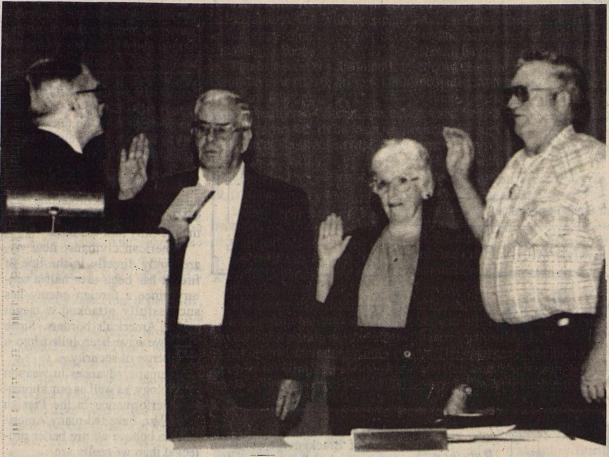
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Fort Clark Secretary Don Parks (from left) swears in Robert Moore, Betty Gibbs and Jack Workman Saturday after the election results were announced at the association's 28th Annual Member-Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry the race after receiving 597 votes, 550 votes, Gonzalez had 462 Year. ship Meeting.

Gibbs, Workman, Moore top ballots

Cowart re-elected president of FCS board

CandidateVotes

Herb Senne586

Santos Yerena550

David Gonzalez 462

Ella Mae Chambers 461

and Herb Senne garnered 586

Other incumbents seeking re-

Betty Gibbs, Robert Moore and Jack Workman were elected to the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors. The results were announced Saturday at the association's 28th Annual Membership Meeting.

The trio each earned three-year terms on the board after finishing on top of the field of eight candidates.

Gibbs was one of three incumbents running for re-election. She was the top vote getter with 797.

Moore tallied 722 votes, while Workman finished with a total of 611 votes.

Jack Simpson finished fourth in

votes, and Ella Mae Chambers **FCS Election** tallied 461.

Don't forget to

spring forward

an hour Sunday

A total of 1,663 ballots were recieved; 37 were rejected and 1,626 were counted.

Following the general meeting, the Board of Directors re-appointed George Cowart as president. Other officers elected were Bob Burkepile, vice president; Don Parks, secretary; and Moore, treasurer.

Rosie and John Mattingly were named Fort Clark's Members of

Nancy Frerich, Jan Nelson, election were Santos Yerena and and Dan and David Villareal were David Gonzalez. Yerena received the association's Employees of the

Rotary hosts annual

will host the 11th annual Happy Shahan Golf Tournament on Sat- By J.J. GUIDRY urday at Fort Clark Springs.

The scramble is an open event. The entry fee is \$25 per person

We invite the entire community to join us on Saturday morning," said J.J. Guidry, president of the local Rotary Club. "The velopment Program grant from funds raised from the golf tourna- the Texas Department of Housing ment are used for the club's an- and Community Affairs. nual scholarship and benefit a local graduating senior."

Old Quarry Society to host annual meeting

The Old Quarry Society will host its annual meeting and open house on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Gorgas Room.

ticket to or helped in any way with part-time employees, we need a assisted from an architectural an Old Quarry Society production place for them to stay. The buildis considered a member and is welcomed to attend.

Commodities to be distributed Monday

uted on Monday morning at St. John's Missionary Church, lostarting at 10 a.m.

County OKs floor plans golf tourney Saturday for new EMS building The Brackettville Rotary Club for new EMS building

News Editor

County officials approved the and includes lunch. Prizes will be floor plans for the new EMS buildawarded. Action begins at 9 a.m. ing at this month's Commissioners Court meeting.

The building will be funded through a Texas Community De-

"We're upgrading our EMS services," County Judge Herb
Senne said. "We have folks comfolks to see what modifications they have higher credentials than some of our local people.

people that are a part of work EMS buildings." Anyone who has ever bought a force now, even though they are ing will also provide a central area from which the attendants can respond, and that will shorten our

response time." The original floor plan did not Commodities will be distrib- account for overnight sleeping quarters for both male and female individuals that will be coming cated at 116 W. Crockett Street, from out of town to provide EMS services.

'We needed to build some sort county judge said. "That is part the architect," Senne said. of the change that was necessary to the floor plans."

Uvalde before approving the fi- again," he added. nal version of the floor plans.

ing from out of town coming over they would make in their buildto give us help simply because ing, we came out with a floor plan that accounts for their suggested changes," Senne said. "We talked "Since we have those added to the folks that actually use the

Justice of the Peace John Ford standpoint, taking into account the changes in plumbing and electrical as a result of the changes made in the plans.

"It's kind of been a team approach from a county standpoint to get a floor plan that we feel will be more usable," Senne said.

The modifications to the floor plans were sent to the county's architect.

"In order to stay within the of male and female sleeping quar- grant guidelines, those floor plan ters into the floor plan," the alterations will need to go back to

"The architect will then build into that floor plan the costs that Senne, the county commission- are generated as a result of those ers and Lee Sweeten of the Texas changes. He will then see whether Department of Health visited re- those changes adversely affect the cently constructed EMS buildings total costs so much that we may in Camp Wood, Utopia and have to go back and modify

Senne said the architect will "Having visited with those prepare the bid packets and forward it to the Middle Rio Grande Development Council, the grant administrator, which is expected to advertise for bids by the end of the month.

> The original grant included \$91,350 for the building and \$11,518 for land acquisition.

> The EMS facility will be built on county property, located on the corner of Ellen and Henderson streets, so the county now has \$102,868 in grant funds for construction costs.

The grant totals \$240,995 and also includes \$93,600 for street improvements, \$25,656 for engineering and architectural services, and \$18,871 for general adminis-

Issues brought up at forum to be discussed

TANYA KAY McClure STAFF WRITER

Last Thursday a local open forum sponsored by the Kinney County Texas Agricultural Extension Service was held at the Nutrition Center.

The purpose of this forum was to discuss local issues that have a direct impact on Kinney County. A total of 29 people cluding: "water resources, conattended the event. A total of servation and selling," "agriculthree agents from various counture profitability and production ties were in attendance to act as facilitators for the event.

The people in attendance were divided into three equal groups and asked to discuss among themselves what they considered to be the most important issues facing Kinney county to date.

The issues discussed would have to be items that can be acted and completed upon within the next three to four years. The groups then voted on the issues, ranking them by

All of the groups were then asked to join together and have at (830) 563-2442. Only a small a joint discussion raising questions and comments as they lowed to attend the discussion deem necessary.

Among the issues discussed, the most important issue brought up was the "economics, job development for adult and youth opportunities and training.' According to the 29 people in attendance, this was the most important issue in Kinney County at the present time.

There were four other main issues that were discussed inthrough use of diversification, "drug and alcohol education awareness for youth and adults," and "development of a work center for handicapped adults, 17 years or older in age."

A follow-up forum will be held soon to discuss the top five issues brought up during the meeting. The follow-up meeting will be used to devise a plan for the county toward acting on the five most important issues.

Anyone who wishes to attend and participate in the discussion forum will need to contact the Kinney County Extension Office handful of people will be alforum.

INSIDE

Joe Townsend

Since before the lynching of Norman Hooten, the Department of Public Safety has not been one of my favorite bureaucracies. Opinion/Page 2

■ Taylor Stephenson

The rain that brings life to nature came Saturday night. Reports of two to three inches of rain were heard around the community. Community/Page 3

ROCKSPRINGS - The Tigers took third place at the Nueces Canyon Relays Saturday while the Tigerettes finished fourth. Sports/Page 5

■ Tigers finish third

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Medical cards to be distributed April 10 by AAL at barbecue The Aid Association for current medications or alergies,

Lutherans (AAL) will distribute AAL officials said. emergency medical cards at a chicken barbecue.

The barbecue is scheduled for Saturday, April 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, located at the corner of Henderson and Fort streets in Brackettville.

The first project for the local Brackettville AAL chapter is to furnish emergency medical cards to every resident of Kinney

The project is being coordinated with the Kinney County Sheriff's Department and the EMS

saving information to the emer- gency medical cards. gency teams, including names of name, a brief medical record and nished at no charge to citizens.

The completed medical cards should be displayed on refrigerators with a magnet, which will be provided. When EMS is called to a home, attendants will check for a card before administering any medical services that may be

EMS personnel will be at the barbecue for free blood pressure

They will also have phone cards for 911, with full instructions for use of the emergency medical cards and an ambulance on display.

Our Redeemer Lutheran The emergency medical cards Church members will be available



will help provide important life- to help citizens fill out the emer- Pictured are 15 of the 22 Brackettville fourth grade students who submitted essays in the Daughters of the Republic of Texas contest entitled "David Crockett." Although none of the local students The emergency medical cards advanced to the regional competition, they did receive a certificate and a booklet on the history of people to contact, a doctor's and the check-ups will be fur- the Alamo. Seth Frerich attended a Children of the Republic of Texas meeting in Sabinal and heard Photo Special to The Brackett News the reading of the winning essay on Saturday.

Compassionate

Conservative Plush

Letters to the Editor

Board misses opportunity

general manager and the Board of hope so, but it will be interesting Directors, Fort Clark Springs to see the end-of-the-year report. Association, I submit the follow-

owner of Rockledge Manor, adboard stating that she had reached a stage in her life where she no longer needed the responsibility of tecture. ownership of an apartment complex.

She asked that representatives of management meet with her to discuss the sale of Rockledge to the fort. None of the individuals public relations seems to be in an offer. order.

Haenn, a letter addressed to him would get a reply within 48 hours. It probably would not be what you

have been negotiated on almost any terms; however the board nificance of the "bottom line." not interested in acquiring a revenue producing capital asset.

The program for the annual meeting stated that operators of the

This is in reply to the letter

Gallego's statement is rather ex-

I don't see Mr. Gallego's state-

ment or Mr. Heath's efforts to get

legislation to help law enforcement

in gated communities as anything

young people, mostly teenagers

who live on and off the fort and

who drive fast and recklessly down

Scales Road heading for the brush

at the east end. Most of this takes

after 10 p.m. and I know whereof

I speak. I have had to get off the

road quick on numerous occasions

ing down Mesquite Street one

could do as he pleased and nobody

the brush on the north end of

come sit a spell on our front porch.

uncaring, but cannot read and ob-

stop sign at Fort Clark Road and

the street, and a fast car comes

with their small child playing in pen.

the motel area.

NAME

ADDRESS

People are not only rude and

I stopped one young man driv-

I am always out walking my dog

The real problems, however are

but positive.

place late at night.

or be run down.

Brackett News on March 18.

Brenk's reaction extreme

To those who would defy the restaurant are successful, let's

I have been a resident here for 22 years and have never talked to Last spring Charlotte Powell, anyone who did not agree that Rockledge Manor should be on dressed letters to the general man- the Fort Clark Spring's inventory. ger and three members of the It is constructed over an original fort building and its rock construction is compatible with fort archi-

A gentlemen from Michigan on his first visit to Fort Clark admired Rockledge Manor and inquired if it was for sale. Charlotte said, "Make an offer." In a few days after checking with the courtaddressed had the courtesy to re- house, the Appraisal District and spond. Attendance at a course in the association he came up with

It was accepted and the trans-Say what you will about Bill fer closed on 25 March 1999, probably forever barring Fort Clark from obtaining the property.

Finally, this whole matter wanted to hear, but it would be a points out the necessity of electlacking any business acumen, was After all Fort Clark Springs Association is a business.

Welcome Bob and JoAnn Werner!

of Scales Road and had a very

pickup into a tree, badly damag-

ing his truck and injuring himself.

They came to Mesquite Street

looking for a phone to call for help

Saturday morning. The young man

who had been driving the truck

was injured and passed out drunk.

off the fort. Their parents will not

do anything to stop the situations.

They get into the fort by waiting

outside the gate at the east end of

Scales Road for their friends on

all hours of the night. I guarantee

their school homework. They do

things. Again, they do it here be-

I would like to suggest that they

The Texas attorney general says

Don't call the gate, you're told

an arrest can be made on private

Donald E. Smith

the inside to pick them up.

booze, drugs and sex.

night and was quickly told that he find other places to do these

Drivers don't stop at signs

March 18 written by Rudy Brenk, see the situation before your eyes

serve the 15 miles-per-hour posted property if there is endangerment.

They do not slow or stop at the ment." We've had to use it three

It stops your heart when you to call the sheriff or police directly.

see a family unloading their van, Let's not wait for a lawsuit to hap-

Letters to the Editor Policy

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points do not necessarily reflect the editorial beliefs of this newspaper.

In response to the letter of whizzing around the corner. You

and are helpless.

over getting away and heading for and they can get by with it.

These young people live on and

Thomas "Tom" Powell

CONTROLLING LEGAL **AUTHORITY Greeting Cards** Kasich Wind-up Toy Forbes Reversible Jacket Lamar Alexander Cup Bob Smith Paperweight ANNELVES CREATIVE CAMPAIGN FUND-RAISING

Director has adverse

Three weeks ago some kids from Rudy Brenk published in The were partying in the brush south of the director. Mr. Brenk's reaction to Mr. unfortunate accident. A kid ran his

the very highest quality and are streets of Brackettville to catch dedicated to a common sense appeople with seat belts not fastened proach as they faithfully carry out is unconscionable, and for an agent their responsibilities.

The foibles of the attitude en- ridiculous. gendered by the director was amply manifested this past week. A patrolman from Del Rio, Dixon by hour the opportunity to give tickname, gave out a number of tick- ets is greatly diminished. I realize ets to people not wearing seat the director has ordered his agents

violation to drive without a seat the DPS.

could stop him. He almost ran me cause there is no law enforcement grocery store don't take the time agent from another county and a peated.

Between Us Joe

of his employees all up and down belt, but who faithfully fasten it when on the highway.

to come from Del Rio to do this is

I fairly realize that with the speed limit raised to 70 miles per seat belts.

Aside from the idiocy of the or-

city 30 miles away cruising the streets of Brackettville solely to give out such tickets.

Gore T-Shirt

Do they have so many patrolmen in Del Rio they can't keep them busy there?

Even an idiot would know that counting the time driving from Del Rio to Brackettville and back, and the time cruising in Brackettville, this patrolman could have given out many more tickets in Del Rio.

Besides, it is a ridiculous concept that patrolmen living in Brackettville can't adequately carry the load of responsibility of the city.

If Dixon was ordered to Brackettville, his sergeant should be severely reprimanded. If he was here by his own option, he should be retrained.

With two major highways going through Del Rio and the heavy load of traffic on Highway 90, there is plenty of challenge for the belts. Not on the highway, but on to give tickets to all not wearing patrolmen assigned to Del Rio, to say nothing of the traffic in the city.

Were Dixon to use the time he ity any where in the state to do times because the patrolman took in Brackettville in the city of sile defense system. But the spread "didn't see" I was wearing a seat Del Rio and give out a like num- of missile technology into the Rio would sure put a stop to it.

One time is one time too many. It is true that many people when ders for the patrolmen, the prob- It is hoped the DPS will see that driving only to the Post Office or lem I have in this instance is an such malfeasance will not be re-

Weekly Report U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Protecting Americans from missile attacks

When soldiers rush onto a battlefield, they carry a lot more with them than guns, bullets and grenades. They know their job is not just defeating the enemy, but also protecting themselves in the process.

Whenever our military is called upon to go into combat, commanders know that protecting their soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen is fully half the battle.

American civilians, however, are rarely directly in the line of fire. It has been over half a century since a foreign enemy has successfully attacked a target within America's borders. Since then, we have been lulled into a false sense of security.

Dramatic advances in weapon technology, as well as our impressive performance in the Persian Gulf War, have led many Americans to believe we are better protected than we really are.

We know that with our military today, enemy troops would be destroyed before they reached our shores. We know that enemy aircraft would be shot from the sky before they could drop bombs on our homeland. But with the spread of long-range (or ballistic) missile technology, it's a whole different

There is no ballistic missile defense system protecting the people of the United States.

Just because we don't have a ballistic missile defense system now, doesn't mean we can't develop the technology to deploy one. Ronald Reagan believed we could do it.

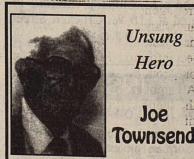
Critics called his plan "Star Wars," but his program made great advances in missile defense tech-

In the last few years, we've seen de-emphasis on a national mishands of hateful tyrants has brought home the reality of our situation.

Last week, both the House and Senate passed a resolution making it "the official policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense."

We would not think of sending our troops onto a battlefield unprotected. And in the same sense, we cannot allow our country and the American people to continue to be at risk from a missile attack.

The world is a dangerous place. We must act now. If we do not, the consequences are unthinkable.



There is a lady here who was born here and has spent her entire life here. She and her husband operated a business here for years. When he died some 20 years ago, she found it necessary to make a living for herself.

She worked at the restaurant of with anything else, divorce and Fort Clark and for a short period managed it. She then went to work Urbanization and liberalism at Alamo Village where she was a cook at the Cantina for about 20 years. Since that time, she has cooked for hunting camps.

At present, she is assisting the Townsends. Since Oleta Townsend developed serious problems, Townsend was hit with problems, the need of much care was exacerbated.

She has been quite busy taking care of Mrs. Townsend and the house, even when Mr. Townsend has markedly improved.

to-do people from the west coast. and de-Christianization of dedicated to her responsibilities. She is capable, efficient and Utah, while I don't agree with This influx has raised property America will eventually aid in its Surely, Rita Sims is an Unsung Hero

A purchase agreement could people to the board; ladies and gentlemen who understand the signer been negotiated on almost over the standard problem.

Since before the lynching of Norman Hooten, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) has not been one of my favorite bureaucracies

Under the present director the agency has had an adverse attitude toward the public.

Its lobbying before the legislature reveals plainly the arrogance

His attitude is reflected by some to endure the bother of the seat

Some of the patrolmen are of

There are few things that young Ann Street.

people have to do in the brush at Don't tell me he has the authorthat they are not out there doing this.

belt fastened.



Townsend

For a DPS agent to cruise the

I have been stopped several I know that. It is technically a belt. This is within the orders of ber of tickets, the opposition in Del

Urbanization, liberalism promote divorce

It is amazing what kind of information you find in Scientific American magazine. I love the articles on rare animals, newly discovered sub-atomic particles, the missing "dark matter" that seems to make up 90 percent of the universe, dinosaurs, volcanoes, and countless other interesting items.

It's called, "criminal endanger-I was scanning the March issue when a brightly colored map of the United States caught my eye. very high percentage of religiously be a distribution map indicating Marjorie Love me in the slightest.

surrounded by, the group.

ally mean? Well, I have an idea.



I See It Steven R.

LaMascus

have strong family traditions and

The central United States from is very low. There is also in this area a high percentage of church-going folks who take their Bible seriously. They have strong moral beliefs and believe in strong family ties.

The south and the east coast states are likewise a strong baszona, New Mexico, Colorado, tion of Christianity with deep ru-Wyoming and western Montana. ral roots. Ever heard the term "The Bible Belt?"

Even in the cities, many people The central United States is a try folks. Again also, family tra-

Also, if you will notice, all these areas mentioned are strongholds of conservatism. There are very few areas here where liberals are not a minority.

The areas that appear to be exceptions to that rule are not. New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming for instance have in the last 10 Now what do these figures re- years seen a huge influx of well- true. I know that the urbanization the heliefe of the Mormone has a values to ridiculous levels and in-

fected those areas with the skewed and arrogant ideas inundating many parts of California. Instead of propagating high

accept the fabric destroying liberal ideas of the star-struck Hollywood Another facet is the urbanization of much of the country. The last time I was in Florida, my impression was that the state, except for the parts that are under water,

had become just one big urban

sprawl. And according to this ar-

ticle, church attendance in Florida Church (read Christianity here) promotes higher moral standards, which in turn promote stronger familial ties, which in turn reduces divorce. What a unique thought. We've only known that for 2,000 years! Therefore, I see the problem as this: Anywhere conservative Christian thinking is replaced

promote those same ills. That is one of the reasons so many people still think of themselves as coun- are looking for a rural, small town setting in which to raise their children. In Brackettville, we are seeing a steady influx of people trying to escape the cities and find a she needed much care. When Joe nice, quiet place to raise their kids. There is a reason for this.

other blights appear.

I do not know why cities increase crime and lower morality, but they do. I do not know why urban dwellers are less religious than rural folk, but I know it is destruction

The Way moral values, they have now begun to lean farther to the left and

A closer examination showed it to and morally strong people. They the percentage per capita of di- believe in discipline and educavorces in America. And to be hon-tion. In addition, a large part of est, what it showed didn't surprise Utah is rural. The map used three colors to North Dakota and eastern Mon-

indicate the percentages. Red tana south to the tip of Texas is showed a rate of 10 percent or also a generally rural population. more, green 8 to 9.9 percent, and yellow less than 8 percent. The heaviest percentage of divorces was shown as being on the left coast - California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Arizona. Next were Idaho, southern Ari-You will notice that Utah is conspicuously absent from, although

sea of yellow dotted here and there ditions are strong and close. with green and red, primarily in the urban areas and eastern Oklahoma. The Midwest also shows a high percentage of divorce, as does Florida and for some odd reason Maine. The southern states and eastern seaboard states are again primarily yellow, showing a lower incidence of divorce.

Obituaries

Ronald Cleve Armbruster

Ronald Cleve Armbruster, 64, of Brackettville passed away Kelly Armbruster of San Marcos; here! March 25, 1999 at his residence. daughter: Kim Hodges of Uvalde; He was born Aug. 6, 1934 in and numerous grandchildren. Buda, Texas.

wife, Connie Conner Armbruster. who he married on Aug. 27, 1953 in Buda, Texas.

Upon his request, no services Reports of two to three inches Thomas. Armbruster is survived by his will be held. He will be cremated. of rain were heard around the Arrangements are with Rush- community. I know you may

Verena "Betty" Malcolm

Uvalde.

Fort Clark Springs passed away seven great-grandchildren. March 30, 1999 after a short stay at Retama Manor.

She is survived by her sons: Roger Stephens and wife Teresa may be made to the Nutrition Cen- Del Rio and El Dorado. With the these and donated them to the of Fort Clark, and Jerry Lee ter.

Verena "Betty" Malcolm of Stephens; three grandchildren and Those folks are still battling cold

at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 2, at Texas! Malcolm was born Sept. 29, First Baptist Church with Rev.

Beverly Jane Hunt Schafer

Beverly Jane Hunt Schafer, 67, passed away Wednesday, March 24, 1999 at Uvalde Memorial Hospital. She was born May 14, 1931 in Sherman, Texas.

Schafer was raised and lived in Brackettville most of her life.

She is survived by her husband: Emil "Bubba" Schafer of 43 years; sons: Steven L. Schafer, and Ernest Wayne Judge and wife Susan; daughter: Lisa S. Conoly and husband Stan; half-brother: Keith Hunt; grandchildren: Kyle Shafer, Jacquelyn and Stanford Conoly, and Amanda Kate Judge; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Schafer devoted her life to her loving family. She will live eternally in God's heavenly kingdom.

Visitation was held Friday at the Brackettville Funeral Home Chapel. Services were held Saturday at St. Andrews Episcopal Michael M. Davis celebrant and Pastor Nathan LaFrenz assisting. Burial followed at the Kinney County Cemetery.

Leland "Buddy" Burgess, Zack Funeral Home, doing business as Davis, Allen Krieger Jr., Leslie Brackettville Funeral Home, 114 Schafer, Bret Trant, Stan Conoly, North Street.

R.D. Holloway officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations nets, along the highway between

Daylight Savings

first!

changes on Sunday morning. around the fort. It's spring, so we'll spring forward the time one hour.

The rain that brings life to

the landscape became browner

and windy weather. It's nice to

It will be fun to have the extra hour of daylight at the end of the day.

One Act Play

"Rivers and Ravines." It is my understanding that James Burks

It's a grand time to live in Kin- was selected as an all-star actor He is also survived by his son: ney County, USA. Easter is and Amanda Petrosky received honorable mention all-star cast.

We're proud of the entire cast nature came Saturday night. and of their fine director, Mrs.

Booster Passes Away

Ronnie Armbruster passed ing, Estes, Knowles Mortuary of have more, but I had to speak away this week. He attended most every athletic event at In the long trip to Oklahoma, BISD.

and less alive north of Plainview. time, money and energy for the young people in Brackettville.

As you drive by the football Memorial services will be held live in the greenest part of stadium, take a look at the tiger rageous president. He experithat hangs near the gate. Also, There are lots of wildflowers, check out the tiger on the field success. mostly verbena and blue bon- house.

great rain, I'm sure we will see school system.

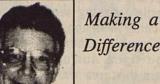
They have put in many hours of volunteer work at Fort Clark Don't forget that the time that included painting the signs

Thanks for all of your help, Ronnie and Connie.

Honest Abe

I've been doing some reading about Abe Lincoln. Honest Abe was not well liked when he I loved the One Act Play, became our country's president in 1860.

The country was in total dis-



Rain brings life to nature

Difference

Taylor Stephenson

Ronnie and Connie donated array, and states had already begun to secede from the union by the time of his inauguration.

He was a persistent and cou-

Here are some interesting Ronnie and Connie painted notes about Abraham Lincoln: was defeated at 23, he again election. A special thanks to: failed in business at 24, he had David and Santos for your hard. a nervous breakdown at 27, he work. was defeated for congress at 34, he was defeated for the senate and our general manager as they president at 47, he was defeated for the senate again at 49, and

was elected president of the United States at 51.

It's a rare person who doesn't get discouraged. The value of courage, persistence and perseverance has rarely been illustrated more convincingly than in the life story of this man.

Take a look at the record and realize that this may have been our country's best. He learned from his mistakes and kept bouncing back. We can do it

Fort Clark Election

Congratulations to Betty enced failure, and out of it came Gibbs, Jack Workman and Bob Moore for their election to the Fort Clark Board of Directors.

Fort Clark is vital to this He failed in business at age community's interests. Thanks 22, he ran for legislature and to all of the candidates in the

I'm squarely behind the board at 46, he was defeated for vice work to keep Fort Clark a special place for all of us.

Have a great week!

For the news that's important to you, subscribe to The Brackett News. Call 563-2852 today!



BEVERLY, EMIL SCHAFER

Church in Brackettville with and Richard Schafer Jr. Honorary pallbearers were Bud Conoly, Richard Schafer, Preston W. Sights, and C.C. Veltman.

Funeral arrangements are un-Pallbearers were Don Nance, der the direction of the Del Rio

Chariff's Report

Monday, March 22

9:00 a.m., A U.S. Border Patrol official called to request assistance from one of the DPS officers. The Border Patrol officer stated that he had a blowout and his vehicle went through the fence. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar was contacted about the matter. The property was owned by a local rancher.

11:27 a.m., An employee at Penny's Pizza called in to report that there was a man on the property that was not wanted. Chief called the Sheriffs Department Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter responded to the call.

6:29 p.m. A local Border Panotified of the situation. trol agent called in requesting an 10:49 p.m. A local m ambulance for an illegal alien that had been shot in the leg. The subject informed the agent that someone from Mexico had fired at him. An ambulance was dispatched to the scene and the sheriff was notified.

Tuesday, March 23

in to report that on the corner of E. Thorn and Gove Street there Deputy Chism responded to the was a transformer leaking some scene. A local man had been sort of liquid. The Del Rio CP&L office was notified of the situation.

12:34 p.m., Rogelio Alejandro Deputy Chism sent the man home Flores, 45, was arrested for pub- and closed down the bar for the lic intoxication by Deputy Sheriff night. Karl Chism. He was released after time served.

Thursday, March 25

4:27 p.m., A local woman came into the Sheriffs Department to report that her son, who is 8 years old, was missing. The lady stated that she went to the school and could not find him. Police the house. The case is still under Chief Ron Ring was notified of investigation.

the situation. Ring located the boy shortly after. He was at home and his elementary principal was accompanying him.

Friday, March 26

2:06 p.m., A Del Rio man called to report that his Yamaha 400 motorcycle was missing. It had last been seen on E. Edwards Street. Chief Ring was informed of the situation. The case is still under investigation.

Saturday, March 27

1:09 p.m., A local woman stating that she had been beaten up by a local man. Chief Ring was

10:49 p.m. A local man called in to report that his vehicle had been stolen from the Krazy Chicken parking lot. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie was notified of the stolen vehicle. The case is still under investigation.

Sunday, March 28

10:13 p.m., An employee at 10:22 a.m., A local man called Mario's Pub called in for a law enforcement officer's assistance. jumped by another patron at the bar who could not be located.

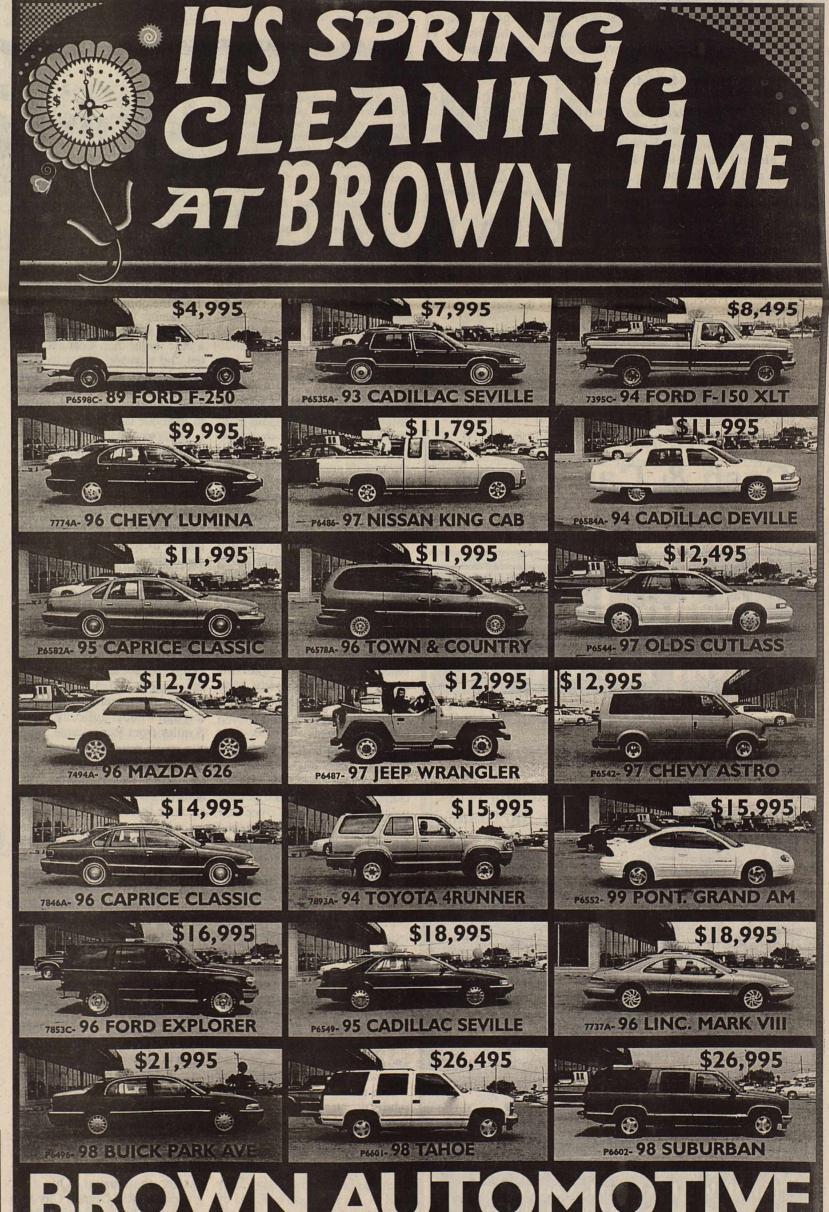
Monday, March 29

3:00 p.m., Deputy Chism called into the office to report that a Brackettville woman's residence had been broken into. The people responsible for the home live in Kerrville and were notified of the situation. Deputy Chism secured

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Evans discusses archeology

By Frances McMaster CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Brackettville Rotary Club meet- years this area was occupied.



Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi joined Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter to celebrate the annual Valentine Sweetheart Banquet at the Ramada Inn in Del Rio last month. Helen Peck (left) was crowned the group's 1999 sweetheart by last year's sweetof gifts. In attendance were workshop in San Antonio. Helen and Howard Peck, Elizaand Pam and Pat Melancon.

Archeologist Lisa Evans dis- teaching them about the past and 14,000 square miles around the cussed the lower Pecos archeo- the native American Indians confluence of the Rio Grande, logical area at last Thursday's who lived during the 9,000 Pecos and Devils rivers, an ir-

Evans has eight and a half ogy is the study of the bi-prod-

Briefs

Fort Clark Duplicate **Bridge Club meets**

plicate Bridge Club met on Tues- specific places. day night at the Adult Center.

the north-south division, while for everyday activities, and a Mac and Marie McCandless certain place would be used as a were second, and Bob Barnett latrine. Special sites were deand Doc Harbor finished third. voted to ceremonial gatherings. In the east-west division, Mona Miller and Flo Stafford claimed first place, Jerry and Joan Strothers were second, and Mary Edgar and Nancy O'Brien tied Ann Legg and Evelyn Whitely for third.

Local UDC members attend S.A. workshop

Local members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), Hawkins Huey, Pat coarse fibers used for weaving. heart, Hazel Ivey. Peck's sis- McKelvy and Agnes Vondy, ters treated her to a multitude recently attended the District VI

On March 8, they attended a beth Goebel, Marla Madrid, meeting of the Captain Charles Betty and Gordon Mathison, Schreiner UDC Chapter at Barbara and Bob Miller, Jan Riverhills Country Club in and Larry Peck, Hazel and Kerrville. On March 18, they at-Gerald Ivey, Dee and Ken tended the meeting of the Albert Curry, Flo and James Stafford Sidney Johnson Chapter at the Ft. Sam Houston Officers Club.

years experience with the Natu- ucts of human activity. Her area ral Park Service. Her job is pri- of interest, the lower Pecos remarily working with children, gion consists of 10,000 to regular area covering some 50 Evans explained that archeol- miles. The geography here is particularly suited for the seminomadic groups who moved from site to site every few months. The terrain provides many caves and places where over hanging rocks provide shelter from the weather.

Study of the sites reveal that LISA EVANS The Fort Clark Springs Du- particular activites took place in

For instance, one place would Fred and Nita Clayton won be devoted to cooking, another

ists here.

These people were hunters, hunted and women gathered. The foraging was done with digging stick and a basket. Sticks tus. Plants provided food and part of a pad scooped out. Nothing was wasted.



Evidence of 16 species of snakes has been found in the caves, some of them poisonous. They were eaten, as well as land snails, wild onions, prickly pear, persimmons and yucca plant blossoms.

The groups would move ev-Some of these places have art ery three or four months, probwork that is still visible on the ably in order to take advantage walls. In fact, the best of Indian of the plants provided by changcave art in North America ex- ing seasons, the presence of of man. game and access to water.

Evans brought with her exgatherers and foragers. Men amples of objects made by the Indians and found in the caves, including pottery, woven sandals, and purse-like objects

Evans was introduced by Tino Guzman, program chairman.

What is Easter?

First, when is Easter?

By definition, according to the Council of Nicaea in 325, Easter is the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon, which is the first full moon after the Vernal Equinox.

Due to the many variables involved, Easter may fall anywhere between March 22 and April 25, and repeats itself on a 5,700,000-year cycle!

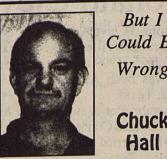
Eggs were decorated in anto symbolize renewal of life.

The brought the symbol of the Easter rabbit to America.

With the advent of Christianchanged to represent, not bunnies are today's favorite. nature's rebirth, but the rebirth

Christians embraced the egg symbol and likened it to the tomb from which Christ rose. Today children usually have plastic eggs to hunt for.

could knock off fruit from a cac- made from cactus with the inner modern invention. The rabbit is fertility. Some suggest it origi- remembered. nated with the pagan festival of



Could Be Wrong Chuck

The goddess, Eastre, was cient Egypt and Persia and ex- worshipped by the Anglo-Saxchanged during the spring time ons through her earthly symbol, the rabbit.

The Germans brought the Germans symbol of the Easter rabbit to America.

It was widely ignored by other Christians until shortly after the Civil War.

Easter itself was not widely celebrated in America until afity the symbolism of the egg ter that time. Chocolate candied

> I'm not against any of these things. Really. And I love to see pretty new clothes too.

> But let us never forget the true origin of Easter.

The story of Christ dying on the cross, and being resurrected The Easter Bunny is not a on the third day for the sake of mankind. That is the real reason also an emblem of spring and Easter exists, and that must be

And I couldn't be wrong.

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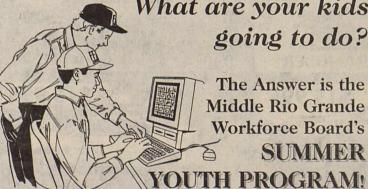
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Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States 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 main-

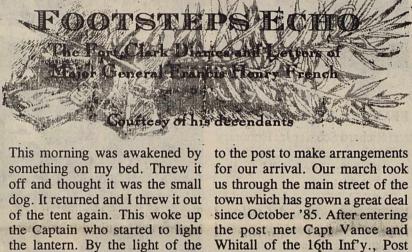
tained for the next 30 years.

Wednesday, March 30, 1887 arrovos to cross and Guard was able to improve these a great deal muscles of the back part of my march being through low hills rocks for a washboard, the whole being very primitive. Wrote on a rest of the {time} reading Endymion and playing cards with Capt. Vance. During dinner several of the Mexican women came to see Sophy and a few of them, one especially, were quite pretty and attractive. Capt. Vance and I met two men after dinner, one of whom proved to be a Hollander who is now teaching school in this ranch. He must be an adventurer, as he has been to Panama and worked his way up from there. He spoke English imperfectly but seems to be a bright fellow. They told us of a new road to Roma by

Thursday, March 31, 1887 Today ends the month and then halted to rest and reform the and then went to Johnson's for a makes another nav account due

which the arroyos are avoided and

the distance is shortened and



during the march that made the cat and called to George to bring walking easier and more comfort- a light as the Captain was unable able than on any previous day. to light our lantern. It turned out The roads were better than I ex- to be, as we think, a cross between pected as we had only two or three a leopard and a domestic cat which has been tamed. Capt. Vance caught it readily and tied it before the train came up. But the by a rope to a wheel and today it was brought to camp in the amright foot are swollen and affected bulance. The Captain intends to those higher up in the leg and take it to Ringgold. Got started made the walking a rather trying about the usual time this mornmatter for me. The scenery was ing. The Hollander and a Mexiquite charming today, most of the can friend took us out over a new road just opened which led to covered with green chapparal. Roma avoiding the bad arroyos on with now and then a distant view the main road and was no longer, of the river below. Camped on indeed shorter. Capt. Vance was bank of river just behind the behind part of the way to see that Salineno Ranch, a pretty good the wagons did not go wrong. place for a camp except the thick Followed a carreta track and got chapparal kept off a great deal of through without difficulty. About breeze and made the place very 5 miles from Roma came out on warm for a while in the afternoon. the main road again and here Reached camp at 11 o'clock and Capt. Vance caught up and went train came in about half an hour on to Roma. We reached this place later. As soon as I could get my before 11 o'clock and spent about valise went down to river and an hour there. The train caught washed head and neck and bathed up with us here and then we feet cooling them, feeling much pushed on about 6 miles and are refreshed afterwards. Saw some encamped near some water holes Mexican women washing clothes on the road about 9 or 10 miles in the river, rubbing them on the from Ringgold. This water is enough for the mules and the men have an abundant supply in the letter home but left it open to be kegs. It threatened to rain so the finished at Ringgold. Spent the Guards took the ambulance and went on to the post, taking their wagon along so as to be comfortable there. Played cribbage with Capt. Vance and beat him. This is our last night in camp, thank goodness. We are getting tired and want to get settled in a post again. Friday, April 1, 1887

Today is Father's birthday; may he have a very happy one and many more happy returns of the day. There was no trouble about getting the men up this morning although we were not started any earlier than usual. Our first glimpse of Rio Grande City was the Court House, a new building since I was here in '85, quite a promised to show it to us tomor- large building for this country and set on a hill. Reached the vicinity of the town about 8 o'clock and

matches we could see that it was Quartermaster, who pointed out a little larger than a cat and spot- the quarters to be occupied by the Struck camp at 6-05 this morn-ted and streaked like a leopard. company. Met Whitall for a few ing. Had a refreshing breeze all We both thought it was a leopard moments when I passed through McIntosh in October '85 on the from the company to unload my way to Clark. Took the company property. Put on a white shirt once over to the barracks and then saw here waiting for our transportaand regard him as a great acquisition to the regiment, so far superior to men like Fowler and Cunningham. Went over to Johnston's where met Mollie who cooked for me at Brown in '85. She is running the mess. Johnston is busy packing up to go to San Antonio where he has been ordered on account of his bad health. into Maj. Wilcox's quarters. We find several letters from home and from Lula, one from Hewitt, some stopping to chat and shake hands with Mrs. Buck nee Kate Bernard,

more and begin to feel better. some men of "G" Co. which is After lunch went over to a company barber and had beard shaved tion. Johnston, Harris and off and hair cut. A few gray hairs McIntyre came across the parade in the beard make me feel old. to meet me. The latter is our sub., Went in to see Mrs. Payne a few a member of the last class. He is moments and found her looking a rather quiet young man, but I better than I have ever known here think there is a great deal to him to be before. Completed letter home that was commenced Wednesday and made out pay accounts so as to send them off tomorrow. Saw Capt. Bradford and the three boys today. They look the same as at Brown. Mrs. Bradford and the girls remain at Brown to visit Mrs. Liscum and will then go North on a visit where the Captain and the boys will join He looks thin and ill. Maj. Wilcox them as soon as he can get a leave came in and after welcoming me after reaching Clark. Took dinkindly invited me to share his ner at the mess which consists of quarters. Was only too happy to Maj. Wilcox, Capt. Bradford, do this as they are large and the Johnston, Thurston, Harris, coolest set in the garrison. It was McIntyre, Elliott & self. In the very considerate in him. Thurston evening met Buck in front of his soon came along just as I was gong quarters, but did not have much time to become acquainted with have not met since '79. He has him. Several called and sat in front grown stouter and a little taller and of our quarters. Then went up to is in other respects the same pay my respects to Mrs. Payne "Buck Thurston" as of old. He who is to leave tomorrow. Turned introduced me to Elliott of the 8th in early feeling tired and sleepy. Cav'y a class mate of McIntyre's Thus ends the march from Clark, and a son of Bishop Elliott whom 297 miles by my itinerary, every I met at Brown. Went up to the bit of which I have marched. First office where was most happy to impressions of the new post are quite agreeable. It is prettier than Clark, has an ice machine, living O.B.'s, bundles of papers from is cheaper. But we miss the pleashome and some more. Carried ant society of the other place. The Capt. Vance's mail over to him, mail is received here and departs 6 times a week. It takes two days for a letter to come from San Anand to meet her cousin Miss tonio. Hope to be left here until McKee. When last saw Mrs. Buck next Fall and then want to be proshe was in short clothes; now she moted and go to Clark. Hope to is married and if indications are have some money saved up by that reliable soon to become a mother. time. Among the letters today was Met Payne in Capt. Vance's and one from Taylor who is not at all was glad to see him again. He and encouraging about Spencer's rewife did not go down with Liscum tirement. But maybe the latter's but are to start soon for Brown. friends will be able to secure this Returned to quarters to read let- anyway. Mother writes that Capt. ters, a rare treat after so many White has promised to work hard days without them. Took a bath for it when he goes back to Washcompany Cant Vance rode ahead lunch. Before this had a detail until next Fall perhaps. ington, but he will not go there

ligers take third at Canyon Relays

ROCKSPRINGS - The Tigers took third place at the Nueces Canyon Relays Saturday hurdles, and Hidalgo took fourth in the 400while the Tigerettes finished fourth.

Rocksprings won the boys' division with 113 points, Junction was second with 90 and and the discus. Brackett tallied 76.

Damian Toms took first place in the 100meter dash, second in the 200, third in the triple jump, and fourth in the long jump.

Toms, Tommy Sandoval, Jesse Hidalgo and Brent Smith won the 400-meter sprint relay with a time of 44.7.

Hidalgo, Sandoval, David Honstein and Jaime Montalvo took third place in the mile with a 13.6. In the 200, Martin was fifth with relay.

Tigerettes tied

The Brackett Tigerettes are tied for second place and the Tigers are sitting in third after

the first of three rounds of dis-

job," said coach Dave Wilkins.

gan the competition this week

at Fredericksburg. The league

play will continue Monday as

the teams compete in Pleasan-

After Monday's action,

Manuel Madrid is leading the

Tigers with a score of 84 and

Jennifer Ashabranner had the

low score for the Tigerettes

The district golf action will

come to Brackettville for the

finale, slated for April 12 at

the Fort Clark Springs golf

'The kids are doing a good

The conference teams be-

trict golf.

with a 109.

course.

for second in

district play

Smith finished second in the 300-meter meter dash.

In the girls' division, Center Point won the

Steven Hagler finished fifth in the shot put

meet with 111 points, Nueces Canyon was second with 96, Harper finished third with 78, and Brackett was fourth with 67.

Heather Martin, Melinda Villarreal, Jamie Bader and Queta Garza won the 800-meter relay after being clocked at 2:00.

a 29.8 and Garza was sixth with a 31.2.

Garza, Martin, Villareal and Kandace Ingram were fifth in the sprint relay with a time of 55.4. The distance team of Duquesa Hunt, Sonya Correa, Lindsey Brotherton and Erica Meyer took fifth in the 3200-meter re-

Correa took second in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:43 and third in the 3200 with a 12:32. Hunt was fifth in the 1600 after running a 6:12, and Meyer finished sixth in the 400-meter dash.

In the field events, Villareal was second in Villareal took third in the 100-meter dash the long jump and fifth in the triple jump. Hunt was fifth in the high jump and Brotherton took sixth in the discus.

Tigers, Tigerettes come up short in conference games

The Brackett Tigers and Tigerettes both came up short Tuesday in district baseball and softball ac-

Comfort's Derek Syfert hurled a three-hit shutout Tuesday night as the Bobcats blanked the Tigers 10-0 in District 30-2A baseball action.

With the win, Comfort improves to 10-2 on the season and 2-0 in conference action. Brackett is 3-9 overall and 0-3 in league play.

Syfert (2-1) went all six innings for the Bobcats, who won via the 10-run rule. The senior pitcher tion. The Tigerettes are 9-7 on the year. helped his own cause with a 3-for-3 plate performance. He picked up four RBIs.

Comfort picked up 11 hits to spark the Bobcats'

up eight hits and Brackett had five as the Lady Tro- the Tigerettes. jans topped the Tigerettes 7-1.

"Our girls gave a good effort," Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin said. "We couldn't get many runners on base. We were hitting the ball, but it was going right to them."

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Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin

The loss drops Brackett to 3-4 in conference ac-

second inning. Tiffany Eckenrod led off with a Brackett's defense committed only one error, but double, she moved to third on Jamie Bader's double, and then scored on Hilda Aguirre's ground-out.

Bader, Eckenrod, Lindsey Brotherton, Stephanie In softball action on Tuesday, Charlotte picked Gomez and Michelle Melancon each had a hit for

> Aguirre pitched all six innings for Brackett. She allowed seven runs on eight hits and the Tigerettes

Next Tuesday, the Tigers travel to Natalia and the

"Our girls gave a good effort. We couldn't get many runners on base. We were hitting the ball, but it was

Brackett took a one-run lead in the top of the

committed four errors.

Tigerettes to Jourdanton. Both games begin at 4 p.m.

OUTDOORS

Weather, mature gobblers to test spring turkey hunters

AUSTIN - Considering Texas enjoyed a turkey reproduction boom two years ago, wildlife officials expect there to be plenty of mature gobblers available during the upcoming spring hunting sea-

Just how available these toms become for hunting, however, will likely depend on the weather.

"The numbers point to an excellent production season two ferred range is not. years ago as a sign that we should (TPW). "But, the weather dictates more about hunting success than production and it's been pretty dry in South Texas and the Edwards Plateau, and very windy in the Pineywoods."

The bottom line for hunters, Peterson continued, is that finding birds may not be as big a problem as finding perfect weather conditions to hunt in.



on the Wildlife Side Henry

A Little

Rio Grandes do not fare well have a good season this spring, in the wet, dense forests of East with a lot of mature birds on the Texas and easterns have a tough ground," said Dr. Markus time surviving in the dry, brush Peterson, turkey program leader country of South Texas and up with Texas Parks and Wildlife through the hill country. Few parts, if any, in Texas will support both birds.

Rio Grande turkey hunting sea-Texas and runs through May 2, and begins in the remaining counties having a spring turkey season vest. on April 3 and runs through May 9. The spring eastern turkey season is open in 17 East Texas counties from April 12-25 and is lim-Texas is fortunate to boast two ited to shotgun only and a oneof the four subspecies of wild tur- gobbler bag limit. Harvested eastkey common to North America - ern turkeys must be checked at the eastern and the Rio Grande - mandatory check stations set up and while their differences on the in the counties having an open surface may be subtle, their pre- spring eastern turkey season.

hunters are required to purchase means and methods (shotgunand to fund various research ef- tion.

ties in the Pineywoods.

A testament to the success of the program, according to Jasper based TPW biologist Clayton Wolf, is the fact that in the four years in which spring turkey huntson opens March 27 in South ing has been allowed for Easterns, none of the originally stocked gobblers have shown up in the har-

"These birds have got instincts from the get-go. Where we've got good turkey habitat, the populations have been building and expanding," said Wolf. "Turkey hunting in East Texas is still in its infancy, really. We've got some places on national forest land where hunter densities are pretty it stays dry, you won't have to high, but they're taking mature worry about ticks and red bugs."

In addition to possessing a valid birds and none of the banded Texas hunting license, turkey birds. With the limitations on a special turkey hunting stamp. only, no baiting, short season), the Revenue generated from this user harvest rate is fairly low. We're stamp go back into turkey-related not seeing jakes in the harvest and programs at TPW, including the that means we're meeting deeastern turkey restoration project mands without sacrificing produc-

"The problem in South Texas As a result of the initiative to this year is conditions are becomrestore eastern birds onto suitable ing bleak; it has been dry down range in East Texas, an expand- here since last November. We're ing turkey population has created not going into a good spring right hunting opportunity in 17 coun- now as far as things being green and lush," said Joe Herrera, TPWD area manager.

Herrera went on to add that while a lack of spring foliage may make concealment or visibly an issue for hunters, the good news is there are no shortage of birds. "These birds are resilient and accustomed to the ups and downs

of South Texas drought. Who knows, in the next few weeks we may have some rain and everything will turn out fine," he said. In the Edwards Plateau, not

having a lot of rain could have a silver lining, according to Kerrville biologist Max Traweek.

"On the bright side, as long as

Fishing brings back old childhood memories

One of the inadequacies of ing. Today there are bass tourna-South and West Texas is the dearth ments, walleye tournaments, crapof public water. No, I don't mean pie tournaments, and who knows

for drinking and washing, I mean what else. for really important things - like

The only lake in this part of the country is Amistad. And while it is good fishing, it is also so darned big that a boat is almost a neces- and there are a few around.

fishing was all there was. That was before many of the big reservoirs were built.

I miss those days. I would go with my father and maybe Lou Leverton. We would spend a lazy day casting to bass on a big pond or just sit and watch a pole as a minnow swam around on our hooks trying to seduce a big fish. That was fishing like God intended - relaxing and rejuvenating.

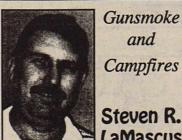
Today fishing has changed. In the old days a person fished because he wanted to eat the slimy things or because he loved fish-

Why, pray tell, does everything today have to be competitive? Why can't we just "go fishing?"

Well, you still can. All you have to do is find a nice stock tank,

I have access to a beautiful little When I was a kid, stock tank tank on a ranch south of San Antonio. It isn't large - the whole thing probably doesn't cover an acre. On one side is an old willow that got too heavy to support itself and fell over into the water. on a small treble hook, attach a In the tank are bass, catfish and

> The bass are suckers for a wait for Ol' Whiskers to eat it. purple plastic worm. Drag a worm slowly across one of the moss beds the bass and are as ugly as homeand you will soon be attached to a made sin, but I kinda like 'em battling bass in the three-pound anyway. They remind me of over the water and waiting for that range. Early in the morning a top- someone I know, big and ugly, big 'un to bite. water plug is productive and ex- but friendly.



and Campfires Steven R. LaMascus

most sickening brand of stink-bait. If you can put it on the hook without gagging it is probably not odiferous enough. Just dab a gob small weight a couple of feet below, cast out into a deep pool and

The catfish seem to prefer the cals of the pond. They buzz my fishing rod?

around the larger fish, steal your bait, and cause you to strain muscles and mutter to yourself when the pole wiggles and you miss setting the hook in their tiny mouths. They are mainly there to feed the larger fish and provide sport for the kids. They are easy to catch on a

small hook with a piece of earthworm for bait. With ultra-light gear they are fun even for the adults. Besides, the bass and catfish don't always bite.

I gave up tournament fishing years ago. It was more like work than play and I do my dead level best to avoid work. I have heard that it is bad for your health.

But I still love the tranquility They will run a bit larger than and peace that comes with a day of leisurely sitting on the bank, watching the dragon flies play tag

Man, just thinking of it makes The perch are the Little Ras- me homesick. Kandace! Where's



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Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's a good time to meet with financial advisers. Students should seek grants and financial assistance. Don't slack off on work efforts.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Seek advice from experts before scheduling a talk with a higher-up. Be diplomatic and courteous when dealing with superiors.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll get an assist from a friend in regard to a business matter, but avoid getting upset about trivial things. Calm down!

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Make sure you know what you're talking about or you'll put your foot in your mouth. Private meetings with loved ones are favored.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Someone's nagging could get to you. Try to set aside sufficient time for the completion of unfinished tasks. Tidy up the house this weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You could have a disagreement with a child concerning spending money. It's a good time to replenish your wardrobe, but be practical.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be careful not to overlook important details at work. Curb a tendency to be too critical of others. Money deals are favored.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Make plans to visit a relative, but be tactful on the homefront. Be willing to shoulder your normal responsibilities in the latter part of the week.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Don't be moody when others are trying to talk to you. Home once you do your own thing.

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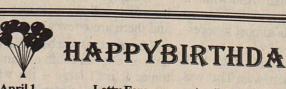
entertainments are favored. Steer clear of arguments about money CAPRICORN (December 22 to

January 19) Avoid offensive speech, or you could hurt the feelings of a coworker. You may be in a smart-alecky mood this week, so be careful. AQUARIUS (January 20 to

February 18) Get assistance on a work project, if you need it. You could have a small misunderstanding with a higher-up. Be tactful. PISCES (February 19 to March

20) Make plans with partners concerning joint interests, but avoid bickering with a friend about a matter of little consequence. YOU BORN THIS WEEK are interested in public service. You are

more of a humanitarian than the typical member of your sign, and like to operate in the world arena. Law, politics and religion would bring you a sense of fulfillment. You do well in business for yourself and dislike taking orders. Music, writing and acting may also appeal to you. Do not let a need for security keep you from developing your originality. You will become known for your uniqueness,



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Three commandments of Jesus

Three commands Jesus gave are the epitome of his instructions to mankind.

His first instructive command was "come." To some fisherman he said "come" and I will make you to be fishers of men. To Matthew at the seat of customs he said "come" and Matthew left his lucrative occupation to follow Jesus.

Jesus saw Zachrus up in a tree and said "come." I'm going to eat and he made them strong. They with you tonight. Jesus says to all "Come unto me all ye that are stability. They were shrinking and heavy laden."

Until a person comes to Jesus and commits to him. He then as- he will do for anyone but we must living in us. sumes our burdens and becomes first come to him. our protector and guide.

sucked each life struggled within

its clutch, challengers immersed

in the curse of eternal night and

loosers eye-dimmed, no heart left

hell-worse, sword sneered and he did know.

to darkness to its fill.

laughed as it struck.

from hell, winner still.

Resurrection of

Jesus is a catalyst

made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Alleluia! Alleluia!" Psalm 118.24.

harbinger of spring. We reach that

part of our yearly cycle where

longer days and warmer weather

are upon us. We rejoice in this

phase of nature, and equate Eas-

ter with the vernal equinox. The

order of the day becomes new

we seem almost resigned to the

fact of the empty tomb. Certainly

we need to view Easter more in

terms of personal conversion and

less in terms of seasonal changes;

more in terms of good news and

clothes for the new season.

Many see Easter as merely the

"This is the day the Lord has



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were wavering and he gave them he made thm bold.

What Jesus did for his disciples,

His apostles were ignorant and cross. A word of instructions to he taught them. They were weak them was to "tarry" in Jerusalem

Then came the warrior, fair

son, blood -striped, battle-weary,

yet strong, determined to fight,

Brave warrior endured sword's

show, each breath seared with

pain he bore in love, endured for

end, when darkness closed in like

Good

News

St. Mary

laughed and jeered, "I win!"

rience of all Christians.

of others around. The resurrec-

tion of Jesus is the catalyst that

welcomes us into God's kingdom.

What is in your heart? Is it an

Upon a dark, skull-shaped hill, willing to right the age of victo-

it stood gnarl-sharpened, ready to ries lost, sword pierced him with

kill, 10 feet it stood, made of rug- all mankind's sin, iniquities in

ged wood, a sin-cursed sword transgressions put on him, sinless

pierced the ground, turning light warrior, Jesus Christ, son of God.

black rot, skull-grinning sword's rolled, lightning crashed as all

curse raged red hot, demon power hope turned to ash, ancient sword

We become so used to the alle- of the tomb either. The empty

luias of Easter that when we hear tomb is our invitation to a fuller

the good news of the resurrection life. The message of Easter is a

old. We need to understand Eas- Jesus, alive? You are invited to

ter as the transformation experi- worship with us at St. Mary

ence of Jesus, which in turn is to Magadalene Catholic Church.

Since ancient days it had blow, unthinkable agony, he'd not

ing meant spending time. The secret of knowing the true blessings from God is to first "tarry" with

There is no substitute for time spent in prayer with God, the Father. It is when we "tarry" with him we receive power to overcome sin, temptations and prob-

The third command of Jesus was to "go." His urging us to "go" was to spread the gospel. The most effective to "go" by living that every person can see Christ

In conjunction with this is the Jesus was facing death on the urgency of telling others of the greatness of knowing Christ.

There's no greater thing man tist Church.

until power would come. Tarry- can do for his fellow man than to help him to "come" to Jesus.

These three challenges are really commands. They are in the imperative mood. This removes them from the range of optional. If we want to know true victorious living the way is to "come," to "tarry" and to "go."

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Entombed, fair warrior, now gain, hidden power, secret plan dead, shrouded white, laid upon a stone bed, beaten body three days there did lay, with heaven's Bleeding, forsaken of friend, angels at bay, tortured soul en-Soaking up each hope-filled life "It is finished!" Cried he at the dured hell-pitted night, and sword to fight, their souls eaten up with a shroud about him, thunder boasted of winning the fight.

day, sword began to shudder 'n'

light shining from fair warrior, the Christ, returned to receive his due pay. Strode up to the ancient sword, having fulfilled prophetic word, in his precious blood power lay as it began to eat its way through the wood of the sword.

Nothing left but the shell of its sheath, no power in edge or beneath, no power of sin left of it within, stripped now in its own defeat; begotten son, with his love Jesus won, victory!

Now powerless, still and gaunt, curse broken, wooden cross has been fought, mankind has been saved, and can live unafraid, by his blood you too have been bought, embrace his love, live eternally in the mansion he has

Sun-sparkling morn of third sway, as earth and sky severed by prepared for thee. Readings from the

book of Matthew

Magdalene "Blessed are they who are per-Church secuted for righteousness sake; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are ye, when men become the transformation expeshall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of Easter is not intended to be just evil against you falsely, for my a quiet reflection on the emptiness sake.

"Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad; for great is your reward in heaven; for so prosecuted they the challenge: both to turn our own prophets who were before you. Ye lives around, and to turn the lives are the salt of the earth, but if the salt have lost its savor, with what shall it be salted? It is therefore good for nothing, but to be cast less in terms of same-old, same- empty tomb or is it filled with of men.

"Ye are the light of the World. A city that is set on a hill cannot 16. be hidden. Neither do men light a



St. John's Missionary Church

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lamp, and put it under a bushel, but on a lampstand, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

"Let your light so shine before out, and to be trodden under foot men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father, who is in heaven," Matthew 5:10-

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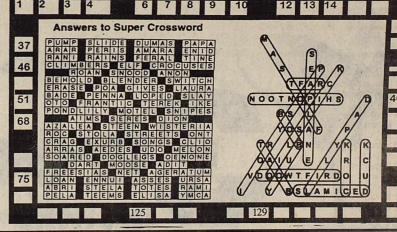
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