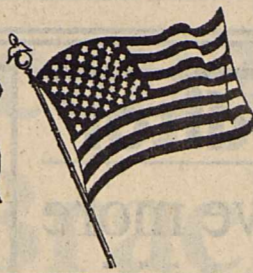


# The Brackett News



## STORM WARNINGS

Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess announced that the fire siren will sound for one minute when the National Weather Service issues a weather warning for Kinney County. It will also sound for one minute when the weather is clear.

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## Three file for election

### Three of four incumbents not seeking terms

Ida Flores, Martha W. McDonald and Julie Fuentes Molano have filed for election and three of the four incumbents in the Brackettville City Council and Brackett ISD School Board of Trustees May 1 elections will not seek re-election.

As of early Wednesday morning, Michael D. Schuster, Ronnie Dean Hobbs and Henry Joseph Lutz were the only candidates to file to run for the Brackett ISD School Board. Two at-large positions will be filled in the election.

Wednesday at 5 p.m. was the deadline to file for a place on the ballot for the City Council and School Board elections. The deadline for write-in candidates to file for each election is Monday.

Brackett ISD School Board incumbents Steve LaMascus and Jim McDaniel are not seeking re-election.

The positions currently held by Aldermen J.J. Guidry and Wes Robinson are up in the Brackettville City Council election. Each position has a two-year term.

Guidry announced at last week's City Council meeting that he would not seek a second term.

McDonald and Molano both filed for Place 1, which Guidry currently holds. Flores will challenge Robinson for the Place 3 position on the City Council.

Drawings for positions on the ballot will be held for the City Council election today at 2 p.m. at City Hall on W. Spring, and for the School Board election on Monday at the school's Central Office on N. Ann.

Early voting for both elections will run from April 14-27. Early voting for the City Council election will be at City Hall and early voting for the School Board election will be at the district's Central Office.

The City Council election is limited to Brackettville residents. All registered voters in Kinney County are eligible to vote in the School Board election.



Leslie Yeager (from left), John Paul Schuster and David Yeager were busy working during Monday's Brackett Invitational golf tournament at Fort Clark Springs. See related story, Page 5.

## Library awarded grant for \$74,961

### Funds will help upgrade Internet resources

The Kinney County Public Library has received a \$74,961 grant to purchase the necessary equipment to upgrade and extend its existing Internet resources.

The Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Board, a state agency in Austin, awarded the library technology advancement grant last week.

Grant funds will be used to purchase workstations, networking hardware, ISP costs, and other related telecommunications costs to assist the library in incorporating high-speed Internet access as a research, communications, and information delivery tool.

The Kinney County Public Library is one of 163 libraries funded as part of the \$11 million TIF Board non-competitive grant initiative for public libraries. The library applicants were required to complete a detailed application to receive funding. Projects begin April 1.

The awarded libraries will continue to serve as a public arena for access to the Internet. They have committed to developing and implementing Internet

access policies that will protect and encourage their patrons' Internet use. The staff will also attend scheduled Internet training in order to continue to incorporate the Internet into the library as a valuable information source.

"We are very pleased to receive this award," said Sara Terrazas, Kinney County librarian. "We will use TIF Board funds to extend our current Internet capabilities."

"We'll use this opportunity to purchase the necessary advanced equipment for faster and better public access," Terrazas added.

Since its creation by the 74th Legislature in 1995, the TIF Board has awarded approximately \$202 million in telecommunications grants to 1,018 of 1,145 school districts and charter schools, 57 of 57 community colleges, 592 of 789 public libraries and branches, and 330 of 742 public and not-for-profit healthcare facilities.

The agency receives approximately \$150 million per year in revenues from telecommunications assessments to disburse over a 10-year period.

## Rio Grande Electric offers trip to Washington D.C.

Area high school-aged children can win an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. June 17-29 by entering Rio Grande Electric Cooperative's (RGE) government in action youth tour contest.

In order to compete for the trip, students whose parents or legal guardians are members in good standing with RGE and who are between 14 and 19 years of age must write an essay entitled "What Rio Grande Electric Cooperative Means to Me."

The essays must be typewritten and contain no less than 500 words. Reference to family names, specific locations or any information that could reveal the identity of the writer must not be included in the essay.

The essay should contain, in the upper right hand corner of each page submitted, the cooperative member's name and address, as it appears on their bill for electric energy, as well as the member's telephone number. You must also include the student's name, age and school.

Essays must be received in the RGE office in Brackettville by

*The contest winner will join 100 other Texas youths and chaperons in activities including meeting with their respective congressman and visiting memorials honoring presidents, heroes and historic U.S. events.*

Friday in order for the essays to be judged.

Essays should be submitted in a sealed envelope and addressed: Rio Grande Electric Cooperative Inc., c/o Member Services, P.O. Box 1509, Brackettville, Texas 78832.

The contest winner will join 100 other Texas youths and chaperons in activities including: meeting with their respective congressman, touring the Smithsonian Institution, participating in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery and visiting Mount Vernon, the home of George and Martha Washington, and memorials honoring presidents, heroes and historic events important in the evolution of the United States.

The group will watch money

being printed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and attend a stage play at the Kennedy Center.

The Texans will be a part of 1,400 youth tour delegates in the nation's capital participating in Rural Youth Day activities hosted by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

The government in action youth tour began in 1957 when U.S. Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas, during a speech before the NRECA in Chicago, suggested that cooperatives send young people to Washington D.C. "to see what the flag stands for."

RGE has sponsored area youths to the nation's capital since 1996.

For more information, contact Trish Taylor of RGE at (830) 563-2444.

## Moore claims top honor at science fair

Seth Moore won grand champion honors at this year's Brackett ISD Science Fair, in addition to the best level award for high school and first place in the physical science division.

Chris Petrosky won second place in physical science, and Sunni Jones was third.

Laura Lee Ballew was the fair's reserve champion. She won the life science division.

Stephanie Gomez took second place in life science, and Amanda Petrosky was third.

April Crumley won the earth science division, Albert Lattimer finished second, and Susannah Davis was third.

Emily Petrosky won the best of level award for middle school entries. She took first place in life science, Jeffrey Tipps won first in physical science, and Evaristo Villarreal won the earth science division.

Dana Bonner captured the best of level award for third through fifth grade entries.

Bonner won first place in the physical science division, Miles

*"All of the students who prepared ... exhibits are winners."*

*Karen Crumley*

Braesicke and Brand Wylie finished in second place, and Paul Carvan and Joe Chacon were third.

In the life science division, Mason McWilliams and Robert Sanchez won first place, Krissie Linton was second, and Roger Flores and Travis Nowlin took third place.

Sarah Nickerson and Kaylynn Perez won first in the earth science division, Soraida Talamantez and Tye Taylor were second, and Clyde Adams and Cassandra Gomez finished third.

"All of the students who prepared science fair exhibits are winners," said Karen Crumley, the event's coordinator. "They have valuable experience in using the scientific method and in presenting the information they learn in an appealing manner."

## Perkins: 'Internet banking can make your life easier'

By Patsy Callnan  
Contributing Writer

"Internet banking can make your life easier," said Kelley Perkins, the director of marketing at the Del Rio Bank & Trust, at last Thursday's Brackettville Rotary meeting.

Perkins pointed out that by using your personal computer, you can manage your finances with just a few keystrokes or clicks of the mouse. Best of all, you can access your accounts anytime, 24 hours a day, from any location.

"If you take a lap-top with you when you travel, you can control your money when you are away from home," she said.

Having a direct link with your banking institution will give you more control of your finances. It allows you to download your account information directly into personal finance software so you can track expenses or set up a

budget quickly and easily.

There is a variety of software available, such as Microsoft Money, Quicken, Lotus, Excel and Quick Books.

As on-line banking and other on-line activities become more commonplace, the question of security becomes very important to the client and the banking institution.

One often asked question is, "How are my accounts and personal information kept safe from on-line intruders?"

When you sign up for internet banking, you get a personal identification number (PIN) so that only you have access to your accounts. You will also need to enter your account number. The bank uses encryption to keep sensitive information out of unauthorized hands.

Encryption is the computer software equivalent of a lock and key. It protects information as it

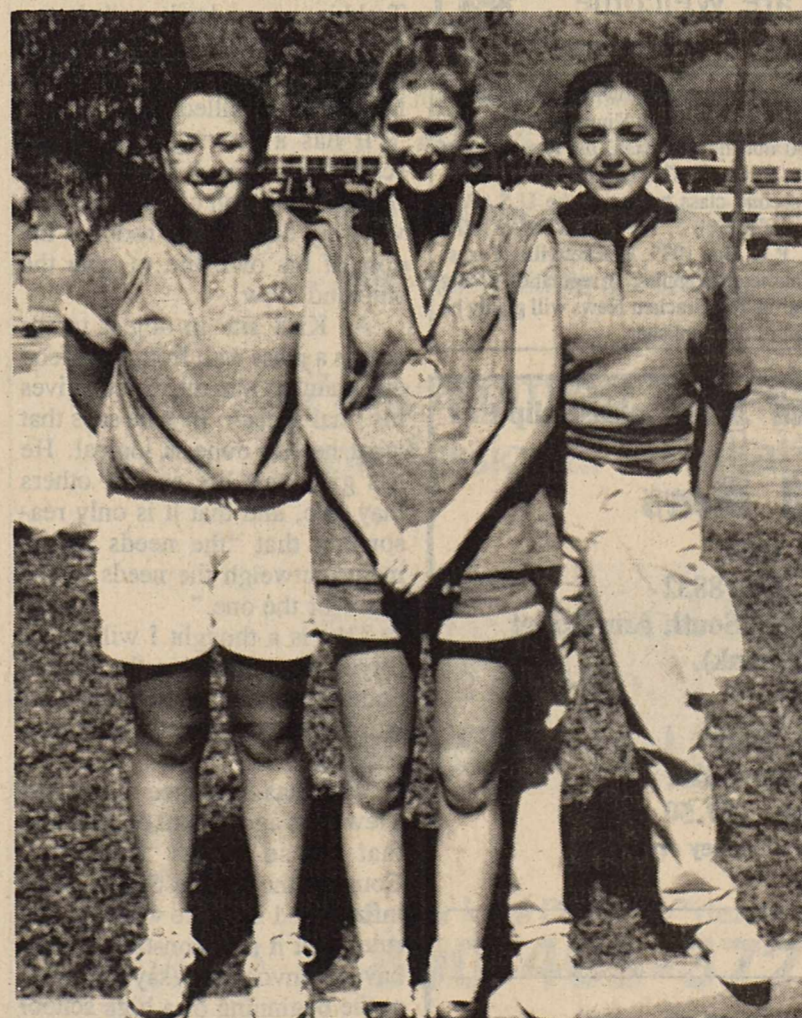
travels between your computer and your server by locking it into something that has no apparent meaning to anyone who might view it without authorization. It takes the right "key" to decrypt the message.

Of course, there are steps that you must take to insure the security of your transactions.

You should keep your PIN secret. It should be revealed to no one. You should memorize your PIN. It should not be written down.

Some of the on-line, real-time features that are available include: account information inquiry, on-line funds transfer, on-line bill payments, view check images, on-line loan payments, download transactions, information retrieval, e-mail and you can reorder checks.

For more information about on-line banking, contact your banking facility.



Jennifer Ashabranner (center) won the girls' title Monday at the Brackett Invitational golf meet. Savannah Massingill (left) and Debora Cortez also competed. Photo Special to The Brackett News

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## Letters to the Editor

### Fort Clark streets have more order than most communities

"This bill would bring order on the streets of Fort Clark Springs." This statement by Rep. Pete Gallego on the front page of the Feb. 25 edition of The Brackett News, prompted by the fervent pleas for police powers of FCSA General Manager James E. Heath, is a slap in the face of all Fort Clark residents.

Enough is enough! I resent having our community maligned as lawless by Rep. Pete Gallego, who spent a few hours at Fort Clark Springs earlier this year, in the House of Representatives of the State of Texas.

His insinuation that our motorists are a horde of road-rage-crazy maniacs must be based on exaggerated reports given him by the Board of Directors and our General Manager, James E. Heath, not on his own observations.

Nobody can assess a situation fairly in a few hours from an observation point in the dining room of Las Moras Inn!

If the board was not involved, then Heath is a loose cannon that should be tied down securely before it can cause any more damage.

I feel that there is more order on the streets of Fort Clark Springs than in most other communities I lived in.

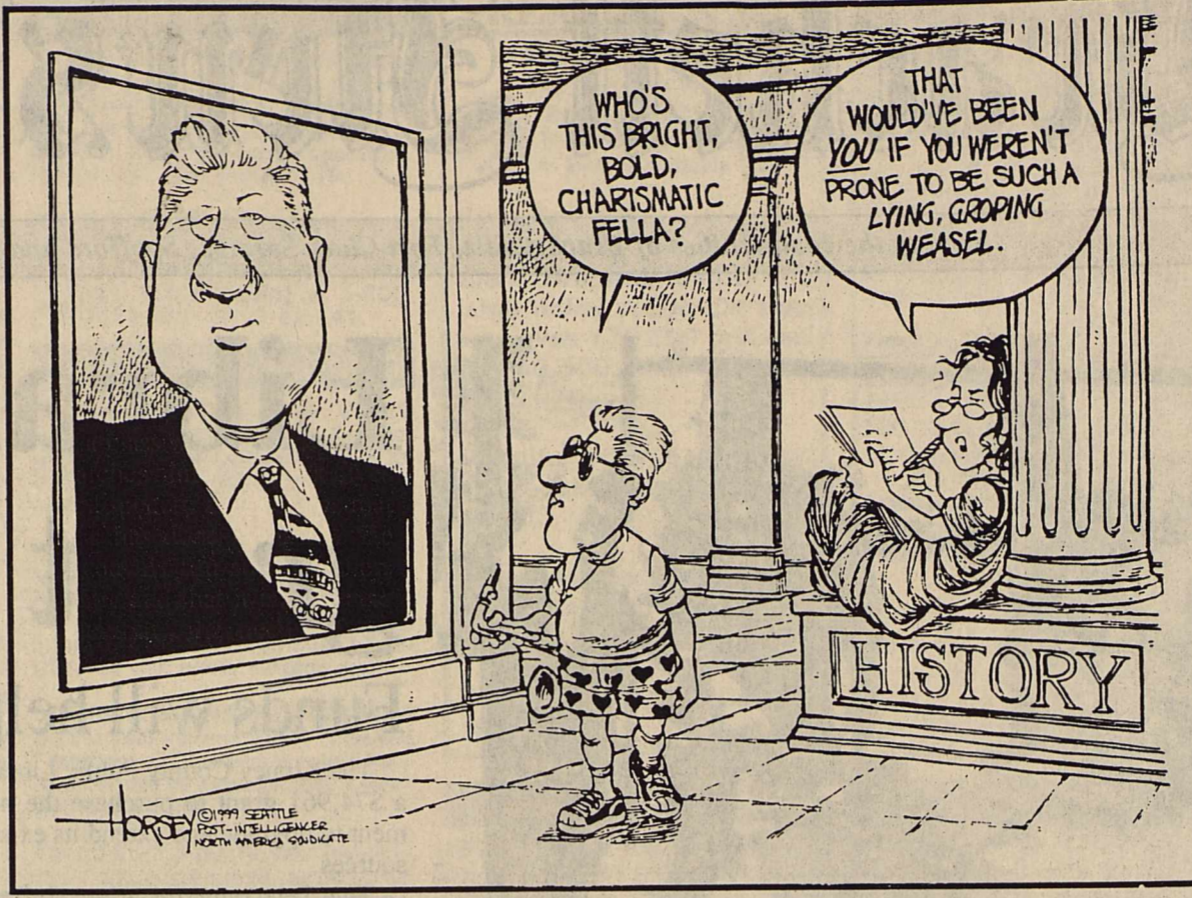
When I walk my dogs on Scales Road, all drivers are very courteous and go out of their way to make me and my pets feel safe.

After living in Dallas for almost 40 years, I can't express enough gratitude for the friendliness and consideration of Fort Clark motorists. A thousand thanks!

Come to think of it, all you drivers acted this way before the "Watch for Pedestrians" signs went up, paid in part by your and my assessment money.

After reading Gallego's statement, prospective members of FCSA might reconsider their desire to become part of a community that, in the opinion of its management, requires state legislation to bring order to streets which look to be in chaos in the eyes of a few paranoid beholders.

Rudy Brenk



## Small town economies

By Henry Bonilla  
U.S. Congressman, District 23

We've been hearing for quite awhile now that America's economy is the best it has been in years. The stock market has moved into record territory. Investors have been making money hand over fist. In cities all across the country, businesses are booming, prices are low and things are just plain good.

But in the heartland of America, in the small rural towns that dot the map, the picture is not as rosy. In towns like Kermit and Sonora, where the success of the local economy depends on agriculture and/or oil, no one cheers when Dan Rather announces that gas prices are at a 10 year low.

No one cheers because for every penny they save at the gas pump, they know at least three oil workers who have lost their jobs. No one cheers because they know the devastating trickle effect the oil slump has on rural communities, and they realize the next job lost could be their own.

In towns like Uvalde and Pecos, where cotton is king, residents hear how well the economy is doing, but they don't see it. They hear about businesses that are booming all over the country. But they look out their window and see cotton farmers struggling to survive. They see low commodity prices that drive down profits.

It's hard to think the economy is thriving when for every \$35 cotton shirt, the cotton farmer takes home 41 cents.

In his state of the union address, the president reported that the state of the union is good and our economy is strong. He's right, the economy is strong in cities like Chicago, Los Angeles and New York. But in farm and ranch country and in small Texas oil towns, it's like a whole other country.

*Small town America is almost completely dependent on the success of these industries. We are looking at a variety of different ways to provide help.*

It's a place where problems in the agriculture and oil industries ripple throughout the community. When oil fields shut down, everyone in town is affected. When harsh weather ruins crops, and when commodity prices plummet, it's not just the farmers and ranchers who pay the price. And the problems don't end when the rains come.

Congress is working on legislation to help boost the oil and agriculture industries. Small town America is almost completely dependent on the success of these industries. We are looking at a variety of different ways to provide help, from disaster packages to tax relief to crop insurance.

We are working to make sure that when we talk about our thriving economy, we're not just talking about people in the big cities - we're also talking about the millions of Americans in small towns across the country.

## Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

A man moved to the Brackettville area a good many years ago to work for the railroad.

As technology came more and more to control railroad operations, this man's job soon vanished into thin air.

By this time, he had wisely married a local girl and was solidly settled in the community.

They had an exceptionally fine son. The son has since married and made a life of his own.

This man is one of the most respected in the community. Nobody has a derogatory about him and he is a friend to all.

He has served on the Fire Department, the City Council and many school interests. Surely, Don Nance is an Unsung Hero.

## Scranton authorities not fit to hold office

Almost daily there come examples of tyranny by public officials. Now comes a report of the most ridiculous actions I've heard in a good while.

In Scranton, Pa., a mother of seven children had among the seven a 14-year-old daughter who didn't like to go to school. The mother knew nothing of her truancy until the school authorities began to lean on her about the daughter's absences.

The situation didn't improve, so the school authorities and the county judge came up with the brilliant idea. They would put the mother in jail.

And so they did. She was taken from her home and sentenced to two weeks in jail.

Other than proving their arrogance and basking in the light of their self adorned halo, what they accomplished was highlighting the fact that they were totally unfit for the offices they held.

*Between Us*  
By Joe Townsend

All my life I've been under the impressions that schools were for the benefit of the students. I'm still trying to understand the mind set that feels it is to benefit the children by placing the mother in jail.

All their lives these seven will live with the knowledge their mother had been a jail bird. The 14-year-old will live her life with the knowledge that her mother was jailed because she skipped school.

Who served as mother to the seven children while she languished in a jail cell?

Does any thinking person really think the 14-year-old will diligently attend school because her mother had been incarcerated? It was a problem created by the



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## Supreme Court decision defies the Constitution

By Steven R. LaMascus  
Contributing Writer

Are you a Star Trek fan?

Now before you crumple up this fine and informative newspaper and throw it at the wastebasket, let me tell you that this is not going to be an article crying out about the evils of science fiction. Far from it, since I am a died-in-the-wool sci-fi fan myself.

If you are a Star Trek fan, Trekkies we used to be called, you will probably remember the movie "The Wrath of Khan" in which Mr. Spock is killed.

It has a moving and cogent scene where Spock is trapped in a reactor room full of radiation. He valiantly entered the room at the cost of his own life to save the ship and crew.

As Kirk sits in abject terror across a glass wall from his friend and watches him die, Spock gives his final speech. In it he says that what he has done is logical. He has given his life so that others may live, and that it is only reasonable that "the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few - or the one."

That is a thought I will never forget. It symbolizes the United States better than any other 14 words ever uttered. Or at least it once did.

What has happened to us? Just a few days ago I heard on the news that the so-called "Supreme" Court of the United States, in its infinite and infantile wisdom, has ruled that it is unconstitutional to have an invocation (say a prayer) at the beginning of a high school ball game.

Ladies and gentlemen, I have never been so incensed in my life. This is the most degrading, restric-

tive, communistic, anti-Christian, un-American, totalitarian, Satanic manure I have ever had the misfortune to be struck in the face with. It is sickening.

Nowhere in the Constitution is this even mentioned. The courts have had to resort to a private letter written by a sitting president to find anywhere in writing the separation of church and state. It is not now, nor has it ever been, a constitution matter.

The fathers of this country intended that we pray to our God. They were, almost without exception, Christian men who used prayer to communicate with their God on a daily basis. They asked him for guidance and gave him thanks and praise for their successes.

Why in the name of that same supreme God would they put something into the Constitution that they were, in fact, rebelling against?

Freedom of religion and no taxation without representation were two of the basic, grassroots reasons for the formation of this nation. It is inconceivable that God-fearing men would entertain such sacrilegious thinking.

The fathers of this country intended religion, Christianity in particular, to be an integral part of the government. They intended

**Big Mama Sez!**

Good humor is one of the best articles of dress one can wear in society.

# Kinney County Sheriff's Report

### Monday, March 8

9:23 p.m., A Brackettville woman requested assistance because someone was walking in the alley behind her house on Beaumont Street. Police Chief Ron Ring was dispatched to the scene and took care of the problem.

### Tuesday, March 9

8:35 a.m., Juan Pedraza-Martinez, 21, of Austin was arrested by an INS officer on outstanding warrants out of Frio County for driving while license suspended and failure to appear. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Pedraza-Martinez was released the same day after posting a \$250 cash bond.

### Wednesday, March 10

4:10 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that a maroon car was driving fast and nearly hitting kids at the school.

7:00 p.m., Michael Simpeon Ford, 23, and John Luther Smith Jr., 22, both of Brackettville, were arrested by Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess. Ford was charged with providing alcohol to a minor, public intoxication and failure to appear. Smith was charged with providing alcohol to a minor and failure to appear. Both men were booked into the Kinney County Jail where they are still being held.

10:45 p.m., A Brackettville man said that his 13-year-old nephew, who lives with his legal guardian in Del Rio, called his uncle and said that he was going to run away and join a carnival that was in Del Rio. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry informed the Del Rio Police Department of the situation and a patrolman was sent to the guardian's house.

11:15 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that the door of the funeral home was wide open. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene and secured the building. The owners of the business were notified of the situation.

### Friday, March 12

1:30 p.m., A school district official reported that a CD player and CDs were missing from a

student's backpack and he thought he knew who might have them. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He spoke to the subject who said he found the items. The items were turned over to the school district official and later returned to the owner.

8:15 p.m., A Brackettville man reported a broken window at the Kinney County Courthouse. County Judge Herb Senne was informed of the situation.

8:26 p.m., U.S. Border Patrol agents reported a one-vehicle accident on Highway 90, west of Brackettville. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism and DPS Trooper Tom Wylie were dispatched to the scene. The driver of the vehicle had lost control and went through a fence on the south side of the highway owned by Fort Clark Springs. The vehicle was towed from the scene by ABC Wrecker Service of Brackettville.

### Saturday, March 13

1:24 p.m., A 911 caller reported a disturbance at Super S. Reserve Deputy Sheriff Cordelia Mendeke was dispatched to the scene. She met with the store's manager who said two men were fighting. The first man became impatient with a store clerk when the second man walked in with a girl. The manager said that the first man threw the first punch, adding that he would file charges. Both subjects were transported to the Kinney County Jail by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar where they met with Justice of the Peace John Ford.

1:30 p.m., Sheriff Burgess requested assistance at a residence near Mario's Bar on W. Spring Street. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. Upon his arrival, a man was being loaded into an ambulance by Kinney County EMS. The man's mother said that he had been drinking since 6:30 a.m. and was very intoxicated. She said that he started arguing with her and her other son. She said he then grabbed a kitchen knife and cut his left wrist.

Guidry then transported the woman to Del Rio as he escorted the ambulance to Val Verde Regional Medical Center.

4:51 p.m., An employee of Alert Alarm reported that an alarm was going off at a Kinney County ranch on Highway 90, east of Brackettville. Deputy Guidry and Chief Ring were dispatched to the scene. They found both of the back screen doors and the storm door on the porch open. The glass on the bottom of the porch door was broken. The building was secure and the officer could not locate any foot prints anywhere near the house. The house was secured.

9:50 p.m., A truck driver reported a person lying on the right side of the road on Highway 277, 15 miles east of Del Rio. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. He said the man was in Border Patrol custody and was being transported to Val Verde Regional Medical Center.

### Sunday, March 14

4:30 a.m., A Spofford man reported that his house had been burglarized. Reserve Deputy Sheriff Manny Pena was dispatched to the scene. The man said that he went to his uncle's house, one block away, and found the house destroyed when he returned. Pena reported that entry was gained through the front door. The house was trashed. Holes were kicked in the walls, glasses were thrown, and a laptop computer was thrown through a window. No property was taken.

11:02 a.m., An employee at Val Verde Regional Medical Center reported that a man was in a fight and had a collapsed lung. She wanted to know if a fight had been reported. Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter was informed of the situation.

6:35 p.m., U.S. Border Patrol agents brought in an illegal alien into the Sheriff's Office and keys to a blue Dodge van parked at Shorty's. The vehicle was towed by ABC Wrecker Service of Brackettville.

# What can teenagers do in Brackettville?

What do you do if you are a teenager growing up in Brackettville?

We have about 200 to 250 students who live here and who are in their teens.

One thing that we know about teens is that they like to "hang out" together. They love to laugh and talk about their friends, school and dreams. Mostly, it's small talk about things that some of us older folks don't even remember talking about (maybe you do, but I'm not sure that I do).

Our teens need a place to hang out. Schools do a great job with these folks who are in student activities like the spring sports of baseball, softball, track, tennis and golf. In the spring, we also have UIL academic competition, agriculture judging contests, FHA conventions and the like. We have more student activities sponsored by the school than any school that I know of our size.

Some of our churches play a role in bringing in the young people. Many of our churches do not have a program for the youth. The reasons are probably the same - the kids won't come, there's no money, or we have other priorities.

Parents become terribly busy with their own stuff. I've been there and did make it through, but I remember being busy with my own stuff.

When it's time to hang out, where do the teens go in Brackettville?

Fort Clark has great recreational facilities, but many of our teens' parents aren't members. For those who are members, the pool closes early because of the expense and potential liability. There's great fishing, hiking and a youth center for pre-teens. The old folks, like me, can go to the

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**  
By Taylor Stephenson, BISD Superintendent

Adult Center and play pool, ping pong, watch TV or have a great card game with friends.

Once again, what is there to do for the teens in the summer and on weekends?

Many of our young people want to choose a life where they can hang out without having to go "party."

I think the responsibility for helping with this problem goes to all of us, parents, first. You must take the time to know where your children are, who they are with, and have some idea of what they are doing.

Churches to expand your teen activity programs and Sunday Schools.

Schools to provide a place to go, things to do and to keep pushing the good life.

County and city governments to realize that without our youth, there is no future.

We're doing lots of good things here in Brackettville, Kinney County and Fort Clark.

The city now has a swimming pool, the school has tennis courts and expanded student activity pro-

grams. A couple of churches are providing more things for young people to do.

It's time we get together to work on this problem. Do you think that it's a problem? What can we do together to work on it? Parents, civic leaders, schools, churches, recreational folks... can't we get together and find positive alternatives? Or will we continue to blame everyone but ourselves?

If you have a suggestion, drop me a line or call me.

### One Act Play

The BHS One Act Play, "Rivers and Ravines," will be presented at 7 p.m. at the Kinney County Civic Center on Tuesday.

This is a performance that the students need to develop the confidence needed for the district contest. Kaylia Thomas is the director.

Tickets are \$2 for students and \$3 for adults. The play will be about 45 minutes long. Please come and support the Brackett students. Have a great week.

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## But I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall



### What kind of people are we?

As long ago as I can remember, my grandfather told me a story about a man sitting beside the road.

When a family stopped to ask him: "What kind of people do you have in this town?" the man replied by asking, "What kind of people did they have in the town you came from?"

The family told of terrible people and neighbors that stole, lied and committed all sorts of sins against their fellow man.

The man then said, "You'll find that we have exactly those same kinds of people in this town too."

The family went on their way. A second family soon stopped to quiz the man.

"What kind of people do you have in this town?"

The man again asked, "What kind of people did they have in the town you came from?"

That family told of wonderful people and neighbors that helped one another and remained steadfast in good times and bad.

The man then said, "You'll find that we have exactly those same kinds of people in this town too." But he could be wrong.

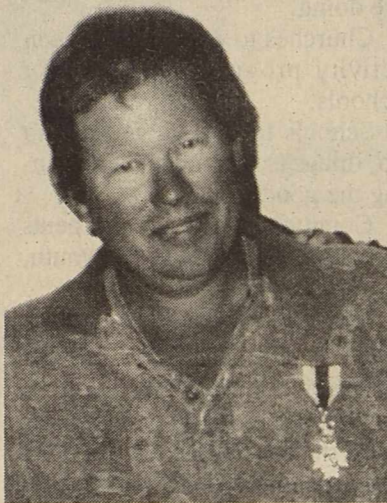
## Frerich joins SAR society

UVALDE - The National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution accepted Alan Frerich as a member of the Texas Society, Uvalde Chapter No. 53, during its February meeting at Holiday Inn.

Frerich was admitted to membership on the proof that his great-great-great-great-great-grandfather was Joseph Clarke who served as a patriot to the cause by contributing supplies to the Revolutionary Army.

Clarke was born about 1732 in Goochland County, Va., was married to Hannah Hutchinson at St. James Northern Parish in Virginia on Dec. 25, 1753, and died in 1800 in Clarke County, Va.

In his will dividing his large plantation and other possessions among his nine children, it is interesting to note that on the matter of his slaves, although they were given by name to various children, he required that upon



ALAN FRERICH

reaching their 25th birthday they be set free. Those on the plantation over 25 had already been given their freedom. This was pretty advanced thinking for a plantation owner in Virginia in the 1700s.

## Briefs ...

### Lincoln discusses history of Val Verde County

Lee Lincoln, the curator and director of the Whitehead Museum in Del Rio, discussed the history of Val Verde County on Saturday morning as the Fort Clark Historical Society met in the Palisado Building. Lincoln also discussed the many educational activities conducted by the Whitehead Museum.

"The program was very well received and appreciated by all in attendance," said Frank Cheaney, the group's president.

Cheaney announced that the Fort Clark Historical Society would not meet this month because the scheduled meeting day, March 27, coincides with the annual meeting of the Fort Clark Springs Association. However, there will be an open house at the Old Guardhouse Museum that afternoon from 1 to 4 with free admission and free refreshments served on the museum porch.

The group's membership drive for 1999 is still underway, and there will be members of the society at the annual meeting and open house to accept the \$10-per-person annual dues.

### Director says play 'a tremendous success'

Director Lynn McNew said the recent production of "The Cemetery Club" presented by the Old Quarry Society on Feb. 26-27 was a "tremendous success."

Starring Jewel Robinson, Barbara Hunter, Rosie Mattingly, Woody Frances Trotter and Joe Goebel, the show told the story of three good friends as they laughed, talked and argued through several months of their lives.

"The show also had some moments of poignancy, which showed the acting abilities of our cast," McNew said. "Even though several members of the cast were relative newcomers to our stage, they carried off some very difficult roles with apparent ease and much skill."

Next on the agenda for the Old Quarry Society will be the annual Variety Show on Saturday, March 27.

### Sixth Annual Arts and Crafts Fair a success

"Great place, great people, great fun!" were the comments made by one of the vendors at the Sixth Annual Arts and Crafts Fair organized by the Fort Clark Art Club on March 6.

"The change of location to the Adult Center with its front porch turned out to be more favorable for this event especially when Mother Nature provided us with such a perfect day," Mary Batey said.

The winners of the door prizes included Royce Massingill and David Olsen. Barbara Hunter won the raffle of a donated oil painting by Viva Walker.

"It was probably our best day for the sale of works of art, pictures and cute centerpieces," Batey said. "Not only was the occasion a 'good thing,' but it was a really good show."

### Geeze hosts Preceptor Theta Sigma meeting

Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Marge Geeze on Monday for their regular meeting. She served turkey, ham sandwiches with chips, and strawberry shortcake.

President Alicia Raymer led the opening ritual and conducted a short business meeting. It was announced that a pledge ritual for Arlys Simpson will be conducted on March 15 at Luella Gilliland's home. It was also agreed that chapter members from two Beta chapters will work the safety stop on Labor Day. Geeze gave a program about friendship. After the program, all stood for the closing ritual and mizpah.

### Bridge Club attracts four and a half tables

The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club meeting on Tuesday attracted four and a half tables playing the Howell movement. Fred and Nita Clayton won first place, while Carol Benfield and Molly Schroeder tied LaVerne Schaffer and Ruth Wilks for second place.

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.

### Thursday, March 17, 1887

St. Patrick's Day. Some of the men remembered it and had green ribbons or green leaves showing conspicuously. One man aptly called the cactus the "Texas shamrock," inspired no doubt by the day and surroundings. The drouth has been so severe that even the cactus shows signs of drying up. We wanted to leave earlier than usual but in spite of our intentions it was just six o'clock when we started. As in previous days, the Captain started mounted, Guard was left behind mounted to see that the train left all right while I marched with the company. The Captain marched during the second and third marches or laps and part of the first, to my annoyance he takes a different step from mine and makes it harder for me. During the third lap some of the men crowded to the front and this rather hurried me unconsciously. Heard then laughing behind me and felt that they were trying to walk me down. So determined to give them a lesson and settled down to a very rapid march. When the time came to rest there were about 15 men up and they did not feel so much like walking as at first. Some of these got into the wagons before we reached camp. The Captain did not like the spurt. Felt ashamed of myself and vexed too, but am determined that the men shall not walk me down. Passed two or three small water holes before reaching the old Indio ranch, but the water in these holes was contaminated by dead animals. At the Indio ranch there were a great many cattle as there was a large water hole there. The grazing is very poor and the cattle are in miserable condition. Met two custom house inspectors at the ranch who gave us information about the road while the men were watering the stock. They preceded us on the road and had not gone far when we saw them arrest a Mexican whom they met for smuggling. Had to march about 25 miles today and were on the road until 3 o'clock on account of water. The camp is in a pretty place beside an artesian well about 700 feet deep with 500 feet of water which has just been put down. Mr. Johnson, the engineer, kindly steamed up and pumped enough water for our need. The road was sandy and dusty today, but we had a cool breeze part of the time that made the marching easier. The wagons had a harder time and did not get into camp for nearly an hour after we did. One of the mules died just after getting into camp of lockjaw but fortunately we have extra ones. Went over to see the Guards and took a hearty lunch with them after the wagons came. Then wrote up itinerary of trip and had supper. After this copied some certificates and a letter for Capt. Vance and wrote up diary. Wonder what is going on at home, at Lula's and at Clark. Hope we will find plenty of mail at McIntosh. Do not feel as tired tonight as I expected to be.

### Friday, March 18, 1887

Left camp at sunrise after a good rest. It was quite dark before the sun came up and seemed to promise rain, but all cleared away before 9 o'clock. Had some dew last night as my clothes were damp this morning. Took a slower step today and instructed the men to keep back so as to prevent any

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spurt like yesterday. A good breeze during most of the day's trip made the march more agreeable. Travelled over an old ranch road to Votaw's ranch about 10 miles. The last mile or two was through heavy sand and very hard marching. Felt uneasy about the mules but they came in looking better than I expected. We are off the main Laredo road but expect to take it again tomorrow. Played cards this afternoon and evening with Capt. Vance and commenced to read Endymion (?). Started this before but did not read much of it. Took a bath this afternoon.

### Saturday, March 19, 1887

Today commences the second week of our march. Have travelled all the way on foot and feel able to go through unless my feet or health fails me. Tried to get out of camp early but it was 6 o'clock before we started. One of the mules escaped, which delayed us. Wanted the Captain to send over to the house for a Mexican who was engaged last evening to guide us, but he declined saying that the man would overtake us. After marching about two miles over a heavy sandy road came to the fence and the remainder of the day the road was harder and better. At the second halt reached Live Oak where we struck the Laredo road again. If the guide had been up we would not have waited any longer than usual, but we lost an hour as the Captain could not find the place where he wanted to water the animals. He felt very angry at the Mexican who came up after we had waited an hour and cursed him out, but Guard and I thought he was somewhat to blame in not sending for the man before we started. The train went down to the water hole with Guard while Captain and I went on with the company. About three miles from Live Oak we left the Laredo road and started on a new road to Carr's Ranch where our camp is located. At 11-30 o'clock we halted under some trees a little off the road and waited about two hours before the train came up. Stretched out on the ground and had a good nap. When the train came up the men made coffee and we all lunched, and then pulled out for camp. Could see the houses near our camp for several miles before we got there and this made it more trying as the road wound around so. It was 7 o'clock and after dark when we reached camp at last, tired as could be. We marched about 28 miles today. Have walked the whole distance. Had a hearty supper, wrote up itinerary and played several games of cards with the Captain before going to bed. While waiting for lunch a dog belonging to Sergt. Phillips was bitten by a rattlesnake in the nose. They killed the snake and kept the dog from dying for a while at least.

### Sunday, March 20, 1887

Did not rest well last night and was glad that we did not start until 7-30. A norther was blowing and kept the dust and sand right along with us for most of the road. The day was cool and the march would have been quite comfortable had it not been for the dust. About 3 miles from tonight's camp there was a ranch off to the left of the road where Sergt. Phillips said he camped when he went over this road once with recruits. This necessitated a long wait while the Captain went off to enquire. He found the mistake and got a Mexican to ride along and show us the road to the Sauc Maucho ranch where we are encamped. We felt vexed at Sergt. Phillips for his officiousness.

### Monday, March 21, 1887

Reached camp about 2 o'clock and found what would be a very pretty spot if there had been more rain. There is water in a hole and plenty of wood but no grass. Wrote up itinerary and diary and the greater part of a letter home. While we were at supper Mr. Stickner and two sons came down from the ranch to call. The elder son owns the ranch and his father and brother are making a visit. They are cultivated gentlemen from New York City and we enjoyed their call a great deal. The elder son had made enquiries and told us about the road and where we could find water for tomorrow's camp. Sat a while at Guard's after they left.

### Tuesday, March 22, 1887

Tried to get out of camp early, but could not make it any earlier than usual. A cool norther was blowing all the time and it was a cloudy day with a slight sprinkle or two. The men marched well although the road was heavy in places. Waited about half an hour on the wagons. Guard went ahead in the ambulance with Mrs. Guard and Sully who is better. Capt. Vance remained with the wagons while I came ahead with the men. We met several carts with Mexicans which indicated that we were approaching a town. About 15 miles from Laredo we saw the steeples of a church, over the hills, our first glimpse of town. Met Guard about two miles out coming back in the ambulance and he guided us to the post so that we did not have to pass through town. Maj. Smith met us as we came into the post and at once invited Capt. Vance to dinner. He was quite friendly in his greeting to me, but did not have anything to say to Guard nor Guard to him on account of that court martial. After putting the company into camp, about 2-30 o'clock, we had to wait half an hour for the wagons. Capt. Vance selected the places for tenting and then went up to dine with Maj. Smith. The Guards are staying with Col. Bernard and Sayre, 8th Cav'y., came down to camp and kindly invited me to stay at his house. Declined as Capt. Vance and I have decided to stay in camp. Dined alone and then had a call from Maj. Smith who came down with Capt. Vance. We received letters from Clark which show that Hewitt is to be Adjutant and Evans Quartermaster, although the order has not been issued yet. Cannot help thinking as the latter has been away from the regiment so long that he had no claim on any staff appointment. But the General has selected a most excellent staff, none better in the Army. Received a letter from Lula, one from Hewitt and a receipt from the Army and Navy Register. Maj.

Smith thinks Ives will be transferred with Spencer and if he does he says he will work for Spencer's retirement so that he can get me as he wants a lieutenant. He had a letter from Spencer in which he wrote that his friends had promised to have him retired by Fall. Earnestly hope this will take place sooner. Went up to Sayre's to have a bath and changed underwear and then wrote up itinerary and wrote a letter to Hatfield to order a new blouse and shoulder straps and pair of trousers, directing them to be sent to Ringgold. Capt. Wells, 8th Cav'y., called on me at Sayre's and seems just the same as he was at Clark in '83. Met Nichols 16th Inf'y. and a civilian from town, Mr. Ryan, also at Sayre's. At tattoo returned to camp feeling tired. Am very glad we are along so far. Hope we will reach our destination all right. Hear many rumors of changes, but no definite orders yet. Mailed the letter written in camp so as to go off tomorrow.

### Wednesday, March 23, 1887

It rained during the night but our tent is a new one and kept us dry and comfortable. Called at the office this morning with Capt. Vance & Guard to pay our official respects and saw Col. Bernard there whom we knew at Clark. Met Dr. Walker, Capt. Ward and Newton 16th Inf'y., latter of whom I met at Leavenworth in '81. Spent most of the morning across the river in New Laredo with the Guards, Capt. Vance and Newton. Mrs. Guard made several purchases. I bought an istle basket, made by convicts at Monterey Mex., to send as a philopena present to Miss Coleman. She caught me at the pancake party at Mrs. Guard's. Coming across the ferry we carried most of our bundles out so as to be seen and were allowed to pass without question by the custom house people. Wrote letter home after returning at Sayre's and then went to camp for a few minutes to clean up. At 4 o'clock joined Sayre at his quarters and went up to Maj. Smith's where we had an excellent meal. Was glad to renew acquaintance with Mrs. Smith who is a refined cultivated lady. It is strange how she ever came to marry the Major. After dinner she played several pieces on the piano for me, which I thoroughly enjoyed. She plays very well but her piano is not as fine a one as I expected from the way she and he talked about it. Looked over the papers in the Library. Then went to Sayre's and wrote letters to Miss Coleman notifying her of the basket and to Evans congratulating him. The mail came in bringing a letter from Hewitt that the order had been issued for him to be Adjutant and Evans Quartermaster the change to occur on the 31st. Before writing the letters carried basket down to trader's store and had it wrapped up for mailing and later gave it to the mail orderly to register and mail tomorrow. Intended to make some calls in the garrison but it commenced to rain. So returned to camp and played seven-up with Capt. Vance. Hope this rain will stop soon or the road to Ringgold will be hard for the teams.

### Thursday, March 24, 1887

Wrote up diary and letters and then went to camp. The weather was clear and the march was comfortable. We reached Ringgold about 10 o'clock. The teams were in good condition and the march was uneventful. We were met by the local authorities and the camp was set up in a good location. The weather was pleasant and the food was good. We were very comfortable and the march was a success. We were very happy to reach Ringgold and the end of our journey. The weather was clear and the march was comfortable. We reached Ringgold about 10 o'clock. The teams were in good condition and the march was uneventful. We were met by the local authorities and the camp was set up in a good location. The weather was pleasant and the food was good. We were very comfortable and the march was a success. We were very happy to reach Ringgold and the end of our journey.

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# Ashabranner wins title, Tigers finish in second

Jennifer Ashabranner won the girls' division and the Tigers finished second overall in the boys' competition Monday at the Brackett Invitational golf tournament at Fort Clark Springs.

Ashabranner posted a 75 to win top medalist honors, while Tamara Wash of Pearsall was second with a 78, and Junction's Jennifer Adams was third with an 80.

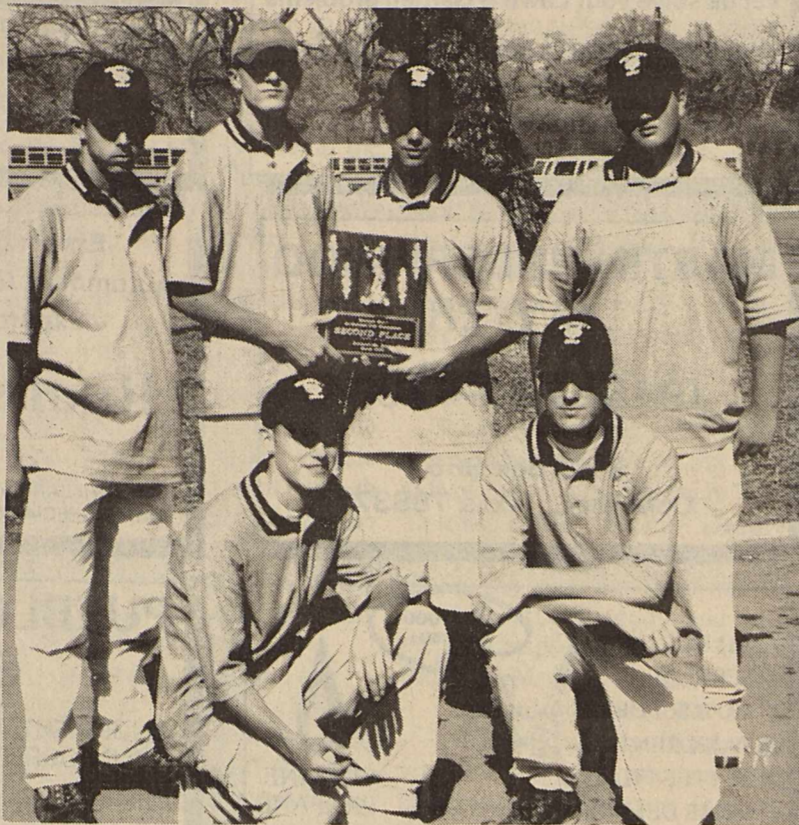
Brackett's Debora Cortez shot a 118 and Savannah Massingill posted a 123.

"We did not field a girls' team because of insufficient travel days, but we will have a team for the three district tournaments coming up," golf coach Dee Curry said.

Pearsall won the boys' title Monday with a 332, and Brackett was second with a 358.

Eric Robinson of Junction won the boys' title after shooting a 75, and Brackett's Jarrett Harrison was second with a 78.

The three district tournaments are slated for March 29 at Fredericksburg, April 5 at Pleasanton, and April 12 at Fort Clark Springs.



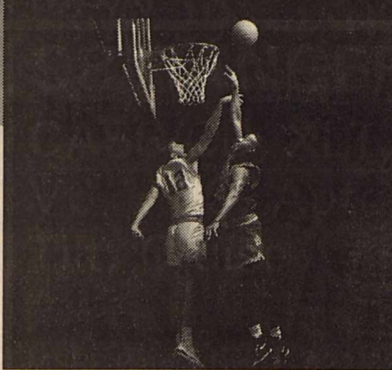
The Tigers finished second at the Brackett Invitational golf meet Monday. Team members include, standing, from left: Jeff Luna, Jacob Hughes, Jarrett Harrison and Chris Petrosky. Kneeling: Eric Allen and Aaron Taylor. Photo Special to The Brackett News

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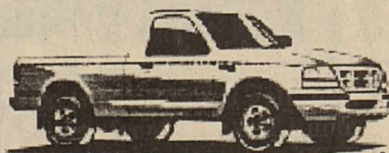
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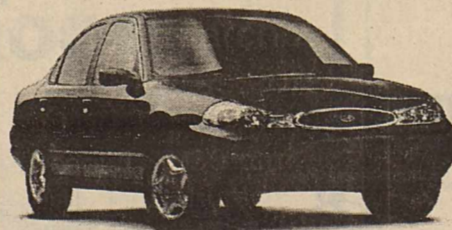
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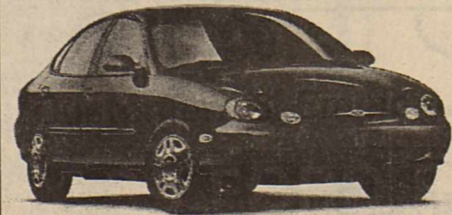


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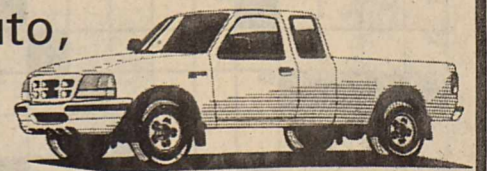


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 10 Wet or moisten  
 15 Gem stone  
 19 Inland sea  
 20 Proportion  
 21 Greek epic poem  
 22 Quote  
 23 -avis  
 24 Lead-in to a song  
 25 Liver or kidney  
 26 Pretty soon  
 27 Rise gradually  
 29 Weight-watcher's concern  
 30 Henry or Ernie  
 31 Texas shrine  
 32 Pinnacle of glacier ice  
 34 Classic car  
 36 Main body artery  
 38 Fr. holy woman  
 41 Harrison or Stout  
 42 Marked courage  
 44 Gain as profit  
 45 Drama division  
 48 "Messiah" composer  
 50 Roman historian  
 52 Manipulate  
 54 Film critic  
 55 Roger  
 56 Nutsy  
 57 Confused fight  
 58 Bovine mouthful  
 59 Actress Ada  
 59 Tree snake  
 60 Gazes intently  
 61 Word before metal or music  
 63 Meter or scope lead-in  
 64 Clue for Sherlock, perhaps  
 66 Enemy  
 67 Butler's assistant  
 69 Marlon or Diana  
 70 Moon-jumper of rhyme  
 71 Nose of an airplane  
 72 Prank worthy of the Three Stooges  
 76 Breach  
 77 Companion of "fancy free"  
 82 Opera bonus  
 83 Criminal  
 85 Command to Rover  
 86 Drooping  
 87 Dull finish  
 89 Cosmic lead-in  
 90 Fish of the cod family  
 91 Pool member?  
 92 Close by  
 94 Hopkins or Perkins  
 96 Manually  
 97 Society-page word  
 98 Stadium cheer  
 100 Call the — (give orders)  
 101 Rower  
 102 Funny Louis  
 103 Style of type  
 105 Make a boo-boo  
 106 Paragon of slowness  
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 113 Greenland exploration base  
 115 1979 movie starring Sigourney Weaver  
 119 Barron  
 120 Word before board or box  
 121 Kind of battery  
 123 Feed the kitty  
 124 Bean or city  
 125 Friendly goblin  
 126 Type of hydrous sodium carbonate  
 127 Othello, for one  
 128 Gaze askance  
 129 Smile derisively  
 130 Usas a fax machine, maybe  
 131 Part of A.D. DOWN  
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 2 Kind of exam  
 3 Hindu garment  
 4 Bridge triumphs  
 5 Dernier —  
 6 Stone tool  
 7 Garret  
 8 Word before alarm or ant  
 9 Track events  
 10 Himalayan monster?  
 11 Reversal: comb. form  
 12 Coronet  
 13 Pass along  
 14 Actor Byrnes  
 15 City in Florida  
 16 — colada (drink)  
 17 Minute particle  
 18 TV host Jay  
 28 French cap  
 31 Essence of roses  
 33 Electrical unit  
 35 Author Wiesel  
 37 Alkali  
 38 Word before life  
 39 Forbidden  
 40 January, to Juan  
 42 Gentleman's  
 43 Lace fluting  
 45 'Abou ben —  
 46 The "It" girl  
 47 Part of a mortise  
 49 Mild oath  
 50 Sea swallows  
 51 Sweet girl of song  
 53 In good order  
 55 Dampen  
 57 Deprive of religious function  
 60 Conclusive evidence  
 61 Farm braeder  
 62 Brush or pick lead-in  
 65 Not an amateur  
 66 Dandy  
 68 Night filler  
 71 Hopsotch  
 72 Biblical official  
 73 Speak bombastically  
 74 A tax or levy  
 75 — morgana; a mirage  
 76 Hired thugs  
 77 Flowerless plants  
 78 Ritual promise  
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 80 Bono or Liston  
 81 Form of lyric poem  
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 85 Ottomans, in a way  
 88 Become a member  
 90 Son of Odin  
 91 Turkey's neighbor  
 93 Female parent  
 95 Dramatist's milieu  
 96 Cote sound  
 99 Submit, as classwork  
 101 Available or ready  
 103 Highway monitor?  
 104 Discordant sound  
 106 Drawing room  
 107 Camel's cousin  
 108 Yield to temptation  
 109 Lake port  
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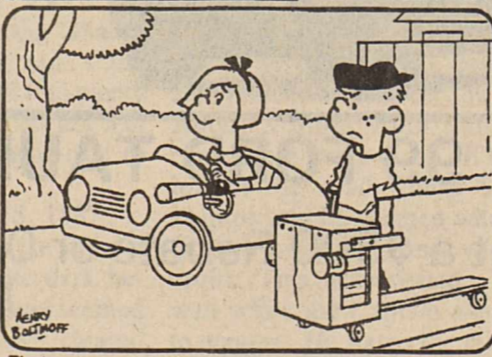
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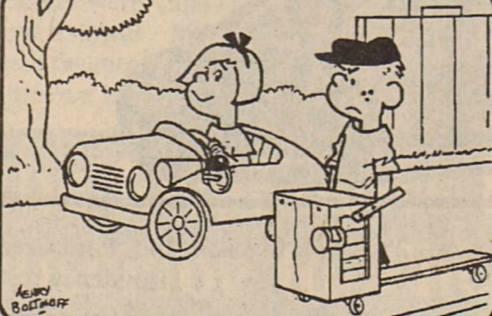
**Your Horoscope by Natasha**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Some advice you receive is token and not sincere. Though it's unclear sailing for you regarding career interests, you may wish that a friend doesn't involve you with his or her peevish.  
**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) There's a certain amount of role playing that's going on in business at present. Don't stew and fret, but talk things over with a good friend. Be expressive rather than withdrawn.  
**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A friend seems unnecessarily difficult this week. Don't be so self-preoccupied that you fail to pay attention to what a family member is trying to tell you. Listen.  
**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) There may be a lot of this-and-that you're upset about early in the week, but once you clear the air with a heart-to-heart talk, all is well. Be straightforward and don't let things fester.  
**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You could be getting in your own way as the week begins. You seem stymied by one certain project, yet another door opens which puts you on the road to progress and success.  
**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You may feel someone is being a bit manipulative at work. Though you're in harmony and on the same wave length with a partner, a relative may not seem to understand you this weekend.  
**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A pleasure outing may prove disappointing, but you're quite comfortable at home right now. It's best at present to devote time to the family rather than outside interests.  
**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A relative brings up something from the past. You're still in a pleasure-seeking mood and won't have much enthusiasm for anything that smacks of work right now.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You may not drum up much enthusiasm from a partner, but there's a friend who is ready and willing to listen. You're on the right track regarding career interests.  
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Already, you're starting to worry about future bills. A project at work seems somewhat involved and complicated. Rapport with friends and loved ones is great during the weekend!  
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You'll probably wish that a particular person did not try to give you advice this week. Undercurrents may affect a relationship with a close tie. Mental interests are favored over the weekend.  
**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You may become aware of some wheeling and dealing going on behind the scenes. The prospect of going back to work after a vacation may not exactly thrill you. Non-material interests bring joy.  
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- March 24 .....Paula Munoz
- March 24 ...Jesus Reschman

# Glorify God in your life by word, deed

By Pastor Charolette Corey  
Gateway Ministries

All believers in Jesus Christ have been called "to glory and virtue." Random House dictionary defines glory as "something that makes one honored or illustrious," "a state of splendor, magnificence, or great prosperity," etc. It defines virtue as "moral excellence; goodness; righteousness," "effective force," "power," "valor."

So, God has called you to a state of splendor, magnificence and prosperity, a place of honor. He has called you to be filled with moral excellence, goodness, righteousness, effective force, power and valor.

How do you accomplish this you say? "Through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness."

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the di-

vine nature," 2 Peter 1:2-3.

"And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God."

As you are filled with his Holy Spirit and approach him with a humble heart, you must be motivated by a desire to glorify him in your life by word and deed, knowing that he "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us," Ephesians 3: 19-21.

That divine power will manifest in your life when God knows he can trust you with it. As you show yourself responsible in living out the word of God, he will bring you greater manifestations of his power. The promises of God come first by your faith, obedience and reverence towards God.

In time, God will bring you to that place of perfect glory and virtue. Desire it. Reach for it. Attain it.

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

## A picture of God's grace

Submitted by  
St. Mary Magdalene Church

"An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up," Proverbs 12:25.

When I opened my mail last week, I pulled out a letter with a tiny surprise tucked inside. In a miniature plastic bag was a teaspoon full of colored sprinkles with a label that said: "Rainbow Seeds. Planting instructions on back."

Delighted, I quickly turned over the packet and read: "When to plant: any season, but rainbows grow best just after a rain storm."

Where to plant: in the light of the Son, preferably near a pot of gold.

How to plant: assume a kneeling position close to the earth. Dig

a hole deep enough to hold the cause of your dark clouds. Place the cause and the seeds in the soil, cover with earth, then rise and stomp down with both feet. Walk away in faith.

"Harvest: when needed most."

I think a rainbow is a perfect picture of God's grace. It's the kind of refuge for our mind when storms threaten to rip us apart and flood our dwelling.

A rainbow is a multicolored arc formed opposite the sun by the refraction and reflection of the sun's rays in spray or mist.

In the rainbow, we see God's promise that he will never again devastate life on earth.

You are invited to worship with us at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

## Townsend expected to return to pulpit Sunday

Joe Townsend, the pastor of Frontier Baptist Church, was unable to fill the pulpit Sunday. But he plans to return on Sunday.

During 65 years in the ministry, Townsend has been unable to carry out his responsibilities in the pulpit five times, three of which occurred during the last three Sundays.

"Frontier Baptist Church is one of the greatest," Townsend said. "In the absence of the Pastor the church doesn't miss a beat."

"Frank Cheaney does a marvelous job of conducting the services. Ruby Cheaney does yeoman duty at the organ. Frank Eckenroth always brings a great message. What a rich background of service for the Lord. Frank always challenges the audience."

"The people of the church are more than loyal to the church and attendance remains high. One of the great features of the church is the commitment to prayer."

"As pastor I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest thanks to the church and all her people for the deep concern, the many fine dishes of food and the prayers which have been so effective while both Oleta and I were in the hospital and our long and tedious recovery," he said.

"It's great to be a part of a community where so many are concerned when problems arise. The prayers and concern by the various churches of the area and far beyond is appreciated more than words can express."

"God's bringing me back to health gives me a deep desire to serve him and his people in such a way as to prove to him the investment he's made in me was well placed."

"Thanks again to every person who in any way showed an interest in our recovery and may I request that you continue to pray for us," Townsend added.

## Readings from the book of Psalms

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

"Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous; for praise is befitting to the upright."

"Praise the Lord with the harp; sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings."

"Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise."

"For the word of the Lord is right, and all his works are done in truth."

"He loveth righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord."

"By the words of the Lord were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of his

mouth.

"He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap; he layeth up the depth in store houses."

"Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him."

"For he spoke, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast."

"The Lord bringeth the Counsel of the Nations to nought; he maketh the devices of the people of no effect."

"The Counsel of the Lord standeth forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations."

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance," Psalms 33:1-12.



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