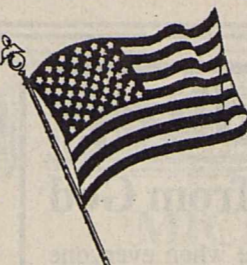


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'5 de Mayo Celebration' to be held this weekend

Tanya Kay McClure
STAFF WRITER

The 1999 5 de Mayo Celebration will be held this Saturday, May 1 at the Brackettville Civic Center from 10 a.m. till 1 a.m. The celebration is sponsored by the Las Moras Hispanic Organization. The organization was founded in 1996 by a group of local ladies interested in the public awareness of the Hispanic Culture.

The organization has participated and organized many events. One of the events is the annual "5 de Mayo Festival" which attracts audiences of all ages and areas. The Las Moras

Hispanic Organization has been awarding two \$1,000 dollar scholarships to distinguish Brackett High School Seniors as well.

Every year, one lucky man and woman are named the "5 de Mayo King and Queen." This year's candidates are Javier DeLeon and Alicia Rivas, and JD Samaniego and Christina Flores.

There will be a dance starting at 9-1 a.m. Pre Sale tickets are \$10, at the door, \$12. The dance will feature music by "Carlo y Los Cachorros."

This year the festival will feature many booths. There will be snowcones, popcorn, hot dogs,

chili dogs, nachos, pig tails, taquitos, ice pops, corn on the cob, fajita tacos, hamburgers, BBQ plates, arts and crafts, cascarnes, castle bounce, train ride, jail house, loteria, and a pony ride. There will also be a jalapeno eating contest sometime during the days events.

The celebration always starts off with a kickoff parade. The parade line up is at 8:30 a.m. and kicks off at 9.

Here is a schedule of events: 8:30 - Parade line up, 9: - Parade begins, 10: - Welcome, 10:30 - Brackett Band, 11: - Little Mr. & Miss., 11:30 - Ballet Folklorico Casa de la Cultura, 12: - Mariachi de la Casa de la

Cultura de Piedras Negras, 12:30 - Laura Aguirre, 1: - Patty Lopez, 1:30 Flor Del Rio, 2: - Talent Show, 2:30 - Jones Elementary, 3:30 - Inner City Style Kids.

The L.M.H.O. members are, President Alma Gutierrez, Vice President Martha Martinez, Publicity Diana Gutierrez, Members Lorenza Gutierrez, Marta Montalvo, Natividad Martinez, Gloria Samaniego, Estela Valdez, Robert Aguirre, Julia Terrazas, Monica Castillo, Mary Stewart, Ruben Martinez and Maria Martinez.

All are welcome to join in the many festivities at this year's "5 de Mayo Celebration."



Two Southwest Texas Junior College students were named to the Texas All-State Academic Team on April 20 in Austin (left to right) Bonny Herndon, Second Team All-State recipient, SWTJC president-elect Ismael Sosa and Rebecca Hunt, First Team All-State recipient, attended the ceremony at the Omni Austin Hotel.

Briefs ...

Commodities to be given out Monday

Commodities will be given out, Monday, May 3rd at 10 a.m. at St. Johns Missionary Church at 116 W. Crockett St. Brackettville.

Kinney County focus forum to be held

A Kinney County focus forum will be held May 5, 1999 upstairs in the courthouse from 6 PM til 9 PM. This is to address issues identified in a recent open forum. Each issue identified in open forum will be addressed; goals, objectives, action steps, resources, contacts and time frame will be the major components used to solve each issue.

Everyone is welcome. If you plan to attend please RSVP by 5 PM, May 3rd (830) 563-2442. All issues are important and vital to the future of our community.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Top ten issues are listed below.

Water: Resources, conservation and selling. Agriculture profitability & production through use of diversification. Community recreation center. Economic/job development for adult & youth opportunities and training (apprenticeship). Community beautification. Drug/alcohol-education awareness/abuse for youth and adults. Illegal aliens. Elderly care. Development work center for handicapped adults 17 years of age or older. Reliable phone system.

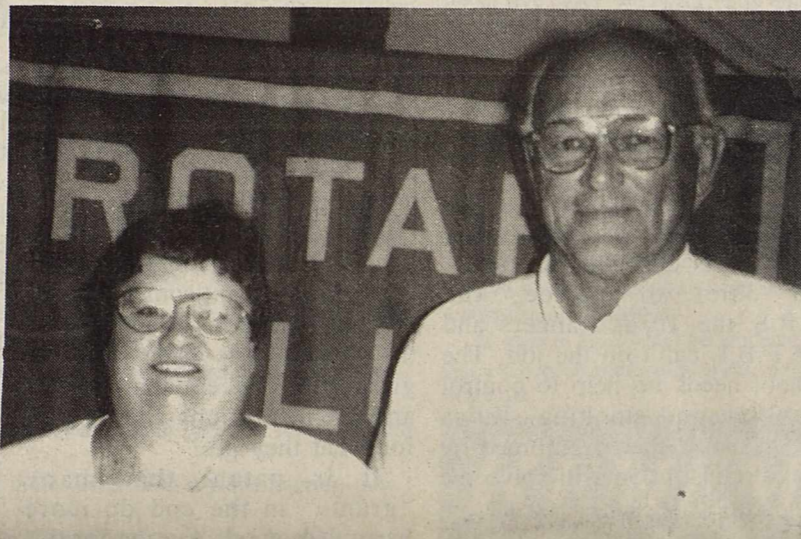
Community Council's "Clean-up" this Saturday

On Saturday, May 1, at 10 a.m. they'll be at it again. Ft. Clark's Community Council's "Clean-up" people will be sprucing up Las Moras's Creek banks by removing debris that has the tendency to clutter nature's natural beauty.

The timing will allow the volunteers to attend the 8 a.m. celebration in Brackettville of the 150th Anniversary of the San Antonio/El Paso road.

The "Cleaner-Uppers" are requested to meet at the Service Club Parking lot and to bring a rake if they have one, if not, show up anyway.

Lunch and drinks will be served at 12: noon at Shafter Hall. All FCS members are urged to join in the fun and fellowship. Some even "Whistle While they work!"



Pictured above (left to right) is Ailene Reid and John Ford. Ailene was guest speaker at Rotary this past week.

Ailene Reid speak's to Rotary

Ailene Reid, a native of Kinney County, was the speaker for the Rotary meeting on Thursday. Her paternal and maternal families have ranched in Kinney County for approximately 100 years or longer.

Her mother worked at Fort Clark Springs for the Corps of Engineers and her father worked for Brown and Root tearing down outlying buildings on Fort Clark.

Ailene is chairperson for the Kinney County Historical Commission, which is under the umbrella of the county. The Historical Commission is a nonprofit organization. The County budgets a small amount to help the Commission and pays for the utilities, termite control and insurance. This help is very much appreciated. The balance of the funds are raised from the sale of a medallion shaped like the Filippone building, Legends of Kinney County (a booklet), donations and fund raisers.

One successful fund raiser was "1997 Heritage Days", which included exhibitions of horse shoeing, shearing, spinning demonstrations and other things that were a way of life for this community. Another fund raiser that was well received was a pumpkin and bake sale.

The Commission is responsible for the guidelines which will maintain and preserve our

historical buildings. The KCHC must see that the information found on historical markers, which are issued by the Texas Historical Commission, are accurate.

The Kinney County History Book, which was penned by several of the county's oldest citizens, many of which are now dead, is a reference book for those seeking information on the history of this county.

All of the books have been sold and because of the great expense there can be no extra editions printed.

The Kinney County Heritage Museum is located in the Filippone Building at the intersections of El Paso, James and Brown Streets. This building was formally owned by the Brown, Patino and Filippone families. It was used as a general store on the ground floor and some sources say that the Filippone family lived upstairs and later it was used for dances and meetings.

This unique building is six-sided and basically rectangular in shape and built of limestone. It is the only building of that architecture in the entire area. It was saved from destruction by the city in 1983. In 1993 the city transferred ownership to the county.

The Commission envisioned that all aspects of Kinney County

be represented in the museum. Since funds are not available, most all of the items were donated. A hand cranked single arm shearing machine, churn, butter mold, strainer, milk bottles and articles from the early 1900's can be seen. A ladder used in the filming of "The Alamo" is also on display.

The Whitehead Museum in Del Rio presented the Kinney County Museum two display cabinets that were used in the Petersen store.

The mainstay of the museum are pictures of Spofford, the Seminole Scouts, Fort Clark, old buildings (some that are still in use today), pictures of families and five Bud Breen paintings depicting the stages of settlement of the county. This is a partial list of items on display.

The museum is open the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month and is manned entirely by volunteers. The hours are 1:00 to 4: pm and there is no admittance fee.

The Kinney County Historical Commission is proud of its many achievements. Kinney County has an interesting history.

As custodians of the museum we must insure that this history is not lost to future generations. Everyone is invited to make use of the museum and also to contribute information and artifacts.

Elections this Saturday

Tanya Kay McClure
STAFF WRITER

Kinney County elections are now underway, with positions open in both School Board, and City Council seats.

Seeking positions on the Brackett ISD School Board are Ken Curry, Robert D. Fuentes, Ronnie Hobbs, Henry J. Lutz, Michael D. Schuster, and Beverly Wright.

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 is not seeking a second term. Martha E. Ward McDonald and Julie Fuentes Molano both filed for Place 1, which Guidry currently holds. Tomas Gomez Jr. and Ida M. Flores will challenge Robinson for the Place 3 position on the City Council.

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

Both City Council and School Board elections will be held Saturday, May 1st. Both starting at 7 a.m. lasting thru 7 p.m.

School Board elections will be held at the Central office at BISD and City Council will be held at City Hall.

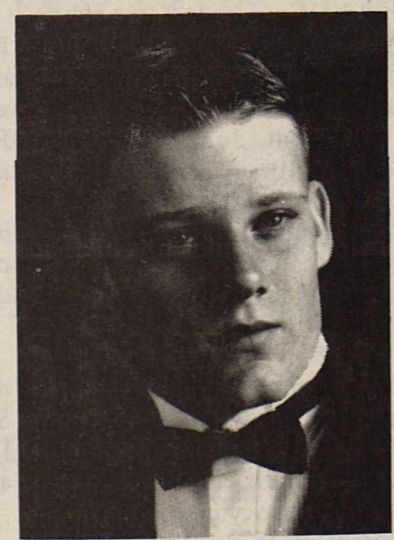
Patrick Melancon soon to graduate from Texas A&M

Patrick Melancon will graduate, with a Bachelors Degree, from Texas A&M this May 14th, with a 3.88/4.00 grade point average in Business Management.

Patrick is a 1995 graduate of Brackett High School and currently a Senior at Texas A&M University in College Station. He was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society on April 19, 1999.

He is also a member of Beta Gamma Sigma National Honor Society for the College of Business Administration, the Golden Key National Honor Society, Sigma Iota Epsilon Business Society and Vice President of The Management Society.

Patrick is the son of Pat and Pam Melancon of Brackettville. Patrick has accepted a job



Patrick Melancon

offer from Sewell Motor Co. After he graduates, he will be living in San Antonio and working in Management at Ken Batchelor Cadillac.

Horseback mail run

In celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the San Antonio-El Paso/Highway 90 Mail Run, a commemorative Horseback Mail Run will take place on Saturday, May 1, 1999 here in Brackettville.

In the early morning hours of Saturday, May 1, around 7:30 a.m. our local Postmaster Lionel Juarez will swear in some 45 riders for the commemorative mail run that will proceed from Brackettville to Castroville. At 8:15 a.m., the first rider in the group will hand a proclamation from our state representative, Tracy King, to Mayor Carmen Berlanga and County Judge

Herb Senne in front of the old stage stop at the corner of El Paso and Fort Streets.

The riders will proceed down Highway 90 stopping at each town along the route ending in Castroville at approximately 5 p.m. the same day.

Commemorative envelopes and postal cancellations, note card packs, and coffee will be available Saturday morning at the stage stop.

Folks will be dressed in period clothing and the stage stop will be open for touring. Come join the Chamber of Commerce for the send off of the Pony Express Rider.

Funding needed for trip to Bosnia

Henry Clay Hunt, III, age 26, of Brackettville, is going to Bosnia on June 3.

He will be going with St. David Society, a Nondenominational Christian Relief Group.

Clay is preparing to enter the seminary to become a Priest and will be traveling with men of the same interest.

Clay is in need of funding,

any support is greatly appreciated. If you wish to contribute in any way, please contact the Brackett News.



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Letters to the Editor

The only true wisdom comes from God

Dear Editor,
I have not read this newspaper in a while, and consequently I am unsure as to whether or not Steven R. LaMascus is a representative of this paper. However, I did get a chance to read his article, "Founding Fathers were afraid of the power of government, not the power of prayer." At first blush his writing style was personable and enjoyable. Yet I keep getting caught up with phrases like "atheistic agents of Satan," and "atheist or left-wing zealots," and my favorite, "Both guns and prayer are tools. Neither is inherently dangerous if used according to instructions...."

Now I may not be a card carrying follower of your God, but I certainly do not see myself as an "agent of Satan" either. Steven, if your belief is that it is your right to broadcast a prayer over a PA

system at a time when everyone is really gathering to watch a barbaric sport like football, not to actually just pray, and then you feel the need to assert your right to carry a gun so "that an evil ruler can never disarm us," then I think you need to reconsider calling your self a "Christian Conservative."

Perhaps you are more left-wing than you realize Steven, but you might be right about one thing. Maybe "the only true wisdom (does) come from God." If it does, it might help to remember that violence- and make no doubt about it that is what a gun represents- is not a virtue. Steven, try placing your faith in what you so passionately believe in, or the real evil ruler, that you believe in, have no need to disarm you, because you will have handed yourself over.

Mark Comfort

Emergency medical card promotion

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church was so pleased with the excellent news articles you published about our Emergency Medical Card promotion. Brackettville should be aware that you people realized the importance of our goal and reported the news to the people.

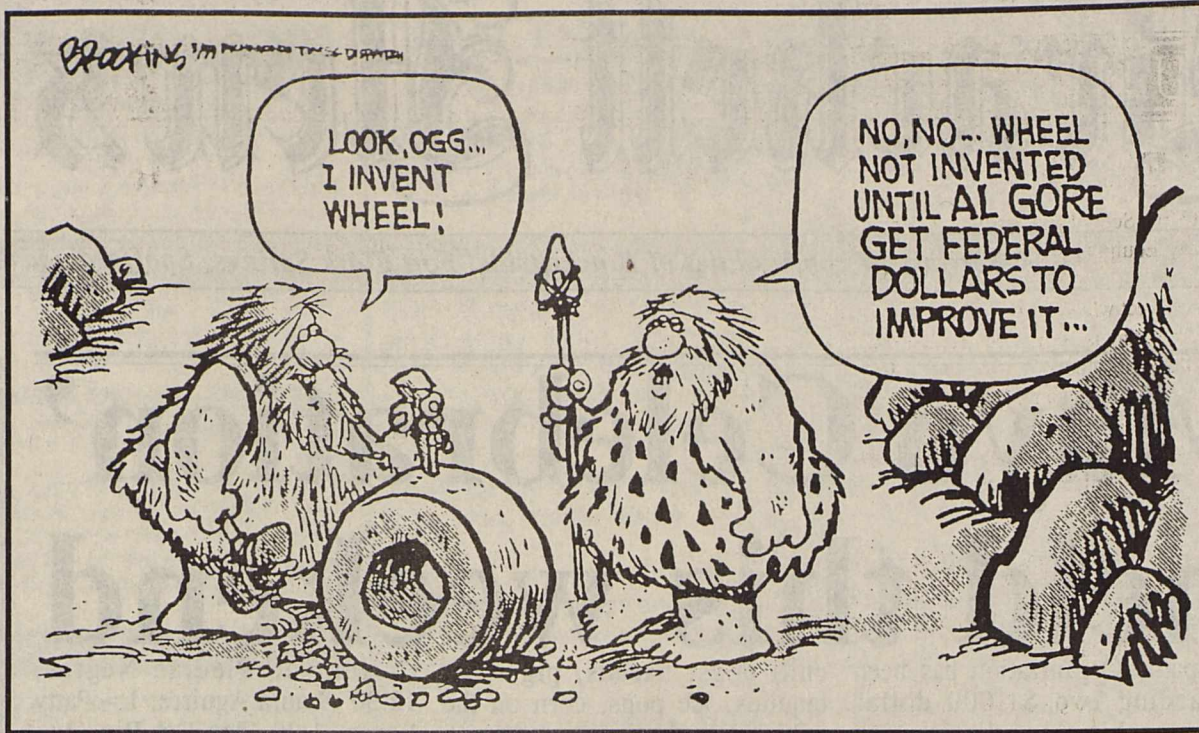
We had a very successful day and passed out more than 300 emergency medical cards, thanks to your news articles. We will now have these cards available in various businesses around Brackettville for anyone interested in protecting their life when an emergency arises.

In the future, Brackettville students will take the emergency medical cards home for their parents to fill out also.

If any reader of your newspaper would like an emergency medical card, they can write to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 129, Brackettville, Tx 78832 or call 563-9359.

Thank you once again for your support and a special thank you to the E.M.S. personnel that spent time doing blood pressure testing and giving tours of the ambulance.

Ken Spencer
President AAL
Brackettville Branch 11061



Mixed emotions toward school board

Between Us
by Joe Townsend

Reading of actions by the school board I had mixed emotions. I think Don Sim's proposal of new vocational courses is outstanding.

In spite of all the hype in administrative and political circles the truth of the matter is that every boy or girl is not necessarily a good candidate to finish high school as it is set up here today.

Saying that I must hasten to add that every boy and girl should have an avenue of development that equips him or her to successfully cope with life as an adult.

If a person is taught a skill that makes it possible for him to make a living and support a family, this should be a valid concept establishing the curriculum of the system. A good carpenter or auto mechanic can always make a liveable wage. If the person is forced to finish the academic curriculum now offered and chooses to be a carpenter or auto mechanic he must spend years as a "shade tree" artisan before he can capably be good in his trade.

From proper courses in high school he can learn the basics of the trade he chooses and be well along the path of developing expertise in his chosen field. It is to be hoped this system will rap-

idly incorporate these new vocational courses.

As exhilarated as I was over this proposal I was most disconnected by another proposal. I think one of the most insidious proposals I've heard is a proposal by the sheriff to hire a "certified police officer" (a cop), for the school. If there is anything this school does not need, it is a policeman patrolling the halls with a gun at his hip.

I can understand a sheriff with his entire background being with the D.P.S. wanting more and more men wearing a badge to be under his tutelage. It is to be hoped that saner heads will prevail and this idea will be scuttled.

In the first place it is an admission by the perpetrators that the sheriff's department, the local chief of police, the D.P.S., the Texas Rangers and the F.B.I. can't do the job. The school needs no help to control drinking and smoking. Rules are in place, that if enforced by the administration will solve the problem, if it indeed exists.

As far as marijuana is concerned it has never been a problem in the school. Even when the local police chief sold the drug to teenagers from his patrol car and teenagers stood in clusters on street corners and smoked the weed where it could be smelled a block away, there was

never a drug problem in school.

A number of times dogs have been brought into the school to sniff out offences, not one hit was ever made. If the sheriff and school board are afraid of another "Colorado" fiasco, they are whistling in the dark to feel a "certified police officer" in the school could prevent.

The argument that it won't cost anything because it will be funded by a grant is an insult to the intelligence. The policeman and his cost must be paid by someone and it is the taxpayers.

If it were justifiable it would be much less expensive for the county or school to pay him directly than to take the drippings from a bureaucracy and pay for it through back door taxes.

One of the real problems in America today is the philosophy that says, "I want something for nothing." What has happened to the concept that made America great, the concept that people and all institutions should pay for what they get?

It is patent that many "grants" in the end do more harm than good. A grant for this defacing idea would be for a year. Will local taxpayers have to pick up the tab?

He surely will not be fired when the grant plays out. Of the many people I've talked to I have yet to find an individual who thinks this is an acceptable idea.

Are You Politically Correct

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

Are you a Refuse Retrieval Engineer, or an Automechanical Specialist, or maybe a Foundation Excavation Technician?

I am so tired of wondering what the next descriptive is that will be replaced because it has become politically unacceptable. Why do we worry so much about words?

Words are wonderful things. They are intended to convey our thoughts to others in as precise and simple a manner as possible, or at least that is the way it once was. Today I'm not so sure that the purpose of language has not been lost. We are no longer interested in conveying an idea in a precise and understandable manner. Oh no, that is too easy and too cruel. Now we are more interested in not saying anything that will embarrass, degrade, anger, or describe in an unacceptable manner, any person, place, or thing.

Under today's warm and fuzzy attitudes a person who has a physical disability is not handicapped, he is ambulatorily challenged. A person who is balding is now follically challenged. A short person is now vertically challenged. I'm not fat; I have an eating disorder. Hogwash! Where does it all end?

Pretty soon we won't have any good descriptive words left. If we want to say that we have been on a "wild goose chase" we will have to utter something like "I have been participating in the rapid and unsuccessful pursuit of undomesticated migratory waterfowl." Because, for Pete's sake, we certainly can't call a goose a goose - it might not like that particular noun. And to say that it was wild would be to cast aspersions on its character and demeanor. No, it's best to be vague and safe.

I try not to be rude. I do, however, try to be clear and concise in what I say. That is, in my opinion, the most efficient way to communicate and to avoid misunderstandings. I do not want to hurt anyone's feelings. But if they are so sensitive about what they do for a living that they are ashamed for it to be called what it really is, then they should look for other employment.

I have been a ditch digger and I never called myself a foundation excavation technician. I have been a cowboy and have not referred to it as bovine husbandry specialist. I have fed hogs and not said I was a swine nutrition dietician. I am fat - overweight! I do not have an eating disorder; I am not fluffy, big-boned, portly, statuesque, husky, or any of the other politically correct half-truths that are intended to convey the message without uttering the words. If I am sensitive about my obesity I can diet. If I don't like digging ditches I can go to school and become a writer (although I think digging ditches is probably a more honorable and honest profession).

I again don't intend to offend anyone, but if a person is so sensitive about some disability that they don't want to hear about it they need to talk to someone about life and reality. A person without sight is blind. "Blind" is only a word that describes the problem. Changing the word does not change the malady. You can say he is visually impaired, or sight challenged, but he is still just as blind.

I think our sudden interest in politically correct language comes from a misplaced sense of guilt. We see people who are less fortunate than we are and want to lessen their pain. That is natural. But instead of making up new and inventive ways to not say something let's do something worthwhile. Let's all chip in and donate to a favorite charity, or spend time working with the handicapped, or something else that actually produces results, instead of spending our time making up a new word for superannuated overweight writers that won't hurt their feelings.

Big Mama Sez!

Every evening I turn my worries over to God - because He's going to be up all night anyway.

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Don't call me, I'll call you

But I could be wrong
by Chuck Hall

Several weeks ago, I went to a school safety meeting in San Antonio. It was great, but that's another story. What I want to relate today is an annoying sign of our times.

Currently every other person has a personal cell phone. Calls can be made to and from anywhere. These are handy little devices that allow us freedom from lines and cords. Technology has made our lives richer

and fuller because of digital phones.

I hate 'em. While I was in this meeting, that I happened to find extremely interesting, there was no less than a dozen calls made to individuals in the room. Not only did the ringing interrupt my thoughts and concentration, thereby greatly bothering me, but having to listen to meaningless conversation was very exasperating.

If you have something that you just have to communicate to someone else, do it at a time

when they are within earshot, or without my earshot. If your phone conversation does not involve me, or even if it does and I am engrossed in other business, then have the courtesy to keep me out of it and let me tend to my own concerns.

And one more thing. Don't use that phone while you're operating a motor vehicle in my vicinity. Have a little respect for my safety, if not your own. My life is very precious to me. I want to see my grandkids. And you could be wrong.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Wednesday, April 21

2:33 a.m. Raymond Sanchez, age 23, from San Antonio was arrested by DPS Officer Richard Slubar for possession of marijuana. Sanchez is still being held at this time.

10:30 p.m. David LaBuda, age 43, of Fort Clark Springs, was arrested by Deputy Bobby Guidry for Public Intoxication.

6:53 a.m. A man reported an 18 wheeler traffic accident 20 miles north of Eagle Pass on 277. An ambulance and DPS was dispatched to the scene.

10:00 p.m. A woman from Brackett Independent School District called in to report that someone had thrown a rock through one of the classroom windows.

Thursday, April 22
8:23 p.m. Chief of Police Ron Ring was dispatched to Super S Foods responding to threats being made to one of the employees. According to the manager of Super S, he had just fired two individuals for violation of com-

pany policy. The two individuals upon exiting the store made terroristic threats to one of the employees, stating that they would take care of her when they saw her outside. Ring spoke with the two individuals and no other contact was made.

7:00 p.m. Johnny Cuellar, age 49, of Brackettville, was arrested for assault by Chief of Police Ron Ring. Cuellar had apparently jumped a local man outside of a local store here in Brackettville.

4:28 p.m. A local man called in to report that two sixteen year old juveniles were fishing illegally on Pinto Farm. Sheriff Buddy Burgess responded to the call. The two young men were brought in to the Sheriff's Department.

7:45 p.m. A local woman called in to report that someone was speeding up and down the street and that there were young kids playing outside.

Friday, April 23
2:22 p.m. A local woman

called in to report some kids fighting on East El Paso Street. Officer Ron Ring was informed of the problem.

2:25 a.m. Chief of Police Ron Ring responded to a call concerning loud arguing and excessive noise on East El Paso Street. Ring advised the residence to keep the noise level down.

12:12 a.m. A local man called in to report that he was having problems with his son and requested assistance.

Saturday, April 24
3:45 a.m. Deputy Karl Chism noted that the plants outside of Super S had been pushed over. Deputy Chism notified the manager of Super S.

Sunday, April 25
10:55 a.m. A local woman called in to report two cattle trailers parked on Ellen St. at Hwy. 90. One was parked on each side of Ellen, blocking the view to enter Hwy. 90. Deputy Ring was dispatched to the scene and informed the drivers that they needed to move their trucks.

CITY COUNCIL

TOM GOMEZ JR.

Tomas Gomez Jr. is a graduate of Brackett High School and has lived in Brackettville for 47 years. He is currently a local Heavy Equipment Operator. He is running for Place 3, on City Council.

"I will work with other council members to correct whatever problems may occur. I feel that the greatest problem facing our city today is poor street lighting and the street conditions. I will work toward repairing these problems.

I was asked by several people to run for the position, though I have no experience for the position, I am willing to learn.

"I have lived here all my life, as has my wife and family. I am willing to work with all the other elected officials. I am making no promises, except to do my best," said Gomez.

MARTHA E. WARD MCDONALD

Martha E. (Ward) McDonald is a graduate of Brackett High School and has lived in Brackettville for 52 years. She is currently a Dietician for the Kinney County Sheriff's Department.

"I will work with other council people on fixing the city streets and for more street lights. Renew or update city ordinances, and keep the city taxes stable.

I decided to run so that I could do things better for the city of Brackettville. I can work with people. I learn about other people in my everyday life.

Our greatest problem is that we need more grants to better the city streets and to enlarge our police department, so that we will be able to control the drug and alcohol abuse and so we can have more security for the school systems.

"If I'm elected I want the citizens of Kinney County to know that my goal as a City Council woman is to work together with the County officials, together we can do a lot," said McDonald.

JULIE FUENTES MOLANO

Julie Fuentes Molano graduated from Brackett High School, going on to gain a Bachelor of Business Administration degree at Angelo State University.

She has lived in Kinney County for 30 years and is currently the Kinney County Site Director for the Aging Center.

"I have contact now more than ever with the public and I hear the cities wants and needs and I want to make changes to help better our city for the future of our children.

I was on the council for 2 terms, of which I completed four years before my marriage and moving to Del Rio. I now work and live here in the city of Brackettville with my two girls.

The greatest problem facing our city today is the fact that funds in the bank drawing interest should be utilized back into the city. And also I would like to see projects completed, (ex. roads).

"I would represent the city with an open door policy to help city needs," said Molano.

WES ROBINSON

Wes Robinson is a graduate of Brackett High School and attended Texas A&M, SWTJC and graduated from VTI Technical Institute of Dallas.

He has lived in Kinney County for thirteen years and is currently the Bookkeeper for Leona Ranch.

"I have and will continue to push for a better ratio of revenues received from citizens to services provided to citizens.

Two years ago I wanted to become more involved in my community, now I would like to continue that involvement.

I have two years experience on the City Council and seven years experience as a bookkeeper. That is why I ran for Place 3, which is over Budget and Finance.

Streets are probably the biggest problem that our city is facing. I have tried to get more money budgeted for the last two years. However, a majority of the council did not feel this was a priority.

"I have a simple philosophy, when the city receives a rate decrease on something they resale to citizens, the city needs to pass along a decrease as quickly as they pass along an increase," said Robinson.

Answers to Super Crossword

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WELDON "KEN" CURRY

Weldon "Ken" Curry is a graduate of College Station, Texas A&M, with a degree in English.

He has lived at Fort Clark Springs for the past nine years and is retired from the Drug Enforcement Administration.

"I believe that the High School should offer more vocational training, so that more young men and women can learn a trade, plus receive an education.

I have a BA degree and teaching experience during graduate studies. I have lived overseas for 17 years and have lived in various places while in the U.S. Army thus I believe that I bring new ideas to Brackettville.

I believe that the recreational use of drugs, plus the violence on video and TV, contribute significantly to bad morals influencing our children. I would work for more wholesome recreational activities for our children at the school on the weekends.

"I believe in equal opportunity for all our children, and that should include vocational, as well as academic training. Foreign language should also be stressed," said Curry.

ROBERT FUENTES

Robert D. Fuentes is a college graduate from St. Mary's University of San Antonio. He has been a 13 year resident of Kinney County, however his parents Robert, Sr., and Juanita Fuentes were born and raised in Kinney County. Fuentes is currently a Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, stationed in Eagle Pass.

"I have legal, budgetary and managerial experience. I have an earnest desire to help all children succeed in any and all academic and extra curricular ventures. I've had the opportunity to volunteer as a mentor at the BISD as well as volunteering in the HOSTS (Help One Student To Succeed) program at the Eagle Pass, ISD.

We need to promote tolerance and respect throughout our district and have total involvement from our community, parents and district because are students are our future.

I want the opportunity to represent all the children of our district to ensure that they all receive an equal education. I am a very objective person and I will look at every issue from all sides to make sure that the students best interest are considered.

"As a parent I believe living in a rural community has many benefits. However this limits our children's opportunities, i.e. in local employment and lack of exposure," said Fuentes.

HENRY J. LUTZ

Henry J. Lutz was born and raised near D'Hanis and has lived in Brackett for about five years. He is currently employed by the State of Texas as a State Game Warden stationed here in Kinney County.

I am married to Cathy S. Lutz, also of D'Hanis. Cathy is employed as a middle school teacher and coach at Brackett ISD. We have one son, Dylan, who is a little over 4 months old.

"I want to ensure that Brackett ISD will continue to be the best school system and that Brackett ISD will continue to provide our children with a quality education. We have to keep in mind that the top priority of the school board, the administration, the teachers, and even the parents, is the students. We are fortunate to have the best school system in this part of the state. Brackett ISD's enrollment is growing, some students coming here from nearby towns because of our school system.

Everyone has their own ideas of how the school should be operated. If elected, I would listen to all sides.

"I want to ensure that the students, every one of them, receive the best education that a school district can provide so that they will be able to expand their horizons," said Lutz.

SCHOOL BOARD

MICHAEL D. SCHUSTER

Michael Dale Schuster is a graduate from Sam Houston State, with a degree in Criminal Justice. He has live in Kinney County for two years and is currently a Criminal Investigator for the U.S. Customs Service.

He is a son of a school teachers (84 yrs. combined), husband to a teacher, father of two school age girls, and has 38 years of continuing education academically and otherwise.

"I will use my professional training to help identify areas of concern and implement the changes necessary. I will introduce new and progressive school reforms that are working in other places.

I feel that the greatest problem facing the kids of our country is the lack of moral conviction and a social watering down of love. Parental involvement in moral growth and teacher commitment to quality learning is what we need.

"I represent a factor of growth that this school board may be able to use," said Schuster.

RONNIE D. HOBBS

Ronnie D. Hobbs is a 1975 graduate of Brackett High School. He attended Southwest Texas State University and gained a Business Management Degree in 1979.

Hobbs has lived in Kinney County for the last 28 years and is currently an Assistant Border Patrol Agent in charge.

"I have great interest in the welfare and education of the youth at Brackett ISD. I have 19 years of law enforcement experience; a graduate of Brackett ISD; and father of two children.

The greatest problem facing kids of our county and our country is peer pressure, drugs and alcohol, lack of preparation for real life situations, i.e. work force, and responsibility in the community.

"I will make recommendations for more drug and alcohol awareness programs; student involvement in the community; motivational programs to enhance self-esteem, self confidence, and self awareness," said Hobbs.

BEVERLY A. WRIGHT

Beverly A. Wright graduated from Brackett High School and has lived her entire life in Brackettville. She is currently a Client Service Worker/Driver in Kinney County.

"I plan to work close with the Board and to get them to work closer with the children and to listen to what the children, parents and teachers have to say.

Violence is in all our schools today, even some here. It's just that these kids are reaching out for help, but no one is listening and reaching back before the violence really happens.

Educate our kids on the things now that are happening else where, that is how we can prevent violence.

"My goal is to work with the school board and get programs in our school to help kids," said Wright.

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Brackett ISD Honor Roll

Brackett Independent School District's Honor Roll as provided by the district:

High School
All A Honor Roll

Seniors: Alexandra Arreola, Lindsey Brotherton, Sonya Correa, Amanda Petrosky.

Juniors: Laura Lee Ballew, James Burks, Zachry Davis, Tiffany Eckenrod, Jerritt Meeks.

Sophomores: Carrissa De Los Santos, Schiller Hill.

Freshmen: Michelle Bizzell, Lloyd Lee Davis, Susannah Davis, Erica Gloria, Migdalia Gonzalez, Duquesa Hunt, Erica Meyer.

Juniors: Jaime Bader, Steven Hagler, Daniel Hernandez, Michelle Melancon, Joshua Mulvaine, Donald Page, Latoya Wright.

Sophomores: April Crumley, Enriqueta Garza, Isaac Guttierrez, Jarrett Harrison, Samuel Hunt, Albert Lattimer, David Lopez, Sofia Martinez, Savannah Massingill, Leslie Meyer, Christopher Petrosky, Brittany Shewbart, Chase Ward.

Freshmen: Levi Duncan, Sarah Gammil, Stephanie Gomez, Candice Ingram, Jaime Montalvo, Rodolfo Ramirez, Isela Ramon, Amanda Ward, Brandi Wilson.

Middle School
All A Honor Roll

Eighth grade: Valerie Guntner, Maria Martinez, Coshena Meyer, Tiara Ward.

Seventh grade: Elizabeth

Ballew, Amanda Davis, Sarah Meyer, Sabrina Silver, Ashley Smith.

Sixth grade: Cody Robinette

A-B Honor Roll

Eighth grade: Celina Cano, Amanda Cruz, Jared Hobbs, Megan McWilliams, Brittany Moore, Laura Negrete, Jennifer Nickerson, Pedro Pacheco, Douglas Sanchez, Elizabeth Theadgill.

Seventh grade: Princess Benites, Stacey Castilla, Stephanie Coronado, Dietrich Davis, Nancy Hill, Matthew Jackson, Dulce Jimenez, Allison LaMascus, Emily Petrosky, Ashley Thourot.

Sixth grade: Clarissa Aguirre, Juliann Ashabranner, Stephanie Bonner, Tillman Davis, Courtney Frerich, Whitney Hobbs, Robert Looney, Kristin Meyer, Oscar Sierra III, Kody Yeager.

Jones Elementary
All A Honor Roll

Fifth grade: Dana Bonner, Liliana Hernandez, Steven Jackson, Kristen Linton, Tanya Molinar, Travis Nowlin, Yasmin Pena, Kaylynn Perez, Soraida Talamantes, Brand Wylie

Fourth grade: Dolores Cano, James Conrad, Allison DelBosque, Lorena Mendoza, Laura Meyer, Ivan Pinales, Austin Shewbart, Michael Stephenson, Kara Yeager.

Third grade: Bailee Allen, Jesus Balderas, Colter Barajas, Isaac Benites, Kevin Bonner, Steven Boden, Travis Bonner, Julie Castillo, Israel DeHoyos, Meghann Davis, Israel DeHoyos, Marco Duran, Doolie Fernandez, Alberto Flores, Amador Gonzalez, Catherine Herman, Daphne Hunt, Jaime Jimenez, Maria Juarez, Lane Nowlin, Eduardo Pena, Gustavo Resendez, Evelyn Rojas, Manolo Rosas, Maria Sanchez, Stefani Schuster, Ashley Stephenson, Bianca Stewart, Kara Thomas, Anolda Watkins, Lacey Wiersema, Rolando Zamora.

Second grade: Natalie Aguirre, Summer Allen, Amanda Braesicke, Serenity Gammill, Jessica Garza, Roxane Gomez, Victoria Herdon, Miranda Letsinger, Rebecca Mann, Bianca Martinez, Harmony Pettett, Zakary Ring, Johnathan Rios, Graciela Rocha, Victor Salinas, Bianca Terraza.

A-B Honor Roll

Fifth grade: John

Braesicke, Ashely Castillo, Joe Chacon, Jacquelyn Conoly, Cassandra Gomez, Mandy Harris, Mason McWilliams, Sarah Nickerson, Megan Reinhold, Isabel Rivas, Joe Daniel Villanueva

Fourth grade: Adan Aguirre, Robert Davis, Cesar DeLeon, Alonso Delgado, Albaro Duran, Joaquin Fernandez, Seth Frerich, Arnulfo Garcia, Jaime Muniz, Natasha Smith, Ryan Swindle, Abel Talamantes, Monica Talamantes, Nadine Terrazas, Emily Valenzuela.

Third grade: Anita DeLeon, Elva Garica, Vanessa Garcia, Marlene Gloria, Anabel Perez, Jennifer Samora, Christopher Seargeant, Bellanlyra Talamantes, Gabriela Talamantes, Fermin Villanueva, Hector Villarreal, Jolisa Wright

Second grade: Felisha Abrego, Laura Adams, Ray Aguilar, Jose Alonso, Sergio Calvillo, Seth Clements, Valerie Davis, Cristiana Gomez, Moises Gonzales, Diana Honstein, Alvin Jennings, Thomas Justice, David Miranda, Daniel Nickerson, Tasha Pinkall, Maribel Rivas, Jeannette Rodriguez, April Samora, Jose Sanchez, Desarea Swindle, Veronica Talamantes, Amory Throut, Edgar Vasquez.

Brackettville students UIL Competition results are finally here

The following students participated in the District 30-2A UIL Academic competition for the 1998-99 school year.

The writing events, current events and science competition was held on Monday, March 22.

All other events were held on Thursday, April 1.

Accounting: Jennifer Ashabranner, 6th place, Jose Perez, 8th place.

Computer Applications: Lee Davis, 2nd place, Zachry Davis, 3rd place, Jennifer Ashabranner, 4th place.

News Writing: Lindsey Brotherton, 4th place.

Feature Writing: Lindsey Brotherton, 6th place, and participating, Mandy Petrosky.

Editorial Writing: Jennifer Ashabranner, 1st place, Lindsey Brotherton, 4th place.

Headline Writing: Mandy Petrosky, 1st place, Jennifer Ashabranner, participating.

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Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he graduated 12th from the class of 1879. He was assigned to 2nd Lt. of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory at 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 duties, which he faithfully maintained for the next 30 years.

Wednesday, April 13, 1887
Got up at reveille this morning and played several games of tennis with Miss McKee. Harris and Miss Otey promised to be out also but they failed to appear. Did not enjoy the games as Miss McKee is not a good player. She left this morning with the Bucks for Pena en route to McIntosh. Was not able to say good bye to her. Marched on guard and then attended to office work. Mail brought a letter from home and from Helen Giddings. Inspected the men's sink and then carried some papers up to the office and wrote on proceedings of Board of Survey until 1 o'clock, when tried two men before the garrison court. Then wrote on usual letter home until dinner time. While playing tennis after dinner heard the "Bessie's" whistle blow. After retreat went down to the boat with the Guards and Thurston and sat there quite a while talking with Capt. Kell. He brought up some cigars for me which carried to quarters and then lit one and went up to Harris' to read Taine. We finished the introduction and hope the rest will be less abstruse and more interesting. Harris came in after tattoo and was soon followed by Thurston and Capt. Kell when we had several games of cribbage, Maj. Wilcox and Kell against Thurston and self, we winning. At ten o'clock we were startled by a shot and a call for the Corporal of the Guard. Rushed out to No. 2 post where found the sentry had fired at a man sneaking near a building but unfortunately missed him. The Corporal of the guard found the oil house door opened. Sent the mounted patrol for a light and by it found that neither the door nor staple was injured, showing that the padlock was opened by a key. The lock could not be found. Whitall made an examination but did not think any oil was carried away. Had the buildings and grounds all carefully searched but found nothing wrong. Then played cribbage until near midnight when completed letter home and wrote up part of proceedings of today's court. Then inspected and found everything secure. Felt a little

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

shaky when approaching No. 2 but a steady man was there. Received a new blouse and trousers from Hatfield today by mail.

Thursday, April 14, 1887

Was awakened at reveille by the guard and took the call. After marching off guard attended to office work. Completed court martial proceedings before breakfast. Mail brought an O.B. from the Chief Paymaster returning a check for Thurston sent to him for correction, Hatfield's bill for goods received yesterday and a letter from Capt. Kelly enclosing further evidence for the Board of Survey. Read the papers at the office and then came to quarters after writing a little on some papers connected with the Board. Read the papers from home while Guard & Thurston were playing cribbage against Maj. Wilcox & Kell and then took Guard's hand. After dinner played tennis and also after retreat, Thurston taking drill tonight. Then went up to read Taine but had not gone far when Thurston and Kell came in and we talked until tattoo. After reporting Thurston & I beat Maj. Wilcox and Kell at cribbage, playing until midnight. Ought to have done some work today. Fixed up another desk for my use in the office this morning.

Friday, April 15, 1887

A cloudy comfortable day. After guard mounting attended to office work and then the Board of Survey had a long meeting and came to a conclusion in its findings. Was much annoyed by Whitall who wants to stick Kelly the contractor and tried to argue to the Board to this effect. He has been permitted to give his testimony and can give more, but we do not care for arguments, I think they are decidedly out of place as the Board must come to a finding on the facts. After this went up to the Q.M. office and to Harris' for a while. Then returned to the Q.M. office and afterwards changed clothes when Guard & I beat Harris & Thurston two sets of tennis. Enjoyed the games and the exercise a great deal. Afterwards all went to the store for beer. Had the usual dress parade this evening, Capt. Vance commanding. Chatted a while at Thurston's and then went over to store to settle bill and to company to pay the tailor. Stopped a short time at Capt. Vance's and then went up to Harris' but he did not come in for some time and our

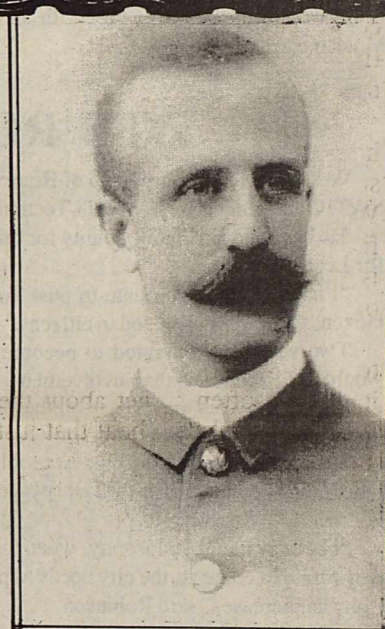
reading was short. After tattoo he and I were in at Thurston's and then I wrote on Board of Survey until my eyes began to hurt, when read Endymion and dozed in the chair. No mail for me today. Johnston wrote Major Wilcox that there would be no change of troops until after July 1, if then.

Saturday, April 16, 1887

Wrote a letter to Slocum at the office this morning asking him to send up some things from Brown. After completing office work rode down town in the ambulance with Guard and wife and got the remainder of the money due on my check and then went to the post office and bought a postal note sending it in a letter to the Milt'y. Service Institution to renew annual dues and to get a copy of the Journal to replace one that Hall lost for me. Rode up in the ambulance and returned to the office to attend to official mail and to read the papers. Mail brought a letter and bundle of papers from home. Mother writes that she expects to start by Sunday to visit Lula, something I was very glad to learn. Wrote letters to Sayre returning the map he loaned of road from McIntosh to Ringgold and to Mr. Terrell of San Antonio asking him to divide Geary's & my land. Then started to write on proceedings of Board but had not gone far when Thurston came in and wanted to play tennis. Went up to get Harris and to see Whitall about the Board. Found both at the ice machine which they are altering a little. Harris could not come away. So returned to quarters and told Thurston that game could not be played and after a talk he and Major Wilcox commenced to play cribbage while I took a bath. After dinner went up to Capt. Vance's a while to practice some music. He is Officer of the Day and took the calls. Had usual reading at Dr. Harris'. The book becomes much more interesting now; it will be very enjoyable reading. Stopped at tattoo and returned to quarters to play cribbage with Maj. Wilcox who beat me badly. Thurston came in but declined to play. I ought to have been writing on the Board or reading instead of losing my time at this game. Wrote a little on the Board before retiring.

Sunday, April 17, 1887

Attended inspection and then went over the books and papers in the office and put them on Maj.



Wilcox' desk. Afterwards had guard mounting and then ate breakfast. Do not like this arrangement but have to do it every Sunday on account of the calls. Read papers from home before breakfast and Guard and Thurston came in for a while. After breakfast went back to the office a while and then wrote on letter home until mail time. It brought nothing for me to my disappointment as I hoped for a letter from Lula. Now nothing can come until Tuesday. Read the papers at the office and then sat in Capt. Vance's with Guard for some time. Evans has been relieved from West Point to take effect the first of July and no doubt now he can get his quartermastership as the Secretary of War disapproved of this before on the ground that he was at West Point. Buck came back today and came into Capt. Vance's a while. Wrote on letter home and on one to Lula until near time for dinner when Buck came in for a while. After dinner walked up to the top of the hill on which the tanks are with Dr. Harris where we had an excellent view of the surrounding country which is quite pretty. Went down to the ice machine then and afterwards sat on the Doctor's porch chatting. Then we called at Whitall's until after tattoo and then I completed letter to Lula.

Monday, April 18, 1887

Spent most of the morning at the office correcting a return that was made out with a lot of errors last month. Afterwards wrote on the papers to accompany the proceedings of the Board and read Endymion until dinner time. Went in to see Capt. Vance a short time on way home from office. After dinner Harris and Buck came up to chat a while. No dress parade this evening on account of heat. Just before retreat got Capt. Vance to take the call and then played tennis with Guard, Harris, Buck, & Thurston. Buck plays a good game but is a little rusty from lack of practice. He enjoyed the many games a good deal.

Football fever hit's

Jacob Hughes
SPORTS WRITER

As summer approaches, most students and families have started to make their vacationing plans.

But a small group of guys are planning on spending their summer days running sprints, jumping logs, and spending countless hours in a hot weight room in order to bring home a District 30AA championship.

Recently, the young athletes have begun new formations that the coaches have added to help improve their record of 8-3.

Visions of bright lights on

Friday nights, smell of the fresh cut grass, and the cheers from the crowd have started to flood into the imagination of all of the players as well as the coaches.

In addition to the intense off-season program being held, the coaching staff has already planned for a boot camp that will endure for the last two weeks of school. During this phase of the off-season an individual can only imagine the intensity taking place on the practice field, and the competition taking place inside the field house. Coaches haven't told the young men exactly what will be taking place,

but have assured them a great season next year by telling them that, "with your hard work and determination we're going to win some big ball games boys."

So, as a player and a participant, I would like to invite you to watch the athletes develop valuable work ethic, team leadership, and disciplinary skills during the off-season and boot camp.

"This is where you win ball games, right here and now, during the off-season. You have to train during the summer while your opponents are resting." Stated Coach David Yeager.

F.C.S. couples tourney

The Fort Clark Springs Couples League held a tournament last week. Top three teams for the first flight consisted of Dyer/Beatty-Dennis. Second place was split between teams Smith/Stehphenson-Miller and Lee/Johnson.

Winners for the second flight were Hinton/Stafford, second place was Danielson-Benefield/Ebert, and third place went to Nickolay-Maderick/White.

The third flight of teams winning first, second, and a two way tie for third were Swafford/Strother, Mayberry/Roberts, Alvis/Edwards and Barnett-Schlatterer/Kendrick.

All information was contributed by Barbara Miller.

17 athletes compete

Jacob Hughes
SPORTS WRITER

SAN MARCOS - This week Brackett's golfers, netters, and runners will all compete in the Region IV meets.

Regionalist golfers Jennifer Ashabranner, Laura Lee Ballew, Deborah Cortes, Tiffany Eckenrod, Savannah Massingill, and Manuel Madrid will play two golf rounds at the San Marcos Club House on 26 and 27 of this week. First and Second place medallist will proceed on to the tournament in Austin.

Netters that will compete the 28 and 29 are Susannah Davis, Duquesa Hunt, Lesley Meyer, Brittany Shewbart, Schiller Hill,

and Chris Petrosky. The teams will play the first and second place teams from district 29 AA.

Regional tracksters will run this Friday and Saturday. Those who qualified are Sonya Correa (3200m and 1600m), Steven Hagler (Discus), Jesse Hidalgo (400m Relay), Brent Smith (400m Relay and 300m Hurdles), Damian Toms (400m Relay, 200m Dash, and 100m Dash).

"We expect to see a lot of stiff competition at the Regional Meet, there always is. It definitely won't be as hard as the Regional Qualifier Meet in Lockhart, but it is still going to be tough." Stated Coach Julie Bruce.

OUTDOORS

Boating season already underway

A Little on the Wildlife Side
by Henry Lutz

Now that the hunting seasons are over for a while, I can just imagine the fishermen walking out to their boats (if lucky enough to have one) and kicking the tires, cleaning out the leaves, old plastic worms and assorted other items, checking the engine and the gauges, greasing the wheels, etc. and of course changing out the line on the reels and organizing the tackle box.

With the spring weather we have been having, the boating season is already underway. Whether you use your boat for fishing or other recreation, now is the time to check your boat over thoroughly.

And while we naturally think to check the above mentioned items, we often forget about the items required on a boat that just might save your life.

Rules and regulations differ somewhat by size and use of the boat and each owner's situation. The following is a general listing of requirements. Your situation may be different. If you have a question about the rules or regulations and how they apply to you, please call me or the

Parks and Wildlife Department before you put your boat in the water.

First of all, if your boat is required to be registered, be sure that you have done so and that it has a current decal displayed on the side next to the registration numbers. Under a new law that went into effect last year, your boat is required to be registered if it is in public water. This now applies even if you are storing it in the water or the boat is tied off and left in the water. In addition to the numbers and decals displayed on the sides of your boat, you are required to carry the certificate of number with you on the boat. The certificate of number is the blue card, about the size of your driver's license, that has the information about your boat on it. You get one when you register your boat or renew the registration on your boat.

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

registered the boat.

Check to see that you have the proper fire extinguishers on board and that they are properly charged and accessible. Check your life jackets and throw cushions.

Be sure the you have one Coast Guard approved, wearable type, life jacket for every-one on board your boat. Check to see that they are in good condition and accessible.

On motorboats under 26 feet long, a child passenger under 13 years old must wear a lifejacket at all times while underway or moving. This lifejacket must be one that fits the child, not an adult sized jacket.

Check your other equipment to see that it is working properly, such as boat lights, horns and whistles, flares (if required) and rearview mirror (if required). Here is a checklist of the other items you might want to have on hand or be sure that they are in good working order: spot lights or flashlights, paddles, anchors, ropes, batteries, tie down straps, bow lines, gas tank, gauges, bilge pump, boat plugs, oil reservoirs, gas and oil lines, trailer registration, lights and tires.

When you are going out on

the water, let someone know where you are going and when to expect you back, even what boat ramp or launch place you are going to use. This saves time if or when problems occur and someone needs to search for you. Another thing to check before launching is the weather report. Each year many boaters lose their lives or equipment or need to be rescued or searched for because they get caught in a storm or high winds. It is not worth risking your life for just a few hours of fishing.

Not only do you put your life in danger when boating in bad weather, but you put the lives of your rescuers in danger. Many people do not know they can register their boat right here in Brackettville. They can do this at the County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office on the first floor of the Courthouse.

Of course, you can also do it by mail through the Parks and Wildlife office in Austin or in person at any Parks and Wildlife office in the state.

This is by no means all of the laws and regulations that may apply to you in regards to boating and water safety.

If you have any questions about boating, boat registration, boating safety, or boating rules and regulations, contact me or call the Parks and Wildlife Department office in Austin at 1-800-792-1112.

I'm not talking about mischief

Making a Difference
by Taylor Stephenson

Folks are spending lots of time thinking about what the schools and the police department did wrong in Littleton, Colorado. Folks, I'm not talking about mischief. I'm saying evil.

When I look at the pictures of the Columbine HS, I see: a teacher who survived 3 hours until students were rescued. A student who loved to golf, hunt and fish.

A student who was active in church youth programs and Bible study groups. A student who was active in Christian Fellowship, liked photography who helped her younger brother escape.

A student who went on a missionary trip to Mexico with family to help build a house for the poor.

We lost good kids and a fine teacher. Our hearts are broken because of this tragedy.

In our town, we seem to know the things that others do, but can't see the log in our own eyes.

Are there parents who have been into their children's room in weeks?

Could a child make a bomb or saw off a rifle in the home without parents knowing it? Could your child dress as a gang member without the parent knowing it...or doing something about it?

Talk to your children. Know what they are doing. If you don't know your children, you may be

too busy looking out the window blaming schools, police or the awful parents next door.

What are they doing with their time? If you have the Internet at your home, what are your kids doing with it?

At school, we have many content blocks on the Internet. In your homes, you don't.

This is my message: Parents, look at your children first. If there is imperfection, try to work with your children to improve the problem.

Don't just blame the system, the other children, the schools and the police department. Look at home first. Do your work as parents.

If your children have problems, ask for help. Our counselors-Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Qualia can help.

Parents, school employees and private citizens should always call if there is a threat. My office is a good place to start. 563-2491, extension 1. I'll return your calls. If there is something we ought to know, tell me.

Above all, have confidence in your children. Stay positive. Look at your own life and your example.

Are you positive? Do you say positive things to your children? Do your kids know that you believe in them? Keep talking to them, guiding them and believing in them.

We are lucky to live in Brackettville where our kids have a school that cares about them. We have students who care about other students. We have a faculty that cares about them.

Suddenly I was a deer hunter

Gunsmoke and Campfires
by Steven R. LaMascuso

The first deer I ever shot I took with a 7-mm Mauser. I shot him with a 139-grain bullet at about a hundred yards, and the bullet, if memory serves, went clear through him. He went down like he had been struck by lightning.

Suddenly I was a deer hunter. And like every other novice deer hunter I knew all there was to know about what to shoot a deer with. All anyone had to do was ask and I would hold forth with great eloquence — well, with great exuberance anyway. Surprisingly enough, some of the ideas I had then are still valid, however most are not. I have matured, and the thirty or so years have taught me several things about what is needed in a deer cartridge.

The first thing you need to know to choose a "deer rifle" is the type of terrain you are going to be hunting. If you will be doing all your deer hunting at fifty yards over a feeder you have very little need for a flat shooting, high velocity cannon. Conversely, if you do all your hunting on an oat field where the average shot is over two hundred yards, you would be terribly under-gunned with a .30-30 carbine. My solution is to use a gun that will serve me well in a worst case scenario and perform adequately in almost all situations. I prefer rifles of reasonably light weight. I do not like hunting from blinds and most

of my hunting is still-hunting or stalking. My hunting guns usually will weigh around eight pounds with a scope. Any heavier than that and they become unnecessary burdens at the end of a long day, and if much lighter the recoil becomes bothersome.

My favorite whitetail cartridge

is the .270 Winchester. It is flat shooting, accurate, and kills like thunderbolts from the blue. I shoot handloads using a 130-grain bullet at about 3125 feet per second. I also like the .243 Winchester, 7-mm/08 Remington, .30-06, .25-06, .280 Remington, and the 7-mm Remington Magnum. All these will perform a wide range of functions very well.

My idea of a minimum bullet for deer is one weighing at least 85 grains with a muzzle velocity of at least 2700 feet per second. The minimum I think that should be used on deer is the .243 Winchester or 6-mm Remington. I have seen at least 2 deer hit with high-velocity .22s that were not killed, but that would have been had a larger bullet been used. One we managed to find and finish off, one we never found. If you must use a .22 caliber rifle for deer, please, use the heavier 63 or 70-grain bullets.

A whitetail is a relatively small, light-bodied, small-boned animal. Large caliber heavy bullets of tough construction are not needed to get through thick hide, heavy bones and large muscles, as they would be on larger game animals. The best bullets for whitetails are those that open up quickly. I would recommend the 150-grain in the .30-06; 130, 139 or 140-grain in the .7mm's. Even in the .25-06 the heavier bullets sometimes fail to open up fast enough and tend to kill less quickly than bullets of 100-

grain weight. If you are a woods hunter where shots never exceed 150 yards, and the chances of having to shoot through brush at a moving deer are better than even, you might be better off with one of the "brush calibers." These range from the tried and true "thutty-thutty,"

to the ancient .45-70, through the .375 H&H Magnum.

These cartridges all have a couple of things in common. They usually shoot a round or flat-nosed bullet of heavy weight at low to moderate velocities. Accepted brushbuckers are the .35 Remington, .444 Marlin, .350 Remington Magnum, .35 Whelen, .338 Winchester Magnum, etc. These cartridges should be shot in a short, fast handling rifle or carbine. If I were going to buy a rifle strictly for use in heavy brush I would probably buy a Remington pump or a semi-auto carbine in .308 Winchester or, if I could find one, the same gun in .35 Remington. In the .308 I would shoot 180-grain round-nosed bullets at about 2400 or 2500 feet per second. The .338 Winchester and .375 H&H are definitely brush bucking calibers, but they are real powerhouses that kick like mules and are difficult for the average hunter to shoot well. They are also unnecessarily powerful for whitetails.

The best sights to use on these brush guns are a low-powered telescope or large aperture rear sight with a blade front. These are fast and accurate. A 1 or 1 1/2 X scope is probably the fast sight there is.

I personally don't use "brush guns." I find that if a situation arises where I need to make a long shot I am terribly handicapped with a short-range gun.

On the other hand, a high-velocity rifle will serve for thick brush. No cartridge is proof against deflection anyway. Even a 12-gauge rifle slug will deflect and I would rather have the long-range capability than the questionable brush bucking qualities of a big, slow bullet. inner self."

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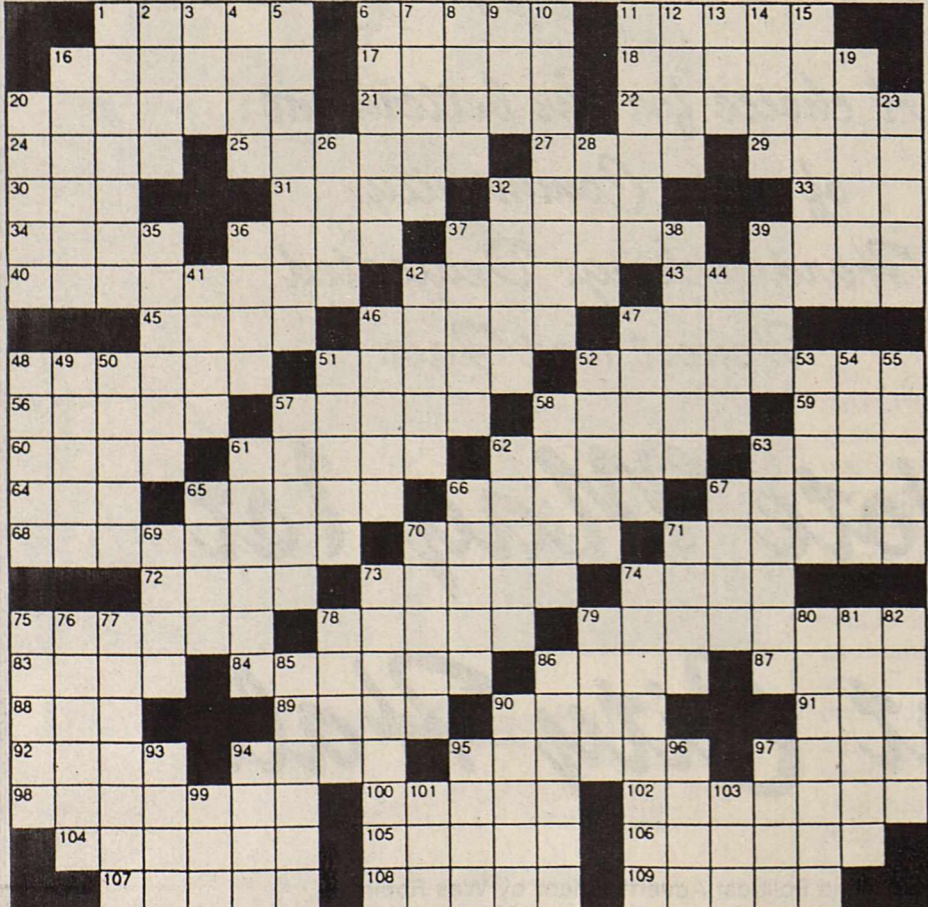
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 1 Lively round dance
 6 Peter and Ivan
 11 Respond, in a way
 16 Ravel opus
 17 Proportion
 18 Baseball boo-boo
 20 Candidate, sometimes
 21 Bakery byproduct
 22 Baseball jewel?
 24 Makes a hole in one
 25 Air terminal porter
 27 Nothing, in Madrid
 29 Or (equivalent to)
 30 Former chess champ
 31 Footway
 32 Root of the taro
 33 TV actor Robert
 34 Arabian chieftain
 36 Makes public
 37 Countenance
 39 She loved Narcissus
 40 Famous handshp
 42 Extreme decoration
 43 Mortarboard decoration
 45 Juan and Ho
 46 Destructive insects
 47 Rudely concise
 48 Historic rider
 51 Capital of Morocco
 52 Naggged at
 56 Celestial hunter
 57 Jeopardy Dutch uncle
 58 Brief film appearance
 59 Cry's companion
 60 Drags out the speech
 61 Prink or primp
 62 Whimpers
 63 It follows cider or divorce
 64 Airport Info Merchandise
 65 "The truth — make you free"
 67 — truck
 68 Herring delicacies
 70 Becomes more sparse
 71 Sea ducks
 72 Some are electric
 73 "— Alone" (song)
 74 Fiji chestnut
 75 Large gully
 78 Old World sandpiper
 79 Signs at Giza
 83 Haram
 84 Wild dogs of Asia
 86 Heat supplier
 87 Epochal
 88 Drunkard
 89 Curved molding
 90 Marionette-maker Tony
 91 Dutch uncle
 92 Spring flag
 94 Line or net starter
 95 Biological classifications
 97 Plant used in lotions
 98 Audience demands
 100 Laughing
 102 Hard and unyielding
 104 Her dancing partner
 Herod
 105 Where the action is
 106 Salty
 107 He wrote "The Highwayman"
 108 Fine Italian straw
 109 Broken pottery fragment
 DOWN
 1 Kind of tapistry
 2 "... my love, you do me wrong..."
 3 Ring or book
 4 Crude metals
 5 Flat hats
 6 Expanses of land
 7 Musical
 8 Above
 9 Basketball hoop
 10 Unspecified
 11 Blitz, in football
 12 Assam silkworm
 13 Brazilian macaw
 14 State of insensibility
 15 Cancer and Capricorn
 16 Suited
 19 Scythe handle
 20 Office gadget
 23 Drivel
 26 Arm or age lead-in
 28 Jewish month
 32 "Dinner at —" (1933 movie)
 35 Cowboy competitions
 36 A queen of England
 37 Essential
 38 Choppin compositions
 39 Italian noble
 40 House
 41 Eroded by use
 42 Harbinger of spring
 44 Jason's ship
 46 Areas common to Mars and the moon
 47 Caravan asset?
 48 Poll-taker of note
 49 One of the Muses
 50 Author Gore
 51 Marsh grasses
 52 Removes water from a boat, with "out"
 53 German river
 54 Swiss mathematician
 55 Small, secluded glens
 57 Movable stage settings
 58 Large wading bird
 61 Combined
 62 Narrow opening
 63 French matron
 65 Fed. agents
 66 Starts in flight
 67 Pocket bread
 69 Luau garlands
 70 "— Little Words"
 71 British nobleman
 73 Swift message
 74 Law seed
 75 Actress Perez
 76 Decorates
 77 Papal palace
 78 Forum garb
 79 Unadulterated
 80 Home of the "little people"
 81 Singer Vic
 82 Weather word
 85 Sawing frames
 86 Chinese gambling game
 90 Plant of the Cassia genus
 93 Choir plum
 94 Attica township
 95 Celt of the Scottish Highlands
 96 Esau's wife
 97 See 34
 99 Rogers or Bean
 101 Head of Benjamin's clan
 103 In the manner of



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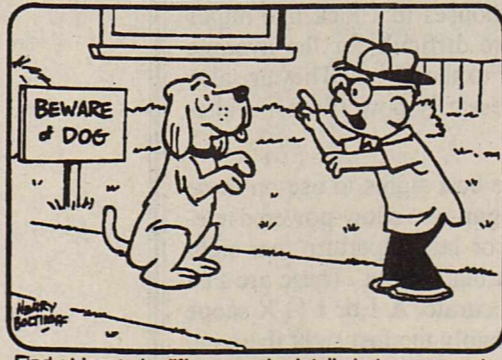
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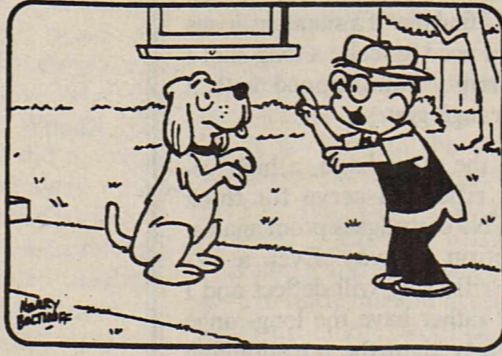
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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 Dirt Mark Skids Wall
 Hay Pavement Streets

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is missing. 2. Step is added. 3. Window is smaller. 4. Tree is added. 5. Vest is added. 6. Hat is different.

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Go see an art film or buy a new C.D. The experience will be even better if it is shared with a friend or two. Going solo will not provide the outlet you need.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It is time to forgive a past debt or to stop holding a grudge. You have the opportunity to work things out and proceed in a different direction.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You have a heightened awareness of your surroundings. Each new sight and sound is a delight and you are eager to share your enthusiasm with friends and family.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You may feel slightly uncomfortable in your own skin and perhaps a bit guilty about past actions. Take steps to put things right with others and within yourself.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Focus on your interactions with other people. You are capable of forging a major alliance or starting a small war — use your power wisely.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Keep a strict rein on your more hedonistic side. When consuming fattening food or specialty drinks, know where to set your limits.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) If you've been planning a trip, now is a good time to solidify your itinerary. Schedules, prices and other stress-causing details will magically work themselves out.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Subdue any impulses to start a fight or a frenzy. You may feel temporarily confused or ineffective but these feelings are sure to pass.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to



December 21) It's a good time to mingle, network, reunite, etc. Friends and neighbors may decide to drop by and you are more than glad to entertain them.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You feel oddly apathetic and somewhat lethargic. Any movement takes an effort — perhaps it's better to remain still for the time being.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Congratulate yourself on recent success. Others will support and encourage you; no self-effacement is necessary.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A strong sense of prosperity and security enables you to support the less fortunate. People are encouraged by your success.
YOU BORN THIS WEEK ... A chameleon could not blend better into its surroundings than do you, which is not to say that you are not noticed. Rather, you can become all things to all people, yet still maintain an innate sense of self and set very definite goals for yourself. You may be tempted to manipulate people and circumstances from time to time.
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Pray for people in authority

We grieve for the children killed in Colorado. We grieve for the people being killed all over the world. We are able to grieve along with the surviving friends and relatives, because our consciences are not seared...we care. There is a great cry of pain going up towards heaven in behalf of many people. There is a great need for healing in our land, healing of emotions as well as bodies.

We know who is responsible for the deaths...I Peter 5:8 "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary THE DEVIL, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

We know the thief's (Satan) goals... John 10:10 "the thief cometh not but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy." We know these people who were tools of the devil gave heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils because of the evil fruit they produced.

But, because we are children of God, he has given us the tools to be overcomers in this situation.

"Resist steadfast in the faith" I Peter 5:9. Why? "Ye are of



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have ought against any; that your Father which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses." Mark 11:26. Forgiveness brings about healing for the mind, will and emotions as well as the body.

We forgive for the purpose of healing, but we learn from our mistakes. Parents need to take more time to instill Godly values in their children. Parents need to pray over their children every day before sending them out anywhere, praying that their children may "not be led unto temptation" and that they may "be delivered from the evil one" (Matthew 6:13).

School authorities need to keep in close touch with the problems of the children in attendance. Our land needs to put prayer back in school. There is such power in prayer, it stimulates God, the Lord of Hosts, to send his angels on assignment to watch over people prayed over.

Pray for the people in authority all over the world. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." I John 4:4. He that is within us is God and God is love. I John 4:17-19 "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the world, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear is torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us."

Because we love God and he commands us to love (and through the power of the Holy Spirit, God brings it to pass) we are able to take the next step.

Forgiveness... "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye

What is your biggest problem?

What is your biggest problem? We all have problems, some bigger than others.

To some the biggest problem is making money. This leads people to disregard God's teaching. It leads people to throw away money gambling on lottery tickets. It leads people to do things that are legally right but morally wrong. It leads some to do things defying even the law. To another the problem is to use money rightly.

The failure to do this leads to gambling, to drinking, to doping, to living extravagantly. This leads to America spending more money for dogfood or tobacco than is given to all the churches and causes of Christ.

Another has trouble making friends. If he has no desire for friends, he is mentally sick. If he is too particular about his friends he has few. Some seek friends only for what they can get from them. Some seek friends who live contrary to God so they can have company in their sins.

Some feel they are doing oth-



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ers a favor by being a friend. Some have trouble getting along with people. Some feel everyone is trying to cheat them. Some spend their time criticizing others to make himself bigger. Some are loud and boisterous lest they be not heard. This type pays no heed to God when he says, "Live at peace with all men."

Some's greatest problem is they cannot be content. They seek for something because someone else has one. Seeking what the world offers. Seeking for more and more. Power wants more power. Money wants more money. Pleasure wants more pleasure. Sin wants more sin. Paul after all his mistreatment and agony said, "I have learned in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content, dis-

satisfaction leads to alcoholism, to crime, to ulcers and to an early death.

The things mentioned above are only symptoms. All of mans problems are wrapped up in his relation to God. If he is right with God his money is no problem, nor his lack of money. If he is right with God he will use his money wisely. If he is right with God he will make friends.

If he is right with God people may not always get along with him but he will always get along with people. If he is right with God he will know satisfaction. If he has the faith he should he will always be right with God.

Man will never find solutions to his problems on the couch of the psychiatrist, nor in the bar, nor in egotism, not anything the world has to offer.

Real solutions must come from the heart of God by invitation of the penitent.

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When Elizabeth Barrett Browning answers the question "How do I love thee?" in her famous sonnet, she counts nine or eleven ways, depending on whether you count "with the breath/Smiles, tears, of all my life" as one or three.



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Rev. William Adams

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore, take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore, having your loins girded about with truth, and having on the breast plate of righteousness, and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of Peace;

Above all, taking the shield of Faith, with which ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: EPHESIANS 6:11-17, Praise the Lord.

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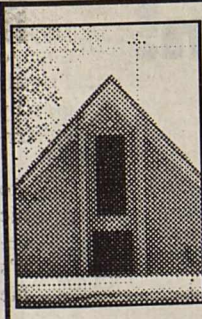
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Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart! Psalm 32:11.

I think you will find that one of the surest ways of releasing God's joy in your life is to stop frequently to give thanks for the blessings of each day, each week, each month, each year.

It's amazing when we tally up the small blessings of each day. Just think...the ability to read and write...and then we think of the blessings of health, of talents, of family, of friends...the blessings of our neighborhood, our house, our state, our country.

When so many in the world are faced with war and oppression and terror, we need to be thankful for the protection and peace that we enjoy.

It's good to think backward, remembering those blessings of the past weeks and months and years. Let your mind rove back through your life, thinking of those blessings you especially treasure. Can you not truly say with me "The Lord has done great things for me; I am glad."

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Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) and representatives of the Counties of Atascosa, Bexar, Comal, Dimmit, Frio, Guadalupe, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Uvalde, Webb and Zavala, are asking the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) for approval to provide optional Extended Area Calling Service (EACS) for the San Antonio and surrounding exchanges.

EACS will provide SWBT customers in the Asherton, Bandera, Batesville, Big Wells, Brackettville, Campbellton, Carrizo Springs, Castroville, Catarina, Christine, Cotulla, Crystal City, Devine, Eagle Pass, Encinal, Hondo, Karnes/Falls City, Kenedy, La Coste, La Pryor, Laredo, Luling, Lytle, Marion, Medina Lake, New Braunfels, Pearsall, Pipe Creek, Pleasanton, Poteet, Runge, Sabinal, San Antonio, Seguin and Uvalde exchanges unlimited, one-way calling within the San Antonio and surrounding exchanges. The area includes the above exchanges as well as the GTE exchange of Somerset, Dilley, Charlotte and Jourdan; the Kingsbury exchange of Guadalupe Valley Telephone; Artesia Wells, Millet, San Miguel and Fowler; Valley Telephone Cooperative, and the Dolores, Knippa, Modeana and West Marietta exchanges of Alenco Telephone.

Customers are not required to subscribe to EACS and, if desired, can continue using long-distance service to make calls to these exchanges.

If approved by the PUC, basic residence customers would have the option to subscribe to EACS for a monthly additional charge of \$29.95 per line. Basic business customers would have the option to subscribe to EACS for a monthly additional charge of \$60.00 per line.

These rates are in addition to the rates charged for basic local exchange service. No service connection charges will apply.

SWBT customers may call 1-800-464-7828 for answers to questions regarding the proposed EACS. Para instrucciones en español marque el 1-800-559-0050.

The Public Utility Commission has assigned Docket No. 20581 to this request. Persons who wish to comment on this application should notify the commission no later than April 30, 1999. Requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission's Office of Consumer Affairs Office at (512) 936-7120. Hearing- and Speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136. Request for further information should be directed to you local SWBT service representative.

Upon PUC approval of optional EACS, SWBT customers will receive information about how to order EACS.

AVISO PÚBLICO

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) y representantes de los Condados de Atascosa, Bexar, Comal, Dimmit, Frio, Guadalupe, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Uvalde, Webb y Zavala, están pidiendo a la Comisión de Empresas de Servicio Público (PUC) su aprobación para ofrecer el Servicio de Llamadas de Área Ampliada (EACS) opcional para las centrales de San Antonio y sus alrededores.

EACS es un servicio opcional que ofrecerá a los clientes de SWBT en San Antonio y las centrales cercanas- incluyendo Asherton, Bandera, Batesville, Big Wells, Brackettville, Campbellton, Carrizo Springs, Castroville, Catarina, Christine, Cotulla, Crystal City, Devine, Eagle Pass, Encinal, Hondo, Karnes/Falls City, Kenedy, La Coste, La Pryor, Laredo, Luling, Lytle, Marion, Medina Lake, New Braunfels, Pearsall, Pipe Creek, Pleasanton, Poteet, Runge, Sabinal, San Antonio, Seguin y Uvalde -- llamadas ilimitadas de una vía dentro de las centrales de San Antonio y sus alrededores. El área incluye las centrales mencionadas al igual que las centrales de GTE de Somerset, Dilley, Charlotte y Jourdan; la central de Kingsbury de Guadalupe Valley Telephone; Artesia Wells, Millet, San Miguel y Fowler de Valley Telephone Cooperative; y las centrales de Dolores, Knippa, Modeana y West Marietta de Alenco Telephone.

No es necesario que los clientes se suscriban a EACS y, si lo desean, pueden seguir usando el servicio de larga distancia para hacer llamadas a estas centrales.

Si lo aprueba la PUC, los clientes con servicio residencial básico tendrían la opción de suscribirse a EACS por un cargo mensual adicional de \$29.95 por línea. Los clientes con el servicio comercial básico tendrían la opción de suscribirse a EACS por un cargo mensual adicional de \$60.00 por línea.

Estas tarifas son adicionales a las tarifas por el servicio básico de la central local. No se aplican cargos de conexión por servicio.

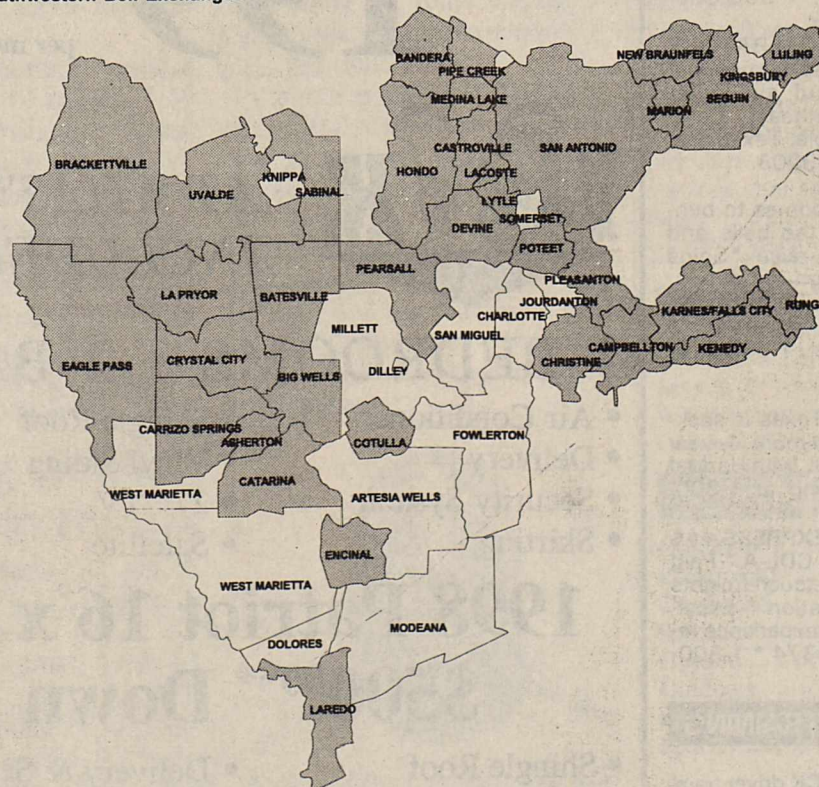
Los clientes de SWBT pueden llamar al 1-800-464-7828 si tienen preguntas sobre el EACS propuesto. Para instrucciones en español marque el 1-800-559-0050.

La Comisión de Empresas de Servicio Público asignó el No.20581 al expediente de esta solicitud. Las personas que desean hacer comentarios sobre esta solicitud deberán notificar a la Comisión antes del 30 de abril de 1999. Las solicitudes para intervenir deberán enviarse por correo a Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, o usted puede llamar a la Oficina de Atención al Consumidor de la Comisión de Empresas de Servicio Público al (512) 936-7120. Las personas con impedimento del habla y del oído con teléfonos de texto (TTY) pueden comunicarse a la Comisión al (512) 936-7136. Las solicitudes para mayor información deberán dirigirse a su representante de servicio local de SWBT.

Cuando la PUC apruebe el EACS opcional, los clientes de SWBT recibirán información sobre cómo ordenar EACS.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

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BRACKETT ISD INVITATION to bid: Brackett Independent School District is selling by sealed bids a ten station, Universal Weight Machine. Some parts do not work. Size of two full sized desks. As is. Information can be obtained by contacting Brackett Independent School District, Attn: Taylor Stephenson, Superintendent, P.O. Box 586, Brackettville, Tx 78832, (830) 563-2491. All bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope with the words "Bid on Universal Weight Machine" printed clearly on the outside of the envelope. Bids due into the Central Office by Monday, May 3, 1999, at 10 a.m. Brackett ISD reserved the right to reject any and all proposals.

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