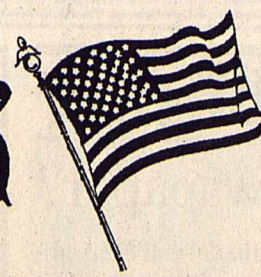


# The Brackett News



## Tigerettes win district opener

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### Briefs

#### Rabies vaccine clinic to be held March 22

A rabies vaccine clinic will be held on Saturday, March 22, at City Hall from 9 a.m. to noon.

#### Little League to elect officers Monday night

The Kinney County Little League will meet Monday at 7 p.m. to elect its officers.

Monday's meeting will be in Candy Hobbs' classroom at Jones Elementary School.

Little League President Woody Massingill said it was imperative that people volunteer in order to have a successful league.

"If we don't get some help, we're going to have a hard time having a baseball season," he said.

#### Amistad campfire talk features lake levels

Amistad National Recreation Area's weekly evening program on Saturday will be "Who pulled the plug? Lake levels at Amistad."

Join Amistad NRA Chief of Interpretation Kate Hammond to learn why the water is down at Amistad, when it will come up and what we can do to conserve this precious resource.

Evening programs are offered every Saturday night through March 29, with a different topic each week.

Programs begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Governor's Landing Campground Amphitheater.

Parking is available at the Governor's Landing Picnic Area.



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY J.J. GUIDRY

George, left, and Mario De La Cabada claimed first place in the championship flight at the Eighth Annual Los Moras Invitational golf tournament.

#### De La Cabada brothers claim title at Las Moras Invitational

FORT CLARK SPRINGS - George and Mario De La Cabada claimed first place in the championship flight at the Eighth Annual Los Moras Invitational golf tournament.

Tournament Director Allen McCord said that 168 golfers competed in the two-day event.

The De La Cabada brothers finished with a 120, two strokes ahead of the teams of Randy Moore and John Guoynne, and Matt Hurt and G. Boswell, which both finished with 122s.

Larry Shuller and G. Buckner took fourth place in the championship flight with a score of 123.

Robert Gonzalez and Enrique Gomez won the first flight with a 129, edging out the second place team of George Rodriguez and Richard Sanchez who had a 130.

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## County forms committee to study detention facility

The Kinney County Commissioners Court unanimously agreed to form a committee to examine the possibilities of the county building a detention facility.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Joe Montalvo made the motion to form a committee, and the motion was seconded by Precinct 1 Commissioner Freddie Frerich.

Precinct 3 and 4 Commissioners Joe "Boy" Williams and Paul O'Rourke also voted in favor of the action at Monday morning's regular meeting.

Kinney County Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said building a detention facility would cost approximately \$3.5 million.

The proposed facility would house up to 96 prisoners. If a facility holds more than 100 prisoners, it

is classified as a jail and more strict regulations have to be enforced.

Burgess said a detention facility would be used to house U.S. Marshal prisoners, most of which are classified as illegal reentries.

The Kinney County Jail is currently housing 23 prisoners from the U.S. Marshal's Office and three from the Bureau of Prisoners.

The county is currently making \$910 a day for holding federal prisoners.

"We basically stay full," Burgess said. "The U.S. Marshal's Office would like to put more prisoners here but we don't have the room."

Burgess added that his staff "has never had any problems with the federal prisoners."

## School district files protest with property tax division

The Brackett School District has filed a protest with the property tax division concerning state property values.

The School Board of Trustees agreed Monday night at its regular meeting to hire Mick Mikulenska of Austin, a registered tax appraiser, to research sales and appraisals.

Mikulenska will also act as the school district's agent in the protest.

"Once a year, the state tax division does a sampling of local appraisal district ratios," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said Wednesday.

"What they do is compare local values to state values. In some cases, its comparing the appraisal price with the sale price."

"In our appraisal district and every district in the state, the values have to fall within 5 percent between the state values and the local values."

In Kinney County, the ratios for single-family residences and rural real taxable property (agriculture land) were 87 percent. Stephenson said Brackett will try to get the ratios up to the necessary 95 percent.

"The bottom line is that we would be forced to use the state values," he said.

"As a school district, we would lose \$265,965 for next year because of matching moneys based on local tax effort."

## Trustees approve construction of water well

The Brackett School Board agreed to build a water well at Tiger Stadium to cut down costs of watering the football field.

The trustees were unanimous in their decision at Monday night's meeting, and added that they may add a well at the Ball Parks of Brackettville in the future.

"The research that we have done shows that we can pay for the well and a pump in a little more than a year," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

"From that point on, our expenses would be electrical - we estimate a cost of \$1 a day - and any repairs that are necessary."

"We won't use the service for anything other than for watering the field."

#### Teacher's Contracts

After meeting in closed session, the trustees approved Stephenson's recommendations for the next school year.

#### New Parking Lot

The board agreed to put a four-inch compacted, crushed limestone base on the recently

purchased property across the street from the district's campus which will serve as a new parking lot.

Stephenson said he hopes the project will be completed in two weeks.

#### Alternative School

The trustees voted to pursue bids to remove asbestos from the old PCI building, which the district purchased for its alternative school.

"Even though it is a small amount of asbestos, we want to get it removed," Stephenson said.

#### Lighting Projects

Stephenson said the lights were up at the Ball Parks of Brackettville.

Roy Rokovich, Brackett's athletic director, said the new lights at the football field should be going up in a few weeks.

The board discussed using the old lights on the school campus or at the new parking lot.

Trustee Steve La Mascus suggested motion-censored lights on campus to save elec-

tricity.

La Mascus also discussed naming the new baseball-softball complex, and the individual fields. The board asked Rokovich to look into the matter.

#### Election Officials

The board approved the following election officials for the May 3 school board election: Sondra Meil, election judge; Dixie Brown, election official; Susan Veach, early voting clerk; and Gracie Mata, election clerk.

#### Budget Amendment

The trustees unanimously approve a budget amendment at the regular meeting.

"The budget amendment was primarily an increase because of a state grant of \$11,390," Stephenson said.

"It is an extended-year program, basically summer school for grades one through eight for students who are having difficulty with reading and math."

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## Auditor gives positive report to city council

Jerry Horne presented an audit report for the fiscal year 1995-96 to the Brackettville City Council Tuesday night.

Horne said the city "has consistently raised revenues, but at small amounts. There was a time when the city didn't have any money."

City Council members Ralph Gonzalez, Felix Gonzales, Tencha Pena and Mary V. Flores approved Horne's report.

"I'm very impressed with this financial report," Mayor Carmen M. Berlanga said. "We're very proud of our city manager (David G. Luna) and

our staff for our economy."

Brackett News Managing Editor Wes Robinson addressed the council concerning the city's official newspaper, but no action was taken.

Kinney County Commissioner Joe "Boy" Williams was on the agenda for Tuesday's meeting to discuss the fire department, but was not in attendance.

Rosie Garcia was appointed election judge and Zulema Wilson was named assistant judge for the May 3 city council elections.

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DILLEY - Brackett kept its undefeated streak intact Saturday as the Tigers won the Dilley Invitational baseball tournament. Sports/Page 5

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## Brackett hosts baseball, softball tournaments

Brackett will host baseball and softball tournaments this weekend at the Ball Parks at Brackettville.

Action begins tomorrow in the baseball tournament at 10 a.m. as Sabinal plays Del Rio junior varsity.

In other first round games, Carrizo Springs plays Dilley at noon, Sonora and La Pryor meet at 2 p.m., and Brackett faces Asherton at 4.

The Tigers are 9-0 on the season, winning the La Pryor and Dilley tournaments.

Two consolation semifinals will be played tomorrow night, with the championship semifinals beginning Saturday morning.

The Tigerettes' softball tournament will feature six teams in pool play.

Pool A is made up of Brackett, Eagle Pass J.V. and Bandera, and Pool B consists of Devine, Hondo and Carrizo Springs.

Brackett is 7-3 overall after winning its district opener.

#### First Brackett Invitational Baseball Tournament

Friday, March 14

Sabinal vs. Del Rio J.V., 10 a.m.

Carrizo Springs vs. Dilley, 12 p.m.

Sonora vs. La Pryor, 2 p.m.

Asherton vs. Brackett, 4 p.m.

Sonora-La Pryor loser vs. Asherton-Brackett loser, 6 p.m.

Sabinal-Del Rio J.V. loser vs. Carrizo Springs-Dilley loser, 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 15

Sabinal-Del Rio J.V. winner vs. Carrizo Springs-Dilley winner, 10 p.m.

Sonora-La Pryor winner vs. Asherton-Brackett winner, 12 p.m.

Seventh place game, 2 p.m.

Consolation game, 4 p.m.

Third place game, 6 p.m.

Championship game, 8 p.m.

#### Fourth Annual Brackett Invitational Softball Tournament

Saturday, March 15

Brackett vs. Eagle Pass J.V., 8 a.m.

Devine vs. Hondo, 9:30 a.m.

Eagle Pass J.V. vs. Bandera, 11 a.m.

Hondo vs. Carrizo Springs, 12:30 p.m.

Bandera vs. Brackett, 2 p.m.

Carrizo Springs vs. Devine, 3:30 p.m.

Consolation game, 5 p.m.

Third place game, 6:30 p.m.

Championship game, 8 p.m.



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY JAMES W. HARRISON

Brackett first baseman La Toya Wright keeps a close eye on D'Hanis baserunner Molli Wilson during the Tigerettes 11-9 win.



## Letter to the Publisher

### What happens to my newspaper?

Thank you for your reminder about my subscription. It was delivered here on Feb. 28, 1997, the day my subscription expires.

While I enjoy your publication, I am extremely dissatisfied with its delivery.

The Post Office here tells me second class mail should be delivered within six working days of posting.

Please note the delivery schedule included, which shows the number of days between publication and delivery to me.

Of the 60 editions between Jan. 4, 1996, and Feb. 20, 1997:

Five have not been received; 11 have been delivered within the acceptable time of nine days; 36 have been delivered within the range of 10 through 19 days; four have been delivered between the range of 20 to 29 days; two have been delivered more than 30 days after publication; and the delivery dates for two are unknown.

Can you do anything about this poor service from your end?

As of today, the last issue received was Feb. 6, which was delivered here on Feb. 19.

The Post Office here says they deliver whatever they receive on the day they get it.

However, mail with the same postmark in San Antonio has been delivered to me several days apart. Something happens somewhere along the way.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but

my understanding is that each edition is "delivered" to the Post Office in Brackettville on the date of its publication and then distributed to the boxes of the local people. Out-of-area copies are also posted at that time.

One more suggestion: I would appreciate regular and full coverage of county and city board meetings.

As a landowner in Kinney County, I am dependent on your paper to keep up with affairs that affect me and my property.

Thank you for your help. A check is enclosed.

**Ernestine A. Lopez**  
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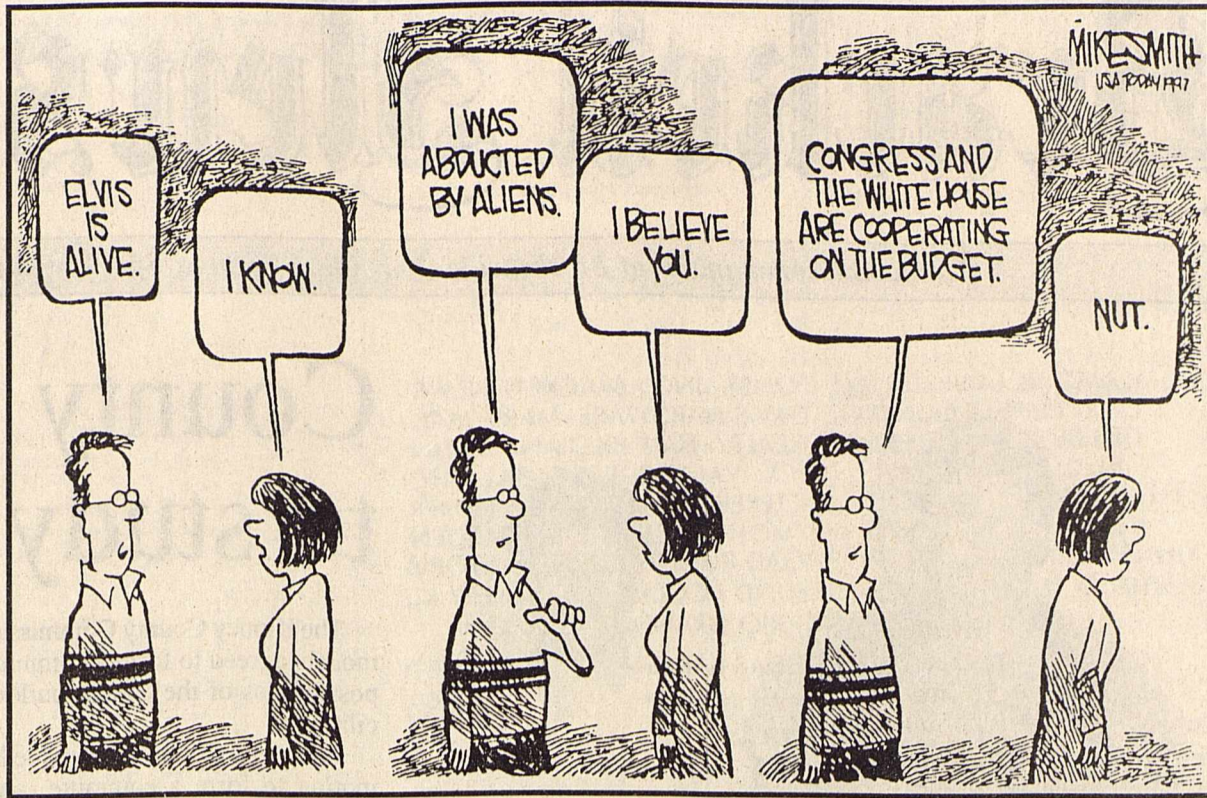
■ **Publishers Note:** Yes, Ms. Lopez, you are correct.

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As for county and city board meetings, our editor attends these meetings and they are published in our newspaper as they occur.

We certainly appreciate your subscribership and guarantee you that we will do what ever is possible to investigate this postal delivery problem from our location.



## Miscreant acts show why the public is losing respect for the government

Some government officials wonder why the general public has lost respect for government in general.

In a large northern city, an elderly grandmother saw a police officer about to give a ticket for a parking meter that had over run the limit paid for. To save the owner of the auto the trouble and trauma of having to face a violation, she simply put the needed coin in the meter.

At being robbed of the opportunity to give a ticket for a violation, the officer went bananas and decided to give her a ticket. When she objected, he handcuffed her and took her to jail. She was subsequently fined \$500.

It turns out that many people in her church, when they noticed an expired meter, put a coin in it. This dear lady was charged with interfering with a police officer doing his duty. This covers the police officer, the municipal judge and the entire city with a cloud that stinks.

It will really cost the dear grandmother nothing because people infuriated by the incident sent her more than enough money

### Between Us

By Joe Townsend



to pay the fine, and she drew respect and sympathy from across the nation while the police officer, judge and city drew snarls of utter contempt from across the country.

In California, some school boys about 10 years old were walking home from school. They came to a sidewalk area of newly poured concrete. There were no barriers nor protection for the boys walking in the street.

One of the construction workers asked the boys if they wanted to scratch their names in the soft concrete. One boy did. He was arrested, handcuffed and taken to jail.

It needs to be pointed out that he was anglo, not minority. His mother was not called. He was not allowed to use a telephone. A charge of a felony was lodged against the 10-year-old boy.

The construction firm filed suit for \$50,000. You would know by this that the incident was in California.

The scratched name is almost indecipherable. With all the drugs, killings, auto thefts, etc., in California, and especially in the city where this incident happened, the police establishment and court clutter up the calendar with an insignificant prank by a 10-year-old boy invited by a worker on the site to do it.

If the police and the jurisdictional authorities want to have respect from the populace, they must clean up their act. An adversarial attitude toward grandmothers and 10-year-old school kids will create only contempt.

The tragedy is that miscreant acts such as these cause contempt for decent, thoughtful, police who want to do a good job.

## Letter to the Editor

### Who will pay for school tax?

Dear Editor,  
Before Texans applaud the governor's tax plan, we should ask the important question: "Who pays?"

Governor Bush's proposal would shift much of the support of schools away from the property tax payer and on to the sales-tax payer.

This may prove a popular move, because the sales tax is in some ways a "hidden" tax. You never see a statement telling you what your annual sales-tax bill is. On the other hand, every year summing up the annual cost of property taxes. Since the sales tax is paid out in smaller doses, people seem to overlook the sales tax burden more than the property tax payment.

Thus, Governor Bush is hoping that people will remember the property tax cut and forget about the increase in consumer taxes.

Bush's new "business activity tax" is also a sales tax, in a way. Businesses would pay a tax on their "business activity," and the new tax would be passed on to consumers as price increases. This tax would be even more well-hidden than the sales tax, because no extra tax amount would ring up on the cash register.

So who gains under this plan? Big winners in this tax shift would be the owners of valuable property, such as oil wells, oil refineries, large office buildings, or big industrial factories. Since these industries presently pay property taxes but pay little or nothing in the way of sales taxes, these folks are big winners in the governor's tax shift.

The losers in the governor's tax plan are the people who buy consumer goods. Generally speaking, the middle class working people of the state pay the sales taxes, and they would have to make up

much of the money used to provide the property tax relief.

Although sales taxes don't seem as unpopular as the property tax, most economist think they are much more "regressive."

That is, the sales tax burden falls most heavily on those least able to pay.

In addition, property taxes can be deducted from your federal income tax, while sales taxes cannot.

That's why, under the governor's tax shift, those who pay sales tax would see their tax burden go up in order to provide relief for property tax payers.

We need to change our tax structure to be more fair, not less so.

Also, the governor's plan creates another major complication in an already complicated school finance system.

Texas schools generally are financed by local property taxes, and any change in the property tax structure would throw our school finance system out of kilter.

The present school finance system leaves much to be desired, but tinkering with this system around the edges will only invite the courts to start meddling in this business again.

Texas must not forget their history lessons on this subject. About ten years ago the Texas system of school finance was declared unconstitutional because the funding system was so unfair.

The problem was that a kid living on one side of the street in San Antonio might have access to a top quality school with all that money could buy, while a kid living on the other side of the street was forced to attend a dirt poor school lacking even the most rudimentary facilities.

The courts threw out the school finance system and ordered the

state to come up with a plan that guarantees every child at least a certain level of educational opportunity. This dispute went in and out of the courts and legislature regularly over a period of years, with threats of school closures, disruptions of school budgets, and ongoing uncertainty about the future of education in Texas.

It is frightening to think about entering into that conflict again. It is hard to imagine how the governor could shift the tax burden away from wealthy property owners and oil companies onto the backs of consumers without disturbing the delicate school finance mechanisms now in place.

Any efforts in that direction likely will throw us right back into court.

There is another issue to be considered: Schools need more money, whatever the source.

According to the state's budget experts, Texas needs about \$1.5 billion more for funding education during the next two years just to accommodate the new pupils who will show up on the school house doorstep.

Texas' population continues to grow, and new students require more teachers, more classrooms, more textbooks, and more teaching materials.

Even if we do nothing to improve Texas teacher salaries (ranked 36th in the nation), retirement (worst in the nation), or benefit package, we need more money just to accommodate the growth in enrollment.

Governor Bush's plan does nothing to help this problem, and his shift in taxes probably will make it very difficult to obtain needed extra money for Texas schools in the future.

Sincerely,  
John Cole, President  
Texas Federation of Teachers.



Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

## Oil and Gas on the front burner

Most Texans don't need to be reminded that domestic oil and gas production is one of the most strategically important industries in our country.

But I am concerned that the rest of the country does not fully realize how important energy independence is to America: it is the linchpin of our national security and of our continued economic stability and growth.

In this era of cheap, plentiful foreign oil, the lessons about energy independence we learned back in the 1970s, when the Arab oil embargo caused severe economic dislocation, are going unheeded. I believe greater public awareness of these issues is essential.

In January, I was named co-chair of the Congressional Oil and Gas Caucus, a bipartisan coalition of senators and representatives focused on energy issues. I intended to use this platform to raise public awareness of what is at risk.

My priorities in this position will include:

■ Tax relief to encourage oil and gas drilling and production, especially for marginal wells and difficult to develop formations.

We must work to adopt an agenda that encourages capital formation for oil and gas exploration, development and production.

Federal policy should aim for the maximum recovery of domestic oil and gas resources through initiatives that will maintain existing production and promote the use of advanced drilling and recovery technologies.

■ Shifting more responsibilities to state and local regulators.

Currently, certain activities are regulated by the Federal Bureau of Land Management, as well as state oil and gas conservation agencies. This duplication of effort is expensive, counterproductive and unnecessary.

Right now, too many producers, particularly in the natural gas industry, spend as much on regulatory compliance as they do on exploration and production. This does not make sense.

Environmentally, responsible development of our domestic oil and gas resources will contribute to a freer, stronger and more economically competitive nation in the 21st century.

The re-evaluation of federal environmental regulations is urgently needed.

I am particularly concerned about regulations regarding produced water discharges that clearly pose no threat to surface waters. And I am also concerned about the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed new National Ambient Air Quality Standards, which are scientifically untested.

Since 1995, the United States has imported more than 50 percent of its oil supply, a clear threat to our national security. It is time for this issue to go from the back burner to the front.

We have developed a legislative and regulatory agenda that will allow this industry, and America, to grow stronger. And we intend to see it initiated.

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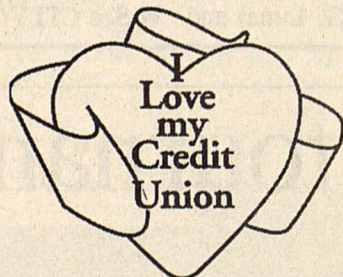
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# Alternative School designed to help children continue their education

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

Members of the Brackettville Rotary Club heard Billy Clements, the head of Brackett's Alternative School, speak at last Thursday's meeting.

Clements worked with disturbed children before coming here.

He described the Alternative School program as one designed to help young people continue their education and graduate from high school when they would ordinarily become dropouts.

The students fall into two categories:

- Some have severe discipline problems which get them into frequent trouble and distract other students.

- Some have fallen behind several grades back and have missed the foundation necessary to understand the present grade level.

Remedial work is needed before they can possibly pass the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test in order to graduate.

The average youngster entering Alternative School tests at a

second grade level. The path to graduation is nonexistent in their imagination.

These children have come from dysfunctional families, often with only one parent, and as a result have low self esteem. They have received little or no discipline.

To sit in a classroom during the entire school day is almost impossible for them to do.

They have no future plans, no marketable skills. However, they are survivors; they have survived in a very discouraging, often hostile environment.

Seldom, if ever, have they been praised. They have been called stupid, troublesome, made feel unwanted, and are often angry youngsters ready to take out their frustration on those around them. They are socially inept.

As they enter Alternative School, their academic situation is evaluated. An assessment shows them what must be accomplished if they hope to graduate. With the teacher's help, they set goals and work at their own pace.

No lectures are given and work is done with the aid of a computer. Each youngster must dig in and

learn his or her own material to earn the credits necessary for graduation. Each level requires passing material designated by TAAS.

As these disadvantaged young people take part in this innovative program and experience some success, their self esteem is heightened. They assume responsibility for their lives. They learn to make choices, set goals and work to achieve them. This develops their capacity to cope with life through experience.

One can only imagine the sense of accomplishment they must feel at achieving their goals. This is also true for parents who see their child graduate, something they never thought would happen. Best of all, the graduate has earned a chance to lead a productive life.

Clements finds these students bright, and they often have leadership qualities. Some of the worst trouble makers have turned into excellent leaders when given a chance to exercise these skills effectively.

This is an excellent way to involve all the students in problem solving and thinking creatively. They learn that their ideas can

improve situations and redirects their talents and energy in a positive way.

School hours are much different in Alternative School. Students attend from 4 to 8 p.m. This accommodates working hours.

Some of these young people are married and have a family to support.

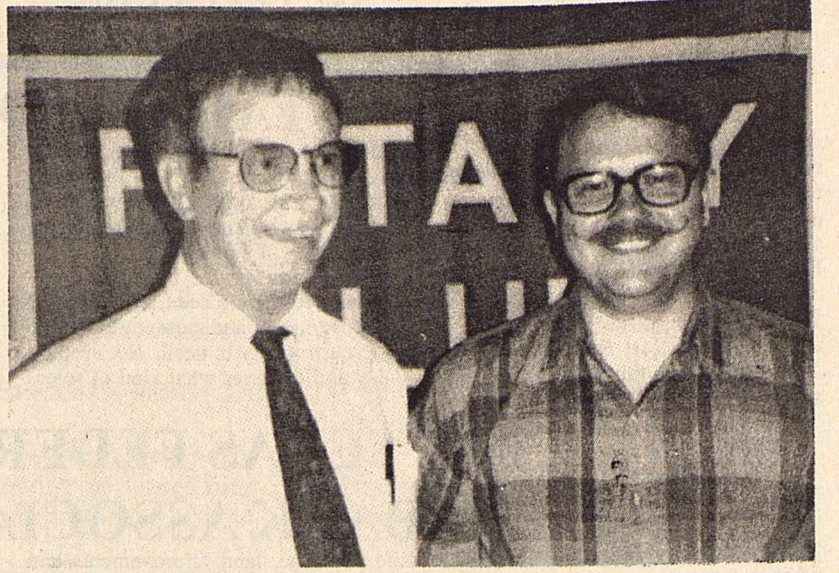
A volunteer program is offered starting at noon for those who want to work at an accelerated pace.

When the student graduates, he takes part in the regular graduation ceremony, but his or her diploma will designate Alternate School.

Some students fear this will be a detriment when they seek employment, however former graduates have not found this to be true. Having the diploma is what counts.

To work effectively, an Alternative School must be removed from the regular campus. This encourages concentration and focus.

The present school is on campus in a portable building, but it will be moving into the old PCI



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY ERIC McMASTER

Taylor Stephenson, left, welcomes Billy Clements, head of Brackett's Alternative School, to Thursday's Rotary meeting.

building soon. This will give added space and plans are to expand the program to include middle school students.

The goal of graduating will not be a motivational factor because it will be too far removed, and more immediate goals will have to be selected.

Rotary International's goals include promoting education and strengthening families as well as

encouraging moral and ethical behavior.

The Alternative School system is designed to accomplish just such interests and give these underprivileged children a chance to turn around their lives.

It costs thousands of dollars to pay for one year of incarceration and much, much less to educate a child. Alternative School must be the best of bargains.

## Commissioners name Middle Rio Grande court's coordinator for TCDP project funds

The Kinney County Commissioners Court named the Middle Rio Grande Development Council as its coordinator for 1997-98 TCDP project funds at its regular meeting Monday morning.

Commissioners Freddie Frerich, Joe Montalvo, Joe "Boy" Williams and Paul O'Rourke approved the measure.

Paul Elliott of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council was at Monday's meeting to answer questions and to discuss future projects.

The court discussed the HIDTA grant and the closing of the Allied Area Narcotics Task Force in Kinney County, but no action was taken.

TAC Representative Michelle Arsenau answered questions from county employees concern-

ing comp time and leave status and the obligations of supervisors.

Rusteberg and Associates gave a quarterly report to the court, with an overview of insurance and claims.

The commissioners approved a nutrition and transportation contract with the Area Agency on Aging for the 1997 fiscal year.

The court discussed Civic Center rules, regulations and fees, agreeing to let the Brackett School District use the Civic Center free of charge when needed.

The commissioners agreed to allow free use of the Civic center Parking lot upon request if no utilities are used.

Charlotte Corey requested use of the Civic Center for a religious revival. The court said if Corey paid the deposit, she could pay the

remainder of the fees after the revival with money raised at the event.

The commissioners approved historic site tax exemptions for 1997 and were given an update on the county agent's pickup, which is being used by the EMS.

The court agreed to amend the county clerk's budget, moving \$520.80 from xerox maintenance to seminars.

The commissioners proclaimed March as Older Worker Month in Kinney County.

In other action, the court approved the minutes from meetings on Feb. 3, 10, and 14; agreed to pay bills; and approved monthly reports given by the auditor, treasurer, and heads of the road and bridge, nutrition center, and sheriff's departments.

## Meek named grand champion at science fair

Brackett High School junior Tina Meek was named grand champion at the 1997 Brackettville Science Fair.

Karen Crumley, fair director, said this year's science fair included 46 projects from 84 students.

All first and second place projects in the middle school and high school divisions advance to the Regional Science Fair tomorrow in Del Rio at the Civic Center.

Meek won first place honors in the high school life science division. Laura Lee Ballew and Amanda Petrosky finished second and third, respectively, in that division.

J. Wayne Ballew was the fair's reserve champion. The junior won first place in the earth science division.

Cherrise Ward took second place in the high school earth science division, while Donald Page finished third.

Helen Flores won first in the high school physical science division. Cindy Jennings took second and Chica Garza was third.

Winning best of level in the middle school division was April Crumley, who won first in life science.

Terrell Freeman and Jeffrey Tipps tied for second place in the life science division.

Jael Johnson won first place honors in the middle school earth science division, and Britany Moore, Ashley Antoine and Megan McWilliams tied for second.

Taking top honors in the middle school physical science division was Jesse Davis. Shonte Ward, Vanessa Castillo, Mayra Aguirre and Jessica Terrazas tied for second.

Jacquelin Conoly won best of level in the third, fourth and fifth grade level. She was also first in the life science division.

Dietrich Davis and Blake Ward tied for second in life science, while Celeste Hill and Stacy Castillo tied for third.

Ashley Smith and Beth Ballew tied for first place honors in the earth science division, and Megan Reinhold was third.

Tying for first in the physical science division was Emily Petrosky and Allison La Mascus. Whitney Hobbs took second place and Johnathon Worden was third.

Tomas Garcia won best of level in the kindergarten, first and second grade division. He also won first in earth science.

## School Board approves Local Update 53

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The board approved the third reading of Local Update 53.

"This policy basically calls for complaints to be presented at three district levels, the last being the board of education," Stephenson said. "This is a good process."

"The policy was drafted based on the law and on district responses submitted last year."

### Administrative Reports

Principal Michael Scholer informed the board that the current enrollment at Jones Elementary School is at 310 students.

Scholer said the elementary teachers reported that 20 to 30 percent more parents attended this year's open house than last year's. He said the PTO had a book fare last week and is currently raising funds for playground improvements.

Scholer said the fourth grade classes are planning a field trip to

the IMAX theater and to museums in San Antonio, and that the first graders are planning a trip to Sea World.

The elementary students will participate in UIL literary contests on Monday and Saturday, March 22, at Dilley.

High School Principal Don Sims said a financial aid workshop was held last week.

He said that high school students will compete in UIL on the same dates as elementary students.

Sims said Brackett students sold 54 animals at the San Angelo Stock Show over the weekend.

He also announced that the junior-senior prom has been scheduled for April 19.

Principal George "Stoney" Burks said enrollment at the middle school was currently over 150 students.

Burks said the open house "went real well" and that the turnout was "better than usual."

During discussions at the Open

House, Burks said communication was stressed between parents, students and teachers in order to be successful.

He said that many parents would like to see the Open House occur at the beginning of the school year.

Burks said the ready writing competition for middle school students will be conducted at individual schools to save on travel. The remainder of the competitions will be at Dilley on March 22.

A community concert is scheduled for March 27 and will feature songs from the World War II era.

### President's Report

School Board President Jimmy Bader presented an update on Gov. Bush's tax plan.

In other action, the trustees approved the first reading of the district's mission statement, the monthly financial report, and the minutes from the February meeting.

## Sheriff's Report

There were no arrests made in Kinney County this week, officials reported.

## Five by Design is coming to Del Rio

Milwaukee's Five by Design will broadcast Monday from the Paul Poag Theater at 7:30 p.m. Radio Days is the quintessential period piece, a musical retrospective of 1940s America.

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## Arts and Crafts Show a success

By Mary Batey  
Contributing Writer

Life has been very, very busy lately for the Fort Clark Springs Art Club.

The Elderhostel groups have visited every other Monday for weeks. Last night, they even ploughed through the mud to see our masterpieces.

Two workshops, both oil painting sessions, have been great learning occasions.

Nina Walker was quite amazed at the enthusiasm shown for the painting of Mexican pots.

Bud Breen, always a favorite with club members, painted a South Western landscape.

A culmination of considerable work resulted in a very successful Arts and Crafts Show last Saturday.

There were some new vendors, including a jewelry salesperson from Sabinal who was very pleased with her sales.

Members from the Trailer Park cooked and sold excellent chili and cornbread, and the bake table had all kinds of goodies.

Marge Geeze and Margaret Neuman won the door prizes, two paintings donated by members.

Joan Lindley won the prize for creating the funniest T-shirt, Pat Nelson for the prettiest, and Edith Palmer for the most original T-shirt. Edith, if you can remember, won the prize for the most original Easter bonnet last year.

The executives in the Art Club would like to thank all of those people who helped to make the Arts and Crafts Show a success, and this includes the patrons.

## City officials approve amendments to utility ordinance, open savings account

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Also on Tuesday, the council passed amendments to a utility ordinance, agreed to open a new savings account, and approved an alcohol misuse plan.

Luna presented the results of an inspection of the city's water tower and ground storage unit.

The council approved the minutes from the February meeting and the financial report.

Faustino "Lingo" Sandoval Jr.

gave the fire marshal's report, informing the council that he had inspected four buildings last month.

Carol Sandoval gave the monthly activity report and Luna presented the city manager's update.

Luna said he had looked into a metro telephone line which would give Brackettville residents local access to Del Rio and Uvalde, and turned the matter over to the

Middle Rio Grande Development Council.

The city manager said that Ralph Gonzalez and Gregorio Juarez had both filed for the May 3 election.

The council agreed to fill the seat left vacant by Charles Bushart at next month's meeting. Luna said Tino Gomez was the only person that expressed interest in the position.

Luna said city employees helped install lights at the Ball Parks at Brackettville.

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**Lions Club discusses Walkathon**

**By Peter Pohl**  
Contributing Writer

At the Lions Club's last meeting, Vice District Governor Carroll Albright gave an update on the Fifth Annual Stride For Sight Walkathon.

This is an annual fundraising project undertaken by the 76 Lions Clubs of this district in order to benefit research efforts sponsored by the Lions Sight Research Foundation at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

The Lions Sight Research Foundation was formed by the Lions of this district in 1982, out of a continuing concern for sight conservation and research related to diseases of the eye and blindness.

This is a part of the long standing commitment of International Lionism for service to the sight impaired.

This commitment dates from a 1925 challenge given by Helen Keller to Lions everywhere to become "Knights of the Blind."

The first four Stride For Sight Walkathons have resulted in over \$175,000 being raised to support sight research programs in South Central Texas.

This year's event in Kinney County will take place this Saturday.

In conjunction with the Walkathon, the Lions are also having a pancake and sausage breakfast at the Service Club on Fort Clark Springs.

The all-you-can-eat pancake and sausage breakfast will be from 8 to 10 a.m. and the cost is \$3. The breakfast is free to participants in the Walkathon, which will also start from the Service Club at 8.

Pledges may be made or collected either by a flat donation or an amount per mile that is walked. Ask your family, friends and coworkers to support this effort in raising funds for sight research.

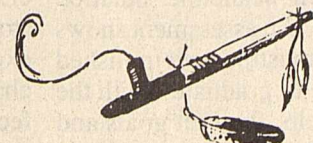
For further information on the Walkathon, ask any Lion or call Lion Barbara Waddill at 563-9541.

The Brackettville Lions Club thanks all of you for your past support and for the hard work that will ensure that the 1997 Stride For Sight Walkathon is the biggest and most successful ever.

Remember, you will be "sharing the vision" and playing a major role in the humanitarian effort to combat blindness world wide.

**Smoke From Nakai**

**By Nakai Breen**



Se'oh

I will talk to you about some of the names that the Native Americans gave to the plants and explain why.

My tribe is the woodland tribe. We are always very observant of all the things that grow from a seed whether it's an herb or a tree. The usefulness of all plants remembered. They were taken care of.

We knew if we cut any plant and had not left some of it to keep growing we might lose that herb and that it might not grow back. Some of the plants are named because of the way they look.

For example the Mistletoe that never grows alone but is found adhered to the bark of a tree, to draw its sustenance, and clings to the bark by roots is called the Married Plant.

The Mother Corn so named because she protects her grain or kernels and when invaded by insects she releases a real fine powder that sends every thing itching, on its way.

The Blackeyed Susan named the Deer Eye because of its big center eye.

The Lady Slippers called the Partridge Moccasin.

The May Apple called It Wears A Hat.

The Puff Ball Mushrooms or fungus called the Little Star because when ripe it shoots its seeds out and they look like shooting stars.

The Wild Rose called Rabbit Berries because the seeds when dropped look like rabbit droppings.

The Fleabane called Fire Maker because when dry it causes a fire by friction.

The Dry Corn, when harvested, named Ole Woman With A Tight Skirt.

The Ginseng called Ole Man because it looks like an old wrinkled man.

The Burr called White Man because it would cling to the white man's pants.

The Cedar held high and revered as a sacred tree. Grandfather Creator blessed him for being so silent and letting every brother take refuge in his limbs. Grandfather Creator told him that he would always keep his jacket on. The other trees go bald headed during the winter because of their greed.

So until then have a smile. Nakai

**But, I could be wrong**

**By Chuck Hall**



**Bubba Jack**

I want to use this space this week to write about Bubba Jack Whitworth. He was my friend for well over 45 years and I will surely miss him.

I grew up with him. I don't remember when I didn't know him. We went to grade school together, then high school, and later college. We double-dated.

I have worked with him and I have played with him. We had ups and downs, ins and outs, and almost every thing in between.

He was a pretty good Bubba. I'm glad his suffering is over. I will close with a quote from Nesbit:

"Let this on Time's eternal scroll Of him be largely penned: He never sought to harm a soul, And thousands called him friend." Nothing wrong with that.

**Bridge Anyone**

The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met March 4.

In the north-south direction, Mac and Maria McCandless won first place, Walt Geeze and Jim Harber won second, and Fred and Nita Clayton were third.

In the east-west direction, Deanna Scott and Joan Lindley won first, Bob Barnett and Joyce Bell were second, and Ken and Betty TeGrotenhuis were third.

**Beta Epsilon Omicron members attain degree**

The Beta Epsilon Omicron Sorority saw 10 members attain the Exemplar degree in Beta Sigma Phi last Thursday.

The ritual was held in a lovely setting at the home of Helen Peck.

Preceptor Theta Sigma sisters, Pat McKelvey and Myla Unruh, conducted the ceremony with sorority members, Francine Collins, Hazel Ivey and Helen Peck assisting.

The Honorees are Ruby Cheaney, Dee Curry, Opal Groce, Marla Madrid, Betty Mathison, Pam Melancon, Barbara Miller, Lynn McNew, Flo Stafford and Evelyn Whitley.

Peck served delicious refreshments to the group ending a meaningful evening.

The Pledge Ritual, hosted by Francine Collins, will be next Thursday.

**Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meets**

Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the Los Moras Inn last Monday evening.

President Nancy Frerich led the opening ritual and presided at the business meeting, as 13 members were present.

The Beta Sigma Phi Texas State Convention will be held in Houston on June 27-29.

Plans were discussed for the Great Texas Trash-off for Highway Clean-up on April 5. Patsy Callnan will be chairman for those preparing food, and it will be tentatively served at the swimming

pool area. The workers will meet at the local Highway Department at 9:30 to begin the pickup.

Founder's Day will be celebrated on April 30.

Frerich presented some quotes from "We don't have the answers but we sure do have the questions."

The nominating committee for selection of officers is made up of Alicia Raymer, Jean Land and Luella Gilliland.

The next meeting will be Monday at the home of Marge Geeze at 6:30 p.m.

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Winners in the first flight at the Eighth Annual Los Moras Invitational were, from left: Robert Gonzalez, Enrique Gomez, Richard Sanchez, George Rodriguez, Lou Gonzalez and Rudy Muniz.

## Las Moras Invitational golf tournament draws 168 golfers to Fort Clark Springs course

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Rudy Muniz and Lou Gonzalez took third with a 131. Happy and Mike Cervantez tied M. Morrow and W. D'Spain for fourth as both teams had 132s.

Pete Garza and Juan Martinez won the second flight with a 127, and Gordon and Tim Lundquist were second with a 130.

Bill Mitchell and Bob Walker took third place honors in the second flight after posting a 135, and Carlos and Julian Garza tied B. Malesky and W. Hooley for fourth as both teams finished with 136s.

Eddie Rodriguez and Lauro Rubio took top honors in the third flight after posting a 125, and

# Tigers win title at Dilley tourney

DILLEY - Brackett kept its undefeated streak intact Saturday as the Tigers defeated Charlotte 9-5 in the championship game of Dilley Invitational baseball tournament.

The Tigers, who led 9-1 going into the seventh inning against Charlotte, are 9-0 on the season.

For the second time this season, Ramon De Leon was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, duplicating the honor he received at the La Pryor Invitational last week.

De Leon (3-0) earned the mound win against Charlotte. In seven innings of work, he gave up one earned run (his first of the year) on seven hits while fanning five bat-

ters and walking two.

Michael Meyer led the Tigers' offense, turning in a 3-for-3 plate performance, scoring three runs, and driving in two more.

De Leon, Moses Hernandez, Patrick Munoz and Rene Luna all had two hits apiece for Brackett.

Meyer, Hernandez and Munoz all represented the Tigers on the all-tournament team.

In the semifinals, Brackett defeated La Pryor 3-1.

Meyer (3-0) was the winning pitcher. He went all six innings, allowing no earned runs on five hits with seven strikeouts and no

walks.

Meyer, Luna, De Leon, Hernandez and Munoz each had a hit in the contest.

Hernandez crossed home plate twice, and De Leon added one run.

The Tigers opened the tournament with an 8-1 victory over Natalia.

Jorge Rodriguez (2-0) picked up the win. He pitched five innings, allowing no earned runs on four hits while fanning four and walking one.

De Leon was 3 for 3, scoring two runs and driving in two more. Munoz and Rodriguez were both 2 for 3 and scored a run. Munoz had three RBI and Rodriguez added two.

## Briefs ...

### Neuman takes first

BANDERA - Chad Neuman took top honors in the Bandera Invitational last week.

Neuman was the first medalist after posting a score of 78, as the Tigers finished sixth.

Aaron Taylor shot a 100, Nat Terrazas had a 117, and Jeffrey Luna had a 122.

The Tigers will compete in the Devine Invitational tomorrow. On Monday, the Tigers and Tigerettes will host the Brackett Invitational at Fort Clark.

### Duo advances to semis

HONDO - Brackett's David Melancon and Lionel Ramos advanced to the semifinals of the boys' doubles competition at the Hondo Invitational tennis tournament last week.

Because of bad weather, the semifinals have been rescheduled for this Monday at Hondo.

### Track teams take first

CAMP WOOD - The Brackett middle school track teams opened their season two weeks ago at Nueces Canyon and both the boys' and girls' teams took first place honors in a 16-team field at the Panther Relays.

Individual results from the Panther Relays were not available at press-time.

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Winners in the second flight were, from left: Pete Garza, Juan Martinez, Gordon and Tim Lundquist, Bill Mitchell and Bob Walker.



Winners in the third flight were, top row, from left: Eddie Rodriguez, Lauro Rubio, Kelly Kinsel, Ken Dilliard and Carlos Barrera. Bottom row: Bob Williamson, Choppy Ambler, Israel Alvarez, Ricky Gonzales and Fernando Carrillo.



Winners in the fourth flight were, top row, from left: Jonn Barrow, Eric Faulkner, Nick Calderon, Leroy Muniz, Roberto De La Cabada. Bottom row: Oscar Benavidez, Robert Sandoval, Joel Terrazas, Manuel Madrid and Jose Gonzalez.



Winners in the fifth flight were, top row, from left: Roger Stephens, George Clark and Chilo Ibarra. Bottom row: Roland Ballesteros, Armando Rodriguez, Randy Brunnemann and Rudy Flores.

Kelly Kinsel and Ken Dilliard came in second with a 132.

Israel Alvarez and Ricky Gonzales, Carlos Barrera and Fernando Carrillo, and Bob Williamson and Choppy Ambler all tied for third with scores of 134.

In the fourth flight, Eric Faulkner and John Barrow tied Nick Calderon and Leroy Muniz

for first place. Both teams had 133s.

Jose Gonzalez and Roberto De La Cabada took third in the fourth flight with a 136.

Three teams posted 137s causing a three-way tie for fourth, including Joel Terrazas and Manuel Madrid, Robert Sandoval and Oscar Benavidez, and Sammy

Flores and Henry Silva.

George Clark and Roger Stephenson shot a 132 to take top honors in the fifth flight, and second went to Chilo Ibarra and Armando Jauregui with a 138.

Rudy Flores and Randy Brunnemann tied Roland Ballesteros and Mando Rodriguez for third place. Both teams had 140s.

# Tigerettes win conference opener over Cowgirls, 11-9

The Tigerettes opened their District 5-2A slate last Friday with an 11-9 victory over the D'Hanis Cowgirls.

With the victory, the Tigerettes improve to 7-3 on the season and 1-0 in league play.

In conference games this week, Natalia (5-3-1, 0-0) will travel to D'Hanis (2-3, 0-1) today and to Brackett tomorrow.

Lindy La Mascus (1-1) was the winning pitcher in last week's contest. In seven innings of work, she allowed one earned run on 10 hits with four walks.

Stephanie Terrazas paced Brackett's offense with a 3-for-3 plate performance. The sophomore second baseman scored two runs and drove in two more.

Courtney Harrison went 2 for 4 with a single and a triple. She scored one run and drove in another.

La Mascus, Patty Lopez, Hilda Aguirre and JoLee Jones each added one hit apiece for the Tigerettes.

Lopez scored three runs, Amy Bader crossed home plate twice, and La Mascus, Aguirre and La Toya Wright each scored once.

# Correa takes gold at Crystal City

CRYSTAL CITY - Sonya Correa brought home two gold medals Saturday from the Javelina Relays.

Correa won both the 1600-meter run and the 3200-meter runs to highlight Brackett's performance at the track meet as the Tigerettes racked up 61 points.

Amanda Meek won the shot put competition and was fifth in the discus. Tina Meek took third in the high jump.

Jania Finkenbinder finished second in the 800-meter run and was sixth in the 400-meter dash.

The sprint relay team of Windy Goodloe, Tiffany Eckenrod, Crys-

tal Juarez and Samantha Payne took fourth place.

Eckenrod, Juarez, Jamie Bader and Goodloe took fifth place in the 800-meter relay.

The distance team of Juarez, Payne, Tina Meek and Finkenbinder was fifth in the 1600-meter relay.

The Tigers picked up 23 points during Saturday's competition.

Demitreus Williams finished second in the triple jump and was sixth in the 800-meter run.

Lionel Ramos won second in the 1600-meter run and Brent Smith took fifth in the 100-meter dash.

The sprint team of Smith, Williams, David Honstein and J. Wayne Ballew finished fifth in the 400-meter relay.

Brandon Moore was first in the pole vault as the junior varsity tallied 16 points.

Also in the junior varsity division, Tommy Sandoval was fourth in the 1600-meter run, Jacob Hughes took sixth in the 800, and Jerritt Meeks was sixth in the discus.

The Brackett track teams will compete in the Warrior Relays Saturday at Ingram.

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**Order of Election**

An election is hereby ordered to be held on May 3, 1997 for the purpose of Board of Trustees Election. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each week-day at Central Office-Brackett Independent School District between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 14, 1997 and ending on April 29, 1997. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to

Susan Veach  
 P.O. Box 586  
 Brackettville, Texas 78832.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 25, 1997.  
 Issued this the 11th day of March, 1997.  
 Dixie Brown  
 Signature of Presiding Officer.

**Orden De Eleccion**

Por la presente se ordena que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el 3 de mayo 1997 con el proposito de:  
 Eleccion de la Mesa Directiva

La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en oficina central - Brackett Independent School District entre las 8:00 de la manana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 14, de abril, 1997 y terminando el 29, de abril 1997.  
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Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 25 de abril, 1997  
 Emitida este dia 11 de marzo, 1997  
 Dixie Brown  
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# Recent rains are wonderful, wildflowers are flourishing

The rain is wonderful! I have heard reports of five inches from the Balles down to 3.5 at my home at Fort Clark Springs. The wildflowers have begun to flourish and, within a couple of weeks, should be as pretty as we have ever seen them. In the meantime, we continue to work as hard as we can to educate the fine children of this community.

**Ag students win awards**  
I am proud of the Vo. Ag. Department and its fine instructor, John Paul Schuster, for a great trip to Houston. We won first place prizes for trailers and a grill. These projects made by our stu-

dents, with guidance from their advisor, are high quality.

The Houston Show is one where there is lots of competition. Our team went and brought home the blue!

We had a great showing at the San Angelo Stock Show, also. There will be more details in the future. It was an outstanding event for our Kinney County students.

**Action at the Ball Parks**  
This week, check out the action at the Ball Parks at Brackettville. We are scheduled to have a baseball and softball tournament.

The rain needs to let up a little for the tournament, but in ranch

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**  
By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, BISD Superintendent

country we take rain when we can get it. So, come on out Thursday and Friday nights and during the day Saturday. Both softball and baseball teams are winning, big time. We have good kids and fine coaches. They need your support.

**Science fair a success**  
The science fair directed by Karen Crumley was her best. I don't know how to say enough about the projects and knowledge

of science that was displayed at this show. Bob Young continues to help us in his role as an evaluator of the projects. We appreciate his help. Karen is a magnificent science teacher. Her students are doing a superb job. Good luck at the Del Rio Show.

**Whitworth passes away**  
I sure have heard good things about Bubba Jack Whitworth. He was a happy guy that left a legacy

for his many friends in Kinney County. I offer condolences to his family and friends.

**School Board meeting**  
The board meeting Monday night focused on problems created by the comparison of local tax values and state tax appraisals. The story is covered elsewhere in the newspaper, but I have gone to Austin to try to deliver information to our agent in charge of the protest. Winning this one is important to BISD. It is an issue that we don't think has given our local appraisal office a fair shake. We're trying very hard to overturn this ruling. That's about it.

It's late and time to publish this news tidbit. I am on my way to Austin with information provided by Joyce Fuentes and the local tax office to help with our protest.

One editorial note: I am proud of the Brackett School Board. They are independent thinkers who work as hard as they can to represent their constituents. There is no pay for being a board member. Most of the time, there are not even any kind remarks. But, I want you to know that I have worked with boards for many years, and that this board is sincere and tries hard to do the right thing. Thanks for your help!

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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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### Natasha's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A raise in pay or similar chance to improve your income is at hand. However, be sure you're ready to assume the extra responsibilities that go with this. Also, exercise initiative in order to take full advantage of this. This weekend, your love life takes precedence.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You reach important new conclusions about your career this week. Signing contracts and reaching agreements are favored later in the week. This weekend, spend some time going through your wardrobe and getting rid of what you don't wear.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Whatever chore you tackle this week is a source of pride for you once accomplished. Your energy is up, and you tackle everything with alacrity. Later in the week, leave those credit cards home while shopping. You don't want to break the budget.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Although you need to reach an agreement concerning a mutual financial concern this week, it's more difficult than you'd anticipated. The other party is not in a cooperative mood. Perhaps you should seek the help of a mediator.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Travel is in the stars for you this week and in the coming weeks. This could be in connection with business or romance. Your attention, though, is on a work-related project which has you somewhat puzzled.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your financial prospects are looking up this week. However, a certain career concern requires further reflection before taking any action. Your social life this weekend is happy and fulfilling.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Singles encounter a new romantic interest while out socializing this week. An important decision is made on a financial or domestic concern with the help of a family member.



You receive valuable input from a financial adviser.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) An important research or creative project captures your attention this week. Exercise discretion in spending. Friends approach you with a fascinating social suggestion for the weekend. If you accept, a new opportunity awaits.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your attention is on property and domestic concerns this week. Thus, progress on the job is intermittent. Loved ones are on the same wave length over the weekend and harmony reigns.

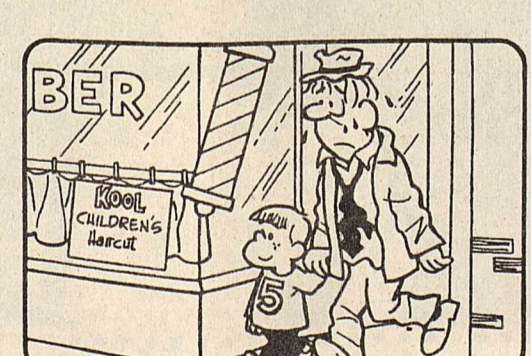
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Benefits reach you through the actions of an adviser this week. Great satisfaction comes from intellectual interests rather than from social activities. What you learn is helpful.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You're at your popular and charismatic best this week. You also spend some time mulling over a possible career change. Relax because your thinking is right on target and success is assured.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Bigwigs are happily watching your progress and applauding from the sidelines. It's a week of important career gains for you as a result. This weekend, others seek out your advice on a family matter.

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### HOCUS-FOCUS



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.  
Differences: 1. Sign is different. 2. Crane is shorter. 3. Pole stripes are reversed. 4. Number is different. 5. Hat is moved. 6. Tie is shorter.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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| Mar 14 | Martin Sheets     | Mar 16 | Taylor Pinnell    |
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| Mar 16 | Denese Bowers     |        |                   |





**First Baptist Church**  
 Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor  
 "The Pastor's Pen"

A man went into a discount men's store to purchase a suit. He found one on sale and tried it on but found that one of the sleeves was too short and it was tight around the collar. He went to the salesman to display the problem and the salesman said, "No, the suit fits fine you just need to learn to wear it right. If you will just hold your arm up to your chest like this and pull your hand in a little bit the sleeve will fit just fine."

The man wanting to not be difficult said, "I guess it does. But what about this collar?" The salesman responded, "The trouble is you just need to bend down a little bit and put this arm around to your back right there and viola, it fits." The man being satisfied said, "So it does!" He pays for the suit and leaves the store wearing it and walking just the way the salesman had positioned him, hunched over with one arm pulled up to his chest, one arm held around his back. Two of his friends saw him and one said, "Look at poor old Harry. That arthritis must be really giving him trouble, but that suit sure fits him nicely."

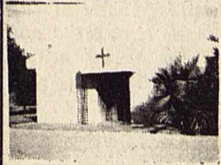
Sometimes, as Christians, in our efforts to be so pleasing to

everybody we become like Harry. We become spiritual misfits, bending, swaying, and bowing this way and that but in the process become all twisted and distorted ourselves. It is a great temptation to do that simply because we want to please others. We want to do what others want regardless of the consequences and the price we have to pay personally. At times, it is hard to speak out on certain issues even if we have to pay personally. At times, it's hard to speak out on certain issues even if we have strong convictions and know it is the right thing to do. We don't want to "rock the boat."

However God's Word gives us ample direction and instruction to know that we must make a stand, and that stand must be on His side in line with His Word. Who is it most important to be pleasing to? Man or God?

Joshua (in the Bible, Joshua 24:15) stood before a crowd giving them a choice, "Choose for yourselves today whom you will serve."

Every person has been given that same choice. Who do you choose to serve?



**Frontier Baptist Church**  
 Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

The thing that sets a human being apart from the animals is the soul. In God creating man in his own image He distinguished him from other animal forms by giving him a soul. The ridiculous thesis of evolutionist cannot in the preposterous chain of evolution point to where the human mentality began and certainly not the soul.

The soul of the human is truly the human. The physical body is simply the housing of the individual. It is the everlasting being.

In the light of this reality how much is your soul worth to you? Money can buy many things. It can buy food to keep the physical body alive. It can buy fine houses. It can buy fancy automobiles. It can buy the way into pleasures, football and basketball games, beer joints and many festivities. But, it cannot buy happiness. This is a condition of the soul and is beyond price. It can't buy redemption from sin because this is a condition of the soul and is without price. It can please your fancy for a while but can't be taken beyond the grave. Surely the soul is worth more than all the gold in the world.

Education is a wonderful factor of living. It can help in any facet of life. It can help in business, can enable one to be a teacher or a preacher but it cannot of itself bring happiness because happiness is a condition

of the soul. Redemption can never be gained through education because redemption is a condition of the soul. It's a great thing to be an American. God is especially good to every person who calls the U.S. home.

Unquestionably this is the greatest place in all the world to live. Anyone who does not love this land should leave it with a one way passage. Anyone who does not love this land enough to fight for it and die for it if need be does not deserve to live in it.

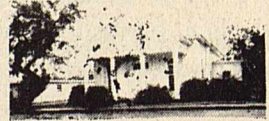
But being a good American does not automatically bring happiness because happiness is a condition of the soul. Being an American cannot bring redemption because redemption is a condition of the soul.

The human soul is what led Jesus Christ to die on Calvary. This is how important God feels the soul is.

To recognize the value of the soul challenges every person to cherish it, to feed it from the Bible and nurture it as being more important than the body. The body will one day return to the "dust" from whence it came." But the soul will return "to God who gave it" and if one has trusted Christ as his personal Savior, the soul will spend all eternity in the joys of heaven with God the Father.

There will be another message from the Bible Sunday morning at 11:00 at Frontier Baptist Church. Come and see.

**First United Methodist Church**



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

Next Monday is St. Patrick's Day. There are several legends about St. Patrick. The real St. Patrick, known as "the Apostle of the Irish," lived during the early half of the 5th century.

St. Patrick was born in Britain and raised as a Christian. When he was 16 years old, he was captured by Irish pirates and spent six years as a herdsman in Ireland. After earnestly turning to God, he received a divine message that he was to escape, which he did. He was reunited with his family, a changed man. He was trained for the Christian ministry and was sent from Britain as "bishop in Ireland" (as he called himself). He spent the rest of his life in Ireland, evangelizing, ordaining, and helping to establish God's Reign there.

Below is a prayer attributed to St. Patrick.

A Prayer of Saint Patrick

Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ in us, Christ beneath us, Christ above us, Christ on our right, Christ on our left,

Christ where we lie, Christ where we sit, Christ where we arise,

Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of us, Christ in every eye that sees us,

Christ in every ear that hears us.

Salvation is of the Lord, Salvation is of the Christ, May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us. Amen.

Next Monday, let us don our green garb, eat shamrock cookies, and drink green punch. Always and forever, let us remember the salvation Christ came to offer us.

Let us enjoy, let us be thankful.

**Obituary**

**Jack W. (Bubba) Whitworth**

Jack Walton (Bubba) Whitworth of Brackettville, died Monday, March 10, 1997 in San Antonio following a lengthy illness.

He was born November 16, 1948 in Del Rio and was raised in Brackettville.

He is survived by his parents, Bill and Wanda Whitworth of Brackettville, Sister, Sue Maner of Lubbock, a special friend and companion, Genell Hobbs of Brackettville, an Aunt, Patricia

Borland of Junction, numerous cousins and a great number of friends.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Mark Evans Whitworth.

Graveside services were held in Junction, March 12. A memorial service at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Brackettville is pending.

Jack and his family have requested that memorials be made to the American Cancer Society.



**St. John's Baptist Church**  
 Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.  
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Praise the Lord. I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice, and he gave ear unto me.

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord. My sore ran in the night, and ceased not; my soul refused to be comforted.

I remembered God, and was troubled; I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah.

Thou holdest mine eyes waking; I am so troubled that I cannot speak.

I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

I call to remembrance my song in the night; I commune with mine own heart, and my spirit made diligent search.

Will the Lord cast off forever? And will he be favorable no more? Is his mercy completely gone forever? Doth his promise fail for evermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gra-

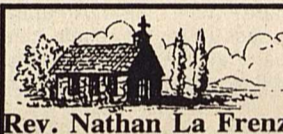
cious? Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah.

And I said, This is my infirmity; but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.

I will remember the works of the Lord; surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings. Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary; who is as great a God as our God? Psalms 77:1-13. Praise the Lord. Come feast with us in the Lord the table is set.

St. John's Baptist Church is having a revival March 17th - 21st., at 7 p.m. nightly. The speaker will be Rev. Marvin Carpenter Sr. from the Beth Elder Baptist Church in Yoakum, Tx. Everyone is invited. If you need transportation call 563-2582 or 563-3032.



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
 Rev. Nathan La Frenz 563-2047

The Apostle Paul states the human predicament so very clearly when he writes in Romans 7, 'I do what I know is not right, and I don't do what I know I should do.'

He describes that there is a war going on inside of us.

We can describe that war like this, "We have sinned against our God, against our bodies, against humanity, against all creation by what we have done and by what we have not done."

The commandment, "Thou shalt not have any other gods before me", deals with this predicament of the human condition.

The question deals with who is sovereign over our lives. We want to be boss.

We think we know what is best for us. Adam and Eve were

placed in a setting where they lacked nothing and were permitted in freedom to live in harmony with God their creator and with one another. But they decided they knew what was best for them. And that decision placed an obstacle between them and their creator.

What are the obstacles we place between ourselves and God?

Lent is about recognizing how we have placed obstacles between God and His creation.

Lent also is about to what lengths our Heavenly Father will go to overcome the barriers between ourselves and Him.

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son so that we all may live in fellowship with our Creator and all of Creation.

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 Pastor Charolette Corey

"But David encouraged himself in the Lord his God." 1 Sam. 30:6. This is the answer to problem after just having, "wept, until they had no more power to weep." 1 Sam. 30:4. His own king, country, and fellow men sought to kill him. After having been honorable in battle, he and his band of fighting men had just come home to find out that their homes burned down, and wives and daughters taken by the enemy...seemingly a hopeless situation. But David knew what to do.

He encouraged himself in the Lord his God! How did he do this.

He did what he had practised in the fields as a shepherd. He spoke out loud to himself the word of God in psalms and in hymns and in thanksgiving. He, of all people, understood that God's word does not return to Him void, but accomplishes that

which God sets it out to do.

He comforted himself with God's word, possibly Psalm 23, or many of others which God had placed on David's heart to write during his life.

David knew the power of God's word and used that source to restore his mind, will, and emotions (his soul). He used that same word not only on himself, but also on his men who were confused and hurt to the point of talking of stoning David.

Instead, David rallied his men, went after the raiders, and restored unto themselves not only their own families, but also enough wealth that they not only were blessed, but blessed people living in the little towns who had given comfort and support to David and his men.

What Satan meant for evil, God used for good. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

**Thank You**

To the people of Brackett and Spofford. Mario Reyes and his family would like to kindly thank all his relatives and friends for all their prayers support and donations given to him during his recovery. May God Bless all of you. Thank you Mario Reyes and family

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**Unsung Hero**

By Joe Townsend

One by one friends and loved ones leave us to go to their eternal home with God. Jack "Bubba" Whitworth, after much suffering has left us. Jack spent his life here with the exception of a brief period when he was away working. He was a product of the local school system. He was always a supporter of the schools athletics. In recent years many times he was called upon to bar-b-cue for various causes and events. He was always anxious to help anyway he could.

In recent years, though involved in other activities, the focus of his life was the family ranch. Jack was a hard worker and was good at whatever task he set himself to. Jack was always upbeat and friendly. He was a member of the Episcopal Church. All who knew Jack will miss him but only for a while. Sometime soon we'll all be joined with him where there is no suffering and no parting. Surely Jack Whitworth was an Unsung Hero.

**Blood drive to be held today**

South Texas Blood and Tissue Center will be holding a Blood Drive at Brackettville First Baptist Church, Thursday March 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Anyone between 17 and 72 years old, who weighs at least 110 pounds and is in good general health may donate blood. All donors will receive a free cholesterol test and mini-

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**NOTICE OF SALE** THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF KINNEY

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No 2985, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Sam Salem, et al; Lots 8 and 9, Block 44, Original Town of Spofford, Kinney County, Texas;

No 3018, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, et al; Lot 18, Block C, Maverick Addition, City of Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas;

or, upon the written request of said defendants or their attorneys, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgments, interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, at any time within the time and manner prescribed by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above numbered and entitled suits, together with interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

Dated at Brackettville, Texas, this the 25th day of February, 1997. Leland K. Burgess, Sheriff Kinney County, Texas

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**FCC APPLICATION FILED** On February 21st, 1997, La Nueva cadena Radio Luz Incorporated, filed an application with the Federal communication commission, to construct an FM Broadcast station on channel 234 A with an effective radiated power of 6 Kilowatts. Frequency 94.7 MHz.

A copy of this application is on file at the Brackettville, Tx. Public Library 510 S. Ellen, Brackettville, Texas, 78832 and is available for public inspection during normal business hours.

Anyone who wishes to comment on the application may contact The Federal Communications Commission at 1919 M St. N.W. Washington DC 20554.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**COUNTY OF KINNEY TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**  
The County of Kinney will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 1997, at the County Courthouse in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The County of Kinney encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Judge Tommy Seargeant at Kinney County Courthouse, P.O. Box 348, Brackettville, Texas 78832. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the County Courthouse to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the County Courthouse at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

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**SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM**

The Middle Rio Grande Development Council will be administering and operating a Summer Youth Program beginning in late May of 1997. The program will serve approximately 850 economically disadvantaged youth who reside in the nine county Middle Rio Grande region. Program components will include private and public sector work experience as well as SCANS skills training and leadership activities, college bound program with the Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde in addition to a college exploration program with Texas A&M Kingsville. The different components of the summer program will run from six to ten weeks in length. The program is open to economically disadvantaged youth ages 14-21.

Individuals interested in the program can obtain additional information by contacting the Middle Rio Grande office in the area that they reside. The application deadline is scheduled for May 9, 1997, applications received after the date will not be considered for the program. The Middle Rio Grande office in Brackettville is located at 305 W. El Paso and the telephone number is 563-2021.

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