

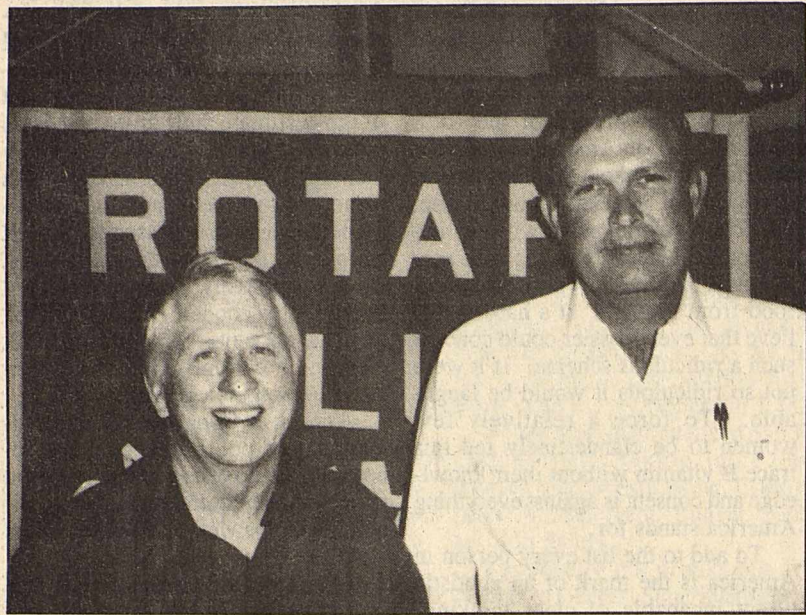
# The Brackett News

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*"If a man had half as much insight, as he has hindsight, he would have twice as much foresight."*



## Runyan Speaks to Rotary

By Frances McMaster

A former Brackettville member returned to Rotary on the 29th of February as a speaker. Jim Runyan, now agent in charge of the Border Patrol at Del Rio, visits us occasionally, but this time he was our speaker. He described the present situation regarding the border. Illegal aliens are slipping into the United States at unprecedented numbers, but the number of Border Patrol agents is pitifully lacking.

Jim said that the contract with America has affected the agency only in that it has had to become more effective in its management. Operating funds have had to be stretched to the limit. Increased funds have been allocated but are not yet in the coffers. However, by the end of the year Jim is hopeful that one new agent will have been added.

Future plans are to hire 4,000 new agents overall. Southern California, Tucson, and El Paso will be getting additional agents and we will get a "trickle" here. Uvalde, El Paso, and Del Rio now have some 400 employees. In the next 18 to 24 months, this will be increased to 800. When this occurs, Jim is hopeful that the agency will get a handle on the situation.

Politicians seem to think that putting 4,000 new agents on duty should be an instant solution, but it takes about two to three years to train a good agent. Jim remarked that he has been in the Border Patrol for 18 years, and he doesn't know all there is to know. However, it is encouraging to know that the tax payers now want some-

thing done, especially those in Florida and New York.

Most of the allocated money will go into construction of new facilities. Uvalde and Brackettville had new facilities built in 1990, the first since 1974 in El Paso. Jim recalled when the Brackettville office occupied the building presently housing Tully Shahan's office. Four agents were stationed there, and they rode horseback. Now construction is a two line item. The Del Rio new construction cost is three million dollars.

During the discussion period, Jim was asked about the fence along the border advocated by one of the presidential candidates. He explained that the present operating budget would buy just a couple of miles of fencing, and the upkeep would be a constant financial drain. Equally impractical would be present plans to shut down central Texas stations that have been effective in catching the 9,000 "got-aways" that managed to escape detection at the border. The present influx of illegal aliens is primarily of young men seeking jobs in cities like Chicago in order to send money home to Mexico to support families. Protection of the border alone won't be enough. However, Jim thinks these plans will be changed.

Rotary enjoyed hearing their old friend. When Jim Runyan goes anywhere he always inspires a lot of grins and good natured kidding. Thanks to him for a good program. Thanks also to Dr. Charles Schmidt for an interesting series of programs during February.



## "Grass Roots Heritage"

Tony Frerich, director of Kinney/Val Verde County Farm Bureau is shown presenting Sarah Terrazas, librarian for Kinney County Library a copy of "A Grass Roots Heritage". This book covers the history and positive activities the Texas Farm Bureau has been involved in to improve and help those who are part of agriculture.

The Texas Farm Bureau is an or-

ganization made up of farmers and ranchers who have the common goal of improving agriculture.

Frerich, also made a presentation to the BISD Hunt Library on behalf of the County Farm Bureau.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the County Farm Bureau please contact Tony Frerich at 563-2471 or Jim McDaniel at 563-2088.

## Exercise Your Right To Vote!

March 12th is the day to exercise your right to vote!

The Brackett News asked each county candidate in writing to submit a picture and written information about themselves. This offer was extended at no expense to the candidates.

Meet your candidates on page three.

Locations of polling places:  
Republican Primary  
Precinct 1 - Civic Center  
Precinct 2 - First Baptist Church  
Precinct 3 - Filippone Building Office  
Precinct 4 - Civic Center  
Democratic Polling Places  
Precinct 1 - First Methodist Slaton Hall  
Precinct 2 - High School Auditorium  
Precinct 3 - First Baptist Church Annex  
Precinct 4 - Civic Center

These locations will be open on March 12 from 7 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Be sure to take your voter registration with you. The color of the active certificate is panton orange and white.

If you cannot find your orange certificate (card) go to the voter registration's office (County Tax Assessor/Collector) in the Court house. They will issue you a replacement certificate at that time.

Most of all make sure you vote and make sure all of your family and friends vote.

**VOTE!**

## Fourth Fire Suppression Grant Issued For Texas

WASHINGTON — Federal funds have been authorized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help Texas battle the uncontrolled Fillbuster fire that poses a threat to residents of the community of Bryson in Young County.

FEMA Director James Lee Witt said the fire suppression grant, the fourth to be issued for the state since February 22, was approved Sunday evening (March 3) immediately after it was requested by the state. The fire, started on Sunday afternoon, had burned some 100 acres of land at the time of the request.

Under the authorization, FEMA will pay 70 percent of the state's eligible firefighting costs that are above \$260,994. The figure, called a floor cost, is derived through a formula based on the state's five-year annual average costs for fighting fires.

Similar aid was approved Saturday (March 2) to help fight the Bowie fire that was threatening populated areas near the town of Bowie in Montague County. Other recent fire suppression grants were issued by FEMA on February 26 for the Northwest Amarillo Complex fire and on February 22 for the North Texas Complex fire.

Federal fire suppression aid is provided through the President's Disaster Relief Fund and made available by FEMA to assist in fighting fires when they threaten to cause a major disaster. Eligible state firefighting costs covered by the aid can include expenses for field camps; equipment use, repair and replacement; tools, materials and supplies; and mobilization and demobilization activities.

## Fort Clark Arts

We hope you have Saturday, March 16 circled on your calendar. It's the day of the Third Annual Fort Clark Arts & Crafts Show. This year it will be in and around the Adult Center. Vendors will be selling at 9:00 A.M. Betty Wright is in the lead working to make this years show enjoyable for all.

One planned event is the "Easter" or "Spring Bonnet Contest". If you are "brimful" of ideas enter it. You

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## Dedication of Baseball Complex

Coach Rokovich presided over the dedication ceremony for the anxiously awaited softball complex. Coach Rokovich said "This is a very proud moment for Brackettville. "This project took lots of dedication and many hours of hard work.

Plaques were presented to the following people in appreciation for all of their involvement in making this project a success.

Kathy & Jimmy Bader, David Luna, Mayor Carman Berlanga, Ralph Gonzalez, Mary Flores, Jean Seargeant, Charles Buschart, Richard Terrazas, Manuel Madrid, Tony Negrete, Allen McCord, Don Hood, The Fritter Family, Ray Smallwood, Albert Payne, Rocky Hill, Mr. Mills and all of the school board.

The ceremony ended with Mr. Jimmy Bader pitching the first ball for the first boys baseball game of the season. Go Get Em Tigers & Tigerettes!

## Meek Named District MVP

By J.J. Guidry  
Contributing Writer

Brackett's Amanda Meek was voted the Most Valuable Player of District 29-2A by the conference's coaches last week.

The 6-foot-1 junior led the Tigerettes to a 23-5 overall record and to a berth in the state basketball playoffs.

"I think Mandy had the respect of the other district coaches," Brackett coach Gregg Nowlin said. "They could see that she could play. She was, by far, the best player in the district. She was the unanimous choice."

Meek led the Tigerettes in three statistical categories this season, averaging 14.8 points, 11.3 rebounds and 5.0 blocked shots per game.

"Mandy came on strong at the end of the year," Nowlin said. "She started out slow. I think she was just holding back, not really wanting to take control."

"Towards the end of the season, she stepped up. She averaged about 25 points a game in the last six or seven ball games of the year."

Brackett had two players earn first team all-district honors, senior guard Denise Frerich and junior forward Lindy LaMascus.

Frerich led the team in steals, averaging 4.0 per control, and was the second leading rebounder, pulling down 6.3 boards a game.

"Denise was just real consistent this season," Nowlin said. "Her defense is outstanding."

"If you try to find her name in the

box score, it's hard to find it there. She didn't score a lot of points but she contributed in a lot of different areas. Her overall game is outstanding."

"All of the other coaches in the district saw that she could play," he said. "We're going to miss her next year."

LaMascus averaged 4.1 points, 4.1 rebounds and 2.7 assists a game this season for the Tigerettes.

"Lindy started out slow," Nowlin said. "She had reconstructive knee surgery over the summer and it took her a while to come back."

"I think she was a little hesitant in the first part of the year, as far as turning loose and letting herself go. She was too worried about getting hurt."

"She finally learned just to take off and just go with it. She was almost back to her form from last year. She came on and had a good year. She impressed a lot of people."

Other first team selections are senior Erin Minor and junior Jessica Gulbrand of Cole, Diley senior Kellie Smith, senior Kendal Young and junior Tara Torres of Lytle, and LaPryor junior Zanette Salazar.

Representing Brackett on the second team is sophomore forward Tina Meek, who averaged 6.1 rebounds and 5.4 points a game.

"Tina always hustles," Nowlin said. "She's probably our most improved player. She came off of the junior varsity as a freshman."

"She's a good athlete. She picked up on things real easy. She's a smart player. She has a lot of basketball sense."

Also named to the second team are

senior Pam Williams and junior Tiffany Garrett of Cole, Lytle senior Susan Naegelin, senior Kodi Olivarez and junior Misty Minton of Cole, Natalia senior Liz Rodriguez and LaPryor junior Annette Salazar.

The Tigerettes had three players earn honorable mention, junior guard Chica Garza, junior forward Courtney Harrison and sophomore center Windy Goodloe.

Garza was Brackett's floor general this year, averaging 4.4 points, 3.6 steals, 3.4 assists and 2.8 rebounds an outing.

"Chica came on and did a tremendous job this year," Nowlin said. "She didn't have much experience playing behind a senior last year. She had to learn as she went along."

"She picked up things real quick. She basically took over the team. If she was on, it kind of pumped us up. She did a real good job this year."

Harrison was the Tigerettes' top free throw shooter, making 16 of 21 shots from the charity stripe for 76 percent. She averaged 4.8 points and 4.5 rebounds a contest.

"Courtney is a great all-around player," Nowlin said. "She has a good shot. She was hot and cold but she's capable of scoring 10 or 12 points a game. She is a solid player."

Goodloe came off the bench to relieve Amanda Meek. She averaged 3.7 rebounds and 2.0 points per game.

"Windy made a good contribution this year," Nowlin said. "There were times when Mandy got in foul trouble and Windy came in and gave us some good minutes. She's a great rebounder. She did a great job this year."

## Administration's Failing War Against Drugs

By Henry Bonilla  
Congressman, 23rd District, Texas

America's decade-long success in stemming the drug epidemic has been halted. Every stride we made in reducing casual drug use in the last generation is again being challenged by popular culture's glorification of drugs. We've gone from "Just Say No" to "Just Don't Inhale."

A 1994 survey by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the federal government's own household survey, found that marijuana use among eighth-graders doubled from 1991 to

1994. When I was growing up, it was unheard of for kids so young to be experimenting with drugs. Children today not only increasingly use marijuana, but they even experiment with such drugs as cocaine, crack, heroin and LSD. And those children are more likely to take part in gangs, become violent or have run-ins with the police.

This administration has led an all-out retreat in the drug war by placing it on the back burner. Not only has President Clinton dropped the drug war as one of the National Security Council's top priorities, but he has

cut military anti-drug efforts by signing an executive order that drastically reduces the Pentagon's drug interdiction efforts. The administration has even reduced minimum sentences for drug traffickers.

Now the administration is trying to make us forget the error of their ways and have us believe they've been tough on drugs all along. During his State of the Union address, the president proudly announced the appointment of Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey as his new drug czar. But it wasn't so long ago that the administration's

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# Cavers are visiting Kinney County

The Texas Cave Conservancy Organization (Spelunkers) are visiting the area land owners. The group is mapping and exploring caves for local ranchers who are just curious about what is there. So far they have explored on a large ranch and found 16 caves, most of them were small, however one was a water cave with about 2 feet of water that the cavers waded thru.

The cavers are cleaning up trash in the caves and studying the animal life and formations. After mapping a cave they present the landowner with a very readable view to the cave with front and cross cut diagrams. If the landowner has any problems pertaining to the cave area, the cavers will try to help with a solution. Mike said that all the information collected at the site is strictly confidential and will be discussed with landowners exclusively. "We are very pro landowner and want to help to protect the environment and the landowners."

At the present time there are only about 50 known caves in Kinney County, but there are probably 5 times that many in reality. Most of the caves that have been explored are

small with the exception of Kickapoo Caverns, however, being small in no way means that they aren't very pretty and interesting.

Each time the Organization enters someone's property they sign a release with the owner. This release states that you (the cavers) are aware of the Texas Sportsman Law, i.e. If a landowner lets you on his property and does not charge you money he is not liable for any mishaps. The release is accompanied by a contract stating exactly what the organization members are to do or not to do. For example, if the owner does not want any open fires, bug collecting, etc. it will be written in the contractual agreement and abided by all who enter the land. The organization carries a \$2,000,000.00 liability policy on each of its members.

So if you know of a cave that you would like to have professionally explored on your land now is your chance. You may contact Wes Robinson at The Brackett News if you know of a cave or would like to have any information on the Texas Cave Conservancy Organization.

# Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor:

TNRCC -- Evidence of Competency, please provide the names of the principals and supervisors of the applicant's organization.

Adobe -- Adobe is a new company and therefore does not have a prior history in operating solid waste facilities. Adobe is committed to and has the financial resources to ensure construction and operation of the facility in an environmentally protective manner and in accordance with all applicable regulatory requirements. Adobe will hire employees and consultants who are qualified by training, education, and experience to construct and operate the proposed facility. To this end, Adobe has identified an individual for the position of site supervisor who possesses the required training and experience. In order not to jeopardize his current employment with a competing landfill company, the individual would prefer not to be identified until later in the permit proceedings. Prior to commencing site operation, Adobe will hire a site supervisor with a Class A letter of competency. Adobe's intent and commitment in this regard is demonstrated by the high caliber of the engineering staff and other personnel that it has retained for the design and development of the project.

Here it is in black and white. "Adobe will hire employees and consultants who are qualified by training, education, and experience to CONSTRUCT and OPERATE the proposed facility". We asked before what kind of jobs and at what salary? Mr. Stephens did promise at least 12 jobs, and the most 35 jobs. With

Adobe's own experts what jobs are left for our local workforce? Down, in, around and above the contaminous mountains of waste? Literally the PITS!

TNRCC -- Conflicting information with respect to acreage is presented in the Existing Conditions Summary and in the property survey, please clarify.

Adobe -- the correct acreage is 429.27 acres on the metes and bounds survey. The permit application was revised to state 429 acres.

What is happening here? The loan application to BECC/NAD Bank states 1400 acres with the future addition of 7200 acres totalling 8600 acres. Another contradiction, telling TNRCC 429.27 acres and BECC/NAD Bank another.

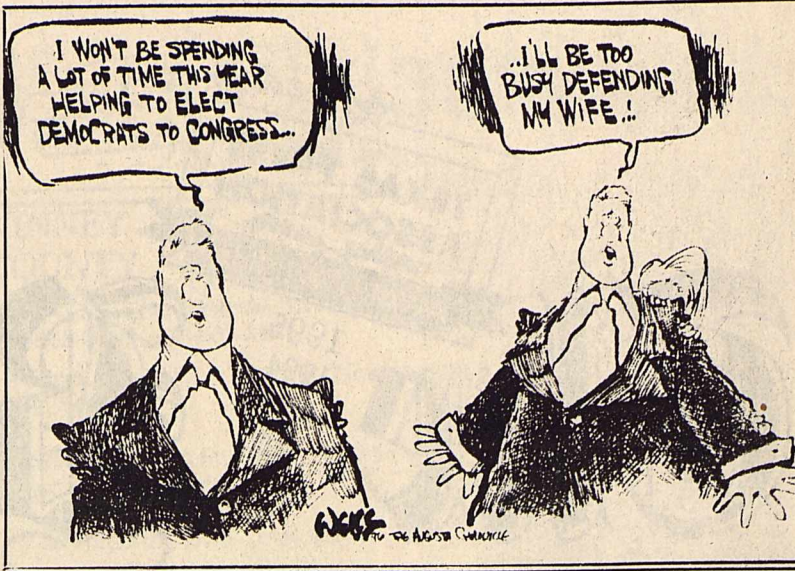
How can we trust Adobe after so many lies? The sequence of their lies on the wastes is (1) a small and safe household waste landfill, (2) 9 county region, (3) all the metropolitan areas in the US, (4) industrial and "special" waste, (5) Maquilas toxic waste.

There is more industrial, special, and maquila wastes, than household wastes. Adobe must declare its ultimate purpose for the landfill instead of using "House Municipal Waste" as a cover front for its true intention - TOXIC MONEY MAKING WASTES!

More and more complete misrepresentations, gross exaggerations, and outright fabrications.

One lie after another lie, then lie about the lies as is being proven day by day. Muchas mentiras!

/s/Tootsie Herndon



## Between Us

by Joe Townsend



When it seems the Federal Bureau of Investigation has reached the heights of the inane some unthinking do-gooder raises his head and turns up inanity another notch. In light of David Kessler's past actions no one should be surprised at anything he does. His actions regarding health stores and their products smacks of the KGB certainly not of Americanism. His drastic actions about smoking makes a mockery of law and common sense.

Now he comes forth with the unconscionable idea of adding folic acid to "most bread, flour, pasta and other food from grains." It's hard to believe that even Kessler could concoct such a ridiculous scheme. If it were not so ridiculous it would be laughable. To force a relatively few women to be clandestinely fed this trace B vitamin without their knowledge and consent is against everything America stands for.

To add to the list every person in America is the mark of an egotistic tyrant incapable of clear thinking. Federal do-dos add enough to the cost Americans must pay now every American must pay for a vitamin added to the food chain when it is an absolute waste.

The claims of the FDA is that this will add only 10% of daily requirements. It's a ludicrous fantasy to claim there is a certain daily requirement in the first place. If this adds only 10% what will Kessler do to force the other 90% down the throats

of the unsuspecting victims. The need for folic acid is supposedly only 6 weeks before birth till 6 weeks after. To do this all Americans must pay for this wasted vitamin for every person every day. Even the FDA will not project how many births with defects will be averted. Like the rest of the gestimate their drum beat is on a busted drum. With all the "family planning", WIC cards and abortion promoted by federal agencies, it becomes even more nauseous that all people be fed a worthless vitamin. This undoubtedly is an act fostered by some do-gooders with tunnel vision that prevents their ability to think clearly. It certainly is not the product of serious scientific research.

As long as Congress and the Judiciary allow political appointees accountable to no one to ride rough-shod over law and common sense we will continue to be victims of supercilious egotists.

It's high time all the people rise up and put an end to such chicanery. I wonder what would happen if everyone involved in "most bread, flour, pasta and other foods from grains" would simply tell Mr. Kessler to go fly a kite and refuse to comply. I doubt that any jury in America would find anyone guilty of refusing such an inane order.

Maybe when we get a Republican president we can get rid of some of the mental and ethical trash running our lives.

## From Your Local Game Warden

By Henry J. Lutz  
Kinney County, Game Warden

DENTON -- Feral hogs, or at least the damage they typically leave in their wakes, have become a normal occurrence in many parts of Texas. And, for many Texans, hog hunting has become a popular pursuit.

For two Montague County hunters, however, a recent feral hog harvest was anything but a normal occurrence. In mid-January, Tommy McPherson and Gary Hamilton killed what appeared to be a typical feral hog, with the exception of its feet.

Hog hooves are normally cloven, similar in appearance to a cow or deer hoof. The hooves on this particular hog, however, were not cloven, but rather one solid hoof, like a horse or mule hoof.

According to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist Steve Jester in Denton, the hunters happened upon a syndactylous, or mule-footed, hog. Syndactylism, meaning certain digits joined together, is caused by bones in the foot growing together which normally develop separately. This condition can affect one or more of the animal's feet. The Montague hog exhibited this condi-

tion on all four feet. Jester confirmed the hog's condition after examining photographs. "This is not a separate species of pig, all hogs belong to the species *Sus scrofa*," said Jester. "This condition is a genetic abnormality that occasionally shows up in both feral and domestic hogs. It has been reported in several feral hog populations in Florida and South Carolina, but is generally thought to be relatively rare."

While it's pretty uncommon for hunters to happen across a mule-footed feral hog, at least one Texas rancher actually made efforts recently to breed for the unusual trait. A rancher in Anderson County managed to put together a herd of over 30 of these animals.

Feral hogs originated from escaped livestock and animals released for hunting purposes. The feral hog is considered a free-ranging, exotic animal and is recognized by the TPWD as an unprotected nongame animal. This means they can be hunted by any legal means or methods with no closed season or bag limit. A valid Texas hunting license and landowner permission are required to take feral hogs.



## Sometimes I've Killed

To talk too much or too long about my dog, Ranger, would not be very wise. Today he caught a robin gently and didn't kill it. I had plenty of time, while he wondered, to capture the bird and release it into the trees where he couldn't get at it. The robin's beak was lined in yellow. It's mouth and throat were dark or a dark colored purple. It had enough strength to squawk and peck my finger pretty hard. It lay as still as a rock while Roger pawed it and tried to stir it to react. I grabbed it and watched its reddish to rust colored breast and felt its great warmth and the rushing pulse beneath the gray under-feathers. I have killed many birds. Ranger hasn't killed any that I know of. The robin was weak or it wouldn't have been on the ground as long as it had to have been to attract Ranger to it. Maybe it was cold. Birds and flight, I suppose, will always be the most fascinating things. How is that temporary power over the attractions of gravity? I bet it's much grander than riding in airplanes. Much freer.

I can remember hunting white winged dove beside the brush that surrounded the fields of cane stubble where it grew up. As they'd come in to light the shots were simple. Many times they'd crash just within reach of my feet. Round after noisy round at flight after flight of doves and the excitement of the hunters on either side of me firing again and again all afternoon. Great meals of birds with all of the family talking and remembering the hunt will always be a part of me and almost as simple so as the natural instincts of my dog. All of those sounds and sights and many of those people are only in memory now and something as simple as Ranger chasing a cold little robin brought it about. Holding the bird's hot body in the palm of my hand and releasing it into the trees is just as good a time as the old hunting ones. It's good to know I've killed and don't so much anymore. It's good to think of it and remember, but it's even greater to know how much I've changed and how much everything else has too.

/s/Michael R. Moncus

## LIONS ROAR

On March 2, a large group of walkers made our annual STRIDE FOR SIGHT walkathon a great success and our pancake and sausage breakfast was enjoyed by many. Funds collected from the walkathon will benefit research efforts sponsored by the LIONS SIGHT RESEARCH FOUNDATION.

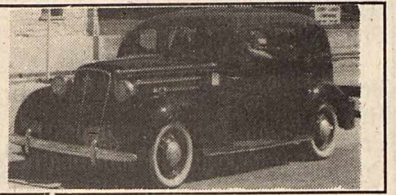
This coming week on 12 march, the Brackettville Lions will be conducting our every other year Broom & Mop Sale. These are quality made cleaning aids and every item purchased helps to provide dignity and the security of regular employment for blind citizens. In addition you

will be helping the Brackettville Lions with worthwhile community projects. The brooms, mops and other quality cleaning products will be on display at the front of the 1st State Bank of Brackettville on 12 March, from 8 AM to 3 PM where you may make your purchase directly or contact Lion David Olesen at 563-9462 to have your order delivered.

The Brackettville Lions Club gathered at the First United Methodist Church on 4 March, at the Memorial Service for Lion Helen Lynch, who had been a Lion for many years. We will miss her.

## Rambling Around Kinney County

By THE K.C. RAMBLER



Performing a "good deed" is like dropping a pebble in a still pond. The ripple effect will take over and the still pond water will expand in larger and larger circles til it reaches the very edge. One kindness, repeated, will cause happiness to ripple through an entire community. Let's all do one little good deed today and see what happens.

Spring arrives this month (on March 20) so allergy season can not be far behind. Sometimes you think you are catching the flu but in reality there's something floating around in the air. Check with your doctor if you become uncomfortable.

The Scottish poet, Robert Burns, is being celebrated around the world on the 200th Anniversary of his death. All cultures have enjoyed his poetry and quote from his writings. The Arts Council of KC will offer a "piper" on stage at the Old Quarry Theater on the 29th. Put this on your calendar - the sound of bag pipes is rare and wonderful and very much a part of Robert Burns' heritage.

Another new restaurant has opened its doors in Del Rio - "Pecan

Station". Located on Pecan Street (close to the courthouse) in one of the lovely old houses that has been restored, it's worth a visit.

The Voices of FC will present their annual spring concert on Sunday, March 17 in Town Hall. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day enjoying a wonderful evening of music offered by local folks who know how to sing. You will definitely enjoy this evening of music. Everyone is invited.

Getting ready for the Easter Bunny in KC is easy. Many shops have whimsical, happy bunnies and chicks. Cards can be found at Nash's (Jean's), Super S, Casuals Plus, Gift Box, Davis Hardware, Rose Petal and Gracie's. Never too early to get them in the mail. You can order your flowers at the same time. Folks here are happy to deliver in town. Fresh flowers or silk flowers are available right here - you don't have to go out of town. It's so handy to shop Brackettville. If you look around you can nearly always find that item for which you are searching.

## MAKE RIPPLES

## Cameo From The Past

By J. Lee Ballantyne  
Contributing Writer

When we lived in Austin we had one friend who was deaf and dumb. He went to the deaf and dumb school in South Austin but came home to his parents over the weekend.

All the kids called him "Dummy" but it was a term of endearment for we loved him dearly.

He taught my brother and me to talk on our fingers and Mama said it was strange to see us playing and laughing and no talking - just laughing.

He was smart and quick to learn and had the best disposition of anyone I ever knew. He was always happy and made others happy.

I have thought of him many times through the years - such a wonderful personality and what a privilege to have had him for a friend, even for a short time. Even now when I think of him I can still see that happy smile and what a joy he was to all of us.

## FOR PETE'S SAKE

Been thinking about it, and I figure the Federal Government could balance the budget and pay off the national debt if they'd put a higher rate on junk mail. Some days I get pounds of the stuff, and you probably do too. What gets me is all these letters telling me I've won something, providing I go somewhere to listen to somebody try to sell me something I don't want, don't need, and wouldn't buy even if I could afford it.

Oh well, looking them over gives me something to do before falling asleep while listening to the TV news. Conversation overheard between two small boys coming out of local theatre.

"Wow! That was some scary movie. And such a crowd in there. Wasn't it crowded where you were?"

"Nah, there was plenty of room under my seat."

"If you enjoy these stories and comments, send for a free sample of Post Story Book. Write Pete, Box 712, Kingsport, TN 37662."

## Unsung Hero

by Joe Townsend

There is a man here who has spent his long life in Brackettville. He has a very large family of fine children. He has a lovely and most charming wife. He has served this area and community well.

For a good many years he served as a County Commissioner. He is friendly and warm hearted. He is well liked by all who know him. If you can't count him as friend, you are the loser.

Surely G.C. Talamantez is an Unsung Hero.

## Bridge Anyone

By NORMA GOULD

The FCS Duplicate Bridge Club met Tuesday, February 27th with 5 tables in play.

Lamont & Marie McCandless won 1st place in the N/S direction. Ann Malin & Rozetta Pingnot won 2nd with Nita & Fred Clayton winning 3rd.

Evelyn Whitely & Ray Kurtz won 1st place in the E/W direction. Flo Stafford & Mary Edgar won 2nd with Dena Scott & Mona Miller winning 3rd.

## Big Mama Sez!



Footprints in the sands of time were not made by sitting down.

PLEASE REMEMBER that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our paper. We realize that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.

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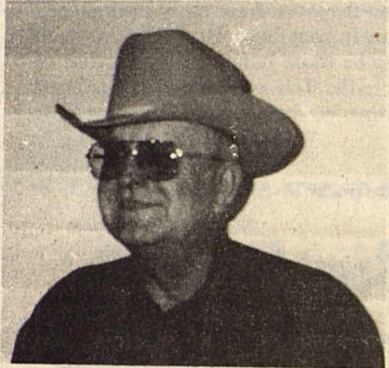
**Ron Ring**

My wife and I moved here from San Antonio three years ago. We have two grown children, one who lives here and another in San Antonio.

My wife is a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, and I belong to Texas #8 Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite, and Alzar Shrine.

I spent over 21 years in the U.S. Army, retiring in September 1985. During my career I served with the Army Security Agency, the 101st Airborne, and the Army Medical Department. While with the Army Security Agency, whose primary function is handling classified documents, I had the unique opportunity to be involved in special investigations. These were crimes against the Government and/or the Army. Namely, blackmarketing and fraud against the government. I did this in Europe, Alaska and Korea. I served in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division and numerous assignments in the states with the medical department.

My goals as your Sheriff are to maintain a high level of safety for our citizens with equality for all. I would also like to organize youth activities for our young people in an effort to help keep them out of trouble. There is much more I would like to say but space is limited.



**L.K. (Buddy) Burgess**

My career in Law Enforcement began in 1961 when I was assigned to a security platoon with the army in Germany. After completing military service, I entered the Texas Department of Public Safety Academy in the fall of 1963. After graduation, I was stationed in Del Rio as a highway patrolman. My family and I transferred to Kinney County in 1968 and I served as a state trooper here until my retirement in the fall of 1993.

My wife, Carol, and I have two grown children. Our daughter, Jenifer, with her husband Roy J., lives on a ranch with our grandkids, Hayley and Jared. Our son, Jeff, became a state trooper in 1989. Carol teaches hearing impaired students in the Del Rio School System.

I am a member of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas, the Department of Public Safety Officers Association, the Texas State Troopers Association, the Texas Highway Patrol Association, AARP, and the DPS Quarter Century Club. If elected, I will continue to upgrade the jail. We are now housing twenty-four federal prisoners at \$35.00 per day each. I will continue to get better equipment and training for the deputies and all personnel.



**Bill Lindeman**

I have served forty years in Texas Law Enforcement. I began my career on January 1, 1956 as Constable of Precinct five Hays Co. Tex. I served three years and six months in this position and resigned to except employment with the Texas Game and Fish Commission as a State Game Warden. I worked as Game Warden thirty years and forty five days. Retiring here in Brackettville where I have resided since February 1, 1962. I have continued in Law Enforcement. Two years as Deputy Sheriff and five years as Constable county wide of Kinney County Texas I am a licensed Texas Peace Officer.

I am married to Ava Watson Lindeman and have two children; Lou Ann Berry of Del Rio, Texas and Jim Lindeman of Sarita Texas.

If elected I intend to assist all Law Enforcement Agencies in Kinney and adjoining counties to further Law Enforcement in this area. The support of all the people will be greatly appreciated.



**Ruben Martinez**

Dear Voters Of Precinct One:

My names is Ruben C. Martinez. I have filed as a candidate for County Commissioner Precinct one. I was born in Brackettville, Texas on August 1, 1940. My parents were Manuel and Francisca Martinez.

I attended school here until my graduation on May 23, 1958. Shortly thereafter I enlisted in the Army for three years serving most of my time in Germany. Upon being discharged in June 1961, I returned for a brief visit to see my parents and relatives.

I then visited my brother in California. While in California I was offered a job with a construction firm as a laborer. I had intended it to be a temporary job as I had planned to continue my education. As it turned out I stayed in construction for 29 years until my retirement in 1990.

While working I attended San Jose City College taking job related courses such as Estimating, Construction Management, Budget Control and Job Safety.

I gradually got promotions from laborer to General Superintendent, the position I held until my retirement in 1990.

In 1976 I purchased a membership in Ft. Clark. In 1992, my wife Patricia and I returned to Kinney County and constructed our home in Unit 31 Fort Clark.

Since returning I have been involved in community activities. I am currently the President of the Lions Club. I would like to give credit for any success I've had in my life to my parents and to my teachers who went beyond what was expected of them so I could gain a better education.

The most important reasons we retired to this community was the clean environment, clean air, pure water and friendly people. I am against any unregulated waste dump, if my position on this issue effects my being elected, so be it.

In conclusion let me say that if elected I will work endlessly for the betterment of Kinney County and its residents.

Please support me at the primary election on March 12, 1996.

Sincerely  
/s/Ruben C. Martinez



**Joe V. Williams (Joe Boy)**

Joe V. Williams (Joe Boy). I have been called Joe Boy all my life. I got this nick name from Mr. Tully Pratt and from my grandfather Joe Williams. So the nickname stayed.

I have a loving wife Yolanda S. Williams whom is Center Director and head teacher for Brackett Headstart. We have been married 18 years and we have two children. Coty Joe Williams 14 yrs. old who is in the 8th grade and Vanessa La Sha Williams 9 yrs. old who is in the 3rd grade.

I have lived in Kinney County off and on (NOTE) 38 yrs., because there is nothing here in Brackett Kinney County for our young adults to do. I have worked from ranching, truck driver, oil field and construction. I am now employed with Falcon Cable as Installer, Tech. I am a member of Brackett Vol. Fire Dept. and a Board member of CC Of SW Texas.

I can't make promises but I will try to make an effort to make somekind of youth program to help show guidance to prepare them for the future, and also work with fellow commissioners to better our county for the good of all of our people.

Thank You and God Bless You All.



**Freddie Frerich**

I was born in Brackettville, Texas, on 2-8-41. I have been married to Theresa Davalos of Brackettville for 25 years and we have four daughters.

I graduated from Brackett High School in 1959 and from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos in 1963 with a BBA Degree.

At age 22 I was City Secretary (they call it City Manager now) of the City of Brackettville for 6 years. I left the City employment for a career in Insurance Claims Adjusting. After six years I established Freddie Frerich Claims Service, which I ran for 24 years; the last 16 years in Brackettville. My wife and I also own and run a local convenience store.

While I have been a Commissioner, a few accomplishments have been:

Purchase order system set-up county wide, moved JP office from a rental office to Courthouse, Philipone building made into Museum by cooperation with Historical Committee, Joined Drug Task Force Agency and it is now headquartered in Brackettville and now providing rental income to Kinney County.

If re-elected Commissioner of Precinct 1, I will continue to hold taxes low as possible, I would like to see a Nursing Home in Kinney County, a pedestrian overpass on Highway 90 by Ft. Clark Springs entrance, this has been requested by me to the Texas Dept. of Transportation, a College Outreach Facility for local residences, and build up Sheriff's Dept. and EMS Dept.

Your Consideration for my re-election will be appreciated.



**Martha Hooten**

Martha Pena-Hooten has announced that she is a Democratic candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor-Collector in the March 12 Primary Election.

Martha is a lifelong resident of Kinney County. Following her graduation from Brackettville High School in 1977 she completed a one-year secretarial course at Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde, Texas.

She has twelve (12) years experience in the TAC office, beginning her service to the public in that office in 1983 as Chief Deputy. The TAC office performs many major and important functions of county government, including, but not limited to, the following: motor vehicle registration and transfers, boat titling and registration, beer and wine and mixed beverage permits and licenses and voter registration.

Mrs. Hooten is also responsible for jury wheel processing. The jury selection for all courts in the county is processed by computer in direct access with the secretary of state in which Mrs. Hooten is responsible for the program's random selection process.

"The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) has introduced and implemented an automated system in Kinney County that brings a new level of motor vehicle customer service." "Prior to this upgrade, it took ten weeks to process title transactions instead of the two weeks it takes now." "RTS can also update vehicle registrations within 48 hours rather than six to eight weeks."

When asked to make a statement regarding her bid for re-election Mrs. Hooten replied, "I have twelve (12) years training, education and experience in the many duties and responsibilities of the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office and I am familiar with the paperwork and reports required of the office, including personal communications with officials of the various state agencies we work with on a daily basis." "I would sincerely appreciate the support of the people with the same dedication and honesty I have demonstrated over the past twelve years."

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**The 23rd Army Band**

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Our FCS folks seemed to thoroughly enjoy the "Dixie Land Front & Center" combo that displayed the versatility of the band. I personally enjoyed the "Glen Miller Medley" and "My Fair Lady". It took lots of us back to days when we heard Glen Miller's music. I remember watching the movie at the Majestic Theater in San Antonio. The music was just as good Saturday as the music from the movie was in the 50s.

We're very fortunate to have a band of this caliber come the many miles from San Antonio to present a concert for us. I've heard rumors that next year this band would like to play in the Amphitheater. Bring them on! Wherever they play, I'll be there. Thanks for a grand show.

**Lightning Strikes In Housing Area**

At a little after 9 A.M., Thursday while we were getting our much needed rain, mother nature threw in a couple of good thunder and lightning acts. One of the lightning bolts hit a tree between two mobile homes centrally located in Brackettville.

When Dorothy Roberts came home from work Friday evening her first thought was that her cats had a party. After closer inspection Dorothy decided maybe she had a visitor of a human type. Pictures were all off the walls and down in the middle of the floor. The gas heater fire had blown out and the house was full of gas. One window was broken.

Dorothy's phone was out so she went next door to use the phone. The neighbor's phone was off the wall and as far across the room as the cord would reach.

Now Dorothy was alarmed, so she called the sheriff and a friend.

Apparently lightning hit the tree near Dorothy's trailer. The tree was undamaged except for a hole about 4 feet in diameter exposing the roots. Dirt was thrown everywhere even to the other side of the trailer, vibrating the nearby houses.

One of the wall plugs on the wall nearest the tree had been completely pushed out of the wall. Unbelievably all of the electrical appliances were unharmed. These appliances were plugged into surge protectors. My most important question is - what is the name brand on the surge protectors and where do I get one?

Dorothy will not soon forget the first thunder storm of 1996. She said the more she saw the luckier she felt. There was very little damage compared to what could have happened.

**Arts Continued from page 1**

could win one of the three prizes. A \$25.00 gift certificate to a Las Moras Inn dinner will be awarded to the winner in each of three categories: 1) prettiest, 2) funniest and 3) most original. You don't have to make the hat but you should do the decorating. Judging will be at 11:00 A.M. in the Gorgas Room. Entry blanks are at Adult Center.

There will also be random drawings to win pictures donated by art club members. And of course, there will be food.

This Friday, March 8, at 6:00 P.M. Viva Walker begins a 2 day oil painting workshop. Viva is a gifted artist and an experienced instructor. We are fortunate to have her as a Fort Clark Springs resident and a member of the art club.

**Drug War Continued from page 1**

first surgeon general, Jocelyn Elders, actually advocated the legalization of drugs. A 180 degree turn by appointing Gen. McCaffrey will not make us forget the past three years.

We cannot sit by and let the drug war slide. I am a member of the congressional bi-partisan Drug Policy Working Group. This group not only monitors the administration's progress in combatting the drug war, but it also comes up with strategies and policies that put the drug war on the front burner just where it belongs.

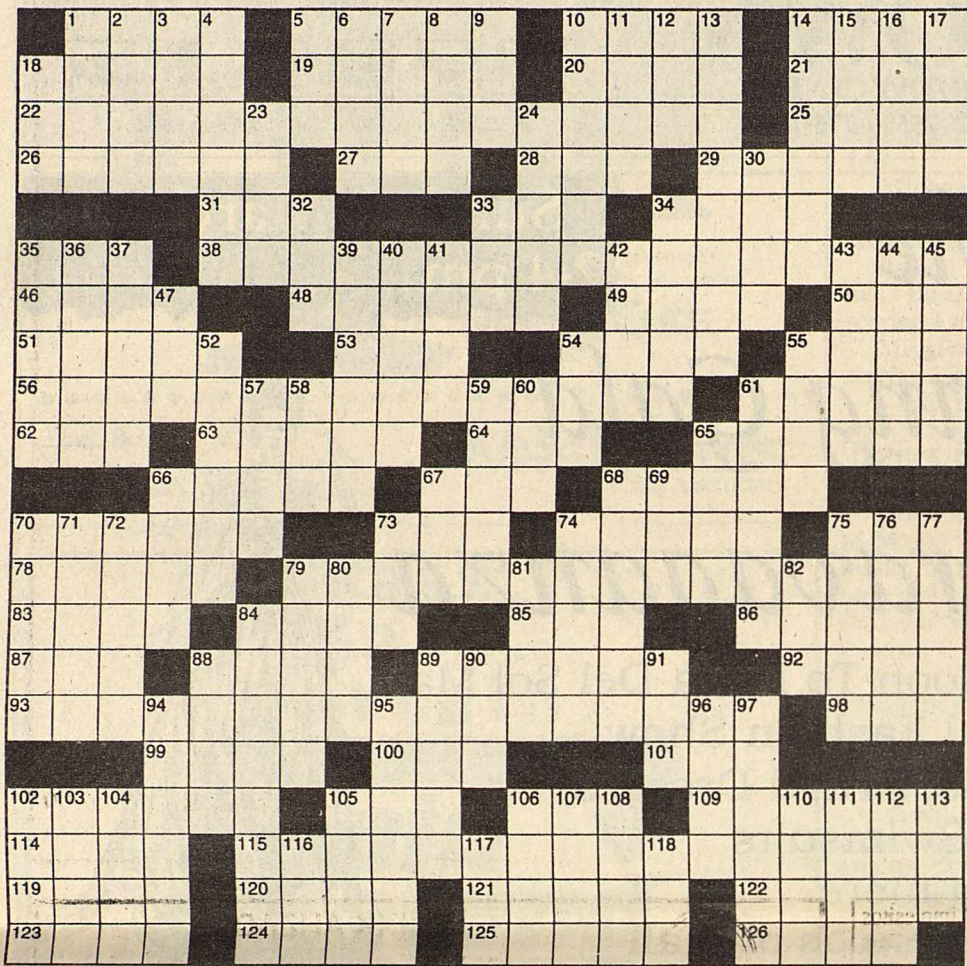
In short, we must attack this war not only with strong enforcement, interdiction and prevention, but we must bring back the message that drug use is wrong. We need progress, not the political correctness of silence.

**Paprika comes from the capsicum pepper plant.**



Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 "NYPD Blue" extras
  - 5 Wishful winker?
  - 10 Swerve
  - 14 Jezebel's husband
  - 18 Daphnis' darling
  - 19 "— di Lammermoor"
  - 20 — fixe
  - 21 Leo's lounge?
  - 22 One of the Seven Wonders
  - 25 Hint
  - 26 No-nonsense city-state
  - 27 Big bang letters
  - 28 TV Tarzan Ron
  - 29 Cracked dish?
  - 31 Cornerstone abbr.
  - 33 "People — Funny"
  - 34 Sow chow
  - 35 "Kookie" Byrnes
  - 38 Jean Auel novel
  - 46 Delete
  - 48 Contralto Anderson
  - 49 Homeric character?
  - 50 Payable
  - 51 Secret
  - 53 Tole metal
  - 54 Away from the wind
  - 55 N. Dak. neighbor
  - 56 TV science-fiction series
  - 61 Two-faced god
  - 62 When Strasbourg sizzles
  - 63 Kramden's neighbor
  - 64 Squirrel's snack
  - 65 Delaware tribesman
  - 66 Excavation equipment, for short
  - 67 Asian ox
  - 68 Make a monarch
  - 70 Amethyst, for instance
  - 73 Thieves' headquarters?
  - 74 Wood-worker's tool
  - 75 Sellout sign
  - 78 Presses
  - 79 Clive Cussler book
  - 83 James Joyce's land
  - 84 Canal feature
  - 85 One billion years
  - 86 Carpentry or printing
  - 87 Manuscript enc.
  - 88 Magellan's discovery
  - 89 Local office
  - 92 Baltic city
  - 93 Lou Ferrigno role
  - 98 Dawson of football
  - 99 Twelve — (Tara's neighbor)
  - 100 Boxing bigwig
  - 101 "Later!"
  - 102 Barely there
  - 105 Ring site?
  - 106 Oven setting
  - 109 — Antilles
  - 114 Author Morrison
  - 115 Barnum beast
  - 119 Sicily's highest point
  - 120 "Dies —"
  - 121 Chorographer Alvin
  - 122 A la King?
  - 123 Withdraw (from)
  - 124 Darn
  - 125 Nick of "Cannery Row"
  - 126 Unwelcome visit?
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Karate blow
  - 2 Pablo's pot
  - 3 Third-rate
  - 4 Lines from Peirarch
  - 5 Winter malady
  - 6 Satyric trait
  - 7 Sacred image
  - 8 Breach
  - 9 Prepare to feather?
  - 10 Spectrum shade
  - 11 Small-scale Charybdis
  - 12 Shoe width
  - 13 Determined
  - 14 Receive
  - 15 Model Jerry
  - 16 Malarial fever
  - 17 It may get pickled
  - 18 Pharmacist's meas.
  - 23 Pageant prop
  - 24 Novelist Gil
  - 30 Actress Scott —
  - 32 Freeman
  - 33 Pro — (for now)
  - 34 Flock o' docs?
  - 35 Sole mates?
  - 35 Ovid's fate
  - 36 Robert of "The Citadel"
  - 37 Actress Irene
  - 39 Cotton or Increase
  - 40 Fire sign
  - 41 Flash
  - 42 Claymore part
  - 43 City in
  - 55 Across
  - 44 Incur, as bills
  - 45 Have a hunch
  - 47 Rock star
  - 48 A speck with wings
  - 52 Automaton
  - 54 One of "Them!"
  - 55 "Death in Venice" author
  - 57 Peach covering
  - 58 Poetic monogram
  - 59 Absurd
  - 60 Great bird?
  - 61 Sarah Orne —
  - 65 Actress
  - 66 Suffer, in St. Andrews
  - 67 Sit or out
  - 68 Form a list
  - 69 Inform
  - 70 Pursuit
  - 71 Dickens' Heap
  - 72 Think alike
  - 73 Cartoonist
  - 74 Conversation piece?
  - 75 Periwinkle, for one
  - 76 Hogback
  - 77 Where the buoys are
  - 79 Savannah sounds
  - 80 Pinnacle
  - 81 Marsh duck
  - 82 Part of ETA
  - 84 Kingsley Amis book
  - 88 A speck with wings
  - 89 Tolkien character
  - 90 Baseball stat
  - 91 Wheel part
  - 94 Early Greek
  - 95 Painted poorly
  - 96 Alzado or Waggoner
  - 97 Guardian
  - 102 Fret
  - 103 Sheep shed
  - 104 Moflo of the Met
  - 105 Untouchable figure
  - 106 Roy Rogers' birthplace
  - 107 Tumbled
  - 108 Podiatrist's concern
  - 110 New York stadium
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  - 118 Caustic substance



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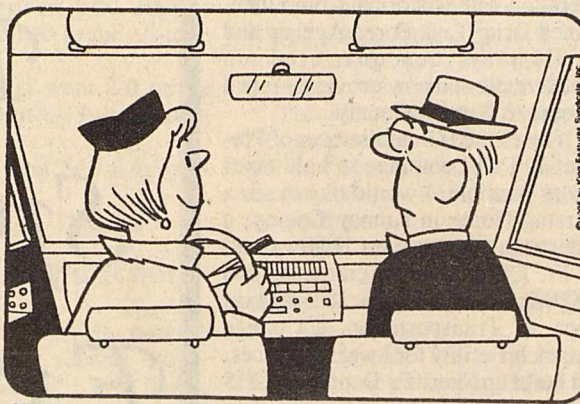
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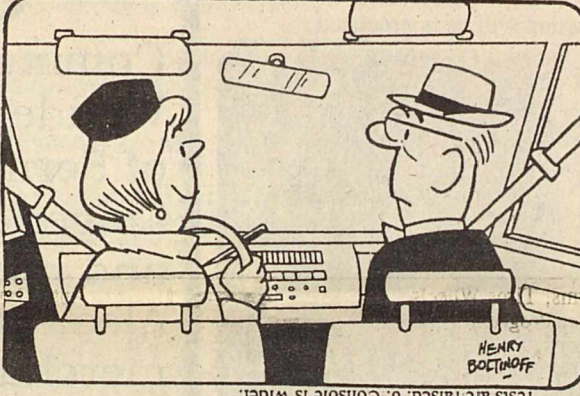
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- Mt. Hood
- Pendleton
- Portland
- Redmond
- Salem
- Seaside
- Tigard
- Tualatin

Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Visor is lowered; 2. Hair is different; 3. Rear-view mirror is tilted; 4. Shoulder straps are added; 5. Headrests are raised; 6. Console is wider.

Natasha's Stars



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You're dragging your feet a bit early in the week and can't seem to muster up much enthusiasm for routine tasks. The cure for these blues is some social excitement. However, plan this for later in the week once all the work is done.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You're confronted with additional responsibilities you hadn't counted on at work due to an untimely illness which befalls a co-worker. Be careful with your wallet since innocent expenditures are likely to mount to unmanageable proportions.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You're not in agreement this week with your mate concerning finances and potential purchases for the home. Your mate wants something you consider extravagant and impractical at this time. Try to achieve compromise.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You spend a brief time early in the week indulging yourself, feeling sorry for yourself and wallowing in being "misunderstood." As soon as you realize how unattractive this is to others, you are able to snap yourself out of it.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) It's not a wise idea to mix friendship with monetary transactions. This generally results in creating enemies. Later in the week, you experience second thoughts about a business proposition. Happily, the weekend brings unexpected romance for singles.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You exercise caution and self-control now where finances are concerned. In fact, you're likely to decide against making an expensive purchase. This weekend, company could drop by quite unexpectedly.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A loved one balks at a plan you propose for the entire family. This person resents you taking a leadership position. However, stick to your guns. Your instincts are right on target. Some receive an unexpected gift later in the week.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) If out and about shop-

ping this week, especially early on, you make sure you're getting a bargain for your money. Some have second thoughts about a business trip the boss is insisting upon. Use tact when expressing this.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) While you accomplish more than you realize, you're not really satisfied at the end of the work week. Lighten up! You're pushing yourself too hard and your health could suffer as a result. Get enough rest over the weekend.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) The week begins on a somewhat sluggish note and you're not really ready to jump right into work. If you're not careful, this could cause some minor problems as you head into the latter part of the week. This weekend, a surprising opportunity arises.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Some domestic concerns require your attention early in the week. However, it's not the right time for home entertaining, so don't extend any unnecessary invitations if you don't have to. Couples have romantic fun over the weekend.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Things which arise unexpectedly on the work front early in the week are in your favor. However, you need to be more judicious in your use of credit. The weekend isn't a good time for socializing.

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# Tiger Tracks

## Tigers Take Third In LaPryor Tournament

Thursday, the Tigers traveled to LaPryor for the first game of the 1996 LaPryor Tournament.

The Tigers opened their first round action against Uvalde Junior Varsity. Uvalde took an early 1-0 first-inning lead. Each team scored a run in the third inning to take a 1-2 score into the fourth inning.

The Tigers exploded in the fourth inning scoring 6 runs to give the contest its final score of 7-2. The Tigers headed into the second round with a 1-0 tournament record.

The Tigers went back on Friday to face Natalia in round 2 of the tournament.

The Tigers fell to Natalia 3-7. Natalia jumped out to an early 1-0 first-inning lead. After 2 innings of play, the Mustangs led the Tigers 4-3. Natalia scored 3 more runs to end the game at 3-7.

The Tigers headed to the third and final round playing for third place against the home team, LaPryor.

The Tigers trampled LaPryor 19-5. In the second inning the Tigers scored two runs. They didn't really explode until the fourth inning. The Tigers scored 8 fourth-inning points. The Tigers also scored 8 runs in the fifth.

Michael Padron and Ramon DeLeon were named to the all-tournament team.

Ramon DeLeon went 2-0 on the hill. He also went 8-11 at the plate scoring 3 runs.

Mike Padron went 7-10 at the plate scoring 4 runs.

**WAY TO GO TIGERS!**

## Tigers Punch Punchers

Last Tuesday, the Tigers traveled to Mason for their second double header of the season. The Tigers went into the contest 1-1 whereas the Punchers were just starting a new program.

In the first game of the double header the Tigers punched the Punchers 6-0.

The Tigers jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the first inning. The Mason Punchers held the Tigers in the second inning to take a score of 0-3 into the third.

In the third inning, Jorge Rodriguez crossed home plate to take a 4-0 lead over the punchers.

The Tigers Mike Padron and Ramon DeLeon scored in the fourth inning to make it 6-0.

The Tigers hit 6 more times with 5 singles and a double, but no one else crossed the plate.

As the Tigers prepared for their second game with Mason, it was growing dark. The entire second half of the double header was played under lights.

The Tigers Ramon DeLeon stood on the hill and picked up the win the first game. In the second game, the Tiger pitcher Jorge Rodriguez stood on the hill.

At the end of the first inning, the Tigers were deadlocked with Mason in a 1-1 tie.

After 2 innings of play the Tigers were up 2-1. Both teams were held scoreless in the third inning. The fourth inning was a bang for both teams. After the fourth, the Tigers were up 7-6.

Mason scored 1 more run in the sixth inning. The Tigers scored 4 more runs to end the game at 7-11.

The Tigers upped their record to 3-1 with the double win over Mason.

**WAY TO GO TIGERS!**

## Tigerettes Roll Over Center Point

Friday, Center Point came to Brackett to challenge the 3-2 Tigerettes in district action.

With the Tigerettes huge 3rd-inning they rolled over Center Point 19-10.

The Tigerettes jumped out to an early 4-2 first-inning lead. As Amy Bader, Lindy LaMascus, Patty Lopez, and Chica Garza crossed the plate in the first inning, the Tigerettes slowed down in the second inning.

Center Point jumped out to a 6-5 lead after the second inning.

The Tigerettes exploded in the third inning scoring 14 points. The Tigerettes walked 12 times and were hit by 2 pitches in the third inning alone. The Tigerettes held Center Point scoreless in the third but gave up 4 runs in the fourth inning.

This ended up the final score of 19-10.

The Tigerettes had 5 hits in their slaughter of Center Point. These hits came from Lindy LaMascus, Chica Garza, Courtney Harrison, and 2 hits came from Debra Frerich.

The runs came from everyone that played in the contest.

Amy Bader scored 3 runs, Lindy LaMascus scored 3 runs, Patty Lopez scored 4 runs, 3 runs came from Chica Garza, Courtney Harrison scored once, Debra Frerich scored once, Stephanie Terrazas scored once, and Jo Lee Jones scored twice.

This victory gave the Tigerettes a 2-0 jump on the district race. They will face Blanco Friday for their third district contest. It will be in Blanco. See ya there!

**GOOD LUCK TIGERETTES**

## Tigers Trample Utopia

Tuesday, the Tigers opened their home season as Jimmy Bader threw out the first pitch to Brian Hooker on the Tigers new field.

The Tigers trampled Utopia 19-0 in 4 1/2 innings.

The Tigers took an early 3-0 lead in the first inning. The Tigers scored another 3 runs in the second inning to take a 6-0 lead into the third-inning.

At the end of 3 innings the score was 8-0. The Tigers had an 11 point fourth-inning to ten-run rule the Utopia team.

Michael Padron scored 4 runs and went 4-5 at the plate.

Beau Smallwood went 2 for 3 and scored twice.

Ramon DeLeon went 3 for 3 at the plate and scored 3 runs. Brian Hooker went 1 for 2 and scored twice. Jorge Rodriguez scored 1 run.

Rene Luna went 1 for 2 and scored twice.

J. Wayne Ballew scored 1 run and went 2 for 4. Ruben Terrazas scored twice.

Michael Meyer grabbed a win on the mound.

Way to go Tigers. The Tigers will be playing in the Dilley tournament Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

## Brownie Troop #154

This week the brownies went on a nature hike to study and write down all the things they saw or heard. Sammy Duncan co-leader for the troop is preparing the girls for next year when they will start going on camp outs.

The troop made \$414.00 in cookie sales - thanks to everyone for your support. Sunday, March 10th is Girl Scout's Sunday and March 13th is Girl Scout's of America's birthday.

## High School Track March 2, 1996 Varsity Girls

Name	Place	Event	Time
Reccia Jobe	1st	300 M. Hurdles	48:33
	3rd	100 M. Hurdles	17:05
Amanda Meek	2nd	Discus	97'11 1/2
	5th	Shot Put	31'6
Casey Tipps	2nd	Shot Put	34'6
Windy Goodloe	4th	Long Jump	-
Tina Meek, Windy Goodloe, Samantha Perez, Katy Hagler	4th	800 M. Relay	1:56.63
Reccia Jobe, Tina Meek, Katy Hagler, Samantha Perez	3rd	1600 M. Relay	4:23.55

The girls placed 4th overall in the meet.

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David Honstein, Brent Smith, Moses Hernandez, Luis Guajardo	2nd	400 M. Relay	(47.98)
Luis Guajardo	2nd	Long Jump	
David Honstein	5th	800 M. Run	
Brent Smith	5th	100 M. Dash	
James Hernandez	6th	Discus	

## Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter

Beta Epsilon Omicron, chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, met February 27th at the Adult Center. President Marla Madrid led the opening ritual and asked for roll call with 11 members answering. Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and accepted.

After a short business meeting covering committee reports, pledge bids and rush plans, President Madrid conducted the lovely Ritual of Jewels ceremony. With the Vice President Lynn McNew assisting her,

Helen Peck and Hazel Ivey received their Ritual of Jewel pins and yellow roses.

After congratulating them, members were served delicious cake and coffee by Hostess Opal Groce. The Hostess gift was won by Marla Madrid. Members attending were Ruby Cheaney, Dee Curry, Opal Groce, Hazel Ivey, Marla Madrid, Betty Mathison, Barbara Miller, Lynn McNew, Helen Peck, Flo Stafford, and Evelyn Whitley.

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**  
 By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, BISD Curriculum Director

## BISD "A Good School & Getting Better!"

I've been very proud this week of our community and in particular of our school system. There were three or four positives that entered my mind as proof of my topic this week, "A Good School and Getting Better!"

To begin with, I must congratulate Beth Ballew for winning the Champion Finewood Cross at the Houston Stock Show. Beth is a fourth grade honor student at Jones Elementary. She is a nice young lady as well as winning the honor in Houston. I'm guessing that about 1800 lambs started the trek toward this honor. About 300 or so went on to Houston, Beth showed the champion. This honor came from preparation given to her by her home and through caring, knowledgeable folks. Great job Beth!

A new honor came our way this past week-end. We entered the Academic Small Schools Competition for the first time ever. Dee Curry & Art Finkenbinder worked together on academic preparation and transportation for the students. Our team members on the winning team were Katy Hall, Michael Aguirre, and Alex Ebrahimi. Other students teams included Jared Shahan, Naiya Garcia, Kirk Hill, Courtney Harrison, Cherise Ward and Christina Reschman.

The competition was held in Hondo, and our winning team qualifies to go on to the state contest to be held on March 31 at Tarleton State University at Stephenville. The competition is tough and it rattles the nerves. Each academic decathlon team must be made up of A, B and C students, respectively called honor,

scholastic and varsity students - based on grade-point averages. The questions are tough and cover academic subjects offered in Texas Schools. Folks, academics is what we're all about. It's nice to see BISD entering in this field of competition. Congratulations. Thanks teachers and students for a job well done.

This week, our students in grades 4, 8 and 10 took the TAAS writing exam on Tuesday. We have a great writing curriculum in place at BISD. Our scores in writing have been superb since the curriculum focus began some six or so years ago. This week, we also have some important make up exams going on with students who are trying to pass the Exit exam in reading and math. It's im-

portant. Passing allows you to graduate if you have earned the right amount of credits to go along with the TAAS score. Failing means that you can't receive a diploma until you pass. We have tried every way humanly possible to help our kids pass the TAAS. We have hired tutors in math and are offering special math classes taught by competent teachers. I'm proud of the efforts that our district makes to prove that we are a leader in education in Texas. Looking forward to the results. Thanks students and teachers for giving it your best shot.

Lastly, what about that beautiful baseball and softball complex? If you missed the dedication and game Tuesday, you really missed a highlight of the school year. Athletic Director

Rokovich gave lots of credit to the following folks: Jim and Kathy Bader - for hardware, equipment, planning and for a dream that came to fruition. City of Brackettville - for the land and support with equipment. BISD Board of Education & Supt. Mills - for its mission in school improvement. BISD School Maintenance staff: Richard Terrazas, Manuel Madrid and Tony Negrete. Don Hood - donated the black dirt. Fritter Family - donated the caliche. Rocky Hill - concession stand & restrooms. Albert Payne, Ray Smallwood and Allen McCord for endless hours of support and hard work.

Folks, it's a class facility that any town and school would be proud of. It was made possible by the dreams of a few supported by cooperation and generosity of time, labor and materials. There will someday be a phase 3 which includes playground equipment and picnic tables. I am humbled at what was accomplished here. It's just beautiful. We can do so much when we work together and when we don't care who gets the credit. You did just that and left a legacy for years to come that will be used by the young people of Brackettville far into the 21st century.

That's about it. There's much more. Everyday, I see success happening at BISD. We're a good school. We try every day to be better. I'm very proud of you Brackettville, Kinney County and BISD. Let's keep moving! Have a great week.

## Brackett, Natalia Lead Conference Softball Race

The Brackett Tigerettes and the Natalia Lady Mustangs have emerged as the only two unbeaten teams in District 5-2A after the first week of conference play but that will change after this week.

Brackett and Natalia are both 2-0 in district play and have a one-game lead over Lytle and D'Hanis, who are both 1-1. Blanco and Center Point are 0-2 in conference action.

"The district race is about what we expected," Lady Mustangs coach Walter Stein said. "I think before it's all over with, Lytle is going to have something to say about it."

"I think any one of two or three teams can take the title," Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin said. "Natalia is the team to beat, and I think we're up there in the top two or three."

Brackett travels to Blanco for a 6:00 matchup on Friday, and then hosts Natalia in a 4:30 game on Monday.

"This is a real big week," Nowlin said. "We have to go to Blanco, and hopefully we'll beat them there. Then we catch Natalia at home on Monday."

"Blanco hits the ball well and they run the bases really well. They're really aggressive. We have to be alert and be ready for them because when they get on, they're going to go after double steals and stuff like that. They play good heads-up baseball."

Nowlin said the trip to Blanco, which is 175 miles one-way, may take its toll on the Tigerettes.

"We're going to leave early Friday morning, about 10:30 or 11, so we can take an extra hour to get there, get off the bus and relax a little while because it's a long trip, about four hours on the bus."

Brackett's junior varsity will play Blanco at 4:00, and then the varsity teams play at 6:00. It will be the first night game of the season for the Tigerettes.

"We're going to play under the lights, and that's one thing we haven't done," Nowlin said. "Since we don't have lights at the ball park, we're going to go down to the Little League, turn the lights on and practice down there for a little bit so we can get used to it."

Sole possession of first place in the conference standings will be on the line Monday when the Tigerettes host the Lady Mustangs.

"Brackett hits the ball well," Stein said. "They are aggressive. They're going to get better as the season goes. We saw them after they had just a couple of workouts. They're a good fundamental ball club."

Nowlin said Monday's game is a must-win for Brackett.

"We have to beat them at home because they're tough at their place," he said. "I know the girls will be up for it. We usually have pretty good crowds and we play pretty well at home."

The Lady Mustangs defeated the

Tigerettes, 7-4, in the semifinals of the Natalia Invitational on Feb. 24.

Brackett jumped out to a four-run lead in the first inning of that game but the Tigerettes were held scoreless after Natalia brought in reliever Trisha Hollebeak.

"We didn't hit real well against them but that was the first time we saw a fast pitcher that had some velocity," Nowlin said. "Hopefully, we'll do a little better this time, as far as hitting her."

"We're really working a lot in practice on trying to hit the fast ball. We're doing a lot better in practice, but it's just a matter of going into the game and hitting the ball."

Hollebeak (5-1) is the Lady Mustangs' top pitcher, boasting a 1.58 earned run average. In 33 1/3 innings of work, the junior has given up 22 hits while fanning 25 batters and walking 19.

"Trisha has a flaw in her motion right now," Stein said. "She's not throwing as well as she has in the past. I think she is effective but she's not throwing with the same velocity she has in the past."

Stein said the Lady Mustangs will have to stay focused and play good defense to be successful this week.

"I think we just have to be more mentally alert on defense. We just tend to go to sleep when we have two outs. We tend to let people get on base and get some runs, and we can't do that against good ball clubs."

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## Rokovich Pleased With Tigers' Schedule

By J.J. Guidry  
Contributing Writer

High School football coaches around the state finalized their schedules for the 1996 season on Feb. 22, and Brackett Athletic Director Roy Rokovich was pleased with the outcome of the Tigers' schedule.

"I'm real happy," he said. "We scheduled some great non-district opponents and our district should be real competitive."

The Tigers will see their first competitive action with scrimmages against Leakey (Aug. 22) and Rocksprings (Aug. 30).

"Coach (Hershel) Burselson and I both are very disappointed that we aren't going to be able to play," Rokovich said.

"Rocksprings went to an eight team district and that cut out our game with them in the fourth week. We scheduled a scrimmage with them so we'll end up getting a piece of the Angoras anyway.

"Usually Leakey doesn't have very many kids but they have about 34 kids out this year so we're going to be able to have good scrimmages with both of them, at the junior varsity and varsity levels."

Brackett opens its season against two of its biggest non-district rivals. The Tigers will host Sabinal on Sept. 6, at 7:30, and then will travel to D'Hanis for an 8:00 Saturday game against the Cowboys on Sept. 14.

"Sabinal is always a tough opponent," Rokovich said. "They're supposed to have one of the best teams that they've had in years, and I feel the same way about us. It's going to be a tough game."

"Every time we play D'Hanis, it's

a real physical game, but it's a good game. It's a good rivalry. I think Sabinal, D'Hanis and Brackett have played each other forever so, obviously, those are games we try to keep on the schedule."

The Tigers will host the Nueces Canyon Panthers at 7:30 on Sept. 20.

"Nueces Canyon is going to be much improved," Rokovich said. "They have a good running back with a lot of speed."

Brackett will close its non-conference schedule against two 3A teams. The Tigers will face Crystal City on Sept. 27, and Cotulla on Oct. 4, in 7:30 road games.

"We scrimmaged Crystal City last year," Rokovich said. "They're going to be a good challenge. They have good kids. Willie Trevino does a good job over there."

"Cotulla used to not have a very good program but in the last three years Coach (Pat) Ward has done a great job over there. He has brought that team around. They've been 8-2 the last three years and just missed the playoffs. They have a good squad."

Rokovich said he hopes playing the two 3A teams will help Brackett prepare for its conference schedule.

"I don't want to put any team down, but we have been playing teams like Asherton and we were getting some big victories, but I don't think we prepared our kids to play people like Dilley, Comfort and Center Point."

"I believe we're going to have a real competitive non-district schedule. I think it's going to be pretty tough but I think our kids will respond to it and will do a good job."

The Tigers open district play on

Oct. 11 as they host Center Point. They will travel to Charlotte on Oct. 18, and then return home on Oct. 25 to play Comfort.

Brackett will face Natalia on the road on Nov. 1, and will close the season at home on Nov. 8, against Dilley. All of the conference games begin at 7:30.

"I think, from top to bottom, the district is going to be real competitive," Rokovich said. "I think Dilley has to be the favorite until somebody beats them."

"Dilley played Comfort last year and beat them. Coach (Kelly) Shull has done a great job over there and he has his program going."

"From then on, I think it's going to be a close race. I think we'll compete real well with Dilley. It's easy to say it, but you have to do it. Our kids are working hard. We're trying to prepare them in that direction in order to do that."

"I don't know a lot about Center Point or Comfort, but I know that they've had pretty good teams," he said. "Charlotte was a good 1A team. Natalia improved immensely last year and they have most of their kids back so they're going to be good."

"I don't think anybody is going to waltz through district. I think it's going to come down to the wire. I'm real excited about it."

Rokovich said the Tigers return a good nucleus from last year's ball club and should be real competitive in the upcoming campaign.

"We have a big junior class and a really talented senior class. We don't have as many kids in our senior class but the ones we have are quality kids. I'm real excited about them. They're going to show some great leadership."

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### Golf News Monthly Scramble- February

1st Place at 62: Charlie Smith, James Stafford, Pat Nelson, Jean Petaja.

3 Way tie for 2nd Place at 63: Mary Stephenson, Stan Sterling, Red Udy, Gordon Petaja, Fern Dyer, Tom McNew, Dwite Gilliland, Betty Schlatterer, Blake Hinton, Bill Mills, Pat McKelvey, Pack Waddill.

The Las Moras Invitational will be held this weekend March 9th & 10th. The field is full and all are waiting. See the results in next weeks paper.

The Ladies Spring Fling Tournament is coming March 25 & 26. The field is almost 1/2 full. Deadline for paid entries is March 23rd. Practice round Monday 1:00 p.m. March 25th, with the Social at 6:00 p.m. Tee off time is 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 26th. The format is A-B-C-D. 4 lady scramble. Come on out and join the fun.

### 2/22/96 Couples Results

"A" Flight: Roy & Fern Dyer, Joyce & Bob Williamson = 57 1st place. Bob & Betty Lee, Bob & Barbara Miller, tied 2nd = 61. Byrn & Dorothy Proseus, Blake & Jeanette Hinton, tied 2nd = 61.

"B" Flight: Jim & Juanita Pratt, Bill Mills & Helen Miller = 64 1st place. Dwite & Luella Gilliland, Mel & Ray Darling = 66, tied 2nd place. Mo & Melba Turner, Dilly & Elizabeth Dillahunt = 66 tied 2nd place.

"C" Flight: Bill Koons & Gene Graham, Jack & Lorene Harris = 68 1st place. Dick & Norma Reivitt, Don & Gwen Young = 69 tied 2nd place. Don & Eleana Herron, Dave Yates & Betty Schlatterer = 69 tied 2nd place.

### Tuesday Ladies League 2-27-96

#### Point Par

1st: Lou Green, Joy Hinkelman - 43, 1st, Gwen Ladd - 43 2nd, Betty Lee - 37, Jane Young - 41, S. Stephenson - 42, M. Stephenson - 37, Fern Dyer - 38.

2nd: Pat McKelvey - 43, 1st, Teresa Stephens - 36, Ann Malin - 28, Barb Miller - 28, Jackie Marrs - 32, Luella Gillilan - 29, Camille Niel - 36, Joy Rogers - 42, 2nd.

3rd: Carol Benfield - 30, Nel Darling - 33 & E. Dillahunt - 33, tied 2nd, Marge Maderich - 30, Pat Nelson - 29, Juanita Pratt - 20, Melba Turner - 25, Norma Reivitt - 35, 1st., Joyce Williamson - 27, Kay Roberts - 32, Margo Kendrick - 26.

4th: D'Ann Daniels - 32, 1st., Betty Inman - 27, LaVon McLane - 25, Dorothy Dove - 24, Janet Christenson - 23, Betty Schlatterer - 25, Jane Divine - 24, Eleanor Herron - 14, Jean Petaja - 14, Edie Zipperer - 28, 2nd, Gene Graham - 18.

## What Is A Mason?

By Bruce Clements  
Secretary Las Moras Lodge #444

Even though Masons (Freemasons) are members of the largest and oldest fraternity in the world, and even though almost everyone has a father or grandfather or uncle who was a Mason, many people aren't quite certain just who Masons are.

The answer is simple. A Mason is a member of a fraternity known as Masonry. The fraternity is a group of men, just as a sorority is a group of women, who join together because:

There are things they want to do in the world.

There are things they want to do "inside their own minds."

They enjoy being together with men they like and respect.

No one knows just how old Masonry is because the actual origins have been lost in time. Probably, it arose from the guilds of stone-masons who built the castles and cathedrals of the Middle Ages.

In 1717, Masonry created a formal organization in England when the first Grand Lodge was formed. A Grand Lodge is the administrative body in charge of Masonry in some geographical area. In the United States, there is a Grand Lodge in each state, and in Canada there is one in each province. Local organizations of Masons are called lodges. There are lodges in most towns, and large cities usually have several. There are approximately 13,200 lodges in the United States.

Even though travel was by horseback or ships, Masonry spread with amazing speed. By 1731, when Benjamin Franklin joined the fraternity, there were already several lodges in the Colonies, and Masonry spread rapidly as America expanded west. In addition to Franklin, many of our founding fathers, such as George Washington, Paul Revere, Joseph Warren, and John Hancock, were masons. Masons played an important part in the Revolutionary War and an even more important part in the constitutional Convention and the debates surrounding the ratification of the Bill of Rights.

A Masonic Lodge is a room or building in which the members meet. They are sometimes called "temples" because much of the symbolism Masonry uses to teach its lessons comes from the building of King Salmon's Temple. The term "LODGE" comes from the structures which the stone-masons built against the sides of the cathedrals during construction. In the winter when the building had to stop, they lived in these lodges.

Lodge rooms today are set up similar to the House of Commons in London. Since Masonry came from England, we still use the English floorplan and English Titles for the officers. The Worshipful Master sits in the East. "Worshipful" is an English term of respect which means the same as "Honorable." It's a term for "Leader." In other organizations

he would probably be called "President." The Senior and Junior Wardens are the First and Second Vice-presidents. The Deacons are messengers and the Stewards are in charge of refreshments. Every lodge has on the altar a Volume of the Sacred Law. In the United States and Canada it is the Holy Bible.

Masonry teaches each person to try to make things better in the world. Most won't be the ones to find a cure for cancer, or eliminate poverty, or help create world peace, but every man can do something to help others and to make things a little better.

Masons are deeply involved with helping people. It spends more than \$1.4 million dollars every day in the United States, just to make life a little easier for the unfortunate. The great majority goes to people who are not Masons. Some of these charities are: Crippled Children's Hospitals and Burn Institutes built and operated by the Shriners, a branch of the Masons. The Scottish Rite Masons maintain a network of over 100 Childhood Language Disorders Clinics, Centers, and Programs. Each help children afflicted with aphasia, dyslexia, stuttering, and other speech disorders. They also furnish material for Adult Literacy programs which are conducted on a local level, (The Las Moras Lodge sponsors an Adult Literacy Class.) The Masons of a lodge try to make the world a better place to live.

Of all its charities, Masonry does not receive one penny from the Government, nor would they accept it if it was offered. This allows them to conduct their charitable projects without Government regulations attached.

There are two types of meetings in a lodge. The most common is a simple business (Stated) meeting. To open and close the meeting, there is a ceremony whose purpose is to remind us of the virtues by which we are supposed to live. At a stated meeting the minutes are read, financial report given, information about members, (Brothers), who are ill or need assistance, planning family events such as public installations of Officers, Presentation of Awards, and etc.

The other is special Called Meeting where the degrees in Masonry are conferred on people who have petitioned the lodge for membership. There are three degrees: Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason. These names are taken from the Craft Guilds. In the Middle Ages, when a person wanted to join a craft, such as the gold smiths, or carpenters, or stone-masons, he was first apprenticed. Here he learned the tools and skills of the trade. When he proved his skills, he became a "Fellow of the Craft", today he would be called a Journeyman, and when he had exceptional abilities he became a Master of the Craft.

The degrees teach lessons of life — the importance of honor, and integrity, of being both trusting and trustworthy, of realizing that you have a spiritual nature as well as a physical nature, of knowing the importance of

self-control, and of knowing how to keep confidential what others tell you so that they can "open up" without fear.

Masonry has the reputation of being a secret fraternity. Masons don't make a secret of the fact they are members of the fraternity. We wear rings, lapel pins, tie tacks with the Masonic emblems. Have masonic emblems on our automobiles, and our Masonic buildings are clearly marked. Lodge activities are not secret. But there are some Masonic secrets, and they fall in two categories.

First are the ways in which a man can identify himself as a Mason, grips and passwords. We keep those private in order to keep unscrupulous people from passing themselves off as Masons in order to get assistance under false pretenses.

The second is harder to explain. They are secret because they can't be put into words. They are the changes that happen to a man when he really accepts responsibility for his own life and, at the same time, truly decides that his real happiness is in helping others. It's a wonderful feeling, but it's something you can't explain to another person. That is why we sometimes say the Masonic secrets cannot be told. Try telling someone exactly what you feel when you see a beautiful sunset, or hear music, like the national anthem, and you will understand what we mean.

"Secret societies" became popular in America in the late 1800s and early 1900s. There were literally hundreds of them, and most people belonged to two or three. Many of them were modeled on Masonry and made a great point of having many "secrets." And Masonry got ranked with them. But if Masonry is a secret society, it is the worst kept secret in town.

Often a Mason is asked if Masonry is a religion. The answer to that question is simple. NO.

We do use ritual in our meetings, and because there is always a Bible on our altar or table, some people have confused Masonry with a religion, but it is not. However, religion plays a very important part in masonry. A person who wants to become a Mason must have a belief in God. No atheist can be made a Mason. A Masonic meeting opens with a prayer, and one of the first lessons taught a Mason is that one should pray for divine guidance before starting an important undertaking. But that does not make Masonry a "religion."

Sometimes people confuse Masonry with religion because we call our buildings "Temples." We use the word in the same sense that Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes called the Supreme Court a "Temple of Justice", and because a Masonic lodge is a symbol of King Solomons Temple. Neither the Supreme Court or Masonry is a religion just because its members meet in a temple.

Look for part two of "What Is a Mason" in next week's issue of The Brackett News.

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**BRAUNIG:** Water fairly clear; low; black bass are fair on worms, small Rat-L-Traps and Beetle Spins; hybrid stripers are good on cut bait and liver; redbass are fair on crank baits and crawfish; catfish are good on cut and prepared bait.

**CALAVERAS:** Water clear; normal level; 60 degrees; black bass are fair to 8 pounds on worms and spinners; hybrid stripers are good on liver and shad; redbass to 20 pounds 4 ounces are fair shrimp and crab; catfish are fair to good on minnows and cheese bait.

**CHOKO:** Water fairly clear; 20 feet low; black bass are good on dark worms, spinners, Rat-L-Traps and crawfish-colored crank baits; white bass are fair to good on slabs and minnows; crappie are good on minnows and jigs; catfish are good on minnows, shrimp and cheese bait.

**COLETO CREEK:** Water fairly clear; 4 feet low; 65 degrees; black bass are fair to good on spinners and crank baits; hybrid stripers are fair on Rat-L-Traps; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs; no report for catfish.

**CORPUS CHRISTI:** Water fairly clear; low; 68 degrees; black bass are slow to fair; striped bass are fair on live bait and slabs; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished around the pier and docks; channel and blue catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with cut and prepared bait; yellow catfish are good on trotlines baited with live bait.

**FALCON:** Water clear; 30 feet low; 60 degrees; black bass are fair to good on spinners, crank baits, Rat-L-Traps and Power Worms; striped bass are good on live bait; catfish are fair on minnows, shrimp and cut bait.

**MEDINA:** Water clear; 21 1/2 feet low; black bass to 5 pounds are fair on crank baits and Power Worms; striped bass are slow; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs; white bass are good on slabs and Rat-L-Traps; catfish are slow.

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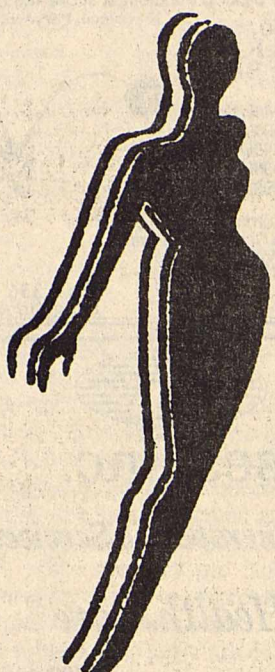
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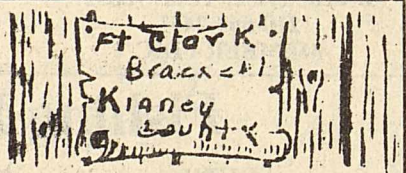
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Community Calendar



- A.A.: Open meeting, Monday and Friday, 8 PM, Slaton Hall, James St. Las Moras Masonic Lodge 444: 2nd Tue. 7 p.m., Lodge Hall, Ann St. Band Booster Club: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m., High School Band Hall. B.S.D. School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., School Board Room. Beta Sigma Phi. R of J Beta Epsilon Omicron (Sept-May) 2nd & 4th Monday, 7 p.m. Preceptor Theta Sigma (Sept-May) 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. Laureate Iota Epsilon (all year) 3rd Monday, 7 p.m. Boot Scooters: Thursday 7:00 PM, Town Hall, FCS. Mountain Laurel Garden Club: 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m. Adult Center. Kinney Co. Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Thu. 6:30 p.m. FC Restaurant. City Council: 1st Tuesday after 2nd Monday, 6:00 p.m., City Hall. K.C. Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 a.m., Court House. Del Rio Christian Women's Club: 1st Wednesday, 12 Noon San Felipe Country Club. Reservations required. FCS Pot Luck Supper: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Service Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils. FC Duplicate Bridge: Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Adult Center. FCS Art Club: Work days Monday and Saturday a.m., Meeting 1st Monday, 1 p.m., Art Studio. FCS Community Council: 2nd Saturday, 10 a.m., Shafter Hall. FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 10:00 a.m., Board Room. FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 9:30 a.m., Palisado Building. FCS Museum/Sutler's Store: Saturday & Sunday, 1-4 p.m. FCS Ladies Luncheon: 2nd Wednesday, Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Make reservations at Adult Center. FCS VFW #8360 & Auxiliary: 4th Monday, Service Club 6 p.m. Pot Luck, 7 p.m. Meetings. FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 6 p.m., Adult Center. Friends of Library: No regular schedule. Call library for info. K.C. Historical Preservation Society: 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House. KC Kickers: 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Service Club. Knights of Columbus: 1st Sunday, 12 Noon, Parish Hall. Lions Club: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant. Order of Eastern Star 204: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell, Del Rio. FC Shrine Club: 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Las Moras Restaurant. Rotary Club: Every Thursday, 12 Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Methodist Ladies Luncheon: 3rd Wednesday, Noon, Slaton Hall. Please make reservations. Kinney County Heritage Museum: 2nd and 4th Saturday, 1-4 p.m., Filippone Building.

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 twelfth from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lieut 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 thirty years.

March 1884: Finally back at Fort Clark after two months in the field commanding the Seminole Scouts, Lt French settles into his daily routine. He walks each morning with another officer who teaches him the "secret work of Masonry." Athletic pursuits of baseball, lawn tennis, and billiards dominate the days while card games and dances occupy the nights. His activities are a far cry from the boredom most historians would have us believe was the lot of the frontier army. He persists in doing what he can to help the scout's receive fair treatment. While on guard duty he has an incident with a soldier being insubordinate and Seminole Scout Carolina July also causes French to deal with discipline problems. The post veterinary surgeon dies from a morphine overdose and officers squabble and spread rumors about each other. He visits a murder trial in Brackettville and continues to juggle his finances to help his family.

Friday, March 7 1884

Thirty years ago today Father & Mother were married. Marched on Officer of the Guard this morning, and spent the day at the Guard House, reading papers from home which came this morning, and "Heart of Mid Lothian". Officer of the Day inspected about 11 P.M. Received a letter from home this morning.

Saturday, March 8 1884

While inspecting prisoner's room

FOOTSTEPS ECHO The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Major General Francis Henry French Courtesy of his descendants



before marching off, one named Lang Troop "E" said "I will if I like" when I told him to put "Sir" on his answers to me. Think the fellow is crazy. Had him locked up in a cell, and after marching off preferred charges against him. Cunningham relieved me. Sgt. Kibbets & Sgt. July started on 20 days furlough for Mexico to protect their land over there. Played billiards with Guard & Hewitt a while today. Received a letter from Moberly about the Morton decision. Capt. Vance & I were going to play whist at Mrs. Hall's but an exhibition by Post School prevented. Did not attend exhibition. Went to camp for stables. Afterwards read "Heart of Mid Lothian", & then called at Geary's & Capt. Vance's. Had a talk with Hall about Lang. Fell asleep while reading after returning to the house. Took a bath before retiring.

Sunday, March 9 1884

Spent most of the morning at the Library. Took out Wolsley's "Communism & Socialism" to read. Wrote letter home today. Went to stables after dinner. Attended chapel in evening & sang in the choir. Stayed after exercises were over to sing. Then escorted Mrs. Buffington & Miss Kauffman home, spending a few minutes in Mrs. Buffington's. Read "Heart of Mid Lothian" until falling asleep.

Monday, March 10 1884

Vance our new sub arrived this morning, but did not meet him today. Played ball after breakfast. Then made out new charges & specification against Lang of "E" Troop. Afterwards went to Suttler's and watched some billiard playing. Practiced vocal exercise and commenced to make out requisition for clothing. Went out to

stables as usual. In evening Hewitt & I beat Mrs. Hall & Capt. Vance several games of whist at Capt. Hall's & enjoyed a very pleasant evening. Did not take usual walk.

Tuesday, March 11 1884

Arose at six o'clock & took short walk with Eckerson reviewing secret work. After breakfast met Vance at office & was well impressed. He was a cadet midshipman for two years, a graduate of Annapolis, and was present at the bombardment of Alexandria a year or two ago. Command was paid by Maj. Dodge. Met him & clerk before payment. Seminoles were paid last. While waiting for payment Shunk & I played on violins and Hammond on guitar to visitors in my house. Made Thompson pay \$26 for that horse he pawned, and after men were paid went over with Shunk to pay Mrs. Ross taking her receipt. At stables paid Wm. Wilson who was sick. Made out requisitions for clothing in afternoon. Started to write to Marie, but Geary came in & prevented it. In evening called on Vance Jr. and like him better than before. Then went up to Dr. Heger's & enjoyed a very pleasant evening at whist. Had lunch there. Mrs. Thomas and I beat Mrs. Heger & Capt. Boyd. At tattoo came to the office to ask orderly to wake me up tomorrow morning at reveille. Played cards until half past ten. Practiced vocal exercise a short time before retiring.

Wednesday, March 12 1884

Took usual walk this morning. Played billiards a short time this morning, then marked out the lawn tennis court with the help of Luce Cassas. In the afternoon wrote usual letter home and wrote more in letter to Marie but did not finish it before time to go to dinner.

Went to stables as usual. In evening "staged it" to promenade concert after trying four times to get a partner. Had very pleasant time. Miss Armour appeared with handsome diamond ring. Everybody says she and Eckerson are engaged. Don't think he has made a good match, but she is much better than Miss Florence Ffoulkes with whom he was much smitten last year. Escorted Mrs. Smith home and then went to Geary's for a while where the bachelors assembled to discuss Eckerson's engagement.

Thursday, March 13 1884

Took usual walk just after reveille. After breakfast played ball a while and then drew clothing from the Quartermaster and had it brought up to my quarters. Shunk went out to Del Rio as paymaster's escort and hopes to return Saturday as Miss Lee's escort. The young man talks a great deal, but it is plain to be seen that he is afraid to acknowledge even to himself how much he is in love with her. Commenced to make out clothing rolls to issue the clothing tomorrow. Wrote until dinner time on letter to Marie but did not finish it. In the evening played whist at Vernon's.

Mrs. V. and Boyd against Vernon & me. Had a good lunch. Returned after eleven o'clock.

County Agent News By Alan L. McWilliams

Rose Downy Mildew May Be A Problem

Rose downy mildew causes serious damage to rose plants in rose gardens, home landscapes and in the local nurseries. Symptoms of rose downy mildew can be variable and can be confused with chemical injury to leaves or possibly with other diseases. Rose downy mildew is different than powdery mildew, which we have a problems with each year in Kinney County.

Symptoms of rose downy mildew include:

- 1) Purplish-red lesion that are frequently angular in appearance; but don't confuse these with a similar lesion caused by black spot. 2) Leaves with yellowing over the entire area, especially associated with dry, brown, necrotic spots which look very much like a chemical burn. 3) Dieback of young tender shoots 4) Severe defoliation 5) A delicate but sparse purplish-grey down-like growth on the bottom leaf surface of infested.

A control strategy must be put in place once you have determined that the disease is present in your roses. Spacing plants enough for good air circulation is important in the control of many rose diseases. Since these diseases are brought on by high humid conditions, air circulation to allow plants to dry out will keep the disease from getting started, in most cases. Plants located in a sunny location is another strategy to help them from dry off and keep them from remaining damp too long. Minimizing foliar wetness by watering at the plant base and only around mid-morning will prevent leaf dampening due to irrigation.

If you take the time to collect old leaves that have dropped off the infested plants, you will make it difficult for the disease to spread to other plants. Infested leaves blow up under healthy plants and the disease is transmitted to that plant from those leaves.

If the infection is severe, you will need to prune off all infested canes from the plant and collect and destroy the tissue. Also be sure and collect all the plant litter that has gathered under the plant. A thorough systemic fungicide spray program will protect leaf/shoot growth as it emerges.

Here are some general things that we know about rose downy mildew and the way it behaves in roses. Environmental conditions dramatically

affect the development of rose downy mildew. It can occur within the temperature range of 50-80 degrees F. Optimum temperature for development seems to be about 65 degrees F. High humidity (85% or more) is also needed for the disease to develop. So when we begin to experience these conditions be on the alert and watch moisture application to plants and leaves. Reaction to this disease seems to vary among rose cultivars, some appear very susceptible and others not. The onset of hot, dry weather reduces or completely eliminates the disease. It can over winter in infested plants. Most of the fungus is internal within plant tissue and only a very small percentage is visible externally. This is the purplish-grey down-like substance on the leaf undersides.

Effective chemical management of the rose downy mildew disease requires early application prior to disease onset and at the first sign of the disease development. Thorough coverage of above ground plant tissue is vital. Alternating systemic and contact fungicides is important. Use a wetting agent or surfactant to help uniformly wet the entire rose tissue. Certain contact fungicides applied for management of other rose diseases can be beneficial in controlling rose downy mildew.

For systemic control use Aliette 80WDG at the rate of 4-5 teaspoons per gallon of water or Pace WSB at the rate of 2 teaspoons per gallon of water. Contact fungicides labeled for control of other rose diseases should work and none are presently listed for specific control of rose downy mildew. Daconil 2787 at a rate of 2 teaspoons per gallon of water and Fore at a rate of 1 tablespoon per gallon of water can be used. Please be sure to read and follow all label directions when using fungicides for disease control.

The information given in this article is for educational purposes only. References to commercial products or trade names is made with the understanding that no discrimination is intended and no endorsement by the Kinney County Extension office is implied.

If you need more information about anything mentioned in this news article, please contact the Kinney County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

School Board Candidate Workshop Scheduled

The Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce and Education Service Center, Region 20 will jointly sponsor a workshop for persons interested in serving as a member of a school district board of trustees. The workshop is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 1996, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Education Service Center, Region 20 Conference Center, 1314 I lines Avenue in San Antonio (Walters Street Exit off I-35 North.) A panel of individuals who have previously served or are currently serving as members of school district boards of trustees will discuss the importance of the board role. In addition, an overview of trustee responsibilities will be provided. The fee for the workshop is \$10. To register, call Jan Dunevant at (210) 299-2471. For additional information, contact Albert Carrizales at the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce (229-2162) or Judy Castleberry at Education Service Center, Region 20 (299-2470).

Below is an example of a Democratic Party Ballot. (note: precinct 3 is added at the lower right corner) There are no county candidates running in the Republican Primary

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION (ELECCION PRIMARIA DEL PARTIDO DEMOCRATICO) KINNEY COUNTY, TEXAS (CONDADO DE KINNEY, TEXAS) MARCH 12, 1996 (12 de marzo de 1996) OFFICIAL BALLOT (BOLETA OFICIAL) INSTRUCTION NOTE: Vote for the candidate of your choice in each race by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. If you are undecided and uncertain that I am ineligible to vote or participate in another political party's primary election, do not vote in this voting year. You may vote for one presidential candidate whose name appears on the ballot by placing an "X" in the square beside the candidate's name. (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION: Vote por el candidato de su preferencia en cada carrera marcando con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato. Si no esta seguro de que no esten elegible para votar o participar en la eleccion primaria o la convencion de alguna otra politica durante este ano electoral, no vote durante este ano electoral. Usted puede votar por un candidato para presidente cuyo nombre aparece en la boleta por marcar con una "X" el cuadro al lado del nombre del candidato.)



**First United Methodist Church**



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

This is my second article in a Lenten series on the spiritual disciplines. Last week we looked at reflection as such a discipline; this week we will look at the discipline of self-denial.

When we think of self-denial during Lent we typically think of fasting (going without food for given period of time) or "giving up" something we enjoy (usually some type of food such as sweets). There are other equally or more effective ways of denying ourselves. Just a few possibilities are limiting our phone conversations to 30 minutes a day except on Sundays or giving up TV or golf once a week, or only eating out once a week during the remainder of Lent. The creative possibilities for the discipline of self-denial are as varied as the individuals who practice them. They are most effective when tailored to meet the spiritual needs of the individual.

Self-denial aids in meeting our spiritual needs in two ways. The first is that it is an avenue whereby we

intentionally remember and focus on what Jesus Christ gave up for us. Of course, we are always aware, somewhere back there in the recesses of our mind, of the sacrifice Christ made for us, but to bring that sacrifice to the forefront of our heart is humbling, painful, and difficult to do.

The other thing giving up something does for us is that it frees us up. By giving up something we usually save money and/or time. We could use or donate the money to feed Christ's sheep. We can spend the extra time in prayer, Bible study, or service to others.

There are four and a half weeks remaining in Lent. If you haven't already done so, you have the opportunity not only to give something up but also to give something away — to Jesus Christ and to His sheep. If you choose to do so, you might find that you have given yourself a gift.

Next week we will look at the discipline of prayer.

Blessings on you.



**Frontier Baptist Church**

Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Any Christian should feel his heart stirred when the cross of Christ is mentioned. To think that the Son of God who went about doing only good, who never committed a sin of any kind, was nailed to a cross to suffer the anguish, humiliation and pain, even unto death at first glimpse seems impossible.

The reality however is that it is true. The fact that Jesus died on the cross for each person so that person, by putting his faith in Him, could have every sin forgiven and have his destiny changed from Hell to Heaven. To think that the Son of God voluntarily did this for us is a challenge to each of us. It is a challenge to our zeal for Him and His message. If He did this for us, why don't we zealously tell the world, one by one, of His dying for them?

His death on the cross is a challenge to our message. We glibly talk about the weather, crime, sports, illnesses etc. but seldom make Him the center of our message.

The cross is a challenge to our living. People generally judge us by our actions. Words betray our deepest selves but our actions openly demonstrate what we are. Living in keeping with the words and ways of Christ demonstrates our deep appreciation for Christ and His death on the cross. Our lives and actions are the most effective ways of winning others to follow Christ. There is no greater good you can do for anyone than to lead them to a personal faith in Jesus.

There will be another message from the Bible, God's Word next Sunday morning at Frontier Baptist Church. Come and see.

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**McKelvy Elected Secretary of State**

They look like most other teenagers, right down to the ink messages on their hands, the trendy clothes and the slang terms they used. But these teenagers were different.

They may have gotten off the bus in Austin just looking like any other kids with their head phones on and their holey jeans but within the hour when you met them at the hotel elevator they were in business suits and carrying briefcases. They appeared to turn into instant adults.

The purpose of the Texas Youth and Government program is to help teenagers become responsible citizens and future leaders of the United States. Every year students from throughout Texas become senators, representatives, judges, attorneys, bailiffs and members of the media for four days. They conduct business in the hallowed halls of such government venues as the State Capitol, the John Reagan Building and the Supreme Court building.

Last March Pat and Hubert McKelvy went to Austin to see their grandson, James, elected as Secretary of State.

This year at the conference James had his moment in the sun. His duties as Secretary of State included being custodian of all official documents of the legislature, including instructing the House Clerk and Senate Secretary to file all bills at the end of the session; attesting to all official proclamations and commissions from the Governor; authorizing the distribution of copies of laws passed by the legislature; chairing the Elections Committee and speaking at the Board Meeting.

For the second year James will be privileged to attend the Conference on National Affairs in Blue Ridge, North Carolina in mid-June.

He is a senior at Permian High School in Odessa, Texas and plans to attend the University of Arizona in the fall.

**The Number To Remember**

For Getting Poison Smart

Did you know that every thirty seconds a child is poisoned in the United States? Or were you aware that most poisonings occur when a product is being used? Most of us know very little about poisons or poisoning. Do you know what to do or who to call if you have a poisoning emergency?

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With March 17-23, 1996 designated as National Poison Prevention Week, special attention will be given to the problem of poisons. However, the folks at the SOUTH TEXAS POISON CENTER at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San



**First Baptist Church**

Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor

"The Pastor's Pen"

There are two days in the week upon which I never worry. Two care-free days kept secretly free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is yesterday. Yesterday with its cares and frets, all its pains and aches, all its faults, its mistakes and blunders. It has passed forever beyond my recall. I cannot undo a deed I did, I cannot unsay a word that I said, all that yesterday held of my life is in the hands of God.

Except for the beautiful memories, that day, yesterday, is gone. I have nothing to do with yesterday. It was mine, now it is God's.

The other day I do not worry about is tomorrow. With all its possibilities, its burdens, its perils, its great

promise, its failures and mistakes are far beyond my mastery as is its dead sister, yesterday. It is God's day. Its sun will rise in glorious splendor or behind a mask of clouds but it will rise.

Tomorrow is God's day but it soon will be mine. Finally understanding that, all that is left for me then is today, the only day of the week that remains. Anyone can carry the burdens of just one day. It is when we attempt to carry the burdens of yesterday and tomorrow that we break down. Leave yesterday behind, let God hold tomorrow, and allow Him to guide you through today. Have a great day!



**Mc Cords Celebrate 50 Years**

We have had a fun life, I'll tell you that!

Allen and Clara will celebrate their 50th anniversary a little early because they are having to coordinate the celebration with 4 children, 8 grandchildren and Spring Break. The Celebration will be Saturday, March 9th. The celebration will start with an Anniversary Scramble at the par three golf course, FCS and end with a picnic on Sunday.

Allen and Clara met in High School when Allen found Clara standing at her locker, all Clara would tell me was that Allen was being a smart-alec and Clara wasn't impressed. About two weeks later they met again at a dance and have been going together ever since. They were married on April 14th 1946, at the First Presbyterian Church in Davenport Iowa, while both were attending the University of Iowa. They visited Texas for Christmas in 1946 and moved to Corpus Christi in June of 1947 where they remained for 43 years.

Our lives were always centered around children and education. Both Clara and Allen were teachers in the Corpus Christi area. While raising their four children they also had a business called Teenage Tours. Every year for 10 years they took 40 young people for three weeks during the summer vacation. These were educational tours visiting National Parks and Historical areas around the continental United States, Spain and Portugal. Allen finalized his career as Athletic Coordinator and Head Foot ball coach at W.B. Ray High

School in Corpus Christi. Allen was inducted into the Coastal Bend Hall of Fame in 1985 and the Corpus Christi Hall of Fame. Clara retired as Executive Director of the YMCA in Corpus Christi where she had been traveling around the country conducting workshops on early Christian Awareness. They moved to Fort Clark in 1993 after traveling for 6 years.

For the Anniversary Celebration all of the children will be here: Kathy and Jimmy Bader from Brackettville with their children Amy and Jamie; Kelly and Phil Grawunder from Alaska with their children Gil and Greg; Connie and Dana Pula of Houston Tex; and Robert and Sharon McCord of California with her children Eric, Jake, Johnny and Kelly. Three of the four brides attendants will make the trip: Arlene Karson of Seattle (also a winter Texan at FCS) and sister to Clara, Lois Charlton of Kansas City and sister to Allen, Mary Rita Walsh of LaMars Iowa. The McCords are expecting about 40 people from out of town to be here to help them celebrate.

Clara said that the secret of a long marriage is of course to work at it every day of your life but the main thing is to support each other during the stressful times in your lives, careers and with the children. Allen and Clara both are a wonderful addition to our community being hard workers both on Fort Clark and with the Brackett School System. We wish you many more years together and much happiness.



**St. John's Baptist Church**

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Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. *Call all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled. Who among them can declare this, and show us former things? Let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified; or let them hear, and say, it is truth.*

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

I, even I, am the LORD, and beside me there is no SAVIOR. I have declared, and have saved, and I have

shown, when there was no strange god among you; therefore, ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am GOD.

Yea, before the day was, I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand; I will work, and who shall hinder it? *ISAIAH 43: 8-13.* Praise God

St. John BAPT. Church  
Pastor Adams, Sr.  
563-2582

Fear not, neither be afraid; have not I told thee from that time and have declared it? Ye are even my witnesses. Is there a GOD beside me? Yea, there is no GOD; I know not any. *ISAIAH 44:8*  
Praise God

**Emergency Flashers**

When you see a car or truck driving down the road with emergency flashers on - please just pull over and let them by. It very possibly is an EMS or Fire Department member rushing to help someone.

**Church Directory**



- St. Andrews Episcopal Church:** Henderson & Fort Sunday Church Service 10:30 a.m. Vicar: Rev. Bill Koons, 563-2071.
- Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church):** Sunday Services 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Joe Townsend, Pastor, 563-2158.
- First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church):** 307 N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m., Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m., Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.
- Baptist Hispanic Mission:** 307 N. Ann Street, Sunday 9:45 a.m.; Wednesday 5:30 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 p.m., Eugenio Duran, Pastor.
- Church of Christ:** N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study Sunday 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
- St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church:** Sun. Masses at 8:00 A.M. (Spanish) and 10:30 A.M. (English); Mon., Thurs. and Fri. Mass at 7:00 AM; Wed. Mass 6:30 P.M., Religion Classes Wed. 4:00 and 7:00 PM; Sat. Rosary 7:30 AM, Sat. Mass 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Confession Wed. & Sat. 5:30 PM, Rev. Donald R. Lavelle, C.M.F.
- St. Blaise Catholic Church:** Sun. Mass 12:30 noon. Adult Catholic Explanation and Convert Classes Thurs. 7:00 PM Rev. Donald R. Lavelle, C.M.F.
- First United Methodist Church:** "Celebrate and Witness" Fellowship 9:30 a.m., Church School Classes 9:45 a.m., Service of Worship 11:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 p.m., Sheree Harris, Pastor.
- St. John's Baptist Church:** Crockett at Keene St., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Worship Service Thursday 7:00 p.m., William P. Adams, Sr., Pastor, 563-9175.
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Congregation E.L.C.A.:** Henderson and Fort St., Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship, Bible Study every other Sunday 10:00 a.m., Rev. Nathan La Frenz, 563-2047.
- Templo Elim Asamblea de Dios:** North Street, Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 p.m., Rev. Abundio Mancha, Pastor, 563-9237.
- Gateway Ministries (Non-Denominational):** 301 E. Spring St. (across from post office), Praise & Worship Fellowship Sunday 10:00 a.m., Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 p.m., Robert W. Corey, Pastor, Charolette Corey, Associate Pastor, 563-9331.



**Nellie Saenz & Chon Nuñez Jr.**

Nellie Saenz, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Agapito Saenz of Brackettville and Chon Nuñez Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Chon Nuñez Sr., of Fort Stockton were married on March 2, 1996, at St. Matthews Catholic Church in San Antonio by Monsignor John Flynn.

Nellie, participated in numerous events while attending Brackett High School. She was in Who's Who Among American High School Students, Who's Who In Music, Homecoming Queen, and FFA Sweetheart among other things.

Nellie has been employed at the Texas Department of Transportation in San Antonio since 1983 her job title is Computer Support Specialist. Nellie is also a Senior at U.T.S.A.

Chon a 1982 graduate of Fort Stockton High School is employed by the San Antonio Northside School District and is also the owner of Nuñez Air Conditioning & Heating in San Antonio.

After a honeymoon in New Mexico the couple will reside in San Antonio.

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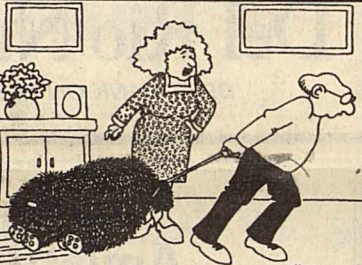
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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc. (RGEC) is accepting applications for the position of Computer Support Coordinator to fill a vacancy in the Brackettville office.

Public Notice The City of Brackettville will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on March 12, 1996, at Brackettville City Hall in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant.

There is no money in poetry, but there is no poetry in money, either. -Robert Graves

PUBLIC NOTICE Effective February 8, 1996, there will be a charge for the following: Thank you notices, wedding announcements, birth announcements, and engagement announcements. The charge will be at the regular display ad rate. The Brackett News will not be responsible for returning pictures that are not pick up within two weeks.

REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is requesting proposals from qualified audit firms for an annual financial audit of all program funds administered by the agency from July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996.

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Hospice Plans Party in Tribute to Dale Evans

"Happy Trails" sets the theme for an evening of Western style bar-b-que, dancing and musical entertainment at Uvalde's Purple Sage Dance Hall on Highway 90, west of Uvalde. The first annual benefit for Hospice Uvalde Area is planned for Friday, April 12, according to Carolyn Durr of Uvalde, chairperson for the event. The theme honors Western stars Dale Evans and her husband Roy Rogers. Evans, a native of Uvalde, is not only a star in her own right, but also the author of many books. The evening will kick off with a Cowboy style bar-b-que served "straight from the chuck wagon" from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Dr. John Shudde, Medical director for Hospice Uvalde Area, will present a video greeting sent by Dale Evans from her California home. Dr. John Barnes will be the master of ceremonies for the evening featuring local toe tappin' musical talent. In addition to dance music provided by Slade Rigby and the Brush Country Band, The Highway 90 Gang, Four Hits and other groups will give exciting performances. Louis Capt will add interest to the event with a lively auction of donated items, including CD's and autographed books from Dale Evans and Roy Rogers, a bolo tie given to Happy Shahan by an Indian Chief, trips to exciting places, etc. A beautiful hand stitched quilt made by hospice volunteer Tinker Trees, will be raffled during the evening. In addition, vintage Roy Rogers-Dale Evans movies will be showing on the Purple Sage big screen. Individual tickets for this "not to miss" event will be \$40.00 each or two for \$75.00. "If you want to be sure your name is on the invitation list, contact the Hospice Uvalde Area office", Durr said. Four categories of program sponsorships will be available. "Happy Trails" sponsors will reserve a table for ten guests for \$1,000, "Singing Cowboys" tables for ten are priced at \$750; "Wagon Wheels" tables for ten are \$500.00. Table names are based on some of Roy and Dale's famous songs. Sponsor names will appear in the program and will be further distinguished by special tables and name tags. Hospice Uvalde Area is a program of Hospice San Antonio, the oldest nonprofit hospice in South Texas which serves terminally ill patients. The vast region of Hospice Uvalde area includes Brackettville, Carrizo Springs, Cotulla, Hondo, Pearsall, and Rocksprings, covering 11 counties and 33 towns. "Our hospice never turns patients away, if qualified for hospice care, even those who are nonfunded," Durr said. "Therefore hospice depends upon private generosity in order to extend its care to the entire community." Durr concluded. "This fundraiser is an excellent way for the entire community to give support and have a great evening at the same time," Durr added. Tickets for the April 12th "Happy Trails" event will go on sale March 1. To ask about sponsorships, to order tickets or to get more information about the event, contact Hospice Uvalde Area Volunteer Coordinator, Patsy Sasek at 278-6691 or 1-800-339-6691.

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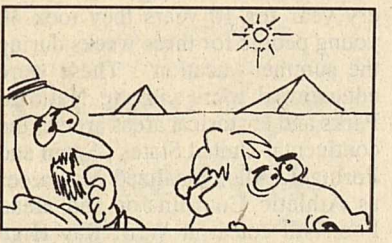
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