-3, 6-3. Benavidez and Gulick finished second.

Brackett's other girls' doubles team, Connie Castro and Molly Montalvo, lost in the first round to the eventual champions, Shelly Rios and Mary Villarreal of Dilley, 6-3, 6-4.

Wolves edge Tigers, 6-5

DILLEY — Brackett racked up 12 hits but couldn't overcome 10 walks and three errors Monday as the Tigers lost a 6-5 decision to the Dilley Wolves in District 30-2A baseball action.

In conference games on Tuesday, Charlotte edged Comfort 8-7 and Natalia shut out Center Point 10-0.

Charlotte and Comfort are tied for first in the district with 4-1 records and they have a one-game lead over Brackett, who is 3-2. Dilley and Natalia are both 2-3 and Center Point is 0-5.

Michael Meyer was perfect offensively Monday, going 4 for 4 against the Wolves. He had a double and drove in a run.

"Michael Meyer had a great game at the plate," Tigers coach Gary Grubbs said.

Rene Luna and Jorge Rodriguez both went 2 for 4. Luna scored one run and drove in two more.

Dilley 6, Brackett 5	
Brackett	Dilley
ab r h bi	ab r h bi
Meyer p 4 0 4 1	Aguliar 2b 3 1 1 1
Luna ss 4 1 2 2	Lumbrs 3b 3 2 2 0
Rodrigz 3b 4 0 2 1	Wilmeth c 2 0 1 1
Gjardo 2b 3 0 0 1	Obregon p 3 0 0 0
Woeilke c 3 0 0 0	Tetzlaff dh 2 0 0 1
Mann 1b 3 0 1 0	Lozano dh 1 0 0 0
Ballew rf 3 1 1 0	Flores rf 3 0 1 0
Baker lf 3 1 1 0	Perez cf 2 1 0 0
Sandovl cf 2 1 1 0	Gonzlz 1b 3 1 0 0
Gonzalz cf 1 1 0 0	DeLeon ss 2 1 1 0
Totals 30 5 12 5	Totals 24 6 6 3

One out when winning run scored. Game winning RBI - Aguilar. LOB - Brackett 6, Dilley 9. 2B - Luna, Meyer, Lumbreras. SB - Ballew.

The Tigers (14-7) resume district play on Tuesday as they host the Center Point Pirates at 7 p.m.

Track teams prepare for district meet

Brackett's track teams will compete in the District 30-2A meet this week. The junior high meet is today in Dilley and the high school meet is tomorrow in Center Point. "All of the kids have been working hard," Brackett coach Julie Bruce said. "We're real excited."

OUTDOORS

Courses offered to comply with new law

AUSTIN -- A new boating law is on the books that requires mandatory boater education for the first time in Texas.

The law directly impacts 13 to 15 year olds, however operators who are cited for operational violations may be surprised to learn that the slap on the wrist has been increased to include mandatory education as well as a fine.

In 1997, 14 percent of all water safety citations involved operational violations.

"This new law should encourage more people to take a boater education course which will make them more aware of the importance of safe boating and equip them to react to potential dangers on the water," said Carlos Vaca, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) boater law administrator.

Thirteen to 15 year olds who operate personal watercraft, vessels of 10 horsepower or greater, or sailing vessels over 14 feet in length are now required to pass a TPWD-approved boater education course in order to operate on public water alone.

Those under 13 years of age must be accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older in order to operate boats of 10 horsepower or more, windblown vessels over 14 feet in length, and personal watercraft.

New personal watercraft

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

(PWC) regulations include a new 50-foot rule which states that PWCs may not be operated within 50 feet of another vessel except at headway speed, which is defined as idle speed to maintain steerage on course.

PWC operators are also subject to new mandatory education regulations. All operational and personal floatation device (life jacket) violations will be subject to mandatory education in addition to a fine.

In response to the recent legislation, the TPWD has scheduled an unprecedented number of spring boater education courses.

"If you think about it, everyone should have a boater education course," said Tim Spice, boater education coordinator for TPWD.

"We'd love to see parents taking this course with their teenagers.

"We do recommend that people register for courses sooner than later. This is not like driver's education where you can take a class virtually anywhere at any time," he added.

In 1997, nearly 5,000 people

completed a boater education course taught by TPWD volunteer instructors.

Because of the new law, Spice expects that number to nearly quadruple this year.

"Because many of our courses are taught by volunteers, we do our best to schedule classes at convenient times and in a range of areas," Spice said.

"But there are folks who are not able to attend a class, usually because they live in an outlying area, and we're doing our best to make the class available in some form to all boaters."

Boat Texas offers a home study guide that includes a video, instruction and mail-in test.

Currently, the U.S. Power Squadrons and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary offer other department-approved courses.

The cost for boater education courses begins at \$13.

For information on boater education courses offered by TPWD, call 1-800-792-1112.

The schedule of TPWD courses is also available on the department's website at www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

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Probably the oldest of all present-day breeds of dog is the saluki, believed to have already existed as a breed in the Middle East at least 4,000 years ago.

THE SPATS
by JEFF PICKERING

Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Summarize
6 Like kids at Christmas
10 Good buddies
14 Master, in Madras
19 Terrier type
20 Bring down the house
21 Exclude
22 Old witch
23 LaBelle or LuPone
24 Kaiser's counterpart
25 Geraldine Chaplin's mom
26 Gram-marian's concern
27 Be a thief
28 Fall
29 More morose
30 He makes money hand over fist
31 Leisure activity
34 Basket
36 Mil. honor
39 Root for Ho
40 Sundial
42 Hit the books
43 Strangelove and Seuss: abbr.
46 Prep school

DOWN
48 On edge
50 Affresco theater
52 Patch up a pump
53 Leisure activity
55 Become more complex
56 Access
57 Learning method
58 "I could - horse!"
60 - alia
61 Lucille's hubby
62 Helicopter part
63 Author Capote
65 Link letters?
66 Leisure activity
68 Leisure activity
70 Machine disk
73 Like lemons
76 Obligations
78 Mama's boy?
82 City on the Allegheny
84 Not any, with "a"
85 Poorly
86 Imply
87 Slander
89 Leisure activity
91 Yacht spot
92 Popped up

94 Mess specialists
95 Chewy treat
96 Stocking stuffer?
97 Lion's den
99 Photographers' abbr.
100 Tricky stick? (attempt)
101 Pipe fitter's union?
102 Worked the land
104 Leisure activity
107 Cast one's ballot
110 Chihuahua chum
112 Nabokov's last novel
113 Sheena site
117 The Rolex of fiddles (uselessly)
119 Ornerly Olympian
120 Cockamamie
121 Georgia city
122 Daredevil Kniesel
123 Future of the present
124 Nick of "Q&A"
125 Tine
126 Medieval menial
127 SUNDANCE's sweetie

128 Odysseus or Onassis
DOWN
1 Moves like mad
2 Roman auxiliary?
3 Quote an expert
4 Take - at (attempt)
5 Leisure activity
6 Leisure activity
7 Summer shelter
8 Conductor Seiji
9 Eur. nation
10 Leisure activity
11 Romance
12 One-dimensional
13 Got cracking
14 Leisure activity
15 Piitdown man, for one
17 "Picnic" playwright
18 Oktoberfest offering
29 Attack
32 Close as abbr.
33 - tortie (bakery buy)
35 Grocer's measure

36 Threw down the gauntlet
37 Tantrum
38 Starts fishing
41 Spot in the sea
43 Nile feature
44 Split apart
45 Bergen dummy
47 Column style
48 Self starter?
49 Class
51 Max - Sydney
53 Big Three conference site of 1945
54 Five o'clock shadow
57 Violinist's need
59 "Jaws" setting
62 - room (family hangout)
64 Quick solution?
67 Leisure activity
69 Beethoven wrote one
70 Sky streaker
71 Texas landmark
72 Fracas
74 Nest eggs: abbr.
75 Wash or rinse, e.g.
76 The Cisco Kid's horse

77 New Haven hardwoods
79 One at - (singly)
80 Board
81 In any way
83 Word on a pump
86 Leisure activity
88 Patricia of "Hud"
90 Sonata movement
91 - War (racehorse)
93 Expands
95 Leisure activity
98 Carry away
100 Least limited
102 Rocky
103 '82 Barry Levinson film
105 Corday's prey
106 Uruguayan title
107 Siren
108 He was in tents
109 Enchilada alternative
111 Leisure activity
114 Drained
115 Kick in
116 Scallion's big brother?
119 Do Little work

MAGIC MAZE

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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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Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You will find yourself unsure of your mate, but don't press the issue. You're likely to get into a fight, so try to ride out this rough week stoically. All calms down by the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You are surprised at the lack of support from your family concerning your career plans. However, be prepared to stick to your decision. It's not necessarily wise to pick what's "safe."

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You feel ignored and taken for granted, but don't brood about it. Others are just too busy gearing up for self-improvements. It's not the week for being overly sensitive.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your penchant for helping others sometimes results in meddling. Try to be sensitive to that. Work is quite hectic for the most part. Use the weekend to catch up on rest.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You've been working hard lately, so go ahead and treat yourself to that dreamed-of extravagance. Someone you'd like to get close to won't respond to your romantic overtures. Bide your time.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This isn't the week for having things go the way you like. As a result, you might be short-tempered, so make an effort to lie low and be diplomatic. A weekend of family fun is fulfilling.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your mind seems to be wandering at work, and co-workers are resentful. Try to get yourself motivated again to avoid any unpleasant situations with bigwigs. The weekend is devoted to domestic chores.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Others have been finding your behavior overbearing of late. Although you may feel that you know better, it's wise to stop exerting so much authority.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The money you were counting on is not forthcoming, so you'd be wise to rethink your budget for the coming weeks. You're going to have to trim expenses. Perhaps your mate has a good suggestion.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't let that person who's disagreeing with you get on your nerves. Instead, take a different approach and listen to the ideas being offered. You could find a better way of doing things.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Someone in your family is causing you worry by spending too much money. However, avoid the temptation to offer a loan. This is one lesson that's going to have to be learned the hard way.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be certain that you keep your business life and your home life separate. If you've had an argument at home, leave it there. Avoid insisting on getting your own way.

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HOCUS-FOCUS

FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: Cup is reversed; 2. Star is moved; 3. Sleeve is shorter; 4. Hand is moved; 5. Cliffs are missing; 6. Shirt is different.

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April 17 Jean Seargeant
April 18 ... San Juanita Abrigo
April 18 Corina Muniz
April 18 Roxanna Payne
April 18 Marjorie Taunt

April 18 Wilma Yates
April 20 Calvin Oliver
April 20 Bobbie Schafer
April 20 Debbie Smith
April 21 Louis Baur
April 21 Severo Martinez
April 21 Inez Sheets
April 22 Debra Bauntello

But, I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall



I lose loose things

Things seem to disappear around me. I have lost enough tools to equip a garage that would be the envy of mechanics far and wide.

I once lost a set of keys walking down the hallway at school. Don't ask me how, because I don't know. They just vanished!

I have often wondered what future archeologists will conclude when they discover my tracks. Years from now, as they follow my wanderings, they will marvel in disbelief.

Who knows what theories they might propose to explain the strange array of items left at sites seemingly selected at random?

But strangest of all, last week after church, a friend remarked that in the crowd, he had lost his wife.

I loved his comment: "She was a new one tool!"

It's been close a couple of times, but I can honestly say that I've never had the experience of losing a wife.

And I thought that I was the record holder for unusual items lost.

Obviously, I was wrong!

Querecho Flats Politics going down hill

Well folks, the political situation in Querecho Flats has gone steadily down hill since the Women's Liberation Army in Kortman County declared war on old Arlo Farnstarter and myself.



Yep, old Arlo kinda stepped over the line just a little. And when he did it, he opened up a big old can of worms.

You see, old Arlo promised that if we were elected, we would have all them three star generals in the Women's Liberation army busted down to privates and in their place within 30 days after the election.

This promise generated some interest from the boys down at Mike's and a lot of interest from the women at the NOWTHEN headquarters.

The interest from Mike's got us almost \$23.40 in campaign contributions.

The interest from the NOWTHENS got old Arlo's septic tank truck blown smooth up and some rather interesting accusations thrown his way.

That one old gal, the mainest three star general, Harriet Legstrom (a.k.a. Hairy Legs) accused old Arlo of sexual harassment back in 1969.

Every one knew that couldn't

be true, simply because old Hairy was so cosmetically challenged no one would sexually harass her. Not even a ship load of sailors that docked after the bars had closed and she was the only woman on the pier.

It was a dark day in hard rock for old Arlo. You see, old Arlo had been sorta romantically involved with Samantha Scalebender (Louise Scalebender's second cousin on her mamma's side of the family).

Samantha wasn't no beauty contest winner, but she would help old Arlo in his job when it came to cleaning out septic tanks.

I don't care what anyone says, if you have a woman that will help clean out septic tanks, you can sure as hell look over the fact that the woman looks like a cross between Danny Divito and Trigger. And old Arlo was doing just that.

Any who, old Samantha heard about the charges and demanded to know the whole story.

There was no story. Or so we thought ...



Ralston, Weidenfeller announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ralston of Brackettville and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Weidenfeller of Fredericksburg announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children, Tia Ann Ralston and Ken Allen Weidenfeller.

Miss Ralston is a graduate of Brackett High School and Texas Tech University. She is employed with Child Protective Services in

San Antonio. Mr. Weidenfeller is a graduate of Fredericksburg High School and Angelo State University. He is employed with the Texas Department of Agriculture in San Antonio.

The couple plan a June 27 wedding at Marketplatz in Fredericksburg, Texas.

Ballew to receive scholarship

ATLANTA — J. Wayne Ballew, a senior at Brackett High School, will be starting college with some help from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. He is one of 153 high school seniors nationwide selected as a finalist to receive a Coca-Cola scholarship.

On April 23-26, the finalists will travel to Atlanta to partici-

pate in a national competition, where they will compete for 54 four-year college scholarships of \$20,000 and 100 four-year scholarships of \$4,000. While in Atlanta, the scholars will interview with a national selection committee, tour the city, participate in leadership seminars, and attend a banquet in their honor.

Meek awarded Carr Scholarship

SAN ANGELO — Christina Meek, a senior at Brackett High School, has been awarded a Carr Academic Scholarship at Angelo State University for 1998-99.

Approximately 300 Carr Academic Scholarships for 1998-99, ranging in value from \$1,500 to \$6,000, have been awarded to qualified high school seniors. During the current year, over 900

students from throughout Texas and the nation, as well as numerous foreign countries, are attending Angelo State University on Carr Academic Scholarships.

As a general rule, students must rank in the top 15 percent of their senior class and present either a combined math and verbal score of 1140 on the SAT or a composite score of 25 on the ACT.

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.

Friday, April 16, 1886

Had usual drill this morning. Capt. Vance has a hard cold and did not attend, leaving me in charge of the company. Made a trifling error, but was vexed to make it. Marched on guard. After getting matters straightened out, returned to quarters to change clothes and to get mail which brought an invitation to the wedding of Miss Fanny Weeks on the 28th inst. Knew her at Leavenworth as a very sweet girl, one who has been properly trained by a good mother, and feel sure that she will make a good, true wife. Hope she has made the right selection. Read Kathrina both before and after lunch until it was finished. This is the second reading in which new beauties of thought unnoticed at first have been revealed. After dinner tried on one of the new shirts that came today; it seemed to fit all right. Wrote letters to King, Geary and Gardener in the evening, and read Draper until I felt drowsy when slept until Officer of the Day inspected at 12-30 and then turned in for the night.

Saturday, April 17, 1886

The mail came before guard mounting and brought me a letter from home with usual bundle of papers and the bill for the shirts and cuffs just received. Hammond relieved me at guard mounting. After shaving and cleaning up, went over to town to pay express charges but nobody was in the office. Then went to Sutler's and got a San Antonio check to pay for the shirts and cuffs. Walked up with Mrs. Gillmore and Mrs. Kauffman and went into Capt. Vance's until lunch. After eating

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

Courtesy of his descendants

watered the grass a while, had hair cut and studied French after writing a letter and enclosing check to pay for shirts and cuffs. Capt. Vance took Mrs. Remington, Mrs. Hall and me out for a long and very pleasant ride, Hewitt and Miss Folsom following in his cart. Capt. Hall took retreat for me. Sat a while on Mrs. Hall's porch afterwards and then with Mrs. Hammond until tattoo. After this called at Gen. Smith's returning "Kathrina" to Miss Saunders. She has not a high opinion of the Army and from what many of the ladies say she is not well liked here.

Sunday, April 18, 1886

After usual Sunday morning inspection went to office for mail and got nothing but a bill for new cap and helmet trimmings which are en route here. Wrote letter home taking it to be mailed on way to lunch. Did not wait for Hewitt as he went out riding with Miss Folsom but ate lunch and then went over to Library to look over the papers. Later the quartet practiced for this evening. Watered the grass and read until dinner time. Attended chapel as usual in the evening, singing in the choir. The music went along all right, notwithstanding Miss Folsom was not in the choir. Escorted Miss Saunders home and read Draper until bed time.

Monday, April 19, 1886

Had target practice early this morning but it was too windy for good shooting. Fired two scores at 300 yds. but could not get a qualifying leg. After breakfast went down to Quartermaster's Office and worked on same tracings as before, as he has to make duplicates of them. After lunch put out the tennis set and played a while with Hammond when Hewitt brought Miss Folsom out and they joined in the game. Had to leave the game at two o'clock with Hewitt for our French lesson. Had dress parade as usual and then took a ride with Capt. Vance, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Fowler

being the ladies. Sat on Capt. Feche's porch with Miss Folsom and Hewitt until tattoo when went to Mrs. Lyster's and had a very pleasant visit with her until after ten o'clock, talking about old times at Leavenworth. Spent a few moments afterwards on Capt. Feche's porch. Mail brought a letter from Capt. Simonds this morning.

Tuesday, April 20, 1886

Went to target practice early this morning but did not fire on account of the poor day, it being very windy. Mail brought a letter from home. Worked all day at the tracings and almost completed them. Capt. Vance was Officer of the Day and took the calls. Sat for a while on Mrs. Lyster's porch after dinner and then went to get Mrs. Hall to take a walk but she was not at home. Had usual meeting of the Cercle Francais, probably our last meeting at Mrs. Gillmore's as she is to go North in a week or so and Capt. Vance wants us to meet at his house next. Played piquet with Hammond before and after the meeting.

Wednesday, April 21, 1886

Went out to target practice soon after reveille and did not get in until ten o'clock. Fired at 500 yds., and with several of the men completed the necessary scores for qualifying at this range. Now must work at 300 and 600 yds. and will then be a marksman. Had breakfast after the practice and then had the satisfaction of completing the tracings by noon. Mail brought an invitation to Henry Meyers' wedding one week from today. At noon saw Col. Towle who is on his way to Chicago to report to Gen. Terry as an aide. He seems to be in excellent spirits and said he enjoyed being at Eagle Pass. After lunch wrote on usual letter home and played tennis with Hammond and Hewitt. Completed letter after dinner. Made an engagement to play whist this evening at Mrs. Hall's, but a



promenade concert was suddenly announced for Duff who came in from Del Rio today. Did not want to give up the game but finally concluded it was best. So invited Mrs. Hall to go to the concert where had a pleasant evening. Am invited to dinner tomorrow at Mrs. Kinney's.

Thursday, April 22, 1886

A slight rain came up in time to prevent drill this morning. Intended to study French after breakfast but Duff came in and sat almost all morning. Enjoyed his visit. There is much more to him than to Steele, intellectually. It is unfortunate that he is kept out of Del Rio all the time for he is almost certain to stagnate there with nothing to do. Mail brought me only a postal card in reference to the French grammars ordered about two weeks ago from New York. Hewitt being on guard had the usual French lesson at the guard house. Was not prepared with a written exercise but knew the grammar. Spent most of the time in conversation and think it was much more profitable than former recitations. At five o'clock escorted Miss Saunders to Mrs. Kinney's to a very pleasant dinner party. Miss Jacobs and Steele, Miss Folsom and Duff and Morris Jacobs being the other guests. After dinner sat in the parlor chatting a while and then went over to Gen. Smith's escorting Miss Saunders home. The choir met there later for practice. While waiting for the other members talked and played a short time at whist with Gen. Smith against Col. Bliss and Dr. Town.

Briefs ...

Sorority members learn about birdwatching

Clara McCord discussed birdwatching Monday as she hosted the weekly meeting for the local Preceptor Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

McCord presented her program following refreshments and a short business meeting. She told of many of her experiences and had handouts to help those members that were new to birding. She also showed catalogues with items that would attract birds to yards.

Vicki Bell won the door prize.

McKelvey represents chapter at workshop

Pat McKelvey was Uvalde de las Encinas' chapter representative at Saturday's TSDAR Division VII Genealogical Workshop in Austin.

Conducting the workshop was a panel consisting of Mrs. John Ramp, Mrs. Travis Sheffield, Mrs. L. Winston Morris, and Mrs. Mark Kres.

Topics included where to look for your revolutionary war ancestor, what the census tells, archives and informational services at the Texas State Library, cemetery field research, and the importance of filing your pedigree charts, family group sheets and research logs.

Duplicate Bridge Club attracts six tables

The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club held its weekly game Tuesday in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Park Springs. There were six tables playing, using the Mitchell Movement.

Tina Bauguess and Ben Pingent won the north-south side, while Fred and Nina Clayton were second and Bob Barnett and Walt Geeze took third. Winners in the east-west side were Mona Miller and Dena Scott. Diana Daniels and Kay Roberts were second and Ann Legg and Evelyn Whitley finished third.

The missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints are now in Brackettville. They share a message about Jesus Christ and how you can come closer to him. If interested in hearing a 10 to 15 minute presentation or just discussing ideas, please call Elder Smith or Elder Eatchel at 563-3408.

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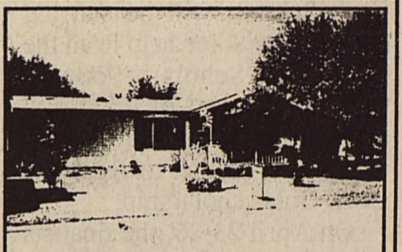
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Date of the first of three weekly publications of this notice: April 2, 1998 in The Brackett News.

1. Notice is given that the Texas Border Weather Modification Association, 232 West Strickland, Del Rio, TX 78840, 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. The Texas Border Weather Modification Association submitted an application for a Texas weather modification license on March 23, 1998.
3. The purpose of the weather modification operation is to increase rainfall. The period of the permit is May 1, 1998 through April 30, 2002. The proposed cloud-seeding operation may be conducted at any time during that time period.
4. The proposed weather modification operation is to be conducted for and on behalf of the Texas Border Weather Modification Association, 232 West Strickland, Del Rio, TX 78840.
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 Val Verde, Kinney, Maverick, and Terrell Counties, which is the target area; and those portions of the following counties within 30 miles of the outer boundary of the target area: Crockett, Sutton, Pecos, Edwards, Uvalde, Zavala, and Dimmit.
6. The area to be affected by the proposed weather modification operation is the target area. The target area is that described as Val Verde, Kinney, Maverick and Terrell Counties.
7. The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation are summarized herein: A licensed meteorologist will select cumulonimbus clouds or other appropriate clouds for cloud seeding using a weather radar display, standard meteorologist 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, TX 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. Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the operation contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting procedures, should call the TNRCC of Public Assistance, Toll Free at 1-800-687-4040. For more information concerning citizen participation, contact Blas J. Coy, Jr., Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087, (512) 239-6363.

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RELIGION

God's hand is touching Kinney County

By Pastor Charolette Corey
Gateway Ministries

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The only way to achieve this is by keeping our eyes on Jesus and not the waves, by focusing not on the problem, but on the answer... Jesus!

The living word of God has always given example after example of how to overcome circumstances with the power of God's living word.

As the word of God says, anything temporal or temporary (anything of or in this earth) is subject to Jesus and consequently, to change (Phil. 3:21).

Those of us who stand in faith knowing that God desires the very best for us, believe that God will achieve a positive change in our lives through the power of the Holy Spirit (the author and finisher of our faith).

God's hand is not too short and he is touching the community of Kinney County. People are being healed both spiritually and physically by the power of God's spirit in the name of Jesus. Strong prayer and fasting have gone up in behalf of this community for years. It is now time to see the results of God's redeeming word that does not return to him void.

Even as the cloud overshadowed the people

of Israel during their exodus or journey out of Egypt to the promised land, God is now spiritually overshadowing this community with his hand of protection.

Those who want to be blessed may simply move themselves in position under his "spiritual cloud" by believing and receiving Jesus as their lord and savior.

God's hand is moving similarly all over the world and moving his people to spiritually and physically "link arms together."

Through this, God is creating special places of sanctuary. God is calling forth an army of the "righteous." These are people who are covered by the "blood of the lamb" (Jesus!).

Come and be a part of us! Attend the church of your calling. Worship with those who stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love!

Easter brings 'great laughter'

By Rev. Sheree Harris
First United Methodist Church

That great preacher, George Buttrick, reminds us that Jesus refused the crown that the Tempter offered him in the wilderness, but he is king nevertheless.

Over and over again, Jesus is crowned in the hearts of believers, Buttrick said. "Among confession, and tears and great laughter."

How beautiful! How true!

All during Lent, and especially last week, we confessed what is in our heart that stands in the way of Christ's reigning there.

With tears of repentance and remorse, we shared Jesus' last supper and remembered his crucifixion and death. But with Easter morning comes the occasion of "great laughter."

The great laughter is that of relief. The worst is over. It is that of awe. How can it be?

It is that of pure delight. Because God loves again, Christ lives again. It is the sound of joy born of suffering. It bubbles up from way deep down within us and can no more be stifled than the tomb could be closed.

I pray that you will hear much laughter and that you too will laugh, for Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Continued life is important

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Easter shouts forth one distinct message, "Good-bye Death." When Jesus came forth from the grave it signaled to all the world that death no longer had "sting" nor "victory."

Who would want to live forever on this earth? Just to grow older and more feeble, more and more useless?

Continued life on earth is not all that important but continued life is. The continuation of our personality in a quality style of life is guaranteed by the resurrection of Christ.

We want to know our lives will not be snuffed out when the body dies. If Timothy 1:10 says, "Christ

Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light."

A prominent man facing death from inoperable cancer said, "I have a great life here but an even greater life in heaven either way I'm a winner."

The resurrection of Christ was no myth, it was a true happening. Every true conversion is a witness of the resurrection.

The living growing church is evidence of that resurrection. We cannot be surprised at his resurrection when we remember his life. To think God would allow such an one to be obliterated forever is not sane.

As Jesus conquered sin, death and the grave, he leads his own in shouting "Good-bye Death."