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Brackett blows out Center Point, 37-3
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Briefs ...

City to turn off water supply tonight at 11

The Brackettville city water supply will be shut off tonight at 11 p.m. for the installation of a new pressure pump. It will be turned back on at 3 a.m. tomorrow morning.

First Baptist Church hosts free dental clinic

The First Baptist Church of Brackettville will host a free dental clinic on Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The clinic will be held at the church, located on the corner of Ann and Veltman streets. Patients will be seen on a first come, first served basis.

League hosts barbecue

The Kinney County Little League will host a barbecue Saturday at noon at Rendezvous Park on Fort Clark Springs. Tickets are \$4 pre-sale and \$5 at the door.



Brent Smith, right, hands off to Demitreus Williams during Friday's sprint relay. The Tigers won the school's first-ever boys' district track title last week at the 30-2A meet in Center Point. See related story, Page 7. Photo Special to The Brackett News

Early voting turnout 'good' for elections

Election officials are reporting a "good" early voting turnout for the May 2 Brackettville City Council and School Board elections.

The early voting period will continue through Tuesday.

As of noon on Wednesday, 72 citizens had turned out to vote early in the School Board election.

"It seems to be a pretty good turnout," said Dixie Brown, a Brackett ISD early voting clerk.

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. The school district will be open on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for an additional day of early voting.

Debra Bland, an early voting clerk at the city, said 50 people had voted early as of Wednesday.

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. 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.

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DEA owes county \$5,900

The Drug Enforcement Administration owes Kinney County \$5,900, County Auditor Cordelia Barlow told the Commissioners Court during last week's meeting.

Kinney County has paid the salary for a deputy working for the DEA's Eagle Pass Multi-Agency HIDTA Task Force, but has yet to be reimbursed.

Barlow did say that the county has received overtime pay for the deputy from the DEA.

"The salary is being paid out of a HIDTA grant," she said. "To the best that I can understand, it's in channels, it's been approved, but the grant hasn't been formally approved yet for us to get the money. They did approve a supplemental grant, which is a certain percentage of the total grant."

Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess assured the commissioners that the money would eventually arrive.

"We're going to get that money," he said. "This grant that we're involved with is a real good grant. There's a very selective few that have been able to get into this grant. Maverick County can't even get in there."

Burgess said Kinney County, the city of Eagle Pass, U.S. Customs and U.S. Border Patrol are involved in the drug task force.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Paul O'Rourke said, "The thing that bothers me is we're getting what was in the contract, but we're not getting what wasn't written down in the contract."

Kinney County joined the task force last December, despite questions concerning the written agreement.

The document said the Sheriff's Office "will be responsible for establishing the salary and benefits, including overtime, for the officer assigned to the task force, and for making all payments due them."

"The DEA will, subject to availability of funds, reimburse the sheriff's office for overtime payments made by them to the officers assigned to the task force at an amount not to exceed \$8,414 per year per deputy."

O'Rourke, the only commissioner who was opposed to the task force, pointed out during the December meeting that the contract did not address paying the deputy's actual salary.

Seven Brackett students qualify for Saturday's regional academic meet

Seven Brackett High School students qualified for the Regional University Interscholastic League Academic Meet after finishing in the top three places in their respective competitions at the district level.

Jennifer Ashabraner, Windy Goodloe, Katy Hagler, Christina Meek, Amanda Petrosky, Aaron Taylor, and Cherrise Ward will be competing at the regional meet in San Marcos on Saturday.

The accounting team, made up of Hagler, Meek and Ward, took first place honors. Individually, Meek was first, Hagler was second, and Ward finished fifth.

Ward also won first place in editorial writing and was third in headline writing. Hagler was third in ready writing and fifth in headline writing. Meek took fifth in literary criticism and sixth in news writing.

Taylor, Colby Crosby and Alfred Rodriguez finished second in science as a team. Individually, Taylor won first in physics and Crosby was 10th in science.

The current events team of Crosby, Taylor and Michael Meyer finished in second place.

Goodloe was second in poetry and seventh in literary criticism. Petrosky finished second in informative speaking, and Ashabraner ■ See UIL/Page 3



Representing Brackett at the regional academic meet Saturday will be, top row, from left: Cherrise Ward and Christina Meek. Middle row: Amanda Petrosky, Jennifer Ashabraner and Katy Hagler. Bottom row: Windy Goodloe and Aaron Taylor.



The Lions Club recently made a donation to the EMS. Pictured are, from left: Bob Burkepile, Norma Conners, Gladys Buscher, Elaine Luna, Ricky Alvarado, Lou Sofaly and Don Bond.

Fort Clark Historical Society hosts 14th Annual Troopers Reunion over weekend

The Fort Clark Historical Society, in conjunction with the Fort Clark Springs Association, hosted the 14th Annual Troopers Reunion over the weekend.

The reunion reunited members of the 5th and 112th Cavalry Regiments and others who served at Fort Clark during the late 1930s and early 1940s.

The principal venue for the reunion was Fort Clark's historic Commissary Building, a familiar place to the troopers during their duty at the fort.

"About 25 troopers returned for this opportunity to reminisce with old Army buddies and tell the rest of us how things used to be here at old Fort Clark," said Frank Cheaney, president of the Historical Society.

"About 20 family members came with the troopers to join in the fun, and they were joined in many of the weekend's activities by interested residents of Fort Clark."

Saturday's events started with a continental breakfast for the troopers and their families, followed by a mule show presented by Rev. Ray Melton and a cavalry demonstration presented by a reenactment group from Lubbock and Snyder, Texas.

A barbecue lunch for about 150 people, prepared by Albert Payne and Beverly Wright, was served in the Commissary Building at noon.

After lunch, a large crowd was treated to a performance of bluegrass music by District Attorney Tom Lee's group, the Borderline Singers, and to a

melodrama presented by Jim Ryan's group of reenactors from Uvalde and Sabinal.

The day was capped off with many of the troopers, their families, and Fort Clark friends riding the trolley to Acuna for shopping and dinner at Lando's.

The final event of the reunion was the Fiddler's Green Memorial Service, conducted by Rev. Joe Townsend, Sunday morning at the Old Quarry Amphitheater.

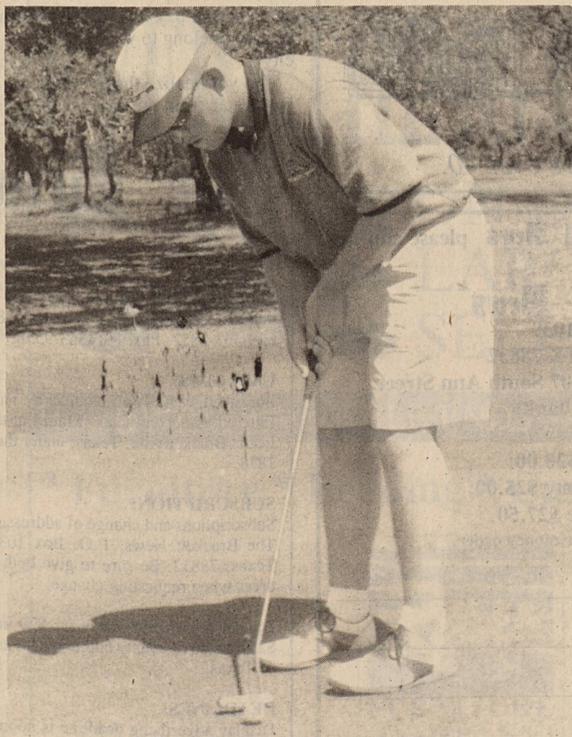
"Many thanks are due to Reunion Coordinator Larry Mendeke and the many people who volunteered their time to make this event such a success," Cheaney said.

"Due to the dwindling numbers of the troopers who return to Fort Clark for this reunion, the Historical Society has announced that this will be the last of the fully-sponsored Troopers Reunions, although these troopers and their families will always be welcome guests when they return to Fort Clark," he added.

The Fort Clark Historical Society will host its monthly meeting Saturday at the Palisado Building, beginning at 10 a.m.

Nakai Breen will present the program. She will be talking about the new Indian museum she is founding.

Members and guests are invited to come at 9:30 for refreshments and socializing.



Senior Chad Neuman won his second straight district title last week. Neuman and the Brackett golf team will travel to San Marcos Monday for the regional meet. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

INSIDE

■ Joe Townsend

I firmly believe if every person in the city realized what goes on with city government, people would force radical changes. **Opinion/Page 2**

■ Chuck Hall

The Democratic primary election is over. Soon the city and School Board elections will be too. I am saddened. **Lifestyles/Page 4**

■ Tigerettes win second

The Tigerettes had nine athletes qualify for regionals Friday after taking second at the District 30-2A track meet. **Sports/Page 7**

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Letters to the Editor

Officials more concerned with Fort Clark Springs' problems

While reading your article in The Brackett News' April 16 edition concerning the use of the Task Force Building, which is on county owned property, as holding pens for livestock, it struck a bad chord with my way of thinking.

The main thing that concerned me was that the people living in Fort Clark do not want to mar their community by installing such a facility on their property for their children. Would they be willing to provide passes for Brackettville children, who are non-members, to their facilities? I think not.

I have never been completely informed if the city of Brackettville has ever executed an ordinance pertaining to raising livestock within the city limits or if it has ever been enforced. If such a city ordinance does exist, wouldn't the county government be overriding that ordinance?

I have no children of my own, but I have always worked and supported the youth of Brackettville. My support has been serving as scout master, School Board president, and as a football and base-

ball official.

My concern is that our Brackettville and Kinney County officials are more focused with Spofford's and Fort Clark's problems than they are about our's here in Brackettville.

I think some concern should be taken to improve the looks of our community.

"Brackettville is such a nice town, but..."

A couple of years ago, I gave some School Board members my nephew's calling card to West Point. He has been very interested in finding a young man or woman in Brackettville to enter the academy. I have never heard if those cards were ever given to the counselor.

If any junior student is interested in attending West Point, they may contact Col. Michael Lindberg Jones, Admissions Director, West Point, N.Y. This is \$100,000-plus scholarship.

I would sincerely appreciate comments from our citizens that disagree or agree with me. After all, this is just my opinion.

Richard Olvera

Innocent until proven guilty

To Rev. Joe Townsend:

Mr. Bill Clinton was elected president of the United States, not once but twice. He was elected by the majority of the voters.

He has been accused of adultery. If he is guilty, he has to answer to God and his family, not to you or anyone else.

In this country, a man is innocent until proven guilty.

You, Mr. Townsend, have appointed yourself, judge, jury, and executioner.

As one of the leaders of this community, you should set a good example to our children. You are not. You are telling them that it is OK to be insulting and disrespectful.

The teachers of our schools have enough problems and violence in schools without you adding to them.

I have grandchildren in our local schools and I wish you would stop.

God bless you.

Roger Perez

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Spofford's 'Unsung Hero'

The time has come to recognize a person who has truly helped and loved her community in so many ways. There is so many times she has done so much and no one knows. So this is our time to let the world know that you, Ora Rodriguez, are our "Unsung Hero." You have done so much for the city of Spofford and Kinney County. You are truly a great lady. Thanks so much for all your help during the present and past years.

God bless you and yours.

P.S. We love you Ora. You are a super duper lady. Tootsie

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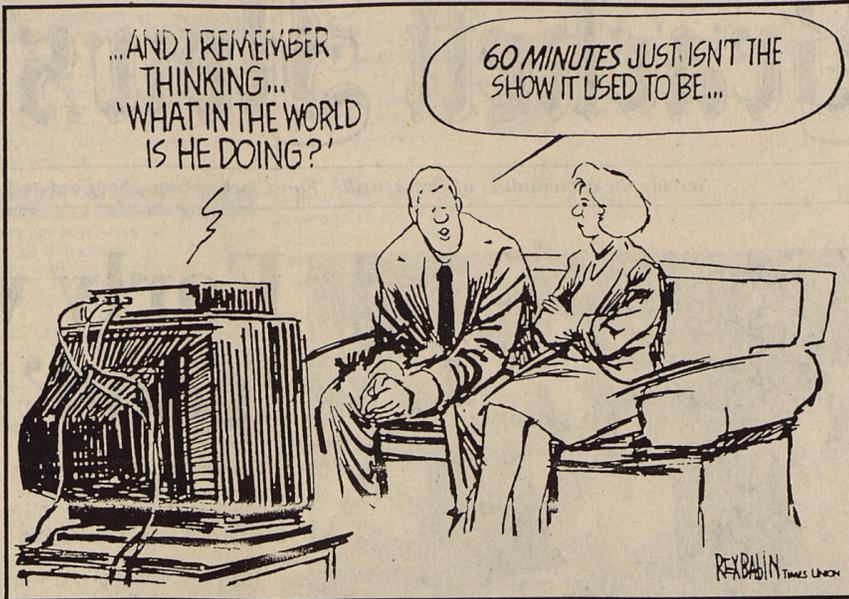
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Radical changes are needed at City Hall

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



It's high time there are some radical changes at City Hall. I firmly believe if every person in the city realized what goes on with city government, people would force radical changes.

Did you know that the city has over \$500,000 in the bank?

Did you know that garbage disposal started at \$3 per month and now is \$6.50 for every person who has a water meter whether he uses the disposal service or not?

Do you realize that you must take your garbage at the convenience of city management?

Do you realize that the attendant at the gathering facility usually calmly sits and watches while trash is unloaded no matter how much help is needed?

Do you realize that the facility was operated at a profit of approximately \$20,000 last year?

Do you realize that gas has become a great profit maker for the city?

Do you realize you can own property in the city on which you pay city taxes and if you want to buy a mobile home to bring in over streets that belong to you, you must pay a fee of \$50 to the city?

Do you realize if you add a porch or do any work on the house you own on which you pay city taxes, you must buy a "building permit" from City Hall?

Frontier Baptist Church had put a sign on the church property. Several years later, the city (mayor et al) threatened actions because the church had not bought a building permit. Neither had any other church.

Do you realize that in order to buy gas from the city you must pay approximately \$150 for a meter and to tap into a trunk line? Though you pay for the meter, it does not belong to you, but to the city.

Do you realize that in order to buy water from the city you must

pay an exorbitant fee to tap into the city lines.

Do you realize that you pay a high rate for water, and every month you pay a surcharge? This surcharge was dreamed up to bilk the people. It is supposed to pay for electricity to operate the pumps to bring up water that costs nothing.

Do you realize that though you own your property on which you pay city taxes and may live in the city limits, if you are a more than 100 feet from a city line you have to pay an outrageous price for the city to lay the line beyond 100 feet.

Common sense and integrity would say, if the city wanted to sell you water they should lay a line to your property line.

Do you realize that though the city has an "animal control" officer and you have a dog or cat you want to dispose of, the city employee will pick it up for a \$6 fee?

Dogs run wild in spite of a city ordinance against it. Every pet must have a tag from the city (at a cost), but seldom do you see a dog on the streets with a tag.

A pet dog with proper tags can get out of a fenced yard and some cantankerous resident can call City Hall and the dog will be picked up, and it may cost \$35 or more to redeem the dog.

If you take your dog for shots at the rabies clinic, you must pay the city a \$3 "service charge."

Why is it necessary to have all these fees when the city taxes every property in town and collects sales taxes on almost everything sold in the city?

Let's start at the biggest rip-off. The city secretary receives in

salary more than \$48,000 a year. The mayor receives \$3,600 a year.

The city owns at least 8 vehicles. This includes two new pickups and a new "staff" car.

It bought expensive property on the highway for a "meeting room" etc., when plenty of "meeting rooms" are available at no cost.

A credit card is provided the city secretary.

There remain streets that desperately need to be paved. The drainage ditch on the east side of town, though a health hazard, was never cleared during the summer. From a block north of Thomas Street, it is a haven for rats and varmints.

Attention was called to this to the city secretary weeks ago, but nothing was done.

It's easy to see city trucks, often with two men, blandly cruising the streets. Yet, no assignment to do such a needed task.

The solution? The City Council needs to take control. The city secretary can do only what he is allowed to do.

The mayor is the key. The mayor can control the secretary, even fire him if it is advisable.

The city secretary's five-year contract is not worth the paper it is written on. It is "prima facie" illegal.

All these problems have been subtly manipulated and accepted by the mayor and the City Council.

A start at gaining control was made in the last city election. Changes enough to gain complete control of city matters can be accomplished this election. This can only be accomplished if thinking people vote.

Disturbing facts about taxes, IRS

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

As you finish filling out your tax forms and write yet another check to the IRS, it's clearer than ever that the harder you work to support your family, the more money you pay in taxes.

The following facts help put in perspective the amount of time and money that is taken from us each year to pay our taxes:

- Taxes are higher now than ever before in the peacetime history of the United States.

- Americans pay more in taxes than for food, clothing and shelter combined.

- Taxes eat up over 38 percent of the average family's income.

- The average American worked until May 7 last year just to pay his or her share of federal, state and local taxes.

- Americans spend 2 hours and 49 minutes of every working day working to pay taxes.

- Americans spend 5.4 billion hours and \$200 billion just to comply with the federal tax code. That's more time and money than it takes to produce every car, truck and van in the United States.

- The average married working couple pays almost \$1,400 more in taxes than a couple with almost identical income living together but not married.

- Last year, taxes in the United States required the average American to work 128 days for the government. Not until the 129th day did that worker start earning money to support their family.

- In 1957, the typical two-income family paid less than 28 percent of their income for state, local and federal taxes combined. In 1997, it grew to more than 38 percent.

- Almost the entire second income of a two-income family goes to pay taxes.

- Even the very poorest Americans are forced to pay over 15 percent of their meager income for Social Security and other payroll taxes.

- 38 cents of every dollar you earn goes to pay taxes.

- This year nearly 60 percent of Americans will be forced to pay a professional to help them with their taxes.

- The Gettysburg address is 269 words, the Declaration of Independence is 1,337 words, the Holy Bible is 773,000 words, yet today's federal tax code is about 7 million words.

- There are at least 480 different tax forms and 17,000 pages of laws and regulations.

- The IRS sends out 8 billion pages of forms and instructions each year. Laid end to end, they would stretch 28 times around the earth.

- Instructions for the 1040EZ, the easiest personal income tax form, are 33 pages long.

- Families in Texas should not have to pay so much of their hard earned money in taxes or be hassled by a burdensome tax code.

- You deserve to keep more of what you earn so you can do more for your families, churches and communities. After all, it is your money.

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Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

Another friend, not only of me but of Fort Clark and this community, has gone home to be with the Lord.

Virginia Williams spent many years living on the Fort. Before her husband passed away, they took an active part in many things on the Fort.

They were active in worship in a local church. She loved to garden and work in her yard. Though they had to fence the deer out, they nevertheless grew vegetables in addition to decorative plants.

Virginia was a friendly person and easy to like. All who knew her liked her. She will be sorely missed by her son and her many friends until they are united before the throne of God. Surely, Virginia Williams was an Unsung Hero.



The Lions Club recently donated equipment to the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department. Pictured are, kneeling, from left: Joe Luna and Bruce Schwiesow. Standing: Don Bond, Norma Conners, Lou Sofaly, Gladys Buscher, Bob Burkepile, Joe "Boy" Williams, Pete Bland, Rudy Luna, Debra Bland, Adam Luna and Ruben Buantello. Standing on truck: Robert Salmon and Leo Luna.

BISD to open Saturday for early voting

Absentee voting for the School Board election began April 15. On Saturday, the Administrative Office will be open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. for early voting.

We have two new parking spaces reserved by the flag pole for folks who want to vote early.

There are four candidates running for three positions -- Lloyd Lee Davis Jr., Gloria Garcia, Darlene Shahan and Sarah Terrazas. Jim McDaniel is running for a one-year term unopposed.

Election Day is Saturday, May 2. Please take the time to vote. If you live in Kinney County and are registered to vote, you can vote.

If you need information, call the superintendent's office at 563-

MAKING A DIFFERENCE
By Taylor Stephenson, BISD Superintendent

2491, Extension 1.
Distance Learning
The School Board authorized the administration to proceed with distance learning.

It's the latest in technology that allows an instructor to be in another town to teach a class in Brackettville. The students can see and hear the instructor, and the instructor can see and hear the students.

We'll connect to Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde

through a T1 line and a video card.

Distance learning will allow small districts like Brackett to offer more college prep courses that are not currently available to our students. It will also let us use the system for staff development for our teachers and administrators.

We hope to be able to offer community education courses to the residents of our county. I'm excited about distance learning.

Academic Contests

Our students did well at the University Interscholastic League academic contests.

The names of the winners are being published in this week's newspaper. I know that you will want to congratulate our students and teachers.

Tiger Band

This week, we give a tip of the hat to the Brackett School Band and its directors, Hector Jimenez and Roxanne Gonzalez, for their hard work.

I attended their contest in San Antonio last week. They have made vast improvement. We're still working to improve every day. Watch for their end of the year concert.

Have a great week!

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Political adv. paid for by Darlene Shahan P.O. Box 367 Brackettville, TX.

I would like to thank the people in Precinct 2 who voted and supported me in this run-off election. Also a big thank you for those people who could not vote for me but supported me during my election campaign.

God bless you all,
Joe Montalvo

UIL team sends seven to regionals

Continued from Page 1 was third in computer applications.

Angela Childress placed fifth in computer applications, and Amanda Orozco finished seventh in spelling.

Middle School

Emily Petrosky won first place in oral reading in the sixth grade division, while Ashley Smith was fifth and Beth Ballew was sixth.

In the eighth grade division, Susannah Davis finished second and Duquesa Hunt was fifth.

Smith also placed sixth in ready writing, while Megan McWilliams was third in the seventh grade division.

Elementary

Fifth grader Sara Farias was third in oral reading and fourth grader Yasmin Pena took third in spelling.

The fifth grade art history team of Marivel Fernandez, Tonya Molinar and Rolando Ortiz finished fourth. Molinar is a fourth grader who competed as a fifth grader.

Tillman Davis took sixth place honors in maps, graphs and charts in the fifth grade division.

Program offers jobs

Students 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.

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

Sheriff's Report

Monday, April 13

7:27 p.m., Reserve Deputy Warren Outlaw reported that someone was trying to break into the ATM machine at Bank and Trust, Brackettville Branch. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene.

7:45 p.m., William P. Garberick, 48, of Brackettville was arrested for public intoxication by Deputy Chism. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Garberick was released on April 16 for time served.

Tuesday, April 14

4:35 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that she may need assistance because her ex-husband was in town and she feared that he might cause some problems.

11:11 p.m., A motorist reported that someone had taken a sign down from Fritter Park and laid it down in the roadway on Highway 90, approximately six miles east of Brackettville. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene and removed the sign.

Thursday, April 16

5:37 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs woman reported that her car had been vandalized. Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the scene. The case is still under investigation.

5:58 p.m., An employee at the Fort Clark Springs bar requested assistance because of a disturbance. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene. He said there was no trouble.

8:18 p.m., An employee with the Eagle Pass Police Department reported a railroad tie fire on Highway 131. The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to the scene.

Friday, April 17

8:15 a.m., A motorist reported that a van was driving close to her vehicle on Highway 90. She said the van slowed down when a Border Patrol vehicle passed and then sped up. Border Patrol officials were notified of the situation.

4:00 p.m., An employee with

the Uvalde Police Department reported a grass fire on Highway 90 West, two miles from the Kline Checkpoint. The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to the scene.

9:20 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that a man was beating up his wife and stepdaughter at his residence on Rose Alley. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.

Saturday, April 18

1:00 p.m., Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry accompanied a man to the residence of his common-law wife to pick up some of his belongings. Guidry stayed at the residence to be sure there were no problems.

4:42 p.m., A motorist reported that a truck nearly hit him.

4:58 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that a woman had hit his car. He said that he was in the west-bound lane on E. Spring at the stop light at five points. When the stop light turned green, he said the woman backed into his car and pushed in his passenger-side bumper.

5:27 p.m., A Brackettville man reported a wreckless driver near the softball field. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene but was unable to locate the vehicle.

11:15 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that his son was missing. He said he last saw him at noon at Super S. The man called the Sheriff's Office at midnight and said his son had come home.

Sunday, April 19

3:02 a.m., A Brackettville man requested an ambulance at W. Thorn Street because a woman was having problems breathing. Kinney County EMS officials were dispatched to the scene.

4:25 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported a porcupine in her yard at her residence on N. Fort Street. Officials tried to contact employees at the city, but could not reach them. The woman later called back to report that the animal had been killed.

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But, I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall



Texas Rural Leadership Program helps train leaders to develop communities

Say "hi" at least

The Democratic primary election is over. Soon the city and School Board elections will be too. I am saddened. The general election somehow doesn't seem to have the same luster.

I am serious when I say that I really enjoy politicians. People are nice to you for no reason at all. There's always someone willing to pay for the coffee. No one ever mentions that I am overweight and losing more hair.

Wait! Maybe I've stumbled on to a weight loss idea. I'll save it for future columns.

Anyway, during one of the recent races, a hopeful came up to me and asked for my support by saying: "You know Bob, you and I have been friends for a long time."

Obviously! I started to correct him, but to tell you the truth, I couldn't remember his name.

So for a while now, I'll have to buy my own coffee, and wonder why nobody speaks to me. Maybe it's just me. Nah! That couldn't be it. But, I could be wrong.

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

The Texas Rural Leadership Program helps train potential leaders to develop communities.

The program was the topic at last Thursday's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting.

The topic of community leadership tied in appropriately with the preceding discussion when Diana Koch Ward spoke about revitalizing communities through economic development the week before.

Rotary President John Ford presented a video on the Texas Rural Leadership Program.

The movement of young people to the city in order to find good jobs has resulted in draining small communities of their most promising leaders. This has caused dire predictions about the fate of rural communities.

Another trend is apparent, however. Many city dwellers are tiring of the city, and the feeling that small community is a healthier and safer environment is causing many to move to rural settings.

Some small communities are struggling for existence. Others

may be experiencing an influx of newcomers which is overburdening existing structures and services.

To achieve positive growth, training is needed for present and potential leaders to learn effective ways to inspire positive development of the community.

Texas Rural Leadership Program Inc. is a non-profit corporation that was organized in 1990 by a group of leaders representing business, civic, education, government and religious organizations across Texas. A 35-member board of directors provides guidance for the program.

An alumni organization was formed in 1995 to allow for the continued sharing of ideas and expertise by graduates of the program from around the state.

Those who take this program learn to communicate better, conduct effective meetings and reduce conflict. These skills promote goal setting and ways to reach goals. This will improve the community.

Without such skills, meetings get bogged down, simple differences of opinions assume unrealistic proportions, and creative energy is wasted in tug of war



Rotary Club Vice President J.J. Guidry, left, introduced President John Ford at last week's meeting. Photo by Eric McMaster

games. Schisms develop that can become so deeply ingrained that they stifle growth.

A training course gives small communities in Texas the "working tools for community revitalization with the ultimate goal of developing strategic plans for economic development."

Included in the program are how to lead meetings, community needs assessment, motivation, conflict management, strategic planning, alliance building and

much more.

A class can be easily informed. The costs are \$200 for each planning manual and related materials, and \$50 for each student manual. This fee covers the student's entire expense.

Business and local employers often offer to provide scholarships or underwrite parts of the program. Instructors can be found easily within the community.

For more information on this program, call (830) 875-5882.

Rotarians appoints scholarship committee

The Brackettville Rotary Club has appointed a scholarship committee, Rotary President John Ford announced at last Thursday's meeting.

The committee's task is to review the applications turned in by Brackett High School seniors asking to be awarded a scholarship.

Each applicant will be interviewed after their record has been reviewed.

"Grades will be considered, along with specific accomplishments, extra curricular activities and, in general, time spent after school hours," said Rotarian Frances McMaster. "The latter consideration gives students who work a chance to compete with students who have time and opportunity for other interests."

The Del Rio Rotary Club is preparing to hold the District Conference May 21-23. Brackettville Rotarians have been asked to help with the event.

J.J. Guidry, incoming president of the local Rotary Club, participated in a president-elect training session Saturday in Seguin.

Church distributes commodities to 95 Kinney County households

Food commodities were distributed to 95 local households representing 271 people last Tuesday by St. John's Missionary Church.

It was the church's first ever commodity distribution and the area's first since July of 1997, according to Rev. William P. Adams Sr., who partnered with Life in the Word Ministries of Rocksprings to bring the food to the needy of Kinney County.

Each household received a box of food items weighing approximately 40 pounds during the distribution, which lasted from noon to 5 p.m.

Helping to qualify and register applicants and to box food were

Adams and his family, Beverly Wright, Rich Maring and Roland Brown of Life in the Word Ministries, and Mike Timmins of Paul Stephens Ministries.

"A hearty thanks and God Bless you to the volunteers that made this distribution possible," Adams said.

Commodities will be distributed once a month from the St. John's Missionary Church. Dates and times will be posted in advance. Registration for new applicants will take place at each distribution.

If you are interested in donating your time to help in this ministry, contact Adams at 563-3032.

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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Rodriquez family Herndon family

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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, April 23, 1886

Good Friday. Before marching on guard this morning went to office to explain cause of absence from retreat last evening on account of the dinner party. Mail brought me letters from home and from Shunk and bundle of papers from home. Read papers until noon. After lunch wrote to Mr. Terrell of San Antonio as Shunk suggested to get some information about our land there. It seems that part lies in the city limits and hence city taxes must be paid on it. As we have not paid any they may have become delinquent and thus give us trouble. Also write to Capt. Bradford and to Capt. Simonds. Col. Towle left for Chicago last night. Yesterday he preferred charges against Payne for conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman on account of a fight he got into with a gambler in a saloon. Have not heard what action Gen. Smith has taken yet. Don't expect a file on this as the trial will depend on citizen testimony entirely and they may decline to give it. If there is no trouble of this kind it is apt to go hard with Payne on account of previous trial. Feel sorry for his wife & brother-in-law, but he deserves no sympathy at all. Read Draper and slept until after three o'clock when Officer of the Day inspected. After tattoo a wagon drove up bringing from Del Rio under guard a member of the orchestra of the troupe that performed here a short time ago as a deserter from the Band of the 16th Inf'y (See April 12).

Saturday, April 24, 1886

Mail came before guard mounting bringing me a letter from Farber and one from a "water witch" who wants the job of locating wells for Capt. Simonds out at his ranch near Mayers Springs. Shall send the letter out to him. Tried to get some men out for target practice but there were not enough in the quarters. An impromptu german was gotten up this morning by Steele. He spoke to me soon after reveille about it, and then it was abandoned and afterwards revived. Wish it had not been started although it passed off quite pleasantly. Danced it

with Miss Jacobs. Had a glass of lemonade at her house afterwards that was quite refreshing. Escorted her up to the hall again after lunch where all met to decorate the room for tomorrow. Miss Folsom and Mrs. Feche't joked some about my height which annoyed me a good deal on account of some men from the company being present. It was excusable in the former for she does not know enough of military matters. But the latter is old enough to know better. Am getting more and more disgusted with her every day on account of her open flirtation with Hall. Worked until dinner time at the hall, Miss Jacobs going over to Gen. Smith's for dinner escorted her and Miss Saunders and Mamie Smith there. After retreat sat on Mrs. Lyster's porch a long time. Returned to quarters and was about to start out to call at Col. Bliss' when met Fowler coming to call. So returned with him. He stayed until near tattoo. After tattoo started to call again but seeing no lights at Col. Bliss' returned to read Draper and doze.

Sunday, April 25, 1886

Attended inspection as usual this morning. Mail brought me nothing but an advertisement. Wrote usual letter home before lunch mailing it on way to that meal. Duff left this morning for Del Rio. After lunch spent an hour or two at the hall where the choir practiced for tonight and then watered the grass which is coming along first rate. Wrote a short note to Capt. Simonds enclosing the water witch's letter. In the evening walked over to chapel with some ladies. The singing was nothing especial. I was disappointed in the duet of Miss Folsom and Miss Saunders. It was a poor selection in the first place and sung without any expression. Finished Draper today and feel that a burden is off my mind as it has been a duty with me to read this work. Want to read the second volume again, but shall read some lighter books first.

Monday, April 26, 1886

Went out to target practice and fired three scores at 300 yds. but could not get a leg. Am somewhat discouraged about this range. Mail brought a letter from home and one from King, who was at Langtry on his way back to the post. Played tennis until lunch with Hammond & Hewitt against Black and self, and we were beaten. After lunch studied French lesson. Had charge of the

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

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

Courtesy of his decendants

company at dress parade. Capt. Vance not going out. Before studying French, the Cercle Francais met at Mrs. Gillmore's and had two pictures taken. Hope these will be good as want good pictures of the club. Had the French lesson after parade as Guyot the instructor was on fatigue and could not attend during the day. The lesson was short being interrupted by calls. Spent the rest of the evening at Capt. Feche't's playing cribbage. Miss Folsom was a little out of temper as usual. She and I don't get along well. I wonder if I am becoming cross and crabbed for I often catch myself saying mean remarks. Must stop this and drop all sarcasm; it is a dangerous habit to indulge in.

Tuesday, April 27, 1886

At target practice succeeded in scoring four legs at 300 yds. and now am all through except at 600 yds. After breakfast went out again on range but could not get anything at 600 yds. Expected this would be very easy like last year but find it harder than looked for. Did not return until near one o'clock. No mail for me today. After lunch read the papers in the Library and wrote rough draft of letter to Quartermaster General about merits of different pack saddles, after watering the grass. Escorted Mrs. Gillmore to Capt. Vance's where the Cercle Francais had its last meeting for a while as Mrs. Gillmore leaves next Monday night. Had some excellent refreshments and a very pleasant evening.

Wednesday, April 28, 1886

Went out to target practice early and stayed there until after ten o'clock. Fired three scores at 600 yds. but could make nothing at all. Must practice this position in quarters. Mail had nothing for me this morning. After breakfast commenced letter home but was interrupted by a call from Dr. Schwartzkopf. Did not eat lunch as breakfast was so late. Went into Capt. Vance's to read the Army paper. Then completed letter home and had helmet which I bought at Q.M.'s this morning, fixed for the brass trimmings. Bought a few articles at the store and got some stationery at the Q.M.'s. Wrote to Mr. Crate to enquire why receipt had not been sent for the check mailed him on the 17th, and copied part of letter to Q.M. General. Capt. Vance being Officer of the Day took the calls. Made dinner party call at Mrs. Kinney's and then spent a



very pleasant evening at whist at Mrs. Hall's. Hewitt had to leave soon after tattoo, when Capt. Hall took his place. Poor Mrs. Hall has been so much hurt over the flirtation between her husband and Mrs. Feche't, that she is rather cold in her manner of addressing the Captain. It was quite noticeable tonight. There was a promenade concert this evening which Hewitt and I did not attend. Miss Folsom in all probability will be childish and mad again, but as she has been that way with me so often think I can stand it once more.

Thursday, April 29, 1886

Had charge of the company at battalion drill this morning and got through without any mistakes. Mail brought a letter from Capt. Simonds and one from Forsyth about some of my papers as Q.M. at Brown. Studied French all morning. After lunch read the papers in the Library. Could not have the usual French lesson as Guyot was on duty elsewhere. Completed report to Quartermaster General, sent pay accounts to Maj. Muhlenberg and returned a statement of differences to Quartermaster General for more particulars. After dinner watered the grass and while so engaged Miss Saunders drove up to invite me to a picnic on Saturday and requested me to ask Hewitt. Was in hopes she would not invite me as did not care to go. After retreat went up to ask Mrs. Hall to go over to the entertainment at the post hall given by a temperance and literary society, but she did not care to go. Mrs. Smith was there and invited me to a company at her house tomorrow evening. The entertainment was quite enjoyable. Capt. Vance read a selection, Maj. Wilcox an essay and Miss Folsom sang, among other things. At tattoo got Fowler to exchange guard tours to enable me to go to Gen. Smith's tomorrow evening. Mrs. Hall had Capt. Vance, Hewitt and self in for some ice cream after tattoo which enjoyed a great deal. Later called on Mrs. Gillmore who is soon to go away and had a pleasant chat.

Breens host dedication ceremony

Brackettville was granted another historical jewel Saturday. Nakai and Bud Breen, along with family and friends, gathered to dedicate the Cowboys and Indians Museum.

The ceremony began as the American flag was raised by the Breen's sons, Larry and James Edward, veterans of the Vietnam War.

Cliffton Queton sang in the Kiowa tongue. The pipe ceremony was by Walter Thomas Celestine of the Couchatta tribe. The prayer was offered by Jack Battise, an Alabama medicine man. The Breens concluded the event with a ribbon ceremony.

The purpose of the ceremony "is to fly the flag," according to Nakai Breen.

"I am a flag waver," she said. "I believe that the first thing that should go up in a business is the flag."

The Breens have restored one of Brackettville's most distinguished older homes on N. Ann Street, giving citizens a valuable treasure reminding citizens of the not so distant past and of the diversity of cultures.

The Breens have turned the old Hyberger house into a monument to the American Indian and the cowboy.

The purpose is to preserve the history of the ancient ones. Nakai will teach the traditions and culture of our forefathers.

The business will open to the public May 11.



A small restaurant will help supplement the Cowboys and Indians Museum, which opens May 11. Photo Special to The Brackett News

Briefs ...

Beta Epsilon Omicron elects new officers

The Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter elected its officers for the upcoming year on Monday as they met at the Fort Clark Springs' Adult Center.

New officers include: Betty Mathison, president; Flo Stafford, vice president; Marla Madrid, treasurer; and Pam Melancon and Dee Curry, corresponding and recording secretaries.

The officers will be installed at the Founders' Day celebration next Thursday at 6:30 pm at the home of Hazel Ivey.

Members also appointed the following committees: scrapbook, Helen Peck; yearbook, Curry and Melancon; ways and means, Madrid; service, Ivey; social, Cathy Conrey, Jan Peck and Evelyn Whitely; and telephone, Barbara Brisette, Elizabeth Goebel and Jan Peck.

Correspondence was received from Beta Sigma Phi International, which provided their e-mail address. Information on the career chapter and the Beta Sigma Phi cruise was read.

The group verified its new meeting time beginning next year. They will meet the second Monday of each month with refreshments at 7:30 and the business meeting starting at 8.

The members voted to purchase a popcorn popper for future fundraisers. They also voted to have a booth at the Cinco de Mayo celebration on May 2 and sell popcorn. The booth fee is 35.00.

Theta Sigma plans for Founders' Day

Members of the Theta Sigma Chapter discussed plans for the Founders' Day celebration Monday as they met in the home of Luella Gilliland. Nine members were present.

The Founders' Day celebration will be held at Clara McCord's home on May 30.

Gilliland served a chef's salad and desert of ice cream and fresh strawberries. Following the meal and social hour, President Nancy Frerich called the meeting to order. Beta Reader Bobbie Waddill read from the book of Beta Sigma Phi.

The motion was made and seconded to change the group's meeting schedule from twice a month nine months out of the year to once a month year-round. After much discussion, the group voted to keep the schedule like it is.

The business meeting was adjourned and a program entitled "A Penny Saved" was presented by Pat McKelvy.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets at Fort Clark

The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club held its weekly game Tuesday in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs. Mona Miller and Dena Scott won first place, while Fred and Nina Clayton were second and Bob Barnett and Walt Geeze took third place.

ALAS MORAS MASONIC LODGE

meets the 2nd Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m.

School of Instruction meets the
1st, and 3rd Tuesdays, at 7:00 p.m.

Visiting Brothers are Welcome

Sexual harassment claims tarnish political campaign

Well folks, the accusation of sexual harassment from old Harriet Legstrom (a.k.a. Hairy Legs) just started the demise of old Arlo's reputation.

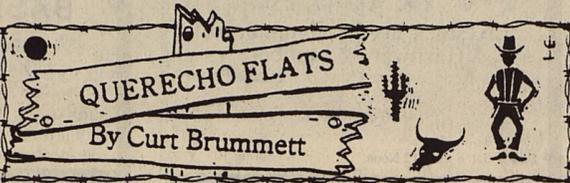
For some reason, women started coming out of the wood work in order to accuse old Arlo of something. I didn't realize just how many ugly women was in Kortman County.

Within a matter of weeks, there was two vegetarians, one chiropractic assistant, one beauty shop operator, two Democrats, and a dog catcher (all of which were women) that tried to nail old Arlo for some form of sexual harassment.

Things were looking bleak for our campaign.

Some of our more supportive members of the NOMAWICS was kinda proud of old Arlo. They got started telling people just how good old Arlo really was when it come to handling women.

They mentioned to several people that it wasn't sexual harassment to ask a woman out, or comment on the fact that she looked rather nice. And it didn't count



when you helped some poor old thing through a door and she then accused him of groping. We had some really good moral support.

I had to know for myself, though. I called a special, meeting with just me and old Arlo invited. We met at the Half-Way bar.

I have known Arlo Farnstarer for 25 years. I have never known old Arlo to get out of line with a woman unless it was in self defense. I might add, I know of at least a hundred times he has had to defend his self.

Old Arlo just isn't the smooth and debonair type feller he thinks he is. And he is a male chauvinist.

What gets old Arlo in trouble is he says pretty much what he thinks. The problem being he just don't think all that much before

he says any thing.

Example: Old Arlo had fallen semi-in love with an old gal up in Logaville. She was semi-pretty and had a personality similar to that of a wet badger. But old Arlo had taken a liking to her and he figured he was probably the only one in the country that would put up with her and, even though she was just a mere woman, she would probably figure this out.

Yep, old Arlo had a love affair cinched -- at least for the first 20 minutes of their first date.

He explained the black eye as we were drinking coffee at Garlan's Mostly General Store and Post Office.

"She flat refused to ride in my truck," he said. "Said it smelled like it was used to clean out septic tanks. Then she said she didn't like

all that brown stuff that was clinging to the running boards.

"Well I just showed her how important she really was. I told her my old truck smelled a damn sight better than that hair spray she used to hold her hair down (and it did). Then I mentioned that all that brown stuff matched her complexion (cept for the big red blotches, didn't want to hurt her feelings)."

I didn't ask what she used to whip 'im over the head.

He did mention that if she would just accept the fact that she was a mere woman, she would come down off her high horse and probably make a pretty good hand at doing women's things.

I was remembering this story as we started to sit down and have our first beer of the meeting. I didn't feel like that was sexual harassment, but then again, I didn't know what a lawyer would call it.

I saw our political career going down hill.

When I asked old Arlo if any of this was true, I realized we had no political career.

Old Arlo said, "Well, it depends on how you look at it."

Did you know we live in a 'Two Ticker' county?

Did you know that this is a "Two Ticker" county? And, that isn't bad! We're fortunate in having two examples of miraculous medical advances residing in this area, one in Brackettville and the second at Fort Clark.

All of this interest in heart transplants was generated when the leader/instructor of The Fort Clark Dance Company left last October with her husband for San Antonio to evaluate Paul's critical heart condition.

To summarize this fascinating drama, he was flown to Houston and accepted as a candidate for a heart transplant.

On canvassing the local population, friends learned of another Kinney County citizen who was a transplant recipient five years ago. Therefore, Ernesto Valenzuela is referred to as "Ticker One" and Paul Hoeller as "Ticker Two, Too!"

Most of Ernesto's friends call him Ernie and describe him as a rather quiet, nice, modest guy.

His situation was brought about by a car accident that broke the ribs around his heart. At that time, he was 42 years old and he struggled with this painful condition for five years.

His prognosis worsened and Ernie's best prediction was six months to live. His only option was a heart transplant, which he received at the San Antonio Regional Hospital.

Did you know?

By Woody Hornburg



Ernie's biggest expense is medicine that he takes every day to replace his immune system, which was destroyed with the heart transplant operation.

Ernie is still a welder. However, he limits his working hours and he no longer slings or wields a hammer.

Hoeller was a professional airplane pilot 25 years ago when his heart started to act-up and eventually it became dangerously enlarged. However, he accepted the challenge to discipline himself in coping positively with his deteriorating health.

Five years ago, he and his wife, Nona, decided to retire at Fort Clark Springs.

Paul and his faithful dog, Mike, were a familiar sight driving on the fort in a maroon golf cart, or a maroon Toyota pick-up.

Sometimes Paul would soar with the eagles in his one man helicopter indulging in his hobby of taking interesting aerial pictures.

Nona did volunteer teaching of dance routines in beginner and advanced tap until last October, when Paul's emergency beckoned them to San Antonio and later to

Houston to the Methodist Hospital.

After a second round of tests, Paul was deemed worthy of a transplant and the waiting game ensued, progressing until January when Paul received his new heart.

Many transplant candidates do not survive the wait, for the extended delay is often due to the availability of matched and compatible organs.

These examples of medical miracles spawns thoughts of unselfish decisions made by organ donors and their families. It also creates an awareness of the shortage of donors and the possibility of when we leave this mantle of existence, if we, as individuals, will have any healthy functioning organs left? If so, will our family members make the same unselfish decision?

A Bible verse that reflects such generosity is "Greater love hath no man than this-that a man lay down his life for his friends."

For an update, Paul and Nona returned home to Fort Clark on Monday with a new lease of great days ahead. And "Ticker One" and "Ticker Two, Too" makes Kinney a "Two Ticker" county!

The family of Kathy Berset wishes to thank all her friends in the community for the many expressions of sympathy and all the kindness shown to us through gifts of food, flowers and Masses. Your prayers and condolences have been a great source of comfort to us at this time.

To The Voters Of Precinct 4:
I would like to thank everyone involved in my campaign over the last few months. It was a very close race and without all your help and support, the outcome would have been different.
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Pat Melancon

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ACROSS
1 Lively round dance
6 Peter and Ivan
11 Respond, in a way
16 Ravel opus
17 Proportion
18 Baseball boo-boo
20 Candidate, sometimes
21 Bakery byproduct
22 Baseball jewel?
24 Makes a hole in one
25 Air terminal porter
27 Nothing, in Madrid
29 On (equivalent to)
30 Former chess champ
31 Footway
32 Root of the taro
33 TV actor Robert Arablan
34 Arabian chieftain
36 Makes public
37 Countenance
39 She loved Narcissus
40 Famous
42 Extreme hardship
43 Mortarboard decoration
45 Juan and Ho
46 Destructive insects
47 Rudely concise
48 Historic rider
51 Capital of Morocco
52 Napped at
56 Castilian hunter
57 Jeopardy
58 Brief film appearance
59 Cry's companion
60 Drugs out the speech
61 Prink or primp
62 Whimpers
63 It follows
64 Airport info
65 Merchandise
66 "The truth - make you free"
67 - truck
68 Herring delicacies
71 Sea ducks
72 Some are electric
73 "Alone" (song)
74 Fiji chestnut
75 Large gully
78 Old World sandpiper
79 Sights at Giza
83 Harem
84 Wild dogs of Asia
86 Heat supplier
87 Epochal
88 Dunkard
89 Curved molding
90 Marionette-maker Tony
91 Dutch uncle
92 Spring flag
94 Line or net starter
95 Biological classifications
97 Plant used in lotions
98 Audience demands
100 Laughing
102 Hard and unyielding
104 Her dancing pleased Herod
105 Where the action is
106 Salty
107 He wrote "The Highwayman"
108 Fine Italian straw
109 Broken pottery fragment
DOWN
1 Kind of tapestry
2 "... my love, you do me wrong..."
3 Ring or book follower
4 Crude metals
5 Flat hats
6 Expanses of land
7 Musical
8 Above
9 Basketball hoop
10 Unspecified things
11 Blitz, in football
12 Assam silkworm
13 Brazilian macaw
14 State of insensibility
15 Cancer and Capricorn
16 Sulted
19 Scythe handle
20 Office gadget
23 Drivel
25 Arm or age
28 Jewish month
32 "Dinner at -"
35 Cowboy competitions
36 A queen of England
37 Essential
38 Chopin compositions
39 Italian noble house
41 Eroded by use
42 Harbinger of spring
44 Jason's ship
46 Areas common to Mars and the moon
47 Caravan
48 Poll-taker
49 One of the Muses
50 Author Gore
51 Marsh grasses
52 Removes water from a boat, with "out"
53 German river
54 Swiss mathematician
55 Small, secluded glens
57 Movable stage settings
58 Large wading bird
61 Combined
62 Narrow opening
63 French matron
65 Fed. agents
66 Starts in flight
67 Pocket bread
69 Luau garlands
70 - Little Words
71 British nobleman
73 Swift message
74 Lawn seed
75 Actress Perez
76 Decorates
77 Papal palace
78 Forum garb
79 Unadorned
80 Home of the "little people"
81 Singer Vic
82 Weather word
85 Sawing frames
86 Chinese gambling game
90 Plant of the Cassia genus
93 Choir plum
94 Attica township
95 Celt of the Scottish Highlands
96 Esau's wife
97 See 34
99 Rogers or Bean
101 Head of Benjamin's clan
103 In the manner of

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Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Bigwigs have been in a sour mood, nitpicking and nagging. Take it in stride and ride out the week. Things will return to normal soon.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Your romantic life enters a renewed period. A friend has been too aggressive lately, and has been taking advantage of you. Shun this person's company in weekend social activities.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Don't sign any contracts yet. Although you're all in agreement, there are some unforeseen details that should be worked out first. Patience is the key.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Travel is favored this week, but you will have to be careful with money. Although you've been extending yourself socially, you have a tendency to be too opinionated. This could get you in trouble over the weekend.
LEO (July 23 to August 22)
You are champing at the bit to start implementing all those ideas you have. However, don't be too eager. Your impatience leads to trouble.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
You've been holding your tongue where a partner is concerned. You find yourself unable to do so and lose your temper. Clear the air over the weekend.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Keep out of the fray at work. That way, you'll avoid making enemies. Later on, you can play mediator and get everyone to communicate better.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Avoid falling into an ego trap, causing you to turn everyone off. It's best to think about what you're going to say before you say it.



especially with business partners.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
It's a good week to go shopping and get something for the house. The situation at work is highlighted. In fact, you're in for a nice surprise by week's end.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
You've been squirreling away some money, and it's time to start looking for a way to invest your little nest egg. Look into some options that are not necessarily conventional. However, be sure you know your risk tolerance.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
That green goddess, Jealousy, is rearing her ugly head, causing you many anxious moments. Your mate will be upset by the turn of events. Try to gain control by the weekend.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
A cantankerous co-worker throws a monkey wrench into everything you're trying to accomplish. The ultimate result is that this person will finally expose himself to bigwigs. Just bide your time for now.
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April 28 ..Candy Gonzalez
April 28Chad Neuman
April 28Maye Roper
April 28John Story
April 29 ...Edward Salazar

Tigers win district track title



Members of the Tigers track team are, standing, from left: Coach Julie Bruce, Jacob Hughes, Lionel Ramos, Demitreus Williams, J. Wayne Ballew, Wes Baker, Brent Smith and Coach Art Finkenbinder. Kneeling: Steven Hagler, Christ Petrosky, David Honstein, Tony Rubio, Isaac Gutierrez, James Burks and Jarrett Meeks. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

CENTER POINT — The Tigers placed first in nine events Friday as they won the first boys' district track title in school history.

Brackett finished the District 30-2A meet with 160 points, while Dilley had 144 1/2. Center Point tallied 102, Comfort had 83, Natalia had 34, and Charlotte had 25 1/2.

The top two finishers in each event advance to the regional track meet in San Marcos on May 1-2. The Tigers will send six athletes to the event.

J. Wayne Ballew won a pair of gold medals in the sprints. He won the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.93 and the 200 with a 23.06.

Brent Smith won the 300-meter hurdles after being clocked at 41.53.

David Honstein was first in the 400-meter dash with a 53.03 and Demitreus Williams was second after running a 53.31.

Ballew, Honstein, Smith and Williams won the 400-meter relay after posting a time of 44.25.

Lionel Ramos claimed the gold in the 1600-meter run after running a 4:44.53. He also won the 800 with a 2:07.88.

James Burks was third in the 3200 with a 11:12.37 and fourth in the 1600 with a 5:11.84.

The distance team of Honstein, Ramos, Smith and Williams won the 1600-meter relay after running a 3:37.25.

Williams was first in the triple jump with a leap of 44-6. He took second in the long jump with a 20-11 3/4.

Wes Baker won the gold in the discus after posting a throw of 122-8 1/2. He also took fourth in the 110 hurdles and fifth in the 100-meter dash and in the shot put.

Jerritt Meeks was fourth in the discus and Steven Hagler finished fifth.

Tigers rout Pirates, 37-3

Brackett ripped 28 hits Tuesday as the Tigers blew out the Center Point Pirates 37-3 in District 30-2A baseball action.

With the victory, the Tigers improve to 15-7 on the season and to 4-2 in district. Brackett is one game behind Charlotte and Comfort, both 5-1, in the conference standings.

Jorge Rodriguez (10-2) picked up the mound win. He fanned eight out of nine batters in three innings.

He helped his own cause with a 4-for-4 plate performance, including a three-run homer. He had four RBI.

Zach Davis closed the game. He went two innings and had three strikeouts. He also had a home run.

J. Wayne Ballew went 4 for 6 offensively. He drove in four runs.

Tigerettes finish second at district

CENTER POINT — The Tigerettes had nine athletes qualify for regionals Friday after taking second at the District 30-2A track meet.

Comfort won the district title with 157 points, edging out the Tigerettes, who finished with 151. Center Point was third with 112 points, Dilley had 99, Natalia had 48, and Charlotte had 14.

The top two finishers in each event at district advance to the regionals in San Marcos on May 1-2.

Samantha Perez won the 3200-meter run with a time of 12:05.41 and the 1600 with a 5:32.35.

Sonya Correa was second in the 1600 with a 5:37.84 and fourth in the 3200 with a 12:44.84.

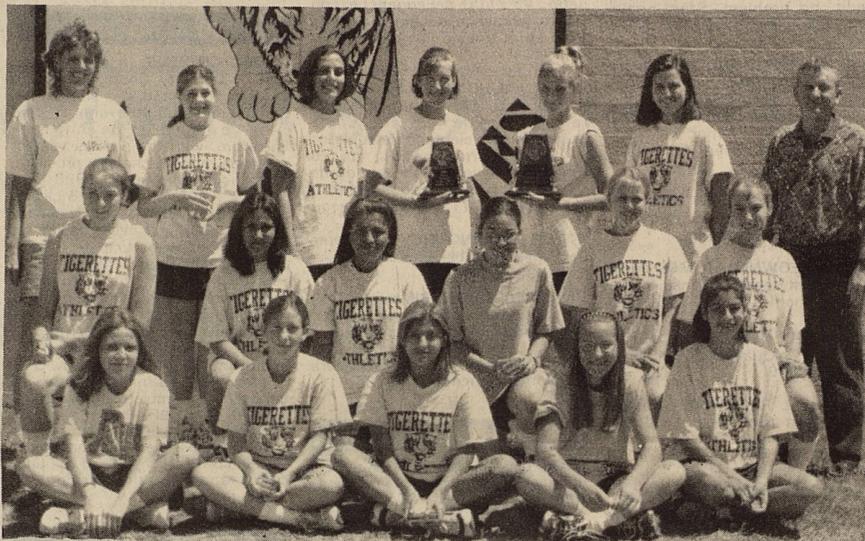
Janina Finkenbinder won the 800-meter run with a 2:31. She also took first in the 400 after being clocked at 1:02.94.

Darla Campos finished fourth in the 800 and the 1600, while Jennifer Ashabranner was sixth in the 400.

Finkenbinder, Perez, Lindsey Brotherton and Tina Meek won the 200-meter relay with a time of 4:24.22.

Melinda Villarreal was third in the 100-meter dash after running a 13.04.

Katy Hagler took third in the



The Tigerettes took second place honors at the District 30-2A track meet Friday. Members of the team are, standing, from left: Coach Julie Bruce, Samantha Perez, Katy Hagler, Tina Meek, Jennifer Ashabranner, Lindsey Brotherton and Coach Art Finkenbinder. Kneeling: April Crumley, Cynthia Cruz, Melinda Villarreal, Heather Martin, Jamie Bader and Laura Lee Ballew. Sitting: Darla Campos, Janina Finkenbinder, Sonya Correa, Brittany Schewbart and Lindsey Koenig.

200-meter dash and Meek finished fourth.

Hagler, Villarreal, Jamie Bader and Heather Martin were second in the 800-meter relay with a 1:54.72.

The sprint team of Hagler, Martin, Meek and Villarreal won the 400-meter relay with a 53.31.

Brotherton took fifth place in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles and the discus, and sixth in the

long jump.

Meek was third in the long jump and fourth in the triple jump. Ashabranner finished fifth in the triple and April Crumley was sixth in the discus.

OUTDOORS

TPWD launches new hummingbird survey

AUSTIN — Since the beginning of the Texas Hummingbird Roundup survey in 1994, thousands of Texans have helped state wildlife officials collect information about the hummingbirds of Texas.

Because of the success of the study, the Hummingbird Roundup will include a new effort this spring — the "Treasures of the Trans-Pecos" survey.

The project, which focuses on the birds and habitats in the Trans-Pecos region, is modeled after the current annual roundup survey, which was developed to promote interest among backyard hummingbird watchers while expanding the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) knowledge about species distribution, behavior and diversity of these birds.

The Trans-Pecos roundup will collect two years of data from Texas residents in counties west of the Pecos River.

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

The Texas Hummingbird Roundup is a special project of the nongame and urban wildlife program at TPWD and 1998 is the final year of the statewide survey. Data collected by the project will be analyzed and used in publishing a book about the hummingbirds of Texas and the Southwest.

Texas has documented more species of hummingbirds than any other state and of the 12 species that have been documented in the Trans-Pecos, four breed in the region and occur nowhere else in Texas. The Lucifer Hummingbird, a Trans-Pecos specialty, breeds nowhere else in the United States.

TPWD invites anyone inter-

ested in learning more about hummingbirds to participate in this new survey. Participation in the survey costs \$6 annually, or \$10 for two years if paid in advance.

Prepaid participants in the two-year program will receive a special package that includes: the annual survey, a Perky-Pet "Pop-Bottle" Hummingbird Feeder Kit, native hummingbird plant seeds, and other valuable materials.

In addition, at the end of each survey year, participants will receive a newsletter with the survey results, and a participant sticker.

Don't worry if you're not an expert, or just learning to identify birds. There are many help-

ful guides available, and the Hummingbird Identification Wheel offered through the Roundup survey is a great tool for identifying hummingbirds in Texas.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

TO ALL CITIZENS: In regular session of the City Council on April 14, 1998, it voted and ordered by said council that the annual city clean-up campaign be initiated. Therefore, with the powers vested in me as mayor, I hereby proclaim the period from May 4, 1998 thru July 31, 1998, as the 1998 clean-up campaign. Accordingly, I encourage that each and every citizen of this community participate in this vital and important campaign, and earnestly hope that the end results of said campaign will be a mark symbolizing the concerted effort of all citizens in doing their part in keeping our community clean, neat, healthful, and free of pest. City conveyer will be made available to remove all accumulated refuse starting May 4, 1998. Please place all such refuse on alleyway easements or other accessible areas convenient for the conveyer. /s/ David G. Luna, city manager, and Carmen M. Berlanga, mayor.

REAL ESTATE

SOUTHERN COLORADO LAND sale! 54 acres - \$39,900. New offer! Rolling fields & nice meadows. Enjoy outstanding sunsets and mountain views. Year round access with telephone and electricity. Great horse property. Low monthly payments. Call now 1-719-676-6367. Red Creek Ranch at Hatchet.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

THE MIDDLE RIO Grande Development Council Area Agency on Aging in developing a comprehensive and coordinated service delivery system in connection with the Options Independent Living Project with the Middle Rio Grande Region under a grant from the Texas Department of Aging is inviting local service providers to join the Direct Service Pool under Options for Independent Living Program and Title III. Bids are being accepted for the following services: Personal Assistance, Vision Care, Legal Assistance and Homemaker I Services. Bids forms may be obtained by calling (830) 876-3533. Sealed Bids marked "DPS-Options for Independent Living" should be addressed to Ramon Johnston, Deputy Director for Administration, MRGDC, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834 by no later than 5:00 p.m. May 5, 1998. Bids may not be submitted through the use of facsimile machines. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. The MRGDC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

WEDDINGS

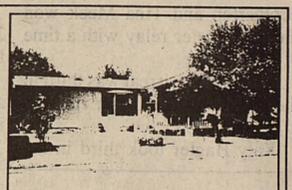
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Excellent Home for first time buyer, at 405 E Second Street in town. Close to school and recently painted inside & out. 2 B/R, 2 Bath, with fireplace. Seller is Licensed Texas Real Estate Agent. \$35,000.



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RELIGION

God is calling his spiritual soldiers

By Pastor Charolette Corey
Gateway Ministries

Most of your life you have heard the phrase, "Get in line!" It is often followed by a feeling of anger for the wait that you are expected to endure before receiving service.

But when you have the peace of God in your steps, the patience of God in your heart, the power of God in your walk, you will find that you are "standing in the right place" to receive the empowering of God to do his will. In today's case we are speaking of a "battle line."

It is important to be at the "right place" for his divine appointment. Being in the right place in your heart, in your walk with God, and being in the right place for the time he has appointed you makes the difference between winning and losing "the battle."

In the Old Testament there was a time when the people of Israel began to take God for granted as he caused them to overcome enemy after enemy, giving them the land he had promised, when they suddenly decided to go out and fight a battle on their own. They ran ahead of his cloud that covered them by day and fire that protected them by night and lost not only the battle, but many lives.

God is calling together his spiritual soldiers who are not afraid to pray in faith, who are not afraid to speak the living word of God in faith, who are not afraid to live in faith, who are willing to "get in line."

Just as God called a mighty army of Israel to march around the walls of Jericho, blow horns and shout to manifest the tumbling down of the walls of Jericho, God is calling his spiritual soldiers to "get in line," to receive his empowering, to be ready to give a great

"shout" and see spiritual walls come tumbling down.

If your heart is in rebellion, you will simply ignore or disregard his call, because it will seem "inconvenient" for you.

War is never "convenient." Spiritual warfare has to be performed the moment God gives a call to arms. The victory goes to the obedient, the humble, the submissive. The spoils go to the winner.

If you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, God has given you the tools to win. These tools are called the blood of Jesus, the name of Jesus, and the living word of God. You only make their power in your life void when you choose not to use them.

"Get in line," get ready, get set, and listen for the voice of God. His living word does not return to him void.

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

St. Mary Magdalene cancels Mass

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church has announced that there will be no Mass from April 27 to May 1 since Father Cashin will be on a priests' retreat.

Mass will resume on Saturday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m.

Jesus and Ezekiel

Ezekiel preached in Babylon to Jewish exiles 600 years before Christ. Jesus preached in Palestine to fellow Jews.

Even so, these two Jewish prophets had a common legacy and shared typical prophetic experiences. Their message was not their own, but God's revelation.

Ezekiel's message was rooted in his perception of God and his demanding moral message.

Jesus exercised his mission by calling his audience to repentance.

Have faith to follow God's orders

By Rev. Joe Townsend
Frontier Baptist Church

Noah was one of the great examples of faith in God. When God told him to build an ark to preserve a remnant of humanity and all living things, though more than 600 years old, he went to work at it.

It was in a desert area where a boat of any kind was unknown. The details God gave him called for a tremendous amount of material and effort. Showing his faith in God, who instructed him, he forged ahead.

He lived in a day of grace where relation to God was a purely personal matter. There was no formal worship, no temple no synagogue. There was simply the individual and his God.

He lived in a day of terrible apostasy. Mankind had become so evil that God chose him.

The work of faith is to hear the voice of God amid the clamor of other voices.

The work of faith is to obey the voice of God no matter how irrational it seems.

The work of faith is to do the work of God though you may be the only one doing it.

The work of faith is to do God's work in the face of opposition and discouragement.

The work of faith is to accept his judgement without questioning his justice.

The work of faith is to proclaim the message of God however solemn and unacceptable it is.

Noah manifests all these traits. Thus he secured the rewards of his actions.

He "saved his house" and family. He "became heir of righteousness." The righteousness of God was bestowed upon him simply because he had faith to follow God's orders no matter what.

There will be another message from the Bible awaiting all who gather to worship God at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11. Come and see.

Readings from the book of Proverbs

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

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding.

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

"Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

"It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase;

"So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

Proverbs 3:5-10.

Everyone is always welcome to come praise God with us anytime. This is the Lord's house.

Our prayer line (563-3032) is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.