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Briefs ...

Chamber hosts jam session Friday night

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce will host a jam session tomorrow night featuring accordionist Santiago Jimenez Jr.

The unrehearsed jam session will be from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Cavalry Ballroom at Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

Jimenez will perform with local artists Heath Childs, Rocco Fortunato, J.J. Guidry, Clyde Hepline, Carolyn and Len Prevatt, and Wes Robinson.

BISD's Open House set for Tuesday night

The Brackett Independent School District will host an Open House for all grades Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m.

Junior college offers lifeguard training

Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde is sponsoring a four-day Red Cross lifeguard training course on two consecutive weekends.

The course is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 21-22, and Saturday and Sunday, March 28-29. Saturday hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday hours are from noon to 8 p.m.

The course teaches first aid, professional rescuer CPR and basic surveillance and rescue skills for pool, waterfront and waterpark lifeguards.

Participants must be at least 15 years of age and be able to pass a swimming test. The cost of the course is \$147.

The lifeguard training certification is valid for three years and the CPR for the professional rescuer certification is valid for one year.

For more information or to register, contact Rob Fowler at (830) 591-7244.

Original cast, crew of The Alamo to reunite

Cast and crew members who worked on John Wayne's epic film "The Alamo," are invited to a reunion May 23-24 at Alamo Village Movie Location.

Alamo Village is the famed Southwest Texas movie set built by Wayne for his 1959 film.

Shahan's late husband, "Happy," convinced Wayne that his movie on the Alamo battle had to be made in Texas, more specifically in Brackettville.

For more information, call Alamo Village at (830) 563-2580, or fax (830) 563-9226.



Justice of the peace candidate Cynthia Stafford (from left), Democratic Party Chairwoman Mary Flores and County Clerk Dora Sandoval look on at Monday's recount.

Talamantez wins draw, faces Montalvo in runoff

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Flavio Talamantez had the luck of the draw Friday — literally. His name was drawn by Democratic Chairwoman Mary Flores and he will now face Incumbent Precinct 2 Commissioner Joe Montalvo in an April 14 runoff election.

Montalvo received 158 votes in last week's Democratic primary, and Talamantez tied Dennis J. Slubar Sr. for second as each garnered 86 votes.

The Texas Election Code says: "If two or more candidates tie for the second highest number of votes

in the main election, the tied candidates shall cast lots to determine which one is to be the second candidate in the runoff election."

Slubar and justice of the peace candidate Cynthia Stafford both requested recounts on Monday. The results showed that Slubar and Talamantez were tied, but Stafford became two votes closer to a runoff.

In the justice of the peace race, John Ford finished with 260 votes, J. E. Meil received 242, and Stafford had 240.

Ford and Meil will meet in the April 14 runoff, and Incumbent Precinct 4 Commissioner Paul L. O'Rourke will be challenged by Pat Melancon.

Public hearing focuses on closure of Fulton Street

The Brackettville City Council will host a public hearing next week to discuss closing Fulton Street, between Ann and Ellen streets.

The 6:00 hearing will be held on Thursday at the City Hall Annex, located on Highway 90 West.

Brackett Independent School District officials made the request to close the street, which will separate the high school annex and a new academic wing. The additional building is expected to be completed by the beginning of the next school year.

Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said closing Fulton Street was a "safety issue."

"Every period, we're going to have kids coming and going, maybe 100 to 150 kids every period that are moving back and forth between those two buildings," he said.

"The property on the next block is primarily owned by the school and two landowners. We have signed statements from both of those landowners saying that they support the closure.

"We realize that it's going to cause people to have to go a block out of the way, but we just feel like it's something

that is in the best interest of the people of Brackettville to look at the safety issue," Stephenson said.

The school district asked the city to close the street permanently, but officials are also considering closing the street only during school hours.

"We prefer permanent closure because we know kids move too fast," Stephenson said. "At night, they're going to be having activities between the buildings.

"We're not trying to gain on the amount of property. We realize that people are going to have to come in here to access

utilities. We still have utilities that run down that street."

The City Council discussed the issue last week at its regular meeting, but decided not to take any action until after a public hearing.

"The City Council felt like this issue needed to go before the public before any decision was made," Alderman J.J. Guidry said.

"Everyone will be affected if the street is closed, so we wanted to give the citizens an opportunity to voice their opinions on the matter," he added.

Monday is deadline for write-in candidates for city, school elections

Filing for Brackettville's May city council and school board elections ended Wednesday, but regular write-in candidates have until 5 p.m. Monday to declare candidacy.

The mayor's position and three city council spots, which all have two-year terms, will be up for grabs in the May 2 election.

Mayor Carmen Berlanga and Alderwomen Mary Flores and Tencha Pena have all filed for reelection.

Diana Koch Ward filed Wednesday to challenge Berlanga in the race for the mayor's position.

The third city council post, which has been vacant since Tino Gomez's resignation last month, has drawn three candidates — Ralph Gonzalez, Martin Luna and Martha Ward McDonald.

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In the school board race, trustees will be elected to fill three expiring three-year terms and one unexpired term with one year remaining.

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

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

Jim McDaniel has filed for the unexpired term. He was appointed to the board last year following Jimmy Bader's resignation.



Katy Hagler, center, is presented a \$1,000 scholarship by Charles McFarland, left, and Clark Davis after winning the Texas Sons of the American Revolution's (TXSSAR) statewide Knight Essay Contest. Davis is the president of the Uvalde TXSSAR Chapter and McFarland is the vice president.

Trustees invite public comment on scheduling

The Brackett School Board of Trustees will host a public hearing at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, to hear citizens' comments on block scheduling.

The school district currently uses block scheduling, in which most classes meet every other day. The trustees are considering going back to traditional scheduling, where classes meet daily.

"We realize we will have people that will want to present both sides of the issue, pros and cons," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "What is going to be best for the kids here is what should be the bottom line.

"The board, primarily, just wants to listen. They may make a statement, but there will be no decisions made at the meeting. It's just a public input session for people who have feelings about it."

He said the board will discuss the topic at its April meeting.

Mesquite trees have a variety of uses

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Rotary Club heard one of its members, Stan Conoly, speak at last Thursday's meeting. The local rancher chose a familiar subject -- mesquite trees.

Most members probably thought he was looking for a "how to get rid of them" book when he looked in the local library. However, Conoly said that mesquite trees are more than pesky trees which try to take over ranches and litter the ground with long beans.

A book entitled "The Nature of Texas," edited by Howard Peacock and published by the A&M Press, contained an article addressed to the many facets of mesquite: "The Marvelous Malignant Mesquite," by Keith Elliot.

Elliot admitted that the mesquite tree is "not an easy tree to love." It is thorny and tenacious. It spreads out to create defiant growth described by W.T. Waggoner, a pioneer rancher of northwest Texas, as "the devil

with roots."

He complained that it "scabs my cows, spooks my horses, and gives little shade." He had to admit that it provided the only shade available, however.

On the other hand, well known writer J. Frank Dobie said, "No day can be counted entirely lost which begins with the smell of a mesquite fire at dawn and the taste of coffee boiled over it."

Ranchers are not the only ones who have discovered how distinctive and appealing the taste is of anything over mesquite wood. Now, restaurants in American cities, as well as ones in England and France, are using mesquite coals to impart its very special flavor to grilled meat.

Artists have recognized the workability of the mesquite wood and see its grain as particularly lovely and unusual.

Old timers thought of the mesquite as having spread to Texas from Mexico. However, there are references to abundant mesquites in Texas two centuries before the arrival of domestic livestock.

In 1854, Captain John Popek surveyed Texas for a projected western railroad and recorded seeing forrests of mesquites "30 feet tall and with trunks from four to 10 inches in diameter."

During the days of cattle drives, however, the prairies were practically denuded of mesquite. They were burned and grubbed out, or the wood was used for lumber and fence posts. The wood is tough and durable, more durable than mahogany.

Old timers will also tell you that spring is definitely at hand when the mesquite buds out. Others, however, warn that only the old trees can be relied upon for that kind of wisdom. Young trees are inclined to be impatient.

One of the most important aspects of the mesquite is that it is recognized in scientific articles as a "nitrogen-fixing tree, capable of dealing with a lot of drought and capable of enriching the soil."

Its beans were a major food source to the Indians at one time, and have been used for many different reasons.



Program Chairman Dr. Charles Schmidt, right, introduced Stan Conoly at Thursday's Rotary meeting. Photo by Eric McMaster

Conoly discovered recipes with mesquite beans as the main ingredients and offered to share them. You have to have a large pot, though, because you need to use a lot of beans.

Conoly said his view of the mesquite has been enlarged from

his reading. He previously thought of them as a curse to open spaces needed for his animals, but as a great source for fencing.

"They're really durable," he said. "I was checking a fence the other day and noticed that one of my fence posts is sprouting."

INSIDE

Joe Townsend

There is no way it makes good sense to close Fulton Street. A traffic count would prove the lack of wisdom in closing the street. *Opinion/Page 2*

Chuck Hall

Election is over once again boys and girls. Well, over for some. Politicians can go back into hiding for a few more years. *Lifestyles/Page 4*

Yeager sees potential

David Yeager made his first visit to Kinney County this week since being named Brackett's athletic director earlier this month. *Sports/Page 7*

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Public officials use law for personal gratification

On Feb. 20, State District Judge John Marshall issued a temporary restraining order, saying Attorney General Morales' opinion violated the separation of power's clause in the Texas Constitution.

Are you aware this order is being ignored by the DPS, TABC and Lottery Commission?

Since the order only specified the state comptroller, the stores are still receiving harassment, warning tickets and violation tickets. This must mean that Attorney General Morales and his vigilante posse will use the law to its fullest capabilities, when it suits their purpose.

Gov. George Bush and Senator David Sibley made a statement during a fundraiser at El Conquistador Restaurant in Waco, Texas, that the eight-liners are "top priority" in their campaign.

Then the governor and senator recruit Morales and overnight they try to change the law.

I don't understand why this didn't go through the Legislature, as required in the first place.

I would appreciate "feed back" from you, regarding your reaction to the way Bush, Sibley and Morales handled this situation publicly.

Do you think these machines are worth the time and money spent trying to get rid of them? Are you going to stand by and let something like this happen again, with regards to another issue?

We, the voters, have a right to know that if we put someone in public office that they will do right and not use the law for personal gratification.

Maribeth Kramer Crawford, Texas

Elections aren't over, yet

Congratulations Brackettville. You went to the polls, you voted your conscience, you voted for change, good for you!

But the job is only half done. On April 14, we have to finish the job we started.

To help you get motivated, Penny's Pizza will be serving free breakfast from 6 to 10 a.m. while it lasts, to each one who presents a stamped voter registration card.

Get out and vote for the candidate of your choice.

T. R. Kelley

Big Mama Sez!



Sourness spoils men as well as milk.

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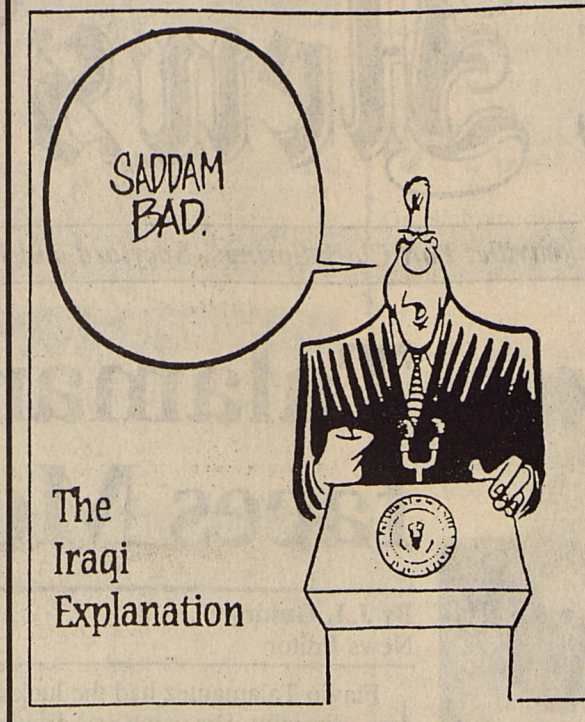
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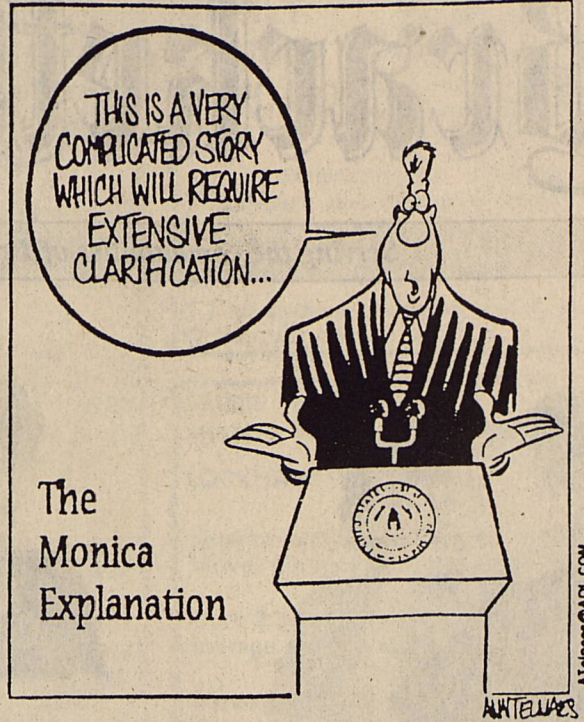
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The Iraqi Explanation



The Monica Explanation

Closing Fulton Street does not make sense

There is no stronger supporter of the school system than I am. There is no one who is more enthusiastic about improvements in the facilities than I am.

However, I feel there needs to be some rethinking on recent plans and projections.

There is no way it makes good sense to close Fulton Street. A single traffic count would prove the lack of wisdom in closing the street.

I realize the community needs to adapt to the real needs of the school system, but at the same time the school system must accommodate to the community. After all, the school is only a small, however important, part of the community.

The community grudgingly allowed streets to become one-way streets at the behest of the system.

A back gate was established for parents to pick up their offspring more safely. Now the system has established a tragic accident waiting to happen by no longer using the back gate, but having parents wait in long lines for teachers to bring pupils to the waiting cars on the crowded narrow street at the main entrance of Jones Elementary.

If the district was truly interested in safety for the pupils, there

Between Us
By Joe Townsend



would be no need for buildings not on the same block.

It would not be unthinkable to move the residence occupying space on the block of the school. After all, it was no problem to buy property with a house on it and move the house.

Even if the school refuses to move the house, there is ample room on the quarter block of Fulton and Ellen and there is easier access to the cafeteria and other facilities than expanding along a busy highway across a street from these facilities.

From the area where buses are parked to Fulton provides more space than the recently purchased property across Fulton Street.

Just because excess taxes have led to a surplus of money is no reason to lavishly buy property.

If the street is closed, how will there be access to the ag building?

There is definitely need for vehicle traffic. A large area of the community will be imposed upon

having to go around several blocks to get to and from the grocery store and Ann Street.

Just because the school bought a piece of property and then had to find a use for it is certainly no reason to discount a large portion of the community.

Good judgement would call to expand away from the heavy traffic on the highway and main traffic artery. Even access to the back gate would be impeded.

Even if there is an influx of students to prove need for such facilities, and common sense denies this, it still cries out for some rethinking of present expansion projects.

It is hoped that the School Board will look more closely at the options and withdraw the petition to close Fulton Street. If not, the City Council should show enough objectivity to deny the petition.

All clear thinking people should let the City Council know their feelings.

Congress poised to build on its accomplishments

When the 105th Congress began its second session in January, it did so against a backdrop of positive indicators, economic and otherwise. But we will have to work fast and work smart this year to accomplish everything on our plate. This being an election year, we have only a few short months to get everything done.

The policies Congress has pursued in recent years have produced a stronger economy. We have passed the first balanced budget in 30 years. Unemployment is at an all-time low. Mortgage rates have gone down, allowing many more Americans to realize their dream of home ownership. Welfare is turning into workfare. Our borders are growing more secure. Our air and water are cleaner than they've been in a quarter century. America remains the freest, most prosperous country on the face of the earth.

You might say we're on a roll. But we can do so much more to improve the quality of life for Americans — without expanding government and without busting the budget. Texans, and the rest of the country, have made it clear that they don't want bigger government, they want better government.

Foremost on my "to do" list this session is continuing to find ways to let hard-working families keep more of what they earn. I already have introduced legislation that will eliminate the marriage tax penalty. Soon, I will introduce a new bill to raise the cut-off point at which people are moved into higher tax brackets, roll back the capital gains holding period and cut the top estate tax rate.

In addition, if a budget surplus appears on our horizon, it seems to me that half-and-half is more than a rich dairy product — it's the right formula for dealing with any surplus revenue the government receives.

Half should go toward paying down our \$5 trillion national debt. The other half should be the basis of direct tax cuts for the American people. It would be the height of folly to fritter away a budget surplus on new spending initiatives that enlarge the role of the federal government in our lives.

Another top priority for me this session will be to ensure that our armed forces remain the best trained, best armed and best equipped fighters in the world.

CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Recently, Secretary of Defense William Cohen admitted that we "have some problems as far as readiness goes." That is an ominous warning.

One of the major causes of those frayed defense edges is our seemingly endless mission in Bosnia — a mission that is consuming resources (\$8 billion so far) we otherwise would dedicate to our readiness. Congress must address this dilemma. Such a situation cannot go on forever, and I am determined that we do not recreate the "hollow military" of the late '70s.

Also on my list is the continuation of efforts to fight crime and drugs by guarding our border ever more vigilantly. Congress approved my request to fund 1,000 additional new Border Patrol agents in the 1998 budget (two-thirds of which will be deployed in Texas), and now the administration has asked for another 1,000 for 1999. I will work very hard to see that funds for the additional agents are approved this year, as well.

Congress must support education on both the K-12 and college levels in a manner that in no way infringes on local control. I am also working with several colleagues to improve and update the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

And when the Senate takes up reform of the Endangered Species Act this session, I will work to ensure that the bill protects species — but not at the expense of private property rights protected by the Fifth Amendment.

Texas and the rest of America are, by and large, in a good mood, prompted by a strong economy. But, we must all remain determined in our efforts to control government spending, reduce taxes and guard against the return of big government.

Congress honors Vietnam POWs

By Henry Bonilla
U.S. Congressman, 23rd District

Twenty-five years ago, they came home. Almost 600 American prisoners-of-war of the North Vietnamese communists set foot again on U.S. soil.

Recently, Congress passed a resolution paying its respects to these heroes and commemorating the 25th anniversary of their return to freedom.

Two of these men now serve in the U.S. Congress: Senator John McCain of Arizona and Representative Sam Johnson of Plano, Texas. Two others — Pete Peterson of Florida and Jeremiah Denton of Alabama — are former members of Congress. Serving with Sam Johnson, I've gotten to know him well.

In the early years of the war, the North Vietnamese prized prisoners like Sam because they were more senior officers. They believed that these officers would provide valuable information if they could break them.

For these men, the North Vietnamese would reserve their worst forms of torture, both physical and psychological. So they put them in a special prison. The Americans referred to it as Alcatraz, after the famous prison in San Francisco Bay, and they would call themselves the Alcatraz Gang.

The prisoners would not give in. They developed a "tap code," tapping on the walls of their cells to each other in Morse code.

Every morning they tapped the names of every man that they knew was a POW. The list, tapped from memory, would become almost 300 names long.

The North Vietnamese never got the intelligence they wanted and finally let the Alcatraz Gang out of solitary confinement. Beginning in February 1973, the POWs were released as part of the peace agreement.

Sam will tell you he did his duty like tens of thousands of other Americans in Vietnam, but the ordeal of our American POWs is a special story. We are thankful that he endured and proud that he serves us today in Congress.

Sam's story, like many others, says a lot about him. It also says a lot about ourselves. It reminds us that our American values of faith, family and patriotism can prepare us for not only the best of times, but also the worst. If we can keep these core values intact, we will help keep our nation intact as well.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

A very lovely lady with her husband moved to Fort Clark Springs in the early days of the association.

They were both very active in the promotion and development of the establishment.

She was particularly interested in helping anyone having a need. She was a nurse and thus prepared to help others.

She left Fort Clark. After a while, she and her husband decided to return to Fort Clark. They bought a lot and poured the slab to build a house.

Before they could build, her husband died and the wife decided to stay where he had died. Her mother, who lived on Fort Clark, decided to join her and moved to make her home there.

This fine lady decided to retire and move back to Texas. She suddenly was racked with pain and had to be taken to the hospital. She was diagnosed with bone cancer in an advanced stage.

After a relatively short time with intense suffering, she went home to join her husband in their eternal home.

She was a particularly carrying person with a penchant for ministering to those in need. She was a sweet and friendly person, loved by all who knew her.

She will be sorely missed by her family and friends, but will be waiting near the throne of God for her many loved ones when we go to join her, never to be separated again.

Surely, Nancy Jackson was an Unsung Hero.



Kinney County and Texas are currently celebrating Older Workers Week. The Senior Texans Employment Program utilizes state and federal funds to provide enrollment opportunities to 1,105 older Texans in 131 counties. Honored at a local ceremony Tuesday were, standing, from left: Librarian Sara Terrazas, County Judge Tommy Seargeant, Betty Moses, Martha McDonald, Petra Fuentes and Aging Services Director Maryn McIntire. Seated: Felipa Avila, Lela Cervantez, Lydia Resendez and Queta Villarreal.

Texas beats California, any day

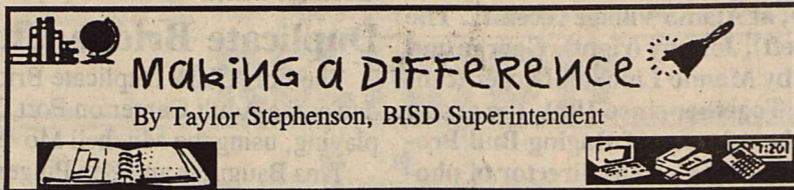
We're back from Spring Break! Our trip to Northern California was a fun one. The country is beautiful with wide, swift running rivers and snow capped mountains.

My daughter lives in a gated community that seems to be much like Fort Clark. Folks pay fees for services such as \$441 per year residential fees.

There appears to be little in the way of member services from paid employees Residents pay a garbage pickup fee of \$25 bucks a month

There is a swimming pool and recreation area that you may use if you pay additional fees. There is no golf course.

Like Fort Clark Springs, the area is beautiful. Our services are many more for fewer dollars. We loved California, but are happy to



be home.

State Champs

I must brag a little here. My brother, Jack, is head basketball coach at Midland, Texas.

This past weekend, Midland won the Class 5A state championship in basketball. Jack and his wife, Helen, own property at Fort Clark Springs.

Construction Projects

At school, we're trying to get specifications for our tennis courts. We had to begin with a topographic survey of the property.

We're also moving a little closer to bid time for the academic building at Brackett High School.

The School Board's goal is to have this building ready to open by the beginning of school next year.

School Activities

Next week, watch for the Open House from 6 to 7 p.m. for all schools at Brackett ISD on Tuesday.

Also, you are invited to express your thinking on block and traditional schedules to the School Board on Thursday, March 26, at 7 p.m. in the Hunt Library.

This meeting is for input only. No decision will be made until the April board meeting.

You can feel Spring in the air. We have thunderstorms followed by beautiful sunshine. It's a great sound to listen to a Texas thunderstorm.

Senior Awards

That's about it this week. I want to add my congratulations to Katy Hagler for the patriotic essay that earned her \$1,000 from the Sons of the American Revolution.

I also congratulate J. Wayne Ballew for his \$4,000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Foundation.

Both students can win more and are still competing. Let's hear it for the BHS seniors of 1998!

Look for the good in life, and you are apt to find what you sought! Have a grand week!

THANK YOU

Ann Hibler and family thank you for all the wonderful things you have done in memory of Guy. The beautiful flowers, contributions and never ending supply of food and favors that have been given Pam, Rick and I.

With love to all of you.
Ann Hibler and Family

Fire At Spofford

Volunteers are needed for rebuilding the house and also needed are donations for buying materials.

Ladies clothes sizes 10 and 14, dishes, linens and appliances are also needed.

Any donations will be appreciated We will pick up donations. Please call Tootsie Herndon at 563-2046 or Manuel Pena at 563-9315. Leave a message if there is no answer.

Community Obituary

Mildred Elizabeth Williams

Mildred Elizabeth Williams, 81, of San Angelo died Friday, March 13, 1998, in her home on Lake Nasworthy.

Williams was born on July 10, 1916, in Cuero, Texas, to Samuel Edward and Florence Norris. After the death of her parents, she was raised by her grandmother, Emmie Le Sage Dinter.

Williams was valedictorian of the Cuero High School Class of 1932. She attended Our Lady of the Lake University and Northern Montana College.

She married John Robert "Speedy" Williams in Bandera on Jan. 31, 1934.

The Williams family lived in Spofford and Brackettville from 1946 until 1954 when they transferred to Eagle Pass.

In addition to being a model Border Patrol wife, Williams taught school in Eagle Pass and San Ignacio, Texas. She worked as a hospital administrator in Havre, Montana, and as a health administrator at the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory in Livermore, Calif.

Williams is survived by her husband: John of San Angelo; four children: Mary Sam York and husband Joe of Brackettville, John Williams Jr. and wife Mary Mar-

garet of Marfa, Betsy Himmel and husband Ed of Fort Worth, and Thomas Tot Williams and wife Corie of San Angelo; two cousins: Flo Lindner of Comfort and Katie Doran of Corsicana; one nephew: Jack Gentry of Marble Falls; and seven grandchildren: Dr. Hoby Biedermann and Brenda Cavness of San Angelo, Craig Biedermann of Paint Rock, Betsy Choate of De Soto, Meghan Williams of Georgetown, J.R. Williams III of Marfa and Hanna Himmel of Fort Worth.

Services were held Monday, March 16, in Grimes Funeral Chapel in Kerrville with Rev. Paul Terry of San Angelo officiating. Burial followed in Garden of Memories in Kerrville.

Pallbearers were Hoot Gibson, Jim Kelly, Mel Heck, Al Todd, Cecil Smalling, Perry Steele, Lou Mack, and Craig Biedermann.

Honorary pallbearers were Jimmy Whalen, Street Rogers, Sam McKone, and Dr. Hoby Biedermann.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of San Angelo, P.O. Box 471, San Angelo, Texas, 76902.

Funeral services are under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.

Thursday, March 19

12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

6:30 p.m., The Lions Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

Saturday, March 21

10:00 a.m., The Fort Club Springs Board of Directors meets in the Board Room on Fort Clark Springs.

Monday, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 24

6:30 p.m., The Fort Clark Shrine Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Thursday, March 26

12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

Saturday, March 28

10:00 a.m., The Fort Club Historical Society meets at the Palisado Building.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, March 10

9:00 a.m., Robert Padgett, 33, of Brackettville, was arrested by Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess for display of harmful material to a minor. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Padgett was released the same day on a \$1,000 personal recognizance bond.

3:53 p.m., The manager at the Senior Apartments reported that one of the tenants was complaining about someone standing in her flower bed and knocking on her window.

Thursday, March 12

9:12 p.m., A U.S. Border Patrol agent reported that a tractor trailer had jackknifed at the intersection of Highway 90 and Highway 1572. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar, Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry and Reserve Deputy Sher-

iff Ron Ring were dispatched to the scene.

4:00 p.m., Quinton Clark, 18, of Brackettville was arrested by Sheriff Burgess and charged with aggravated sexual assault. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Clark was released the same day on a \$25,000 bail bond.

Friday, March 13

12:25 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that someone was knocking on her windows late at night and waking her up at her residence at the Senior Apartments. Deputy Guidry and Reserve Deputy Ring were dispatched to the scene.

11:53 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that there were four illegal aliens knocking at her door at her residence on Ann Street. U.S. Border Patrol officials

were notified.

Saturday, March 14

4:41 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported loud music in the alley between Edwards and Thomas streets, east of Fort Street. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene and the music was turned down at 4:58.

Sunday, March 15

12:17 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported an accident on Highway 90 and Highway 2804. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene.

8:24 p.m., Charles R. Nalls, 36, of Del Rio was arrested for driving while license suspended by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Nalls was released the next day after posting a \$1,000 bail bond.

A quick note to Kinney County voters.

To the 906:

Thank you for your vote and your confidence in choosing me to serve as the Democratic nominee for County Judge. I accept the nomination with both pride and respect.

To the 388:

Thank you for voting! Your candidate is and was both an excellent choice and a very noteworthy opponent.

To everyone:

Wasn't it nice to be able to have and make as many choices as we did!

Herb Senne

Paid pol. ad. by Herb Senne, Box 1078, Brackettville, Texas, 78832

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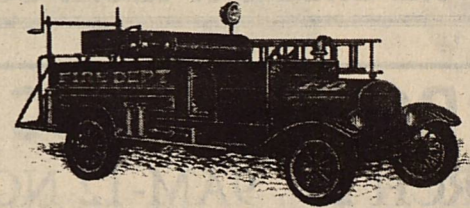
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WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO US AND TO THE CITIZENS OF KINNEY COUNTY.

TO THE VOTERS OF PRECINCT 4:

FIRST OF ALL I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY HEART-FELT THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO VOTED FOR ME IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION. THANKS TO YOU I'M STILL IN THE RACE AND I WILL FACE THE INCUMBENT IN A RUN-OFF ELECTION.

IN PRECINCT 4 ALONE, OVER 400 PEOPLE (APPROX. 60%) EXERCISED THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE. THEY WANTED THEIR VOICES HEARD AND THEY USED THEIR VOTE TO DO IT. SO PLEASE DON'T LET UP NOW AND IF YOU WERE NOT ONE OF THOSE 60%, YOU STILL HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE. EARLY VOTING GOES FROM APRIL 6-10 AND THE ACTUAL RUNOFF ELECTION WILL BE ON APRIL 14th.

I ASK FOR AND NEED YOUR SUPPORT IN THE UPCOMING RUNOFF. PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE FOR PAT MELANCON FOR YOUR NEXT COMMISSIONER OF PRECINCT 4.

Pd. pol. ad. by Pat Melancon, Box 1036, Brackettville, Texas, 78832

But, I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall



Is the election over?

Election is over once again boys and girls. Well, over for some. Politicians can go back into hiding for a few more years. Once again, I was confused as to who (whom?) to vote for in some of the races. And, once again, someone suggested that I use my small column as a public forum for candidate bashing. And I seriously considered it. There's one out there I'd like to bash. I think he deserves it. But I didn't. Regardless of how rudely he has treated me personally, I didn't stoop to his level. I will not use this small space to lessen anyone's political chances. He knows he has wronged me and has had several opportunities to right that wrong. He considers it a "small thing, not worth whining about." And I won't ever mention it again. I can live with it. And I'm sure he can too. How can a conscience bother one without conscience? I hope I don't sound too bitter, but wrong is wrong. I should know, I write the column. But, I could be wrong!

Garden Club celebrates St. Patrick's

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club met last Thursday in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs with 22 members and three present. Hostesses Jean Land and Jeannette Hinton served refreshments on a table in St. Patrick's Day theme. Edith Palmer also provided decorations. Helen Peck gave a program on the Norwegian art called rosemaling. Norma Conner was commended for her continuing work in the rose garden. Ruby Cheaney reported that she, with help from Florence Rusch, had sanded and repainted the benches in the garden. President Clara McCord announced that a special rose would be planted in the garden in memory of Howard Skelton. Barbara Simmons expressed thanks for maintenance of plants at Las Moras Inn. Land has this duty in March, Hazel Ivey in April and Patsy Callnan in May. An ad-hoc committee was appointed by McCord to research several future club projects on Fort Clark. Cheaney is chairman, serving with Callnan, Simmons and Nancy England.

Charlene Simmons reminded members to prepare now for their presentations at the "Flowers with Tea and Cakes" show at Las Moras Inn on May 2. McCord appointed England, Ivey and Peck to serve on the nominating committee for next year's officers. Molly Schroeder announced

that the group's April 9 meeting will be a field trip for members to the Hood Ranch where the Hood Terra Dome home will be viewed. Jean Hood will present a program on aroma therapy and show her herb garden. Members will meet at the Service Club at 9:15 a.m. to arrange for transportation to the ranch.



Tejano band Los Palaminos of Uvalde filmed their newest music video, "T Sequire" (I Follow You), at Alamo Village recently. The band consists of brothers James (left), Johnny (right), George and Jesse Arreola. They are managed by Mando Linchtenberger (center), who also manages La Mafia. Together since 1991, the group is working on its seventh CD. Robert Lopez of Raging Bull Productions directed the video with Greg Magford as director of photography. Steve Escobar is the producer.

Briefs ...

FCS Council donates to Historical Society

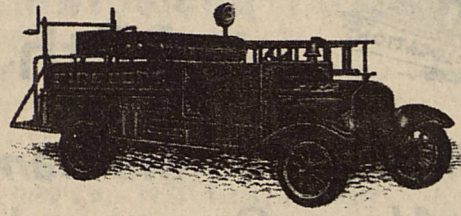
The Fort Clark Community Council agreed to donate \$1,000 to the Fort Clark Historical Society Saturday at its monthly meeting. Fort Clark Historical Society President Frank Cheaney discussed the fund drive the group has started for urgent restoration work on some of the fort's historic buildings. Cheaney stated that the first priority of the restoration project would be to repair the exterior of the Service Club, which is the first building visitors see on entering the fort. After a fire in the building two years ago, the interior received a thorough renovation and upgrading, but the exterior needs serious work, Cheaney said. Several individuals have already made tax-deductible \$100 donations to the fund. Cheaney expressed his great appreciation to the Community Council and said that all donations, large and small, will be gratefully accepted. The Historical Society will contract with the Fort Clark Springs Association to oversee the renovation work.

State official presents certificate to sorority

Juan Hernandez of the Texas Highway Department presented the Theta Sigma chapter with a large wooden certificate of appreciation for their work for the past six years on the Texas Adopt-A-Highway project. The group elected its new officers, including Alicia Raymer, president; Mylo Unruh, vice president; Marge Geeze, secretary; and Jean Land, treasurer. Accordionist Santiago Jimenez Jr. entertained at the meeting, which was hosted by Raymer. Land served refreshments.

Duplicate Bridge Club attracts four tables

The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club held its weekly game Tuesday at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs. There were four tables playing, using the Mitchell Movement. Tina Bauguess and Ben Pingenot tied Ann Malin and Evelyn Whitley for first place, and Fred and Nina Clayton finished third.



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It is now time to cast your vote in the runoff election. Early voting is April 6-10. Election day is April 14.

Please vote for Commissioner Paul O'Rourke, Precinct 4, and Commissioner Joe Montalvo, Precinct 2, who represented the citizens of Kinney County in a resolution against Adobe Eco-Systems' municipal landfill. We must have strong leadership in our county to defeat Adobe.

Please vote for John Ford for J.P. He is honest, willing and able to serve the people of Kinney County. A people's person.

Paid pol. adv. paid for by Tootsie and J.B. Herndon and Joe and Esther Cruz, P.O. Box 8, Brackettville, Texas, 78832

THANK YOU! to everyone who supported me and voted for me in the Democratic Party primary election. I would appreciate your votes, and those of your friends and neighbors, in the Precinct 4 run-off election April 14.

I am retired from military service. My wife Elsa and I have lived in Kinney County for 25 years. I met Elsa Ponce while I was stationed in Puerto Rico. We have four children, two of whom graduated from Brackett High School.

I want to continue representing the people of Precinct 4 as I have for the past four years. I am not afraid to take a stand for my constituents, and will not straddle the fence on important issues. The proposed huge dump at Spofford is a serious threat to the county. I have voted against it three times. I WILL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE IT AS YOUR COMMISSIONER.

PLEASE VOTE IN THE PRECINCT 4 RUN-OFF APRIL 14!!

Paul L. O'Rourke, Commissioner Precinct 4

Paid Political Ad by Paul O'Rourke, P.O. Box 670, Brackettville, Texas, 78832

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

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

Friday, March 19, 1886

Mail had nothing for me. Williams relieved me at guard mounting. Shaved and then returned to guard house to try a man before the Garrison Court. After this received by express the first copy of the Encyclopedia, on which had to pay 50 cents charges. The contract was that the book should be delivered to me free of charges. Attended Miss Saunders' school, but was too late for the exercises, on account of the Court. Walked home with Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Cunningham and then went into Capt. Vance's a while. After lunch wrote up proceedings of Court, finished the French letter to Mr. Preston and wrote to Scribner's Sons, the publishers of the Encyclopedia, about the express charges. Had parade in blouses this evening. After parade took the acknowledgements of Sgt. Nalon & Sgt. Borger to some affidavits. A recruit of "H" Co. but assigned to "E" for rations brought up the affidavits and told me in answer to my questions that he could speak French and had taught it. Told him to transfer to "E" Co. and spoke to him about teaching me to speak French. Spent the evening at Mrs. Hall's, where Hewitt and I beat Capt. Vance and Mrs. Hall. Had some excellent potato salad.

Saturday, March 20, 1886

Went over to "K" Co. to have hair cut just after breakfast but the barber was busy. Mail came in and brought me a letter from home. Had hair cut and sat in Steele's talking until lunch. Started to write to Helen Giddings after lunch, but could not collect my thoughts and so read Draper until 3 o'clock when went to the choir practice at the hall. The delayed paper mail came in just before the practice, bringing me a bundle of papers from home. After retreat went with Capt. Vance, Mrs. Hall, and Mrs. Payne, in the Captain's backboard to a moonlight picnic out on the Pinto, Hewitt and Miss Folsom, Steele and Miss Saunders making up the party. Had a delightful time. The moon was full and the night was still. Capt. Vance arranged to have tattoo taken for me.

Sunday, March 21, 1886

Usual inspection this morning. Mail had nothing for me. After

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

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

Courtesy of his descendants

guard mounting had a talk with a recruit named Guyot in reference to teaching Hewitt and self to speak French. He was born in this country but spent six years at a college in Switzerland and as far as I can judge seems to speak French perfectly. Think we will be able to learn to speak by studying with him. Maj. Smith's order came this morning, in which the President is very severe on Ballance the Judge Advocate. It is a pity that he couldn't have been the same way to Maj. Smith, who was found guilty of lying. Read the papers until half past 11 when went over to hall to practice music for tonight, but some of the choir were absent. On way to lunch walked to Gen. Smith's with Miss Saunders. Returned to hall after lunch and practiced a while. Walked home with Miss Saunders again and then wrote usual letter home. Had dinner at five o'clock today, the same as on week days. After dinner had a short ride with Capt. Feche't in his wagon. Capt. Hall being of the party. Capt. Vance took retreat for me. Returning Capt. Hall went past his wife and deliberately walked up on Mrs. Feche't's porch and commenced to talk to her, leaving Mrs. Hall standing down by the next gate. Mrs. Hall blushed scarlet and seemed very much annoyed. Capt. Hall isn't good enough for his wife and doesn't deserve such a true woman as Mrs. Attended church in the evening, escorting Miss Saunders home afterwards. This makes the third time today; the gossips will have us engaged or, at least, in love soon. Sang tenor in the choir this evening. Miss Folsom sang a beautiful solo, but the accompaniment was poor as Mrs. Cunningham, who plays the piano well, does not understand the organ. Read the papers from home after tattoo.

Monday, March 22, 1886

Commenced battalion drills this morning with Col. Bliss in command. It was a dull affair this morning. Mail had nothing for me today except a receipt for annual fee sent to Military Service Institution. Sat on the porch at Mrs. Lyster's to watch guard mounting. Looked over papers in the Library after mail came. After lunch Hewitt and I took our first French lesson, a recruit Guyot being the instructor, and a good one he seems to be. Think if we study we will be able to improve and perhaps learn to speak the language. He talks to us entirely in French. After the lesson read Draper a while. Dr. Town took me out for a long and pleasant

drive. Before starting as Capt. Vance had gone out driving, got Capt. Hall to excuse me from retreat. Returned from the ride after dark and had to hurry into best clothes and go over to the hall to rehearse a play. Stayed there until after tattoo where we had a pleasant time. Then went over to Mrs. Cunningham's with Miss Saunders, Miss Folsom and Steele, and had some cake there.

Tuesday, March 23, 1886

Had another slow drill today. Sat with Mrs. Lyster to watch guard mounting. Mail brought me a letter from home which has been a long time in coming. Went down with Geary and Cunningham to play billiards at the store after trying a man before the garrison court. Geary is sick and ought not to have ventured out in the sun and [I] ought not to have asked him. After lunch wrote up proceedings of court and read Draper a while. Mrs. Gillmore's boy being very sick the French club had to postpone the meeting at her house. Capt. Vance was Officer of the Day and took the calls.

Wednesday, March 24, 1886

Had charge of the company at drill this morning. Enjoyed the drill more on this account and because we had some better movements. Sat on Capt. Feche't's porch with Miss Folsom until mail came. Steele has had some trouble with Capt. Feche't and does not go to the house, although he and Miss Folsom seem to be almost in love with each other. Received a letter from Harry that my watch would be sent at once by express, one from Hatfield and a case for the general court. Went down to the guard house to examine the prisoner for trial tomorrow after calling on Hall for an orderly and arranging for the trial. Sat on the porch talking with Geary, Steele and Capt. Weeks, and then beat the latter at cribbage. After lunch

Thursday, March 25, 1886

As usual sat on Mrs. Feche't's porch while waiting for the mail, going to target gallery practice before breakfast. Mail brought me an O.B. in regard to some Ordnance returns. At ten o'clock the general court met and had a greater fuss in secret session over an insignificant case than over any case that has been tried so far. Went over to town after the trial to register a little package to Lula, containing a watch charm she loaned me for a time. Studied French lesson until nearly one o'clock. Must pay more attention to this for it will not do to take lessons and then not learn them. The lesson occurred as usual after lunch, but I was not prepared on the whole of mine. Think we will derive a great deal of benefit from these lessons as we try to speak nothing but French. Informed Capt. Vance this morning that we were studying. Was afraid he would feel hurt that he had not been asked but Hewitt wanted to have just us two. The Capt. did not seem to notice or feel hurt much to my relief for I hate to do anything that would wound his feelings. Wrote up proceedings of Court after lesson and carried them up to Col. Lyster for signature on way to dinner. In evening the singing club met at Mrs. Lyster's, but Miss Folsom did not attend. Think she is vexed because Mrs. Williams, soprano, also attends. After singing escorted Mrs. Lyster to Cunningham's where all went for an excellent lunch.



"Get a life:" Thoughts on Freemasonry and religion

This is the third of a three-part series on Freemasonry and religion.

Thoughts of religious leaders about masonry:

Rev. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale: "Freemasonry is, for its members, a supplement to good living which has enhanced the lives of millions who have entered its doors.

"Though it is not a religion, as such, it supplements faith in God the creator. It is supportive of morality and virtue.

"I think that a good Mason is made even more faithful to the tenets of his faith by his membership in the lodge."

Bishop Carl J. Sanders, United Methodist Church: "In a day of mistrust, suspicion, discrimination, separation and even hatred, Freemasonry, morality, and brotherly love are the hallmarks of our relationships. There is a basic integrity in the fraternity so

often lacking in many of life's relationships.

"Let me quickly and emphatically say that Freemasonry is not and has never been a religion; however, Freemasonry has always been a friend and ally of religion. In 50 years as a minister and as a Mason, I have found no conflict between my Masonic beliefs and my Christian faith."

Rabbi Seymour Atlas: "I was brought up in a religious home, a son of a rabbi with seven generations of rabbis preceding me; and yet with this religious background, I felt I could still derive much from and give much to this fraternity for the good and welfare of mankind.

"My experience has shown me that Masons are for the most part religious men. I am proud to be a Mason and proud to be a part of an organization that is devoted to helping widows and orphans primarily, and also those who are in

need without question or embarrassment.

"I am proud to be a Mason who believes in the dignity of God's children and opposes hatred and bigotry, and stands for truth, justice, kindness, integrity and righteousness for all."

Dr. James P. Wesberry, former executive director and editor of the Southern Baptist Publication Sunday: "I have had the privilege of being a member of many organizations, but none outside of my church has meant more to me than Masonry.

"All Masons obligate themselves to help, aid and assist the poor, the distressed, the widows and orphans. Nor is charity restricted to fellow Masons only, but extended to all. It shares the common bonds of race as children of one great creator, and seeks to unite men of every race, color, sect and opinion.

"Masonry practices the Golden

Rule and seeks always to eliminate divisive forces which build walls between people."

Rev. George W. Truett, longtime pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas and president of the Southern Baptist Convention: "From my earliest recollection, sitting about my father's knee, who was a Mason, and hearing him and fellow Masons talk, I imbibed the impression in early childhood that the Masonic fraternity is one of the most helpfully mediating and conserving organizations among men, and I have never wavered from that childhood impression but it has stood steadfastly with me through the busy and vast hurrying years.

"And when one calls to mind the vast array of great men linked with this institution, his appreciation must be greatly magnified."

Rev. John A. O'Brien, Ph.D.: "As a Roman Catholic, a research professor of theology at the Uni-

versity of Notre Dame, and a priest for more than half a century, I want to pay a long overdue tribute to the Freemasons for the distinguished contribution they have made to the civic, commercial, scientific, cultural and spiritual life of our nation.

"They have given us some of our greatest presidents, generals, legislators, statesmen, citizens and patriots. If that rich and many-faceted contribution were withdrawn, our nation would be impoverished indeed."

How does Masonry benefit the Mason, helping him develop and meet the expectation's of himself which are central in "getting a life?"

One of the greatest threats both to society and to religion is the increasing tendency toward materialism in our world. Both Masonry and religion teach that man is a moral and spiritual being.

Masonry teaches that man's success in life is measured by his growth and self-development as a thinking, compassionate, and ethical individual. It encourages him to expect these qualities of himself and to strive to develop and refine them. It reminds him of his duty to make that voyage of development.

Dr. Peale was not alone among ministers in observing that Masons are usually among the most active workers in the church. Masonry reinforces the commitment of the man not only to his religious beliefs but also to being an

active worker in his community of faith.

It isn't easy to live by the tenets of one's religion and by the ideals of one's Masonic fraternity. Meeting high expectations of ourselves becomes harder and harder.

Modern life, as depicted in the media, often treats the good man as a figure of scorn and jest. Freemasonry contradicts that perception by offering a support group for moral values and ethical behavior, a fellowship which does not sneer at a man's attempts to do what is right, but which encourages him in that effort.

Family and school, thought and study, music and words, work and planning, even salt and pepper, many things work together to bring about good results without being the same thing or being in competition with each other. Masonry and religion are also like that, complementary and often mutually supportive.

Together, Masonic Lodges and religious groups have helped many people to "get a life" or to put one back together after it has been devastated by natural or man-made disasters, by economic loss, by mental illness, by drug or alcohol dependency, or by the many other things which can ruin hopes and crush the spirit.

Get a life? Yes! Get the richest, fullest, most productive, creative, ethical, value-based life you can.

We're the Masons, helping build, with faith, the future.

RELIGION

Fasting is making a comeback

By Sheree Harris
First United Methodist Church

The sermon that I preached a couple of weeks ago has generated more interesting discussion than any other sermon I've ever preached. The sermon included a section on fasting, and I share it with you now.

As a spiritual discipline, fasting is making a comeback after having fallen into ill repute during the Middle Ages as a result of some excessive ascetic practices.

Fasting goes back thousands of years. People in the Bible who fasted reads like "Who's Who of the Scripture:" Moses, David, Esther, Elijah, Daniel, Anna, Paul, and of course, Jesus Christ.

Great leaders in the Christian tradition fasted and urged followers to do so, including Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox, John Wesley, and Jonathan Edwards, to name

a few.

People of other religious traditions, including Confucius, Yogi of India, and Native Americans, also practiced this discipline.

While there may be many secondary benefits, the purpose of a true fast is to love, adore, and commune with God.

It is not the same as a hunger strike; nor is it self-inflicted punishment. It is a God-ordained, God-initiated, God-centered act of worship.

Fasting is a way of bowing before our creator. It is a time when we put aside all other things in our life, both important and trivial, that are clamoring for our time and attention, and we are alone with God. It is a time when we deny ourselves and our cozy little world and seek to know and do God's will.

In a vivid sensory way, fasting reminds us of Jesus' words that we do not live by bread alone but "by every word that proceeds from

the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4), and "I have food of which you do not know... My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work" (John 4:32, 34).

Contrary to popular belief, if done properly and if you have no prohibitive medical conditions such as diabetes or heart problems, a food fast will not harm you.

There are also other kinds of fasts such as giving up some recreational activity you enjoy and using that time for prayer, scripture study, or service in Christ's name.

When Jesus talked about fasting, he didn't say "if" or "must." He simply assumed we would fast.

Why not try making good on Jesus' assumption? For a designated period of time, give up something and spend that time with God. Some very convincing people say you'll be glad you did!

Blessings on you and your discipline.

We will never understand the full power of God

By Joe Townsend
Frontier Baptist Church

How great the power of God. It was power beyond comprehension displayed when God created the world. It is power almost beyond belief shown by God in the life of the world and his people.

And yet the power of God we witness is only the beginning of his true power. All his power is vested in his son, Jesus Christ.

How great is the power of God

in the redemption of man. A woman found in adultery was brought to Jesus with the demand she be stoned to death as the Levitical law demanded. Jesus embarrassed the accusers who slinked away and redeemed the woman, forgiving her sin.

To the fortune teller, he saw the ability she exhibited as sin and cast out the demon causing her sorcery. Peter denied him three times but Jesus forgave him and made of him the leader of the

Apostles.

How great is the love of God. It was his love and desire for fellowship that led him to create man in his image. It is his love that protects us and stands encouraging in every experience of life.

It is his love that provides not only the needs of his children but many of their wants.

It was his love that led him to send his only begotten son to die on the cross to atone for the sin of man.

It is his love that led him to "prepare a place" where he can have fellowship with all his children for all eternity.

We can never understand the full power of God but we can accept it and thus make life wonderful. God offers his full power to everyone who trusts his son Jesus as his savior. It's up to his children to accept it.

There will be another message from Frontier Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a.m. Come and see.

It's time for spring cleaning in our own spiritual lives

By Pastor Charolette Corey
Gateway Ministries

Spring cleaning is in the air. People are discarding old things and making room for the new. Likewise, it is time for people to do spring cleaning in their own spiritual lives.

The word of God says, "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and holiness." (Eph. 4:23-24)

Again, in Colossians 3:10, God says, "Put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him."

Most people in our society have enough personal self esteem that they would not purposefully choose to put on filthy, stinking,

greasy clothes (not without a very good reason). Most of us have access to washers and dryers, and have more than one set of clothes to wear.

Just as it would be unthinkable for you to put on greasy, stinky clothes, it should be just as unthinkable for you to put on lying, being sinfully angry, or continuing to speak of things that are corrupt according to deceitful lusts. It should make your skin crawl to go near it. The stench of it should make you gag.

Instead, God tells us "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath; neither give place to the devil." (Eph. 4:4:25-27)

Again, in Colossians 3, God tells us to take off the evil smelling garments of fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection (which means homosexuality), evil imaginings of lust, covetousness, anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication and lying out of your mouth.

Then put on mercy, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; bearing each other's burdens, forgiving one another, but above all putting on God's agape (unconditional) love.

Let the peace of God rule in your heart, and be thankful. Let the word of God dwell in you richly.

So toss out your old clothes, put on your new creation and be in high fashion. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Readings from the book of Matthew

By Rev. William Adams Sr.
St. John's Baptist Church

"When the son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory.

"And before him shall be gathered all the nations; and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats.

"And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

"Then shall the King say unto them on the right hand, come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;

"For I was hungry, and ye gave me food; I was thirsty, and ye

gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in;

"Naked, and ye clothed me, I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

"Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord when saw we thee and hungry, and fed thee; or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

"When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in; or naked, and clothed thee?

"Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25:31-40

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Mr. and Mrs. Doug Davis and Mrs. Debbie Montgomery would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Joaquin and Amy Michele.

Amy is a graduate of Del Rio High and a senior at Texas A&M

University. Joaquin is a graduate of Brackett High School and 1996 graduate of Texas A & M University. Amy is the niece of Mrs. Janis Floyd of Brackettville.

The couple will marry June 20, 1998, at Grace Community Church in Del Rio.

I sincerely appreciate all of you who supported me for Justice of the Peace. God willing, there will be another day. May our God bless you richly. Arnold A. Pinales

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Bats are beneficial wildlife, but some may carry rabies

There is no doubt that bats have an image problem. Because they are nighttime hunters, superstition links the little animals with vampires and other imagined evils, while scientists praise bats as some of our best allies against disease-carrying mosquitoes.

Jane Mahlow, a veterinarian with the Texas Department of Health's Zoonosis Control Division in Austin, agrees with the naturalists about the benefits of bats in disease control, but she warns that a small percentage of bats are rabies carriers and human contact with a wild bat can be fatal.

"People seem either to loathe bats or love them," Mahlow said. "But most people who have seen the magnitude of

a large bat colony in flight will agree that bats inspire awe. We encourage people to appreciate the bats, but to avoid touching them."

She explained that a bat's teeth are so tiny that a bite may not be felt or leave a visible wound.

"People should get immediate medical help if they or their children contact a wild bat. And they also should be sure that their cats and dogs are vaccinated against the disease as required by law," Mahlow added.

Mahlow said that Texans have become increasingly aware of bats in recent years. Some of the more accessible bat colonies have become popular with spectators, as millions of bats can be seen

emerging at dusk or returning at dawn to Hill Country caverns, rock outcrops, and even urban bridges.

The bat-watching season begins each spring as the states huge warm-weather bat population returns from wintering in Central America.

Throughout the spring and summer, Texans may see bats take flight at nightfall to hunt mosquitoes and other insects in the dark.

"Occasionally, individual bats may be found in daylight," Mahlow said, "and those are the ones to be especially careful about. A bat, or any other wild animal such as a raccoon or coyote, may be sick or dying if it acts unnaturally or seems not to fear humans."

She said that human cases of rabies exposure frequently involve children who capture a sick bat.

In a recent case, a junior high student took a captured bat to his classroom before the bat died of rabies.

Some 80 children and adults had to be treated for rabies exposure, at a cost of about \$1,000 to \$1,500 each.

Mahlow said that rabies can be prevented after exposure if the treatments begin immediately. However, after symptoms occur, the disease is almost 100 percent fatal.

Since 1984, six people in Texas have died of rabies, half of whom were exposed to the disease by bats.

Although children should not be taught to fear all bats, "they should learn that if they are able to touch a bat or any other wild animal, they should not touch it, but tell an adult about it at once," Mahlow said.

"Anyone having contact with a bat, whether it is dead or alive and regardless of whether anyone has been bitten, should call a physician, the local health department or TDH for advice on rabies prevention," she added.

Editor's note: For more information, contact Jane C. Mahlow, D.V.M., Zoonosis Control Division, at (512) 458-7255; or David Vaughan, Communications Division, at (512) 458-7400.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's a great week to go after what you want on the job. That little bit of extra initiative will make the difference. You find yourself quite popular over the weekend in various social settings.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Behind-the-scenes career moves are best this week. Creativity is also a plus. The rapport you have with a loved one makes you feel blessed indeed during the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Manners are no substitute for principles. Hold fast to what you believe in. Some people are just too touchy to talk to this weekend but can be approached at a later time.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) This is probably not the best week to give anyone advice. Others may misjudge your sincere intentions. Don't be hurt by a co-worker's biting remarks to you. Just consider the source.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Common sense prevails in spending for family, but if out socializing this week, money could be spent unwisely. Keep financial matters to yourself. Something you're planning needs further research.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Social life looks very promising. Club activities are favored in general. Put your wonderful practicality to good account. This weekend, don't get in over your head.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It's not a good week to lend or borrow money, especially if friends are involved. You could be offended by another's lack of alacrity in paying you back. Imagination is keen and should be used wisely rather than daydreaming.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You get the green light

with travel, but keep in eye on costs. You'll be making new friends, but avoid disputes about your belief system. Remember, it's never a good idea to discuss religion or politics.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Think before you act this week, especially in dealings with partners. Home life will prove more enjoyable than going out for good times. In fact, some loved ones require special attention.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's just a little thing, but still you feel slighted or miffed. Try not to let this matter get out of proportion. Allow others some leeway since, after all, everyone can have a foul mood once in a while.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Something you hear casually this week could offend you. You get good advice about a business or financial matter. If you go on about a certain subject, though, beware of a cantankerous audience.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) How to have time for your own interests and family too could be a concern this week. Those who are traveling should be careful not to misplace something of value. Pay close attention to details.

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March 20	Marlene McKnight	March 23	Patricia Gass
March 20	Virginia Smith	March 24	Dorothy Frank
March 21	Irene Mata	March 24	Agapita Morin
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March 23	Jeffery Mills	March 25	Dixie Lee Brown
March 23	Nicole Mata	March 25	Laura Rivas

Yeager excited about potential

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

David Yeager made his first visit to Kinney County this week since being named Brackett's athletic director earlier this month and, after meeting with the school's athletes, said he is excited about the Tigers' potential.

"I really enjoyed meeting all the kids, kindergarten through 12th grade, but especially the athletes," he said. "I really noticed a deep hunger in their eyes. I can tell that they want a good program. They're willing to commit themselves to excellence and we're ready to get after it."

Yeager said he would be here permanently "as soon as my district releases me back in Magnolia, but I'd like to shoot to be here April 1."

When he does arrive, Yeager said the Tigers will begin preparing for the gridiron season.

"We'd start an off-season program, lifting and running," he said. "Eventually, we would teach some football, probably the last two months of school."

Yeager said he thinks the Tigers have a good chance for a successful season.

"The bottom line is I see kids that are hungry," he said. "We may not be the biggest or the fast-

est, but if we can put 11 together for a solid team that will fight, scratch and claw to win a football game that's all it takes. I see lots of potential here for the making of a good, solid program."

Yeager said he enjoyed the two days he spent in Kinney County this week.

"I got to go to the golf tournament and see the kids compete down there. I was really impressed with that. I went out to the track and watched the kids compete out there."

"I met a lot of friendly people," he said. "I'm excited and can't wait to move my family out here and be a part of the community."



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Briefs ...

Tigerettes rout Dilley

Brackett picked up its fifth straight win Tuesday with a 17-2 win over Dilley in softball action.

The Tigerettes resume district play tomorrow as they travel to Charlotte for a 3 p.m. contest.

Brackett Relays set

After a six-year absence, the Brackett Relays will return on Saturday.

High school prelims and junior high field events will begin at 9 a.m., junior high finals and high school field events are set for 11 a.m., and the high school finals will begin at 3 p.m.

Duo earns all-state

Brackett's Katy Hagler and Tina Meek were named to the Class 2A all-state academic volleyball team.

Rams slip by Tigers, 11-10

Del Rio's junior varsity scored on a passed ball in the bottom of the seventh inning Tuesday as the Rams edged the Brackett Tigers, 11-10, in non-district baseball action.

"We played good," Tigers coach Gary Grubbs said. "It's

good competition for us because that's the kind of competition we're going to see in district."

Trailing 10-5, Brackett rallied for two runs in the top of the sixth and three in the seventh to tie the score at 10-all.

Rene Luna and Michael Meyer

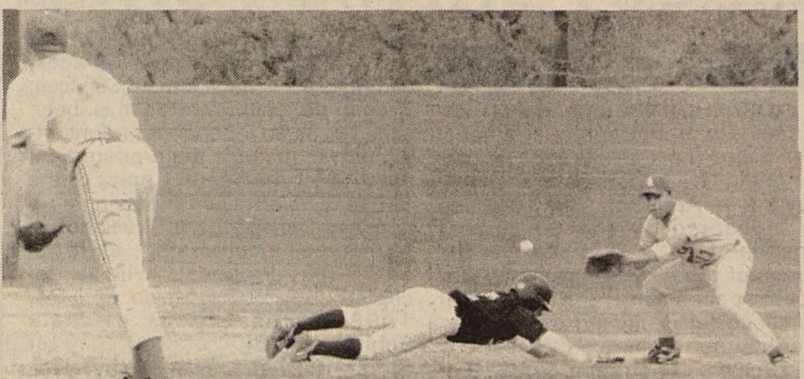
each had three hits for the Tigers. Luna scored one run and drove in another, and Meyer crossed home plate twice.

Brent Woelke went 2 for 3 and Zach Davis was 2 for 4. Woelke scored one run and drove in two more, while Davis had two runs and one RBI.

The Tigers topped Sonora, 9-5, in the third place final in the Brackett Invitational tournament Saturday.

Brackett opened the tournament with a 9-7 win over Utopia before falling to Del Rio's junior varsity, 11-1, in the semifinals.

The Tigers (9-4) resume action tomorrow as they face Pearsall on the road at 5 p.m. On Tuesday, Brackett travels to Del Rio for a rematch with the Rams at 6 p.m.



Brackett second baseman Luis Guajardo avoids being picked off against Del Rio.
Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

OUTDOORS

TPWD seeking input on regulations at 20 public hearings

AUSTIN — A proposal to shift restrictions on Lake Fork largemouth bass and several recommendations relating to hunting white-tailed deer are up for public debate during a series of 20 public hearings scheduled in the weeks ahead.

In addition, state wildlife officials will be looking to the public for comment on discussion items relating to possible modifications of tagging requirements for deer and turkey, the creation of a deer management permit, and any other issues of interest to the hunting and angling public.

Del Rio will host a public meeting on Monday at the County Court at Law Courtroom, 207B E. Lasoya, beginning at 7 p.m.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission will make final approval of the 1998-99 Statewide Hunting and Fishing Proclamation at its April 23 public meeting.

A key proposal on the table would alter the current 14-21 inch slot length limit for bass at Lake

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

Fork. Regulations would be changed to a 16-24 inch slot length limit, with a five fish daily bag, only one of which may be over the upper end of the slot limit.

Officials are suggesting an increase of the upper end of the slot in annual one-inch increments, starting with 22 inches in September 1998.

As the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) explores ways to improve and streamline its hunting license process, the department is asking the public's opinion on the current requirements for tagging deer and turkey, as well as suggestions for improvement.

Wildlife officials are also requesting comment on potential regulations associated with implementation of House Bill 3061,

which authorized the commission to create a deer management permit.

The bill allows TPWD to issue a permit to landowners to manage deer within an area fenced so as to retain deer while under a department-approved wildlife management plan.

Other fisheries and wildlife regulation proposals and non-departmental recommendations TPWD is seeking comment on include the following:

- Increasing hunter opportunity in the Pineywoods by setting four doe days around the Thanksgiving holiday in five East Texas counties, including Shelby, Sabine, San Augustine, Nacogdoches and Panola counties.
- Eliminate the "swing tag" in

favor of a four deer bag limit, no more than two bucks.

■ Allow spike bucks to be taken during the special late season, the muzzleloader season, and on properties in the Managed Lands Deer Program.

■ Opening a conservative whitetail deer season in Dallam and Sherman counties in the Panhandle.

■ Open a five-day mule deer season west of U.S. 385 in Andrews County.

■ Evaluating the possibility of implementing experimental deer regulations proposed by the Texas Sportsmen Association in Austin, Colorado, Fayette, and Lavaca counties. The proposal would allow only harvest of bucks with spike antlers of at least four inches long, or antlers with eight or more points.

Public comment on the above-mentioned issues and others may also be made by contacting TPWD at 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas, 78744, or by calling 1-800-792-1112.

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EMPLOYMENT

YARD SALE - 306 E. 4th Street. Furniture and exercise equipment. 9:00 til noon. Saturday, March 21st.

EMPLOYMENT

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT-The Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board is seeking applicants for the positions of Program Planner II and Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director. The Planner position will be responsible for the development of the necessary program plans and/or funding requests as may be made available to the Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board. Position will be directly responsible for generating the JTPA program plans for the region working directly with the Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board in conjunction with the Chief Elected Official Board of the region. The Administrative Assistant will work in direct support of the Executive Director of the Workforce Board. Administrative Assistant will be responsible for the initiation and coordination of all Workforce Board meetings including committee meetings. In and out of region travel will be required of both positions. Preferred qualifications include: Program Planner II position requires a minimum of a college degree and 2-4 years experience in employment and training or other workforce programs. Administrative Assistant position requires a minimum of an associates degree and three years secretarial experience or four years direct employment and training or workforce program experience and three years secretarial. Salaries for these two positions will vary and will be negotiable based upon qualifications. Interested parties should submit a letter of intent and resume to: Ricky McNeil, Executive Director, Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board, 529 Ham Lane, Uvalde, Texas 78801. Deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 30, 1998. The Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon requests to individuals with disabilities. Information may be obtained, including a detailed job description by calling (830) 591-3757.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT-The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is taking applications for the Position of Director of Aging Services. Job duties and requirements for the position include the following: responsible for the delivery of services of the Area Agency on Aging Program, monitors the activities of (9) subcontractors, prepares and coordinates the execution of contracts and agreements for social services, ensure targeting of the Area Aging program plan by writing and/or revising the Area Plan and budget as required by the Texas Department on Aging, provides technical assistance to area subcontractors, and develops program and financial reports for TDOA and the MRGDC. Preferred qualifications include the following: Bachelor degree from an accredited college or university, computer experience in Lotus 123 and Wordperfect, and three (3) years work experience in management of federal human services programs. Entry salary level for this position is \$26,671, negotiable based on experience. Persons interested in applying for this position should send a resume or file an application to the attention of: Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Director of Administration, Middle Rio Grande Development Council, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834. Applications and/or resumes will be accepted for this position until 5:00 p.m. Monday, March 23, 1998. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. For information please contact our VOICE or TDD telephone (830) 876-3533.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

A WORKSHOP ON property tax appraisal for wildlife management, also called the 1-d-1-w, will be presented in Uvalde, Texas at the Holiday Inn on April 3rd. The workshop is sponsored by the Southwest Chapter of T.A.A.D., will cover the basics of the new tax treatment for open spaces land and will offer guidance for designing a qualifying management plan. Admission is \$35 for pre-registration and \$40 at the door. Space is limited, so pre-registration is advised. Call 830-563-2323 at Kinney County Appraisal District for registration. Joyce Fuentes, Chief Appraiser.

THE CITY OF Brackettville will hold a public hearing at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 26th, 1998 at the City Hall Annex Highway 90 west, in regard to closing one Block of Fulton Street, from Ann Street to Ellen, West to East. Closure of this block of Fulton was requested by Brackett Independent School District. This public hearing is being held to receive input from all citizens utilizing this street.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP): The Middle Rio Grande Workforce Development Board is seeking proposals for the staffing and management of its workforce centers, under a cost reimbursement contract, incorporating, at a minimum, JTPA, JOBS, Food Stamps Employment and Training, Employment Services, and Child Care Management Services. Archetype, Incorporated has been selected as an independent consulting firm to manage the procurement process for the Board. Copies of the RFP may be obtained by faxing a request to Don Shepard, President of Archetype, Incorporated, at (512) 343-7392. Proposals will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. on April 24, 1998 at the offices of Mark Schifffgens, CPA at 940 E. 51st Street, in Austin, Texas, 78751. A bidders conference will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 1998 at 1:00 P.M. at the Holiday Inn, Rose Room located at 920 E. Main Street in Uvalde, Texas, to release the RFP and answer any questions regarding the bidding process. This bidder's conference is not mandatory and interested parties that are unable to travel to the conference may pose questions via fax at the number provided above until one week before the proposals are due. Answers to questions submitted by individual agencies will be shared, via fax, to all prospective bidders, usually within one week of receipt by Archetype, Inc. MRGWDB reserves the right to accept or reject any proposals.

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Thank You Dear Jesus
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