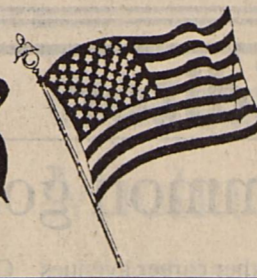


The Brackett News



Happy
Mother's Day

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Seminar set for estate planning

The process of planning for the final disposition of your life's work will be discussed during a public meeting on Monday, May 18, starting at 7 p.m. at the Service Club on Fort Clark Springs.

The session will provide a basic overview of estate planning and an update on federal estate transfer taxes, as changed by the recently passed Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997.

Guest speakers will be Jose Pena, associate professor and extension economist-management of the Texas Agricultural Extension service, and Kinney County Attorney Tully Shahan.

The process of estate transfer requires careful planning and preparation. Anyone with business or personal assets and responsibilities for children or parents should have an estate plan.

If you don't plan the distribution of your assets after death, will the distribution be fair, and according to your desires?

Estate planning is as much for your family as it is for your peace of mind.

An estate plan focuses on planning now for the financial security of your family, identifying those who ought to get the assets you own at death, protecting those assets against taxes and other death costs, keeping the business in the family, and providing for the care of your children.

There are a number of choices to make your plan work. They might include a will, gifts, trusts, incorporation, and life insurance. These choices will be covered at the seminar.

If you have minor children, it is important to choose a guardian in case both you and your spouse pass on or become disabled at the same time.

The key to building a strong estate plan is to design it just for you and your family. Federal inheritance taxes, probate costs and other fees may erode the value of an estate and create a financial burden for your survivors.

The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 caused many changes to the estate transfer tax laws.



Local singer Patty Lopez performs with El Ultimo Tren at Saturday's Cinco de Mayo dance sponsored by the Las Moras Hispanic Society. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Gonzalez elected to fourth council term

Incumbents successful in re-election bids

Just one year after losing a re-election bid, Ralph Gonzalez earned his fourth term on the City Council Saturday and incumbents had successful bids as Brackettville had its highest voter turnout in six years.

There were 462 citizens who cast ballots in this year's election, a 14 percent increase over last year's turnout of 404 voters. It was the highest turnout since 1992 when 487 ballots were cast.

In the Place 4 race, Gonzalez garnered 184 votes, while Martha E. Ward McDonald had 143 and Martin T. Luna Jr. finished with 65. Mindy Slubar and Alex Longoria, both write-in candidates, had 38 and 12 votes, respectively.

Gonzalez, who has previously served six years on the City Council, fills the seat that has been vacant since Tino Gomez resigned earlier this year.

Mayor Carmen M. Berlanga was elected to her fourth term. She had 261 votes while her opponent, Diana Koch Ward, pulled in 182 votes.

Incumbents Mary V. Flores and Tencha Pena were both re-elected to the City Council after running unopposed. Flores had 275 votes and Pena

Brackettville city election

MAYOR		
Diana Koch Ward	182	41.1%
Carmen M. Berlanga (I)	261	58.9%
ALDERMAN, PLACE 2		
Tencha Pena (I)	271	100%
ALDERMAN, PLACE 4		
Martha E. Ward McDonald	143	32.4%
Ralph Gonzalez	184	41.6%
Martin T. Luna Jr.	65	14.7%
Alex Longoria (WI)	12	2.7%
Mindy Slubar (WI)	38	8.6%
ALDERMAN, PLACE 5		
Mary V. Flores (I)	275	100%

received 271.

The election results were canvassed at a special meeting Tuesday morning. The winners will be sworn in tomorrow at City Hall at 10 a.m.

Davis, Garcia, Terrazas win terms on BISD school board

McDaniel elected to unexpired one-year term

BISD election

THREE EXPIRED TERMS	
Lloyd Lee Davis (I)	376
Gloria Garza-Garcia (I)	370
Darlene Shahan (I)	342
Sara Terrazas	355
ONE UNEXPIRED TERM	
Jim McDaniel (I)	370

Lloyd Lee Davis, Gloria Garza Garcia and Sara Terrazas were elected to three-year terms on the Brackett School Board of Trustees Saturday.

Terrazas was the only non-incumbent in the election, which drew 691 voters.

Davis topped the field of four candidates seeking the three expired terms with 376 votes. Garcia

finished with 370 votes, Terrazas garnered 355, and Darlene Shahan had 342.

Jim McDaniel ran unopposed for a one-year unexpired term and received 370 votes. He was appointed to the board last year following Jimmy Bader's resignation.

The winners were sworn in Tuesday at a special meeting.



Wes Robinson, left, and Jack Schram, right, present a copy of the new "90 Miles on Highway 90" book to Chamber of Commerce President Larry Sofaly. "The Chamber appreciates all of the hard work Jack and Wes did on this wonderful book," Sofaly said. The Chamber will be distributing the book to its members throughout the month. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Cooperative implements rural crime watch program

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative employees have teamed up with law enforcement officials to establish the Rural Crime Watch Program.

Because of their daily visibility throughout the community, co-op personnel can serve as "eyes and ears," noting and reporting suspicious activities as a deterrent to crime.

"Additional 'eyes and ears' for law enforcement have reduced crimes already in areas having Neighborhood Watches," said

Dan Laws, CEO for Rio Grande Electric Cooperative.

"Reporting suspicious activities or a crime through the Rural Crime Watch Program will increase law enforcement's effectiveness while reducing the number of crime victims in our area," he added.

Training sessions led by county sheriffs and local police officers will teach co-op employees how to spot and respond to suspicious behavior. A suspect sheet is used

to sharpen observation skills and as a guide to recording details that might be useful in an investigation.

Co-op vehicles are marked with "Rural Crime Watch Reporter" decals equipped with two-way radios and cellular phones. Any suspected criminal activity is reported to law enforcement authorities to handle.

"Crime is on the uprise in rural Texas," Laws said. "Illegal drugs, theft of cattle and farming equipment and burglaries are becoming more common.

"In addition, local law enforcement officers will receive training about crimes experienced by electric utilities, like theft of wire and meter tampering. This will enhance the officer's knowledge of the 'red flags' to look for regarding utility-related crimes, and increase prevention as well as apprehension of offenders.

"It is a community partnership that makes sense and was fully embraced by our Board of Directors," Laws added.

Terrazas and Vasquez crowned Cinco de Mayo King and Queen



Katherine Vasquez and Nat Terrazas, center, were crowned the 1998 Cinco de Mayo king and queen Saturday night at the Kinney County Civic Center. Members of their court were Melanie Terrazas, left, and Jessica Gutierrez. The third annual event was sponsored by the Las Moras Hispanic Organization. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Evans first recipient of medal named after him

COLLEGE STATION - The Texas A&M Foundation Board of Trustees awarded the first two Sterling C. Evans Medals to Sterling C. Evans of Brackettville and the late William C. McCord of Dallas last weekend.

The board established the Evans Medal this year to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Texas A&M philanthropic efforts.

"Texas A&M University has long fostered the principles of service and self-sacrifice," said Carroll W. Phillips, foundation chairman. "As trustees of the foundation, we encounter these traits often and are duty bound to promote and encourage them in our generation and in generations to come."

The foundation board named the award for Evans, Texas A&M Class of 1921, who is also its first recipient.

Evans was a founding trustee of the Texas A&M Foundation in 1953. He also served as president



STERLING C. EVANS

of the university's board of directors in 1963. Over the years, Evans has committed almost \$10 million to Texas A&M.

"At the age of 98, Sterling Evans remains active in foundation affairs and is the pinnacle example of a lifetime commitment ■ See EVANS/Page 3

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■ Joe Townsend

I know I devoted a column to this topic last week, but Bonnie Herndon again asked for input. I think she was looking for support. Opinion/Page 2

■ Chuck Hall

Snow is probably the strangest subject I have ever written about. And the one least likely to read about in Brackettville in May. Lifestyles/Page 4

■ Bobcats top Tigers

Comfort racked up 10 hits and took advantage of four Brackett errors Tuesday as the Bobcats topped the Tigers 12-2. Sports/Page 5

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Letters to the Editor

Opponents have common goals for youth

To Alcalde Carmen Berlanga: Congratulations on your recent re-election as mayor of Brackettville. I also congratulate all other candidates, winners as well as losers, for providing us with a wider range of options.

Total agreement that Kinney County owns the drug task force property located in Brackettville city limits.

Agree with your quote "(KCYDA) is trying to lease the site to provide a centralized easy assessable (sic) area for all our youth in Kinney County interested in FFA and 4H."

As your statement reads, are you not differentiating from "all our youths" instead of making it accessible to those interested in 4H and FFA? I have no problem with our youth assessing this property. My assessment of this property is that it is located on prime Highway 90 property.

I have family and friends living in Fort Clark and wish those children well who are interested in agriculture. I wish their elders and parents would show their support and interest and allow them access to a location in Fort Clark.

Could we add to your slogan "Don't dump on Spofford" -- Dump on Brackettville.

I have never had any reason to involve myself with the Kinney County Extension Service and I surely have no intention to do so now. As far as the BIRD agriculture department, I am very happy to see this program and facilities implemented as an elective in their curriculum.

A bit of sarcasm is sensed in your comments about my nephew. Read my article again, Carmen. I handed his calling cards as admissions director at West Point to BIRD board members. Who better to trust to deliver to the proper people?

I am not familiar with the staff at BIRD. I was pointing out a fact

that there are other career avenues available.

A wonderful Christmas concert was presented by the Brackett Fighting Tiger Band and the beginners' band. I observed parents leaving immediately after their child or children had performed with the beginners' class. This seemed to me like an insult to director Hector Jimenez and his assistant, Ms. Roxanne Gonzalez, and to the high school band members themselves.

Was this showing support for all our youth? Was it just a coincidence? Cultural values are also very valuable and essential in life.

By definition a farm animal and a ranch animal is just that. As far as distance required to travel in Brackettville and Fort Clark, I measured exactly three miles from E. Third Street up Ann Street into Fort Clark to the entrance to the Club House.

All day long I see many of our youth driving their souped up cars and pickups with their boom boxes as loud as can be. I hardly believe that our youth do not have access to transportation. By the way, many of them have little regard for your traffic signs on Gove Street and throughout town.

As for "livestock providing funds for students to further their education," my 36 years as a cost accountant with the Rio Grande Electric Cooperative Inc. taught me that income must be more than production costs in order to realize a profit.

How many children in Brackettville are able to fund their college education by raising a calf, a hog, a rabbit, a goat, a sheep, etc.?

I hear ranchers all the time complaining, and rightfully so, about the high cost of feed. Have you noticed the cost of college tuition and housing lately?

You seem to imply that I filed a complaint against my neighbors.

Check your own city records on who was the complainant.

I was always taught by my parents and teachers to stick to my convictions and to respect those with opposing views. This I believe I have done.

I never attacked you nor "Tootsie" individually. I directed my comments collectively to the governing entities. Most of those persons composing these entities are my personal friends.

It is a sad day when an elected official chooses to show his or her true demeanor in such a way as to personally attack citizens with opposing views. Also the press.

Would you like to censor the news? Were your comments suppressed in any way? If so a great injustice was done to you.

I believe you, "Tootsie" and all citizens of Brackettville have common goals for our youth, but hold different opinions as to how to arrive at these goals.

I think of myself as being a pragmatist and hardly negative. Who is being negative? What could be more negative than to deprive our future generations any policy formulation or implementation for 50 years on any issue.

I whole heartedly agree with your statement to encourage folks to "look and see the positive improvements and accomplishments," and might I add, list them all.

Carmen, let me say to you that I have had many calls agreeing with me on this issue. I had one call from one of the members of KCYDA. This person, whom I do not know personally, was very cordial and understanding in our discussion. We agreed we all have common goals for our youth. We did not engage in name calling.

My answers in this case were directed to you and "Tootsie" personally because you directed these questions and comments to me.

Richard Olvera

Does the city have an abundance of water

To Jessie "Tootsie" Herndon: In answer to your question of how I dare think as I do, I will simply say to you I was born in Brackettville, Texas, USA. I am not telling you the date.

I believe I still live in the greatest, free nation in the world. I also direct you to the First Amendment to the Constitution referring to the right of free speech

We are in agreement that Spofford has always had a problem with a lack of water. I would hope that Spofford had all the water necessary for their community.

Thanks but no thanks, I have never considered living in Spofford -- lack of water being one reason. Does Brackettville have such an abundance of water to sell and transmit to Spofford?

For those of you who were here, and those also who were not, approximately 30 years ago, let me remind you when the springs

at Fort Clark dried up. The city had to drill our present wells at a drastic change in cost rates. Luckily we had some heavy rains at the recharge zones and the springs were recharged.

Last summer Fort Clark again was threatened with that same calamity. Members and tourists alike were deprived use of the pool for several days.

My sister and I and many relatives and friends are members and residents of Fort Clark, a beautiful place indeed. We too pay our assessments. I am not asking for a freebie. Is it practical to issue a 50 year lease at zero dollars on any property?

"Dr." Herndon, thanks for the free analysis of my problem. However, you presented me with another dilemma. You did not explain what my problem was. May I ask where you acquired your practicing license in psychology?

"Tootsie" most of the things our school children are now provided with, we did not have. I am very happy for the facilities now made available to them. We did not have computers. We did not have gyms. We did not have an ag building, nor a home economics building. We did not have internet. We did not have air conditioning. I am proud that BIRD has come along this far to provide these things for our children.

I sincerely hope and pray KCYDA accomplishes their goals. My concern is the location and the 50 year lease at zero dollars. I have always been against long term leases. I do not think that will ever change.

I also salute the farmers and ranchers in our community. They are an integral and very important segment of our American society.

Richard Olvera

Now is time to get the real facts straight

In regards to Carmen Berlanga's letter to the editor last week, let's get the facts straight.

There is only one newspaper person currently sitting on the City Council. My position as managing editor of The Brackett News ended Jan. 1, 1998. As the title implies, I managed the employees, not the news.

Ms. Berlanga claimed Mr. Townsend's column (it is not an article because it appears in the paper every week) was "totally distorted, slanted, and misinformed."

That is a very broad and generalized statement. Why did she not go in to specifics?

I would like to know why am I

being personally attacked for Joe Townsend's column?

The subject of that column reflects badly on the entire City Council, past, present, and future.

Was it slanted? It's an opinion column, what do you expect?

Was it distorted and misinformed? Unfortunately, it was not.

Ms. Berlanga asked, "Let us ask ourselves, where was this misinformation obtained?" According to The Brackett News, the figures were verified through city staff and official city documents prior to publication. What is more important, where Mr. Townsend got his information or its veracity?

Ms. Berlanga said the article was timely. It was not near as

timely as her response.

Ms. Berlanga's statement that I have not once come to City Hall to learn any of the "whys" is a blatant lie. I have asked the questions and I have heard the "whys." I simply do not agree with many of them.

Ms. Berlanga is certainly entitled to her opinions, so is everyone else. But they are just opinions, not facts.

Opinions always remind me of a coach I had in junior high. Coach Mitchell always said, "Opinions are like armpits, everybody's got a couple and they all stink."

Wes Robinson Mayor Protem

County should sell task force building

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



I know I devoted a column to the proposal from the Kinney County Youth Development Association (KCYDA) last week, but Bonnie Herndon again asked for input. I think she was looking for support.

It's easy to delude ourselves into thinking most people agree with our ideas. Since my former column, I've done some research on this matter, and the more research the more unconscionable the scheme becomes.

Is this group pushing for control of the task force property simply an ad hoc group or is it a duly organized group? Do they have a constitution and bylaws? Do they have duly elected leaders? Do they have a written policy for continuing leaders in the years ahead? Are they an incorporated group or simply a few people with an acronym? In other words, where is the authority of this group?

Next in the matter of consideration is the ridiculous idea of a 50-year lease with a 50-year option -- 100 years free use of an expensive county-owned property with sole dictation of the use of property.

The anticipation of the existence of the Soil Conservation corps for another 100 years shows a blind, pie in the sky attitude.

The idea that there is a need and will be for 100 years for children to have a place away from home to raise show animals is ridiculous. The numbers interested in this has rapidly dwindled in recent years.

The idea that they have plans to keep the pens clean and the manure hauled off appeals only to the unthinking. They may not remember, but it does rain here sometimes and any thinking person knows what happens to feed pens when it rains.

The ridiculous idea of the mayor that the county supersedes the city in this matter shows her usual abundance of ignorance. The county has to abide by city

ordinances like any common citizen.

The odor factor and its control is the responsibility of the city. With the prevailing southeast wind, any odors would be swept into the city.

Office space for the soil conservation and county agent's office is the responsibility of the county. Where is the need for fancy offices outside control of the county especially when this ad hoc group expects the county to pay the upkeep and utilities (including janitor)?

As I read prospectus of the effort, I see nothing that is not now being accomplished by the school. The school keeps the students busy all through the week with very little time left for the students to be at home where they need to be.

Anyone would agree with the high sounding efforts to minister to students. The real answer to the problems is the school and the home.

Another extra curricular activity, such as suggested by this group, is doomed to failure because of the lack of participation. If these people would give as much time volunteering as mentors at school as they would use in this venture, they would render much greater service.

The idea that any ad hoc group responsible to no one could be handed valuable property owned by all the people of the county rent free for 100 years with not even any security deposit is absurd. The above items are found in the proposed lease agreement presented by KCYDA.

Another point: I grew up in Boy Scouts to level of Star Scout. It was then and is now and always has been the responsibility of the

sponsoring organization to furnish a meeting place. Why has this suddenly become unfeasible?

Even the utilities for "Kinney County Extension Agent and the West Nueces-Las Moras Soil and Water Conservation District shall be the responsibility of Kinney County."

"Lessor (Kinney County) shall be responsible for janitorial services to offices occupied by Kinney County Extension Agent and West-Nueces Las Moras Soil and Water Conservation District, common areas including conference rooms and rest rooms for normal use during the work week."

Keep in mind that Kinney County still owes thousands of dollars on this property and the taxpayers will have to pay it off.

The following is an estimate of what it would cost the Kinney County taxpayers over 50 years: loss on taxes, \$25,000; utilities, \$60,000; janitor, \$55,380.

At today's prices, and they will skyrocket, the costs total \$140,380, and remember the county has absolutely no control over any use of this building.

It's a simple matter to dream up some high sounding idea and have someone else pay the bill. It's always easy to concoct plans to spend someone else's money.

The county should by all means sell the property. One good suggestion may be to lease the property to the ad hoc group for 3 to 5 years with a promise that the property be vacated on six months notice. Thus the county controls the ability to sell the property.

In five years, most of this group will no longer have children involved in these activities and their zeal will suddenly turn to other channels.

Letters to the Editor

What's wrong with money in the bank?

I ask what happened to Wes Robinson's and J.J. Guidry's integrity in clarifying Joe Townsend's tirade? Does the fact that they are newspaper people make them immune? Does criticism to the city or City Council not reflect on them also as Council members? Does this lack of integrity denote conflict of interest?

Isn't it wonderful that the city has over \$500,000? The correct figure is \$569,807.35 based on the 3-30-98 financial report. In May 1992 when I became mayor, we were so deep in the red, that our auditor stated (June 1992) he had no idea how we were going to pay him and, also, survive the next five months fiscal year Oct. 91-92.

We have overcome those dark ages. Now we have money and a strong solid budget. Governing entities get criticized for poor money management when there is no money. Now the City gets criticized for good money management and for having money. A no win situation.

This big money is there for a reason. It is not that we are just hoarding it. There is a purpose. There is nothing that we would love better than to turn it back to good use for our community.

However,

In or about 1972 or 1973 and for 17 years thereafter the sewer system capacity increased due to the development of Fort Clark Springs. Now don't get bend out of shape about Fort Clark Springs. The sewer system ponds were originally installed at Fort Clark during its military era. Not here and now. Not you and me.

In 1988 or 1989, the then Texas Water Commission became aware of this deficiency. The system was antiquated and in dire need of replacement. The then city and Fort Clark officials started to correct this problem. As per state mandate not to show intent of correction would have resulted in penalizing the city \$10,000 a day until corrected.

This intent lingered and lingered and viola in May 1992, my administration became the heirs. This mayor et al went to Austin. The et al being David Luna, city manager; Elia Garcia, sec; David Martinez, superintendent; Larry Sofaly, Fort Clark MUD; and Pat Dodson, city attorney. We met with the grant, loan, EPA, archaeology State department heads. Much transpired.

We were stuck with the already State approved plans. The grant

quote was finalized, mind you the grant quote was in the past tense on cost of about 6 to 10 years earlier. Now for the biggy! In order to complete and comply with State mandate specifications, we had to borrow \$765,000 mutually between Fort Clark Springs and the city of Brackettville.

What to do, what to do? Remember our depleted budget. The State's "Letter of Conditions" that governs the grant and loan, which I must sign to guarantee pay back on the loan/bond, so stated "have cash collateral, raise city property taxes and utility rates." One or all three. If we do not have the secured money, then we must drastically increase city property taxes and utility rates, which are a different line item and for a different purpose. Which would we rather have? We chose to save the money, thus the \$569,807.35.

The good Lord blessed us and we did it! The credit for all this savings goes to David Luna, city manager and all the City Hall staff and employees.

In addition to the State mandated cash collateral, every month we deposit money from sewer usage fees into the Reserve Bond account. This money is committed to and for the loan/bond only. Semi-annually we are billed principle, plus interest on the outstanding balance of the loan/bond. Fort Clark pays its equal share.

Now, pray tell me what is there to criticize about the city having cash money in the bank?

Thank you Brackett News for the accurate quotes regarding my re-election as mayor. Thank you for putting my picture on the front page. Yes, Joe Townsend, I loved it!

Carmen M. Berlanga Mayor, City of Brackettville

Big Mama Sez!

Love never asks how much must I do, but how much can I do.

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A&M honors Evans

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to progress and excellence at Texas A&M," said John Lindsey, a regent with the university.

"Mr. Evans' efforts have not been limited to personal gifts and interests," he said. "Over the years he has devoted his energies to getting others involved, constantly seeking new contributors and people who are willing to work for Texas A&M."

Evans said, "This school has meant more to me than any other place I know, and it needs to play that same role for generations to come. That's why I keep giving and keep encouraging other people to give."

McCord was a 1949 graduate of Texas A&M. He held a long list of significant leadership positions at the university and gave more than \$1 million to the school.

The Evans Medal is a sterling silver medallion custom designed by James Avery Craftsmen in Kerrville, Texas.

Recipients must exhibit a long and distinguished record of supporting philanthropy at Texas A&M, both through exemplary giving and volunteer leadership. Other qualifications include a proven willingness and ability to motivate others to support Texas A&M, a lifelong devotion to the university and higher education, and a personal history of integrity and excellence in all aspects of life.

The Texas A&M Foundation is a private, nonprofit corporation established in 1953 to encourage, receive and manage major gifts in support of educational excellence at Texas A&M.



Jorge Rodriguez and Gracie Terrazas, center, were crowned as the 1998 Cinco de Mayo prince and princess Saturday night at the Kinney County Civic Center. Members of their court were Ruth De la Fuente, left, and Stephanie Terrazas, right.

Mother's Day is special

This Sunday is Mother's Day. It's a special day for each of us. It's a time to remember our moms for all of those special moments.

If your mom is still living, take time to give her a hug, a call, and a special word of thanks for being mom. If she's gone on to her reward, take some time to remember those greatest days when she was there beside you.

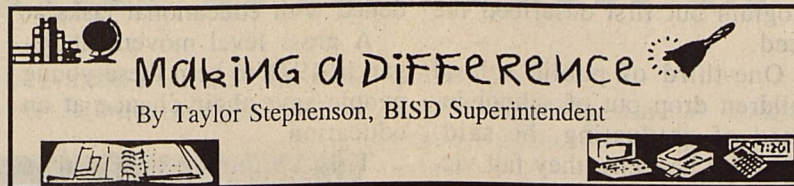
Women have made strides forward toward equality and representation in what used to be a male world. It all began with women's suffrage. I'm sure it began many years before that. I just don't happen to know much about those days.

Texas has had its share of great ladies. We have a history book that includes names of those who made things happen.

I'm grateful for the moms and especially for those ladies who give of their time so that life can be better.

School Board Election
The school board election is over. It's time to move on to the issues of governance.

Congratulations to Lloyd Lee Davis, Gloria Garcia, Sara



Terrazas, and Jim McDaniel. They join board members Rose Mary Slubar, Steve LaMascus and Tim Ward to form the Board of Trustees for Brackett ISD.

It will be a good board. They will work to try to do the right things.

I'll say a special word of encouragement for our new board member, Sara Terrazas. Best wishes for a productive three years.

I want to say a special word of thanks to Darlene Shahan. She did a good job on the school board. Darlene worked on many committees with tough assignments. Our policies and practices have improved because of her diligent efforts. Thanks, Darlene.

The End is Near
The school year is coming to an end. We're trying to schedule school between the class activities

and trips. It's truly a busy time of the year.

The athletic season is over with the exception of baseball. As I write, the team is hanging on to hope that we can make the playoffs. I wish the best for this fine baseball team.

Office hours for the school administration office are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. I need the last hour of the day to work on plans, reports and implementation of the plan. Your help in trying to visit our office between these hours will help us be more efficient at our jobs.

Adult Education
Frank Taylor is doing a grand job with the adult computer classes. I visited the class Monday night. You've come a long way.

I'm happy to know that the internet is now available in Brackettville. Have a great week!

Obituary

Michael Ray Ferguson

Michael Ray Ferguson, 49, passed away Friday, May 1, 1998. He was born on Aug. 27, 1948, in Shawnee, Okla.

Ferguson graduated from high school in Liberal, Kan., and attended Senior Enlisted Academy. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1967 and retired in Norfolk, Va., in 1996.

Ferguson was a member of the VFW, Fleet Reserve, and Volunteer Fire Department in Leakey, Texas. He was also a member of the Leakey United Methodist Church.

Ferguson was preceded in death by his father, Troy Ferguson, in 1983.

He is survived by his wife: Anna Lousie Ferguson of Leakey; mother: Wilma Ferguson of Shawnee; daughters: Stacy Ferguson and Tami Sedberry, both of San Diego; step-children:

Pvt. J.D. Clawson and wife Crystal of Savannah, Ga., and Danielle Lyon and husband Christopher of Corpus Christi, Texas; grand-

daughter: Alexis Hernandez of San Diego; brother: Tom Ferguson and wife Sharon of Houston; sisters Linda Ferguson-Treat of Shawnee and Shirley Branson and husband Kenneth of Weatherford, Okla.; and a number of nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Memorials can be made to the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery Association in Brackettville, and Leakey EMS, or the Navy Marine Corp Relief Society in Corpus Christi.

Services were held Tuesday, May 5, at Roesch-Walker Funeral Chapel in Shawnee and burial was Wednesday, May 6, with military honors at Little Cemetery in Corpus Christi.

Dear Grey Wolf Mike,

From the many of us that cannot be in Corpus Christi, we will miss you sir.

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, April 27

6:15 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs man reported a burglary at his residence. No forced entry was evident and there was no damage to the house. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter met the man, who said he could not find anything missing. The case is still under investigation.

Tuesday, April 28

12:19 a.m., Deputy Sheriff Adrian Pena, assigned to the DEA Drug Task Force, requested assistance on Ranch Road 131 in reference to a possible intoxicated driver who was travelling over 70 miles per hour. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the location and initiated a traffic stop five miles south of Highway 90. The driver of the vehicle was a custom's agent stationed at Eagle Pass. The woman, who said she was not drinking, said she was worried about the vehicle following her and was talking with her husband on a cell phone.

8:30 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs man reported that his right rear window on his 1994 Dodge pickup had been shattered. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was dispatched to the scene. The case is still under investigation.

9:00 p.m., Rodrigo Hernandez, 22, of Garland, Texas, was arrested by DPS Trooper Juan Lozano on charges of probation violation and assault. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. He was released the same day on a \$500 cash bond.

Wednesday, April 29

11:10 a.m., Two city employees reported illegal trash dumping at the highway frontage property the city uses to burn brush. The case is still under investigation.

8:00 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that she found a grey back-pack on Spring Street.

Thursday, April 30

4:45 a.m., A Brackettville

woman reported that her husband was drunk and had beaten her up at their residence on E. First Street. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He met with both parties and the husband agreed to sleep in his truck.

8:25 a.m., Deputy Guidry and Reserve Deputy Ron Ring were dispatched to a residence on W. Thorn in reference to a domestic dispute. The problem was resolved.

1:44 p.m., Del Rio Police Department officials reported a grass fire near Pinto Creek on Standard Lane. The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to the scene.

Friday, May 1

7:05 p.m., A Brackettville woman said that her son was threatened by another child at the Kinney County Civic Center. Deputy Guidry and Reserve Deputy Ring were dispatched to the scene. They met with the second child's mother who said the incident did not occur. Both parents were reminded of restraining orders that had been previously filed and they said they would try to keep their children apart.

Saturday, May 2

4:20 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported that someone had torn a screen at her residence on W. Spring Street. Deputy Guidry and Reserve Deputy Ron Ring were dispatched to the scene. The case is still under investigation.

10:50 a.m., A Brackettville man reported that he was having a problem with his neighbors at his residence on W. Thomas Street. Deputy Guidry and Reserve Deputy Ring were dispatched to the scene. They met with both parties and the problem was worked out.

12:45 p.m., DPS Trooper Tony Ashley reported that a vehicle parked on the corner of Highway 674 and Highway 334 was blocking traffic. Deputy

Guidry and Reserve Deputy Ring were dispatched to the scene. They found the owner of the car at the Cinco de Mayo celebration. He said that he had left his vehicle to ride on a float in the parade and did not realize it was in the road. The Sheriff's Department officials gave the man a ride back to his vehicle and he moved it.

11:40 p.m., Smith Security officials reported a domestic dispute at Fort Clark Springs in Unit 12. No complaints were filed.

Sunday, May 3

1:03 p.m., A Brackettville man reported seeing someone on a motorcycle running goats at the blinking light on Highway 90 on top of the hill towards Del Rio. He said the person turned left and was headed towards the Seminole Cemetery. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene but was unable to locate the motorcycle.

5:45 p.m., A motorist said that two men flagged him down on Highway 2523 and asked if he could phone officials to report that they had rolled their car just south on Highway 3008. No injuries were reported. Del Rio DPS officials were notified.

8:11 p.m., Tony Gerald Jones, 36, and Kenneth Rob Howe, 38, both of Del Rio, were arrested by DPS Trooper Roger Dixon. Jones was charged with driving while intoxicated, first offense, and Howe was charged with public intoxication. Both were booked into the Kinney County Jail where they are still being held.

Monday, May 4

8:07 a.m., A Spofford man reported three loose dogs.

8:47 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs man reported a grass fire on Highway 131. The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched to the scene. Officials said the fire was a controlled burn.

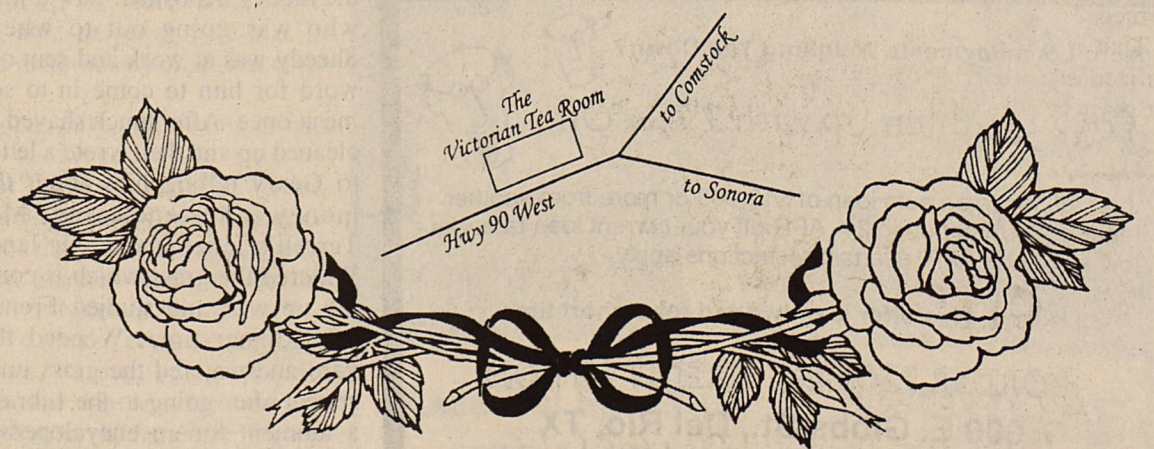


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But, I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall



Snow, an odd topic for Brackettville

Snow is probably the strangest subject I have ever written about. And the one least likely to read about in Brackettville in May. But hear me out.

I read the other day that the Eskimos have over 20 words for snow. They have a different word for falling snow, fallen snow, wet snow, dry snow, loose snow, snow cut into blocks for an igloo, snow not yet cut into blocks, and ... well you get the picture.

I was super impressed — at first. Then I thought, what else have they got to talk about? I

mean, their whole world is snow! Take away their snow and what have they got?

I hope I haven't become an Eskimo. I don't want my life to be so restricted that I can only comprehend what is immediately before me.

I want to know thousands of things. All totally different. Each one unique and wonderful.

And if I ever get too narrow-minded, please tell me. But I'll probably tell you to mind your own business. And you could be wrong.

Briefs ...

Theta Sigma celebrates 67th anniversary

Brackettville's Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi enjoyed its 67th anniversary Thursday as the sorority celebrated Founder's Day at the home of Clara McCord.

McCord and Bobbie Waddill led in the singing "The Star Spangled Banner." Alicia Raymer led the opening ritual and Waddill read the Beta Sigma Phi grace.

President Nancy Frerich gave the welcome. The Founder's Day pledge was led by Doraline Kellar. Pat McKelvy read the annual message from international.

Members receiving perfect attendance pins were McKelvy, seven years; Frerich, four years; Raymer, two years; and Vicki Bell, one year.

Frerich was honored as Woman of the Year. The theme for 1998-99 was revealed as "From Dust to Stardust." Marge Geeze led the closing ritual.

Members were joined by their husbands for a pot luck dinner in the McCord's backyard.

Local sorority celebrates Founder's Day

The Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi celebrated Founder's Day last Thursday at the home of Hazel Ivey.

Flo Stafford led the sorority in the National Anthem. The opening ritual was led by Marla Madrid. The beta Sigma Phi Grace was given by Judy Hooker.

Pam Melancon presented awards to the members. Madrid received the Woman of the Year award.

Members present were Hooker, Ivey, Madrid, Melancon, Stafford, Barbara Brissette, Dee Curry, Elizabeth Goebel, Opal Groce, Betty Mathison, Barbara Miller, and Jan Peck.

On Saturday, the sorority gathered at the Cinco de Mayo celebration at the Kinney County Civic Center and manned a popcorn booth with the group's new popcorn machine.

Frerich discusses trip to Italy at meeting

Nancy Frerich presented a program on her family's trip to Italy Monday as she hosted a meeting for the Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Frerich's husband, Tony, has many relatives in Italy, so she said that made the trip very exciting. She presented videos of their family, their home and their lifestyle. Frerich said the language barrier was the only drawback.

Members enjoyed social hour as Frerich served snacks, along with lemonaid and iced tea, before the meeting was called to order. Nine members answered roll call. Committee reports were given and the proper procedures for passing motions were discussed.

The Theta Sigma Chapter will meet again on Tuesday at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs at 5 p.m.

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. Members played using the Howell movement.

Bob Barnett and Blake Hinton won first place, Joyce Ambler and Jeanette Hinton took second place honors, and Joyce Bell and Alice Seargeant finished third.

I would like to thank everyone who supported me during the recent City Council election.

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Program uses volunteers to help at-risk students

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Adults volunteering to help at-risk children is the basis of the HOST (Help One Student to Succeed) program.

Bryan Harper, the coordinator of the HOST program at Eagle Pass High School, discussed the topic at last Thursday's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting.

Harper, who is also a band director, was introduced by Mike Holley, program chairman.

Holley moved to Fort Clark Springs after retirement from Eagle Pass. While he was there, he took part in the HOST program, where an adult is assigned to meet regularly with one student who has fallen behind.

Harper described the HOST program but first described the need.

One-third of public school children drop out of school instead of graduating, he said. Once this happens, they fall victims to crime and drugs. Dropping out begins a downward spiral that may well end in being homeless.

These children usually have behavioral problems also. They often come from dysfunctional homes and have low self esteem,

and undisciplined, and have a well established pattern of failure.

The child begins school without having the tools to succeed. He or she soon falls behind.

The first "drop out" actually occurs when the student is unable to handle the material being taught, and the class literally moves ahead, leaving him or her behind.

When this occurs, the child can easily become a troublemaker, bothering those who are trying to learn.

The problems worsen until the youngster drops out of school altogether, at a point in life when he or she is unable to cope with life and has no skills to market.

HOST was formed as an attempt to give these youngsters a chance to succeed. Harper said schools are already overburdened with educational tasks.

A grass level movement began in 1971 to help these young people save their chance at an education.

This volunteer program is structured to improve their language arts.

Each child is individually evaluated and goals are set which will meet them at their level, giving them the opportunity to catch up and eventually graduate.



Program Chairman Mike Holley, right, welcomes Bryan Harper to Thursday's Rotary meeting. Photo by Eric McMaster

In a larger sense, the program is dedicated to reducing the dropout rate and helping children succeed in life rather than being dependent on society.

These youngsters may never have had a success in anything, may have had little if any positive messages about who they are and what they might be able to accomplish in life. Their greatest need is for self-esteem and confidence, for assurance that they are likable, even lovable.

An adult who expresses caring and acceptance can give these children a gift which is immeasurable -- the gift of learning they are a worthwhile individual.

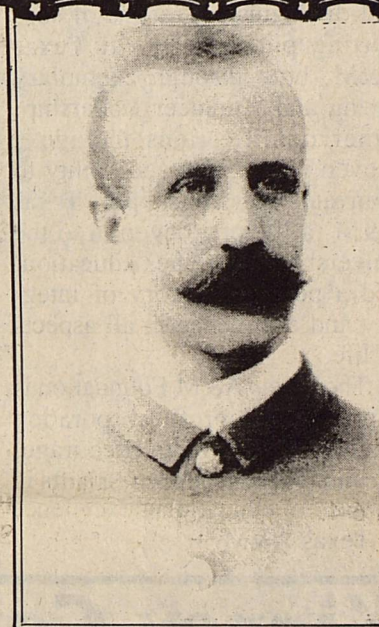
Harper said the mentor will be rewarded many times by seeing a child become more capable.

Being a mentor means being able to relate with a child who may be a horror in terms of his behavior.

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

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

Courtesy of his decendants



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

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

Friday, May 7, 1886

Had charge of "B" Co. at battalion drill this morning. Mail brought two letters from home and a bundle of papers. Sue writes that Louise was baptized last Sunday. Marched on guard this morning and found it pretty warm. Felt like was in a vapor bath all day on account of having my blouse buttoned up and sword on. One of the warmest days of the season. The command was paid by Maj. Bash today. Witnessed signatures at the orderly room of issues of clothing and then collected \$105 from the Seminoles for Geary, they coming to the guard house to pay it. Had to go to the Commissary, Quartermaster, and store for change. After lunch Shedy that "water witch" came in and stayed for a long time. Thought I would not get rid of him all afternoon. Wrote to Capt. Simonds for him and studied French for a while. Read papers from home until dinner time. In the evening finished papers. Being too warm indoors had my bed moved outside and slept very comfortably there. The Officer of the Day inspected about 12-00 o'clock.

Saturday, May 8, 1886

Had a good night's rest and woke up soon after five o'clock. Was glad to march off guard, Hammond relieving me. Mail had only a postal card from Capt. Simonds to send out Shedy the water witch at once. Went down to the store to deposit the money paid Geary. Intended to get a check to send to him, but Friedlander said Geary had spoken to him about the matter and wanted the money deposited. Saw a man who was going out to where Shedy was at work and sent out word for him to come in to see me at once. After lunch shaved & cleaned up and then wrote a letter to Geary telling him about the money and enclosing Mr. Terrell's letter about our land. Watered the grass which is coming up well and studied French until dinner time. Weeded the yard and watered the grass until retreat after going to the Library a moment for an encyclopedia. Spent the evening in quarters writing a French composition about

Richelieu. Dr. Schwartzkopf and King came in at different times and interrupted me a good deal, but the essay was finished before bed time.

Sunday, May 9, 1886

Got up and had a refreshing bath by reveille. Mail had nothing for me this morning. Attended inspection as usual. Wrote on letter home until lunch. After this played on the organ over in the hall and enjoyed. Watered the grass which is coming up splendidly and will soon make our yard the handsomest on the line. Completed letter home and mailed it on the way to dinner. In the evening King came in to do some writing and Dr. Town made a short call but left soon on hearing that church call had gone. Attended chapel as usual, where we had a short sermon on account of the hot night. Sat on Mrs. Hall's porch until tattoo. Col. Lyster called afterwards, and then I read and dozed.

Monday, May 10, 1886

Went out to target practice this morning. Mail brought an O.B. from the Quartermaster General, and two printed circular letters. At ten o'clock acted as counsel for a prisoner charged with desertion. His plea was in bar of trial as three years and more had elapsed since the date of the desertion during all of which time he was in this state & Louisiana, subject to a court martial if the authorities had used due diligence to find him. The Court did not sustain his plea. Much as I detest a man who will deliberately violate his sworn contract with the Government, think that this plea should have been sustained as all the weight of authority was in its favor. After the case was concluded wrote to Forsyth enclosing the O.B. received this morning. Hope now that my property accounts can be straightened out and settled. Shedy, the water witch, came this morning and agreed to return this afternoon to see about going to Capt. Simonds. On way to lunch saw Vedder and got permission for Shedy to ride out on the ambulance tonight to Spofford Junction with Gen. Smith provided the latter is willing. Had usual French lesson in the afternoon. After it asked Gen. Smith for permission for Shedy and it was readily granted. Worked in the yard weeding and watering the grass for a while and then went to the corral with Shedy to complete the arrange-

ment for tonight. Gave him \$5 to pay his car fare out to Dryden. King left today for Neville Springs with the Seminoles. Would have asked for this detail myself if I had not had so much detached duty that it would be unfair to Capt. Vance. Had charge of the company at dress parade this evening as Capt. Vance was on guard. Spent the evening at Gen. Smith's. Miss Saunders, Miss Folsom, Hammond and I are to sing a quartet for the literary club. On account of a concert by the band, Miss Folsom did not come over until after tattoo and Hammond who was present before did not return after tattoo, so that with little practice was had. Sat with Miss Saunders after the rest had gone. She is very urgent for me to write an essay for this literary meeting. Feel ashamed that I have not done this before as I promised to write one for the men. Duff came in from Del Rio today and reports that Guard is there hearty after his trip. We all thought he would come in with Duff and felt disappointed in not seeing him.

Tuesday, May 11, 1886

Attended target practice this morning. Mail brought a letter from home and a French letter from Mr. Preston. Always enjoy receiving his letters. Read the papers in the Library before lunch after sitting in the office a while. After lunch weeded in the yard a little, studied French and tried to write a little on that essay but could not. Feel that it is my duty to write and am heartily disgusted with my procrastination. I have become so lazy that I do not even read light literature, limiting myself to a little study of French. I am becoming utterly worthless, afraid to do anything for fear of adverse criticism. I feel that I have a good mind and with application I could make a name for myself, but so far I have been content to take things as easy as possible. I am a moral coward, preferring popularity to a reputation for a manly Christian character. Watered the grass after dinner. Practiced the quartet at Gen. Smith's until tattoo and then called on Mrs. Remington and had a pleasant chat with her and the Captain. Then had a glass of beer at Hammond's and went down to the store with him and Black & played pool for the drinks. Fine way to end the day.

Wednesday, May 12, 1886

Went out to target practice at

the long range. Miss Saunders, Miss Folsom came out with Steele and Duff and watched the firing for a while. Mail had nothing for me. Wrote up my diary and on letter home until noon after writing to Capt. Simonds about Shedy. After lunch looked over the papers in the Library and then had a visit from Duff until dinner time. Completed letter home and watered the grass until retreat. Escorted Miss Saunders to the hall where the quartet met to practice for tomorrow and stayed there until tattoo. It was our last practice and now we are ready for the entertainment. Called on Mrs. Hall after tattoo, sitting on the porch.

Thursday, May 13, 1886

Had charge of "B" Co. at drill this morning and got through without any mistakes. Capt. Remington had charge of the battalion and gave a more interesting drill than Col. Lyster gives. Mail had nothing for me. Went up to Capt. Vance's for a while after it came and then worked until noon on the French lesson. Had usual lesson in the afternoon when more talking was done than before. Watered the grass a while and took a bath before dinner, besides making a short call on Duff. In the evening escorted Mrs. Fowler to the hall to the entertainment given by the temperance and literary society. The quartet was quite successful and was encored. The men seemed to be well pleased with the entertainment. These two temperance organizations are doing great good in the garrison, and ought to be encouraged. After escorting Mrs. Fowler home was invited to return after tattoo but declined stating that I had an engagement, which was not strictly true. My reason was that I wanted to write on the composition for next Thursday evening. Worked at this until I fell asleep. Wrote today to Black, Starr & Frost, and Homer Lee Bank Note Co. of New York for samples of wedding invitations for Lula.

Briefs ...

Jobe qualifies for state

Former Brackett athlete Reccia Jobe has qualified for the Class 2A state track meet May 15-16 in Austin.

Jobe, a junior at Boys Ranch, transferred from Brackett High School last spring.

She finished second in the 100-meter hurdles at the Region II-2A meet last Saturday after posting a time of 15.66.

Golfers take sixth at regional tournament

SAN MARCOS -- Both of Brackett's golf teams finished in sixth place at the Region IV-2A meet Tuesday.

Savannah Massingill tied for ninth place with a 210 to pace the Tigerettes, who finished with a score of 888.

Other individual girls scores for Brackett were not available at press-time.

Refugio won the girls title with a score of 823, and Ganado was second with 869.

In the boys' division, Weimar won first with 661 and Tidehaven had a 688. The Tigers posted a score of 719.

Jarrett Harrison paced Brackett with a 161, Chad Neuman shot a 167, Nat Terrazas finished with a 193, Aaron Taylor posted a 198, and Brian Collier had a 209.

Crumley falls in three sets at regional meet

SAN MARCOS -- Brackett senior Caleb Crumley split sets with Freer's Bryce Buckley but couldn't pull out a victory in first round action at the Region IV-2A tennis meet Wednesday.

Crumley lost the first set 6-3, but tied it up after winning the second set 6-4. Buckley won the match after winning the third set 6-3.

In boys' doubles action, senior Lionel Ramos and freshman Chris Petrosky lost their first match to Barry and Ryan Hodge of Salado, 6-1, 6-4.

Brittany Shewbart, also a freshman, lost a 6-1, 6-0 decision to Nixon-Smileys' Amanda Zepeda in the opening round of girls' singles action.

Ladies' play ends with first place tie

Two teams tied for first place in a game of low ball twosome Tuesday in Ladies Golf League action at Fort Clark Springs.

Rosemary Janson and Clara McCord tied Luella Gilliland and Betty Lee for top honors. Both teams shot a 78.

Nel Darling and Pat McKelvey took third place with a 79.

Staffords, Simpsons win first in A Flight

The Staffords and Simpsons shot a 61 to take first place in the A Flight last Thursday in Couples Golf League action at Fort Clark Springs.

The Lees and the Millers finished second, and the Beatty, Dennis and Hinton team was third.

The Johnsons and the Waddills won the B Flight, while the Gilliland, Mathison and White team tied the Benfields and the Eckenroths for second.

Bobcats top Tigers

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

Comfort racked up 10 hits and took advantage of four Brackett errors Tuesday as the Bobcats topped the Tigers 12-2 in District 30-2A baseball action.

Comfort and Charlotte both secured playoff berths with wins on Tuesday. All three of Tuesday's conference matchups ended in the same score as Charlotte beat Natalia and Dilley defeated Center Point.

Comfort and Charlotte are both 7-1 in district and have a three-game lead over Brackett, who is 4-4. Dilley and Natalia each have 3-5 records and Center Point is 0-8. There are two games remaining in the regular season.

Kurt Weidenfeld picked up the mound win for the Bobcats Tuesday. In seven innings of work, he allowed two earned runs on six hits with nine strikeouts and three walks.

Jorge Rodriguez went all seven innings for the Tigers. He gave up six earned runs while fanning three batters and walking four.

Brackett's hits were scattered throughout the lineup. Wes Baker, J. Wayne Ballew, Jose Gonzalez, Luis Guajardo, Rene Luna, and Michael Meyer each had one hit. Meyer drove in two runs. Baker and Ballew each crossed home plate.

The Tigers will travel to Natalia tomorrow for a 4:00 game. Brackett closes the regular season on Tuesday as the Tigers host Dilley at 7 p.m.

Tigerettes tie for 14th at regional track meet

SAN MARCOS -- The Brackett Tigerettes tied for 14th place at the Region IV-2A track meet Saturday after tallying 15



Brackett's J. Wayne Ballew (from left), Demitreus Williams, Brent Smith and David Honstein took seventh in the sprint relay at regionals Saturday. They are pictured with Coach Art Finkenbinder. Photo Special to The Brackett News

points. The Tigerettes had two third place finishes in the distance events.

Samantha Perez took third in the 3200-meter run after being clocked at 12:03.6.

Sonya Correa was third in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:31.5, while Perez finished sixth with a 5:41.7.

Jania Finkenbinder claimed fifth place in the 800-meter run after posting a time of 2:28.1. She finished seventh in the 400-meter dash with a 63.9.

In the boys' division, the Tigers tied for 26th place with four points.

Demitreus Williams took fifth in the triple jump with a leap of 43-11 1/4. He was eighth in the long jump with a 21-10.

Lionel Ramos was sixth in the 1600-meter run with a time of 4:43.48. He also took sixth in the 800 with a 2:04.5.

Brackett's sprint team of Williams, J. Wayne Ballew, David Honstein and Brent Smith finished seventh in the 400-meter relay with a time of 43.8.

Cubs take second at district track meet

The Brackett Cubs took second place honors in the eighth grade boys' division at the District 30-2A junior high track meet.

Carlos Gomez won first place in the 800- and 2400-meter run. Jaime Montalvo finished second in the 2400 and Joe Escamilla was fourth in the 800.

Raymond Gomez took second place in the 400-meter dash and third in the triple jump, while Lee Davis won third in the high jump.

Matthew Holloway was fifth in the 110 hurdles and sixth in the discus, shotput and the 100-meter dash.

Isaac Finkenbinder was fifth in the 200-meter dash and sixth in the 300 hurdles.

Finkenbinder, Montalvo, and Carlos and Raymond Gomez took second in the 1600-meter relay.

The sprint team of Davis, Holloway, Raymond Gomez and J.J. Rivas were fourth in the 400-meter relay.

The Cubettes finished in third place in the eighth grade girls' division.

Susannah Davis took first in the 100-meter dash and the triple jump, second in the long jump, and third in the 100-meter hurdles.

Sheena Moore finished second in the 2400-meter run, while Britany Moore was fourth in the 800 and Michelle Bizzell was sixth.

Ashley Antoine was second in the 200-meter dash and Diedra Townsend took fourth.

April Martinez was third in the shot put and sixth in the 100, while Celia De Leon finished third in the discus.

Vanessa Castillo finished third in the 400, and Candace Ingram was fifth in the triple jump and the 300-meter hurdles.

Antoine, Castillo, Ingram and Townsend won first in the 1600-meter relay.

Antoine, DeLeon, Martinez and Moore were second in the

800-meter relay.

The sprint team of Castillo, Davis, Ingram and Townsend finished third in the 400-meter relay.

The Cubs took third place overall in the seventh grade boys' division.

Jesse Davis won first in the high jump. He also won the 300-meter hurdles, and Boyd Brotherton finished fifth.

Doug Sanchez took third place in the discus and in the shot put. Jared Hobbs was fourth in the shot. Hobbs also won third in the 200 and sixth in the 100.

Jake Bostick was sixth in the 400-meter dash and sixth in the triple jump.

The distance team of Bostick, Brotherton, Davis and Sanchez took third in the 1600-meter relay.

Bostick, Davis, Hobbs and Sanchez finished fourth in the 400-meter relay.

OUTDOORS

New license material to undergo test run

AUSTIN -- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) staff briefed Parks and Wildlife commissioners last week on the decision to test a durable new plastic material for hunting and fishing licenses.

The new material, called Valeron, will be tested throughout the month of May at 41 license vendor locations. All TPWD law enforcement offices, Lake Ray Roberts State Park, Goose Island State Park, Garner State Park, and several retail merchants will participate in the trial printing.

License buyers have voiced dissatisfaction since the introduction of the electronically-issued hunting and fishing licenses debuted in 1996. The chief complaint concerned the bulkiness of the paper license that, in order to stay in-

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

tact, had to be kept in a plastic pouch.

Even Commissioner Nolan Ryan likened the license to a phonebook.

Since then, TPWD license staff have worked to improve the quality of the license material as well as decrease the size of the license. Plastic pouches will not be necessary with the waterproof material.

"The new material that we're testing is not really paper, it's actually plastic," explained Lynne Lange, license program director for TPWD.

"We believe that licenses

printed on Valeron will be more durable, much easier to fold, and there's the added bonus of the stay-together strip which will allow hunters and anglers to keep their license all in one piece throughout the year."

Barring a catastrophe, TPWD plans to move forward and make the transfer to the new license material at all 3,000 vendor locations in time for hunting season this fall.

"Our only concern is that the tags must line up with the perforations while printing," Lange added. "We'll test the material

with the different vendors in May and then make adjustments, if necessary, to make sure that the licenses print properly."

In an effort to get feedback from the users, TPWD held public meetings throughout the state in March, at which constituents were able to judge potential license materials up close and comment.

Apparently, the Valeron was well received. The "stay-together" strip was especially popular among hunters, who had complained that the electronic licenses forced them to tear their license in two in order to remove tags.

"We looked at several types of product," Lange said. "We decided that this was the best all-around material for durability and the printing equipment that vendors have in place."



Jorge Rodriguez pitched all seven innings for Brackett Tuesday against Comfort. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Happy Mother's DAY

From:

SEARS

Jorge and Sabrina Rodriguez owners

La Villita Shopping Center Del Rio, Texas

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WHAT WE GET... MARRYING SOME LUMP.
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Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Hailing from The Hague
6 Competitors
10 Bouillabaisse or burgoo
14 Gluey substance
18 Winter month, in Madrid
19 Creole vegetable
20 Grating
21 Ready to eat
22 Ernestine's creator
24 Beethoven's "Für..."
25 Saer's sign
26 Utter
27 Sid Caesar's partner
29 Show a movie
32 Egyptian dam
34 When Paris sizzles
35 Mythological racer
37 Sweetie
38 Splits
43 Actor
44 Stretch the truth
46 20th-century poet
47 "Hee..."
48 Inflatable item?
49 "Saturday
Night Live" comedienne
53 "Do... say, not..."
54 Feel wretched
55 Foundation
56 "Maria..." (41 song)
57 Dismisses
59 Society miss
60 A Karamazov brother
61 Face lift?
62 Pens for Pickwickians
63 Tashkent
65 In accord
66 Crooner
68 Iglesias
67 Roller-coaster feeling
69 Mean
70 Grey of "Cabaret"
71 Recipe abbr.
74 From here to there?
75 Serve the soup
76 Of late
77 Place-kicker's prop
78 "Gotta Be Me"
79 Zany redhead
81 East ender?
82 Put up
83 Potato pancake
84 Moving vehicle
85 Takes on
87 Climbs a trellis
89 Diavolo or Angelico
91 Drench
94 Relative of "ator"
95 Shy primate
97 Kids' creations?
98 George Burns' lady
103 Retreats
105 Take a chance
106 Island
107 "Private Benjamin" star
112 Tennis pro
Nastase
113 A Leeward Island
114 Currier's partner
115 "Peer Gynt" playwright
116 Compote component
117 "Peter Pan"
118 Cassanova's cry?
119 Nick of "OAA"
DOWN
1 Singer Shannon
2 Verse lead-in
3 - Aviv
4 Summon Mommy
5 Uncomfortable situation
6 Stir up
7 Tulsa's st.
8 Actress
9 Japanese honorific
10 Upscale shop
11 Math subject
12 To be, to
Tiberius
13 At any time
14 Greens keeper?
15 Wheels of fortune?
16 Oil cartel
17 Elizabeth of "La Bamba"
20 Macho guy
23 Unlocked
27 - Jima
28 Thames town
29 Stinky smoke
30 Harvey Korman's colleague
31 "Kidnapped" monogram
33 New York stadium
35 Winning
36 - a day's work
38 Actress
39 Scheme
40 "The Facts of Life" star
41 Steen stand
42 Alpine cheese
45 Psyche segments
46 "Die Fledermaus" maid
49 Wapner's prop
50 Author
Dinesen
51 Jazz up the joint
52 Garment shape
53 Perennial best-seller
54 Completely
58 Sundial numeral
61 Motionless
62 Soothe
64 Zag's counterpart
65 MacDowell of "Green Card"
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67 Cian
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69 Places for potatoes
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ment
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85 Jordan's king
86 April initials
88 Furniture material
89 Cuts loose
90 Made tracks
92 Surrounded by
93 Actress
Hatcher
95 '50s tune,
today
96 Fielder's equipment
98 Clutch
99 Try one's patience
100 Lebanon's locale
101 "May I interrupt?"
102 Heart burn?
104 Trebek or Karras
107 Cocktail ingredient
108 Cable channel
109 Nonverbal communication sys.
110 Rainy
111 Opposite of SSW
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
You're serious-minded and can cut through red tape this week. In some way or another, though, things could get out of hand. Take heart; your judgment in money matters is shrewd.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
You'll have a better time by staying in one place. Perceptions are keen, but don't be careless. Partners remain your best sounding board for new ideas.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Some entertain colleagues early in the week. A responsibility in connection with a partnership could arise. However, try not to spread yourself too thin socially over the weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Although there could be a disappointment in your career, there will also be beneficial developments. Your charm and good will wins folks over this weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Put shopping off this week. Are you simply testing others to find out where they stand, or are you sincere in trying to reach an accord? Watch power-play tactics.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
Budgets should prevail over everything. Neither you nor a partner seem to want to give up your position on a monetary question. Watch escapism over the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
You're generous with family and you bring out the best in those you care for. Upcoming plans have you excited. It's a good weekend for romance and visits with children.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Some signals could be

crossed with higher-ups, but you'll be proud of your achievements in the actual carrying out of tasks. Guard against errors in weekend bookkeeping.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
Some unexpected expenses could arise. Get a second opinion regarding appraisals. Don't let someone who asks for a favor this weekend try to make you feel guilty.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
An interesting friend doesn't seem to know when to call it quits. Either income increases or you're the happy recipient of a gift. Shopping is favored during the weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
Big talk makes the rounds concerning your career, but don't expect too much. Taking risks is not favored. It's also not a good week to lend or borrow money.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Although you're tempted to be in a festive and partying mood, you'd be wiser to take advantage of your improved powers of concentration for mental achievement.

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HOCUS-FOCUS

FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Sign is different; 2. Badge is missing; 3. Pocket is added; 4. Strip is missing; 5. Kerchief is different; 6. Pen is missing.

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May 8Randal Davis
May 8Librada DeLeon
May 8Guadalupe Lumberas
May 8Rosa Smith
May 8Terry Terrazas
May 9Bruno Arreola Jr.
May 9Betty Bickel
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May 12Russell Newton
May 12Christina Reschman
May 13Arianna DeLeon
May 13Emma Falcon
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May 13Ferne Hickman

Show respect this Mother's Day

By Pastor Charolette Corey
Gateway Ministries

"Mother F---r" is now heard in the homes, streets, schools, offices, playgrounds, movies, books, comics, songs, etc., especially in this country.

Whoever uses this language brings shame upon his own mother. No wonder so many of our children are being shot or are shooting others.

Proverbs 20:20, "Whoso curseth ... his mother, his lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness;" (he won't live long).

Ephesians 6:1-3, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth."

Proverbs 6:20-22, "My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou

sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee."

It is the responsibility of fathers and mothers to discipline their children and teach them to be responsible to the commandments of God. If parents don't teach their children this and hold them to it, they set their children up to have a short life and for their lives to be full of misery.

If children (of any age) do not honor and respect their parents (even after they are old, Proverbs 23:22), then they will just be hypocrites as Jesus said in Matthew 15:7-8, "Ye hypocrites ... this people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me."

Honor your mother by keeping your language clean. Take time this Mother's Day to give her a footrub, backrub, or both. Take her out to eat and praise her for the things she did that were right or loving in your life, and forgive her mistakes.

God has forgiven you, and he doesn't even allow Satan to keep bringing up your past to

him. So you certainly don't need to keep bringing up your past to him.

Be a mender of the breach and ambassador of reconciliation. If you love God, you are commanded to do that.

You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you if you but lend your will to God's will.

If your parent is no longer living, pick out a godly mother figure and honor her in your mother's name.

Thank God for your mother daily, because if she hadn't lived, you would not be alive today. Thank your parents and God for the life that he and they gave you.

This "attitude of gratitude" will help heal the wounds of your past and give you new strength and joy, not only for yourself, but to pass on to your children and others. Remember, your children will treat you the way you treat your parents.

Be blessed and be a blessing this Mother's Day, and every day. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Prepare a place for Jesus in your heart

Jesus said to his disciples, "If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him" (John 14:23).

But he was also telling them that he was soon to leave them (John 13:33).

It was difficult for them to understand what he was saying. How is it possible for him both to leave and make his home with them at the same time?

Jesus was promising that just as he was going to heaven to prepare a place for them and

would one day welcome them there, so it would be possible for them to prepare a place for him in their hearts now. He would come and make his home with them right here.

This was beyond their comprehension. Is it beyond yours?

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church will have mass on Monday, Thursday and Friday at 7 a.m.; Wednesday at noon with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 9 p.m.; Saturday at 6:30 p.m.; and Sunday at 8 a.m. in Spanish, 10:30 a.m., and 5 p.m. in Spofford.

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Readings from the book of Matthew

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

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?

"And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock;

"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

"And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

"And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."

Matthew 7:21-27

Praise the Lord!

The St. John's Missionary Church's prayer line, (830) 563-3032, is open 24 hours daily.

Thank God for tomorrow

By Rev. Joe Townsend
Frontier Baptist Church

Thank God, there is always tomorrow. Moses told the children of Israel when it seemed they faced starvation on the way from Egypt to Caanan: "In the morning you will see the glory of the Lord."

The next morning the land was covered with manna.

Remember, there is always tomorrow. When we sin, it may seem we've gotten by with it. Not so, there is always tomorrow and payday. There always remains the scar. However, there is also forgiveness.

When we do good, there likewise comes payday. No good thing ever goes unrewarded. Results continue into the future. There comes contentment of heart.

When we neglect God, there comes the payday. The missed blessings are a high price to pay for that neglect. There is less insecurity. There is trepidation.

The most dramatic action of tomorrow is when we face God in heaven.

If we have a personal faith in Jesus Christ, it will be glorious to be ushered into heaven by Jesus Christ himself.

If we have never accepted him as a personal savior, it will be a horrible eternity in hell.

For the Christian an evaluation of the good done in life will determine the rewards for all eternity issued by God himself.

There is always tomorrow to try to rectify wrong and to attain greater heights of good. There is always tomorrow to enjoy the accomplishments of the past. There is always tomorrow to climb new mountains.

God provides tomorrow, and as everything he does, he gives it an opportunity to enjoy life, to make it count.

There will be another message from the Bible at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11. Come and see.

Knowing God's will is not always simple

By Rev. Sheree Harris
First United Methodist Church

God's will. It's a concept with which Christians are familiar. It's a term we use often. It's part of our most frequently prayed prayer. Yet when it comes to our own personal life, knowing and doing God's will is not always simple or easy.

Discerning God's will for our life is sometimes as obvious and straightforward as reading the handwriting on the wall. At other times, it is a process as complex and veiled as tripping on a feather. It involves intently watching, listening, and waiting for a still small voice or a subtle sign.

Doing God's will sometimes brings immediate gratification and we're happy to oblige. Other times it requires great sacrifice and we painfully submit.

Knowing and doing God's will is also a continuous process. Just because we know and do it today doesn't necessarily mean we will tomorrow.

Each new day brings with it the challenge of deciphering, among all the changing variables, what God would have us be and do. Every day we are offered a new privilege of carrying out that divine desire.

God's will for our lives is a very personal thing and draws us into our deepest self. At the same

time, our lives are so intertwined with the lives of others that it draws us irresistibly closer to one another. While we search our souls, it is good to be in conversation with fellow seekers.

In seeking God's will, a good place to start is the Bible. If you are interested in what God's will for you is, we invite you to a 13 week Bible study, "Knowing and Doing the Will of God."

We will begin the study next Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. in our fellowship hall. The cost of the student workbook is \$18.95 and the group is limited to 12 people. If you're interested, please call me at 1-830-775-4052.

HEALTH

Dairymen help schools meet guidelines, provide colder milk

Springtime - the days are warmer. But it shouldn't happen to a carton of milk.

That's why the dairy industry has responded in the Brackett School District by providing plastic cartons to help keep the cold air inside milk coolers that have been opened for serving students.

"The federal school lunch program is more than 50 years old now, and kids today still are encountering the same problem as those who first ate meals at school - milk that is less than refreshing because of its temperature," said Beverly Porter, consultant for Dairy MAX, the regional dairy promotion and nutrition education organization.

Schools battle the equivalent of what could be expected at home if you left your refrigerator door open for several minutes - the cold air escapes and the milk and other items become warmer. In schools, though, the doors might be open for a couple of hours.

Dairy MAX has a goal of eliminating the problem of warm milk at schools it serves by the year 2000. More than just a matter of what tastes better, colder temperatures assure the safety of milk.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is recommending states adopt a regulation that 41 degrees not be exceeded as the serving temperature for certain foods.

As a result, Dairy MAX is providing several different methods of serving colder milk, including a "milk barrel" and forced air-coolers, as well as the plastic cooler curtains.

"We appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the Dairy MAX program," said Honey Bee Gomez, Brackett ISD's food service coordinator.

"This kind of innovation shows, among other things, that our child nutrition program in Brackettville schools is concerned about the quality of food and is constantly striving to improve how it is prepared and served," she added.

Even though they are refrigerated, "cold wall" cooler boxes begin to warm, by 10 degrees or more over a two-hour period, after their doors are swung open for serving. The curtain panels provide a see-through barrier students can reach between to get their milk.

The milk barrel is a portable container that surrounds a case of half-pint cartons with ice.

Independent laboratory tests have shown the barrel and the cooler curtains can maintain milk that already is at or below the desired temperature.

Dairy MAX believes the increased popularity that colder temperatures can bring milk also will help the organization reach another goal - prevention of osteoporosis.

"Kids are falling short of their needed calcium intake," Gomez said. "Their years in school happen to be critical years for building bone mass. Girls especially are at risk, but boys also need to be aware that preventing a disease of mostly older people starts in their youth."

A number of foods contain calcium, but dairy products are the most convenient source of substantial amounts of the bone-building material.

"It's interesting to think that such a huge health problem could be eased by something as relatively simple as serving colder milk so that more kids want to drink it," Gomez added.

Rubella concerns officials

State health officials are concerned that rubella could become more widespread in Texas.

Some 35 cases in nine counties have been confirmed in the state this year compared with 12 cases in all of 1997 and eight cases in 1996.

Most rubella illness is mild, but it can cause birth defects, miscarriages and stillbirths if contracted by pregnant women, especially in the first trimester of pregnancy.

More than 7,000 cases of rubella have been recorded in Mexico this year, including 2,400 cases in Coahuila, Chihuahua, Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas, Mexican states that border Texas. Mexico City has recorded 1,164 cases.

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38 SACREIN AISWAN EITE
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WANTED: PART-TIME HOME-MAID cook. Pay scale contingent upon desire and abilities. Afternoons only. Those interested please contact, Charlie Ward at 563-2626.

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FOR SALE

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GARAGE SALES

YARD SALE, Friday and Saturday, 9 AM until 7 1977 and 1983 Chrysler, 1996 Chevrolet pickup with camper. Tools, tires, bicycles, window cooler, new commodes and lavatories. 501 E. 3rd.

YARD SALE, SATURDAY, May 9, 8 a.m., 307 Crockett Road, Fort Clark Springs. Furniture, clothing, baby items, etc.

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In Fort Clark - 3 bed, 2 baths, large playroom, central air/heat. 12x14 air conditioned shop. Near museum. \$80,000.00.

For rent and/or for sale - 2 bed, 1 bath home. Chain link fence, covered carport. Includes membership.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

BRACKETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL District is soliciting for Student/Athletic, Voluntary, and Catastrophic Insurance Proposals for the 1998-99 school year. Interested parties need to request proposal forms. Contact: Dixie Brown, Business Manager, Brackett Independent School District, PO Box 586, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, TX 78832, (830) 563-2491, ext. 113. RFP's will be received until May 26, 1998, at 1:00 p.m.

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BISD Cafeteria Menu

Parents welcome to join their children at breakfast or lunch

Breakfast Menu

Friday, May 8
Pancakes
Syrup
Fruit or Juice

Monday, May 11
Breakfast Pizza
Fruit or Juice

Tuesday, May 12
Potato & Egg Taquito
Fruit or Juice

Wednesday, May 13
Biscuit
Sausage
Gravy
Fruit or Juice

Thursday, May 14
Glazed Donuts
Fruit or Juice

Lunch Menu

Friday, May 8
Roasted Turkey
Whipped Potatoes, Cream Gravy
Seasoned Vegetable, Roll

Monday, May 11
Cheesey Macaroni w/Beef
Seasoned Vegetable
Fresh Baked Roll

Tuesday, May 12
Lasagna, Fresh Baked Roll
Seasoned Vegetable, Fruit

Wednesday, May 13
Chalupas w/Cheese
Spanish Rice, Refried Beans
Lettuce & Tomato Salad

Thursday, May 14
Hamburger, Oven Fries
Burger Salad, Fruit

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

City of Brackettville is now accepting applications at City Hall for the following positions for summer employment:

City Swimming Pool Certified Lifeguards

We are an equal opportunity employer!

Community Calendar

Thursday, May 7
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.
6:30 p.m., The Lions Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.
Saturday, May 9
10:00 a.m., The Fort Club Springs Community Council meets in Shafter Hall on Fort Clark Springs.
Monday, May 11
9:00 a.m., The Kinney County Commissioners Court meets at the Court House on Ann Street.
6:30 p.m., The Brackett School Board of Trustees meet at the district's Administration Building on Ann Street.
7:00 p.m., The Brackett middle school and elementary bands will perform their annual spring concert at the high school auditorium.
Tuesday, May 12
6:00 p.m., The Brackettville City Council meets at the City Annex on Highway 90 West.
7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark

Duplicate Bridge Club meets in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.
7:00 p.m., The Las Moras Masonic Lodge No. 444 meets at Lodge Hall on Ann Street.
Wednesday, May 13
7:00 p.m., The Brackett Athletic Booster Club will host its annual Awards Banquet at the high school auditorium.
Thursday, May 14
9:30 a.m., The Mountain Laurel Garden Club meets in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.
6:30 p.m., The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.
Friday, May 15
7:00 p.m., The Brackett High School Fightin' Tiger Band will perform at its annual spring concert at the high school auditorium.
Saturday, May 16

10:00 a.m., The Fort Club Springs Board of Directors meets in the Board Room on Fort Clark Springs.
Tuesday, May 19
7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.
Thursday, May 21
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.
6:30 p.m., The Lions Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.
Saturday, May 23
10:00 a.m., The Fort Club Historical Society meets at the Palisado Building on Fort Clark Springs.
Monday, May 25
6:00 p.m., The Fort Club Springs VFW meets at the Service Club on Fort Clark Springs.
Tuesday, May 26
6:30 p.m., The Fort Clark Shrine Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Res-

taurant on Fort Clark Springs.
7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.
Thursday, May 28
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.
Monday, June 1
1:00 p.m., The Fort Club Art Club meets at the Art Studio on Fort Clark Springs.
5:00 p.m., The Old Quarry Society meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.
Tuesday, June 2
7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.
Thursday, June 4
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.
6:30 p.m., The Lions Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.