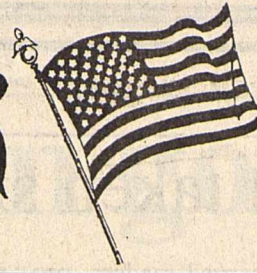


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Briefs ...

Breen Gallery to host wine and cheese party

The Brackett Art Council and Jewel Robinson, Breen Gallery proprietor, will jointly sponsor a wine and cheese party on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Breen Gallery is located at 107 W. Spring Street.

Bud Breen's paintings will be on display in the gallery. Breen is well known for his western art that depicts early life in Kinney County and Texas.

Visitors to the opening will be able to get first-hand information on the Art Council's Tour of Homes, which is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 14, from 2 to 5 p.m. The homes to be viewed will be listed for visitors at the Nov. 1 event.

Dispatchers complete communications study

Three dispatchers at the Kinney County Sheriff's Department recently completed a 40-hour course in basic telecommunications operations.

Sylvia Alvarado, Maria Martinez and Fernando Quiroz all completed the course, which was given at the Val Verde County Sheriff's Office.

Kinney County now has five certified dispatchers - Alvarado, Martinez, Quiroz, Alvin McClure and Jesse Garcia.

CPR course offered

The Amistad Chapter of the American Red Cross will be sponsoring a community CPR course on Saturday, Nov. 8.

The course will be held at the Val Verde Home Nurses conference room beginning at 8 a.m. The charge for the course is \$15.

The course will be instructed by Joseph Hulsebosch and Donald Trotochaud, volunteer instructors with American Red Cross, stationed at Laughlin Air Force Base Fire Station.

This class is limited to 15 students. Call 775-8626 or 298-5125 to register for the course.

Style show planned

A benefit luncheon and style show is planned for Nov. 8. The event is sponsored by the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce Tourist and Convention Department, the Del Rio News Herald and the Amistad Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The luncheon and style show (tearoom modeling) is scheduled from noon to 2 p.m. at Rich's Restaurant, located at 2211 Avenue F.



Dimple Henry, left, receives her flu shot from Phillip Lopez Jr., of San Antonio, representing the Texas Department of Health at the Thursday's Kinney County Health Fair, sponsored by the Brackettville Lions Club. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

County judge's trial postponed

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Kinney County Judge Tommy Seargeant was expected to go to court Monday to face charges dealing with theft and misappropriation of highway guard rails, but the case was delayed because of a civil trial.

Officials were hopeful the civil trial would be settled out of court, but that did not happen.

"A new trial date will have to be set," District Attorney Tom Lee said.

The new trial date for Seargeant's case will be set after the completion of the civil trial, which officials hope will conclude by the end of this week.

Seargeant and County Commissioner Joe Montalvo were indicted by the grand jury in July and were arrested on charges of abuse of official capacity.

"It has to do with some guard rails that came into the possession of the county and then ended up on the private property of Mr. Montalvo," Lee said.

District Judge George M. Thurmond ruled that the two county officials would be tried separately, at the request of Seargeant's attorney, Robert T. Bass of Austin.

Montalvo, who is represented by Rogelio F. Munoz of Uvalde, will be tried after Seargeant.

"I don't think Seargeant's trial will be very lengthy," Lee said. "I think it will be fairly quick."

Seargeant was suspended with pay by the State Commission of Judicial Conduct shortly after being indicted. He is in his 11th year as county judge, serving in three stretches going back to 1971.

Herb Senne was appointed acting county judge by the Kinney County Commissioners Court during Seargeant's suspension.

Voters to decide fate of 14 constitutional amendments

The early voting turnout has increased over the last week in Kinney County for the Nov. 4 election that has 14 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution, according to County Clerk Dora Sandoval.

As of Wednesday afternoon, Sandoval said 48 citizens had voted early.

"The turnout has picked up in the last week and I'm very happy about that," she said. "We encourage everyone to come out and vote. It's very important that they vote."

Sandoval said that sample ballots were available in the clerk's office at the County Courthouse for anyone who wanted to review the propositions.

Early voting began Monday, Oct. 20, and will end tomorrow. Registered voters can cast their ballots before election day at the Clerk's Office in the Courthouse, from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m.

Polling sites, which will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for Tuesday's election, include: Slaton Hall, Precinct 1; High

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Texas constitutional amendments

The following are the proposed constitutional amendments included on the statewide ballot for the Nov. 4 election:

- Proposition 1 would allow municipal judges in small communities to hold office in more than one city.
- Proposition 2 would enable the legislature to limit the maximum average annual increase in homestead appraisal valuations to 10 percent or more for each year since the most recent tax appraisal.
- Proposition 3 would allow local governments to grant exemptions or other relief from property taxes on lands where water conservation initiatives have been implemented.
- Proposition 4 would eliminate duplicate numbering in and certain obsolete provisions of the constitution.
- Proposition 5 would allow the Texas Supreme Court to meet outside Austin.
- Proposition 6 would repeal a provision of the Texas growth Fund restricting investment in companies that fail to disclose investments in South Africa or Namibia.
- Proposition 7 would allow the Texas Water Development Board to transfer existing bond authorizations from one category of use to another category to maximize the use of existing funds and relating to more efficient operation of the bond programs.
- Proposition 8 would expand the type of liens for home equity loans that a lender, with the homeowners' consent, may place against a homestead.
- Proposition 9 would allow the legislature to authorize an ad valorem tax rate in rural fire prevention districts located in Harris County.
- Proposition 10 designates the purposes for which money in the compensation to victims of crime fund and the compensation to victims of crime auxiliary fund may be used.
- Proposition 11 would limit the amount of state debt payable from the general fund revenue.
- Proposition 12 would establish a deadline for supreme court action on a motion for rehearing.
- Proposition 13 would encourage persons to plan and save for young Texans' college education, establishing the Texas Tomorrow Fund as a constitutionally protected trust fund.
- Proposition 14 would allow the legislature to prescribe the qualifications of constables.

Sauer passes away at 98

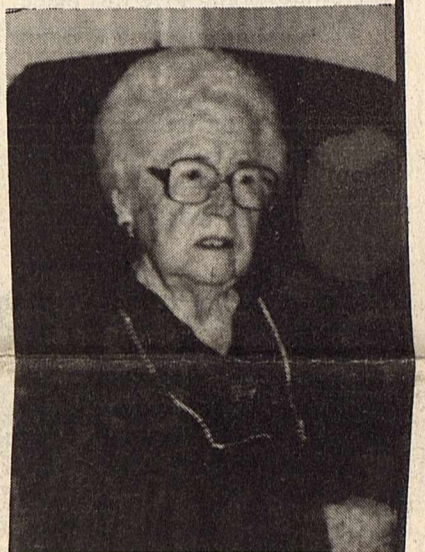
Kinney County lost one of its pioneers Sunday as Else Sauer passed away. She was 98.

Sauer, who was born at the Fort Clark Hospital on Oct. 1, 1899, was a school teacher for 55 years, including 51 years in Brackettville.

Sauer attended school at South West Texas Teachers College in San Marcos where she attained a bachelor's degree in 1938.

She received her master's degree in 1943 from the University of Texas. She also studied at Columbia University in New York City, Peabody Teachers College in Nashville, Tenn., and Teachers College in Greeley, Colo.

Sauer is survived by three nieces, Ernestine Lopez of Redwood City, Calif., and Anna Legg and Elise Huntsman, both of Brackettville; and a cousin,



ELSE SAUER

Shirley Muennink of Hondo.

Memorial services were held for Sauer on Wednesday at the St. Andrews Episcopal Church with Rev. Nathan Lafrenz officiating.

Band gets 'good' rating

HONDO - The Brackett Fighting Tiger Band received a good rating at District Marching Contest last Saturday.

The band received a Division III rating, which is defined as "good."

The band is under the guid-

ance of directors Hector Jimenez and Roxanne Gonzalez and drum major Windy Goodloe.

"I think the band did very well," Jimenez said. "They looked very comfortable and very confident."

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Brackettville celebrates World Youth Day

By Laura Farias
Contributing Writer

On Sunday, Fort Clark Springs was the site of World Youth Day, a celebration of the Catholic faith as witnessed by the over 600 young Catholics from Brackettville and the surrounding eight counties.

The beautiful, sunny, yet blustery, day began when Archbishop Patrick Flores arrived via the KMOL-TV 4 helicopter at approximately 10:30 am on the Jones Elementary playground.

The crowd cheered and waved their multicolored banners that displayed parish names and towns. Young and old alike could feel the

excitement and amazing thrill of knowing that our town was chosen to host one of the most respected and prominent, not to mention gracious, Hispanic Catholic leaders in the nation.

As Archbishop Flores walked towards the modest podium that was situated at the back entrance of the school, everyone was drawn to him, wanting to stand next to him and hopefully shake his hand.

Two members of the local law enforcement department assisted him up the stairs of the aluminum stand.

He then proceeded to talk to the crowd, addressing the young and urging them to always remem-

ber that their value is a fact because they are all children of God-period.

He then urged them that they have a responsibility to respect themselves to respect babies, and finally to respect the elderly who sometimes are afraid of teenagers because they are sometimes unable to protect themselves.

He was then presented with a rosary on behalf of the Uvalde deanery and asked to please pray for everyone in this area, especially the young.

The crowd was then asked to stand in front of the helicopter with the archbishop for one final panoramic shot for the KMOL camera.

A very short 30 minutes after he had arrived, the honorable Archbishop Flores was again airborne, and heading for the next celebration on behalf of Catholic youth.

The day was just beginning for the 600 local participants. With sheriff's escort, a team of SWTJC students lead a procession down Ann Street and recited the rosary,

a series of prayers to the Virgin Mary that help the faithful to remember various times in Jesus, her son's life.

To see Brackettville students leading the procession, solemnly praying for all to witness was a gift in itself and verified the power of a dream that our children, everyone's children, have a wonderful future ahead of them.

As the group arrived at Rendezvous Park, a day filled with activities, music and group discussion began. The focus of the day was on the present and the future of the Catholic church in each of the communities represented.

The need for a change in attitude was identified. Adults need to give more attention to the needs of the youngest in their communities, and the students need to take their responsibilities and opportunities to initiate change more seriously.

Communities in this area need students to take the initiative and dare to come forth as both community leaders and spiritual leaders who are not afraid to proclaim

their faith.

After a full day of sharing, the 600 people, representing 18 churches, celebrated Mass together under the oaks on a brisk and beautiful day. Father Alex Steinmiller from San Antonio officiated. His primary message was also a challenge to everyone to help anyone that has given up on life or stopped his or her journey for one reason or another.

He spoke of the blind, homeless man on the side of the road that called out to Jesus to help him, and Jesus' answer was for him to get up and see and follow. We are all called to help each other to see; and then we have a responsibility to lead them towards a better life filled with goodness and love.

Needless to say, World Youth Day was a much-needed event in the lives of the participants and in the future of our communities.

Our youth spent Saturday cleaning and mowing the county cemetery. Brackett has many dedicated young people willing to make our community a better place to live.



Brackettville celebrated World Youth Day on Sunday

Editorial

Newspaper has not taken sides on issue

The Brackett News has not written any articles criticizing the Fort Clark Springs' Board of Directors.

The newspaper has, however, published many letters to the edi-

tor from concerned readers, pro and con, who are entitled to express their opinion, provided it is not libelous.

These letters have not and do not reflect the opinion of this

newspaper or its staff.

If The Brackett News' editorial board does choose to form an opinion regarding these matters, it will be expressed in the form of an editorial, as it should be.

Letters to the Editor

Negative comments are costly to the fort

Last Friday we saw off our guests from California, Bob and Flo Chancellor. After showing them around the Hill Country the first three days, we came home to beautiful Fort Clark Springs.

I had been bragging about our home here in Texas to them since we moved. They were very impressed with the beauty and the people.

We learned that this was a scouting trip as they are retiring in four months, and also looking for a winter home for their friends in Wyoming.

When we got home and I picked up the mail I made sure to hide the newspaper from them so they wouldn't see the negative editorials, and have that overshadow all the positives we were giving them.

By the time they were ready to leave, they were sold on this as the place to come back to, and kept saying how their friends in Wyoming would love this place.

Then it happened — on the way to spend our last day and night in San Antonio I stopped by the post office to get our mail.

I handed it to my wife in the back seat, and Flo said, "Oh, is that your local newspaper? Let me see."

I cringed as she read some of the paper out loud so Bob could hear.

Then she came to the two negative editorials, and I bit my lip as she read them. It was total embarrassment, and when she finished they were quiet.

Bob said finally, "Gee, sounds like this place is in some real trouble, maybe we should wait our decision making, and make a phone call to our Wyoming friends."

I told them that there have been some decision making on the Fort that has upset some people, and three or four vent their anger through the newspaper, but it is not as bad as it sounds. I mentioned that everywhere you go you will find negative stuff.

That didn't change their minds, that our Fort Clark Springs was about to go bankrupt.

I was totally embarrassed. After a week of positive attitude, it was all shot down.

I don't know what the real goal is of you folks that write all these negative articles, unless it is to discourage new folks from considering moving here.

If that is part of your goal, then congratulations, because you are doing a real fine job.

If this is not your goal, then I

suggest that you take a step back and look down at your feet. I think you will find that you are shooting yourself in the foot, and causing a bigger negative effect than maybe even you intended to do.

We had a large number of folks last week from S.M.A.R.T. at our R.V. park, and I wonder how many picked up a paper and changed their minds on this wonderful place in Texas.

I always pick up the local newspaper when we are traveling to get a pulse on the place we are visiting.

When we came down to check out Fort Clark Springs over two and a half years ago, I picked up the local Brackett News and it looked like a real nice place from the feel of the articles.

I know that if it would have had the articles like was in last week, I would have felt just like Bob, and decided to look elsewhere, or at least done some serious checking the place out before making that big decision in our life, of selling out and moving here.

I may agree with some of the gripes and concerns that have been expressed, but I have enough pride also that I wouldn't give myself the chance for "Total Embarrassment" in chasing others away.

Jack Schram

Give new managers a chance to do well

I had a blood test done by National Bio-Tech Laboratory thru my chiropractor, who was able to tell from that test which foods I was allergic to and what kind of vitamins and minerals I needed to correct what I was lacking.

The chiropractor told me that I was a very sick lady and would need plenty of prayers to heal everything that many years of surgeries and drugs had done to me.

After only six months, she told me that I had made a great deal of improvement, but that some things would never be the way I would like them to be.

In this cruel world, with the foods we get to eat, we just have to expect some things to go wrong. A couple of months ago, I got food poisoning from something I ate at a pot luck dinner.

I think that we are going to get good nutritional meals served by

the new cook and manager at Las Moras Restaurant, but now I'm already hearing complaints about prices going up.

My son's favorite comment is "Mom, you get what you pay for."

Let's get behind the new crew and give them a chance to do well. It's such a beautiful place, people should be able to enjoy a good meal without driving many miles.

Rosalie Boysen

Fort Clark Springs, a great place to live

I would like to address the letters from various persons about all that is wrong at Fort Clark.

You name me any corporation, business large or small, family or single person that does not have from time to time problems to work out.

Granted, there has been some problems at Fort Clark — many have been worked out, others will crop up in the future as with any corporation.

However, this is one of the best places on this earth to live. The people are great, and we have a beautiful place here at Fort Clark.

We also have a front gate that comes in and goes out.

I would suggest those who are so unhappy use the out gate and close it behind you. No one is forcing you to stay here, and I for one am sick of your negative blabber about Fort Clark.

Mary Barton Sivertsen

Where is the association's money going?

Where is our money going? Do you know Fort Clark Springs pays over \$220,000 to Smith Security — almost one quarter of a million dollars per year? There is not one law they can enforce.

Where is our money going? Do you know Fort Clark Springs pays over \$25,000 to keep an airport, an airport that most of the time has only one airplane out there. That Fort Clark Springs paid \$18,000 dollars for damages

done to an airplane out there?

Where is our money going? Do you know the Golf Course had over \$29,000 profit under Bob Slate? That in August 1997 it lost over \$9,000 and that in September 1997 it lost \$9,625.31? That is almost \$20,000 in two months.

Where is our money? The Las Moras Restaurant lost \$66,535.54 this year. It was losing \$6,000 to \$7,000 per month. This last month it lost \$14,159.93.

Where is our money going? Do you know Fort Clark Springs lost \$11,016.01 in facility rentals? Do you know Fort Clark Springs lost 200 members in 1997?

Where are our members going? I want one member of the board to say this is unfounded. There are only two things wrong with this Board — what they say and what they do.

Telling it like it is, Roger Perez

Board has made misleading statements

I will criticize the Board of Directors of Fort Clark Springs Association for their misguided operation of the association until such time as they conduct the affairs of the association in an open and responsible manner.

The only people who have made false and misleading statements to the membership have been the Board of Directors.

You stated in the Oct. 23 edition of The Brackett News: "The board has been open with respect to the operation of the association and the financial aspect of the same."

The membership is not aware

of being informed on any subject of concern to them, i.e. property values. Now is the right time for some details.

If you are open and truthful about financial aspects of the association, why did you report a deliberate false financial statement ending Sept. 30, 1997?

The board reported an operating loss of \$79,161.34 for the month of September 1997. The loss was \$179,163.83 for September. You reported a year-end loss of \$4,490.24. The actual loss was \$105,092.75.

This is a flagrant violation in any corporation. Is this harass-

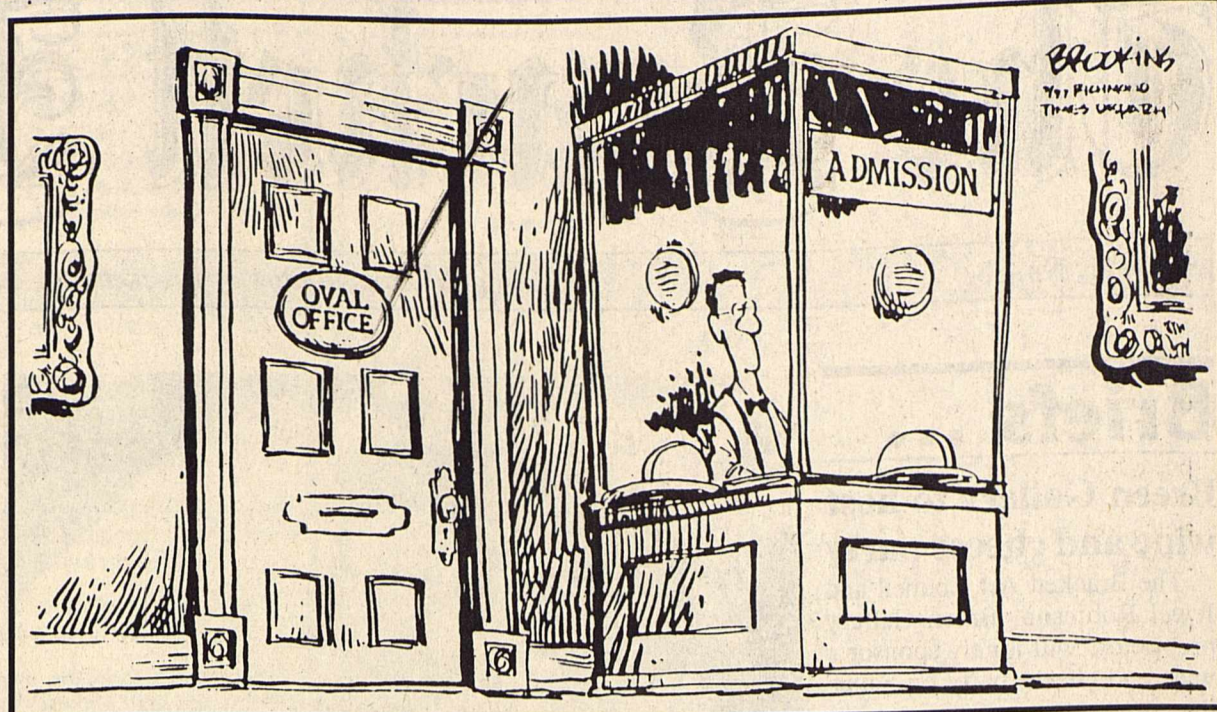
ment, badgering, or accusations of unfounded misdeeds of the Board of Directors?

The board had the opportunity to inform the membership of their accomplishments in the Sentinel, published as of Fall 1997 and mailed to all members in late October.

Evidently, you are ashamed of your management and the financial catastrophe you created the last five months.

Should the association pay for attorneys to defend the individual members of the Board of Directors for the above violations?

Arvel Baker



Does the Sheriff's Office always get what it wants?

These are salaries for the current fiscal year:
 County Judge\$22,152.06
 County Attorney\$24,744.85
 Justice of the Peace ...\$19,086.36
 County Treasurer\$16,978.14
 Sheriff\$25,923.10
 Chief Deputy Sheriff ..\$23,726.33
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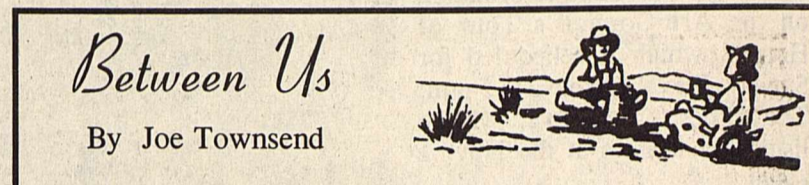
Do you see anything wrong here? If you don't, take another objective look.

There is absolutely no justification for paying the sheriff and his chief deputy more than any other county official. To pay each of them more than the county judge, and the sheriff more than the county attorney, is ridiculous.

For the sheriff to claim he needs a certain number of deputies and to get funds for them, and just weeks after the budget goes into effect to suddenly decide he doesn't need them but wants to keep the money to give to other employees is not surprising.

To admit he can't enlist enough deputies is surprising only in the admission. To blame his inability on higher pay elsewhere is a cop out.

I have never seen the sheriff announce the opening of a deputy



sheriff's position in the classifieds of the local newspaper.

Del Rio does not have to depend on Kinney County to qualify its officers. They qualify their own.

It's not surprising, but interesting to note that the former sheriff was always able to keep a staff, even when he did not have the responsibility of an agreement to police the town.

Kinney County had a former sheriff who regularly went to Commissioners Court to "amend the budget" to get more money for the Sheriff's Office. When he went to prison, this practice ended.

The new sheriff managed on what he had. Rather than buy new cars, as the present sheriff does, he saved the county thousands of dollars by buying used cars.

When he was ridden out of office by the DPS, one of their own (who by his own admission knew nothing about being sheriff) suddenly becomes the darling of the Commissioners Court. Appar-

ently, what the sheriff wants, the sheriff gets.

A number of county responsibilities are considerably underfunded because "we just don't have the money."

The library is badly underfunded. There's no money to operate the swimming pool. There is insufficient funds for the Nutrition Center.

Is it strange that the Sheriff's Department can raise salaries exorbitantly, buy new cars, and get anything it wants?

When the sheriff comes back and suddenly needs more deputies at the new high salaries, will the Commissioners Court suddenly find the money to accommodate?

I'm not opposed to paying a just salary for any person. I just think there needs to be an equitable consideration and a sensible consideration before honoring to the scam of any particular department.

IRS: An agency with an attitude

"When all is lost ask the IRS. They'll find something." — Doug Horton, humorist. In America, government is supposed to serve the people. This is our ideal, the essence of democracy.

But when the Senate Finance Committee conducted hearings recently looking into practices of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), we learned how far short of that ideal one of our government agencies has fallen.

A steady stream of citizens came forward to re-cite their Kafkaesque experiences. There was the woman who was hit with \$7,000 in back taxes stemming from a divorce, only to discover later that the amount had ballooned to \$16,000 while the IRS sent notices only to her former spouse.

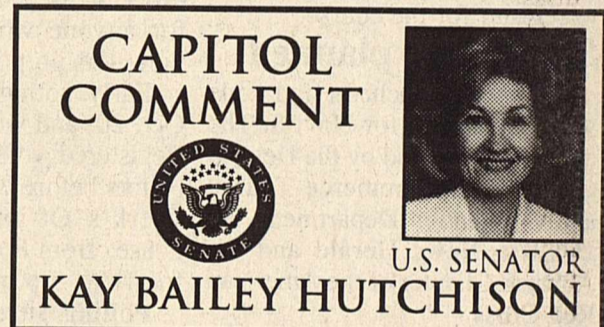
The committee also heard the sad tale of a contractor who was coerced into paying \$50,000 that the IRS assessed his company for taxes owed by a subcontractor.

Even high-ranking employees of the IRS came forward (at some risk to themselves and their careers), telling horror stories of how the agency pressures its employees to meet tax-collection quotas and promotes the use of methods which might be fairly characterized as intimidation.

The IRS has encouraged its agents to use liens and levies to collect unpaid taxes, and has promoted them based on the number of successful cases they conclude. As a result of such aggressive, not to say punitive, policies, nearly 42 percent of the \$13.2 billion in IRS penalties assessed last year were eliminated after taxpayers challenged them.

Last year, Congress enacted the Taxpayer Bill of Rights II. The measure improved the procedural rights of taxpayers in dealing with the IRS.

But given recent testimony, the agency's methods still need serious revamping. Congress must



demand accountability on the part of the IRS, and hold it to the same high standards the agency holds American taxpayers.

Responsible oversight is the best way to ensure that not only is the government meeting the needs of the people, but it is the surest way of letting the people know that they have influence over, and a strong voice in, their government.

No honest taxpayer should have to fear an audit. Americans should be confident the IRS will treat them with dignity and respect.

That said, it must be pointed out that many, many IRS employees work hard every day at what is a difficult and unpopular task. Rank-and-file IRS employees are not the villains in this case.

If the committee hearings made any one unarguable point, it is that our tax system is bewilderingly complex, subject to abuse and flunks the fairness test.

As a result of this complexity, many suspect that some among us are not paying their fair share. This attitude will not change until there is a major overhaul of the tax system that accomplishes the goals of simplicity and equity.

In the end, both our tax system and the agency responsible for its operation have to be made to truly serve the people.

Letters 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.

Big Mama Sez!

I'm saving that rocker for the day when I feel as old as I really am.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Voters play essential role in government

By Tony Garza Secretary of State

Here we go again. Another constitutional amendment election is coming up on Nov. 4.

Will we disappoint ourselves at the polls, like we did with the poor voter turnout in August with only 6.9 percent participation, the lowest for a Constitutional Amendment Election ever?

That dismal turnout should be a wake-up call for all of us.

Granted, voter turnout for constitutional amendment elections is historically bad. It generally hovers around 12 to 15 percent. And it's pretty pathetic when even a 15 percent turnout starts to look

good in comparison.

People do, however, take action when an issue affects them in a relevant way.

When horse racing was on the ballot in 1987, 30.6 percent turned out to vote. And 26.2 percent showed up at the polls in 1991 to decide on the Texas lottery.

Have you ever heard of someone refusing to buy a lottery ticket because "just one won't make a difference" the way people use the same excuse to stay away from the polls on election day?

The 14 proposed amendments on the Nov. 4 ballot are all relevant.

Among them are amendments that would allow homeowners to secure loans using the equity of their homes, to pave the way for tax relief for those who ini-

tiate water conservation measures on their property, and to constitutionally protect the Texas Tomorrow Fund prepaid college tuition fund to prevent it from going broke.

The right to vote, once a patriotic duty, has become as important to some people as a weekend chore that never seems to get done.

"Yeah, yeah. I'll do it, if I get around to it."

At a time when many already believe there are too many elections on too many issues, it's no wonder some people ask, "What's the point?"

But when it comes to the Texas Constitution, the "point" has been and always will be its role in shaping the very way

all Texans live today.

If you are concerned about how state government utilizes your tax dollars, your vote is crucial.

If you consider the economic future of you and your children a priority, your vote is significant.

Your vote allows our State Constitution to remain a living document. But it lives only if all Texans choose to play an active role in shaping it.

Yes, our State Constitution is rather lengthy, but in a sense that's part of the beauty of this grand old parchment.

Texans voting on amendments in 1997 play just as significant a role as those who took part in drafting it so many years ago.

Thanks to our State Constitution, we

remain forever linked to our proud Texas' past.

It is the people of the state of Texas who have always decided what goes in and what remains out of our Constitution.

It is the people of the state of Texas who must decide whether they will keep playing this essential role in our government.

Will we disappoint ourselves on Nov. 4? Let's not. Let's wake up and let our voices be heard on election day.

By combining your voice with many others, before long there will be a loud clamor that's hard to ignore.

Make your approval or disapproval clear where your voice still speaks loud-est - at the ballot box.

Proposition 13 would help Texas families make the dream of sending their children to college come true

By John Sharp Comptroller of Public Accounts

It's okay to help the middle-class every now and then.

That's the message underscored by Proposition 13 on next month's statewide ballot. And if voters agree, hard-working Texas families from one end of the state to the other will be able to rest a little easier, knowing that the savings they put aside today with the Texas Tomorrow Fund will still be there when their children walk out the door to begin their college careers.

Specifically, Proposition 13 offers Texas voters two ways to make the state's popular prepaid college tuition plan even better:

Make the fund an essential part of our Texas Constitution, so that future politicians won't be able to raid it for pet projects or other programs, forcing them to cut government

spending instead.

Build on the improvements state lawmakers passed earlier this year so that the fund may be invested in prudent, high-yield securities. A broader long-term investment portfolio will boost earnings and help the fund keep pace with rising tuition costs and required fees at Texas' colleges and universities.

This is good news for the more than 65,000 Texas families who have already joined the Texas Tomorrow Fund. But it's even better news for anyone who may be considering the plan during its current enrollment period, which opened on Oct. 14 and runs through April 1, 1998.

Last year, the costs of college tuition and required fees went up 16 percent from the year before, and they have gone up another 12 percent over that for the current semester. That makes the Texas Tomorrow Fund one of the best school bargains around.

For as little as \$92 a month, families can lock in the tomorrow's tuition costs today - and buy themselves a little peace of mind, too. There are not many investment strategies that can offer that.

The Legislature placed Proposition 13 on the Nov. 4 ballot at my urging. Now, I urge all Texas voters to signal their commitment to higher education by making the Texas Tomorrow Fund an essential part of the Texas Constitution.

Vote for Proposition 13 - after all, it's OK to help the middle-class every now and then.

And, by the way, if you want to see if this unique pay-now, learn-later plan might work for your family, give me a call, toll-free at 1-800-445-GRAD or visit the Comptroller's Window on State Government Web site at <http://www.window.state.tx.us> and follow the links to the college plan and payment option that best meets your needs.

Vote "no" on home equity lending

By Bob Stallman Texas Farm Bureau President

Throw enough money at an issue, and you can make even the worst idea sound as American as "mom and apple pie."

In the case of home-equity lending, it's disturbing to think that mom might end up losing her house and kitchen because of an idea that lenders say is in the best interest of Texans. The only thing being cooked here is a recipe for disaster.

On Nov. 4, Texas voters will decide whether to turn their back over 150 years of Texas heritage and allow expanded home-equity lending in their state.

The language on the constitutional amendment ballot is deceptively simple: "The amendment to the Texas Constitution expanding the types of liens for home equity loans that a lender, with the homeowner's consent, may place against a homestead."

Millions of dollars of advertising and message control have prompted this concept as a "property rights issue" for Texans. After all, we're the only state in the nation that does not allow this type of borrowing. In reality, if you want the loan, you'll use your home for collateral.

Look at the bottom line, as all lenders do, and you will see who's making the push and why.

A July survey by a Houston financial company estimates, if the proposition passes, the home-equity loan volume in Texas for the first two years will be \$17.9 billion. That's a staggering amount of money and new business for lenders.

The Wall Street Journal describes in an Aug. 20 article "the prospect of homeowners rushing to apply for loans has more lend-

ers licking their chops than running for cover."

Texas Farm Bureau has always been against weakening the homestead protections so prominent in our Texas Constitution. Supporters of the home-equity lending thought they had taken us out of the picture by taking agriculture "out of the bill."

Well, proponents couldn't even do that right. They left milk producers "in the bill" and vulnerable to home-equity loan pressures.

But even Texas farmers not engaged in milk production can still be sucked into home-equity lending.

The idea that signing this type of loan is strictly a voluntary decision is not true. I contend there will be instances when pressure from outside influences will force a person to sign the dotted line and put their home in jeopardy.

Let me give you an example: When a farmer and rancher seeks to secure an operating loan for that year, personal assets such as equipment, land and livestock are typically used as collateral.

If, in the lender's opinion, not enough collateral is available to secure the loan, other sources of collateral must be found.

Perhaps, the lender suggests a Certificate of Deposit. The presence of a CD, the producer is told, would qualify him or her for the loan.

If the farmer or rancher happens to reside in a house in town, as many do, apart from land designated for agriculture use, and there is more than 20 percent equity available in the home, then there's the solution for the problem. Equity in the home could be used to purchase the CD.

There are not stipulations in the November proposal as to how proceeds from a home-equity loan can

be applied. In this instance, the CD could then be utilized to secure the needed operating loan for the producer.

Surprised?

You shouldn't be. Such a scenario does not violate the proposal's prohibition against cross-collateralization or its exemption prohibiting agricultural homesteads from being eligible.

There are other factors that can influence one's decision to mortgage the home, and these factors impact all homeowners.

I've been told of instances in other states where a family member, perhaps a child or grandchild, tugs at the heartstrings of a parent or a grandparent in asking for help with a new business venture or idea. All that's needed is a little more money to get the business off the ground.

Bowing to the pressure of family loyalty and love, the parent or grandparent puts the value of their home to work.

A home-equity loan is made and the money is sent to the grateful family member, but through no fault of anyone except the business climate at the time, the business fails, and a home is lost.

It's not that difficult to imagine. It happens. And now we're told by the lenders that this idea's time has come for Texas.

Think about all of the homes that would have been subject to foreclosure in the mid-80s during the oil and real estate crisis if this type of lending had been allowed.

For over 150 years, the homestead protections built into the Texas Constitution has served the state and its people well. Now is not the time to rewrite Texas tradition and common-sense.

Vote "no" with me to defeat the home-equity lending proposal in November.

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The following are the polling sites for the Nov. 4 election:

Table with 2 columns: Precinct, Site. Rows include 1 Sator Hall, 2 BISD Auditorium, 3 Housing Authority, 4 Library Annex.

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION (ELECCION SOBRE ENMIENDAS A LA CONSTITUCION)

(Condado de) SAMPLE COUNTY, TEXAS NOVEMBER 4, 1997 (4 de noviembre de 1997)

SAMPLE BALLOT (BOLETA DE MUESTRA)

INSTRUCTION NOTE (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION): Place an "X" in the square beside the statement indicating the way you wish to vote. (Marque con una "X" el cuadro al lado de la frase que indica la manera en que quiere usted votar.)

Table with 3 columns: Question number, For/Against options, and English/Spanish descriptions of constitutional amendments.

Advertisement for The Breen Gallery Grand Re-Opening on Saturday November 1st, 1997, with a Wine and Cheese Party from 5 to 7 at 107 Spring Street.

Things are busy at BISD

This week is another busy one at BISD. The Fall Festival put on by parents, students and teachers primarily at Jones Elementary is being set up as I write this article.

It was a festive evening last year, and from the looks of things will be again. It takes lots of work and imagination to get the Festival going. But, it's fun for kids, parents and teachers.

Thanks to teachers, parents and community for your support of this evening of fun and fund raising.

The BHS Volleyball Team clinched district this past week. I can't say enough about the improvement that this team has shown this year. Congratulations. Best of luck as you approach the playoffs.

This week, will be out last home game for the BHS Football team. I hope you will be there to support them.

Our young people are working to get better and want to do things right.

Last week, was a tough evening. Sometimes, we have to move on and look ahead to the next competition. Good luck, we're betting on you Tigers.

Come support our football team, band and cheerleaders Friday night. The last game of the season will be at Dilley on Friday, Nov. 7.

What an outstanding Red Ribbon Rally that we had Monday. Susan Harrison, BHS counselor, is the organizer. She's a good one.

It was a rally that only a small town could hold with kids from Pre-K and Kindergarten all the way up through High School in attendance.

The gym was decorated with lots of ribbons, banners and signs

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

By Taylor Stephenson, BISD Superintendent

that proclaimed Drug Free! The Band and cheerleaders were there to help support the rally.

Katy Hagler, Student Council President did a fine job keeping the program moving.

Michael Meyer, Senior Class Secretary, talked about 10 ways to say no followed by Cherrise Ward, Student Council Vice President's message of it's all in the attitude.

Karen Crumley's Science Club is always innovative...and was again this year in "No, No, No, I don't Smoke Anymore."

J. Wayne Ballew, Senior Class President, gave a message about "Why Sports and Drugs Don't Mix."

Zachry Davis, Sophomore Class president talked about peer pressure and how to overcome it. The First Grade Classes did a Red Ribbon Chicken Dance.

Carissa De Los Santos; Freshman Class President told us about Kiki Camerana and why our rally was dedicated to Kiki's memory.

The Theater Arts Class of Mrs. Gonsoulin did a recap of a Saturday Night in Brackettville. Second grade Classes presented "That Nasty Stuff--Don't Do Drugs".

Fifth Grade Students talked about "Just Be Smart and Don't Ever Start." This was followed by a rap "Be Drug Free given by the fifth grade class.

Demetrius Williams, Senior Class VP, talked about Huffing Bringing you to the End of the Trail.

Mr. Hall's Speech Class did a Consequences Skit followed by a song and cheer by the Third Grade Classes.

Interspersed throughout the program were cheers from our excellent Middle School and High School Cheerleaders.

Colby Crosby, Jr. Class President, talked about Cigarettes being a Gateway Drug.

Sam Perez, BISD Advisory Committee Student, did a good job on a poem "Dead is Dead, Drive Sober."

Tina Meek, Sr. Class Treasurer and SC Secretary/Treasurer gave a good message about Drinking and Driving Not Mixing.

Fourth grade Students did a number that was a song/chant...Join Me--Drug Free!

presented students with the new laws on drinking and driving. He told of a no tolerance attitude on the part of the state in dealing with underage drinking and driving.

The new laws going into effect in January on possession of cigarettes by minors are tough and need to be understood by all.

The School has a new Code of Conduct required by the state that requires placement in the Alternative School for drinking on school property or at a school sponsored activity.

The program was a good one. The kids heard their student leaders speak strongly and loudly about staying off of drugs, alcohol and cigarettes.

They heard that if we want to be winners at BISD, we need to start by paying attention to this message. I'm always proud of our kids and teachers. This was no exception. Good luck in your pledge to be drug free! Have a great week.



Brackett Middle School cheerleaders Susannah Davis (from left), Davina Luna and Brandi Wilson entertain at Monday's Red Ribbon Rally. Brackett News Photo by Misty Herndon

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Wednesday, October 22
2:50 p.m., A Kinney County man reported that there had been a burglary at a residence on Shubach Lane. Border Patrol officials arrested four illegal aliens and recovered the stolen property.

10:13 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that someone was spot-lighting in his house. Deputy Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene.

Thursday, October 23
1:35 p.m., Juan Gilberto Lopez, 28, of Duran, Mexico, was arrested for possession of marijuana by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar. Lopez is being held in the Kinney County Jail on \$10,000 bond.

Friday, October 24
2:55 a.m., Del Rio Police Department officials reported that a blue full-size Chevy van was trying to make another vehicle on Highway 90 pull over

so they could take it over. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene, but was unable to locate the vehicles.

4:06 p.m., Del Rio Fire Department officials reported a fire across from A.J. Foyt's ranch, along the railroad tracks, on Highway 90. Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department officials were notified.

6:19 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that two dogs came at her and nearly bit her. City of Brackettville officials were notified.

Saturday, October 25
9:13 a.m., Hector Renterra, 33 of Del Rio, was arrested by Trooper Slubar for driving while license revoked. Renterra was released the same day after posting a \$1,000 bail bond.

2:50 p.m., John Anthony Cisneros, 30, of San Antonio, was arrested by Trooper Slubar for contributing to the delin-

quency of a minor. He was released the next day after posting a \$1,500 cash bond.

Sunday, October 26
2:30 a.m., Reuben James Talamantez, 26, of Brackettville, was arrested by Deputy Chism and DPS Trooper Tom Wylie for driving while intoxicated, first offense. He was released the next day on a \$750 personal recognizance bond.

7:38 p.m., Border Patrol Agent Ronnie Hobbs called asking about a break-in at a ranch on Highway 674, where between \$1,200 and \$1,500 in new \$100 bills was missing. Hobbs said he had four illegal aliens in custody with similar items on them. Three of the illegal aliens will be charged with burglary of a habitation. The other was released to the Border Patrol.

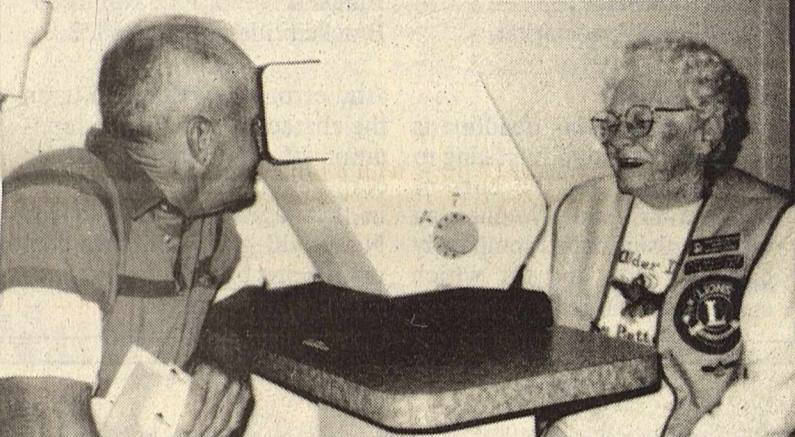
9:34 p.m., A Brackettville

woman reported a drunk man near the projects on El Paso Street. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.

11:05 p.m., A Brackettville man reported hearing gunfire near the Kinney County Wool and Mohair. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene, but could not find anyone.

Monday, October 27
1:16 p.m., A League City man reported loosing his cellular phone on a ranch in Kinney County the previous day.

Tuesday, October 28
3:30 a.m., Jorge Luis Hernandez, 29, and George Maldonado, 27, both of Del Rio, and 33-year-old Efrain Trevino of Mexico were arrested by Trooper Slubar at the Cline checkpoint for possession of marijuana, more than 5 and less than 50 pounds. All three are being held in the Kinney County Jail on \$10,000 bonds.



Local citizens were able to take advantage of the free eye testing provided by the Lions Clubs' Vision bus at the Health Fair.

Health Fair a success

The annual Kinney County Health Fair, sponsored by the Brackettville Lions Club, provided no or low cost health services to over 450 county citizens this past week.

Over 135 took advantage of the free glaucoma, vision and other eye testing provided by the Lions Clubs' Vision bus.

As usual the flu and pneumonia immunization area was heavily utilized as 368 citizens were "win-

terized."

Brackettville's own United Medical Centers clinics provided free screening for hearing problems, anemia and colon cancer.

Participants in this year's fair came from Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Brackettville and other towns. The Brackettville Lions Club gives a big "thank you" to all who took a day out of their busy professional lives to provide free healthcare services.

Thursday, October 30
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

Sunday, November 2
12:00 p.m., The Knights of Columbus meet at Parish Hall.

Monday, November 3
1:00 p.m., The Fort Springs Art Club meets at the Art Studio on Fort Clark Springs.

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

Tuesday, November 4
7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Wednesday, November 5
7:00 p.m., The Brackett Band Booster Club meets at the Band Hall.

Thursday, November 6
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, November 8
10:00 a.m., The Fort Clark Springs Community Council meets at Shafter Hall on Fort Clark Springs.

Monday, November 10
9:00 a.m., The Kinney County

Commissioners Court meets at the County Courthouse on Ann Street.

5:30 p.m., The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees meets in regular session.

Tuesday, November 11
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, November 13
9:30 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, November 15
10:00 a.m., The Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors meets at the Board Room on Fort Clark Springs.

Tuesday, November 18
7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Thursday, November 20
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, November 22
12:30 p.m., The Fort Clark Chapter of The Retired Officers Association (TROA) will have its monthly luncheon in the Cavalry Room at the Ramada Inn in Del Rio.

Monday, November 24
6:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Springs VFW meets at the Service Club on Fort Clark Springs.

Tuesday, November 25
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Tigerettes top Lady Bulldogs

The Brackett Tigerettes picked up their fourth straight win Tuesday, rallying for a 15-3, 13-15, 15-12 victory over the La Pryor Lady Bulldogs in non-district volleyball action.

"We played real well at times," Tigerettes coach Dusty Brotherton said.

It was the last regular season game for the Tigerettes, who have a 12-9 overall record. Brackett has already clinched the district title.

The Tigerettes will face the Lady Bulldogs again on Tuesday in La Pryor. The first serve is set for 5:30.

Brackett will open the playoffs with a bi-

district match on Nov. 6, 7 or 8. The Tigerettes will face the runner-up from District 30, which consists of Banquete, Benavides and Freer.

Jennifer Ashabranner paced Brackett's offense with nine kills against the Lady Bulldogs on Tuesday.

Lindsey Brotherton and Tina Meek both finished with seven kills, Katy Hagler converted on five, and Michelle Melancon and Hilda Aguirre added one apiece.

Brotherton had 21 assists in the match, Aguirre had two, and Hagler pitched in one. Hagler also had two blocks, and Ashabranner,

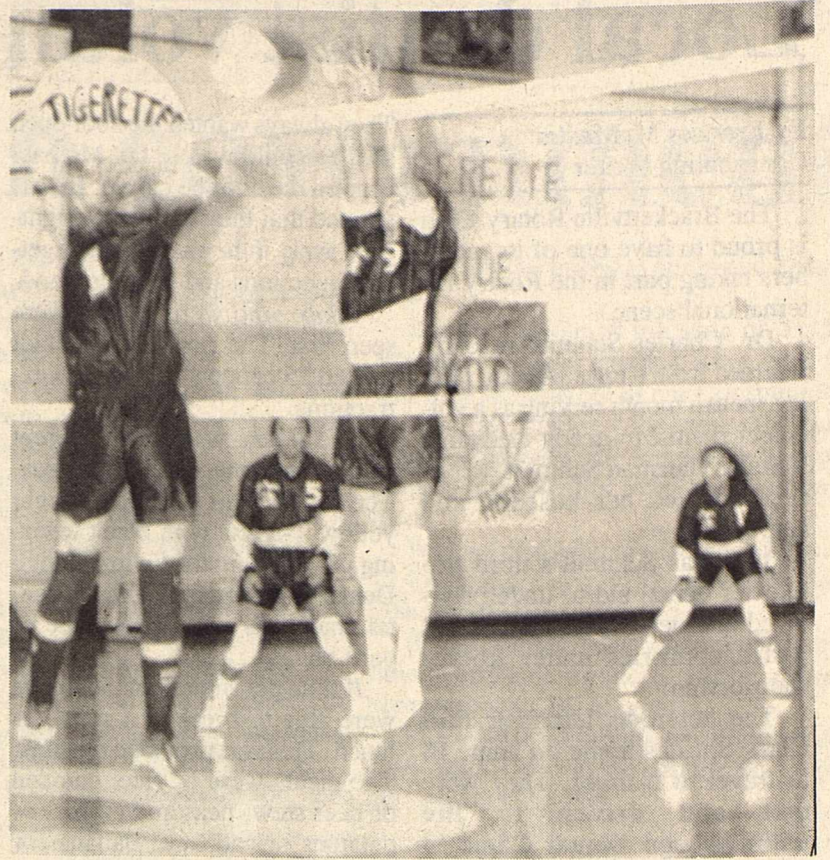
Brotherton and Meek all had one.

Aguirre led the defensive effort with 10 digs. Stephanie Terrazas picked up eight, and Hagler and Meek both had seven.

Melancon finished with four digs, Ashabranner and Patty Lopez each had three, Crystal Juarez chipped in three, and Brotherton and Erika Garcia each had one.

Meek served six aces, Brotherton, Hagler and Aguirre all had two, and Lopez had one.

Lopez came off the bench and was 9 of 9 serving. Brotherton also had a perfect game, going 13 for 13. Aguirre was 17 of 18.



Jennifer Ashabranner (1) led the Tigerettes with nine kills Tuesday as Brackett beat La Pryor. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Tigers host Mustangs tomorrow

Turnovers costly for Brackett in 69-13 loss to Comfort

The Brackett Tigers will host the Natalia Mustangs in their last home game of the season tomorrow night at 7:30 at Tiger Stadium.

Brackett and Natalia are both 1-7 on the season and 0-3 in the District 30-2A action. Comfort and Charlotte are leading the conference race with 3-0 marks.

Comfort were able to take advantage of six Brackett turnovers last week as the Bobcats topped the Tigers 69-13 at Altgelt Field.

Running back Derek Syfert paced the Bobcats with 152 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 152 carries.

Quarterback Kris Pressler rushed for a 10-yard touchdown, hit Chase Woerner on a 31-yard scoring strike, and returned a punt 41 yards for a score.

Kurt Wiedenfeld led Comfort's defense. He recovered four fumbles, one for a touchdown, made a tackle in the end zone for a safety, and recorded a sack.

Brackett's quarterback, J. Wayne Ballew, rushed for 85 yards on 16 carries. He was 4 of 16 passing for 44 yards.

Jacob Mann and Jose Gonzalez each had a 16-yard reception, and Demitreus Williams caught two passes for 12 yards.

Tigers-Bobcats game report

Bobcats 69, Tigers 13				
Brackett	7	6	0	0
Comfort	7	29	30	3

First Quarter

Brackett - Wes Baker 15 run (Jose Gonzalez kick), 7:45. Drive: 71 yards, 11 plays, 4:15. Key plays: Jacob Mann 16 pass from J. Wayne Ballew on 3rd-and-6, Baker 20 run to Bobcats' 18. Brackett 7, Comfort 0.

Comfort - Kurt Wiedenfeld recovered fumble in end zone (Gabriel Box kick), 4:30. Brackett 7, Comfort 7.

Second Quarter

Comfort - Kris Pressler 41 punt return (Gabriel Box kick), 11:09. Comfort 14, Brackett 7.

Comfort - Chase Woerner 31 pass from Kris Pressler (Gabriel Box kick), 10:39. Drive: 31 yards, 1 play, :08. Key play: Kurt Wiedenfeld recovered fumble at Tigers' 31. Comfort 21, Brackett 7.

Comfort - Derek Syfert 1 run (Gabriel Box kick), 8:56. Drive: 53 yards, 4 plays, :40. Key play: Pressler 20 run to Tigers' 1. Comfort 28, Brackett 7.

Comfort - Kurt Wiedenfeld tackled Brackett runner in end zone for safety, 6:08. Comfort 30, Brackett 7.

Comfort - Derek Syfert 3 run (kick failed), 2:47. Drive 45 yards, 9 plays, 3:07. Comfort 36, Brackett 7.

Brackett - J. Wayne Ballew 3 run (pass failed), :34. Drive: 57 yards, 7 plays, 2:13. Key plays: Ballew 22 and 14 runs. Comfort 36, Brackett 13.

Third Quarter

Comfort - Kris Pressler 10 run (James Allerkamp run), 9:05. Drive: 57 yards, 7 plays,

2:55. Key plays: Derek Syfert 24 run to Tigers' 21. Comfort 44, Brackett 13.

Comfort - Gary Boerner 23 run (run failed), 8:05. Drive: 23 yards, 1 play, :09. Key play: Kurt Wiedenfeld recovered fumble on Tigers; 23. Comfort 50, Brackett 13.

Comfort - Derek Syfert 5 run (Phillip Randle pass from Kris Pressler), :29. Drive: 69 yards, 10 plays, 3:40. Key plays: Brackett had three penalties for 25 yards. Comfort 58, Brackett 13.

Comfort - John Gunnink 25 interception return (Gary Boerner), :10. Comfort 66, Brackett 13.

Fourth Quarter

Comfort - Gabriel Box 25 field goal, 5:47. Drive: 54 yards, 8 plays, 5:35. Key play: Chase Woerner 11 run on 3rd-and-11 to Tigers' 9. Comfort 69, Brackett 13.

TEAM STATISTICS

	BT	CB
FIRST DOWNS	12	22
Rushing	9	19
Passing	2	1
Penalty	1	2
THIRD DOWN EFF.	5-14	4-6
FOURTH DOWN EFF.	2-3	1-1
TOTAL NET YARDS	212	418
Total Plays	61	54
Avg Gain	3.5	7.7
NET YARDS RUSHING	168	387
Rushes	45	48
Avg per rush	3.7	8.1
NET YARDS PASSING	44	31
Completed-Att.	4-16	1-6
Yards-Pass Play	2.8	5.2
Sacks-Yards lost	1-6	0-0
Had intercepted	2	1
PUNTS-Avg.	4-29	0-0

TOTAL RETURN YARDS

Punt Returns	0	100
Kickoff returns	99	92
Interceptions	1	37
PENALTIES-Yards	14-129	6-62
FUMBLES-Lost	6-4	2-2
TIME OF POSSESSION	26:59	21:01

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

Brackett - J. Wayne Ballew 16-85, Wes Baker 18-69, Brent Smith 4-12, Coty Williams 1-2, Jose Gonzalez 1-1, Demitreus Williams 5(-1).

Comfort - Derek Syfert 22-152, James Allerkamp 10-88, Gary Boerner 6-65, Kris Pressler 6-57, Brent Burow 2-18, Chase Woerner 2-7.

PASSING

Brackett - J. Wayne Ballew 4-16-2-44.

Comfort - Kris Pressler 1-6-1-31.

RECEIVING

Brackett - Jacob Mann 1-16, Jose Gonzalez 1-16, Demitreus Williams 2-12.

Comfort - Chase Woerner 1-31.

PUNT RETURNS

Brackett - None.

Comfort - Kris Pressler 3-100.

KICKOFF RETURNS

Brackett - Demitreus Williams 3-48, Tommy Sandoval 4-40, Rene Luna 1-11.

Comfort - Kris Pressler 2-84, Brent Burow 1-8, Jesse Durden 1-0.

INTERCEPTIONS

Brackett - Tommy Sandoval 1-1.

Comfort - John Gunnink 1-25, Chase Woerner 1-12.

MISSED FIELD GOALS

Brackett - None.

Comfort - None.

Cross country teams gear up for district

By Samantha Perez
Contributing Writer

Brackett's cross country teams are preparing for this Saturday's district meet in Dille.

"The runners have worked hard all season and are ready for this Saturday," Brackett coach Julie Bruce said.

The Tigerettes took second place honors last week at the Crystal City Invitational. They finished with 61 points.

Samantha Perez led the pack, taking first place with a time of 12:32.

Sonya Correa finished in third place overall after being clocked in 13:13.

Jania Finkenbinder came in seventh place with a time of 13:46.

Queta Garza ran a personal best, 14:48, which was good for 20th place.

Hilda Aguirre came in 30th place with a time of 16:14, April Crumley was 32nd with a 17:06, and Heather Martin ended in 33rd place in 17:07.

Lionel Ramos led Brackett's boys team, finishing in eighth place with a time of 19:27.

David Honstein placed 14th with a time of 19:57.

James Burks was 20th in 21:08. Tony Rubio finished shortly after in 23rd place in 21:15.

Isaac Gutierrez came in 26th place with a time of 21:33.

Schiller Hill competed in his first varsity meet, finishing 33rd with a time of 26:42.

Briefs ...



TRAVIS NOWLIN

Nowlin wins honors

DEL RIO - Travis Nowlin won first place honors at the local Punt, Pass and Kick competition here on Saturday.

Nowlin took top honors in the 8 and 9 year old division. He will next compete in San Antonio. If he wins at that level, he will compete at halftime at one of the Dallas Cowboys' games.

The competition is sponsored by the NFL and Gatorade.

Travis, 9, is the son of Gregg and Julie Nowlin.

JV ends year with win

The Brackett Tigerettes' junior varsity volleyball team closed its season Tuesday with a 15-4, 16-14 victory over the La Pryor Lady Bulldogs.

The Tigerettes trailed 15-13 in the second game, but rallied for three straight points to come away on top.

Brackett's junior varsity finishes its season with a 15-9 overall record.

"It was a good season," Tigerettes coach Julie Bruce said. "All of the girls did an outstanding job throughout the season."

Cubs face Rams today

The Brackett Cubs will battle Del Rio's seventh grade football team on the road today in a 4:30 contest at Ram Stadium.

The Cubs are 3-2 on the season. They are coming off of a 36-0 loss to Del Rio's eighth grade team.



Brackett's eighth grade volleyball team finished its season with a 11-3 record. The Cubettes won the Eagle Pass tournament and took second in the Del Rio tourney. Team members are, bottom row, from left: Maria Gonzalez, Sherry Villarreal, Vanessa Reyes, Ira Sandoval and Isela Ramon. Middle row: Migdalia Gonzalez, Amanda Ward, Michelle Bizzell, Stephanie Gomez, Candace Ingram and Susannah Davis. Top row: Coach Gregg Nowlin, Erica Meyer, Ana Talamantez, Christina Flores, Brandi Wilson, Erica Gloria and Duquesa Hunt. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry



Brackett's seventh grade volleyball team finished its season with a 6-8 record. The Cubettes finished second in the Eagle Pass tournament and took third at Del Rio. Team members are, bottom row, from left: Brittany Moore, Celia DeLeon, Vanessa Castillo, Davina Luna and Heather Jalomo. Middle row: Shante Ward, Sheena Meyer, Celina Cano and Megan McWilliams. Top row: Mayra Aguirre, April Martinez, Jessica Terrazas, Nicole Mata and Ashley Antoine. Not pictured: Coach Kathy Lutz. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Golf News

The 18 hole ladies golf group played a Florida Scramble. The team of Teresa Stephens, Norma Reivitt and Elizabeth Dillahunt won first with a low net of 46.5

There was a tie for second place between the teams of Lou Green, Kelly Dennis, Marge Madrich and Barbara Miller, Betty Lee and Pat McKelvey with a low net of 47. There were five

other teams in contention. The 9 hole ladies golf group played low putts. There was a 3 way tie for first place.

They alternate playing the front nine this week and next week they will play the back nine. All ladies not interested in playing 18 holes are invited to join this group.

Beginning Nov. 4, the ladies tee time will be 10 a.m.

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Local dentist volunteers time in Africa

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Rotary Club is proud to have one of its members taking part in the Rotary International scene.

Dr. Charles Schmidt recently returned from Kenya, Africa, having spent a month serving as a volunteer dentist to needy Kenyans. Marsha Thurman Schmidt, R.N., accompanied her husband and helped him.

This was Schmidt's third trip to offer dental aid to underprivileged and needy persons in third world countries under Rotary sponsorship.

The Schmidts left their Fort Clark Springs home on Aug. 18 to travel to Nairobi. They were met and driven to the Kilimambogo Dental Clinic in Thika, Kenya. The couple was greeted at the clinic by an Indian dentist, Dr. Sajeew Koshy. He took Schmidt on a tour of the clinic and described what he would probably encounter on the tour of duty.

Patients were seen at the Kilimambogo clinic on Mondays and Fridays and at the outlying clinics on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Their work days started at about 7:30 in the morning. When the patient load required, they worked to 6 p.m.

A dental assistant, Michael, and a driver, Bernard, loaded and unloaded equipment in the truck, and sometimes helped by the Schmidts.

The first work day, the Schmidts drove for two hours to Kerietia. They arrived in time for 10 a.m. tea, a custom throughout Kenya since the days when it was a British possession.

The dirt roads were filled with ruts, but Schmidt said they were fortunate it wasn't a rainy season.

Kerietia had running water and electricity, but this was not always the case. If no running water was available, it had to be hand carried for sterilizing and cleaning.

The patients waited outside the room in which the dentist worked.

They always wanted the door open so they could watch, but Michael insisted the door be closed. He explained that they would be frightened away if they saw patients getting injections and spitting blood.

Those who were in pain were seen first. The first day, Schmidt treated 25 patients who had 35 extractions.

The setting was quite different from what one ordinarily sees. The dental team worked in bright yellow T-shirts with black lettering proclaiming the Kilimambogo Dental Clinic's name, and the dental chair was a reclining type of yard chair.

If time permitted, the Schmidts were able to break at 1 p.m. for lunch. This was provided by nuns. The meals were of rice, chicken or beef stew, peas and carrots or potatoes or cabbage. Bananas or papayas were served as desert.

The altitude at Kerietia was over 8,000 feet, and the evenings were very cool. They slept under heavy blankets.

Many other locations were even further from the clinic, and the equipment had to be set up after they arrived. A portable dental unit was used, and they generated their own electricity.

They often had to work until 6 p.m. to finish, seeing an average of 30 patients a day, but at times there were around 50.

Sr. Mary Casimir, who met the Schmidts at the airport, was coordinator of the dental clinic, and she accompanied them to most sites to assist with translations and patient care as needed.

Michael, the dental assistant, was very good with patients, and Schmidt thought he was better trained than most professionals. He could spot dental problems immediately, knew all the different types of forceps and dental equipment, and usually had an instrument ready before it was requested.

The dental work was demanding because many patients required extractions. Schmidt remarked that the extractions tended to be difficult with high bone den-

sity and at times abnormal root structure.

Restorations and cleanings were done if time permitted. Most patients had severe decay and some had abscesses.

The adult patients were asked to donate 150 shillings for dental services to help offset costs of supplies and fuel. Children donated 50.

Schmidt said 60 to 70 shillings is equal to approximately \$1 in the United States. The team collected 4,700 shillings, or \$72, in one day spent at the Mbuini clinic.

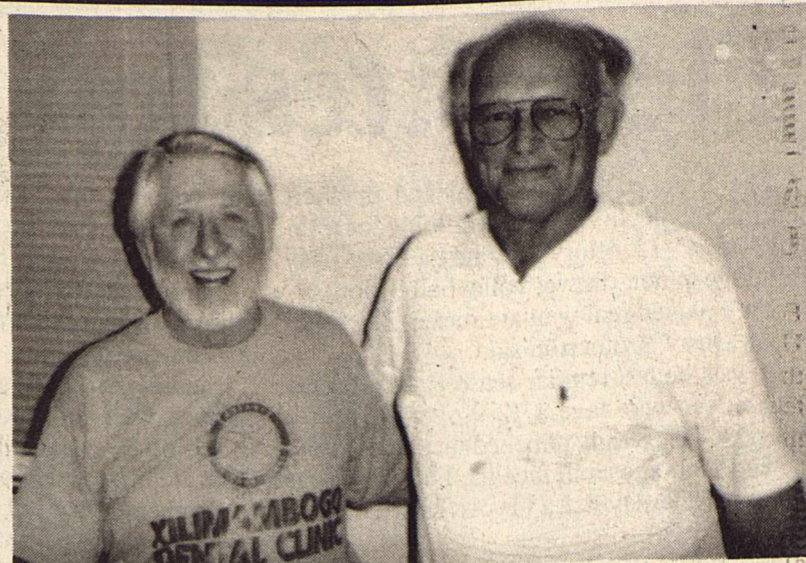
The weekends were spent sight seeing. They visited the Teacher's

College and a hospital, and traveled to Blue Posts Hotel and Thika Falls.

Their driver and dental assistant took them to the wildlife preserves to see animals unique to Africa, including lions and Cape buffalo.

On the Sunday before the Schmidts left, they were invited to dinner by the sisters at their home and were presented an African shirt and long dress.

Before leaving, the Schmidts attended a Rotary meeting at Nairobi where they exchanged Rotary banners. That night was spent at the Grand Regency Hotel.



Dr. Charles Schmidt, left, was introduced at last week's Rotary Club meeting by President John Ford. Photo by Eric McMaster

The Schmidts left Africa on Sept. 19 and visited in Germany and in London before returning home.

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

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

Courtesy of his descendants

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

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

Friday, October 30, 1885

A letter and papers from home were all of my mail this morning. After breakfast settled Commissary bill, taking walk out to targets before eating. Spent a short time in office and then went over to the court martial room where sat until nearly one o'clock. Read papers from home in afternoon and went up to Hewitt's but he was out. Read at Capt. Vance's until dinner. In the evening called on Maj. Wilcox, Chaplain Merrill meeting latter's wife, and then Hewitt took me down to meet Miss Jacobs, a jewess related to Freidlander the sutler. An agreeable lady is first impression, but somewhat shallow. Chaplain Merrill is Shunk's father-in-law and showed me pictures recently received of Shunk and wife. Hewitt sat with me until tattoo. After which sat on Mrs. Hall's porch enjoying a chat with her. The better I know her, the more I see to admire in her. Accepted an invitation for Capt. Vance, Hewitt and self to play whist with her tomorrow evening like we used to do. Capt. Hall gave me an O.B. addressed to Lt. F.H. Brown, 19th Inf'y., Brownsville Tex.; on opening which I found it to be vouchers for extra pay as A.C.S. from Commissary General's office. My mileage accounts have not been settled yet.

Saturday, October 31, 1885

The usual monthly inspection took place this morning preceded by a review. My furniture has not come yet; so was unable to appear in full dress like the others. Had command of "E" Co., Capt. Vance being Officer of the Day, and got through without any blunders. Sat for a while on Mrs. Lyster's porch. Went to the office afterwards and then read pa-

pers in Library. Gave Mrs. Hall's invitation to Capt. Vance & Hewitt who were waiting to testify about Maj. Smith's reputation for truth and veracity. Hope they wont call me as a witness. Wrote to Forsyth to have him look up furniture and read books at Capt. Vance's until dinner time. In the evening went with Capt. Vance and Hewitt to Hall's, where Capt. Vance & Mrs. Hall were badly beaten by Hewitt and me. Enjoyed the evening thoroughly. No mail for me today. There was an alarm of fire at 3 o'clock this morning; a chimney in the house next to Capt. Vance's burnt out. No damage done.

November 1885: Lt. French becomes one of the eight original occupants of Bachelor Hall (now the Cavalryman Condominiums) as he moves into a second floor set of quarters. He arranges to mess with another lieutenant (to this day no rations are provided by the Army for officers and they are required to feed themselves). A tennis set is ordered from home and when it arrives the game preoccupies the younger officers and ladies. Mrs. Gilmore, the wife of a lieutenant in the 8th Cavalry, starts a French language club which meets in her quarters (No. 14 Colony Row) on Tuesday evenings. French serves as Judge Advocate, an officer of the regiment is being court martialed, another gets into a scrape in Brackettville, others return to the garrison from detached service, or with new wives. All receive notice and editorial comment in Lt. French's diary. We learn that Marie has married Dr. Gorgas and that missing calls (Retreat and Tattoo) require explanation to the Regimental Commander. The enjoyable society of the fort is back in full swing.

Sunday, November 1, 1885

A letter from home and a registry receipt from John Hoagland comprised my mail. Inspection came before breakfast. Spent a short time in the office and then commenced letter home. In the afternoon the men played a game of ball before my house which delayed my writing a great deal. After finishing the letter took a short walk. Attended service in the evening, but do not like Chaplain Merrill's preaching. He cannot compare with Dr. Mulholland. After church Hewitt and I called on Messrs. Townsend and Knight

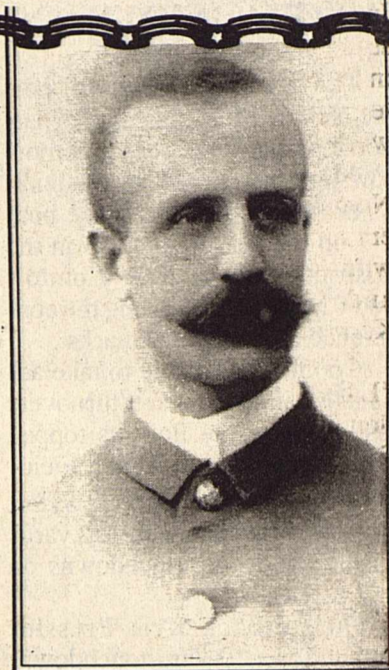
who are visiting Vernou. They come from Philadelphia and yet are very pleasant gentlemen. Took tattoo and then wrote to Mattie.

Monday, November 2, 1885

Was surprised on going out to drill to be in command of "B" Co. at battalion drill. Felt shaky as I have had no drill of this kind for three years, but the movements were all simple. Mail brought a letter from Mattie. After breakfast went to office and then to Quartermaster's, to Sutler's and to town to price some matting for my front room. Bought some photographic views of the garrison and rode back with Hewitt in his dog cart. Received subpoena as witness in Maj. Smith's case, much to my disgust. Returned to town to pay for the photographs and then went to Vedder's house to see a carpet he wants to sell. Sat in the Library reading until near one o'clock, waiting to be called before the court. Then went into Hewitt's for a while and afterwards had a talk with Remington about the trial. Strange that Remington thinks that Smith is innocent. In afternoon sat in Library until three o'clock when was much pleased to learn I would not have to testify. Had a talk then with Capt. Vance about messing. Could see that he preferred messing alone. Our talk was very friendly. He was, as he has always been, very kind and told me to make myself at home in his house. Arranged to mess with Hewitt from tomorrow morning. Watched dress parade as my stuff has not come yet, and had dinner afterwards. In the evening played cribbage with Maj. Wilcox until tattoo, which took and then read until fell asleep in the chair.

Tuesday, November 3, 1885

Had charge of "B" Co. as usual at drill this morning. Received mileage from Fort Brown this morning. Commenced to mess with Hewitt at breakfast and like the new place quite well, although it is not equal to Capt. Vance's. Marched on guard. Looked over papers in Library and inspected



sentinels over prisoners both in morning and afternoon. Selected a bookcase at Q.M. storehouse after visiting prisoners in afternoon. Had a border painted on front room floor today and got a new lamp which Steele ordered for me in San Antonio. He returned this morning. Dined before retreat. Took retreat and tattoo visiting guard at both times. In the evening called at Gen. Smith's, then a while at Hewitt's and then at Mrs. Lyster's where sat for quite a time chatting on the porch with Mrs. Lyster. After tattoo returned there to say good-bye to Capt. Liscum and Lancaster and went to Capt. Kauffman's to bid Capt. Ropes good-bye. The court finished today, thank goodness, and the members started for home this evening. Read and dozed until midnight when inspected. A false alarm of fire was sounded at five o'clock this morning.

Wednesday, November 4, 1885

Took reveille and was relieved at guard mounting by Steele. Did not attend drill being Officer of the Day. Mail brought a receipt from Jagon for the check sent him and a letter from Miss Valls acknowledging the arrival of her racket. After guard mounting commenced letter home. Sent four photographic views around post in letter and asked them to express me a tennis set with a racket for Steele. He joins me in paying for the set. Looked over papers in Library after finishing letter. Remington, Eed (?) Storer and Lester called until tattoo, after which went over to town for oysters with Hewitt. My furniture has not come yet. Had the windows cleaned and now am all ready to put down the carpet in the front room. Want to do this and put up the stove before furniture comes, but will have to wait until Ballance goes to get the carpet.

Thursday, November 5, 1885

No mail this morning contrary to my expectations. Went down to Q.M. office after guard mounting and was much gratified to hear that my furniture was at the railroad station and to see teams start for it. Shall not receive it until tomorrow morning and hope to be all settled by tomorrow evening. Chatted a while at Capt. Vance's and then read papers in Library. Spent the afternoon reading a German novel and playing solitaire. Must give this up as soon as I get settled. Had dinner after retreat as Hewitt went hunting. Called on Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Remington and after tattoo on Mrs. Lester, meeting her. She seems quite pleasant. Am very glad my stuff is here and now Hewitt's account can be settled and there will be no more bills due.

Nutrition

Why not broccoli?

By Samantha Perez
Contributing Writer

Many people's first reaction to the smell of the miniature-tree vegetable is not particularly a happy one. But, why not broccoli? Lists of reasons why broccoli must be an essential part of everyone's diet exist. Therefore, a few supportive ideas can easily be elaborated on.

To begin, the most important consideration would obviously be for one's health. Broccoli is a major source of carotene, which happens to be one of the simplest ways the human body obtains Vitamin A.

Vitamin A affects many critical functions of the homo-sapien, such as the formation and maintenance of skin, mucous membranes, bones, teeth, reproduction, and vision. Eye problems occur frequently due to a Vitamin A deficiency.

It is believed, through research, that one-third of American children consume less than the recommended allowance of Vitamin A. Therefore, why not use this wonderful source of carotene to feed the body with Vitamin A?

An amazing thing about the cabbage's cousin is its versatility. Broccoli can be prepared in an astronomical amount of ways. It is left up to the consumer to use his imagination.

Because broccoli can be eaten raw, it makes for an excellent snack. Just wash the little sprouts and they are ready to ingest.

On the other hand, broccoli is also superb when cooked. Steamed, sauteed or baked—broccoli can master it all.

Furthermore, these fabulous vegetables are great socializers. Thousands of different sauces or dips can enhance these greens whether they are served as an appetizer or as an entree.

With all the recipes for formulating broccoli, who would imagine how cost efficient the marvelous vegetables are!

These little greens will not dent the wallet of the American consumer too severely.

For starters, one bunch or head of broccoli can be priced under \$1 and can be located at a local grocery store.

Secondly, broccoli can also be raised in one's own garden (for all those with green thumb or those paranoid about pesticides).

Lastly, broccoli is one of those phenomenal foods that freeze well. So, even if it is not broccoli season, one may still enjoy the savory flavor and extraordinary texture of the vegetable all year long.

Besides the outrageous taste of the vegetable, broccoli is a great substance that one needs to include in every basic diet.



This is one of four postcards purchased by Lt. French in Brackettville in November 1885 and sent home in a letter. This view was taken from the vicinity of the newly completed Bachelor Hall, where Lt. French had just taken up residence. On the right is "the office" or Post Headquarters building. On the left is a double set of officer's quarters; Lt. French occupied the right-hand set in May of 1883 and again in 1884. In the distance is the Post Hospital. Gift of the Vinton Trust

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Briefs ...

McKelvy represents Uvalde DAR chapter

MEDINA - Pat McKelvy of Fort Clark Springs represented the Uvalde de las Encinas chapter at the Hill Country Council Daughters of the American Revolution meeting last Thursday.

Joan Davis from Reagan Wells also represented the Uvalde chapter. Members were present from chapters in Fredericksburg, Kerrville, Sabinal and Bandera.

Plans were made by the area chapter representatives for a Presidents Day Tea at Uvalde in February, Flag Day celebration in June at Fredericksburg, and Constitution Day Luncheon at Bandera in September. The Kerrville chapter will sponsor a genealogical workshop in July.

McKelvy was appointed to the Nominating Committee for officers for the upcoming year, along with Frances Hicks from Utopia and Lou Anne Hauks from Kerrville.

The program was a video, "Liberty! The American Revolution," presented by the hostess, Billie Billhartz.

Fort Clark hosts 3rd Golf Cart Poker Run

Last Saturday, Fort Clark had its third Golf Cart Poker Run. There was a smaller turn out than the past, but there was still a nice pay out of \$35 for the best hand.

Larry Peck won the prize for best hand with four jacks. The lowest score of 12 was a tie between Don Fisher and Jack Schram. Each received \$5.

An extra bonus surprise of four door prizes were drawn. The two winners of a can cooler were Bea Kauffman and Norma Schram. The second place prize of Schwan Ice Cream, donated by John, the Schwan dealer, went to Gladys Busher. The top prize of dinner for two at Lando's Restaurant in Ciudad Acuna, Mexico, went to Dick Wolters.

Hibler hosts sorority's Halloween party

Ann Hibler hosted the annual Halloween party for Theta Sigma Chapter on Oct. 20. Ann's home was tastefully decorated for the festivity.

Each of the members brought a salad or desert to the table for a delightful meal. Many of the 14 members present were in costume, which provided laughter and conversation to the party.

Alecia Raymer conducted a short business meeting, and then turned the meeting over to the social committee. Bobbie Waddill and Alecia led the group into some games, such as, Scharades, a word game about Halloween and bingo. Prizes were given to the winners.

A vote was taken to determine who had the best costume. Gene Land won the contest hands down, dressed as Wee Willy Winkle.

Laureate Epsilon Iota meets at new museum

Lily Schwandner was hostess for the October meeting of Laureate Epsilon Iota at the Cowboys and Indians Museum.

A Mexican food supper was catered by Naki Breen. After the opening ritual, members enjoyed a delicious dinner. No new business was presented.

Nakai gave some historical information on artifacts of her museum.

Members repeated the Closing Ritual and Misphah. Nakai will be hostess for the November meeting.

TRICK OR TREAT

Nibbler's survival guide to Halloween

TEMPLE, Texas - What's the scariest thing you'll see this time of year?

Forget the spooky masks and the Dracula frogs. It's the mountain of Halloween candy sitting there, tempting you.

Every grownup knows that those treats can really trick your determination to eat sensibly. Candy is scary because it is packed with calories and fat and short on vitamins, mineral, protein, fiber and other nutrients.

Let's face it: We are heading into the dangerous season between Halloween in October and Super Bowl Sunday in January. That's when many people can add as much as seven pounds because of party foods and celebrations.

So what's a nibbler to do? How can you keep the trick-or-treat children happy while you refrain from snatching a handful of candy?

A pound here, another pound there. It all adds up, ruining the waistline and the best intentions.

The staff at Scott & White is the largest multi-specialty group practice in Texas with 488 physicians and 17 regional clinics.

Here is some timely advice, just in time for the trick-or-treat hoards at your doorstep:

Buy late, buy less: Even though the grocery stores start pushing Halloween candy before the 4th of July, there's no reason to buy it early. The longer the candy is in plain view, the more tempting it is. Buy the candy just a day before the major haunting.

When you do shop, buy less than you did last year so you will have fewer leftovers. Those big family-sized bags of goodies simply scream, "Eat me now!"

So what if you run out of candy during the Halloween onslaught?

Toss a few nickels and quarters into the children's sacks. Have you ever known a kid to turn down money?

Buy what you don't like: Buy only the stuff that turns you off. The quickest way to kill the nibbling urge is to take away the enjoyment.

One friend gives out individual packages of Sweet Tarts, her least favorite candy.

"Of course," she adds, "it would be a disaster if I had M&Ms or Snickers. I'd eat more than I would give away. So I don't even stock them."

Nibble like a bunny: Keep a constant stock of raw vegetables and fruits handy. As you dole out the candy bars, chomp down on a carrot stick. Yes, we know it isn't like eating a chocolate bar, but your hips will show the difference.

Look for alternatives: One way to keep from consuming Halloween candy is not to buy it at all. Rather, hand out alternatives such as pencils, decorative erasers, tiny bottles of bubbles, stickers and inexpensive trinkets.

Donate the leftovers (and we don't mean bring it to the office): Every year, it's the same ritual. People don't want to be tempted by candy at home, so they bring it to the office - where they are still lured to nibble at their desks.

Instead, make it an office project to donate everyone's leftover candy to a school, a homeless shelter or a food pantry that serves the poor. These candies will be a welcome treat to many people who cannot afford them.

Write it all in a food diary: Keeping a log of what you eat helps you to track the fat and calories for the day.

Most important, record how you're feeling as you eat. Are you bored, stressed or angry? This helps you identify trends and patterns to your over-eating.

Remember moderation: The world won't come to an end if you snare three chocolate kisses. But remember to balance the rest of your day's diet by eliminating the fat and calories from another part of your day's menu.



"I'm a Union Man," sings Chuey Sanchez, center, to the delight of Arkansas AFL-CIO President Alan Hughes, left, and Richard Trumpka, secretary-treasurer of the national AFL-CIO.

Sanchez sings at AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - Jesus "Chuey" Sanchez Jr. sang a song he wrote entitled "I'm a Union Man" at the AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention this summer.

Sanchez, a graduate of Brackett's Class of 1973, is a national representative for the American Federation of Government Employees 9th District, which includes Arkansas, Okla-

homa, Kansas and Missouri. Some of Sanchez's duties include arguing cases before administrative law judges in Merit Systems Protection Board appeals, EEOC appeals and arbitration.

He negotiates collective bargaining agreements and lobbies in Washington concerning federal employees' issues.

But, I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall

- 1. You can't hit your finger with a hammer if you keep both hands on the handle. Ask someone else to hold the nail.
 - 2. There are four things that become dangerous to man when out of control: fire, water, wind, women. (Yes, I know. I'll hear about that one.)
 - 3. Pets and children only act the way you want them to when no one else is around. And if you brag about them they'll make a liar out of you.
 - 4. The best things in life aren't free. Everything we do comes at a price.
 - 5. What a man says is not nearly as important as what he does. And how he acts while he's doing it.
 - 6. If at first you don't succeed, try again. But after you fail the second time, Get Some Help! There's nothing wrong with humbling yourself and asking for someone to aid you.
- I thought about making each one of these into a separate article, and I might someday. However, for now, they don't seem to need much commentary. But, as usual, I could be wrong.

Pete's Sake

The old timers in show biz still tells this story:

After the final curtain at a Broadway premiere of a play starring Tallulah Bankhead, the star walked from the wings to her dressing room.

She was started to see a breath-

less admirer already there, waiting for her.

"Tallulah, you were wonderful tonight," he beamed. "Truly wonderful!"

"Really?" Miss Bankhead replied, with ice in her famous deep-toned voice.

"Then why the @*\$# aren't you still out there applauding?"

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Green and Growing

By Dr. Ellen Henke John Deere Lawn & Garden Expert

Grass is key to beautiful lawn

Some people have all the luck. They easily manage to have the greenest, healthiest lawns in the whole neighborhood.

Do they hire landscaping crews? Do they use special fertilizer?

Maybe so, but part of the answer is probably in the type of grass they plant. After all, the key to a beautiful lawn is starting off with the right type of grass.

When choosing a variety of grass for your lawn, it's best to consult an expert - someone at a nursery, a county extension advisor or a university turf specialist.

Several points should be considered when determining what type of grass is best for your yard:

Is the turf variety adaptable to your area?

Each region of the country supports certain grasses that grow best there. Find out what the best varieties are for your area.

Knowing the specific types of grass in your lawn will help you decide how to care for it. If you're planning a new lawn, John Deere suggests that you learn about the particular qualities and demands of a grass before planting it.

Grasses are generally classified by the type of environment they thrive in - cool-season or warm-season grass.

Cool-season grasses grow best in cold climates - they thrive in temperatures averaging 60-80 degrees - while warm-season grasses thrive in areas with hot summers and mild winters.

Most warm-season grasses will go dormant during extremely cold temperatures and generally turn brown from early fall to late

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spring. If your environment demands a warm-season grass but you'd like to keep the lawn green during cold spells, certain cool-season grasses can be planted over a warm-season lawn to keep the lawn green during cold spells. This is called overseeding. The warm-season grass will take over again as soon as things heat up.

What type of lawn do you want?

Is the lawn predominantly for show, or will it be heavily traveled?

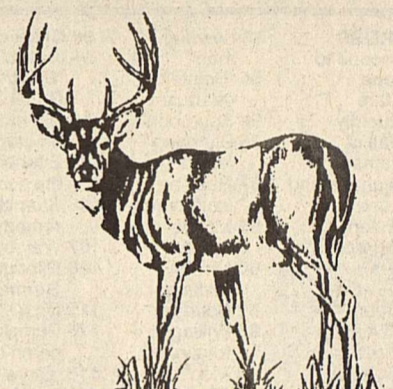
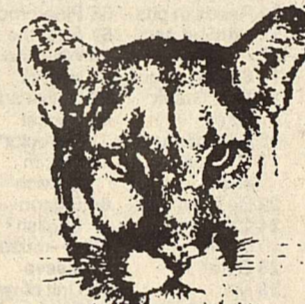
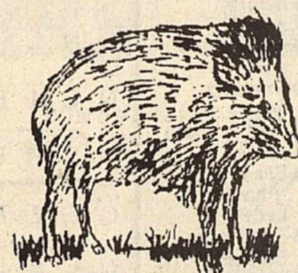
Some grasses - like Tall Fescues - are extremely tough and can withstand heavy traffic.

What are the physical limitations of your lawn?

Shade, sloping ground and poor air circulation can harm the performance of different grass varieties. Be aware of these conditions - and match turf varieties to conditions to reduce problems.

If a beautiful lawn is your goal, be sure to plant grass that will thrive best in your climate zone.

It's a great start to making your neighbors green with envy!

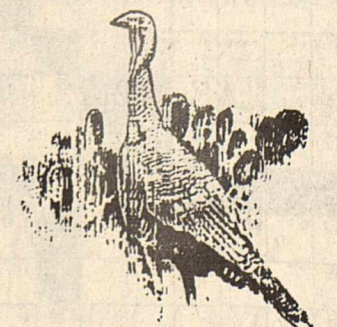
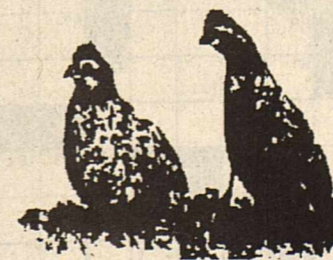
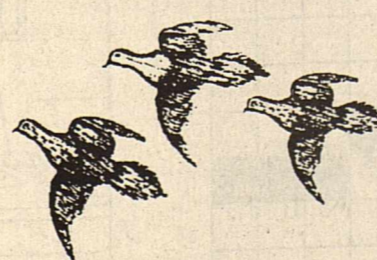


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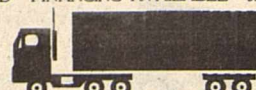
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Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Second to none
6 Stare stupidly
10 Hall of Famer Ty
14 Statue stand
18 Lend — (listen)
19 "Mirabella" rival
20 "—Ca-Dabra" (74 song)
21 Greece, to a Greek
23 Needle?
25 Tennis?
27 Put on the air
28 British Uzi
29 Really smart lady?
30 Aeneas' ex
31 Knight game?
32 Like a big band
33 Say please
36 Elevator stops
39 Wayfare's whistle watter
40 "Black Beauty"?
44 Moby Dick?
50 Reddish brown
51 Chow —
52 Griffin greeting

DOWN
2 "Sinfeld"
3 Spud bud
5 Big bang letters
7 Russian wolhound
9 Mobile home?
11 Martini making
12 Bounder
13 Willing to forgive
14 Moo?
15 Expensive appetizer
16 History chap?
17 Lupino or Cantor
18 Balfry sound
19 Likable lout
20 Tomorrow's turtle
21 —relief
22 Agreement
23 Eban of Israel
24 Deuce
25 Prepares to fire
26 Sheena of song
27 Raking?
28 Dachshund?
29 Sharp knock
30 Big part of the Bible?

95 Chick chaser
96 Jack of "Mayberry" R.F.D.
100 Big men on campus
102 Evened
106 Stomach remedy
107 Way out
108 Djibouti and Germany
113 Nest?
115 Pumpkin patch?
116 "Dave" star
117 Kal Winding tune
118 77 Richard Harris film
119 Shilly-shally
120 Toboggan
121 "Them!" critics
122 "The Witches" author
123 Horne and Olin
DOWN
1 Certainty
2 Pertaining to
3 Rock and roll?
4 Worked wood
5 Roman fountain
6 Disembarks
7 Hand-cream additive
8 Trudge
9 Sushi

10 Defense plant?
11 Reads in pits
12 Hardest part
13 — code
14 Scatter about
15 First Greek letter
16 Wild plums
17 Deserves a check
22 Be in an inn
24 Casserole cover
26 Defer
28 Mr. Kierkegaard
31 Mama Gabor
33 Plus
34 Walked off with
35 Designer Donna
37 Cry the blues
38 Toe the line
39 TV E.T.
41 Guy from Gloucestershire
42 Author Delighton
43 Tasteful
44 Black-and-white delight?
45 Collectibles, collectively
46 Mata —
47 Cabinet-maker's tool
48 French selection
commercial city
83 Sound from the stands
49 Send out
56 Pine product
57 After the fact
58 Well-known actor?
61 Native suffix
62 Pocket protector?
63 Inc., in Ipswich
64 Pigeon English?
65 —mutton sleeve
66 Unit of work
67 Makeup remover
68 "I've Got — in Kalamazoo"
69 Woods dweller?
70 Goya's "Duchess of —"
71 Enjoy Saturday
74 Uruguayan coin
75 Cook's command
76 Make amends
77 Actress Carter
79 Lady Lincoln
80 Flappers, in a way
81 Famous cookie baker
85 Palm oil?
86 Actor's actor?
89 Appreciated a pun
90 Dressing type
92 Neither sharp nor flat
94 Ella of "Phantom Lady"
96 Bogarde or Benedict
97 Iridescent stones
98 He's 80 percent evil
99 Tantrum
100 Clotted-cream county
101 Put out
103 On one's own, briefly
104 Lucy's landlady
105 Got teed off?
108 Mrs. Dithers
109 "That smarts!"
110 Teheran's territory
111 Snorri's stories
112 Dates
114 Flock o' docs
115 Mars, but not Earth

MAGIC MAZE
— VALLEY
B Z W U R P M J H E C Z X U S
Q N L J G E T D C Z X V T R P
N L J H E C E A Y W V T N R P
N S H E N A N D O A H L I K I
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K J H N O C I L I S G F D C R
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Bekaa	Narrow	Simi	Tennessee
Death	Rio Grande	Spring	Yosemite
Fountain	River	Squaw	Yucca
Imperial	Shenandoah	Sun	

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Agreements with others are easily reached early in the week. Later, couples reach an important understanding about their relationship. This weekend, joy comes from creativity, sports and other entertainment.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Some are looking at some type of home repair this week. Family interests and dealings with financial consultants are favored in general. This weekend, be sure you restock that empty larder.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You don't have to try so hard to be the life of the party. Others notice you anyway. The weekend is favored for romance and leisure activities, provided you don't go overboard.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's a week of fits and starts for you as you're plagued with inertia. Overall, however, you manage to get done what needs to be done. Be persistent in your efforts and you'll make career progress.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You won't continue to be the apple of a certain person's eye if you insist on breaking appointments. Later in the week, a mini-getaway fills the bill. Couples enjoy a weekend at a favorite romantic spot.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) If you're looking for financial backing for something, this is the week to go after it. You have a lot of energy now and can make considerable career gains. Watch extravagance over the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Some could be planning for a special vacation. A latter-week meeting with an adviser is fruitful. This weekend, couples share a child-rearing responsibility.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) That project you've

been putting off needs your attention. You can no longer afford to wait. Others are impressed by your diligence. This weekend, don't go overboard on a shopping expedition.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're in a party mood, but this will have to wait until the weekend. For now, there are things to be attended to. It's a good week to speak out at group meetings and expressing your views.

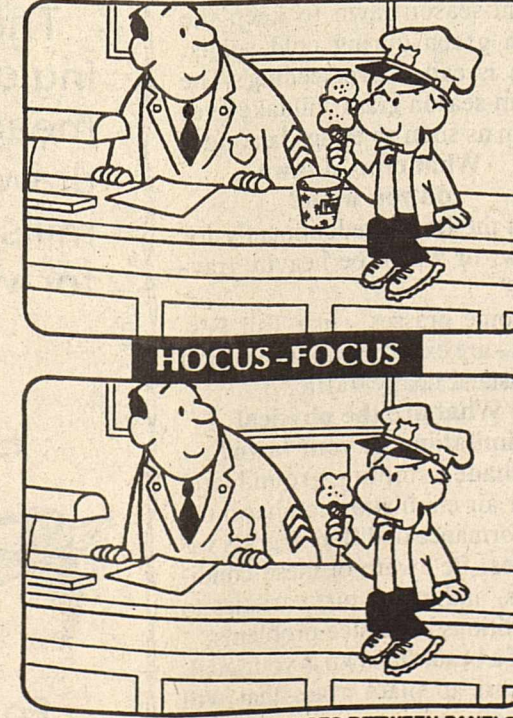
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Avoid a tendency to let things get away from you at work. Pay particular attention to niggling details. This weekend, both shopping and family life are highlighted. Indeed, it's a nice, quiet time.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This is the week to be assertive and go after what you want in your career. Place your accent on initiative. Later, you can feel free to enjoy some leisure activities with good friends.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A brighter financial picture has you breathing a sigh of relief. However, that doesn't mean you can go out on a wild spree. Later in the week, you handle a tough problem at work successfully.

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FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
Differences: 1. Lamp is smaller. 2. Arm is moved. 3. Badge is upside down. 4. Container is missing. 5. Ice cream is missing. 6. Cap is different.

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Oct. 31	Glenn Seaver	Nov. 4	Carlotta De La Rosa
Oct. 31	Ken Callnan	Nov. 5	Pat Bartkowiak
	Nov. 5		Bea Kauffman



Frontier Baptist Church

Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

When I hear a person saying "I'm striving to get to heaven," I want to scream, "Heaven is not gained by striving"

Salvation requires some knowledge. It's not necessary to know all that is right or wrong. It is not even necessary to know all that the Bible teaches. It is only necessary for a person to recognize and know he is a sinner, that he has sinned and thus failed to follow God's word in the Bible.

It is necessary to know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and will be the Savior of anyone who puts faith in Him. Knowing all the depths of philosophy, psychology, and theology is not necessary nor even helpful to salvation. The only true source of information regarding salvation is the Bible. Jesus said among many other things about salvation, "No man cometh to the Father but by me."

Personal faith follows knowledge. Faith accepts the ultimate

power of God to forgive sin. Faith recognizes that Jesus is a willing substitute in the atonement for sin by any person.

Faith builds personal confidence in the instruction of Jesus and the results of such trusts.

Personal confidence leads to the personal surrender to Jesus Christ which is a prerequisite to salvation. Personal faith changes hope to assurance. Anyone who puts his faith in Christ no longer "hopes" to go to heaven from life on earth, he has the assurance guaranteed by God and Jesus as stated in the Bible. Christians live in the glow of assurance of salvation.

Sunday will be the time for observance of the Lord's Supper as the closing of Worship Sunday morning. This will be followed by the regular Fellowship luncheon. Every person is cordially invited to attend and be blessed.



St. John's Baptist Church

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Fear not; for I am with thee. I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west.

I will say to the north, give up; and to the south, keep not back; bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth,

Even everyone who is called by my name; for I have created him for my glory; I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.

Let all nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled. Who among them can declare this, and show us former things? Let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justifi-

fied; or let them hear, and say, it is truth.

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he; before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no savior. Isaiah 43: 5-11.

Praise the Lord
Ordination Services for Rev. Judith E. Adams, Sunday evening November 2nd: 3:30 P.M. at Saint John's Baptist Church. The guest speaker is Rev. John T. Adderley, from Del Rio, Texas.

Everyone is invited.

Obituary

Pearl Hutchison Miller

Pearl Hutchison Miller passed away October 24, 1997, in Del Rio, Texas, at the age of 91. She was born January 31, 1906, in Tularosa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Nelson Miller, and baby daughter, Joyce Ruth.

She is survived by daughter, Betty Ward and husband Richard C. Ward of Brackettville; grandsons, Richard C. Ward Jr. and wife Diane of Brackettville, and John T. Ward and wife Diana of Del Rio; great grand daughters, Amanda Ward of Brackettville, and Misty D. Sandbach and husband Jason of San Antonio; great grand sons, J.J. Guidry of Brackettville, and Sam Sampson and wife Stephanie of Del Rio; great great grand son, Ryan Sampson of Del Rio; sister, Ruby Veltman of Uvalde; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Monday, October 27, at the Frontier Baptist Church with



PEARL H. MILLER

Rev. Joe Townsend officiating. Burial followed at the Kinney County Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Richard C. Ward Jr., John T. Ward, J.J. Guidry, Sam Sampson, Pat Melancon, and Jimmy Bader.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Del Rio Funeral Home, dba Brackettville Funeral Home.

Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charolette Corey

You are not alone! God sees your need, he feels your pain, he knows the condition of your heart, your fears, your joy, your hopes and desires. God says, "Be not afraid!"

Those of us who are believers (having Jesus as Lord and Savior in our lives) can scripturally say...

I am in the world but not of this world. No weapon formed against me shall prosper. I am hedged about with His holy angels to guard me and keep me from stumbling. No demon in hell can separate me from the love of God. I count all tribulations as joy because they strengthen me in my relationship with the Father through the blood of his son Jesus, which as I repent, I appropriate to cover and wash away my sins and iniquities. I walk by faith not by what I see.

I live daily wearing the armour of God. I take every thought captive and make it line up with the things that honor God's word, things lovely and of Godly reputation whether it be with pictures, books, movies, music, or talking with a neighbor.

I do not grow weary in doing good things. I wait on the Lord and he lifts me up. I pray in belief for others in Jesus name, believing he will perform his word that does not return to Him void.

Overcome evil with good. God has established my footsteps and the work of my hands. God will never leave me nor forsake me.

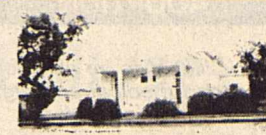
He cares more for me than the sparrow and makes all provisions for me. The Father enjoys giving me good things in the name of Jesus.

My heavenly Father delights in me as I make a daily effort to follow in the footsteps of His son through the power of the Holy Spirit. He has given me all power over the evil one. He daily delivers me from temptations and the evil one. He restores my soul. He is my peace.

If you can't say all of these things now, then by the grace and in the faith of God, Start doing it! The gifts are yours! God loves you!

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

First United Methodist Church



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

Last Sunday, at our church we celebrated Children's Sabbath. Children's Sabbath has been celebrated by synagogues and churches of various dominations across the nation for six years now. Of course, we always remember and seek to minister to children as Jesus taught us to do. Children's Sabbath is simply a time when we very intentionally remember the plight of children whose lives are difficult and who have special needs but no special person to help them.

We already provide many ministries for and with children: worship, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, children's choir, sponsor two scout troops and one of our outreach ministries is specifically for children. We do even more on district and conference levels. But can we ever do enough? Maybe, maybe not. We are not

called to do it all. However, as long as there is a lonely child, a hungry child, an abused child, a sick child, we are called to do something. I invite you to join us in prayer and in action on behalf of children.

Last week we concentrated on those at the beginning of life; next Sunday, we will look beyond the end of life. November 2 is all Saints Sunday. During worship we will remember those saints who came before us and who shared their faith with us so that we might know God's love for us.

If you desire God's love and wish to honor a departed loved one, we invite you to join us on this special day.

The past and the future, what presents! Presents to be enjoyed and used in the present. May they be yours in Christ Jesus.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

Yet another person's suffering has come to an end as she has gone to be with God in heaven where pain and suffering are unknown. Pearl Miller was born in this area 91 years ago. After her husband passed away she soon returned to Brackettville. In these later years she suffered intense pain every day. Her eyes failed adding to her misery. She spent the last months

of her life in Nursing homes. Pearl was popular in high school. Ever since returning to Brackettville she was a faithful member of Frontier Baptist Church. Pearl was a lady of high principals and a delight to visit with. She has now gone to be united with her many loved ones and friends and to await yet others to join her in heaven. Surely Pearl Miller is an Unsung Hero.

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Amendment would allow home equity loans for the first time in state history

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The amendment that likely will attract the most attention is Proposition 8, which would end Texas' unique status as the only state that doesn't allow general home equity loans. Currently, homeowners can borrow against their equity only to make home improvements or to pay taxes.

While bankers have argued that prohibition limits consumers' right to use their equity as they see fit, consumer advocates have countered that it has protected homeowners from being seized in foreclosures for loans unrelated to the home.

The battle to give Texans the ability to borrow against their home equity has raged the Legislature for years. It wasn't until this year's session that lawmakers finally approved a measure allowing voters to decide the matter for themselves.

The deceptively short proposition summary on the ballot is backed by extensive safeguards that are widely praised by consumer advocates and would be written into the constitution if the amendment is approved by the voters.

Consumer protections include a provision that lenders can't foreclose on a home equity loan without going to court.

They also couldn't speed up payments on the loan if the market value of the house drops, and a lender couldn't pursue a homeowner's other assets if he defaults on the loan.

Would-be borrowers could rescind a home equity loan without penalty within three days after it was granted, and lenders would have to provide borrowers with written notice outlining the conditions of the loan at least 12 days before closing the loan.

If the loan was discussed primarily in a language other than English, the written notice would have to be in that other language.

Supporters say the many safeguards ensure homeowners are well-protected while at the same time giving them access to a considerable asset to help cover the costs of such things as college education or major medical expenses.

While there is considerably less opposition to general home equity loans now than there has been in the past, there still are some opponents who fear many people could be forced out of their homes

and into the streets because of increased foreclosures, either during bad economic times or simply because unwise homeowners took on too much debt.

Still other opponents object to the tight restrictions on the loans that would be put into the constitution if the proposition is approved.

They argue the details should have been put in statute, where they could be changed by the Legislature if necessary, rather than in the constitution, which can be changed only by the voters, and then only if two-thirds of the House and Senate agree to put a proposed change on the ballot.

Also likely to stir interest is Proposition 11, which would limit the amount of debt the state can incur through general obligation bonds, revenue bonds or lease-purchase agreements.

Under the proposal, the Legislature would be prohibited from approving any annual debt service that would exceed 5 percent of the average amount of general revenues in the preceding three fiscal years.

A review of the proposed amendments by the House research Organization shows sup-

porters favor the proposition because they believe it will restrict the Legislature from raising the debt limit when it wants to borrow more money.

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Answers to Super Crossword - VALLEY

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Brackettville Independent School District reserves the right to waive formalities, or to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract to the most advantageous bidder. Each bidder shall deposit with his Bid a Certified Check or Bid Bond in the amount of Five Percent (5%) of his proposal. 100% Performance and Payment Bonds will be required on Contract Amounts exceeding \$25,000.00.

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CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK. Sealed Proposals For Irrigation System and Upkeep in Kinney County, covered by Control No. 6020-93-001 will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, District Office, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas 78043 until 2:00 P.M. on November 13, 1997, and then publicly opened and read.

Applicable specifications relative to the Contract are available for inspection at the Office of: Ed Rodriguez, Contract Administrator Laredo District Maintenance Contracts 1817 Bob Bullock Loop Laredo, TX 78043 The estimated cost for this Project is \$24,160.00. Usual rights reserved.

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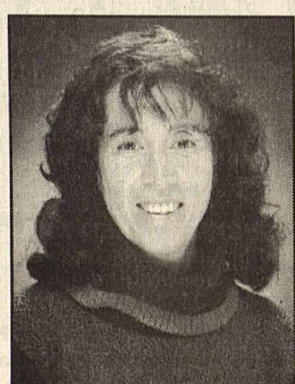
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 - Constipation.
 - Difficulty with concentration and memory.
 - Puffy eyes.
 - Dry and brittle feeling hair.
 - Heavy menstrual periods.
 - Numbness in hands and feet.
 - Deeper and huskier sounding voice.
 - Dry and scaly skin.
 - Feeling cold when others are comfortable.
 - Brittle, slow-growing nails.
 - Cholesterol level rising, although diet unchanged.
 - Deafness.
 - Collars on blouses feeling tighter than usual.
 - Lump in the neck.

Dr. Veronica K. Piziak is a senior staff physician and chief of endocrinology at Scott & White Hospital and Clinic in Temple, Texas, and a professor of medicine at Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine.

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HEALTH

Yearly flu shots urged for everyone, especially for the elderly

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) urges all Texans to get yearly flu vaccinations. The experts also warn that the elderly and others who may be at high risk of influenza and its complications should be immunized even before the flu season begins.

The flu season usually lasts from December through April.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) each year predicts which strains of influenza pose the greatest public health danger in the U.S.

The vaccine CDC has recommended for the 1997-98 season is meant to combat the A/Wuhan, A/Bayern and B/Beijing strains of the disease.

The effectiveness of each year's shots declines with time, therefore, annual immunizations with the appropriate vaccines are recommended for everyone except people with serious allergies to eggs.

People most at risk of severe or fatal complications of the disease include those 65 or older, anyone with chronic respiratory or heart problems, diabetics and children on aspirin

therapy.

Influenza kills about 20,000 in the U.S. each year. According to Jim Schuermann, public health technician in the TDH Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division, the elderly are the group hardest-hit by influenza and its complications.

"Fewer than 30 percent of elderly Americans and others in high-risk groups heed our regular warnings to have yearly influenza vaccinations," he said. "We know that one reason some older people fail to be vaccinated is because of a persistent, unfounded fear that the vaccine can actually cause influenza."

"The truth is that a vaccinated person may still contract some strains of influenza, but not from the vaccine. If they do become ill with flu, the vaccine usually helps lessen the severity of the case."

Other categories of people who are most likely to develop influenza complications are:

- Adults and children with chronic heart or lung disorders, including children with asthma;
- People under medical care for chronic

metabolic disease, diabetes, kidney or blood problems or weakened immune systems; and

• Children, 18 and younger, who already are receiving long-term aspirin therapy, which can place them at risk of developing Reye's syndrome after influenza.

"We strongly recommend influenza vaccinations for all people in high-risk groups, international travelers or pregnant women," Schuermann advised.

"People infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (the virus which causes AIDS) also may be at increased risk for flu complications," he added.

Physicians are advised to offer vaccine to all their patients during routine clinic visits, beginning in September and throughout the influenza season.

The vaccine can take two weeks to become effective and about six weeks to reach peak strength.

Children younger than 9 who have never received flu vaccine need their first shot, followed a month later by a booster. Adults need only one shot each season.