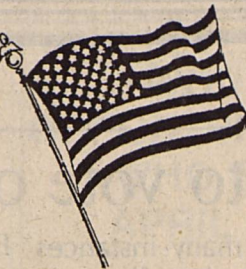


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## Briefs ...

### City to turn off water supply Monday night

The Brackettville city water supply will be shut off Monday night at 11 p.m. for the installation of a valve for the new pressure pump. It will be turned back on at 3 a.m. Tuesday morning.

### First Baptist Church hosts free dental clinic

The First Baptist Church of Brackettville will host a free dental clinic on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The clinic will be held at the church, located on the corner of Ann and Veltman streets. Patients will be seen on a first come, first served basis.

### Church to distribute commodities Monday

Food commodities will be distributed on Monday, beginning at noon, at the St. John's Missionary Church, located at 116 W. Crockett Street.

### School to register for Pre-K, kindergarten students next week

Pre-registration for kindergarten and pre-kindergarten children will be held next week, May 4-8, at Jones Elementary School from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The kindergarten program is open to all 5-year-old children whose birthdays fall before Sept. 1, 1998 and whose immunization records are current.

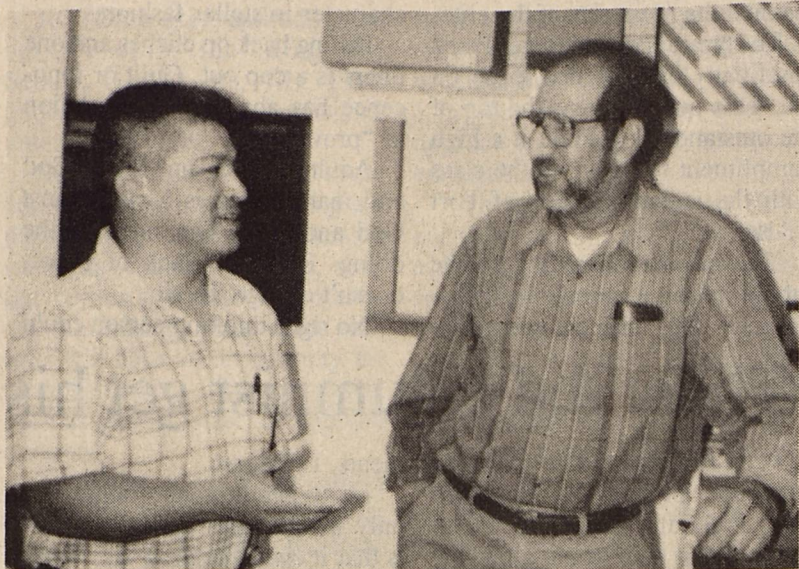
Parents wishing to register their child must present proof of birthdate with a birth certificate or passport, a copy of the child's immunization record, and a Social Security card.

The pre-kindergarten program is limited to 4-year-old children whose birthdays fall before Sept. 1, 1998, whose immunization records are current, and are limited in the English language or from families whose incomes qualify them for the free or reduced lunch program.

Parents wishing to register their child for pre-kindergarten must present proof of birthdate with a birth certificate or passport, a copy of the child's immunization record, a Social Security card, and proof of limited English language or proof of family income.

Children who are currently enrolled in school do not need to pre-register.

For more information concerning pre-registration, call Jones Elementary at 563-2492, ext. 200.



Jimmy Loya, shown at left with David Esparza, is the temporary officer in charge at the U.S. Post Office in Brackettville. He will be stationed in Kinney County until May 12. Brackettville is expected to have a permanent post master by this summer.

## Four positions up for grabs Saturday in BISD election

Four trustees will be elected Saturday in the Brackett School Board elections. Trustees will be elected to fill three expiring three-year terms and one unexpired term with one year remaining.

Incumbents Lloyd Lee Davis Jr., Gloria Garcia and Darlene Shahan have filed for the three-year terms.

Sara Terrazas has also filed to run for one of the three at-large positions.

Jim McDaniel has filed for the unexpired term. He was appointed

to the board last year following Jimmy Bader's resignation.

Early voting ended on Tuesday with 263 citizens casting ballots, including 239 by personal appearance and 24 by mail.

"It's a much better turnout than the previous election," said Dixie Brown, a Brackett ISD early voting clerk.

Saturday's election is from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the BISD Central Office, north of Jones Elementary, located at 400 Ann Street.

## High turnout expected for Saturday's election

### Ward challenges Berlanga for mayor

Officials are expecting a high turnout for Saturday's Brackettville city election, which features the mayor's race and a crowded field of five candidates seeking a vacant council post.

Early voting, which ended Tuesday, attracted 156 citizens, with 140 voting by personal appearance and 16 by mail.

This year's early voting totals are up 23 percent from last year when 127 voters came out early.

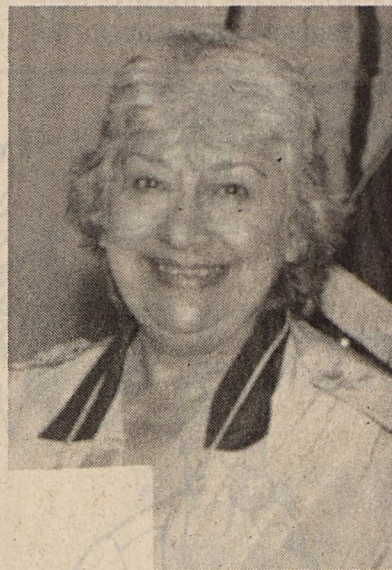
"I think the early voting turnout was impressive compared to previous years," said David Luna, the city's early voting clerk.

Last year's election drew a total of 404 voters, which was the highest since 487 voted in the 1992 city election. Brackettville has 1,074 registered voters.

"When you consider the number of voters that are eligible to vote, the turnout is always poor," Luna said. "We're getting more voters coming in early to vote and we're hoping that we have a good turnout Saturday."

Carmen M. Berlanga is in her sixth year as Brackettville's mayor. She has been an active part of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council and an opponent of the proposed Adobe Eco-Systems landfill.

Berlanga said she hopes to be re-elected so she "may continue



CARMEN M. BERLANGA



DIANA KOCH WARD

to represent the city of Brackettville and that I may continue the opposition to the Adobe landfill."

"My ultimate goals and priorities have been for the betterment of our community," she added.

The incumbent mayor is facing opposition from local businesswoman Diana Koch Ward.

"I am running for mayor because I believe in Brackettville," Ward said. "I am committed to improving the community's standard of living."

"I believe the citizens of Brackettville deserve a bigger voice in their city government. I pledge to

provide the necessary leadership to ensure that Brackettville will remain a great place to live and raise a family," Ward added.

Incumbents Mary V. Flores and Tencha Pena are running unopposed for City Council positions.

The third council position is being sought by five candidates, including two write-ins. Ralph Gonzalez, Alex Longoria, Martin T. Luna Jr., Martha E. Ward McDonald, and Mindy Slubar are seeking the post, which has been vacant since Tino Gomez resigned earlier this year.

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## FFA team takes 16th in state

By Chase Ward  
FFA Chapter Reporter

LUBBOCK — The Brackett FFA wool judging team finished 16th in the state competition Saturday, April 18.

The State FFA Association hosted the event on campus of Texas Tech University.

The team, made up of Zachry Davis, Mistie Herndon and Barkeley Simmons, placed first in district and third in area to qualify for the state competition.

"This was my first judging contest," Simmons said. "The competition was exciting and interesting."

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Zach Davis (from left), Barkeley Simmons and Mistie Herndon finished 16th at the state wool judging competition in Lubbock on April 18.

## Hispanic organization hosts Cinco de Mayo celebration

The Las Moras Hispanic Organization is hosting its Third Annual Cinco de Mayo celebration Saturday.

"We're expecting an even more successful event this year," said Alma Gutierrez, president of the organization.

The event begins at 10 a.m. with a parade featuring over 30 entries, followed by a welcoming ceremony at 11 a.m. and the Little Mr. and Miss Cinco de Mayo Pageant at 11:15.

La Rondalla de Piedras Negras will perform at 11:45, followed by Laura Aguirre of Del Rio at 12:15 and Ballet

Folklorico De La Casa De La Cultura at 1 p.m.

Charro rope tricks will be featured at 1:30, followed by a presentation of regional Mexican dances by local performers at 2 p.m. There will be a dance contest at 2:45 and bingo at 3:15. Pajuelos del Arroyo will provide live music at 3:45 and Armando Aguirre and Ramon Castillo will perform at 4:15.

El Ultimo Tren, featuring local singer Patty Lopez, will perform at the Cinco de Mayo dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The Queen Coronation will be at 10 p.m.

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## MRGDC's Small Business Development Center offers wide range of services

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

Delia Ramirez, a specialist in small business development representing the Middle Rio Grande Development Council's Small Business Development Center in Del Rio, spoke to the Brackettville Rotary Club last Thursday.

Ramirez is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University and is certified by the National Development Council. Her office is located in Uvalde.

A wide range of services are offered by the center. They offer business start-up, business planning, business expansion, technology access, management, feasibility, business loan counseling, market identification, international trade, cash flow analysis, and production and inventory control.

Ramirez took her listeners through a step by step process to illustrate the process. An appointment is set by a prospective business owner. He or she has an idea about a business. The first step would be to do a feasibility study.

Is there a market for such a business? How much capital

would be needed to start it?

To determine what the financial needs are depends on the person's sources for capital. What is their personal financial position? Will they need a loan?

If only a small amount of money is needed, the client might be able to obtain a personal loan from their bank. If not, Ramirez helps prepare a loan package. From specific items on a check list, a business narrative or business plan is prepared by the client with her assistance. The client brings in tax returns and any information that will be of help. Once this information is assembled, they go to the bank.

The Small Business Development Center is administered by Small Business Administration. This program is a cooperative effort between the private sector, the educational facilities, and federal, state and local governments. In 1997, \$5 million was provided by the Small Business Administration in the nine counties the center services. The object is to provide managerial and technical assistance to current small businesses.

There are 57 centers in opera-

tion throughout the country, with one in every state. Texas has four centers, and San Antonio is the lead office. Its task is to coordinate programs through sub-centers in satellite locations, which include 950 service locations throughout the country. Uvalde is a center. Del Rio and Eagle Pass are satellite locations with Carrizo Springs being headquarters.

The point is to try and make sure small business owners are better equipped with the know-how needed to run a business. Large companies have someone available to help because they can afford it.

The program is funded by Texas sales tax and provides a dynamic means of helping the economy in general and the small business owners.

"This is your tax dollar at work and returned to the community," Ramirez said. "There is no cost to the person requesting the service."

Some communities struggle to stay alive. The services provided by these centers helps the community. When a new business is established it may produce jobs.

If a small business is having trouble, it can seek help. A cash flow problem may have occurred. Maybe the thing they offer has become obsolete. The situation can be analyzed.

According to Ramirez, many small business owners don't know where they stand. They keep track of their income and save receipts from expenditures, but these are often kept in a shoe box to be

dumped in the tax preparer's lap when taxes are due. They are "shooting from the hip."

According to the Small Business Administration's statistics, 98 percent non-foreign businesses in the country fail, one half of all in the first year, and 80 percent fail within the first 10 years.

The key to these failures of small businesses is lack of efficient management, she said.



Delia Ramirez, left, is welcomed to the Rotary Club meeting by Joe Harding, program chairman. Photo by Eric McMaster



Editorials

Exercise your right to vote on Saturday

Many people think that their vote doesn't matter or that their lives are not affected by the actions of elected officials. The truth is, voting is the way to control your future.

The right of an American to vote is the right that defines our democracy. The health of that democracy is dependent on the energy and resolve with which it safeguards this most precious and fundamental of rights, and thus encourages the citizen participation that is its greatest strength. Your vote counts!

There are many instances where one vote literally made a difference in the outcome of an election:

In 1776, the new government of the United States chose the English language over the German language by a margin of one vote.

In 1793, one vote cost King Louis XVI his life due to the French National Assembly's decision by a one vote margin to execute.

In 1801, Thomas Jefferson won the presidency with just one vote in the House of Representatives after a tie in the

Electoral College.

In 1845, Texas became the 28th state in the Union due to one vote.

In 1868, one vote spared President Andrew Johnson from impeachment.

In 1898, the blue bonnet was chosen over the cactus as the official state flower of Texas by a margin of one vote.

In 1923, one vote elected Adolf Hitler head of Germany's Nazi Party.

Exercise your right to vote Saturday in the city and school elections.

Letters to the Editor

Columnist honored by letter to the editor

You can tell more about an individual by an analysis of his enemies than his friends.

It has not been easy and it has taken a while, but I have finally reached the pinnacles of the elite.

The typical bilge of Roger Perez has finally been turned loose on me. This puts me near the top of the outstanding. I count it a high compliment to be put in the class with the superb leaders of Fort Clark.

True to the character of the rabble rouser, Roger shows his ignorance. Bill Clinton was never

electd by "a majority of the voters."

In castigating criticism of the immorality and lying of Bill Clinton, Perez paints his own true character in stellar fashion.

Falling back on cliches and one liners is a cop out. Guilt or innocence has absolutely no relation to "proved."

Adultery is a sin against God and man. Lying is a sin against God and man. The sin is in the doing. Proof, or lack of proof, doesn't change the sin.

No right-thinking person could

want to hold up Bill Clinton as a role model for his grandchildren, or anyone else's children.

Thanks Roger, you made my day. It's been a long time since I have been so honored.

Just keep reading "Between Us." The truth may someday find lodgement among the scrambled thinking of your mental meanderings -- an admittedly unlikely probability.

By the way Roger, I have four grown children, 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Joe Townsend

Where did columnist get his information?

I can not believe that with two newspaper people, Wes Robinson and J.J. Guidry, sitting in the City Council that they would allow the totally distorted, slanted, and misinformed article submitted by Joe Townsend's "Between Us" to be published April 23.

Let us ask ourselves, where was this misinformation obtained?

Joe Townsend does not come to the City Council meetings. He never goes to City Hall to "look up" anything.

Could this article be based on hearsay? Hearsay from whom? Could it be just another of Joe Townsend's "usual" tirades? Could it be ignorance? Lack of research?

Let us not close our eyes in that this timely, even though trashy, article could be a campaign promotion for my mayoral opponent, Diana Koch Ward.

For those that do not know, Mrs. Ward is J.J. Guidry's mother.

One thing for sure, in the one year that Wes and J.J. have been city councilmen, not once have they come to City Hall to learn any of the "whys" to the issues mentioned in this article. One would think that they know better, if not, they should.

I still maintain that if The Brackett News provided adequate coverage on city news, trash such as this would not be published.

There is absolutely nothing 'hidden' from the public. The only 'hidden' is what The Brackett News fails to accurately publish.

City Hall records are open to the public. I am available to answer any questions.

Task Force Property

To: The person with many concerns, Richard Olvera:

As per your request on com-

ments, I disagree.

Let us get the facts straight, the only involvement the county has is that it owns the drug task force property. This should clear any overriding or superseding of the city animal ordinance.

The Kinney County Youth Development Association (KCYDA) is trying to lease the site to provide a centralized easy assessable area for all our youth in Kinney County interested in FFA and 4-H.

Why do you differentiate Fort Clark youth only?

There are a number of Brackettville students that have the desire to participate in FFA and 4-H projects who do not have the space or the transportation to a more distant site.

Most of the livestock projects are temporary and seasonal, usually Aug./Sept. through Feb./March for the livestock shows.

Do you realize that the sale of the livestock provides funds for these students to further their education?

While the KCYDA is strictly on a volunteer basis, it will encourage all the students to use the centralized area, therefore preventing having pens in people's backyards, such as you have had in the past with pigs across the street fronting your property.

The KCYDA will be in the order of an educational and teaching youth center with facilities providing for arts, crafts, photography, home economics, Girl and Boy Scouts, one of which you have professed to have supported.

On one hand you profess to have helped the youth in the past, with this letter to the editor you are deterring help for our youth

in the present.

While the KCYDA is in the primary thinking stages, it would not hurt you to get more accurate information from the Kinney County Extension Service and/or the BISS agriculture department.

I resent that you think that the city and county officials are more focused on Spofford and Fort Clark problems.

Wrong! We try to focus on the needs of the entire community. Spofford and Fort Clark are, after all, in Kinney County.

Just how did Spofford get involved in this?

It is commendable that your nephew is a West Pointer, but if you are that concerned about his calling cards being passed out why didn't you do it yourself? A couple of years ago?

Yes, indeed Brackettville is a nice town, but with negative comments such as yours and Joe Townsend, together with inadequate news reporting, it leaves much to be desired in total support of our community and in promotional support for our endeavors.

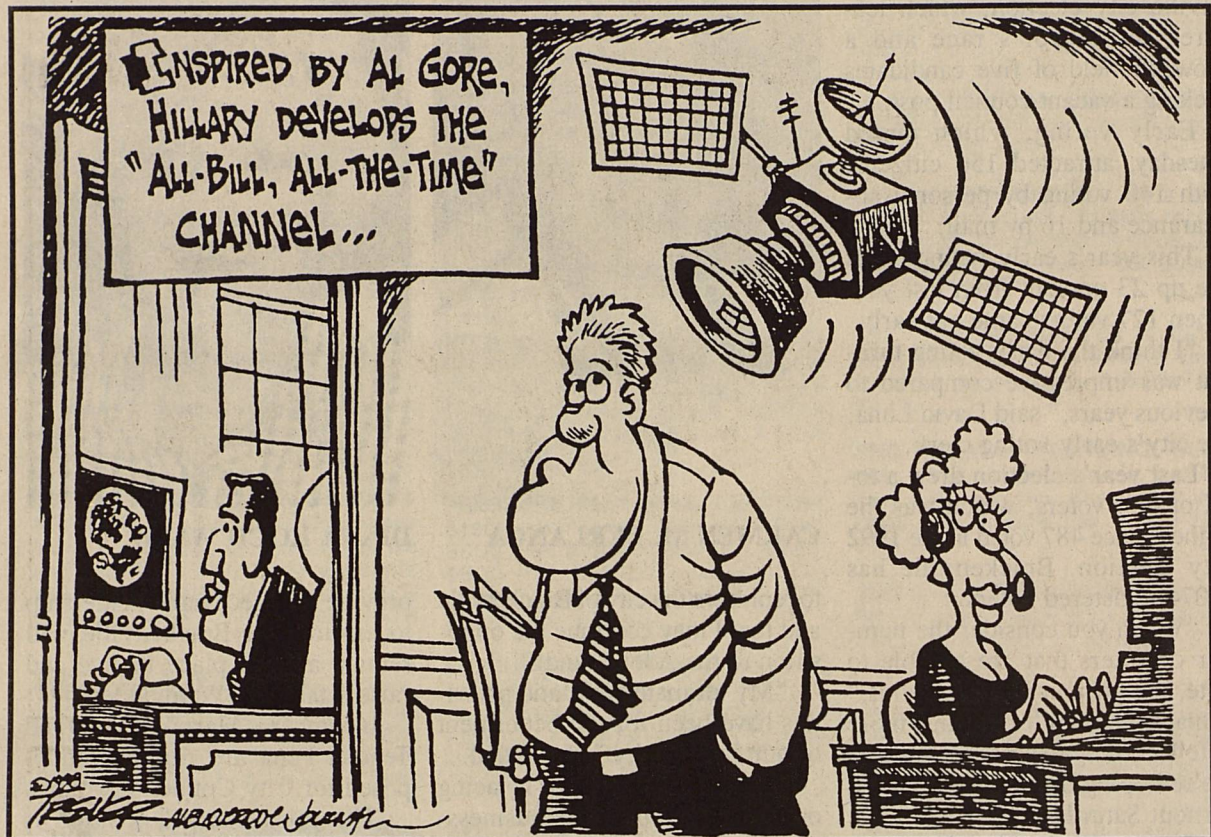
Does anybody really look and see all the positive improvements and accomplishments?

Look around folks before all our positive progress is digressed and destroyed.

To: Roger Perez, muchas gracias, mano.

Carmen M. Berlanga Mayor, City of Brackettville

Editor's note: All of the figures that appeared in Joe Townsend's April 23 column, "Between Us," were verified through city staff and official city documents prior to publication.



Serious consideration should be given to use of county property

There needs to be some very careful thinking done in regard to the request regarding the county's task force property.

I can readily understand the interest and enthusiasm regarding the activities of students. Enthusiasm runs high as they are growing up, but wanes regarding some activities when they no longer are participants.

The proposed use of the property in question is for a very long time.

It is certainly unwise for a government agency to turn over property belonging to the taxpayers to an ad-hoc group neither elected by nor under the control of a governmental body.

To presume that having control of any property would automatically attract children to the program is fallacious.

The city spent several thousand dollars to build a facility for 4-Hers and FFAers to raise pigs for their projects. Prior to that time, a number raised pigs to show. With the new facility available, not one single pig was ever raised in it.

No matter how attractive and

*Between Us*  
By Joe Townsend

lush the facilities, the fact of the matter is that a limited number of students will ever involve themselves in such projects. And almost without exception, these students have their own facilities more convenient to them than a facility not where they live.

The idea that there is owned a location for the proposed activities and it is unsuitable because one time someone saw water standing there shows the lack of real concern for the activity.

It never occurred to them that proper drainage could solve the problem or that fill could be used to prevent it?

If those so interested really cared, they could easily adapt the property already available. In that event, when no animals were raised at the facility, there would be no loss.

The task force property is entirely too valuable to give over to

this suggested use.

Another grave concern if animals are raised there is the odor. Prevailing winds here are from the southeast. This means the odors would be blown directly into the residences of the city.

To think that the City Council would allow this to happen is ludicrous.

Lest these and other advocates say "Townsend is not interested in children and students," I would remind them that my sons participated in these projects when they were in grade school and there is no one more interested in students and children than I am.

This does not mean I am committed to every hair-brained idea that comes along. There are much better ways to accomplish the desired ends than to surrender such valuable property in that location to fantasy and dreams.

Unsung Hero  
By Joe Townsend

There is a very fine lady who was born in this community and has spent her life as a very important part of the community.

As a student, she was outstanding on the campus. She was a superb athlete.

She survived a horrible auto accident where her life hung by a thread for a good while.

She married a fine man from a prominent ranching family. She is the mother of three very outstanding citizens.

She has always been very active in many facets of the community.

She is straight-forward, but not obnoxiously aggressive. She is always ready to help when called upon.

She is warm hearted, appreciative and a dear friend to many people.

Surely, Tulisha Wardlaw is an Unsung Hero.

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Water problems nothing new for Spofford

At first I was sorely dismayed as I read Richard Olvera's letter to the editor of April 23. After reading it the second time my dismay turned to cold anger.

How dare he think that officials are more concerned with Spofford and Fort Clark problems rather than with Brackettville problems.

Spofford's problem has always been lack of water. Does he think we do not deserve water? Water is life! Don't we all drink and use water every day?

I bet that if Richard lived in Spofford, he would holler louder that we have and demand official concern.

Spofford being in Kinney County pays county and school taxes, together with the railroad paying a county tax. We hardly benefit from all of these taxes except that every three or four years the county spends about \$500 on grading our streets.

We give credit to the city officials such as the late and honorable Willie Mendeke, who during his administration instigated a 50

year contract to provide water for Spofford.

We take our hats off to Mayor Berlanga and City Manager David Luna, who have helped us so much to obtain the water transmission line. Without them this could not have been possible.

As good neighbors, Fort Clark Springs MUD has provided water for us until the water transmission line is completed. For this we are most grateful.

J.B. and I are members of Fort Clark Springs, a beautiful place to live and be a part of. However, Fort Clark Springs is an important part of our community. It is maintained and self sustained through their membership fees and assessments.

Why would it be practical for them to issue free passes? Too many freebies appear to be expected lately.

Fort Clark pays county and school taxes on a higher market value of their properties. They strongly support all the churches in Brackettville. They pay sales tax on local purchases. They provide jobs.

Ward gives community hope for future

I just wanted to take the time to express my "true pleasure" in reading the article about Ms. Diana Koch Ward in the April 16 paper.

Praise God for her intelligence, wisdom, courage and boldness to speak truth to the people, many who are suffering for the lack of true leadership!

Thank you for giving people "hope." Bless you. I for one am in prayer and fasting for your future assignment as our little town's mayor, Diana.

Please, all who have an ear to hear and eyes to see, stand behind her and let's unite our divided city and honor God, the father, where Jesus sits and sees! Thank you father God in Jesus' mighty name!  
Marsha H. Harrell

Letters to the Editor Policy

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



# Local group seeks better opportunities for youth

The Kinney County Youth Development Association (KYDA) is a newly formed nonprofit association seeking to better the opportunities for local youth.

The KYDA mission statement includes: "We believe in the ability of our youth to become leaders and desire to aid in their development of skills, moral values, and decision-making abilities, including acceptance of responsibility and use of self discipline."

"Our youth refers to all the youth in our community, our entire community, including the youth of Brackettville and all other areas of Kinney County," said Bonny Herndon, the group's chairman.

KCYDA seeks to assist all youth service clubs including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, FFA, and any other development-oriented youth clubs.

Some of the projects these youth clubs will be including are photography contests, leadership seminars, cooking contests, sewing contests, livestock projects, and fundraising. Many of the contests will have an opportunity for advancement to an upper level, such as district, state, or national contests.

"KYDA seeks to provide a meeting room, kitchen, and concession space for these developmental activities," Herndon said. "Also there are plans to include an area for individual youth live-

stock projects for those youth who are currently unable to participate because they lack a place to raise a project or those who wish to upgrade in an effort to be more competitive.

"These projects not only help our youth develop skills, but teach economic lessons about the real world and teach leadership and self-assurance," she said.

It is in pursuit of these goals that the Kinney County Youth Development Association has approached Kinney County Commissioners Court and requested consideration of a lease of the Taskforce Building.

"KYDA realizes there is community concern about the livestock projects within the city," Herndon

said. "KYDA would like to stress that we will have on-site supervision, our plans include strict guidelines for the cleaning and care of the pens and animals, and we have a plan for the safe disposal of the waste.

"In the Feb. 2 issue of The Brackett News, an article about this project appeared on the front page inviting comment and participation from all in our community. We would like to repeat this invitation to the public."

For more information, call Herndon at 563-9000. Jimmy Ballew, vice chairperson, can be reached at 563-2869, and Robert Eledge, Alana Flurry, or Arlene Bernard can be reached at 563-2442.

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## Brackettville's sales tax rebate jumps 21 percent

Brackettville's sales tax rebates are up 21 percent compared to the same period last year.

State Comptroller John Sharp delivered a total of \$158.7 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,089 Texas cities and 118 counties, an 11.4 percent increase over the \$142.5 million allocated to the cities and counties in April 1997.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in February and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in March.

"April sales tax rebates reflect again this month that the Texas economy is booming and consumers remain confident that the healthy climb will continue," Sharp said.

"Year-to-date, rebates to cities and counties are up 10.7 percent over the first four

months of 1997," he added.

Sharp delivered monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$145.5 million to Texas cities, 11.8 percent higher than last April's payments of \$130 million.

The city of Brackettville received a sales tax rebate of \$2,910.16 in April, which is 20.73 percent above the previous April's \$2,410.35 payment. Year-to-date payments to the city total \$17,637.04, which is 4.25 percent higher than allocation of \$16,917.84 for the same period last year.

Rebates of \$13.2 million to Texas counties are 6.6 percent higher than allocations of \$12.4 million in April 1997.

The \$2,194.28 local sales tax allocation to Kinney County for April reflects a 11.9 per-

cent increase from the \$1,960.92 sales tax rebate for the same month last year. The year-to-date payments to Kinney County are down 0.3 percent, from \$10,999.87 to \$10,967.30.

The state comptroller delivered another \$4.2 million to 31 special purpose districts around the state.

The April sales tax allocation for Kinney County Health Services was \$2,195.77, up 13.1 percent over the April 1997 payment of \$1,941.41. Year-to-date, Kinney County Health Services has received \$10,552.94, which is down 3.1 percent from the \$10,890.34 payment for the same period last year.

The comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, May 8.

## Brackett ISD Honor Roll

Brackett Independent School District's Honor Roll for the fifth six weeks grading period as provided by the district:

### High School

#### All A Honor Roll

Seniors: Jimmy Ballew, Caleb Crumley, Windy Goodloe, Katy Hagler, Christina Meek, Patricia Ortiz, Samantha Perez.

Juniors: Lindsey Brotherton, Angela Childress, Colby Crosby, Amanda Petrosky.

Sophomores: Laura Ballew, James Burks, Zachry Davis, Jania Finkenbinder, Jerritt Meeks.

#### A-B Honor Roll

Seniors: Jose Gonzalez, Susana Hernandez, JoLee Jones, Michael Meyer, Amanda Mulvaine, Chadley Neuman, Alicia Rivas, Jessica Rodefer, Alfredo Rodriguez, Beatrice Smith, Baron Toms, Cherrise Ward.

Juniors: Hilda Aguirre, Jennifer Ashbranner, Sonya Correa, Mistie Herndon, David Honstein, Jacob Mann, Juan Martinez, Brent Smith, Aaron Taylor.

Sophomores: Jamie Bader, Mary Alice Coronado, Jessica De Leon, Tara Eckenrod, Tiffany Eckenrod, Leticia Gomez, Daniel Hernandez, Cindy Jennings, Sunni Jones, Michelle Melancon, Tricia Robinson, LaToya Wright.

Freshmen: Carissa De Los

Santos, Isaac Gutierrez, Schiller Hill, Christina Luna, Sofia Martinez, Manuel Morin, Christopher Petrosky, Brittany Shewbart, John Wylie.

### Middle School

#### All A Honor Roll

Eighth grade: Lloyd L. Davis, Susannah Davis, Levi Duncan, Fabian Farias, Erica Gloria, Duquesa Hunt, Michelle Hunt, Erica Meyer, Brandi Wilson.

Seventh grade: Jared Hobbs, Maria Martinez, Megan McWilliams, Coshena Meyer, Laura Negrete.

Sixth grade: Elizabeth Ballew, Amanda Davis, Dietrich Davis, Ashley Smith.

#### A-B Honor Roll

Eighth grade: Michelle Bizzell, David Campos, Christina Flores, Raymond Gomez, Stephanie Gomez, Migdalia Gonzalez, Miguel Hernandez, Candice Ingram, Guillermo Molinar, Jamie Montalvo, Isela Ramon, Juan Rivas, Ricky Sandoval.

Seventh grade: Jason Bostick, Celina Cano, Amanda Cruz, Nicole Mata.

Sixth grade: Stacey Castilla, Stephanie Coronado, Nancy Hill, Allison LaMascus, David Lattimer, Emily Petrosky, Beau Watkins.

### Elementary School

#### All A Honor Roll

Fifth grade: Clarissa Aguirre, Juliann Ashbranner, Stephanie Bonner, Tillman Davis, Raul Escamilla, Sara Farias, Whitney Hobbs.

Fourth grade: Dana Bonner, Yasmin Pena, Megan Reinhold, Brand Wylie.

Third grade: Adan Aguirre, Dolores Cano, Stanford Conoly, Clint Conrad, Robert Davis, Allison Delbosque, Cesar Deleon, Cullen Duncan, Albaro Duran, Joaquin Fernandez, Seth Frerich, Diana Hernandez, Lorena Mendoza, Sharon Moore, Israel Muniz, Ivan Pinales, Oscar Salazar, Austin Shewbart, Jessica Siegel, Natasha Smith, Micheal Stephenson, Nadine Terrazas, Emily Valenzuela.

Second grade: Bailee Allen, Jesus Balderas, Colter Barajas, Isaac Benites, Travis Bonner, Kody Bostick, Amber Castilla, Julie Castillo, Meghann Davis, Marcos Durna, Doolie Fernandez, Albert Flores, Marlene Gloria, Cathy Herman, Daphne Hunt, Mari Juarez, Lane Nowlin, E.J. Pena, Gustavo Resendez, Evelyn Rojas, Stefani Schuster, Ashley Stephenson, Bianca Stewart, Anolda Watkins.

#### A-B Honor Roll

Fifth grade: Jaclynn

Duncan, Courtney Frerich, Monica Gonzales, Jared Grubbs, Robert Looney, Sean Looney, Whitney Massingill, Kristin Meyer, Joey Montalvo, Divina Pena, Oscar Sierra, Charlie Slaughter, Noe Talamantes, Celina Terrazas, Vanessa Williams.

Fourth grade: Selina Armendariz, Miles Brasicke, Paul Carrion, Ashley Castillo, Joe Chacon, Jacquelyn Conoly, Gene Garcia, Tomas Garcia, Cassandra Gomez, Mandy Harris, Lilianna Hernandez, Cassie Mata, Mason McWilliams, Tanya Molinar, Travis Nowlin, Kaylynn Perez, Miguel Ramos, Zulema Reyes, Isabel Rivas, Soraida Talamantes.

Third grade: Joey Castillo, Roy Estrada, Joaquin Flores, Rodrigo Fuentes, James Gass, Casey Harris, Betty Lattimer, Normando Martinez, Lisa Morgan, Sabrina Morin, Justin Perez, Johnny Rivas, Anthony Sanchez, Adam Sandoval, Abel Talamantes, Marisela Talamantes, Monica Talamantes.

Second grade: Kevin Bonner, Israel Dehoyos, Anita Deleon, Elva Garcia, Josh Garcia, Lisa Gass, Alex Gonzalez, Amie Jalomo, Jaime Jimenez, Fernando Mata, Jessica Rodriguez, Manny Rosas, Maria Sanchez, Chris Seargeant, Bellalynra Talamantes, Hector Villarreal, Roland Zamora.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report

### Thursday, April 23

1:30 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that he was working when another man walked by and began yelling obscenities at him. Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter met with both parties. The suspect denied the allegations and agreed to avoid the complainant.

6:16 p.m., An employee at Stop-N-Shop reported that a delivery truck hit the store. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar was dispatched to the scene.

11:55 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported a domestic problem near Brown and Thorn streets. Trooper Slubar was dispatched to the scene. The problem was resolved.

### Friday, April 24

2:15 a.m., A Brackettville

woman reported that someone broke the back door of her trailer house at her residence on Thorn Street.

9:58 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that her husband hit her at their residence on Thomas Street. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene.

10:17 p.m., A Kinney County woman reported shot guns being fired near F.M. 2804. She believed someone was spotlighting for deer. Game Warden Henry Lutz was dispatched to the scene. He met with two men who said they were trying to scare some deer out of their ranch, and that they weren't shooting at the deer.

### Saturday, April 25

12:04 a.m., A security officer with Smith Security of Fort Clark

Springs reported vandalism in Unit 21. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.

1:45 a.m., Benito Silva Calderon, 26, of Fort Worth was arrested by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie for speeding, no driver's license, and on an outstanding warrant out of Denton County. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held.

6:18 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that someone was shooting an air rifle near her residence on Gove and Edwards streets.

### Sunday, April 26

12:58 a.m., David Bart Baldwin, 41, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Chism on family violence charges of assault causing bodily injury. He was

booked into the Kinney County Jail. Baldwin was released the next day on a \$500 personal recognizance bond.

7:04 p.m., Three illegal aliens on Highway 90, one mile from F.M. 3008. Border Patrol officials were notified.

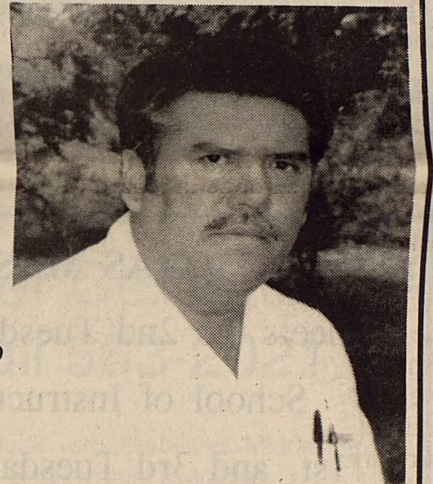
### Monday, April 27

3:53 a.m., Deputy Chism was dispatched to Fort Clark Springs because the doors of a residence were left open. He found no evidence of a forced entry.

9:23 a.m., Gilberto Martinez, 37, of Brackettville was arrested by Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess on family violence charges of assault. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Martinez was released the same day on a \$500 personal recognizance bond.

## Ralph Gonzalez

I am a candidate for City Alderman, Place 4



The following are my qualifications:

I have served six years on the Brackettville City Council, six years in the Child Protection Agency, three years as a Library board member, and two years on the Kinney County Clock Committee.

I was elected Kinney County Constable for two years, January 1976 to January 1978, and served with the Brackettville City Police for five months, October 1986 to March 1987.

I have been employed as a security officer for Smith Security at Fort Clark Springs, Brackettville, since September 1996. I am a certified security officer.

I am also working with the County Sheriff's Department of Brackettville in the capacity of jailer, when needed.

I believe in:

- (1) Equality for all.
- (2) Citizen involvement.

In my six years as City Councilman, working together with city officials, many improvements were adopted:

1. Improved our city's financial status.
2. Improved city employee benefits, including a retirement plan.
3. Established a \$3.5 million sewer improvement system.
4. Worked with county officials in opening the swimming pool for summer operation for our children.
5. Joined the community against the toxic waste dump.

If elected, I would work to help create jobs, beautify our city, and help to create activities for our children.

I hope to work with city, county and school officials for the betterment of our community. I believe in honest politics. I feel strongly that all elected officials should dedicate themselves to serving the needs of the community.

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**But, I could be wrong!**

By: Chuck Hall



**Pardon me, but do I know you?**

Not too long ago, I was in a store in Uvalde doing some shopping. I was there to buy some greenery for the yard.

A lady strolling nearby caught my eye. I couldn't help but notice her; cute, fortish, picnic type. We made eye contact and she spoke: "Find anything interesting?"

Now there was a leading question if I ever heard one. How was I supposed to answer?

Suddenly the realization came to me that this woman knew me. And I knew her. Sort of. I couldn't quite put a name to the face, but

she was hauntingly familiar. I searched the memory banks. Nothing. A total blank. She noticed my awkwardness.

She continued to make small talk, sensing that I didn't really know who she was, and yet refusing to give any clue that might help me out of my dilemma.

Then I remembered. This was the same woman I have been living with for 30 years.

I get to meet new people every day. Being absent-minded isn't all bad. But, I could be wrong.

**Briefs ...**

**Garden Club to present flower show May 2**

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club is presenting "Flowers with Tea and Cakes," a flower show and refreshment event, on Saturday, May 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Cavalry Room at Las Moras restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

In addition to flower displays, there will be displays of wreaths and swags, holiday theme arrangements and centerpieces. Tea and cakes, provided by Barbara Simmons of the Las Moras Restaurant, will be served. Entry to the flower show is free, but the refreshments are \$3 per person.

**Sorority hosts Fourth Annual Senior Tea**

Beta Epsilon Omicron hosted the Fourth Annual Senior Tea Sunday at the home of Evelyn Whitely. Trays of finger sandwiches and cookies were served, accompanied with a fruit punch.

After the tea, a short meeting was held in order to make final arrangements for Founder's Day, which will be held today at Hazel Ivey's home.

The members in attendance were Ivey, Whitely, Barbara Brissette, Elizabeth Goebel, Opal Groce, Marla Madrid, Betty Mathison, Pam Melancon, Barbara Miller, Janice Peck, and Flo Stafford.

**Duplicate Bridge Club meets at Fort Clark**

The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club held its weekly game Tuesday in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs. There were five and a half tables playing, using the Mitchell movement.

Tina Bauguess and Flo Stafford won first place in the north-south division, while Bob Barnett and Walt Geeze were second and Mac and Maria McCandless took third place. In the east-west division, Joyce Bell and Alice Seargeant were first, Don Bell and Blake Hinton finished second, and Joyce Ambler and Jeanette Hinton were third.

**TAAS testing underway around the state**

This is TAAS testing week in Texas. In every school district, students are being tested on reading and math in grades 3 through 8. Students in grade 8 are being tested on science and social studies.

Our students and teachers have worked hard to master the curriculum.

TAAS is a test that focuses on higher level thinking skills. It tests to see if students have been taught the curriculum required by Texas law.

Students in grades PK through 2 learn the skills that are prerequisite to the curriculum required in grade 3.

After grade 10, we can focus on preparing students for college and for the world outside BISD.

We're positive about the TAAS. It's a law! We do our best to learn at BISD!

Our test results have been received at Brackett High School for the exit level. Basically, this is grade 10.

Our scores were the best that they have ever been at BHS. Reading has increased by 10 percent. Writing is the same at 97 percent mastery. Math increased by 30 points.

The higher scores show that teachers along the way are doing a good job helping our kids learn.

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

Teachers at Jones Elementary, Brackett Middle School and Brackett High School have contributed to this accomplishment.

We're proud of our teachers, our students and of the parents and community support that is given to our school system.

The exit level scores are math, 86 percent; reading, 89 percent; and writing, 97 percent.

**School Board Election**  
Our early voting numbers are very high. We have had 262 early voters to date.

Election Day is Saturday. You will vote in the Central Office, which is where early voting was held.

Look for the parking lot in front of the school. Then look for the flag pole. The voting place is through the glass door by the flag pole.

If you have trouble finding the polling place, call 563-2491, Extension 1.

I hope that each and every one who reads this article will vote in this election. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Science Fair**

The science fair was wonderful. Karen Crumbley is a superb science teacher who puts lots of effort into this project. Each year, I have seen the science fair get better and better.

Bob Young gave his time to assist with the evaluation of the science projects. He spends six to eight hours each year helping our science students to improve their projects.

Thanks to Karen and Bob, to all of the students who worked so hard, and to those parents who were there encouraging and helping through the last minutes of this worthwhile project.

**Regional Competitions**  
We're sending four students to the regional tennis tournament this year.

Our track teams have qualified more students for the regional meet than perhaps any time in our history.

The golf team is competing in the regional tournament as I write this article.

**Outside World**  
Our school district gets better

each year. We're trying to connect the students at BISD with the world outside Brackettville.

Their world will be bigger than ours was. They will be competing with students all over the world. As adults, they will be competing all over the world.

One of the ways that education has changed in the past four years is in the utilization of technology. We're there! We're on the cutting edge.

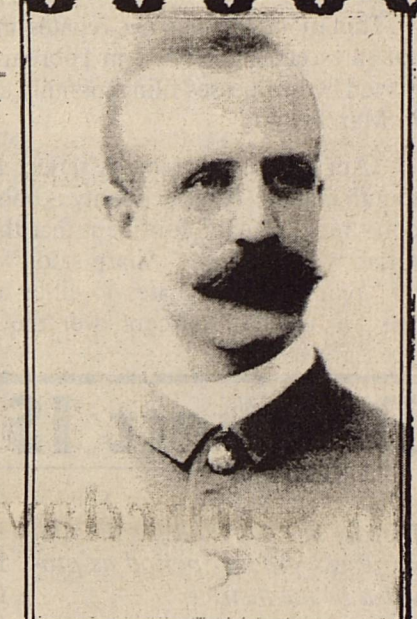
This aspect of education was not essential to know for someone my age. It is now! Education has changed! The adults who are taking computer classes at BISD have realized the need to expand their horizons.

Folks, every day our world changes. Every day, education works to try to keep up with the changing world.

We pledge to try to be better each day than we were the day before. We will try to keep our eyes on the future while learning from the mistakes of the past. We will try to realize that positive thinking and encouragement are the best ways of teaching kids to learn.

Help us be patting our kids and teachers on the back for a job well done. Help us by voting in the election this week. Your support is appreciated!

**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, April 30, 1886**

No drill this morning on account of muster and inspection which took place in full dress at half past eight o'clock. Mail brought me a letter and bundle of papers from home. Spent the morning at the office and in quarters after reading the papers in the Library. Had usual French recitation in afternoon taking the place of the one we should have had yesterday. Helped King compare his muster rolls afterwards and read papers from home until dinner time. Sat a while with Mrs. Hall after dinner. Spent a very pleasant evening at a little party at Gen. Smith's, only a part of the garrison being present.

**Saturday, May 1, 1886**

May day was somewhat chilly and cloudy at first but gradually cleared off and gave splendid weather for the picnic. Mail came in soon after guard mounting bringing a letter from Geary, two O.B.'s from Forsyth enclosing papers in regard to corrections made by accounting officers on my returns as Q.M. at Brown and pay for April. Started up to Gen. Smith's to accompany Miss Saunders to place of meeting to start on the picnic, but found Steele was there. Then went down to accompany Miss Jacobs and found her waiting for Steele. So went to the rendezvous and soon saw the young ladies coming by themselves followed in a short time by Steele. He is very obedient to Miss Folsom and as she does not want him to show attention to any other lady he complies. Think he is very much in love. The party finally started, Hewitt taking Miss Folsom out in his cart and the rest of us going in ambulances. Had a good time and excellent refreshments. Neglected to tell Capt. Vance about going and so no officer was present at retreat with the company as we did not get back until after dark. Gen. Smith brought Mrs. Hall out for a short time in the evening. Miss Saunders told me that the General had a high opinion of me which it shall be my aim to deserve and maintain. Washed and cleaned up after returning and wrote a letter

to Warnock enclosing a check to pay for cap. After tattoo called at Col. Bliss' and almost went to sleep there. Did not see Mrs. Bliss as she is not strong.

**Sunday, May 2, 1886**

After inspection explained absence from retreat to Gen. Smith who readily excused it. Mail had nothing for me but an advertisement. Marched on guard in Fowler's place as he took mine Friday. Commenced letter home before lunch and finished it afterwards enclosing check for \$87 which will pay the hired girl and the second insurance note. Will not pay the last note until later. These payments are becoming a worry to me although it is simply depositing money for future use. Went to the store to deposit a little money this morning before inspection. Wrote a letter to Grandmother in the afternoon. Had hard shower after dinner and later during the night. Read "Middlemarch" and dozed until after 1 o'clock when Officer of the Day inspected. Then turned in for the night.

**Monday, May 3, 1886**

Steele relieved me at guard mounting. Mail brought a letter from home. Target practice was over before guard mounting, so did not have to go out. Went over to town to the express office and to the post office. Cleaned up and shaved before lunch. After this went over to Col. Bliss'. Mrs. Bliss had lain down but had a pleasant chat with the Colonel until Mrs. Feche't and Miss Folsom came in. Walked home with them and then wrote an O.B. to San Antonio and to Forsyth enclosing some papers and studied French until dinner time. Hewitt and Black went to Del Rio yesterday and returned this afternoon. Just before dinner went over to Col. Bliss' to bid Mrs. Bliss good-bye as they went over to Spofford Junction before dark, pitched a tent and intended to sleep there until train time tonight. Mrs. Bliss will not come back but the Colonel goes only to San Antonio and intends to return Thursday. Had usual dress parade this evening where had charge of the company as Capt. Vance was Officer of the Day. In the evening made a party call at Gen. Smith's staying there quite a while chatting with General and Mrs. S. and then called to bid Mrs. Gillmore good-bye as she leaves tonight also. Hope she will return next

Fall and bring a young lady with her. Stopped in at Hammond's for a short time later.

**Tuesday, May 4, 1886**

Had target practice as usual this morning. Came in at guard mounting for breakfast and then went back to shoot at 500 and 600 yds. but could not make anything at the long range. Think I have found a better position. Mail brought a letter from Mr. Terrell and some papers as advertisements. Mr. Terrell writes that our land in San Antonio lies partly in the city limits but it has somehow escaped the assessor and never yet been taxed. Hope they will keep this up. Had the French lesson this afternoon on account of Hewitt's absence yesterday. After it read the papers in the Library and then weeded a little in the yard until dinner time. After dinner went to Mrs. Lyster's and to Mrs. Hall's to let them select one of the photographs of the group. After retreat went to Gen. Smith's to allow Miss Saunders to select and then spent the rest of the evening at Mrs. Hall's playing whist. Had our usual very pleasant evening.

**Wednesday, May 5, 1886**

Succeeded at last in qualifying at 600 yds. and am now a marksman for the third year and entitled to the pin. Am undecided whether to work for the sharpshooter's cross or not. No mail for me this morning. Took a ride with Hammond over to Spofford Junction and enjoyed it a great deal too. He wanted to exercise his ponies and kindly invited me to go with him. Did not get back until after lunch. While at the station felt a great desire to start on my leave. Must wait three months more and then if nothing unforeseen occurs shall be able to spend two months at home. Am undecided whether to take two or three months leave. If the latter must provide some heavy underwear which will be expensive. Took a bath and commenced letter home, which was finished after dinner when a letter was written to Mr. Terrell to thank him for the information about our land. After retreat went over to Gen. Smith's to arrange with Miss Saunders about going to the hop this evening. Walked home with Miss Jacobs and then dressed and accompanied Miss Saunders to the hop. Had a stupid time there. Asked Miss Folsom for a round dance and was refused on account of having all engaged. Feel sure from her tone and reply that she

meant to refuse to dance with me, although she asked me if I felt offended later on and said all the round dances were engaged. It is too small a matter to be vexed about, but intend to avoid giving her another opportunity to snub me. Think she had arranged with Steele & Hewitt to dance all the round dances so as to decline my invitation. After the hop escorted Miss Saunders to the lodge room of the Good Templars where a public installation of officers took place this evening. We were too late for installation ceremonies but had some refreshments and heard the literary part of the programme. The two temperance organizations are doing a great deal of good in the garrison.

**Thursday, May 6, 1886**

Capt. Vance was absent from drill this morning giving me charge of the company. Got through all right. Ordered some pictures of the group this morning. Mail brought an O.B. from San Antonio enclosing a copy of letter authorizing the renting of a telephone at Brown last year. My money accounts as Q.M. have been remarked upon because this service was not approved by the Sec'y. of War. Sat with Mrs. Lyster during guard mounting and then studied French until near noon when Hammond came in and we played piquet a while. Had usual French lesson at the guard house as Hewitt was on guard. After it cleaned blouse and then wrote two O.B.'s to the Adjutant General and Quartermaster General in reference to the renting of the telephone at Brown. Hope the Sec'y. of War will approve this expenditure. Watered the grass after dinner. In the evening intended to call on Mrs. Remington and Mrs. Kauffman but they were not at home. Called at Capt. Feche't's until tattoo and found Miss Folsom quite pleasant. Played piquet with Hammond after tattoo and then went down to the store with the Hammonds & Dr. Town and had some lemonade there.

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# New guidebook available for spring 'wildscaping'

AUSTIN — Just in time for spring planting, Texas Parks and Wildlife has published a new step-by-step guide on how to provide wildlife habitat in your own backyard.

The new guide, called "Designing a Wildscape," provides clear and easy-to-understand steps in creating a landscape that is not only beautiful and inviting to birds, butterflies and other wild visitors, but is easier and less expensive to maintain. It includes sequential diagrams of a landscape in progress, plant placement diagrams, tips for installing and maintaining your wildscape, and a Texas Natives plant list.

Texas Wildscapes are small habitats that provide the three essential ingredients for a variety of wildlife — food, water and shelter. This can be as simple as providing feeders, birdbaths, and nest boxes for birds, or as elaborate as restoring native vegetation. The goal is to provide places for birds and small mammals to feed and drink, escape from predators and raise their young.

Wildscapes is an innovative habitat restoration plan for rural and urban areas from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Nongame and Urban Program. This allows anyone to contribute to wildlife conservation by developing wildlife habitats where they live or work.

The "Designing a Wildscape" guide is available through Texas Parks and Wildlife for a \$2 donation. Backyard wildlife enthusiasts may also take part in the "Texas Wildscapes" program and receive a larger information packet for \$15.

Participants in the Wildscapes program will receive a packet of information about gardening for



**A Little On The Wildlife Side**  
By Henry Lutz  
Kinney County Game Warden



wildlife, which includes the "Designing a Wildscape" guide, "The Backyard Naturalists" book from the National Wildlife Federation, a pamphlet on building bird feeders and nest boxes, and a color pamphlet on Texas native ornamental trees.

The packet also includes guides on gardening for butterflies, hummingbirds, seed and insect-eating birds, and an extensive list of plants that are native to your area's vegetation, complete with plant description, habitat preference, and ornamental and wildlife value.

The packet also contains an application for certifying your site as an official Texas Wildscape. Once the application is approved, the applicant will receive a backyard sign, personalized certificate, and registration with Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Creating "backyard habitat" by replacing part of your lawn with native species not only provides habitat, but it's less expensive and easier to maintain. Less lawn means less mowing. And many native plants are hardy and drought resistant, so they need little or no water or care.

Using native plants attracts a variety of wildlife. Hummingbirds, for example, are attracted to red tubular flowers like red salvia, coral honeysuckle and cardinal flower. You can also attract brightly colored songbirds to feast in mulberry, beautyberry or black cherry trees you have planted. You may even want to attract insect-eating bats to your yard by

putting up a bat house.

To order the "Designing a Wildscape" guide, send a check or money order for \$2 to Texas Wildscapes, TPWD/Nongame Branch, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas, 78744. For more information, write to the address above or call 1-800-792-1112.

**Tips for a Wild Backyard**

1. Native plant species that produce seed, nuts and berries are best for attracting wildlife. To appeal to a variety of urban wildlife, arrange plants in varying layers. For example, oaks and elms serve as an upper canopy layer followed by yaupon, viburnums, or dogwoods in the understory. Herbaceous plants such as native grasses, salvias and honeysuckle can form the lower layers, providing food and cover for birds and small animals.

2. Water is a vital ingredient to any Wildscape. If you have enough space, ponds are great, but pools, birdbaths or even an upside-down trash can lid works well too. Keep water available year round for best results.

3. Conserve water by using native plants. Irrigate in early mornings or evenings to reduce evaporation.

4. Bird feeders and nest boxes are great additions to supplement natural food sources and tree cavities. Besides, they make fun projects!

5. Recycle leaves and grass clippings by composting. The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission can provide information on this topic.

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Eligible individuals will participate in six week work program.

Graduating seniors may also be eligible to earn college credit.

Visit your local

Middle Rio Grande Career Center at 201 E. Spring Street or call 563-2021.

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Middle Rio Grande Career Centers subscribe to Equal Opportunity Employment Practices.

**APPLY NOW**

# Five candidates seek vacant post in Saturday's City Council election

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Longoria and Slubar are both write-in candidates.

Gonzalez has six years experience serving on the City Council. He had previously been elected constable and worked for the Brackettville Police Department. He currently is employed as a security officer with Smith Security at Fort Clark Springs.

Longoria, a U.S. Marine Corp veteran, was acting foreman for the Southern Pacific Railroad for a number of years. In addition, he

owned and operated three businesses in Brackettville and one in Del Rio. He is a carpenter by trade and has been retired for 10 years.

Luna, also a veteran, worked for over 31 years for the Texas Highway Department. He retired as fire chief of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department in 1982 after 24 years of service. He was certified in basic fire fighting.

McDonald, a member of the Seminole Indian Cemetery Association, is currently employed as

a cook at the Sheriff's Department. Prior to working for the Sheriff's Department for eight years, McDonald worked three years at the Las Moras Restaurant.

Slubar moved to Kinney County three years ago with her husband, Richard. She obtained a cosmetology license from Wharton Junior College and worked at Mi-Lady's Salon for over two years.

Saturday's election is from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at City Hall, located at 119 W. Spring Street.

# Davis elected FFA secretary

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The team left on Friday and toured Rancher's Lamb Slaughter House in San Angelo. This facility opened in October 1997 to process sheep and goats for meat consumption all over the world.

"The trip was a great experience for us," Davis said. "We learned a lot and are looking forward to participating again next year."

In other FFA news, Davis was elected to serve as secretary for the 1998-99 school year in the Revaldina FFA District. This is Brackett's district for competition.

The schools in the district are Brackett, D'Hanis, Devine, Hondo, Knippa, Leakey, Natalia, Medina Valley, Sabinal, Utopia, and Uvalde.

## Thank You!

We wish to thank one and all for the calls, cards, letters of encouragement and especially the prayers during our medical sojourn.

A special thanks to the Fort Clark Dance Co. for the very warm "Welcome Back" signs and decorations.

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Paul & Nona Hoeller

## MAY 1998

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				1 Dr. Anna Sanchez Dr. Michael Roth Podiatrist 830-278-6251, Ext. 430 Dr. David Dean Neurosurgeon 830-278-6251, Ext. 430
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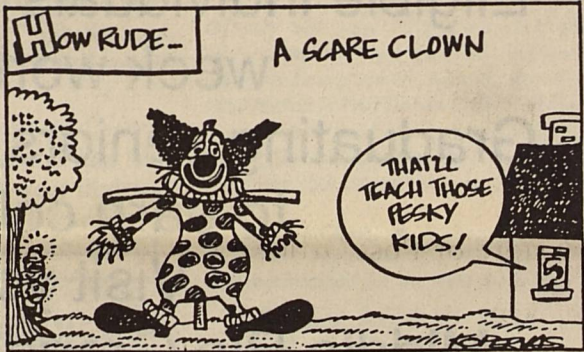
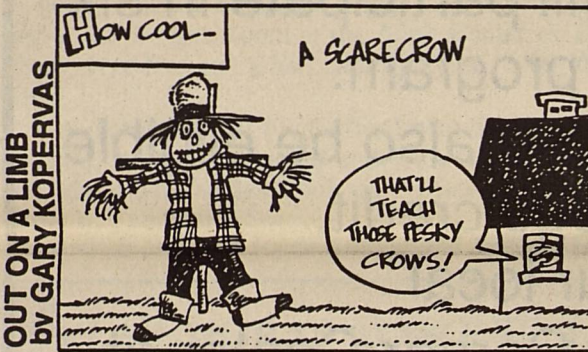
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|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ACROSS                       | 49 Pride of lions?        | members                          | 4 '40s fashion fad              | 41 Appendix's neighbor          | key                             |
| 1 Tito, before he got famous | 50 See 7 Down             | 82 Juan — de Leon                | 5 Turner of "Northern Exposure" | 42 Caroline, to Ethel           | 72 Beldam                       |
| 5 Stoppage                   | 51 Yemeni seaport         | 83 '50s auto fad                 | 6 At — for words                | 43 Fellows                      | 73 Peace's partner              |
| 10 Go out on a limb?         | 52 Gore and Yankovic      | 86 Mull over                     | 7 With 50                       | 44 Confederate president        | 76 '50s theater fad             |
| 15 Israeli diplomat          | 53 Flick                  | 88 Jeweler's weight              | 49 Amble along                  | 46 Prize money                  | 77 Lighting fad                 |
| 19 Trademark design          | 54 Bridge expert          | 89 Elwes of "The Princess Bride" | 50 Like St. Nick                | 49 Across, bourbon cocktail     | 78 '50s hair fad                |
| 20 Similar                   | 55 Choose                 | 90 "Watch out!"                  | 51 Old Testament character      | 51 Old Testament character      | 80 Out of range                 |
| 21 Nobelist foot             | 58 Erroneous              | 93 Birth-related                 | 53 Man of the cloth?            | 82 Butcher's offering           | 81 Zhivago's love               |
| 22 Part of TLC               | 59 Pops a pec             | 94 '50s hair fad                 | 54 Building feature             | 84 Anthropologist Louis         | 84 Anthropologist Louis         |
| 23 European capital          | 60 Midwest college town   | 98 Composer                      | 55 Take the honey and run       | 85 Diluted                      | 85 Diluted                      |
| 24 Trio of trios             | 61 Defer                  | 99 Persona (martial art)         | 57 Actress                      | 86 "Scent of a Woman" star      | 86 "Scent of a Woman" star      |
| 25 High-tech missile         | 62 It's really tacky      | 101 String King?                 | 58 — accomplis (done deals)     | 88 Michael Jordan, for one      | 88 Michael Jordan, for one      |
| 26 Jocular Jay               | 63 Unctuous               | 103 Square measure               | 59 "North Dallas —" (79 movie)  | 89 Interrupt                    | 89 Interrupt                    |
| 27 Hit for Chubby Checker    | 66 Newspaper type         | 104 Scrabble piece               | 61 Buccaneers' headquarters     | 90 — carotene                   | 90 — carotene                   |
| 29 Party hearty              | 67 '90s communication fad | 105 Gunpowder component          | 62 With merriment               | 91 Gray or Moran                | 91 Gray or Moran                |
| 31 Wonder Woman, for one     | 71 Take                   | 106 "Our — Havana" ('60 film)    | 63 Get cracking                 | 92 Unrestrained                 | 92 Unrestrained                 |
| 33 Without                   | 72 Rossini's "Le — Ory"   | 107 "It — a Hammer"              | 64 Newswoman                    | 93 16-nation org.               | 93 16-nation org.               |
| 34 Bacon or Rabbit           | 73 Considerably           | 108 Rooney of "60 Minutes"       | 65 Cover story?                 | 94 Actress                      | 94 Actress                      |
| 35 Baht man?                 | 74 Actor                  | 109 Bedtime reading              | 66 Condemns                     | 96 Neighbor of Pakistan         | 96 Neighbor of Pakistan         |
| 36 Anchored                  | 75 "Rigoletto" rendition  | 110 Nero's instrument            | 67 Extremist groups             | 97 Mythical mother of twins     | 97 Mythical mother of twins     |
| 39 Texas river               | 76 Composer               | 111 Singer Home DOWN             | 68 Chan portraiture             | 100 Cambridge univ.             | 100 Cambridge univ.             |
| 40 '80s jewelry fad          | 77 Jean Baptiste          | 2 — Hashanah                     | 69 For the — (presently)        | 102 Zettarling of "The Witches" | 102 Zettarling of "The Witches" |
| 44 Dark                      | 78 Track sound            | 3 Inspect too closely?           | 70 Computer                     |                                 |                                 |
| 45 Deals with a donut        | 79 Spare part?            |                                  |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| 46 Tea type                  | 80 What the nose knows    |                                  |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| 47 Never, in Nuremberg       | 81 Church                 |                                  |                                 |                                 |                                 |
| 48 Barnyard butter?          |                           |                                  |                                 |                                 |                                 |

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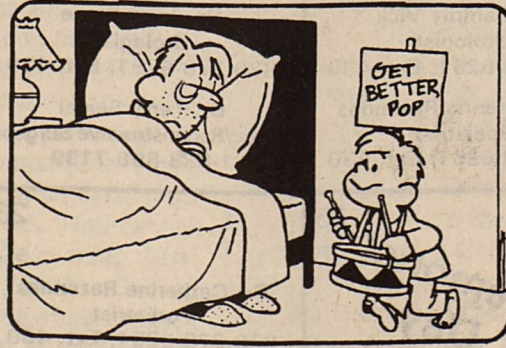
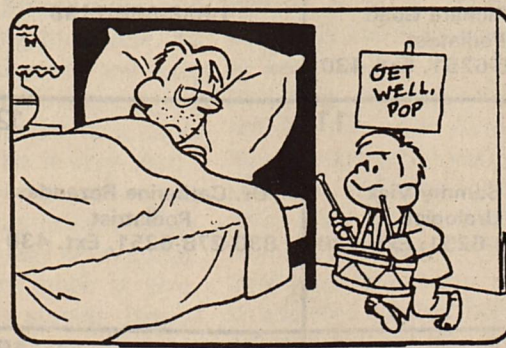
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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| Annie Arsenio Carnegie Concert | Convention Dance Exhibition Hiring | Independence Music Pool Symphony | Tammany Tom T. Town |
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**HOCUS-FOCUS**



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.  
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**Your Horoscope by Natasha**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) It's certainly a good week for socializing, although there could be some concern over a domestic matter. Luck is with you, but remember to exercise initiative. Your ideas and intuition are good.  
**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Financial negotiations could get bogged down. Don't let anyone take unfair advantage. With business partners, it's a question of give and take this week.  
**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A family member doesn't particularly care for a friend of yours. It's not the best week for household guests. However, socializing is accented by week's end. Get out and about.  
**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Happiness comes through romance. Despite one pressing family obligation, it's a favorable week for you. Enjoy the companionship of friends and loved ones over the weekend.  
**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your attitude toward money fluctuates. Try to avoid the extremes of extravagance and stinginess. Business and pleasure mix to your advantage this weekend.  
**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Do what you have to do for your career, but don't argue about it. Although company could drop by, you needn't change your plans for going out somewhere special this weekend. In fact, socializing is a plus.  
**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A last-minute idea is a good one career-wise. Partners agree about the joint use of funds. Family is uppermost in your thoughts as the week comes to a close.  
**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Entertainment is accented, but toward the weekend.



your interest turns to career endeavors. Don't squabble with a loved one over money. It's just not worth causing hard feelings.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) There's nothing wrong with the way you express your ideas, but some people aren't listening. Your time is best spent with people you can relate to on an intellectual level in order to avoid frustration.  
**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Keep your financial plans to yourself. The less others know about your business, the better. Tact and diplomacy are necessary qualities this week.  
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Concentrate on making money rather than spending it. You could come up with some good profit-making ideas. Fad-like purchases should be avoided over the weekend.  
**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) The beginning of the week is best for continuing with that work project or for making business calls. Guard against unnecessary expenditures. Something comes up at home this weekend that requires your attention.

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April 30 .... F. M. Huffman	May 4 ..... Sapopo Castillo
April 30 ..... Laura Phillips	May 4 ..... James Conrad
May 1 .... Rosemary Abrigo	May 4 ..... Cubie Kurtz
May 1 ..... Dorothy Nelson	May 5 .. Tom Faulkenberry
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**NOTICE OF SALE**

**THE STATE OF Texas**, County of Kinney, By virtue of an order of sale dated April 28, 1998, and issued pursuant to judgement decrees of the District Court of Kinney County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, and to me delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on the 28th day of April, 1998, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday of June, 1998, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Brackettville, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on said day proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title and interest of the defendants in the following suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said Defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Kinney and State of Texas, to-wit: No. 2973, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Ernest Cardenas, et al; Lot 17, Block H, Original Town of Brackett; No. 2974, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Kenny Stanfill, et al; Lots 13 and 14, Block Y, Original Town of Brackett; No. 2975, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Gladys Fritter, et al; Lot 9, Block E, Maverick Addition, City of Brackettville; No. 2978, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Dora Ann Luna, et al; Lot 2, Block 25, Original Town of Brackett; No. 2979, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. William H. Fisher, et al; Lot 36, Block J, Fort Clark Springs, Unit 27, subject to protective restrictions of record in Vol. A-43, Page 615, Deed Records, Kinney County, Texas, and subject to protective covenants of record in Vol. A-67, Page 125-130, Deed Records, Kinney County, Texas; No. 2982, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Manuel Martinez, et al; South one-third of Lots 12, 13 and 14, Block N, Original Town of Brackett; No. 2984, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Jesus San Miguel, et al; Lot 5, Block 17, Veltman Addition, City of Brackettville; No. 2987, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Tomassa Cardenas, et al; Lot 16, Block H, Original Town of Brackett; No. 3039, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Froilan Hernandez, et al; 0,50 acre, Abstract 1495, John A. Green Survey, City of Brackettville, being more particularly described in Vol. A32, Page 239, Deed Records, Kinney County, Texas; No. 3040, Kinney County Appraisal District vs. Ronald James Whitlock, et al; Lot 11, Block 42, City of Brackettville, or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorneys, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy judgements, interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, at any time within the time and manner prescribed by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgements rendered in the above numbered and entitled suits, together with interest, penalties, attorney's fees and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs. Dated at Brackettville, Texas, this 28 day of April, 1998. /s/ Leland K. Burgess, Sheriff, Kinney County, Texas.

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**REQUEST FOR BIDS**

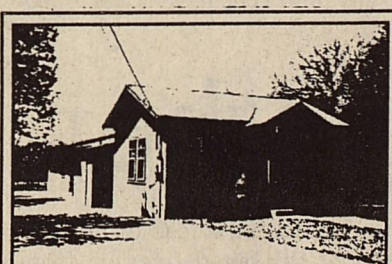
**THE MIDDLE RIO Grande** Development Council Area Agency on Aging in developing a comprehensive and coordinated service delivery system in connection with the Options Independent Living Project with the Middle Rio Grande Region under a grant from the Texas Department of Aging is inviting local service providers to join the Direct Service Pool under Options for Independent Living Program and Title III. Bids are being accepted for the following services: Personal Assistance, Vision Care, Legal Assistance and Homemaker I Services. Bids forms may be obtained by calling (830) 876-3533. Sealed Bids marked "DPS-Options for Independent Living" should be addressed to Ramon Johnston, Deputy Director for Administration, MRGDC, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834 by no later than 5:00 p.m. May 5, 1998. Bids may not be submitted through the use of facsimile machines. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. The MRGDC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

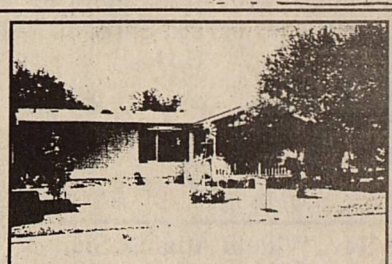
**BRACKETT ISD IS** now accepting proposals for the construction of tennis courts. Proposals will be accepted until May 8, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. Contact Superintendent Taylor Stephenson, 830-563-2491, ext. 100, for specifications. Brackett ISD P.O. Box 586, Brackettville, Texas 78832.

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Immaculate home at 1920 Walnut on Fort Clark. 3 B/R, 2 Bath, recently reduced from 80,000 to 70,000. 1,568 sq ft with 288' screen porch, 120' front porch and 784' carport also has fireplace.

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**Swim Park  
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Swim Shack Attendants**

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**HEALTH**  
Public health plays essential part in life

It may not be on a vocabulary quiz, but the term public health is one that often is little understood or, more frequently, not discussed at all.

"We at the Texas Department of Public Health talk about and work with public health every day," said Texas Commissioner of Health Dr. William R. Archer III. "But others in our communities rarely, if ever, give public health a second thought."

Archer poses these questions: "Did you send your child to school today without worrying about a measles outbreak?"

"Did the family go out to dinner with not much anxiety about how safe the food on the menu was?"

"Do you feel confident that if you dial 911 an ambulance and a paramedic are as close as your fingertips?"

"Did you turn on the faucet in your bathroom to brush your teeth today and find that you really do have clean water flowing?"

"That's public health," he said. Today, 25 of the 30 years of the increase in life expectancy since

the turn of the century are credited to public health measures. Thanks to the reduction of diseases in this country, people have a quarter of a century more in their lifetime to work, to play, to learn and to enjoy their families.

"If people actually do talk about public health, it usually is in terms of clinics or health care for the poor," Archer said. "And though that part is factual, there are many more aspects to this picture. Public health touches the life of every person every day."

Public health workers, both at the state and local level, work to help people protect themselves from hazards in the neighborhood and to prevent injuries. Public health involves systems to assure health and education concerning healthy living.

Public health also means someone, somewhere doing things for people that they cannot always do for themselves, such as checking on health professionals and health facilities, helping communities in time of disasters or investigating disease outbreaks to provide health information.

Just over 170 years ago, in 1828, the first public health laws were written when Texas was still a part of Mexico. Smallpox, malaria and yellow fever were the primary public health fears.

Early in this century, children regularly died from infectious diseases and diarrheal illnesses. Now the expectation is for a healthy life. Globally, smallpox has been eradicated and polio may be next.

"The problem with good public health measures often being invisible and seamless is that prevention often rides in the back seat," Archer said.

The Texas Department of Health deals with public health through its office complex in Austin, along with 11 regional offices across the state, two hospitals, and dozens of local affiliated health departments.

Public Health Week, the first week of April each year, is set aside to recognize the contributions of public health workers and prevention services to the well-being of people and their communities.