

# The Brackett News



Brackettville to celebrate  
Cinco de Mayo Saturday  
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## Briefs ...

### FCS Board approves expansion of sewer

FORT CLARK SPRINGS - The Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors met Monday evening in a special meeting to reconsider the extension of sewer service to the remainder of Unit 27.

A motion was made by Frank Cheaney and seconded by Mary Mitchell to authorize the general manager, Bill Haenn, to enter into a change order to the current contract with Hoover Construction Company for an amount not to exceed \$56,000. The motion passed unanimously.

By taking the action, the new sewer system will provide services to all lots in Unit 27.

### Volunteers take quick action on house fire

The Brackettville Fire Department had two units respond to a small house fire on Saturday night.

Officials received a call that there was a fire at Jerry Franklin's residence at 10:39 on Saturday night.

Seven members of the volunteer fire department arrived 11 minutes later and extinguished the fire.

Fire Chief Joe "Boy" Williams said the fire derived from a wall heater.

"The fire was put out within seconds," Williams said. "There was minor damage to the home."

### Boy Scouts visit Fort

Boy Scouts of America Troop 515, sponsored by St. Thomas Episcopal Church in San Antonio, will be visiting Fort Clark this weekend to perform a service project which will help the boys earn scouting's "Historic Trail Award" for the fourth consecutive year.

Approximately 30 boys and 10 fathers will be camping at the wilderness tent campground on Friday and Saturday night.

The troop will be helping clear brush from the trail near the foot bridge behind Unit 1.

"The association welcomes the opportunity to contribute to the appreciation and respect these young men are being taught to hold for national register historic sites such as Fort Clark," said General Manager Bill Haenn.

### Tigers to host Natalia

The Brackett Tigers will host the Natalia Mustangs at 7 p.m. in District 30-2A baseball action tomorrow night. Natalia is 7-0 in district and Brackett is 5-2.

# Bacteria found in water

## City officials say coliform should cause no health concerns

By J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

A recent water sample taken in Brackettville showed that the city's drinking water contained coliform bacteria.

Coliform is like the aerobic bacillus normally found in the colon. A coliform count is often used as an indicator of fecal contamination of water supplies.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) sets drinking water standards in Texas and has determined that the presence of total coliform

is a possible health concern.

The city is required to submit a minimum of two water samples each month for bacteriological analysis. The samples are taken from various water lines in Brackettville.

"The samples are sent to the Upper Guadalupe Authority, which is a lab in Kerrville," Public Works Superintendent David Martinez Jr. said. "When they come in with coliform bacteria present, they will call the TNRCC, and then the TNRCC will contact us."

On April 8, the city took its two water

samples from E. Spring Street, and the results indicated that coliform bacteria was present in the water.

Six follow-up samples were taken on April 16 from the same location. One of the six samples contained the bacteria.

On April 22, the city submitted three additional water samples, all of which were tested clear of coliform bacteria.

"We put in a new main line about a block away (from the test location), and they said maybe that's the reason" for the presence of the bacteria, Martinez said.

"The TNRCC said that it could be (the reason)," he said. "They're not saying it was, but they said maybe it could be."

"A little more chlorine needed to be added to make sure it would disinfect, therefore we did."

Martinez said, "at the moment" the problem has been corrected. He said the city will take five water samples in May, in north, south, east, west and central locations of the city.

"There shouldn't be a health concern," Martinez said. "There was bacteria present but, from my understanding, it shouldn't be any problem."



TAAS Man, Brackett Athletic Director Roy Rokovich, throws candy out to Jones Elementary School students during Monday's TAAS Rally. See related story and photos, Page 5.

## Two city council seats up for grabs Saturday

Two Brackettville city council seats are up for grabs in Saturday's election.

Candidates in the city council election are (in the order in which they will appear on the ballot), Place 1: Marsha Harrell, Gregorio Juarez and J.J. Guidry; and Place 3: Wes Robinson and Ralph Gonzalez.

Early voting for the city council election ended Tuesday. Officials reported that 111 citizens voted early by personal appearance. As of Wednesday afternoon, 13 had voted early by mail. Seven

mail-in ballots have not been received.

"Normally, 250 to 300 people vote in the city elections, so when you look at that, we've had a good early voter turnout," said David Luna, early voting clerk.

"The turnout is not as impressive when you compare the figures to the 1,100 registered voters," he added.

The polling place for Saturday's election is at City Hall, located at 119 West Spring Street. The poll will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Brackettville to celebrate Cinco de Mayo Saturday

The Las Moras Hispanic Organization will host its second annual Cinco de Mayo celebration on Saturday.

There are over 30 parade entries and approximately 25 booths taking part in this year's celebration.

A parade down Ann Street will kickoff the activities at 10 a.m. Parade entries will begin lining up at 9:30.

The presentation of awards will be at 11 a.m. at the Civic Center, along with guest speakers.

A baby pageant is scheduled for 11:15, as the first Little Mr. and Mrs. Cinco de Mayo will be crowned.

The Jones Elementary Dancers will perform at 1:30 p.m., and there will be an accordion contest at 2:30. Scheduled for 3:00 is Ballet de Folklorico.

The Queen's Coronation is at 7 p.m. Outgoing Cinco de Mayo Queen Leticia Rivas is the first queen to represent the organization.

Three girls are currently running for this year's Cinco de Mayo Queen, including Naiya Garcia, Ariana DeLeon and Mayra Fuentes. The winner will be determined by a penny a vote.

A dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Civic Center. Admission is \$6 a person.

## Officials foil attempted jail escape

By J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

Two men were arrested last week after attempting to help prisoners escape at the Kinney County Jail.

Adam Gorostieta Benites, 46, of Marlin, Texas, was arrested on Sunday, April 20, on a felony charge by Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism and booked into the Kinney County Jail.

Benites was charged with attempt to rescue, aid and abet, the attempt to escape of a person arrested upon a warrant issued under law of the United States or committed to the custody of the attorney general.

The name of the second man has not been released. No charges have been filed against him.

The two men had made arrangements to pay a jailer over \$10,000 in order to free from two to five U.S. Marshal prisoners being housed at the local jail.

The jailer informed Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter of the attempted escape on Saturday, April

19. Fritter then informed Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess.

"From there, the sheriff decided to tell this individual to go ahead and go through with the deal under his orders," Fritter said. "A few phone calls were made, the deal was on."

The escape was planned on Sunday afternoon during visiting hours. Burgess and Chism were in the Sheriff's Office waiting for the suspects to arrive.

The Department of Public Safety and another deputy sheriff were on standby.

"At approximately 4:30, the two subjects arrived, came in the jail, and were in the lobby," Fritter said. "One subject handed a wad of money to the jailer/dispatcher behind the glass and he signaled the sheriff."

The suspects were carrying approximately \$5,000 apiece, totalling \$10,250.

The two men surrendered to officials without incident.

The case is still under investigation by the U.S. Marshal's Office.

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## Pena hired as deputy sheriff

By J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

Adrian Pena has joined the Kinney County Sheriff's Department as a deputy sheriff.

Pena's position is being funded by the city of Brackettville through an interlocal agreement with the county.

"It's an opportunity to give back to the community a little bit of what they've given me as far as education," Pena said when asked about his new position. "My family is here, so it's good for me all the way around."

Pena, a 1993 graduate of Brackett High School, majored in criminal justice at Southwest Texas Junior College. The certified peace officer graduated from Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy in December 1996.

"I chose law enforcement as a career because there was nothing else that I could see myself ever doing," Pena said. "It's something that is exciting, and it fits my personality and my character."



Deputy Sheriff Adrian Pena, left, is welcomed aboard by Brackettville City Secretary David Luna. The city is funding the new law enforcement position through an interlocal agreement with the county.

Pena worked as a senior patrolman for the Dilley Police Department for 11 months before returning to Brackettville. Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said Pena will be active in work-

ing with the juvenile problems in Kinney County.

"I think I'm going to like working with juveniles," Pena said. "I think I can relate to them and some of their problems."

## Texas House OKs tax overhaul plan

The Texas House of Representatives passed a proposal early Saturday to cut local school property taxes by raising other levies to fund public education.

The lawmakers approved the measure, 94-49, just before 3 a.m. following a 12-hour session filled with a number of attempts backed by business interests to weaken the plan.

"At this point in time, I'm still positive about it, I was from the beginning," Brackett Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "I don't think that property taxes are the way Texas public schools need to be supported."

"I think they need to get the bugs out of the plan, and I know they're working on those."

The plan now goes to the Texas Senate, where Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock already has warned it could be

dramatically changed. The Senate will be working under a tight schedule, with the session ending June 2.

The Hosue took on the issue first, because all tax measures must originate there.

Ultimately, the decision rests with the voters, who would be asked to ratify the proposal on Aug. 9 before it could take effect.

The proposed plan would reduce school property taxes and offset the lost revenue by eliminating a host of sales tax exemptions; expand the business franchise tax to all businesses except sole proprietorships; and raise several existing taxes, such as those on alcohol and tobacco.

"I have thought for some time that we still have an unequal funding system of education in Texas," Stephenson said. "I think it's good for the kids of Texas."



Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

### Tax day has come and gone

By now most of you have endured April 15, Tax Day. This is an appropriate time to cite a few statistics which illustrate what makes Tax Day possible.

\*136,000 - The number of employees at the IRS and elsewhere in the government responsible for administering the tax laws.

\*13.7 billion - The amount of tax dollars spent by the IRS to enforce the tax code.

\*8 billion - The number of pages of forms and instructions sent out by the IRS every year.

Congress is trying to find ways to let Americans keep more of their hard-earned income. We want to stop penalizing young couples for getting married by increasing the standard deduction for married couples filing jointly. In 1993, 40 percent of married couples in the United States paid higher taxes than their unmarried friends, just because they are married. Our tax code is biased against marriages and should be changed.

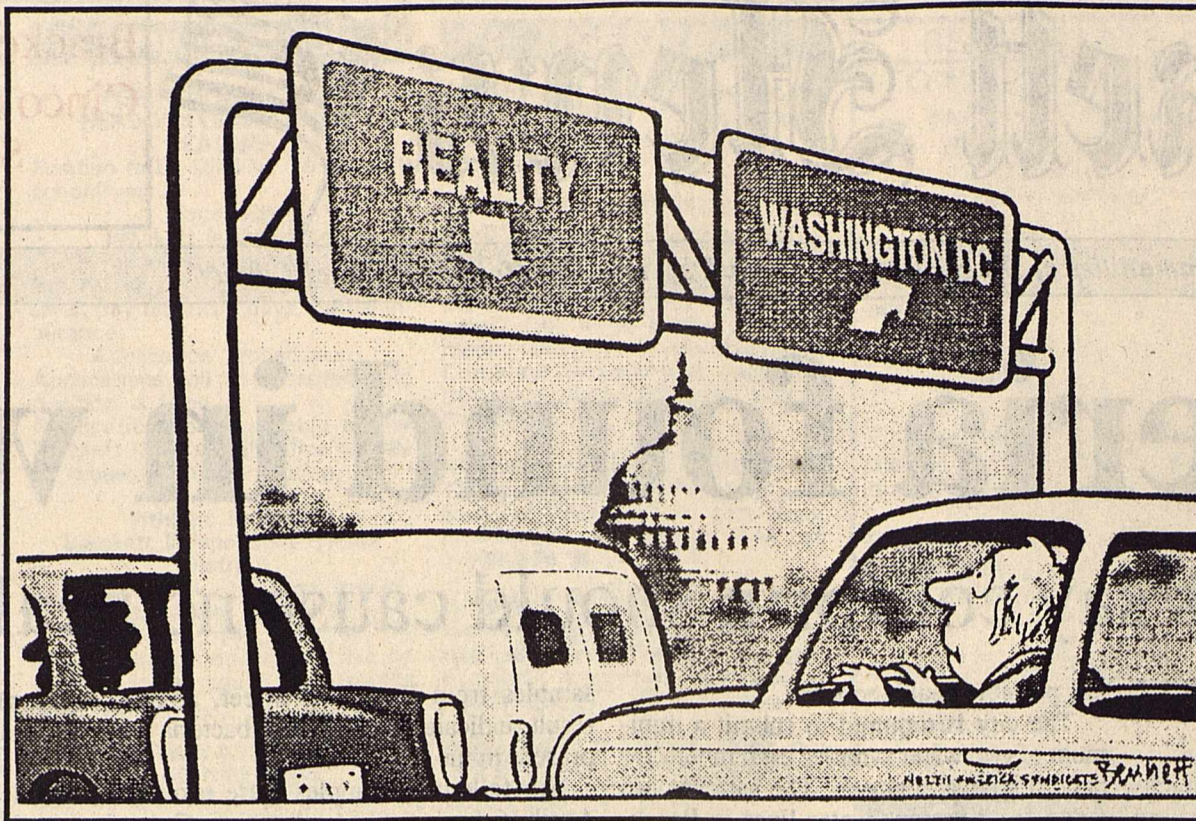
A lower capital gains tax rate is the key to America's ability to save, invest, create new jobs and generate cutting edge technology. Yet our current tax code punishes men and women who save and invest. Lowering the capital gains rate would bring immediate relief to homeowners, small investors, small businesses, workers, farmers, homeowners, and the elderly. It would entice billions of dollars of tied up capital back into the productive economy.

We want to cut estate taxes so the rewards of a lifetime of hard work and striving are no longer wiped out by a death in the family. Anyone who has had to struggle to save the family farm or family owned business after an untimely death knows this is perhaps the cruelest tax the government imposes, exacted at a time of sorrow and distress.

I don't think most Americans object to taxes in principle; we all know some taxes must be paid to provide for a national defense, for infrastructure, for police and schools and for other services. But what bothers us is how much we pay compared to what we're getting in return that we didn't ask for, regulatory overkill, government intrusion into our private lives, the usurpation of property rights.

Long ago, the authors of the Federalist Papers warned, "It will be of little avail to the people that the laws are made by men of their own choice if the laws be so voluminous that they cannot be read, or so incoherent that they cannot be understood."

In contrast to this goal of simplicity, our current tax code is excessively expensive to comply with and nearly impossible to understand.



## Press and T.V. media today is a rabid voice gone wild

The press and T.V. media today, as a whole is a rabid voice gone wild. Too many times it transgresses any sense of propriety to make a story out of distortion and character assassination. One blatant example is the persecution of Zuellar following his casual remark at the Masters Golf tournament. Referring to Tiger Woods, a young negro who won the tournament he used the term "boy" and linked him with "chicken and collard greens."

Some reporters, lacking the integrity and ability to find real news took this as racial harassment and blew it into a full blown firestorm that chased the story of the Masters from the front page and aged for weeks. Considering the rage of Tiger Woods for a man of Zuellars age to refer to him as "boy" is totally understandable. I'm sure Tiger is no different from any other male. If every male of Tiger's age who was referred to as a "boy" were to be given headline status because of it, there

### Between Us

By Joe Townsend



would be no room for anything else.

As far as fried chicken is concerned this is totally a "non issue". How many people, black, white, brown, or yellow, do not eat and like fried chicken. As far as collard greens are concerned most people don't know and have never eaten them. I do not have any this year but I usually grow them in my garden. They grow easily, produce bountifully, live through the winter and by simply cutting the very large leaves a few plants will produce abundant food over a long period of time. Besides all this, I like them. To say these remarks were disturbing to Tiger Wood is total fabrication.

As a result of wide spread condemnation by an inscrutable media a golfer of many tournaments

and stellar reputation is held up to ridicule and embarrassment to the extent he dropped off the tour at least for the time being. All this because of a casual remark heard by a reporter who is a disgrace to his profession and a media hungry for and which thrives on dirt. As long as there is such racial sensitivity so blatantly bungled racial problems will continue. Such unconcionable actions simply exacerbate the problems.

Surely Tiger Woods is of such character and accomplishments such attempts to tar anyone for his benefit shows total idiocy.

If the remarks had been the most racially offensive imaginable such wide spread hooting by the media helped no one. It simply revealed the sickness of the media.

## Volunteering makes a difference

By Henry Bonilla  
U.S. Congressman 23rd District

This week in Philadelphia thousands of people from all walks of life will put their thinking caps on to tackle the problems facing the youth of our country.

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At the President's Summit for America's Future, political, business, religious, community and education leaders will highlight the importance of volunteering and service to community.

This country was built on individualism, which includes an individual's responsibility to his or her neighbors. Part of this responsibility is to lend a hand to a neighbor in their time of need.

Volunteering is about giving a little of yourself to empower your neighbor. The spirit of volunteering is alive and well in the United States. Over 65 percent of Americans volunteered in some way in the past year. No one pays them, no one makes them do this. These are people from churches, businesses and schools who give what they can to their fellow citizens.

This week's summit, organized

by retired Army General Colin Powell, is a good reminder of the importance of volunteering.

Some folks in Washington have proposed that the federal government require volunteerism or pay volunteers. That goes against the very meaning of the word "volunteer." A volunteer shouldn't be forced and shouldn't receive a federal paycheck. True volunteerism is most successful when the motives come from the heart. In today's fast-paced world, it is critical that our kids have positive role models. Whether you are giving blood at a Red Cross blood drive or taking a boy scout troop on a campout, what you do makes a difference in the big picture. Providing our kids with a stable foundation is tough work. No one person or entity can do it alone. Everybody has something to offer.

## Editorials

### Did you read the notice?

On Oct. 15, 1996, the Brackettville City Council voted 3-1 to name the Del Rio News-Herald as the official newspaper of Brackettville.

City Council members Ralph Gonzalez, Felix Gonzales and Mary Flores voted for the measure. Tencha Pena was opposed.

By taking this action, the City Council agreed to publish all of the city's public notices in the Del Rio News-Herald.

On Sunday, April 27, the Del Rio News-Herald published a public notice announcing that coliform bacteria was found in the city's drinking water. As a free public service to the citizens of Brackettville, The Brackett News is publishing the public notice in its entirety:

#### Notification of Total Coliform Violation

The City of Brackettville water system collected two water samples during the month of April, 1997, that contained coliform bacteria. The City of Brackettville water system is required to submit a minimum of two water samples each month for bacteriological analysis.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) sets drinking water standards in Texas and has determined that the presence of total coliform is a possible health concern. Total coliform are common in the environment and are generally not harmful themselves. However, the presence of these bacteria in drinking water, generally is a result of a problem with water treatment of the pipes which distribute the water, and indicates

that the water may be contaminated with organisms that can cause disease. Disease symptoms may include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, and possibly jaundice, and the associated headaches and fatigue. These symptoms, however, are not just associated with disease causing organisms in drinking water, but may also be caused by a number of factors other than your drinking water.

The TNRCC has set an enforceable drinking water standard of total coliform to reduce the risk of these adverse health effects. Under this standard, no more than 40 samples/month that have the systems collecting fewer than 40 samples/month that have one total coliform positive sample per month are not violating the standard. Drinking water which meets this standard is usually not associated with a health risk from disease-causing bacteria and should be considered safe.

If you have questions regarding this matter, you may contact David Martinez, Jr. at 210-563-2412 or 210-563-9554.

PLEASE NOTE: The City of Brackettville submitted a sample for the month of April 8, 1997 and said sample result indicated the presence of coliform bacteria. Six follow-up retest samples, five were clear for the presence of coliform bacteria and one sample was positive for coliform bacteria. As of April 22, 1997, the City has submitted an additional three samples for testing. These three samples tested clear of coliform bacteria. Five water samples will be taken and submitted for testing during the month of May, 1997.

## Letters to the Editor

### City violates public's trust

After hearing about the coliform bacteria in our drinking water on Monday, I was disgusted in the way that the city officials handled informing the citizens of our community of this potential health problem.

Had I not been informed of the situation by word of mouth, I would not have been aware that the problem existed since the city published a public notice in an out-of-town newspaper.

Why was this information published out of town?

Is the city council more concerned about punishing the local newspaper than they are about the health of the citizens of Brackettville?

Why was the information published on April 27, when the original sample testing for coliform was submitted on April 8?

I would rather know there could be a problem and not drink the water, than wait for the re-

sults of the second sample. Following the letter of the law is not always the right and just thing to do.

Did those in the know at the city continue drinking this water? What caused this problem?

The public notice reads "the presence of these bacteria in drinking water, generally is a result of a problem with water treatment of the pipes which distribute the water." This statement makes no sense.

How are we going to correct this problem, and what management tools are going to be put in place to assure that this problem does not occur again?

City officials should have informed us of the situation as soon as possible so we, the citizens, could have made our own decisions concerning our health.

Vote on Saturday!  
Diane Koch Ward

### Information is misleading

Please correct information you printed about the Border Patrol Bash on May 17 at Fort Clark being "open to the public."

This is a status the Board of Directors uses to authorize entry of non-members onto the grounds without a guest list.

This event is not open to the general public and is for Border Patrol invited guests only.

Thank you for correcting this misleading information. We do apologize for the misunderstanding.

William F. Haenn  
General Manager

### Local boy returns home

Friends and citizens of Brackettville:

Seven months ago, I moved to San Antonio thinking there was more to see and do in the big city. There is more to do and see in S.A., but the people are non-trusting and distant.

It took me seven months to figure out that you the people make Brackettville a warm and wonderful place to live.

I know, love and trust the people of Brackettville and that alone means more to me than a

hundred cities. I want to thank each and every one of you for the support and trust and overall good feelings you have shown me over the years.

Anyway, I have blown off the big city and returned home to Brackettville where I belong.

I am still in the air conditioning and heating business, so when you get hot give me a call.

Thank you Brackettville!  
Don Hood Jr.

Editor's note: See advertisement, Page 6.

## Letters to the Editor Policy

The Brackett News welcomes and encourages letters to the editor. The Editor reserves the right to edit all letters submitted for length, potentially libelous statements and accuracy of information. All letters must be signed and include a mailing address and phone number for verification purposes. Letters published and columnist's viewpoints do not necessarily reflect the editorial beliefs of this newspaper.

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## Sheriff's Report

**Saturday, April 26**  
3:28 p.m., An anonymous caller reported loud music near Thomas Street and Fort Street. Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter responded to the call and told the individuals to turn the music down.

7:12 p.m., An anonymous caller said that a grey Monte Carlo was speeding in front of the school on Ann Street. The dispatcher notified Deputy Sheriff Adrian Pena.

7:18 p.m., An anonymous caller reported loud music on Thomas Street. Similar complaints were reported at 10:15 p.m. and 12:10 a.m. Deputy Pena re-

sponded to the calls.

**Sunday, April 27**  
3:53 p.m., An unidentified female motorist reported a weaving vehicle approximately 14 miles west of Brackettville. She said the vehicle, a 1970s model station wagon, kept going off of the road. The Department of Public Safety was notified of the complaint.

**Monday, April 28**  
2:15 a.m., Jesus Gerado Perez, 24, of Jacksonville, Texas, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Vito La Gioia on outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants. Perez paid a fine and was released the same day.

## Community Calendar

**Thursday, May 1**  
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.  
6:30 p.m., The Brackettville Lions Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

**Sunday, May 4**  
12:00 p.m., The Knights of Columbus meet at Parish Hall.

**Monday, May 5**  
1:00 p.m., The Fort Clarks Springs Art Club meets at the Art Studio on Fort Clark Springs.  
5:30 p.m., The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees meets in regular session.

6:15 p.m., The Fort Clark Springs Old Quarry Society meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

**Tuesday, May 6**  
7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

**Wednesday, May 7**  
7:00 p.m., The Brackett Band Booster Club meets at the Band Hall.

**Thursday, May 8**  
10:00 a.m., The Mountain Laurel Garden Club meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

6:30 p.m., The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets at Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

**Saturday, May 10**  
10:00 a.m., The Fort Clark Springs Community Council meets at Shafter Hall on Fort Clark Springs.

**Monday, May 12**  
9:00 a.m., The Kinney County Commissioners Court meets at the County Courthouse on Ann Street.

**Tuesday, May 13**  
6:00 p.m., The Brackettville City Council meets at City Hall on West Spring Street.

7:00 p.m., The Las Moras Masonic Lodge No. 444 meets at Lodge Hall on Ann Street.

7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

**Thursday, May 15**  
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

6:30 p.m., The Brackettville Lions Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

**Saturday, May 17**  
10:00 a.m., The Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors meets at the Board Room on Fort Clark Springs.

## Corey's modeling career looking great

Heather Corey, the daughter of Robert and Charolette Corey returned this weekend from the Mike Beaty Modeling and Talent Expo in Dallas, with success in receiving three "call backs." These "call backs" were agents from Japan, Chadz of Atlanta, Georgia, and McDonald/Foster of New York, which plans to open a sister company in Dallas this fall.

Of these three, Chadz looks very promising for modeling work during the summer and the McDonald/Foster Agency appears to be most definite for the fall.

Mr. McDonald was very impressed and complimentary of Heather's photographs, behavior, poise on the runway and her natural beauty.

Heather is looking forward to

working in the Dallas area in the fall, after graduating from Brackett High School. She plans to move to Crowley, Texas, to attend J.S.M.I., a school where she will learn to practice foreign missions.

Heather has been attending the Lari Nelson School of Modeling for four years. She has also been on the Plaza del Sol Fashion Board for three years. She has attended many workshops under Kristy Traylor of the Calliope Model & Talent Agency.

Heather was the hostess at the Callie Awards in San Antonio and at the opening of the Cinema 8 Theater in Del Rio.

She had been Miss Holiday All American Beauty Queen and Miss All American National Beauty Queen.

## Accident sends one to hospital

**FORT CLARK SPRINGS** - One woman was hospitalized after a two-vehicle accident Friday morning.

Kinney County EMS transported Katherine Henson, 77, of Killeen, to Val Verde Memorial Hospital for precautionary measures.

Henson's husband, James, 80, was driving a 1996 Flair 254 motor home when he struck a 1994 Peterbilt tractor truck at the intersection of Scales and Warbonnet. Officials said it was raining at the time of the accident.

The truck was driven by 30-year-old San Antonio resident

Lefate Owens Jr., who works for Hall's Trucking and Excavation.

Owens was travelling west on Scales and Henson was travelling south on Warbonnet.

Henson failed to stop at a stop sign and made an unsafe turn going east on Scales.

The tractor truck struck Henson's motor home in the left-back quarter panel, sending the vehicle in a 180 degree angle.

The motor home came to a resting point off the road facing north, wedged between the tractor truck and a telephone pole.

The accident occurred on private property, so no citations were issued.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF PROPOSED Bank Merger

Notice is hereby given that The First State Bank, Brackettville, Texas has made application to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Washington, D.C. 20429, for its consent to merge with the Del Rio Bank & Trust Company, Del Rio, Texas. This notice is published pursuant to Section 18(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office at 1910 Pacific Avenue, Suite 1900, Dallas, Texas 75201 before processing of the application has been completed. Processing will be completed no earlier than the 30th day following the first required publication. The period may be extended by the regional director for good cause. The nonconfidential portion of the application file is available for inspection within one day following the request for such file. It may be inspected in the Corporation's regional office during regular business hours. Photocopies of information in the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request. A schedule of charges for such copies can be obtained from the regional office.

It is contemplated that all of the offices of the above-named banks will continue to be operated with no exceptions.

April 10, 1997

First State Bank  
102 North St. Brackettville, Texas

Del Rio Bank & Trust Company  
1200 Avenue F, Del Rio, Texas

## FREE BBQ

Wes Robinson  
and

J.J. Guidry


invite the Citizens of Brackettville to a FREE pre-election barbecue Friday May 2, 1997, 5-7pm at Shahan Park, located on Ann Street, next to the Nutrition Center.

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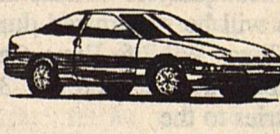


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**Smoke From Nakai**  
By Nakai Breen



When I was very young and we went to a family gathering, to a public party or Pow Wow, the way we cleaned the area or premises after the celebration, was the master of ceremony or host would give each child a paper sack, then he would tell the children to gather up every and anything that they saw. The child that brought the fullest sack would receive a prize. The children were called bunnies. So when every body left the grounds the place was spick and span.

It originated from this legend. The elders and the story tellers said that an old man was traveling with a group of people and he became ill. The old man decided to stay behind. Soon night fell and he got weaker and he started to

sing his death chant. All the forest brothers heard the elder and came out to see what was going on. The little rabbits felt so sad to see the old grandfather there. They asked him what was wrong. The old man told them that he was too weak and old to keep up with the rest. So, the rabbits got together to see what they could do. One of them said lets get together and start running all over the place and lets start picking up everything we see and lets bring it to the elder. He knows what to do with it.

So it was from that day on that the children clean the place before they leave and are called bunnies, scampering here and fro.

Touch someone.  
Nakai

**But, I could be wrong**

By Chuck Hall



**Don't let any one change you**

One of my students remarked that you shouldn't let anyone or anything change you. I couldn't help but disagree with her. I feel like we should let everyone we meet change us. I am a product of all that I was born with plus all I have been exposed to. Quite true, part of our experience has been an exposure to some negative people. But we can turn that contact into a positive effect if we try. We can let the bumps on life's road help us appreciate the smooth times. My late father-in-law often told me "it's the bad times that make the good times good." He would relate that returning from fishing trips empty handed made you appreciate the more fruitful ones. "If you catch all the fish you want everytime you go fishing, it'll get pretty old real quick." He was right. He was right about a lot of things. I should have listened more. I should have paid more attention to a lot of things from a lot of people. But I could be wrong.

**Pete's Sake**

The wealthy industrialist, advanced in age and with weakened eyesight, determined to go elk hunting. He had never done so, and it was a life long ambition.

He took along a group of his assistants and associates.

Aware of his infirmities, he used a shotgun loaded with fine shot instead of the usual rifle, thinking it would cause only minor damage if he shot in the wrong direction.

On the hunt, as a joke, one of his assistants turned up wearing a sign on his back, printed in large black letters: I AM NOT AN ELK.

Later in the day, the industrialist fired his gun, only to hear a smothered curse from his assistant, who had been harmlessly peppered with the misdirected shot.

"Say, Boss," he called, "didn't you see this sign on my back?"

"Oh!" the old man sighed. "I beg your pardon, I thought it said I AM AN ELK!"

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**Green and Growing**

By Dr. Ellen Henke

John Deere Lawn & Garden Expert

**Braving the jungle**

When shopping for yard care equipment, it can feel like you're braving a jungle. With so many products on the market, it's hard to decide where to start. But to tame the jungle of your yard, you'll need four essential "finishing" tools.

An edger will give your lawn a neat, straight border along walkways and driveways and around flower beds.

Trimmers will cut down tufts of grass in the hard to reach areas and tight spaces around trees and bushes, under the edges of decks and around flower beds.

A brushcutter will cut tall, unkempt grass and thicker, heavier weeds in meadows and rough areas.

And a blower will clear the mess out of the way once you're done.

When shopping for edgers and trimmers, look for equipment that's easy to start and easy to use. There are two options for edgers, walk behind and hand-held. Hand-held edgers offer a lightweight option and added maneuverability.

Look for a trimmer that's comfortable to use and fits your needs. The handle should fit comfortably in your hand and should minimize vibration.

The texture of the handle is important to ensure that the trimmer doesn't slip.

If you have a larger yard with lots of tight spaces around decks, fences and shrubbery, look for a straight shaft trimmer which allows you to get into tighter spaces. Straight shaft trimmers also tend to be a little longer and are more

comfortable for most people to use.

Homeowners with yards backing up to woods or hobby gardeners interested in cultivating colorful meadows of wildflowers should consider a brushcutter-capable trimmer. Brushcutters can tackle everything from thick, non-woody plants to 3-inch saplings, depending on the blade you choose.

And if you have lots of wide areas to trim (such as drainage ditches), purchase a trimmer with a larger cutting swath (width of area the trimmer will cut).

The right blower can make lawn cleanup a breeze. Look for a powerful, hand-held blower that easily converts into a vacuum.

Use your blower to blow grass clippings back into the lawn. This will provide a nutrient-rich boost to the soil. Also, vacuum leaves to be placed in a natural area.

Make sure that your blower is lightweight, weighing in at around 10 pounds.

If you want a manicured look, but don't want to maintain and store four different machines, consider an expandable unit with multiple tools to save time, money and space.

A few manufacturers produce trimmers that convert into blowers, edgers and brushcutters so that all of your jungle's challenges can be met with one product. And for ease of maneuverability, purchase products that are gas-powered so that the extension cord won't get in your way.

Make braving the jungle a tamer task by purchasing the right equipment.

**Daughters of the American Revolution**

Major Gena Miles, head nurse of a care unit at Brooks Army Medical Center in San Antonio, was guest speaker on April 19 at the regular meeting of Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Major Miles, a native of Louisiana, told of the development of a career that already has taken her on assignment as far as Saudia Arabia and Iraq for six months during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. She joined the Army because it provided her the opportunity she needed to attend college and has been on active duty as a registered nurse for eleven years.

When Miles explained how she

balances her work as a staff officer with her time at home with two young children, she said "I am able to handle all of this only because I have a very supportive husband, who also has a military background."

The DAR meeting was held at the home of chapter regent Becky Danchak in Pearsall, with 21 members and guests present. During, the business meeting, Pat McKelvy of Brackettville was appointed Historical Chairman.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, at the Holiday Inn in Uvalde.

Anyone interested in becoming a prospective member is invited to attend.

**Bridge Anyone**

By Joyce Bell

The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met April 15. The club was playing the Mitchell Movement.

The winners in the north south direction were; In first place Fred and Nita Clayton. In second place Mona Miller and Rozetta Pingenot. Vern and Betty Ebert were in third place.

In the east and west direction tied for first place was Blake and Jeanette Hinton and Alice Seargeant and Joyce Bell. Third place winners were Mary Edgar and Diane Daniels.

Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club met April 22, 1997. The Club was playing the Howell Movement.

The winners were; in first place: Flo Stafford and Joan Lindley. Second place was Alice Seargeant and Joyce Bell. And in third place Vern and Betty Ebert.

**Fort Clark Golf**

Ladies Golf League

April 22-In the "on the side" skins game Fern Dyer won 4 points, Gwen Ladd and Betty Lee each won 3 points, Pat Nelson and Norma Reivitt each won 2 points and Mary Stephenson won 1 point.

Chip-ins were won by Betty Lee and Margo Kendrick. The game of the day was Low Putts with Fern Dyer being the winner with 28 putts. Nell Darling was second with 30 putts. Third was a tie between Betty Inman, Margo Kenrick and Pat Nelson with 31.

Couples Golf

April 24- In the game of "Target Golf" the team of Williamson and Dennis/Beaty won first with 64. Second place was Waddill and Stephenson/Smith with 65. Third place was Hinton and Green with 66. Fourth place was a three way tie between the teams of Nelson and Turner; Gilliland and Stephens; Schlatterer/Eckroth and Darling. Sixth place was McCord and Kendrick.

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**Texas Wildlife Expo '97 contest**

By Henry Lutz

Kinney County Game Warden

Texas students have the chance to compete for one of 15 lifetime combination hunting and fishing licenses as winners of the Texas Wildlife Expo '97 poster, essay and poetry contest. "Touch the Great Outdoors" is the theme for this year's event. Entry forms for this year's contest were mailed to schools in March. Deadline for entering the contest is June 1.

The poster contest is open to students in kindergarten through sixth grade and must be on stan-

dard-size poster board (approximately 22 inches by 28 inches) and be in any medium.

Students in grades seven through 12 are eligible to enter the essay contest.

Essays must be 500-1,000 words.

The poetry contest is open for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

Poems must be 50-500 words. In addition to the lifetime hunting and fishing license, winners will receive the Texas Wildlife Viewing Guide and a one-year subscription to Texas Parks and Wildlife magazine. The total value of each prize is more than \$1,000.

One entry (either poster, essay or poetry) per individual may be submitted. Winners must be Texas residents. Winning poem and essay entries will be published statewide; winning posters will be exhibited at the 1997 Texas Wildlife Expo. All winning entries are posted on the TPWD internet site.

Texas Wildlife Expo '97 is scheduled for October 4-5 at TPWD headquarters in Austin. Winners will be recognized during the Texas Wildlife Expo Celebrity Banquet on October 3. Mail entries to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Wildlife Expo '97 Contest, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin Texas 78744.

For more information or entry forms, call 1-800-792-1112 or (512) 389-4472. Children can also contact their school principal for an entry form.

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# School Board to meet on Monday

The Brackett School Board will meet a week early this month, on Monday, May 5, at 5:30 p.m.

We are scheduled for a hearing in Austin on Monday, May 12, to appeal use of state property values for budgetary purposes. State values are assigned to districts when the differences in local values and state guidelines are more than 5 percent.

We are going to Austin hoping to win. If we can win the appeal, it is worth \$250,000 to our school district.

**Drinking and Driving**  
As BISD winds down the school year, we must become

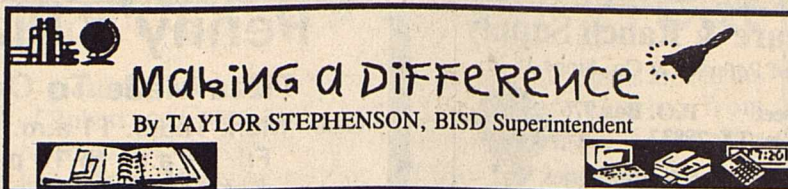
more cognizant of car accidents caused by folks who are in too much of a hurry.

Several times in this column, I have talked about our young ones drinking and driving. It's a season to get concerned!

I can't think of anything worse than hurt kids because of drinking and driving.

I hope that the school, law enforcement and particularly parents will work together on this problem.

San Antonio lost one of its best students this past week. It can happen here. Don't let it!



**TAAS Testing**  
The Texas Assessment of Academic Skills is a tough test. This week, we gave the test in reading and math to students in grades 3 through 8.

The thinking required to answer questions goes beyond rote memorization. Our teachers and kids have worked hard to learn the skills. I know that they have done well.

We had a really neat TAAS Rally Monday afternoon. Susan Harrison, Reney Finkenbinder and Mary Petrosky were clowns. TAAS Man, Coach Rok, was there entertaining.

There were inspiration speeches encouraging students to do their best. A brass trio of Hector Jimenez, Art Finkenbinder and myself played college marches. The faculty did the "Chicken Dance."

Windy Goodloe read a poem. Lindy LaMascus was our mistress of ceremony. The cheerleaders led the cheers.

It was a fun afternoon where the entire school and faculty participated.

**Bright Spots**  
One of the bright spots in the school year is Hector Jimenez. He has taken over as conductor of the Tiger Band.

Hector has a full time job as fifth grade teacher, but he also loves the trombone and loves music.

The Tiger Band has its spring concert scheduled for May 15, on a Thursday evening, at the school auditorium. The Tigers are working hard. Come listen. You'll be impressed!

Another bright spot is new teacher Michelle Gonsoulin. Her award-winning play will be presented at a dinner theatre tomorrow night.

A great meal is planned, followed by the production of "Midnight Caller." Call Brackett High School for information on this dinner theatre.

**Playoff Hopes**  
Our baseball team hosts Natalia tomorrow in a crucial district game. The Tigers are fighting for a playoff berth. I believe this team will be champions. Come support them! Have a great week!



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY J.J. GUIDRY  
A brass trio of Taylor Stephenson (from left), Art Finkenbinder and Hector Jimenez perform at Monday's TAAS Rally.

## Honor Roll

- High School**  
All A Honor Roll
- **Twelfth grade:** Naiya Garcia, Courtney Harrison.
  - **Eleventh grade:** J. Wayne Ballew, Caleb Crumley, Katy Hagler, Christina Meek, Amanda Mulvaine, Samantha Perez.
  - **Ninth grade:** Alexandra Arreola, Laura Lee Ballew, James Burks, Zachry Davis.
- A&B Honor Roll**
- **Twelfth grade:** Miguel Aguirre, Amy Bader, Josh Crumley, Francisca Garza, Ramon Gonzalez, Sandra Hernandez, Bonnie Hughes, Lindy LaMascus, Daniel Lincoln, Amanda Meek, Jessica Payne, Christina Reschman, Melissa Terrazas.
  - **Eleventh grade:** Elizabeth Aguirre, Jose Gonzalez, Windy Goodloe, JoLee Jones, Lionel Ramos, Alfredo Rodriguez.
- **Tenth grade:** Hilda Aguirre, Colby Crosby, Mayra Fuentes, David Honstein, Jessica Jaso, Jose Perez, Amanda Petrosky, Brent Smith, Aaron Taylor, Graciela Terrazas.
- **Ninth grade:** Jamie Bader, Jessica DeLeon, Jania Finkenbinder, Steven Hagler, Daniel Hernandez, Jerritt Meeks, Donald Page, LaToya Wright.
- Middle School**  
All A Honor Roll
- **Eighth grade:** Schiller Hill, Sam Hunt.
  - **Seventh grade:** Lee Davis, Susannah Davis, Levi Duncan, Duquesa Hunt.
  - **Sixth grade:** Maria Martinez.
- A&B Honor Roll**
- **Eighth grade:** April Crumley, Kayla Cruz, Carissa De Los Santos, Heather Martin, Savannah Massingill, Chris

- Petrosky, Brittany Shewbart, Vanessa Terrazas.
  - **Seventh grade:** Fabian Farias, Erica Gloria, Stephanie Gomez, Migdalia Gonzalez, Candice Ingram, Michelle Kiser, Rudy Ramirez, Isela Ramon, Maria Ramos, Juan Rivas, Brandi Wilson.
  - **Sixth grade:** Jake Bostick, Amanda Cruz, Jared Hobbs, Jael Johnson, Megan McWilliams.
- Elementary**  
Honor Roll
- **Fifth grade:** Beth Ballew, Katherine Cowan, Amanda Davis, Dietrich Davis, Nancy Hill, Allison LaMascus, Emily Petrosky, Arnold Pinales, Ashley Smith.
  - **Fourth grade:** Tillman Davis, Jackie Duncan, Sara Farias, Courtney Frerich, Jared Grubbs, Whitney Hobbs, Whitney Massingill, Kristen Meyer, Divina
- Pena, Oscar Sierra, Celina Terrazas, Valerie Terrazas, Vanessa Williams.
  - **Third grade:** Dana Bonner, Miles Braesicke, Ashley Castillo, Jacquelyn Conoly, Tommy Garcia, Cassandra Gomez, Mandy Harris, Liliana Hernandez, Mason McWilliams, Tanya Molinar, Travis Nowlin, Yasmin Pena, Kaylynn Perez, Megan Reinhold, Victoria Resendez, Isabel Rivas, Justin Sanders, Soraida Talamantes, Johnny Waddell.
  - **Second grade:** Adan Aguirre, Dolores Cano, Stanford Conoly, Clint Conrad, Robert Davis, Cesar DeLeon, Allison Delbosque, Alonso Delgado, Cullen Duncan, Joaquin Fernandez, Seth Frerich, Sharon Moore, Israel Muniz, Austin Shewbart, Jessica Siegel, Michael Stephenson.

**DECLARATION OF ORDER TO CANCEL ELECTION**

Whereby, the Brackett Board of Trustees declares an order to cancel the May 3, 1997 election due to unopposed challenge of candidates:

Tim Ward  
Rose Mary Slubar

The Brackett Board of Trustees hereby declare the said election closed and said above candidates to be elected to full terms for which they applied.

Motion By Darlene Shahan.  
Second By Lloyd Lee Davis.

Motion unanimous.

Approved By: Jimmy Bader. Board President, on this 7th day of April, 1997.

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<b>Breakfast Menu</b>	<b>Lunch Menu</b>
<b>Friday, May 2</b> Turkey/Cheese Breakfast Sand. Fruit or Fruit Juice	<b>Friday, May 2</b> Rotini W/Meat Sauce Choice of Veggie/Roll Fruit Cobbler
<b>Monday, May 5</b> Holiday	<b>Monday, May 5</b> Holiday
<b>Tuesday, May 6</b> Cheese Toast Fruit or Fruit Juice	<b>Tuesday, May 6</b> Pizza Wedge/Veggie Salad Dressing/Fruit
<b>Wednesday, May 7</b> Pancakes/Syrup Fruit or Fruit Juice	<b>Wednesday, May 7</b> Hamburger/Burger Salad Oven Fries Fruited Jello
<b>Thursday, May 8</b> French Toast/Syrup Fruit or Fruit Juice	<b>Thursday, May 8</b> Nachos W/Meat & Cheese Spanish Rice/Pinto Beans Fruit

## Free water screening

The members of the Brackettville High School Science Club are conducting a free water screening.

The screening is intended to be used by people who have water sources other than the City of Brackettville or Fort Clark Springs; these sources are routinely tested by state law.

The following tests will be included in the screening: pH, total chlorine, free chlorine, total hardness (as CaCO3), total alkalinity, nitrate, nitrite, and enteric bacteria.

These tests are intended to be a primary screening, and they will be carried out by the Science Club

members as a service to the community.

If you are interested in having a well sample screened, contact one of the following students: Katy Hagler, Chica Garza, Michelle Robbins, Windy Goodloe, Amanda Meek, Alfred Rodriguez, Susie Hernandez or Caleb Crumley.

The students will take your water sample and perform the screening tests for you at no charge. A written report will then be sent to you with the results.

These tests are by no means conclusive; they are only designed to be screening tests. The tests can be done on any school day before May 14.



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY J.J. GUIDRY  
The Tiger mascot makes it safely under the limbo bar at Monday's TAAS Rally as cheerleaders Jennifer Ashabranner, left, and Gracie Terrazas, right, and senior Beau Smallwood look on.

## SPORTS

### Briefs ... Moses takes fifth at regionals

#### Perez finishes fourth

SAN MARCOS - Brackett junior Samantha Perez brought home a fourth place finish from the Region IV-2A track meet Saturday.

Perez was clocked at 12:44.80, which gave her fourth place in the 3,200-meter run.

#### Netters come up short

SAN MARCOS - The Brackett tennis team came up short at regionals.

In boys' doubles, Patrick Melancon and Lionel Ramos lost their first match to Bruggman and Lamar of Academy, 6-0, 6-0.

In girls' singles, Windy Goodloe lost to Premont's Yvette Garcia. 6-0, 6-2.



Members of the Brackett golf team are Jeff Luna (from left), Nat Terrazas, Alex Moses Jr., Chad Neuman, Aaron Taylor and Jennifer Ashabranner.

Brackettville's Alex Moses Jr. tied for fifth place out of 79 golfers at the regional meet last week in San Marcos.

The Tigers golf team won the district title to advance to regionals, where they placed sixth out of 16 teams.

Chad Neuman won first medalist honors at district and Moses was third. Jennifer Ashabranner won second in the girls' division.

Also during the golf season, Moses won first at the Brackett Invitational and second at the Boerne Invitational.

Ashabranner was second at the Brackett Invitational, and Neuman won first at the Bandera Invitational.

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1 Seasonal song  
6 "Wee is me!"  
10 Burst of energy  
14 Shouts  
19 Blessed sound?  
20 Composer Bartok  
21 Shampoo ingredient  
22 Lawford or Lupus  
23 Bara of the silents  
24 Forest females  
25 Gin flavoring  
26 Tabriz native  
27 Circus barker  
28 Boxing flurry?  
31 Sedan school  
33 "Star Trek" journal  
34 Essential  
35 Wears  
37 Fiction genre  
39 Pabulum variety  
40 The end?  
43 "Buddies"  
44 Cookout debris?  
47 European capital  
48 Pocahontas' hubby

49 Black piano key  
50 Pressure  
52 Take on  
53 Chou En-  
54 Flu, quantity  
56 Trattoria treat  
57 Coup d'etat  
59 Board  
61 Nephrologists' org.  
62 - volente  
63 Bad hair day?  
67 Make, as a profit  
70 Start to paint  
72 "La vista"  
73 Carpentry tools  
76 Circus prop  
79 Rock star  
80 Skater  
81 Babilonia  
82 Book before  
83 He may be taxing  
85 University of Maine site  
87 Time and again  
88 Guys' counterparts  
89 Attila's horde?  
92 Stains  
93 Is for two  
94 Comprehend  
95 Teach on the

side  
4 Dog-show entries?  
5 Mauna - suffix  
6 Pop star  
7 Director  
8 Baldwin of  
9 "The Shadow"  
9 Cumberbund or obi  
10 Dispose of deceptively  
11 Poor reasoning  
12 Error  
13 Trickle  
14 Upright relative  
15 Conductor  
16 A Four  
17 Monsieur  
18 Speaker of baseball  
28 - vivant  
29 "Untouchable" Ness  
30 Order of the czar  
32 Sky streakers  
35 Like a cobra  
36 Slanting  
37 Form of coverage: abbr.

38 Initials for Jefferson Davis  
39 Mitch Miller's instrument  
40 Memphis ditty  
41 Job opening  
42 Non-stereo  
43 Nail type  
44 Vineyard name  
45 "Birth - Nation"  
46 Word form for "eye"  
47 Salon stock?  
51 Tachometer meas.  
54 "Puppy Love" singer  
55 Army off.  
58 Heidi's hangout  
59 Ritz  
60 Sternward  
61 - see it... in the slide (affiliation)  
65 H.S. exam  
66 Small combos  
68 Sheena  
69 Nest noises  
71 "A Living"  
74 Fear  
75 Without  
76 Adventure story

77 Godunov, e.g.  
78 Tropical spot  
79 Search for truffles  
80 - de force  
81 Sothorn or Sheridan  
84 Fortify  
85 "It's not my cup -"  
86 Greek letter  
90 Reresses  
91 Unwanted one  
94 Jackson or Farrell  
96 -  
97 Miserables  
99 What trumpets do  
100 Car bomb?  
101 Settled a debt  
102 Chip off  
61 - see it... in the slide (affiliation)  
103 Rind  
104 Label number  
105 Recruit-to-be  
106 Want under of song  
107 Arboreal item  
109 Like Narcissus  
110 Punta del -  
111 Showstopper  
115 Ewe said it!

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

Cake mix  
Camera  
Cash  
Coffee

Confusion  
Dislike  
Feedback  
Gratification

Need  
Oatmeal  
Potatoes  
Powdered milk

Results  
Success  
Tea

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)  
You'll find something you like in a mail-order catalog while browsing this week. Avoid petty bickering with a family member later in the week. In romance, it's best to keep your feet on the ground.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20)  
You probably won't be in the mood for large get-togethers this week, as socializing isn't in the stars. Intimate tête-à-têtes will suit you fine. A business proposition is not what it appears to be.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)  
A spur-of-the-moment shopping expedition could lead to an exciting purchase for the home. A business proposition may have strings attached, so tread lightly. Exercise good judgment.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)  
You'll be receiving some helpful information from a business associate this week. However, you may feel that a child or a romantic interest is not giving you the full story. Get to the bottom of this.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22)  
It's a good week to shop for yourself. Buy something that will make you feel good and bolster your flagging morale. A friend may seem demanding. Guard against fuzzy thinking this weekend.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22)  
You may not be in the mood to handle a work project this week. Interesting news comes from someone who lives at a distance. A weekend concern may have you a bit bewildered.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22)  
Impatience could mar work efforts this week. Slow down and do a good, thorough job. Avoid disputes about career concerns. You'll treasure extra time for yourself this weekend.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21)  
Partners make decisions this week involving the use of joint assets. Guard against overspending on pleasure later in the week. You could feel someone is not telling you the truth.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21)  
A friend entrusts you with a confidence, but later in the week, you could encounter some misinformation. You'll want to spend some time now on completing an unfinished task.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19)  
Be willing to ask for help if you need it this week regarding a do-it-yourself project. Not everything is clear this week about a job concern. A relative may get on your nerves.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18)  
You may find a work project tedious or difficult this week. A co-worker could extend you a weekend social invitation. It's best to be clear-headed where romance is concerned.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20)  
You'll be socializing this week with family members. Extra expenses may arise in connection with travel. A domestic concern seems a bit confusing this weekend.

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**HOCUS-FOCUS**

FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Shrubbery is shorter. 2. Shirt is shorter. 3. Color is different. 4. Fence is shorter. 5. Cap is reversed. 6. Ear is different.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

May 1	Rosemary Abrigo	May 4	James Conrad
May 1	Sammy Smith	May 5	Tom Faulkenberry
May 1	Dorothy Nelson	May 5	Eleanor Frerich
May 2	Robert Tucker	May 5	Johnny Smith
May 2	Lawrence Salazar	May 5	Sandy Wills
May 4	Sapopo Castillo	May 7	Gloria Jimenez
May 4	Cubie Kurtz		

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

There are many needs we note as a nation. Some of the truly basic needs however are seldom named or considered. One of the greatest needs is the need for convictions. America has been so conditioned to tolerance many people do not have any real convictions. The lack of real convictions leads to lenient treatment of criminals so the number increases. The lack of real convictions about homosexuality leads to TV shows prating about "coming out." Lack of convictions leads to bland acceptance of politicians of shameless character being elected even to the highest office in the U.S. It has become anathema to be dogmatic about right. When I go to a doctor I want him to be dogmatic. When I ride in an airplane I want the pilot to be dogmatic. When I'm right I make no apology for being dogmatic. America needs a conviction of faithfulness. To be wishy washy, wavering and weak-kneed approves corruption and wrong. America needs a deep conviction of our need for Jesus Christ. The fact that Jesus Christ and following Him is the very best way of life is incontrovertible. Tolerance

of Anti God idiocy leads to trying to prevent the 10 commandments being displayed in a court room. Tolerance by the Clinton administration has lead to persecution, torture and death of more Christians last year, simply because they were followers of Jesus Christ than have been killed in all the wars since and including World War I. Our present government wants to prosecute some Serbs as war criminals but still wants to cozy up to China and Muslim nations who methodically and irrationally slay Christians. This is tolerance gone berserk. The greatest simple need of America is for all the people to be steeped in doctrine and disciplined by the teachings of Jesus Christ. We need a doctrine to believe, a dynamic to burn for the right and the discipline to behave. There will be a special day at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday. The Lord's Supper will be served at the close of worship and this will be followed by a Fellowship Luncheon. All who miss this will miss special blessings from the Lord. Come and see.

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Praise the Lord!  
As ye have, therefore, received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him,  
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Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.  
And ye are complete in him who is the head of all principality and

power;  
In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;  
Buried with him in baptism, in which also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead; Praise God. Colossians 2:6-12.  
There is preaching ever night at 7 p.m. May 1-4. Everyone is welcome.  
Come feast with us in the Lord the table is set.

**Gateway Ministries**  
Pastor Charolette Corey

Jehovah Shalom, Jehovah meaning God and Shalom, meaning "peace", reveals to us a part of God's nature. It is that part that reaches out to us and desires reconciliation with us. God is the original "Bridge Builder" as when he planned from before the fall of Adam to send his son, Jesus Christ, to die and be resurrected, that we may be reconciled to God. This bridge was built with the blood of Jesus Christ. You cannot reach the Father unless you "walk through the blood of Jesus" that cleanses you from all unrighteousness, all sin.  
Romans 15:33 refers to "God our Peace." As the Peace of God enters our life, we become a whole person.  
2 Thess. 3:16 refers to Jesus as "the Lord of Peace." James 4:8

says, "Draw nigh to god and he will draw nigh to you." An example of this is shown when placing two drops of water in close proximity to each other. The structure and energy found within each of the drops causes them to lean towards each other until suddenly, in the blink of an eye, they become one drop, made whole again by the strength and nature of the molecules and energy found in the water.  
Just like the water, seek peace and it shall be found, pursue peace and you shall become one with it, making you a "whole" person. Walk "through the blood of Jesus," cross His bridge, and be reconciled to Jehovah Shalom, "God, who is your peace."  
Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

**First United Methodist Church**  
Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

Some people will do just about anything to get people to come to church.  
We at First Methodist are some of those people. We believe that almost any reason for coming to church is a good one. Furthermore, we believe that what is more important than what brought you there is what happens when you get there. We hope what happens is that you hear and feel that God loves you and so do we.  
We did something different last Sunday and the people came! We gathered in the spirit of an old time camp meeting, sang gospel songs to two accordions, and some of us came dressed in pioneer attire. Our guest preacher, Susanna Wesley, the mother of John and Charles Wesley, told us about Jesus Christ's commissioning his followers to tell others of God's great love for them. After the ser-

vice, we had a wonderful time feasting together. The cool inclement weather altered our plans a little, but we refused to let it dampen our spirit!  
Of course we are by no means the only people to do something unusual in an effort to communicate the gospel. Many others before us have done so. In fact, the trend was started by Jesus himself. He did something really different. He did something no one else has done for you. He died to show you how much God loves you. And that's the real reason any of us goes to church, to be reminded we're loved and to say thank you.  
If you're not already part of a church, God's waiting, and the doors at First Methodist are open. We hope to see you there.  
(This Sunday, however, the regular pastor will be back and it will be worship as usual.)

**Obituaries**

**Juan Garza**

Juan Garza, age 86, passed away April 25, at his residence in Brackettville, Texas. He was born June 17, 1910 in San Angelo, Texas.  
He is preceded in death by his wife, Concepcion R. Garza and Son's: Enrique, Ricardo and Juan Garza, Jr.  
He is survived by the following: Son's and Daughter-in-laws; Arturo and Nestora Towers of Denver, Colorado, Raymundo Garza, Manuel Garza and wife Juanita, Frank Garza and wife Helen, all of Brackettville. He is survived by Daughter and Son-in-Law: Enriqueta Gonzales and Husband Armando Sr. of Brackettville, TX.  
He is also survived by 42 grandchildren and numerous

Great-Grandchildren.  
Visitation was Sunday, April 27, and Monday, April 28, at his home 416 Spring in Brackettville, Texas. A rosary was recited both nights at his home. Mass was held Tuesday, April 29, 1997 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Brackettville, with Rev. James Cashin, officiating. Burial followed at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Del Rio Funeral Home, 200 E. Garfield St., dba Brackettville, Funeral Home 114 North St.  
Pallbearers were Jesus Garza, Jr. Jose Garza, Margarito Garza, Joe Manuel Garza, Armondo Gonzales, Jr. Manuel Garza, Jr. and Kermit Gomez.



The Methodist Church celebrated their heritage. At the top: Elise Huntsman, Cubie Kurtz, Martha Eaton, Sheree Harris as Susannah Wesley, Evelyn Barr, Emet Huntsman, Betty Inman & Jill Woodson. Below: Emet Huntsman and Sheree Harris.



**Rumaldo Martinez**

Mr. Rumaldo Martinez, age 82, passed away, Monday, April 28, 1997.  
He was at the Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas.  
Mr. Martinez was born February 7, 1915 in Brackettville.  
He was a lifelong resident of Brackettville and proudly served in the United States Army during World War II in Italy.  
Survivors include his wife Anita R. Martinez of Brackettville

and four children, Jesus Martinez of Brackettville; Maria Thelma Green of San Antonio; Teresita Martinez of North Miami Beach, Florida; Anna Martinez of Boynton Beach, Florida.  
He also had numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.  
The graveside service was Wednesday, April 30, at the County Cemetery with Father Cashin officiating.

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"The Pastor's Pen"

For many, our "do it yourself" attitude as a culture is a good positive thing. Self-help books, tapes, programs, and groups abound. Some are helpful but when they cause us to lose sight of God's redemptive actions in the world and our lives, then do it yourself techniques may do more harm than good.  
The Psalmist in Psalm 112:6 said, "For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remem-

bered forever." he was unafraid to sing God's faithfulness. It is not weakness or unthinking dependence to acknowledge God's help. Abraham trusted in God to lead him. When following God's call he took off for a new home with no map or directions. He trusted God's promise to lead.  
The Bible gives vivid testimony that God's faithfulness is great and those who trust in Him never regret it.

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By Joe Townsend

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**DRIVERS-WE'RE TEAM** players, are you? Independent contractors or experienced teams: team freight; 95% "No Touch", top miles/top pay; paid twice weekly, call 1-800-553-CRST (2778). M-F, 7:30 to 4:30 central.

**HAROLD IVES TRUCKING** needs motivated individuals to enter our Training Program. Call 1-800-270-1676 for complete information. Now taking owner operators \$.81 empty/loaded call: 1-800-842-0853.

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**OTR TRUCK DRIVERS** wanted! Experienced or non-experienced - free training and 1st year income \$30K Stevens Transport 1-800-333-8595 EOE.

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**EMPLOYMENT**

**THE BRACKETT NEWS** is now accepting applications for the position of Advertising Salesperson. Must be self motivated, people person with good communication skills and have own vehicle. Come by the Brackett News office to apply.

**FULL TIME SECRETARIAL/technician** position open. Must be computer literate, dependable, and have basic office management skills. Send resume to P.O. Box 707, Brackettville, TX. 78832-0188.

**EMPLOYMENT**

**POSITION AVAILABLE HEAD VOLLEYBALL COACH/TEACHER**  
Position to be filled for 1997/1998 school year.  
Location: Brackett High School  
Job Description:  
Salary \$1,200. per sport/varsity level, pay ten extra days, partial insurance.

Application Procedures:  
Applications will be accepted until position is filled.  
Applications are available at the Brackett ISD Central Office or may be requested by contacting:  
Roy Rokovich,  
Athletic Director  
Brackett Independent School District

P.O. Box 586 - 400 Ann Street  
Brackettville, TX 78832  
(210) 563-2491, ext. 190  
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**POSITION AVAILABLE BAND DIRECTOR**  
Position to be filled for 1997/1998 school year.  
Job Description:  
Salary state based plus \$1,000 & increments.

Application Procedures:  
Applications will be accepted until position is filled.  
Applications are available at the Brackett ISD Central Office or may be requested by contacting:  
Taylor Stephenson  
Brackett Independent School District

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Brackettville, TX 78832  
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**POSITION AVAILABLE VARSITY FOOTBALL**  
Position to be filled for 1997/1998 school year.  
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Will assist in football and track. Teach freshman Social Studies.  
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**NEED A TYPIST**-from 1 to 5 PM, five days a week, wages according to skills and production. Contact Charlie Ward, Box 787 or call 563-2626.

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\$\$\$BAD CREDIT? OVER due bills? You can consolidate your bills! Have one low monthly payment! Same day approval available! Call now! 1-800-366-9698, Extension 119.

...BEHIND ON BILLS?... Get immediate relief!...Free debt management/consolidation...reduced payments...lower interest. Stop collection calls...restore credit...non-profit bonded. CCCI toll free 1-888-455-2227.

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\$\$\$LUMP SUM CASH now \$\$ We buy your insurance settlement, annuity, mortgage notes, or farm contracts (PFC's) payments for cash! Quick closings. 1-800-338-5815, ext. 100.

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**FOR SALE**

**1ST. TIME HOMEBUYER** financing now available for a limited time. Qualify by phone 1-800-760-7711

**2ND CHANCE FINANCING!** Buy a repo single or doublewide, just like new, mobile homes. Reestablish your credit. For details call 1-800-760-7711.

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**NO PAYMENTS UNTIL JULY.** New 3 bedroom, 2 bath, Mobile Home with free washer and dryer, only \$187.00 mo. 10% down, 360 mo. loan, 9.0% APR Subject to increase. 1-800-756-7711.

**4 BEDROOM PALM HARBOR D/W** with storm windows \$364.00 mo. with 10% down, 10.25% APR, 360 mo. 1-800-756-7711.

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**CLEARANCE SALE,** 4 new mobile homes, terms to fit your budget. Qualify by phone. E-Z Terms. 1-800-756-7711.

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**HOW AND WHERE** anyone can buy like new repossessed vehicles for only pennies on the dollar! Not government seizure but actual repo's! 1-888-221-1711 toll-free.

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**WOLFF TANNING BEDS,** tan at home. Buy direct and save! Commercial/home units from \$199.00. Low monthly payments. Free color catalog. Call today 1-800-842-1310.

**GARAGE SALES**

**GARAGE SALE-SATURDAY** May 3, 103 Dawn Dr. Ft. Clark Springs-Furniture, luggage, golf clubs, 13" color t.v., clothes, area rug, lots of misc.

**NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE** at Unit 35 - 419 Walnut, Fort Clark Springs. May 3, 1997 - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**HEALTH**

**DIABETICS! (USING INSULIN)** medicare pays for your supplies. We bill them, ship to you. Save money. Satisfaction guaranteed. Liberty Medical. 1-800-748-1662. No HMO members. Mention AD-AA01.

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**LOST**

**LOST Photo Album** Ft. Clark Springs Wild Boar Hunt. If found contact 563-9103. Ruben Martinez.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**POOL CITY'S KAYAK Pools,** demo homesites wanted to display new maintenance free pool. Save thousands w/this unique opportunity! 100% financing...Call 1-800-338-9919.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**THE COMMUNITY SERVICES** Agency of Dimmit, La Salle, and Maverick Counties, (CSA), would like to inform the general public that it has received two contracts from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. One to implement the Department of Energy (DOE) Oil Overcharge Weatherization Assistance Program to weatherize 16 homes and one to implement the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Weatherization Assistance Program to weatherize 29 homes in the counties of Dimmit, La Salle, Edwards, Kinney, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala. The purpose of these programs is to weatherize homes to make them energy self-sufficient to reduce the cost of energy. The program is not a home repair program. Persons who are interested in applying for these programs may call the number in your area listed below and request an application or by contacting your local neighborhood center. You will need to complete a weatherization application and provide a copy of your billing history from your electric supplier and one from your gas supplier, and copies of check stubs for income verification of all persons over the age of 18 who live in your household. All applications must be fully completed before CSA will accept them. Once an application is considered complete, a representative from CSA will do an energy audit and assess the home to determine if it meets the energy audit requirements. If the home meets the energy audit requirements, the home may be weatherized. Otherwise, the home will be denied and the applicant will be notified in writing. The Community Services Agency of Dimmit, La Salle, and Maverick County is an equal opportunity program agency and does not discriminate against any person because of age, race, gender, veteran status, religion, political affiliation or disability. Any person who feels they have been discriminated against may contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, P.O. Box 13941, Austin, Texas, 78711-3941, or by calling 512-475-3800.

County	Telephone Number
La Salle	210-879-3604
Dimmit	210-876-2918
Uvalde	210-278-8288
Val Verde	210-774-8607
Edwards	210-683-6268
Zavala	210-374-2432
Kinney	210-563-2422
Real	210-597-2181

**REAL ESTATE**

**O'Rourke Realty**  
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210-563-2713  
F C S Memberships & Rentals Available

Want to buy 50 to 100 acres.

For Sale 2 RV lots in Unit 36. All utilities.

Fully furnished 3 bed, 2 baths mobile home. Excellent condition.

Duplex apartments one half furnished and ready for occupancy. Good rental property.

2 bed, 2 baths, beautiful home on golf course. Priced reduced.

**PETS**

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**REAL ESTATE**

**HOUSE FOR SALE IN SPOFFORD** approximately 3 acres \$25,000 cash or owner finance \$28,000. with \$10,000 down. 563-2965.

**HOUSE FOR SALE** Fireplace-jacuzzi-shop-R.V. shelter. #8 Bowlegs F.C.S. 563-2047.

**REWARD**

**REWARD FOR INFORMATION** leading to the location and return of the following: Two booklets inscribed to me, Charlie Ward, by my friend of old, Rev. Meeler Markham. "This Confident Faith" and three video cassettes, "Ireland." Please call me at 563-2626, or Box 787. These items are of sentimental value.

**REWARD!** offered for information regarding a set of Ping Golf clubs and a 22 hornet Rifle missing from Jack Whitworth's residence. Call 210-563-2756 or 210-563-2788. No Questions Asked.

**VACATION**

**DESTIN, FLORIDA. BEAUTIFUL** 1,2,&3 bedroom gulf-front units available from holiday isle to Seagrove Beach. Call Stewart Resorts Realty at 1-800-874-0162. www.stewartresorts.com.

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Established business in Brackettville. Proven successful. Records available to qualified interested parties. Excellent opportunity.  
Lovely 2 bedroom 2 bath condominium overlooking fairway on 18 hole golf course. Fully furnished. New appliances. Great for full time, part time or investment.  
5 to 20 acres. Electricity, tel. and several with availability of city water.  
341 acres - good well. 7 miles from Brackett.  
For rent; 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath furnished townhouse.  
For rent; Very nice 2 bedroom 2 bath mobile home in Unit 15.

**DEBBIE TRANT** LOCKHART REAL ESTATE  
210-563-2997/210-563-2007  
Price Slashed on nice 14'X 76' 3 bed mobile home in unit 15 with carport, fenced yard, storage sheds. Now \$22,000.  
19 commercial lots with Hwy 90 & Spring St. frontage offering metal shop on slab, office building, mobile home, wash facility & more!  
Ft. Clark lot in unit 27, starting at \$4,300; includes membership.

**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
The Texas Department of Transportation is accepting applications for the following position. Applications will be accepted during the posting dates only. **SPECIFY JOB LOCATION ON APPLICATION.**  
**Title: Summer Maintenance Tech.**  
TxDOT Job No.: 722 K503 733 (\$5.75 - 7.05 per hour)  
Posting Date: 04/14/97 - 05/12/97, 5:00p.m.  
Work Location: Laredo, Cotulla, Freer, Del Rio, Brackettville, Texas.  
**Minimum Requirements: Must be at least 17 years of age, a student in high school or other educational institution or have been accepted for enrollment in an educational institution.**  
Complete job vacancy notice and application information are available from your local Texas Workforce Commission offices. TxDOT district offices, TxDOT employment office in Austin or Internet home page <http://www.dot.state.tx.us>. Applicants may call 1-800-893-6848 to obtain information about these or additional job vacancy notices and application information. Applicants must submit completed applications. Resumes will be accepted for whatever additional information they contain, but not in place of a completed application. **FAXED APPLICATIONS ARE ONLY ACCEPTED FROM APPLICANTS RESIDING IN ANOTHER STATE. A HARD COPY MUST BE SENT IN ADDITION TO THE FAXED APPLICATION.** The TxDOT Laredo District Office Physical and Mailing address is: 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, TX 78043. Telephone (210) 712-7400. **An applicant needing an accommodation in order to apply for this job may call (210) 712-7425 or TTY (512) 416-2977.** Mailed applications must be postmarked one day prior to the end of the Posting Date.  
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Our ability to serve the health care needs of the 50,000 residents in Southwest Texas has grown so much, we've outgrown our name. We've completed a \$6 million expansion, increased our staff, and added many new resources. To better reflect what we can offer you, we've become Val Verde Regional Medical Center.

These changes allow us to provide services not previously available to this region. Such as a new Women's Health Center with labor and delivery, nursery, and at-risk care facilities; a Day Surgery Suite; an Outpatient Care Center; and a Primary Care Center. As a designated trauma center, we provide EMS ambulance service for the entire county. We are also

and dermatology, among other specialties, regularly see patients in our Outpatient Care Center. Our relationship with Methodist Healthcare System, San Antonio's leading health care provider, ensures that any specialized care you need will be given by local physicians and staff who have easy access to the Methodist Healthcare System, its resources, and affiliated physicians.

In addition, we have increased the regional medical services provided by specialists. Physicians practicing cardiology, ophthalmology

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Val Verde Regional Medical Center - dedicated to providing quality health care for Southwest Texas.

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