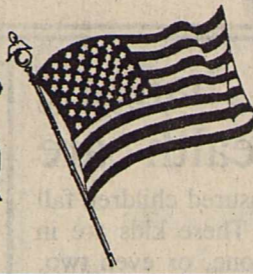


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Briefs ...

Hobbs, Lutz file for School Board election

Ronnie Hobbs and Henry Lutz both filed this week to run for the Brackett School Board.

Filing is underway for the May 1 elections for the Brackettville City Council and the Brackett ISD School Board of Trustees.

As of noon Wednesday, Alderman Wes Robinson was the only candidate to file for the City Council election.

March 17 is the deadline to file for a place on the ballot for the City Council and School Board elections. The deadline for write-in candidates to file is March 22.

The positions currently held by Robinson and Alderman J.J. Guidry are up in the Brackettville City Council election. Each position has a two-year term.

Two at-large positions on the School Board of Trustees will be on the ballot. Each position has a three-year term. Incumbents are Steve LaMascus and Jim McDaniel.

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

Local 4-H Club hosts barbecue on Sunday

The Kinney County 4-H Club will host a youth barbecue to benefit the local 4-H Rifle Club at Shahan Park on Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tickets for the barbecue can be purchased from any 4-H Rifle Club member.

Barbecue plates will be served with brisket, coleslaw, beans and corn bread.

For more information, contact Karen Taylor at 563-3283 or Liz Frerich at 563-2310.

Little League to host meeting Friday night

The Kinney County Little League will host an organizational meeting tomorrow night at 7 p.m. at the Brackett ISD cafeteria.

The Little League will elect its Board of Directors and will have sign-ups for managers and coaches for the upcoming season.

Tax questions answered Friday at senior center

Roland Boysen will answer income tax questions for senior citizens tomorrow from 9 a.m. to noon at the Kinney County Nutrition Center.

For more information, call (830) 563-2015.



Michelle Forbes (right) discusses a scene with director Rune Bendixen during the filming of "Bullfighter" at Alamo Village early Sunday morning. Forbes stars opposite Olivier Martinez in the irreverent millennial saga, which is Bendixen's feature directorial debut. The movie is expected to hit theaters during the Christmas holidays. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

'Bullfighter' cast has producers confident

A stellar cast has producers excited about the possibilities of the irreverent millennial saga, "Bullfighter," which is currently being filmed in Kinney County.

"The casting I think is very successful," said L.M. Kit Carson, one of the movie's three producers. "The combination of people is a set of talents that is really an interesting mix to watch. They play off each other very well. It's very funny."

L.M. Kit Carson

New French Star Olivier Martinez ("Horseman on the Roof") makes his American film debut opposite co-star Michelle Forbes ("Kalifornia," "Homicide").

The cast also includes Michael Parks, Donnie Wahlberg, Domenica Cameron-Scorsese, Assumpta Serna, Jared Harris and William Dafoe, with guest performances by Robert Rodriguez and Guillermo del Toro.

"Bullfighter" is the story of Jacques (Martinez), a reckless French charmer and wanderer. This 21st-century Belmondo is in Mexico to try the rush of bullfighting when suddenly, on Christmas Eve, he finds himself the unexpected protector of pregnant ex-girlfriend, Mary (Forbes).

The movie is a modern tale of good versus evil which turns progressively funnier and weirder as Jacques fights off vengeful gang-

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sters, bad-shot gun-swingers, and powerful forces which defy explanation.

Filming for the project began Feb. 12 in South Texas. Crews spent the weekend shooting night scenes at Alamo Village.

"This is a great place to shoot at," Carson said. "There is a wonderful spirit here. Somehow it lifts up the production. We've been here for about a week. You can see that people are having a good time at 1:30 in the morning."

Forbes said the famed movie location north of Brackettville was a "great" location to shoot the film.

"It brings up all the great feelings of the old westerns," she said. "It's such a part of our American heritage. It's amazing to look out over these vistas and beauties. It's gorgeous."

Forbes is well-known for her

roles in John Carpenter's "Escape from L.A.," "Swimming with Sharks" opposite Kevin Spacey, and as co-star to Brad Pitt and Juliette Lewis in the cutting edge "Kalifornia." The Texas-born actress was also a regular on the network series "Homicide."

Forbes plays the feisty female opposite Martinez, one of Europe's most popular young leading men.

With his second feature, Bertrand Blier's "1,2,3 Solcil," the Gallic actor picked up a Cesar Award (the French Oscar equivalent) for Best Young Newcomer, and then burst onto the international scene as star of the hit film "Horseman on the Roof," with Juliette Binoche.

Since then, Martinez has worked steadily in films including Blier's controversial "Mon Homme" and Bigas Lunas' acclaimed "Chambermaid on the Titanic," released this past fall.

The legendary Parks, who recently completed production on the Robert Rodriguez film, "Hangman's Daughter," will star as a gangster-turned-bull rancher.

In her first leading role, Cameron-Scorsese (daughter of Martin Scorsese and new-age author Julia Cameron) will play Parks' wild-spirited daughter. She

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Grace period for assessments extended by Fort Clark board

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Fort Clark Springs members will have an additional 60-day grace period for paying assessment before losing their "good standing" status.

The Fort Clark Springs Association's Board of Directors recently changed the grace period for assessment payments from 30 to 90 days.

"The by-laws previously spoke of a member in good standing as being a member who's assessments are no more than 30 days past due and other accounts with the association are current, and a member whose privileges have not been removed by the Board of Directors for violations of the rules and regulations," said Genell Hobbs, assistant general manager at Fort Clark Springs. "Now, a member in good standing is a member whose assessments are not more than 90 days passed due."

"It is a courtesy to members because often times someone has forgotten to make their payment or they've been out of town, or someone lives out of state and didn't get it mailed for whatever reason."

Genell Hobbs

"It is a courtesy to members because often times someone has forgotten to make their payment or they've been out of town, or someone lives out of state and didn't get it mailed for whatever reason," she said. "The board felt like the 30 days was not quite long enough."

Hobbs said the change in the by-laws will not affect the status of ineligible voters for this year's Board of Directors election.



Candace Ingram (left) and Amanda Ward both won gold medals at solo and ensemble contest. Ingram played a Class I trumpet solo and Ward played a Class III flute solo. Both musicians are freshman at Brackett High. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Staff members help keep Fort Clark running

By Patsy Callnan
Contributing Writer

Jim Heath, general manager of Fort Clark Springs said that Diana Walker, recreation director, and Bob Walker, maintenance director, were two members of the staff that helps keep the association running.

The two employees were guest speakers at last Thursday's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting.

Diana has been head of the recreation department since last October. She and a staff of two, and a voluntary recreation committee, are in charge of all the weekly and monthly events that occur on Fort Clark, which consists of a wide

range of activities. They take care of the Adult Center, spa and ceramic studio, which includes cleaning and minor maintenance.

Some of the many activities that take place at the Adult Center are blood pressure checks, porch sales, parties, game night parties, duplicate bridge, bunco, Old Quarry Society meetings, Garden Club meetings and recreation committee meetings, to name a few. They are also in charge of fort-sponsored dances, ladies luncheons, monthly potluck suppers, and par three golf.

Walker also has youth activities under her care. During the summer months, she is also in charge of the Swim Park activities.

She said that lifeguards are not easy to find and so it is her responsibility to see to lifeguard training courses. This year she has hired a certified instructor and will have classes offered at Fort Clark.

Needless to say, "It is a very big job but a very rewarding one," according to Diana.

Bob Walker said that the main-

tenance department is the backbone of the association. Without a strong productive maintenance department, the association, as it is set up, could not survive.

Everyone, residents as well as the administration, rely heavily on all functions of maintenance, he said.

Some of the responsibilities of maintenance to the residents are: twice a week garbage pick up, they haul old furniture, appliances, tree and bush cuttings and dead animals. They keep roads travelable, green areas mowed and some watered for beautification purposes.

Keeping the grounds free from debris is also among the things for which they take responsibility. Maintenance will also respond to residents who need help in moving heavy breathing apparatuses and jumpstart vehicles.

The department maintains all association buildings, including plumbing, electrical, carpentry, floor repairs, doors, windows and all association ground of 2,700 acres. They are constantly mov-

ing tables and chairs from one location to another for members or association functions.

Lights are another problem that must be addressed, from inside and outside of buildings, working closely with CPL, Rio Grande Electric and the telephone company so these services can continue to work properly.

Although not a certified greens superintendent, Walker and his crew have also the responsibility of both golf courses. They work closely with the MUD District and assist them as they also assist members to fix or repair any sewer or water problem that may arise. They clean the pool, grade roads, rake leaves, trim trees and shrubs, fix water leaks and last but not least they receive extra work through the work order process. During the last fiscal year, 959 work orders were processed. From Oct. 1 to the present time, 397 have already been processed.

Heath ended the report with a word of commendation for the work that both of these employees are doing day after day.

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Diana Walker (left) and Bob Walker were guest speakers at last week's Rotary Club meeting. Photo by Frances McMaster

Legislature must react to changing conditions in children's health care

By Pete P. Gallego
State Representative, District 74

For many families in Texas, health insurance is a luxury. The peace of mind that health insurance provides is beyond the reach of many ordinary Texans.

Many parents today do not know how they would cope with a child who fell seriously ill. An accident on the playground or a fall off of a bicycle could easily escalate into a financial crisis.

Though the number of uninsured kids is increasing nationwide, Texas has been hit particularly hard. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Texas has the highest percentage of uninsured children. We are home to over 1.3 million uninsured kids — nearly one out of every four kids living in this state.

Many factors have contributed to this situation. Our economy includes many service-oriented jobs with low wages and few, if any, benefits. The rising costs of health care has put health insurance out of the reach of many ordinary Texans and small businesses, who once enjoyed full coverage.

Legislators must react to these changing conditions and reverse the declining availability of basic health insurance for children.

Fortunately, the Legislature has already begun constructing a safety net for families.

Through a joint program with the Clinton administration, Texas could insure nearly 1 million of our 1.3 uninsured children, if we take full advantage of this opportunity. It is an opportunity that is too good to turn down.

In 1997, the Clinton administration initiated the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). This offers Texas \$3 in federal matching grants for every \$1 that our state invests in children's health insurance.

CHIP is designed to help parents who make too much to qualify for Medicaid but still cannot afford the insurance premiums for their children.

The Texas Department of Health estimates that 86 percent

of Texas' uninsured children fall into this gap. These kids are in families with one, or even two, working parents who cannot afford health insurance or whose employers do not offer health insurance.

The Legislature has already committed to helping the poorest children. In my judgement, we must extend this care to the children of working families. However, there is a dispute over where to draw the line.

Gov. Bush's proposal is to draw the line with families that make less than 1.5 times of the federal poverty rate. This plan would include families of four with incomes up to \$24,675. This plan would still exclude too many uninsured children.

The plan proposed by Democrats in the House of Representatives would cover families with incomes up to two times of the federal poverty rate. This plan would include families of four with incomes up to \$32,900, which is the maximum allowable coverage under the federal law.

This plan casts a wider net and covers more families. It also protects children and, just as importantly, saves health care dollars.

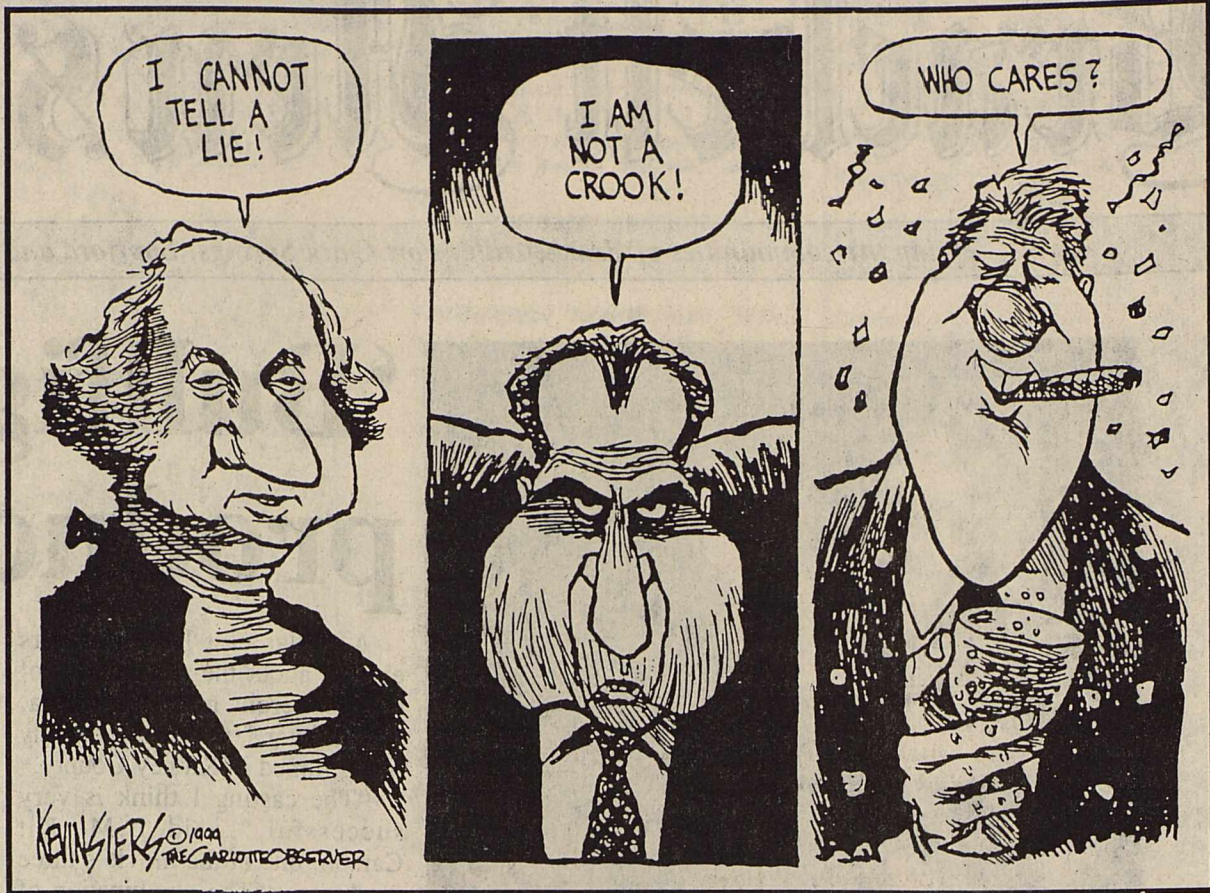
As Ben Franklin said, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Taxpayers will benefit through reduced costs associated with health care. Many uninsured seek care only when illness has spun out of control. Taxpayers often wind up covering this expensive brand of emergency health care.

Parents will benefit through healthier children and fewer absences from work. And, of course, children will see the most benefit by staying healthy and having fewer school absences.

With a budget surplus and tobacco settlement payments coming in, this is the ideal time to help working Texas families insure children.

We hope CHIP will allow our kids to grow to their full potential. If CHIP works, it will be one of our proudest accomplishments.



Capitol Comment
U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Lone Star rising

March 2 is a special day for Texans. It is a day that fills our hearts with pride, and it is a day for remembering what we owe to those who went before us.

On that day, 162 years ago, a solemn convention of 54 men met in the small settlement of Washington-on-the-Brazos to sign the Texas Declaration of Independence.

The declaration stated: "We, therefore... do hereby resolve and declare... that the people of Texas do now constitute a free, sovereign and independent republic."

At the time, Texas was a remote territory of Mexico, hospitable only to the bravest and most determined of settlers. After declaring our independence, the founding delegates quickly wrote a constitution for the newborn republic and organized an interim government.

My great-great grandfather was one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

As was the case when the American Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, our declaration only pointed the way toward a goal, the price of which was enormous effort and sacrifice.

While the convention sat in Washington-on-the-Brazos, 6,000 Mexican troops were marching on the Alamo to challenge the newly created republic. Several days earlier, from the Alamo, Col. William Travis sent his immortal letter to the people of Texas — and to all Americans. He knew the Mexican Army was approaching, and he knew that he had only a very few men at arms to help defend the San Antonio fortress.

Colonel Travis wrote: "Fellow citizens and compatriots: I am besieged by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna — I have sustained a continual bombardment and cannonade for 24 hours and have not lost a man — the enemy has demanded a surrender at discretion, otherwise, the garrison are to be put to the sword, if the fort is taken — I have answered the demands with a cannon shot, and our flag still waves proudly from the wall — I shall never surrender or retreat. Then, I call on you in the name of liberty, of patriotism and of everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid, with all dispatch. The enemy is receiving reinforcements daily and will no doubt increase to three or four thousand in four or five days. If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor and that of his country — Victory or Death. William Barret Travis, Lt. Col. Commander."

What American, Texan or otherwise, can fail to be stirred by Col. Travis' resolve?

In the battle that followed, 184 brave men died in a heroic but vain attempt to fend off Santa Anna's overwhelming army. But the Alamo was crucial. Because those heroes at the Alamo held out for so long, Santa Anna's forces were battered and diminished. Gen. Sam Houston gained the time he needed to muster his forces and devise a strategy to defeat Santa Anna at the battle of San Jacinto, April 21, 1836. The Lone Star was visible on the horizon at last.

We Texans continue to commemorate the heroic times during which we won our independence, existed as a republic and finally joined the Union.

Each year on March 2, I read Col. Travis' letter to my colleagues in the Senate to remind them — and all of us — of the pride Texans share in their history, and in being the only state that came into the Union as a republic.

Gov. Bush has included \$2.2 million in his proposed budget for the Take Time for Kids parenting magazine.

Family Literacy — Texas communities are encouraged to establish family literacy programs through local collaborations. Grants will continue to be available for the First Lady's Family Literacy Initiative for Texas, which has already granted approximately \$600,000 to 30 Texas family literacy projects.

Texas family literacy programs will have access to a new Family Literacy Resource Center at the University of Texas' Center for Reading and Language Arts. The center will provide technical assistance and information on research-based practices, assessment and accountability for any family literacy programs seeking guidance. All of us have the tremendous responsibility to call attention to the science and seriousness of early childhood development.

Major threats to children today are not a matter of chance but are a matter of choice — choices that Texans make for infants and children, and choices that children, in turn, make later in life. Working together, we can shape the destiny of Texas children with our own hands and hearts.

Editor's note: For more information, call the National Institute for Literacy at 1-800-228-8813.

Between Us
By Joe Townsend

What is friendship?

By Steven R. LaMascus
Contributing Writer

Chuck Hall and I were talking the other night (an occurrence that should frighten those of you who know both of us) when the subject of friendship came up.

Chuck and I are very close friends. He probably doesn't know it, but he may be the closest I have to a best friend, more like family than a simple acquaintance. (I hope he doesn't read this. He would be insufferable for weeks.)

This whole episode was brought about by the simple circumstance of the mechanical malfunction of Chuck's present, prone-to-croak ranch truck. It had gasped and died in the middle of a river crossing, and Chuck and Connie — who was less than enamored with the situation — had taken a romantic moonlight stroll of several miles to the nearest phone where Chuck called me to come drag his defunct jalopy back to the house.

In a few minutes I was headed his way. The thought of refusing never even entered my mind. If he had called from Kalamazoo, Mich. at 3:30 in the morning I would have reacted the same way. That is just what friends do. If I was in the same predicament Chuck, or Connie, would have done the same for me — no questions asked, no grumbling, just "Where are you?" and "I'll be right there."

True friends never need to ask why, only where. If you call them for help they trust you enough just to respond. Your friendship and welfare are more important to them than their own comfort.

Need money? Just ask!
Need sweat and muscle? Same thing!
Need a shoulder to cry on? Your true friends will be there — always.

Are you just mad and need to tell someone? Call your friend. He will understand and will listen while you blow off steam.

I have a very few true friends and won't embarrass them by naming them here. Some of them probably don't want anyone to know we are acquainted. But I feel lucky and blessed for every one of them. True friends take me for what I am. They love me in spite of my faults, which are many and glaring, and that love is unconditional.

All of us have a large number of acquaintances and many people we call friends. This is good, and unless you are a totally antisocial misfit it is normal. We have people we enjoy being around, people we like to associate with, people we like to talk to, people we admire and trust. But not all of these are true, call-anytime friends. Those are rare and should be cherished and nurtured.

I have always felt that if a person has one or two real, honest, dependable, no-matter-what friends he is extremely blessed. Some people go through life without such close relationships. They have people with whom they socialize, and whose company they enjoy, but no one to lean on when the waste matter strikes the oscillating blades. These people are to be pitied because they will never know the security of having a friend that will just say, "Where?"

And as Chuck says, "I could be wrong." But not this time!

Children to benefit from four early childhood development initiatives

By Laura Bush
First Lady of Texas

Nothing you do for children is ever wasted. They seem not to notice us, hovering, averting our eyes, and they seldom offer thanks, but what we do for them is never wasted. — Garrison Keillor

Wouldn't it be nice if babies came with an instruction manual? When my husband and I were first married, we had a couple of theories on raising children. The next thing we knew, we had a couple of children to raise and no theories.

Fortunately, scientists and researchers have now verified that many of our generations-old practices and instincts about raising children are correct. And they have made wonderful new discoveries about how children develop.

Today parents can access a wealth of new information about early childhood development and about the best ways to help children build strong foundations for successful lives.

Scientific evidence confirms that a child's experiences from day one to grade one have a direct and profound impact on his future — and on our future in Texas.

Many valuable experiences begin at birth — and what happens in the womb and during the infant and toddler years has an impact on a child's choices later in life.

As First Lady of Texas, I want to help bring the latest early childhood development information to the people of Texas — not only to mothers, fathers and care-givers, but also to educators, health care professionals, policy makers, foundations and businesses.

I am thrilled to advocate four early childhood development initiatives that will help Texans make

the right choices for young children:

- Ready to Read Initiative** — focuses on preschool-age children. The initiative will help Texas communities establish early childhood programs based on a model head-start program in Dallas at the Margaret H. Cone Center.

This program is generously supported by the Texas Instruments Foundation, and it helps inner city, four-year-old children prepare for learning and reading in school.

Standardized test results show that a majority of children who attended the program are performing better in school than those who did not, and they are performing above the national average for most children their age.

Gov. Bush has asked the Legislature to appropriate \$2 million over the next two years to fund these pilot projects.

- Reach Out and Read** — a pediatric literacy program in which doctors and nurses actually "prescribe" reading to parents and their children during well-child exams. Volunteers read to children in waiting rooms, and after each visit, young patients get to take home a free book.

Texas currently has more than a dozen Reach Out and Read programs throughout the state, and we are asking hospitals and clinics to create pilot projects modeled after this successful program.

- Take Time for Kids** — a Texas Department of Health initiative featuring educational programs, public service announcements and a parenting magazine.

The public awareness campaign is designed to give parents helpful information on topics such as immunizations, hearing exams, nurturing and reading with chil-

Big Mama Sez!
They say such nice things about people at their funerals that it makes me sad to realize that I'm going to miss mine by just a few days.

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Between Us
By Joe Townsend

Joe Townsend took the week off. His column will resume next week.

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Secondary schools receive TEA award

Brackett Middle School and Brackett High School have been awarded Texas Successful School Awards by the Texas Education Agency.

Brackett High School received its award for achieving recognized performance for the 1997-98 school year.

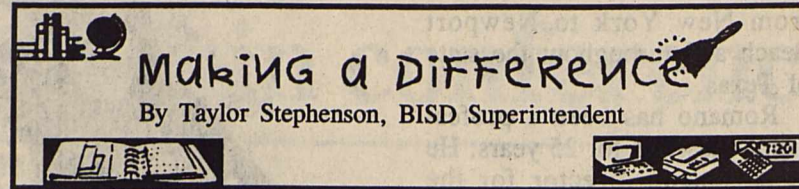
The Middle School received an award for comparable improvement on the Texas Learning Index based on improvement made from the prior year on TAAS scores. A cash award of \$629 was given to Brackett Middle School. We're proud of our school in Brackettville.

Open House

BISD's Open House was well attended. The secondary schools concentrated on a training session for parents and staff that focused on help for parents who were raising teen-age students.

On display Tuesday night were the science fair projects from all of our schools.

Science teacher Karen Crumley does a tremendous job helping students get their project



ready for the big show. Bob Young, retired Midland science teacher, once again spent the day offering suggestions to each of the students who entered a project.

We just couldn't achieve these results without Karen and Bob. Thanks for a job well done.

Kathy Bader's art history students had an impressive display in the school library. Student art work added to a festive night.

At Jones Elementary School, teachers had worked hard designing beautiful bulletin boards and getting class work ready for parents and students.

At the kindergarten end of the hall, teachers and students displayed kites and celebrations of spring.

First grade emphasized a cowboy theme with a picture of

each first grade student taken on a field trip. The western theme was emphasized with a reward poster on each child caught reading.

In second grade, the teachers had posted silhouettes of students with a great story about "Why I love my family."

Third grade repeated a very successful research project by posting the results of a "bone" survey.

Fourth grade emphasized writing because most of their time had been spent on TAAS writing in the past few weeks.

In the fifth grade, a display of Texas writing was nicely displayed.

I also enjoyed visiting the G.T. room and watching the power point presentations by the gifted and talented students.

School Election

We have had some activity with candidates for the BISD School Board.

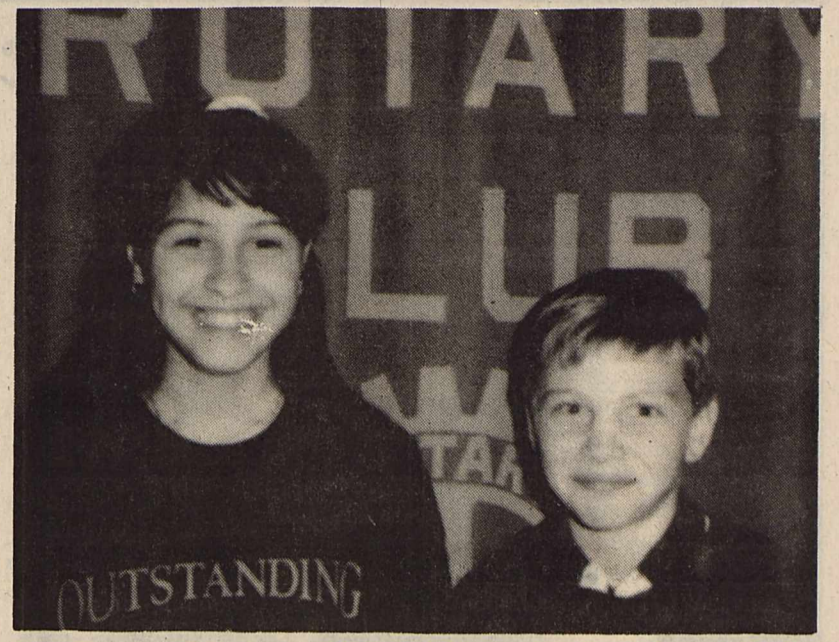
As I write this article, we have had two candidates sign up for the election. I am sure that their names will be posted in another section of the paper. Others may come in before the newspaper deadline; so I'll let the news article update you on the candidates.

Keeping a fine School Board is important to every student and every family in Brackettville. We have families who are moving to our town to put their children into our schools.

We're proud of our school accomplishments and hope that our board continues to be strong.

That's about it for this week. The regular board meeting will be held Monday night at 6:30 p.m. We'll begin with a tour of the new building. The meeting in the Board Room will resume about 7 p.m.

Have a great week!



The Rotary Club honored Isabel Rivas (left) and Brand Wylie, who were named outstanding fifth grade students at Jones Elementary, during last week's meeting. Photo by Frances McMaster

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, Feb. 22

6:45 p.m., Frank Del Rosso, 18, Jordon David Jinks, 18, and Giraldo A. Nelson, 23, all of Katy, Texas, were arrested for possession of marijuana by Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter. They were booked into the Kinney County Jail. Del Rosso, Jinks and Nelson were all released the following day after each posted a \$1,000 bail bond.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

7:30 p.m., Norman L. Welch, 58, of Pasadena, Texas, was arrested by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie for driving while license revoked, speeding (85 miles per hour in a 65 zone), and no liability insurance. Welch was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held.

Wednesday, Feb. 24

12:56 a.m., U.S. Border Patrol officials reported a small fire on a ranch on Highway 1572, east

of Spofford. Sheriff's Department officials contacted the owner of the ranch who said that they had started to burn brush the previous day.

1:13 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported an abandoned vehicle. She said that a blue and white vehicle was parked near the projects on E. First Street. She said the keys were in the vehicle, adding that three persons had gotten out of the trunk and began walking east. Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess and Border Patrol Agent Ronnie Hobbs were dispatched to the scene.

11:12 p.m., U.S. Border Patrol agents reported 20 loose goats on Highway 131. The owner of the goats was contacted and informed of the situation.

Thursday, Feb. 25

3:30 p.m., Celia Judith Rena, 37, of Brackettville was arrested for possession of a controlled sub-

stance by Chief Deputy Fritter. She was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Rena was transported to the Uvalde County Jail for holding before being turned over to Brazoria County Sheriff's Department officials.

Friday, Feb. 26

2:57 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported theft and vandalism at her residence on E. Spring Street. Chief of Police Ron Ring was dispatched to the scene.

5:49 p.m., A motorist called 911 and reported an accident west of the Cline checkpoint on Highway 90, east of Brackettville. Trooper Wylie was dispatched to the scene. A diesel truck was spilling fuel on the roadway. The Texas Department of Transportation was informed of the situation. Wylie requested that Rio Wrecker pick up the truck. No injuries were reported.

Saturday, Feb. 27

5:31 a.m., An employee at Pico reported that a man was sitting inside his car with the engine running and the lights on at the convenience store parking lot. Police Chief Ring was dispatched to the scene but the occupants had already departed.

9:45 p.m., A Kinney County man reported that someone had been cutting his fence on his land just south of the West Prong. The man believed it may have been neighboring hunters. He said that he would attempt to contact the neighboring landowners.

Sunday, Feb. 28

12:15 a.m., Juan Raul Reyes, 21, of San Antonio was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry for driving while intoxicated, first offense, and on an outstanding warrant for assault causing bodily injury. Reyes was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held.

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Obituary Talamantez


Thelma (Mendeke) Talamantez passed away Feb. 9, 1999 in Uvalde. She was born March 23, 1905 in Brackettville.

Talamantez had been a resident of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. from the mid-1940s until July 1998 when she moved to Uvalde.

She is survived by her sisters: Doris Arnold and Mozal Hernandez; sister-in-law: Esther Mendeke; brother: Bernel Mendeke; and grandchildren: Angela, Anthony and Andrea.

Talamantez was returned to California for burial in Green Hills Cemetery where her husband Tomas, who died in April 1991, and her son Tom, who died in October 1997, are buried.

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Arts Council hosts concerts Wednesday



Mood Indigo (Joe Romano and Susan Elliott) will perform Wednesday night at the Kinney County Civic Center beginning at 8 p.m. Photo Special to The Brackett News

The Kinney County Arts Council will host three musical shows on Wednesday.

The Non-Toxic Band will be performing two shows - one for Jones Elementary School students at 12:15 p.m. and a second for middle and high school students at 1:30 p.m. Both shows will be at the high school gymnasium. Mood Indigo will perform that night at the Kinney County Civic Center at 8 p.m. Children accompanied by a parent will be admitted free.

Voted "Best Vocal Ensemble" in the 1992 Public News Readers' Poll, Mood Indigo - Joe Romano and Susan Elliott - has delighted audiences

from New York to Newport Beach and throughout the state of Texas.

Romano has been a professional musician for 25 years. He is the music director for the Texas Theater Foundation, and has composed many songs for public television, mostly songs for The Children's Television Workshop's Sesame Street.

Elliott began her professional career in May 1984 when she teamed with Romano. An award winning studio singer, Elliott has recorded commercial vocal spots for Mobil Oil Corporation, Public Films, Apple Tree grocery stores, Igloo products and Treesweet juice.



The Non-Toxic Band will present two concerts Wednesday afternoon at Brackett ISD. They will perform for elementary school students at 12:15 and for middle and high school students at 1:30 at the gym. Photo Special to The Brackett News

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.

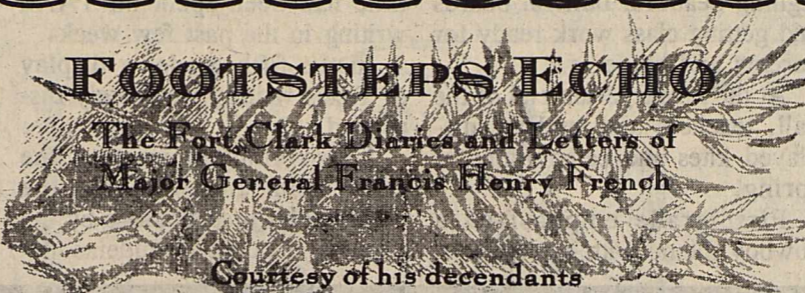
At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt. French began diaries, which he faithfully maintained for the next 30 years.

Friday, March 4, 1887

Capt. Vance being Officer of the Day I did not have to go to reveille this morning. Got up early and with Ives met Miss Coleman and Miss Jordan at Col. Jordan's and went out on the target range with them to watch the firing. Returned early as Miss Coleman had a music lesson to give. Played tennis this morning and enjoyed it a great deal. My suit is very comfortable and a big improvement over the other clothes. While making water afterwards was more than pleased when a small calculus suddenly appeared. It was an immense relief to my mind as now there is not prospect of an operation unless another forms. After lunch went up to Capt. Vance's for French lesson but Guyot has gone out hunting and the lesson was postponed. Went over to the hospital to show Dr. Pope the calculus. He considered it quite a large one and has put me under instruction to drink distilled water and eat no tomatoes in order to prevent, if possible, another from forming. Most earnestly {hope} this will be the last one. Read the papers in the Library. Mail brought letter & papers from home and the Century magazine. Read the paper in Geary's house and then read home papers and chatted in Ives' house until dinner. Had a dress parade after dinner. In the evening sat a while at Hewitt's and then went up to Capt. Vance's to chat. Returned to Hewitt's and went with him to Guard's where we spent a very enjoyable evening playing whist, Mrs. Guard and I winning by one game.

Saturday, March 5, 1887

Took reveille as usual. Played tennis almost all morning and enjoyed the exercise very much. After lunch took a long walk with Miss Coleman, spending a delightful afternoon. Went far beyond the cemetery. Mail brought a letter from Lula. While talking with Ives up at quarters after taking a bath the orderly came up with programmes for a band concert and then showed me an order from Gen. Stanley for "E" Co. to go to Ringgold. This was a great surprise as we had had no intimation of any change and fully expected to remain here. I feel very sorry for Mrs. Guard. My promotion will come soon and so I stand a chance of getting away from there. Besides Johnston, Harris and Thurston are all there, which will make it pleasant for me. Regret to leave Clark and don't fancy the march very much for we go overland. But must not complain. Am afraid Mother will be worried about our going down to that country. Took retreat this evening. Afterwards went to Hewitt's and he agreed to take the \$500 if I could raise it at once instead of waiting until the note falls



due. He told me confidentially that Gen. Smith had selected him for one of the new staff, a fact that gives me great satisfaction. I hope he will be adjutant. Congratulated him very heartily. The change is to be made in a few days, so the General told Hall & Vedder this evening. Went up to Capt. Vance's with Hewitt and had a talk about the move. The Captain takes it better than I expected. Escorted Mrs. Jordan to church this evening where the Chaplain gave us a good talk. After service went over to town to make arrangements, if possible with Mr. Mahon to pay Hewitt, but his store was closed. Must attend to this Monday. After returning went into Hammond's and sat there quite a while chatting. Everybody has been very kind in expressing regrets about the move. Wrote on letter home afterwards informing them of the change.

Sunday, March 6, 1887

Took reveille this morning and finished letter home so as to mail it before breakfast. Had usual inspection when Capt. Vance told me that we would start on Thursday. Went to his house a while after inspection and then commenced letter to Lula, Sue and John. Went over to choir practice at eleven o'clock and stayed there some time. Practiced one hymn for opening for communion service this afternoon and a voluntary for this evening in which Miss Coleman and I have a long duet. Accompanied her and Mamie Smith home and ate lunch there, probably for the last time for a long while. Sat there a while chatting and then came to quarters for a short time. At two o'clock went over with Roberts to the hall where we partook of communion. It was a very solemn ceremony but I regretted to notice only one enlisted man present. Went home with Miss Coleman afterwards and then wrote on letter to Lula and Sue. In the evening sat a while at Mrs. Guard's who feels very much discouraged over the move and then went up to Capt. Vance's a few moments. Attended church as usual. The voluntary was not a grand success although we got through without serious error. Walked home with Miss Betty Jordan and sat there for quiet a while with Roberts. Completed letter to Lula & Sue and also wrote to Ducat enclosing the letter about the class history. Capt. Vance promised to let me have the \$500 necessary to pay Hewitt, so that this matter is off my mind. Geary offered to sell me his interest in our land at a very fair figure, but am afraid it will be impossible to accept.

Monday, March 7, 1887

Took reveille this morning but had no target practice as "E" Co. has been excused from duty at the post. Packed all my books this morning and got one chest all ready for the trip. Then rode over to town with Capt. Vance and Guard to settle account at store and to have my address changed at postoffice. Went to the hospital after returning where Dr. Pope expressed himself hopefully about my condition and thought with

care that I would outgrow it. Got some French books at Capt. Vance's and had a short talk with him. Then returned a book to the Library and settled with a shoemaker for mending a pair of shoes. Stopped at the guard house to have a chat with Hewitt and then settled account with Friedlander. Had to return to the store again before lunch but could not get what I wanted. After lunch went over to town for an inkstand and some paper. Mail brought a letter from Lula & Sue. Took bottle over to hospital to get more medicine and then stopped at Capt. Vance's & Hall's a short time. Wrote to Walcutt at noon telling him that Lester would carry out his book. Packed part of the second chest and took a bath before dinner. The company was excused from dress parade this evening but had a roll call at retreat which I took. Then put on cit clothes and watched parade from Maj. Wilcox's front porch. Carried some borrowed music up to Gen. Smith's and sat there a while and then walked until tattoo with Miss Coleman enjoying it a great deal. She is a superior lady in every respect. I pity her sincerely so far away from home and working for her existence; no doubt she gets lonely at times, but is always cheerful and bright and tries to bear up bravely. It is a pity that she doesn't receive more attention especially from the young officers as she is far ahead of the other young ladies and married ones too in intelligence and culture. Called on Mrs. Leefe after tattoo returning some music and sat there quite a while listening to her singing.

Tuesday, March 8, 1887

Took reveille and then packed away some things in a chest. Went up to Capt. Vance's two or three times this morning to attend to different things about packing up. Could not get George to help me pack furniture today and so did not get anything ready for the march. Read a light novel after lunch. Mail brought a letter from home. Took retreat and tattoo in the evening as Guard takes reveille now. Beautiful moonlight night. Walked for a while with Miss Jordan and others and sat on the porch at Col. Jordan's listening to most of the first open air concert. The music was very pretty but I did not feel in the mood for it. Called at Maj. Morris' and sat on the porch during the rest of the concert and then walked down to Hammond's with Mrs. Stanley and Miss Kauffman. Commenced letter home before tattoo. After taking the call spent rest of evening at Hammond's. Mrs. Stanley leaves tomorrow for Davis. Had some refreshments. Took Mrs. Stanley and Miss Kauffman home.

Wednesday, March 9, 1887

Guard took reveille. Did a little packing before breakfast and wrote on letter home. Completed this after breakfast and sent it over to Spofford Junction by Hammond as it was too late to go in the regular mail. Then went to Hammond's to bid Mrs. Stanley good bye as she left today for Davis.

She is a very pleasant lady, bright and companionable. Hope to be able to accept her invitation to visit her in St. Louis where she lives. Spent a short time at Capt. Vance's and then packed up some more things. Wrote a letter to Capt. D.M. Taylor Ord. Dept. on duty in the Sec'y of War's office to enquire about the retired list and took a bath before lunch. Some men came after lunch and before half past three o'clock my furniture was all crated. Have nothing to pack now except some clothes and a crockery set. Could not find the letter to Capt. Taylor to mail it and so wrote another. Mail brought some advertisements and letters from Harry Rhoads and from Scientific American in regard to mine for information about studying architecture. Took retreat and afterwards went up to Capt. Vance's a while and then escorted Miss Coleman to a promenade concert. It was a cool delightful evening and the music was good so that the concert was a success. Did not go to tattoo. The concert lasted until after taps.

Thursday, March 10, 1887

After breakfast the men came from the company and loaded my crates and chests on a wagon while I packed the crockery set. Have everything packed and loaded on the wagon except the things that will be needed en route. Spent the rest of the morning in wandering around. After lunch went over to the Library to read. Mail brought a letter from Walcutt. Read the papers in Geary's and Steele's houses and went up towards Capt. Vance's but met him and went to the office with him. He was closed some time with Gen. Smith. Spent a while in Farber's room and then went up to Capt. Vance's again. There was a rumor around today that Col. Jordan was to go to McIntosh to command. If this change takes place hope that "E" Co. will be kept there. Went over to the Colonel's where Miss Jordan gave me a very handsome sachet as a philopena (sic) present. They do not believe the rumor about the move. After retreat sat a while in Hewitt's and then had a short walk with him when he spoke about Guard's disappointment in not getting one of the staff places. It looks as if Hall who does not want to leave the post and was afraid he would have to take Guard's place in "E" Co. and go to Ringgold, had used some dirty underhand work to prevent Guard's appointment. Spent the evening very pleasantly at Gen. Smith's playing cards and singing, a small party being given there. Issued clothing at the company at noon and after retreat. Day after tomorrow we are to start.

But I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall



Celebrate March - a busy month

March 1999 is ...
American Red Cross Month,
Crane Watch '99 (March 1 and April 15),
Deaf History Month (March 13 and April 15),
Ethics Awareness Month,
Hemophilia Month,
Improve Your Management Skills Month,
International Mirth Month (My kind of deal!),
Irish-American Month (Presidential Proclamation),
Mental Retardation Awareness Month,
Music in Our Schools Month,

National Craft Month,
National Eye Donor Month,
National Frozen Food Month (Would someone please explain this one to me?),
National Kidney Month,
National Nutrition Month,
National Talk With Your Teen About Sex Month,
National Women's History Month,
Play-the-Recorder Month,
Poison Prevention Awareness Month,
Workplace Eye Health and Safety Month,
Youth Art Month.

Briefs ...

Caddell-Smith Chapter meets in Uvalde home

The Caddell-Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas held its February meeting in the home of Bea Carmichael at Uvalde.

Winners of the fourth and seventh grade essay contests will be presented at the March meeting, which will be held at the First Christian Church Annex in Sabinal at 2 p.m. All entrants and their parents are invited to attend. Brackettville submitted 22 entries in the fourth grade competition whose subject was "David Crockett, His Story."

Agnes Vondy received a certificate from the state office noting her acceptance to the membership just prior to her 90th birthday.

Edith Barnett Huddleston presented the program on her Texas ancestor, Gordon Jennings, who at age 56 was the oldest defender of the Alamo.

Following the meeting, refreshments of pie and ice cream were served to the 23 members and guests. Hostesses were Carmichael, Emalee Carruthers of Crystal City, Pat McKelvey of Brackettville, and Pat Moehring of Hondo.

Southwest Texas Genealogical Society to meet

The quarterly meeting of the Southwest Texas Genealogical Society will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Sammy's Restaurant in Castroville.

The guest speaker will be Douglas McEuen, who has written the book "The Legend of Francis Marion Poteet and the Mountain Meadows Massacre." McEuen is the great-grandson of the legendary Francis Marion Poteet for whom the town of Poteet is named. The author travelled over 50,000 miles from the east to the west coast to search for information on ancestors and descendants of the Poteet family for his book. He will be introduced by Thelma Cardwell.

The public is invited to attend the meeting. Registration and lunch will be \$10 per person. For information, contact Marilyn Davenport at (830) 278-6855.

Local DAR chapter hosts February meeting

UVALDE - The Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) met at the Kincaid restaurant for its February meeting.

The speaker was noted genealogist and historian Ella Sheffield, whose topic was "George Washington, an Honest President." Sheffield also mentioned various items relevant to Washington that are preserved in the DAR Museum.

Attending the meeting from Brackettville were Hawkins Huey, Pat McKelvey and Agnes Vondy.

Sitzes awarded president's citation at WBU

PLAINVIEW, Texas - Sophomore Rebecca Sitzes, the daughter of Edward and Patricia Sitzes of Brackettville, has been awarded the president's citation for work tackled during the fall semester at Wayland Baptist University.

The President's List recognizes students who receive a 4.0 grade point average for work completed during the past semester. The students who qualified for the list maintained top grades while handling a class load of at least 12 semester hours.

Bridge Club attracts five and a half tables

The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge Club attracted five and a half tables at its meeting Tuesday night at the Adult Center.

Mac McCandles and Molly Schroeder won the north-south division, while Bob Barnett and Doc Harbor were second, and Diane Daniels and Kay Roberts finished third. In the east-west division, Mary Edgar and Nancy O'Brien claimed first place, Mona Miller and Dennis Scott were second, and Joyce Bell and LaVerne Schaffer took third.

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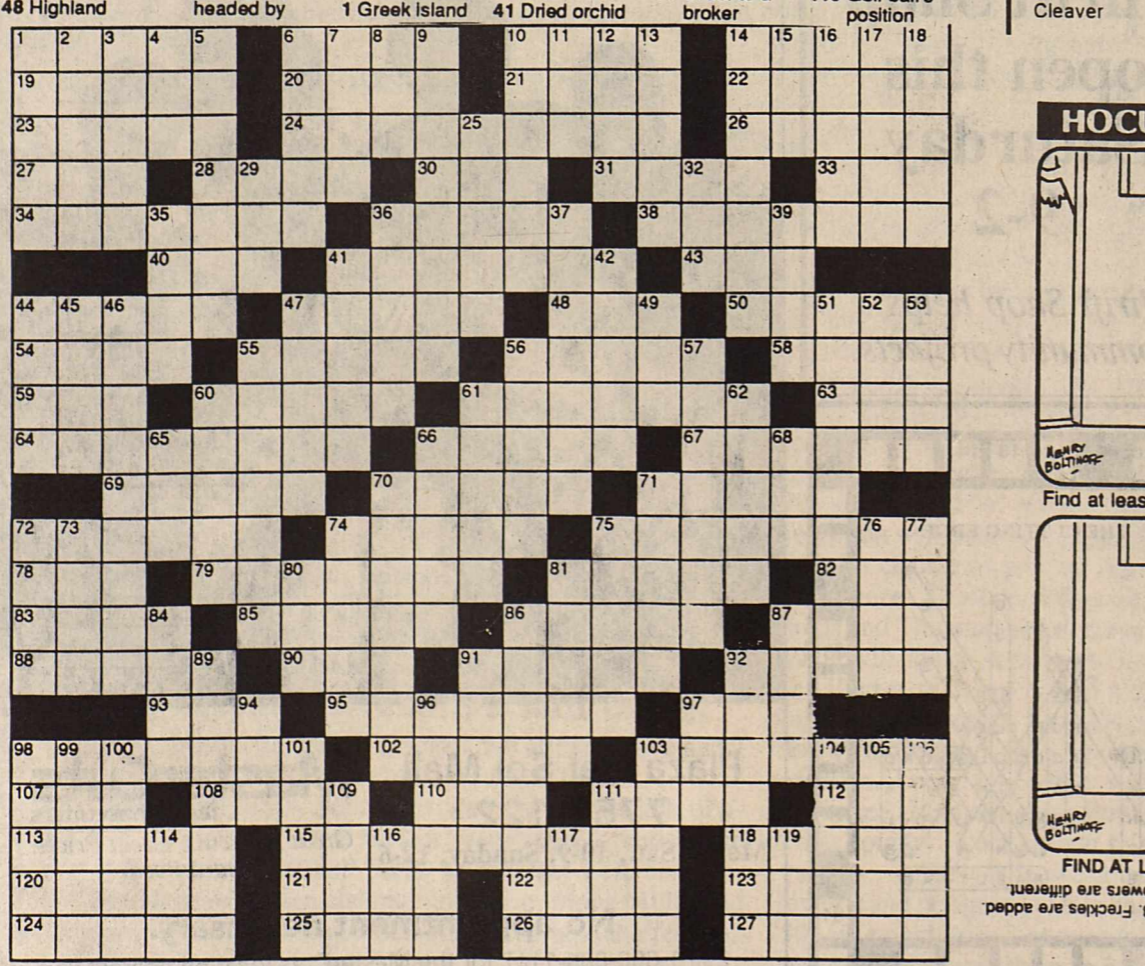
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ACROSS: 1 Seasons food, perhaps; 6 Ladder round; 10 Lamb or pork follower; 14 Wedge-shaped levers; 19 Attu native; 20 Hedgepodge; 21 Assistant; 22 City on the Po; 23 "High Noon," for one; 24 Not in sync; 25 Ancient, once; 27 "Touch of Venus"; 28 Dogs and cats; 30 Caesar's 551; 31 Peasant of India; 33 Society-page word; 34 Mexican blankets; 36 Tooth: comb, form; 38 Cast-iron frying pans; 40 Legal retainer; 41 Paint the town red; 43 Old French coin; 44 The under-world, to the Greeks; 47 Gluts; 48 Highland headgear; 50 Some fishes build them; 54 Culture medium; 55 Blanched; 56 Pueblo Indians; 58 Anagram of post; 59 Author; 60 Swiss mathematician; 61 Lowest or nearest point; 63 Slender finial; 64 Way of marching; 66 Straightedge; 67 Start to participate; 69 Follow immediately; 70 Entertained at dinner; 71 Actor; 72 Part of the foot; 74 Praline; 75 Dancers or horses; 78 Lab animal; 79 Contributor; 81 Freshet; 82 "Live and Let Die" (movie); 83 Caesar's fatal date; 85 Saltpeter; 86 Rock group headed by;

DOWN: 2 "Home—" (movie); 3 Means to an end; 4 Parson bird; 5 Great plains of Europe and Asia; 6 Alex Haley opus; 7 Eskimo knives; 8 —picky (overly fussy person); 9 Praise-worthy act; 10 Gambling house; 11 Broadway success; 12 German river; 13 English diarist; 14 Word with house or wagon; 15 Vandal; 16 "Goodnight" girl; 17 Certain runner; 18 Dirks; 25 Broadway turkeys; 29 Shoe width; 32 Goddess of harvests; 35 The South-west wind; 36 Weasel's cousin; 37 Instructed; 39 Club fees; 41 Dried orchid; 42 Hokey animal; 44 Monty or Arsenio; 45 Exchange premium; 46 Glissade, for one; 47 Corned; 49 Russian plane; 51 Accelerated; 52 Pith helmet; 53 Rotate freely; 55 Victim; 56 Hayes of the theater; 57 Six-line stanza; 60 Ancient chariot; 61 High, cold Andes plateau; 62 Public warehouse; 65 Chess PC; 66 Kitchen gadget; 68 Eugenie, for short; 70 Hates; 71 Plays the lead; 72 Murdoch of fiction; 73 Nothing, in Seville; 74 Party delicacies; 75 Golf club; 76 Irritate; 77 Order to a broker; 80 Pinch; 81 Choir plums; 84 Laundry basin; 86 Having a certain tendency; 87 Unmixed; 89 Wears formal attire; 91 Fine porcelain; 92 Meets for discussion; 94 Hill-builder; 96 First name of Otis, the elevator man; 97 Mountain pass; 98 Slow to understand; 99 Method of sarcastic expression; 100 Narrow, light boat; 101 Wise ones; 103 Deceives by trickery; 104 Pretense; 105 Tree of the birch family; 106 Sly, sidelong glances; 109 Carry; 111 Microscopic organism; 114 Make a mistake; 116 Morsel for Dobbin; 117 Juan's aunt; 119 Golf ball's position;



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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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Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Someone you deal with this week is opinionated. You'll be enjoying happy times socially and singles will meet with romantic introductions. This weekend, you may be in a bit of a rush.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A career matter may remain on hold for now. You'll want some time to spend alone with a loved one. You'll also be making some changes at home. Try not to be bossy.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A friend's jealousy may surprise you. Romance and pleasure interests are happily accented, but guard against irritability or impatience over the weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're stumped for a while on the job, but then a breakthrough comes. Income should be picking up now, but during the weekend, you must guard against being bossy with loved ones.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Business and pleasure combine to your advantage. You'll be working hard now, but you remain charming and sociable. You may be making plans for a weekend party.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're inclined to be self-incident as the week begins, but overall this is a time of sharing and affection between loved ones. You're ready to act on an investment matter.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Both home decorating projects and travel are favored this week. However, avoid an argument with an adviser. Your financial picture should change for the better soon.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) One conversation this week frustrates you. Extra incentive,

though, leads to career gains. Travel is a plus right now and joy comes from dating and recreational interests.


SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're still very much in a festive mood and will be enjoying good times with friends and loved ones. There are some unfinished tasks you'll be getting out of the way over the weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You may be stuck on one work problem early in the week. Developments affecting finances are favorable. New starts are indicated at present, but you may be too self-insistent.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Try not to be stubborn with a close tie. Travel and dealings with advisers are favored. You're inclined to impulsive shopping this weekend and need to watch expenditures.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be cooperative about money concerns. Income should be good and career efforts meet with success. During the weekend, you have extra energy but must avoid being pushy or argumentative.

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Boy is missing; 2. Plant is different; 3. Flowers are added; 4. Girl's shoes has changed; 5. Tree is missing; 6. Flowers are different.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| March 9 | Johanna Smith | | |

Parents should show concern for children's spiritual prisons

By Pastor Charlotte Corey
Gateway Ministries

A parent mourns when their child is sentenced to prison. They worry over what can happen to their child while there.

They seek out those who can help their child and try to do whatever is in their power to help them get set free, or lighten their sentence to probation.

Although this is a valid issue, parents should first be as concerned about their child's spiritual captivity because this can not only lead to physical death, but also, an eternity in hell.

Jesus said, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell," Matthew 10:28.

In either case, the issue evolves through wrong choices. In the physical sense it comes about by embracing the lawlessness of the world. In the spiritual sense it comes about by ignoring the laws of God.

Jesus said, "Whoever committeth sin is the servant of sin ... If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed," John 8:34, 36.

Fix the spiritual captivity and the physical

captivity will take care of itself.

Accept Jesus, the son of God, as your Lord and Savior and he, who took "captivity captive," will set you free (Eph. 4:3-8).

I challenge parents to be more concerned for their children's spiritual prisons which they may be living in.

Choose Jesus, choose to be a joint heir through Christ which allows you to walk in freedom (Gal. 4:6). Press in and pray for your children. Share your faith in Jesus with them, and thus give them the key to freedom from bondage.

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

Do you have time to pray?

Submitted by
St. Mary Magdalene Church

"I woke up early one morning and rushed into the day; I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray.

"Problems came tumbling about me and heavier became each task; 'Why doesn't God help me?' I wondered. He answered, 'You didn't ask.'

"I wanted to see joy and beauty but the day toiled on, grim and bleak; I wondered why

God didn't show me, he said, 'But you didn't seek.'

"I tried to come into God's presence and used all the keys in the lock. God gently and lovingly chided; 'My child, you didn't knock.'

"I woke up early this morning and paused before entering my day; I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray," author unknown.

You are invited to worship with us at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

Bible readings from Proverbs

By Rev. William P. Adams Sr.
St. John's Missionary Church

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding.

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy path. "Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

"Then shall thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

"When thou liest down, thou shall not be afraid; yea, thou shall

lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

"Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh;

"For the Lord shall be thy confidence and shall keep thy foot from being taken," Proverbs 3:5-7, 23-26.

Praise the Lord!

There will be singing, praying and preaching on March 7-13 at 7 p.m. nightly at St. John's Missionary Church. Everyone is invited. There is a word from God just for you.

'Bullfighter' cast has producers confident

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has previously been featured in "Cape Fear," "The Age of Innocence," and "Straight Talk."

Serna will play Park's ephemeral wife. Winner of 15 international Best Actress awards, the Spanish beauty has appeared in more than three dozen movies, including "Wild Orchid," Pedro Almodovar's "Mata-dor," and "The Craft." She first became known to American audiences as a regular character in the network series "Falcon Crest."

Appearing as a scheming ranch hand is Wahlberg, whose transition from the New Kids on the Block teen idol to successful actor has led to roles in nine films since 1996, including the upcoming Bruce Willis starrer, "The Sixth Sense."

Harris, an award-winning young British actor, will play a double-crossing gangster. Straddling Hollywood and indie film, Harris was most recently seen in Todd Solondz's "Happiness," and holds star billing in the new films "Lulu on the Bridge" and "Trance and B. Monkey," the latter to be released by Miramax.

"Bullfighter" will feature Dafoe ("Affliction," "The English Patient") as a mystical warrior-priest, as well as guest performances

by Austin-based filmmakers Rodriguez ("From Dusk 'Till Dawn") and del Toro ("Mimic") who play over-eager gun-swingers.

"Bullfighter" is the feature directorial debut of Danish techno-music innovator and international recording star Rune Bendixen. He also wrote the original screenplay.

From the late 1980s through the mid-90s, Bendixen and his band, the Overlords, were leaders in a musical revolution that started in Northern Europe and spread throughout the world.

As a hit recording artist, a producer for other artists including Billy Idol, Traci Lords and Blue Pearl, and the director of visually-arresting music videos, his ground-breaking work in techno music shook dance halls from Copenhagen to L.A. to Tokyo, and created a new iconography for the Internet generation.

In 1995, Bendixen joined forces with one of the troika of "Bullfighter" producers, Majken Gilmartin. Through her company, Gilmartin Film, they developed "Bullfighter," and currently have three additional scripts by Bendixen in the works.

Gilmartin spent more than a decade in Danish film distribution and exhibition, and also produced film festivals and headline-grabbing

rave parties across Europe.

Producers Carson and Cynthia Hargrave are the principals of the New York-based production company MainPix.

"Bullfighter" is the fourth time that Carson and Hargrave have put together major production packages for new directors - including "Rushmore" director Wes Anderson's 1996 debut "Bottle Rocket" - and the second of eight films slated for production under the MainPix banner.

Carson is also a renowned screenwriter ("Paris, Texas"), actor and film journalist whom Entertainment Weekly dubbed the "Big Brother of Independent Film" for his prescient articles identifying up-and-coming talent.

Hargrave, who began her career in film finance, is the multiple award-winning producer of eight features and numerous shorts.

The project is entirely financed by multinational Scanbox Entertainment, which is headquartered in Copenhagen. Scanbox executive Jorgen Kristiansen will supervise production.

Sales of the film rights will be handled by the Los Angeles-based Scanbox International, the company's worldwide sales division.

"Bullfighter" is expected to be released during the Christmas holidays.

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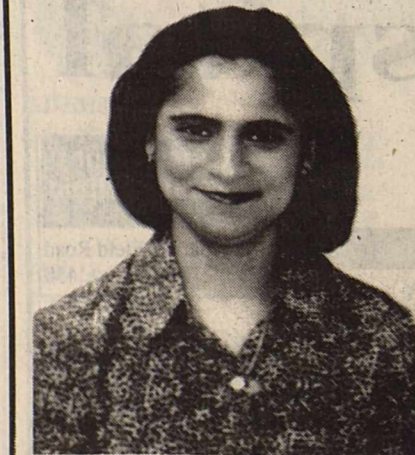
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Meenu Mireles, PA-C

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