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Cakewalk raises funds for Edward Solis family



By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

Edward Solis is a 4th Grade student at Brackett Elementary School, and he is very ill. On February 14th the 9 year old boy was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor, and had surgery on February 15th at Children's Methodist Hospital in San Antonio. Though he is recovering from surgery, Edward faces many months, perhaps years, of radiation therapy.

The 4th grade teachers and aides at Brackett Elementary held a Cakewalk at the school on Monday to help defray medical and other expenses incurred by the Solis family. The teachers wanted to do this for Edward and said "We all keep him in our prayers." The event raised \$766.

The teachers are helping their

students deal with Edward's illness, and said the youngsters are all thinking about him and praying for him.

Sarah Terrazas, Librarian at Kinney County Library in Brackettville and Edward's aunt, says that Edward is in good spirits and a complete MRI found no further growths. Edward misses his friends at school and would really appreciate cards or letters. Sarah will be happy to carry correspondence left with her at the library to Edward at San Antonio. His parents, Eddie and Elizabeth Solis of Spofford, are staying in San Antonio to be near Edward.

The Solis family and Sarah would like to thank all those who have helped with prayers and donations, especially the staffs of BISD, REA, Fort Clark Springs, where Eddie Solis is employed, and Bank and Trust

BISD renews Principal, teacher contracts

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

BISD Board Monday renewed the contracts of Principals John Paul Schuster, Stoney Burks, and Paula Renken. All teacher contracts were also renewed with the exception of Kelley Meyer, who has resigned effective at the end of the school year.

Thirteen probationary teacher contracts were renewed, with three teachers becoming Term. Julia Bruce, Jenifer Harris and Greg Voyles have completed the probationary period after signing for three consecutive years.

Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said that the coaches are now on teacher-coach contracts.

The school district is preparing to change its fiscal year from an August 31 year end to a June

30 date.

Bill Haenn, Kinney County Appraiser, told the board that his office is preparing a protest to the state value assigned to Brackett ISD by the Comptroller of Public Accounts - Property Tax Division.

Stephenson wrote a letter to the Realignment Committee of the UIL but told the board the UIL did not reconsider Brackettville placement in the Class AA Division. He added that it wouldn't do any good to change to another AA District. A possibility is to look into playing at a neutral site for Tuesday night games, which would save travel time but preclude home games.

Roofing will be postponed until after school is out if possible. Stephenson said he was concerned about having the tar odor outside the classrooms along with the possibility of debris falling off the roofs.

Fort Clark Springs celebrates Sesquicentennial

Fort Clark Springs Festival celebrates 150 years since the founding of the fort, opening at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 8. The Happy Travelers Band plays at the Old Guardhouse Museum for a street dance or The Post Theatre in inclement weather.

Reveille and flag raising opens the Saturday events. A black powder demonstration will be given hourly with the firing of a cannon. Throughout the day enjoy dancing/listening music of four bands on the Museum porch and cannon firing hourly with black powder demo. Tour The Wainwright Home and Palisado Building of the 1800's. Judge Roy Bean and his cronies will be looking for

lawbreakers and pass sentence on the spot.

At 7:30 p.m. two short comedies, "Marriage, Western Style" and "The Mouse and the Raven" will be performed at the Post Theater. Tickets are \$4.00 at the box office.

The historic Commissary building will hold crafters with handmade wares, the Red Garter Saloon and Stage will serve old fashioned refreshments, while local musicians play. Food and beverage can be purchased at the booths on the street outside.

Information: Carol Miller 830-563-2137 or jdmiller@the-i.net.

KCGWCD Board elects Vice-President Approves Budget, District Mission Statement, Bylaws

By Flo Dean
Staff Writer

After weeks of discussion and study, the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board Tuesday passed resolutions to adopt a Budget, a District Mission Statement and Guiding Principles.

A resolution to adopt By-Laws was also passed, pending legal review. Darlene Shahan will contact attorneys for fees and availability regarding the requested review.

The board will contract with Kinney County Appraisal District to collect ad valorem taxes for the district.

Don Hood was asked to look into grants and low cost loans to fund district operations until tax funds are available later this year.

A workshop to complete District Rules is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th, 1:15 pm at the Kinney County Courthouse, District Court Room.

Marching and Drill team performs for Rotary

Brackettville Rotary Club
By Frances McMaster

Thursday, February 28 found the Brackettville Rotary Club watching the Brackettville Police Department March and Drill Team march crisply around the meeting room responding to the commands of Chief of Police Arnulfo R. Alonzo Jr., head of the group. Kinney County Constable Cordelia Mendeke assists Chief Alonzo and was also present at the meeting; he credited her with being very helpful with the team. The group has been organized for about a year and is just getting started good and is still seeking to add members.

Chief Alonzo entered law enforcement after several years in the Service and became Chief Deputy in Uvalde. It was there that he became concerned with helping young people. When he noticed how few qualified people were available to give a proper military burial, he organized and trained a Color Guard made up of young people to present the colors at veteran's funerals.

The group served a valuable role and performed so impressively that the members were fully outfitted in uniforms and were even able to give a 21-gun



The City of Brackettville Police Department Marching Drill Team, front row from left Yasmine Pena, Kaylynn Perez, Eduardo Pena, Justin Perez, (back row) Kinney County Constable Cordelia Mendeke, Carlos Esobeir, Luis Escobar, Michael Stephenson and Chief of Police Arnulfo R. Alonzo.

salute.

Chief Alonzo explained that young people need something uplifting in which to be involved—something that can help them feel good about themselves and give them a sense of pride, purpose, and accomplishment. The Color Guard answered these needs and also provided a service to Uvalde. When he came to Brackettville, he thought, "Why not organize something similar here?"

He remarked that some families are able to supply many opportunities for their youngsters to take part in social activities and in community affairs. These children have the clothes they want or need, have toys, sports equipment, entertainment available, and transportation to enable them to take part in activities outside the school; they may even have opportunities to travel. There are many other

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Alamo Village Acquires "Alamo" Costume

By Richard L Curilla
Contributing Writer

A Mexican soldier uniform used in John Wayne's "The Alamo" and other Alamo movies has been lent to Alamo Village for display in the John Wayne Museum.

Sean McCormick, a special effects man at Alamo Village for the filming of "Westown" starring Nicholas J. Sturghill and Randy Travis, bought the costume through e-bay to wear in his Albuquerque, New Mexico, Punch 'n' Judy Show.

"It didn't fit," explained McCormick. When he realized he would be working at the Wayne move location, he decided to offer it to the museum.

"How wonderful," responded Virginia Shahan,

owner of Alamo Village, when it was brought to her attention. "We would love to put it on display," she added.

The costume, labeled "Sol Frank Uniforms, Inc., San Antonio, Texas," also has a "Republic Pictures" logo on the lining of the wool jacket as well as "Western Costume Co, Hollywood, California" on the pants.

Western costumes, a landmark movie industry supplier, provided and created wardrobe for "The Alamo," filmed in 1959. Many of these costumes particularly the Mexican soldier uniforms were used in other Alamo movies dating back to "Martyrs of the Alamo," supervised by legendary filmmaker DW Griffith in 1915.

The "Republic Pictures" logo in the red and blue coat is evi-

dence that this particular uniform was "built" for "The Last Command," a 1955 movie about the battle produced by Republic Pictures and filmed on location at Brackettville.

Further support for the John Wayne "Alamo" connection arises from the pants' drawing. Wayne's Batjac Productions had special pants created with draw-strings so one size would fit all 3,300 extras, thus eliminating much time in daily costume distribution.

Historians today tell us these colorful "Hollywood" costumes are inaccurate, but every baby-boomer Davy Crockett fan of the 50's holds them dear as part of childhood memory.

Virginia Shahan says the costume will be placed on display shortly at Alamo Village.

Briefs ... City voting

The first day the city of Brackettville can accept applications to vote early by mail is March 5, 2002. The deadline for the early voting clerk to receive applications for ballots by mail is April 26, 2002.

Mail all applications for early voting to: David G. Luna, Early Voting Clerk, P. O. Box 526, Brackettville, Texas, 78832

Ex-Tigerettes

On Friday March 8th the 2002 Varsity Tigerettes invite all Ex-Tigerette Softball players to come on out an play an Exes Game. The game will be played at 6 PM, using real umpires, and all the rules of the game. So dust off your old bats and gloves, and come on out and play the Tigerettes in what should be an exciting time. Even if you would rather not play, you are still invited to come and watch. Ben-Gay and ice will be provided to all the 'OLD' Players if needed. See you at the ball park.

General Election

BISD Board of Trustees will hold a general election for two trustee positions May 4th. The two trustees will be elected to three-year terms. Incumbent Henry Lutz has filed for reelection. Stacey Ashbranner has also filed. The deadline for filing is March 20th at 5:00 p.m. Early voting will be each week-day, at the Central Office, 400 Ann Street, from 8 to 4, April 17 through April 30.

Applications for ballots by mail should be mailed to Susan Esparza, BISD Early Voting Clerk, P.O. Box 586, Brackettville, Texas, 78832. All applications must be received by April 26 at the close of the business day.

Early Voting

As of Wednesday afternoon, 332 citizens had early voted in the Democratic Primary. 25 had voted in the Republican Primary.

In addition, 94 Democrats had voted by mail and 1 Republican.

Election day voting will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the following locations: Precinct 1 the EMS Building on Ellen St., Precinct 2 votes at the High School Auditorium on Ann St., Precinct 3 at the Brackett Senior Apts. Recreation Room on Spring St. and Precinct 4 at the Kinney County Library Fritter Room on Spring Street.

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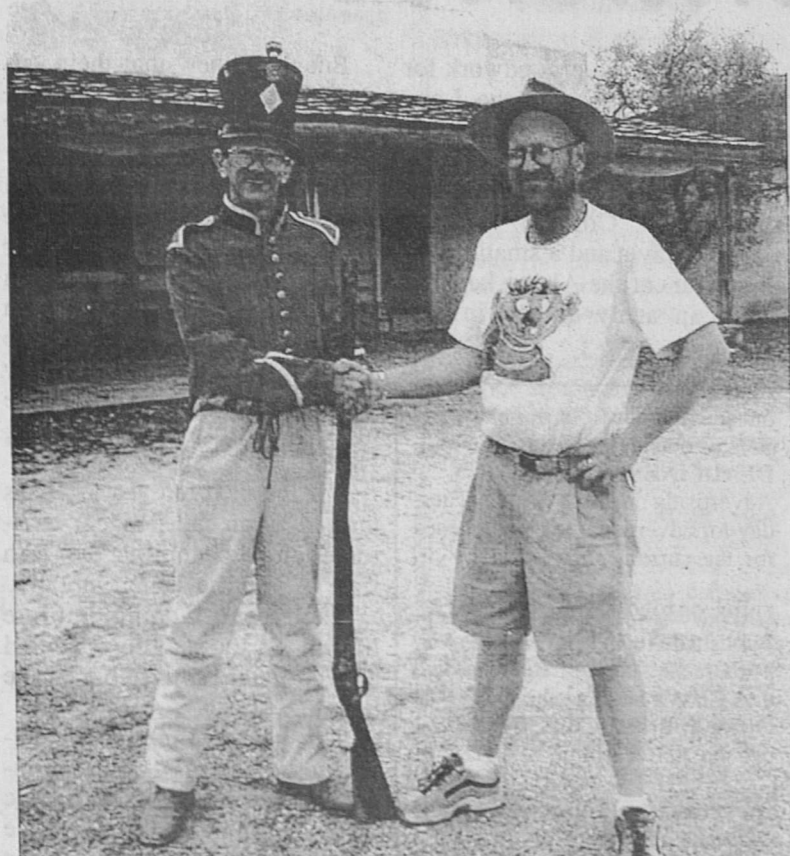
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■ **Making a difference**
Brackett ISD is proud of its staff and students. We are recognized as a school district that makes a difference in children's lives.
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Rich Curilla, Alamo Village Historian, sports a red and white Mexican soldier costume lent to the John Wayne Museum by New Mexico special effects man Sean McCormick (right).

Letter to the Editor....
Nowlin's reassignment

I would like to commend the Brackett School Board for their difficult decision in the reassignment of Greg Nowlin. Brackett ISD's program has been long known for their excellence in women's basketball. The girls who have dedicated themselves to this sport, both past and present, gave 110% in practice and competition, and this is to be applauded. However, do you know how devastating it is to pour everything you have on to a basketball court and always know you'll never be the best? Your potential, as an athlete, will never be realized, and your dreams will never become attainable.

This is the kind of women's program we have at Brackett ISD. We have demonstrated that we have had tremendously talented young women come out of Brackett; however, we have never had a coach to guide and direct them. Therefore, our past successes in women's basketball are due to the success and dedication of young ladies who loved the game and loved to compete.

I moved to Brackettville in 1994, my sophomore year in

high school. As a result of this I previously had the opportunity to work under numerous coaches giving me a wide range of fundamental skills. Moving to Texas I had hoped to further my skills and further my basketball career, however I was given a rude awakening. I can say with all honesty and no malice, I, in three years of working under Mr. Nowlin, never acquired a new skill. He never helped me with my shot, never assisted me with post moves, and most importantly he never encouraged me to do better.

There is much speculation and debate that an effect of Mr. Nowlin's reassignment would be that he may be forced to seek other employment. My response is that coaching these young women, our sisters, our daughters, is a privilege, not a right. It has been Mr. Nowlin's privilege for nearly 14 years. Unfortunately, his privilege has cost our girls dearly. It has cost us championships and titles, colligate opportunities, and for some of us it has cost us our dreams.

Sincerely,
Amanda Meek

Most supportive coach

I am a 1991 Brackett High School graduate. I could not express my disbelief when I read that my Coach Nowlin had been "re-assigned".

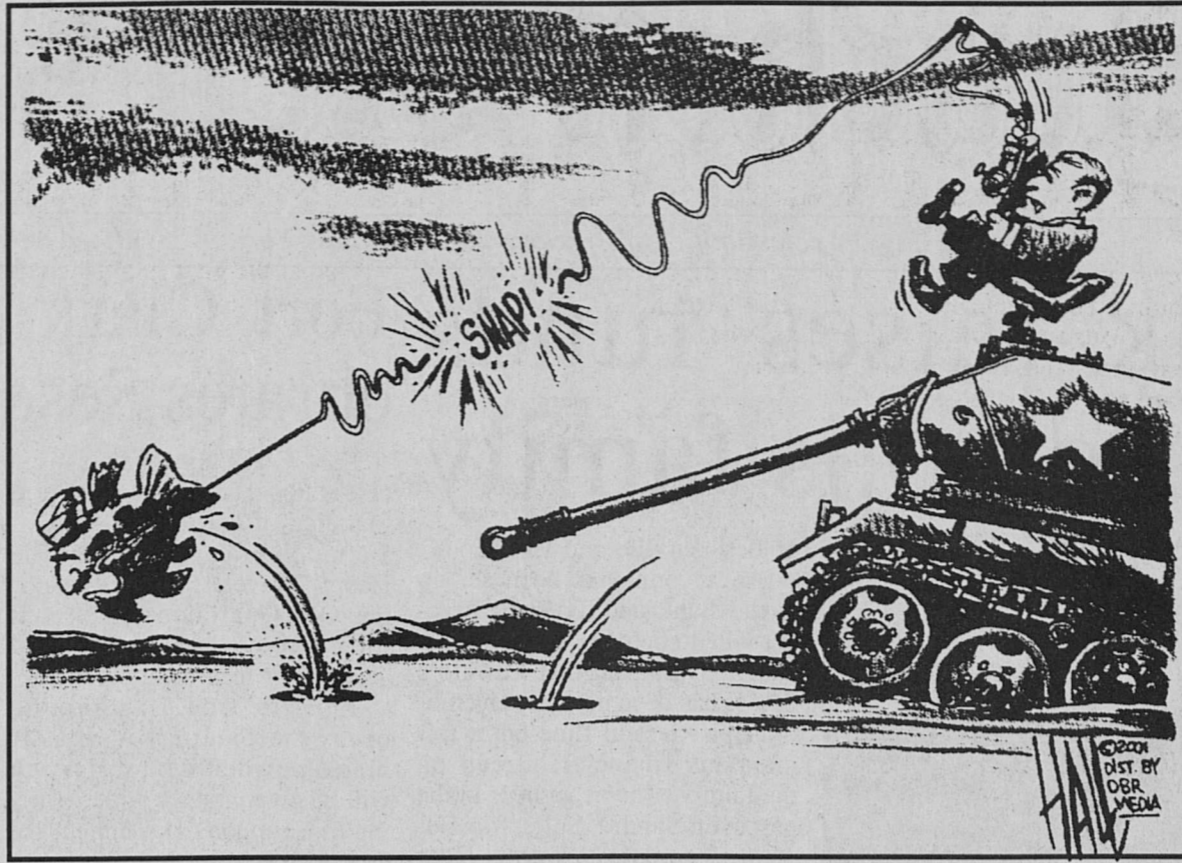
You know, I was always told by my parents, that the fondest years of every persons childhood are the one's they spent in school. I mean to tell you, they couldn't have been any more truthful about that. About the only thing they left out was the fact that those memories would be trailed by thoughts of those educator's that were the fairest and most influential to us. Coach Nowlin is one of them.

I remember Coach Nowlin to be the fairest and most supportive person at BHS. He was not only teacher and coach but played the role of cheerleader, counselor, confidante and most of all - a friend. He's been there for all of us no matter what our name was or the color of our skin. Even if Coach Nowlin wasn't on the sidelines, you'd always find him near, cheering

us on, whether it was basketball, football, volleyball, baseball, track or tennis. Coach Nowlin has no prejudice in him. Even if our parents thought we were the best in the world, Coach Nowlin knew our capacities and capabilities and played us equally. He didn't care whose parents were watching. He based his decisions on skill and merit.

I hope you school board members rethink the action. Most of all, I hope each of you realize what we are losing! My main reason for writing this letter was to attempt to influence you to reinstate Gregg Nowlin. I know that all of you Brackettville natives will make the right decision. Don't allow our school, students (past or present) or our community to suffer or miss out on the opportunities that this wonderful person has already given to so many of us.

Respectfully yours,
Regina Pena



Daniel Pearl

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

Daniel Pearl was an American; that was his nationality and citizenship. But his religion and his heritage were Jewish. Both of those facts combined were why he was killed. He was kidnapped in Pakistan by a bunch of sick, religiously perverted, heartless, soulless animals. His abductors never intended to release him. He was a dead man from the second they succeeded in kidnapping him. They simply took him to bring more terror and revulsion on the American and Jewish parts of the world. In Pearl they managed to take out their evil anger on both in the person of one individual. It must have seemed to them a miracle that such a perfect infidel target was offered to them by Allah.

These creatures of evil who masquerade as poor, downtrodden, religiously pure, and morally superior are not to be admired, they are to be reviled - and, maybe, pitied.

They are not godly people, they are pure sons-of-Satan whose only purpose in life is to spread violence, terror, and death.

The one true God is a God of love. These animals follow a god of terror and anger. God does indeed have moments of anger, but it is righteous anger, aimed at the transgressions of evil men who disregard his commands and pervert the teachings of the Bible.

God does indeed kill. He kills to cleanse the world of evil so that good might flourish. Terrorism is the tool of the devil. Anyone who uses terrorism to further his religious cause is not of God, but of Satan.

The Muslim world is not following God. Allah is not the God of the Bible. Allah is not the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Mohammed was not a prophet. Ishmael son of Hagar was not the son that Abraham was going to sacrifice to God, Isaac was; Jesus was not just a prophet, he was the Messiah; and Jesus, not a look-alike supplied by Allah, was crucified on Calvary, buried in a rock tomb, and resurrected on the third day. And forever is a very, very long time!

In the Bible, Matthew 28: 18, 19 & 20 says, "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'" NIV

To better define what Jesus believed and taught, let's go to Matthew 5:43, thru 47, in which he says, "You have heard that it was said, 'love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in Heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?" NIV

Do not let anyone tell you

that Christians, Jews, and Muslims all worship the same god. That is a lie.

Do not let anyone tell you that Islam is a religion of love. That too is a lie.

Do not let anyone tell you that the Q'uran (Koran) is simply selected parts of the Old Testament. It most certainly is not.

Over 600 years after Jesus, Muhammad perverted the Jewish faith to fit his own twisted ideas, and then he forced that perversion on the Arab world by force of arms.

He was not a savior, he was a murderer. The relationship of the Muslim world to that of the Jewish is the same relationship as that of Cain to Abel. Both Isaac and Ishmael were sons of Abraham.

Christians do not judge others. That is not our job. Again in Matthew Jesus says, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." NIV

However, it is our duty to judge the fruit produced by those who claim to be children of God. The fruit of the Muslim world is war, death, terror, slavery, ignorance, poverty, famine, and anger.

If they have no common enemy to fight, they fight each other. Does that sound to you like a religion of love as ordered by Jesus? Why then, you ask, are there so many Muslims? Well....

Matthew 7:13 & 14 - "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." NIV

The Glory Of Texas

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

Last Saturday marked a special occasion for our great state. It was the anniversary of our great state's independence from Mexico. On March 2, 1836 a convention of 54 men met in the small settlement of Washington-on-the-Brazos to sign the Texas Declaration of Independence.

The Texas Declaration of Independence was produced, literally, overnight. Its urgency was paramount. While the founding fathers of Texas prepared the document, the Alamo in San Antonio was under siege by Santa Anna's army of Mexico. In near-freezing weather, in an unfinished building, the convention voted in the early morning hours of March 2nd to unanimously accept the resolution. Fifty-eight members signed the document. And thus was born the Republic of Texas.

The declaration sent a sign to Mexico that Texans would no longer live under what many of them regarded as a tyrannical rule from a distant source. It was testimony that Texans were ready and willing to fight for their freedom. And fight they did. Four days after signing the document, William Barret Travis and 184 brave men concluded their gruesome battle against more than five thousand Mexican troops. The odds were against the Texas volunteers, but they were determined to stay the course and fight until the end. When the battle was over, only 15 people - mostly women and children - were spared.

Familiar names like Davey Crockett, James Bowie and Juan Badillo lost their lives that fateful day. These brave souls did not give their lives in vain. The casualties that the Texas forces mounted against Mexico, and the time lost in reducing the Alamo cut short Mexico's campaign. It gave Sam Houston just enough time to perfect his plans for the defense of Texas and enabled him to win the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836. This victory spelled a final freedom for Texas.

In the saga of Texas history, there is no period as distinctive as Texas' struggle for independence. The period's heroes are remembered in the names of cities and towns, streets, plazas and public buildings. The Lone Star flag, inherited from the original Texas Republic, still flies proudly throughout our state.

I'd like to leave you with a quote by Sam Houston just before the Battle of San Jacinto.

Texas Independence Day is an occasion for all Texans to stand proud and remember the men who stood up for their rights and fought for their freedom. God Bless Texas!

Texas Independence Day

Capitol Comment
By Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

March 2 underscores the unique history of our great state. On this day in 1836, Texas was declared a sovereign republic and gained its independence from Mexico.

As the Alamo was under

seige by Santa Anna and his Mexican army in San Antonio, the Texas Declaration of Independence was drafted and signed in Washington-on-the-Brazos, creating the Republic of Texas.

On that day, a convention of 54 men, including my great-grandfather, Charles S.

Taylor, laid the groundwork for what was to become the Lone Star state.

While the Republic was being formed at Washington-on-the-Brazos, Colonel William Barret Travis and a small group of soldiers at the Alamo kept the Mexican army at bay in San Antonio.

But they knew that their valiant efforts could not hold out for long against the much larger Mexican army.

Colonel Travis perished along with 184 brave men at the battle of the Alamo, but their resolve weakened the Mexican army and bought General Sam Houston the time he needed to fortify his troops and ultimately defeat Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836.

For the next ten years, Texas thrived as an independent territory before becoming the 28th state to join the Union in 1845.

Each year I commemorate March 2, by reading Colonel Travis' letter on the floor of the Senate.

This year as I remind my colleagues of Texas' fight for independence and read his heroic words, I know that the example of those who fought at the Alamo will continue to serve as a symbol of steadfast courage and patriotism for all Americans.

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High School and Junior High Cheerleader tryouts

High school and Junior High girls competed Monday and Tuesday for cheerleaders for the school year 2002-2003.

Next year's freshmen Dana Bonner, Rachel Swinson and Ashley Castillo were chosen, as

were sophomores Clarissa Aguirra and Stephanie Bonner. Emily Petrosky will be a junior next year and seniors Shonte Ward and Davina Luna were selected.

For Junior High, Bailee

Allen, Lola Cano, Julie Castillo, Lisa Morgan, Chaito Sanchez and Bianca Stewart were selected.

One of the girls said the competition was "an awesome experience."



Junior High Cheerleader Competition. Front: Elva Garcia, Bella Talamantes, Amber Castilla, Monica Talamantes, Anolda Watkins and Chaito Sanchez. Middle: Danika Schmidt, Julie Castillo, Ashley Herrera and Lola Cano. Back: Jolisa Wright, Lisa Morgan, Bianca Stewart and Bailee Allen



High School Cheerleader Competition. Front: Caitlin Wylie, Celina Terrazas, Tanya Molinar and Monica Gonzales. Middle: Davina Luna, Clarissa Aguirra, Kaylynn Perez, Emily Petrosky and Shonte Ward. Back: Dana Bonner, Rachel Swinson, Stephanie Bonner, Courtney Frerich, Megan King and Ashley Castillo.

Fort Clark Express to perform at Festival

By Flo Dean Staff Writer

A talented group of Fort Clark residents will perform at Fort Clark Festival this Saturday. Three members, Ann Barron, Garland "Zeke" Barron

and Bea Bohne got together last summer. After returning to Fort Clark, Lois and Chuck Endris, Carroll Wiseman and Nancy Britton joined the group.

Ann Barron has played piano, organ and keyboard since she was 10, but "Zeke" joined

the group with his washtub bass (gumbo pot) last summer. He said he thought after listening to Ann play all those years he ought to get in on the act. Garland and Ann are from Louisiana.

Bea Bohne, originally from Burlington, Colorado plays gui-

tar and accordion. Bea had her own radio show on KDZA in Pueblo, Colorado.

Lois and Chuck Endris hail from Indiana. Chuck, who plays steel guitar and is the group's vocalist, has been performing for ten years. Lois has played the autoharp for four years.

Nancy Britton, also from Colorado, has played guitar for 30 years, and Carroll Wiseman, from Borger, Texas, has played the harmonica since he was ten.

Look for the Fort Clark Express at the Commissary from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm on Saturday.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, February 25
7:00 p.m., Jose Herrera, 32, from Brackettville, was arrested for speeding by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie. Herrera was released for time served.

Tuesday, February 26
8:55 a.m., Deputy Manuel Pena responded to a burglary on FM 1572.

7:41 p.m., A United States Border Patrol reported a loose cow on Hwy 131 and 1908.

Wednesday, February 27
6:38 p.m., DPS Trooper Welch responded to a one vehicle roll-over on Hwy 90 east of town. Trooper Welch reported no injuries.

8:13 p.m., A 911 call was received. A man requested a deputy. Deputy Pena was advised.

9:00 p.m., Constable Cordelia Mendeke responded to a 911 call.

9:00 p.m., A woman reported a possible suicide attempt.

10:00 p.m., Jose Luis Aguirre, 22, from Brackettville, was arrested by Deputy Pena for Public Intoxication. Aguirre was released the next day for time served.

Thursday, February 28
4:20 p.m., Mario Alberto Moreno, 17, from Del Rio, was arrested by Sheriff Buddy Burgess. Moreno will be released after 15 days.

4:30 p.m., Jose Garcia Narquez, 17, from Del Rio, was arrested by Sheriff Burgess. Narquez will be released after 15 days.

6:36 p.m., Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter responded to a possible fight on Rose Alley.

7:00 p.m., A border patrol reported a black calf on FM 693.

9:00 p.m., Robert Espinoza Zamora, 28, from Del Rio, was arrested by Deputy Pena for resisting arrest, probation violation, DWI and warrants. Zamora was transferred over to the Val Verde Police Department.

Friday, March 1
6:30 p.m., Eduardo Pena, 32, from Brackettville, was arrested for probation violation by Sheriff Burgess. Pena was released on Sunday for time served.

9:30 p.m., Maverick County advised there were loose cows on Hwy 1908.

Saturday, March 2

6:27 a.m., An employee from the Texas Department of Transportation responded to a traffic light that was dangling at the five points.

8:04 a.m., A border patrol reported an abandoned vehicle beside Hwy 90 near the check point.

11:20 a.m., Deputy Karl Chism responded to a threat.

12:20 a.m., Guadalupe Miguel Juarez, 32, from Brackettville, was arrested for probation violation by Sheriff Burgess. Juarez was released on Sunday.

4:25 p.m., An employee from the Union Pacific reported that there had been an accident north west of Spofford with a train and a horse trailer. Deputy

Chism, Constable Mendeke and Trooper Wylie responded to the accident.

6:05 p.m., A man reported a loose cow on Hwy 277 south about one mile from Cow Creek.

Sunday, March 3
7:34 a.m., A woman requested assistance to remove a skunk from her porch. An employee from the city was advised about the situation.

11:35 a.m., Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo responded to a dog bite.

3:00 p.m., A woman requested a deputy to help her retrieve personal property.

9:45 p.m., A cow was reported loose on Hwy 131 and 1908.

FINANCIAL FOCUS "Buy and Hold" Beats Market Timing



Joaquin Davis
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Edward Jones
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"Buy low and sell high" may sound like an exciting way to invest. Just imagine it: You get in on a stock when its price is way down, you stay with it until it peaks, you sell your shares - and you make a big profit. There's just one problem with your picture: It's just not realistic.

Why is that? Because nobody - not even the most astute market experts - can consistently predict when a market has "peaked" or when it has reached its bottom. That's why the "buy low, sell high" investment strategy - also known as "market timing" - is so difficult to practice successfully.

You can find a better way to invest than constantly looking for market peaks and valleys. This alternative method is not glamorous. It's not exciting. It doesn't even have a jazzy name.

This strategy is known as "buy and hold." If you're a buy-and-hold investor, you start out by picking high-quality stocks that meet your individual goals and your need for diversification. Then, you simply leave these stocks alone - sometimes for years. You pay no attention to short-term price fluctua-

tions. You pay no attention to market trends or "fads." You just stick with your stocks.

Of course, "buy and hold" doesn't mean "buy and forget." It's important to periodically review your stock holdings to determine if they still meet your changing investment needs. You'll also need to ascertain whether a stock's fundamentals have changed. Perhaps a new management team is taking the company in a direction you don't like. Or maybe the company belongs to an industry that is beginning to fade. In any case, you'll want to stay up-to-date on the stocks that you own, but you should make a change only if you have a long-term reason for doing so.

Want proof that "buy and hold" is more effective than market timing? According to an in-depth study by 1990 Nobel prize-winning economist William F. Sharpe, a market time would have to be right at least 82 percent of the time to do as well as an investor who simply bought and held stocks. In another study, Kenneth Fisher, author of *The Wall Street Waltz*, estimates that an investor with an initial stake of \$25,000 and the ability to perfectly time the market would earn a place on the Forbes list of "400 Richest Americans" after 21 years. The absence of such stock traders on the Forbes list is one proof that market timing can't be perfected.

Even if you're an active investor, do you really want to spend all that time and effort trying to figure out which way the market is going? By following a buy-and-hold strategy, you don't have to constantly check up on stock prices, and you'll save on expensive commissions from frequent trading. In short, you look for quality, you buy quality, and you stay with quality.

So, the next time you read or hear anything about the "right time" to buy or sell, turn the page or turn down the volume. You'll be making a smart move.

The public is invited to help Laughlin Air Force Base, located near Del Rio, celebrate 60 years of heritage during an open house and air show that will be held Sunday, May 12.

Air Amistad 2002 is free and lets the public see aircraft, equipment and people from the U.S. military firsthand. The show's main attraction is the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, the Air Force's official aerial demonstration team. Many other military and historic aircraft will perform and be on display throughout the day, including Laughlin's own T-37 Tweet, T-38 Talon and T-1 Jayhawk. The newest aircraft being assigned to Laughlin later this year, the T-6 Texan II, also will be on display.

Gates to Laughlin will open to the public at 9 a.m. The flying program will begin approximately 11 a.m., with the Thunderbirds tentatively scheduled to perform around 2:30 p.m. Exhibits, drill teams and other performances will provide entertainment throughout the day. Refreshment booths also will be available.

Full details about Air Amistad 2002 may be obtained online at www.laughlin.af.mil/airshow. This site contains information that may be downloaded, including the official Air Amistad logo and poster, as well as links to other military sites providing a variety of information, photographs and art. The air show Web site will be updated regularly and will include tips to help plan the family's visit to Laughlin.

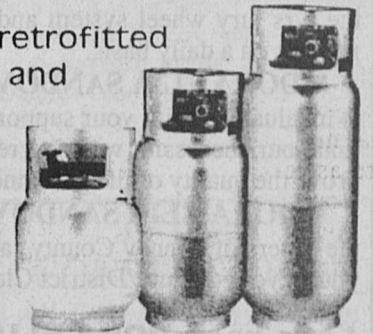
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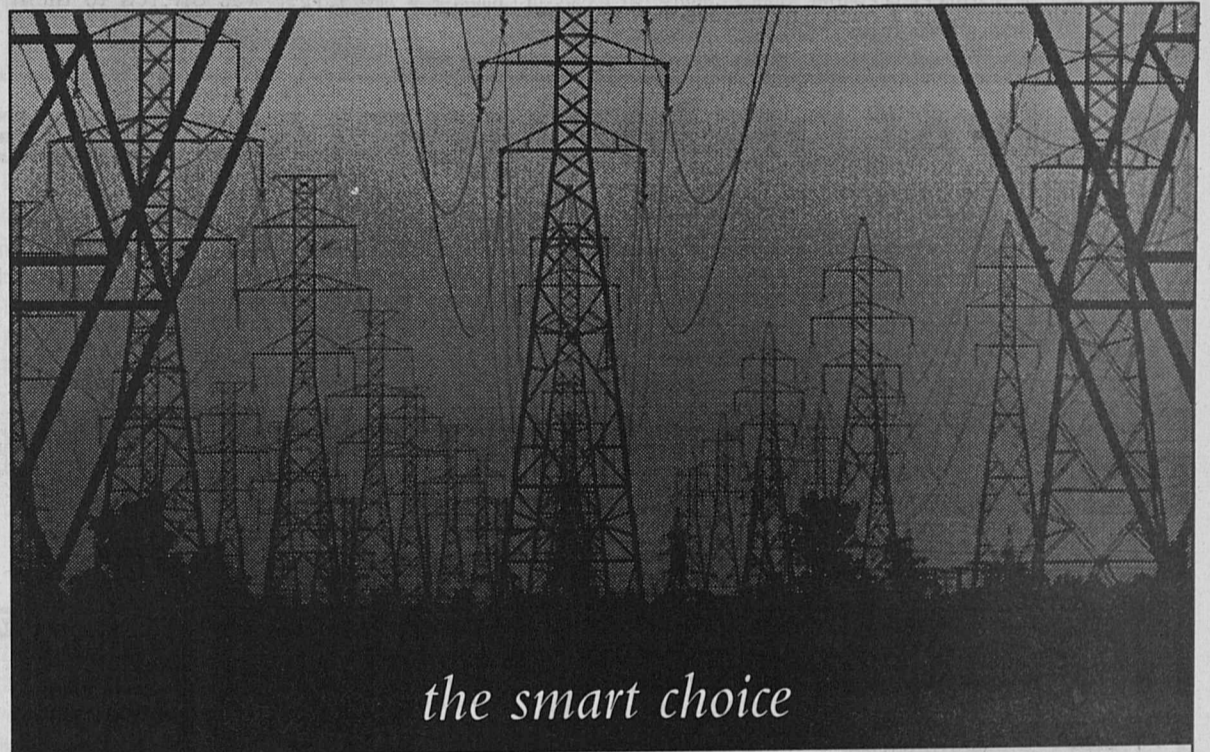
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What's Happening? A tree of life

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

The first couple of weeks of March brings us lots of events. The very first day of this month is "National Pig Day". Are we supposed to eat pork, kiss a pig or what? Read Across America Day is designated for the 2nd. All the way across? That's too much for me to read.

The first two weeks is design-

nated "Crane Watch '02". I'm not sure if that refers to the bird or the machine.

The first full week, 3-9, is "Celebrate Your Name Week". I haven't decided how I'm going to rejoice about Chuck, but I'll think of something. Newspaper in Education Week (3/4-3/8) only lasts Monday through Friday. Newspapers are already smart enough on week-ends. But National Chocolate Chip Cookie Week (3/5-3/11)

takes place in two weeks.

What's up with that? National Procrastination Week (3/6-3/12) does too. Are we for it or against it? Let's put it off for a while and then decide.

Good Samaritan Involvement Day (3/13). Only one day? Come on, even the cranes get two full weeks! March is indeed full of madness. I'll have more next week. And probably the next. But I could be wrong.

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"I don't care what your mom says Debbie. I make the rules here. Your mom has always been wrong about a lot of things. That's why we couldn't get along. When you get back, just tell her to quit interfering."

Debbie turned away from her dad and left the room. Her mind could see the happier times when she thought her mom and dad were happy. Tears welled in her eyes and silently she suffered.

Ted turned to his wife. "Well its true." Joan's look betrayed her thinking. "Don't you believe me?" asked Ted.

"Ted," Joan said. "We need to talk about this."

"But I hate it when Debbie and I have to talk about her mother," Ted retorted. "Why does she keep bringing it up?"

"Because she's never gotten it straightened out in her own mind and she needs you to be understanding and to listen. She needs your ear and your love not your opinions about your ex-wife," Joan answered.

"Can't you be a little more motherly and do the listening?" Ted asked. "It's a painful chapter in my life and I'd just as soon avoid it."

Joan continued. "This is something you can't avoid. Debbie is your daughter and the product of your previous marriage. Whether you like it or not she will be with you for the rest of your life." Taking Ted's hand in hers Joan continued. "I'm working hard at loving Debbie and being her friend. She's not ready for a second mother."

Debbie loves her mother and needs you to respect her. I know that I need to share you with Debbie for the rest of our lives together and its all right. I feel good when I see you being a real dad to your daughter."

A very wise man once said that the fruit of the tree shows the care it has had (Sirach 27:6) and a soothing tongue is a tree of life to your child (Proverbs 15:4).

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Goodies from G.G.

Have you asked "How can I fix this?" About saving some badly soiled or stained item or scratches and scrapes in the home? Join the club if you answered yes. Well, I thought I'd share with you some I've tried and some others found that worked.

1. Scratches on wood (even shoe): buy small jar craft paint (under \$2); using the tip of a very small artists brush, lightly touch damaged area. Usually dries within 45 minutes - 1 hour. Use

toothpaste for white wall.

2. Greasy clothes: Put clothes and detergent in washer. Fill with cold water; add 1 full can coca cola. Wash as usual.

3. To remove piece of egg shell from raw egg use another larger piece of shell. The shell acts as a magnet.

4. To remove burned or baked on food from pan; soak in vinegar several min., depending how extent of food burned. Eliminates most if not all need for scrubbing.

Preceptor Theta Sigma Brackettville resident Holds Pledge Ritual named to Who's Who List

By Lynn McNew
Contributing Writer

Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Doraline Kellar on Monday, March 4, 2002. A short business meeting was called to order by President Arlys Simpson. Beta Reader Louise Pflughoeft read about attendance from the Book of Beta Sigma Phi.

Following the business meeting, an impressive Pledge Ritual was conducted for new pledge Marian Weber, who was presented by Sponsor Arlys Simpson. The Ritual was read by Vice-President Lynn McNew, assisted by Lou Green and Pat McKelvy.

A delicious light supper of finger sandwiches, veggies, potato chips and dip, followed by an absolutely decadent chocolate dessert was served by hostess Doraline Kellar to Katie Brown, Jan Chism, B.J. Eckenrod, Luella Gilliland, Lou Green, Shirley Hadsell, Pat McKelvy, Lynn McNew, Louise Pflughoeft, Arlys Simpson, Bobbie Waddill and new member Marian Weber. The next meeting will be Monday, March 18th with Bobbie Waddill as hostess.

Kerrville - Schreiner University student Lindsey Brotherton has been named to the prestigious Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges annual list. The honor recognizes individual academic excellence on a national level. Once selected, a student is a lifetime member.

Brotherton is the daughter of Brackettville residents Mr. and Mrs. Dusty Brotherton.

She is among 12 Schreiner University students included in the 2002 edition of Who's Who.

A Schreiner University committee comprised of faculty and students select nominees for the Who's Who list.

Candidates are evaluated in scholarship ability, participation and leadership in academic and

extracurricular activities, citizenship and service to their school and potential for future achievements.

Schreiner University is a Presbyterian related, primarily residential liberal arts university in Kerrville, Texas.

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BPD Marching and Drill Team

Continued from Page 1 families, however, where that is not so. Children in single parent families or where a parent has a drinking problem are not so fortunate.

In others, both parents may work and have little time to spend with children, and their money only covers essentials. Children from such families may have little that boosts their self-esteem or teaches them to strive for a better life.

There is little to keep them occupied after school hours and many opportunities arise to get into trouble.

An organization like the March and Drill Team can help them feel better about themselves and teach them that they can achieve and become successful at what they do.

Chief Alonzo wants the Brackettville Team to become a large and strong group. He is hoping that the service organizations in Brackettville and Fort Clark will become involved.

The youngsters are eager to take part and will be working to earn money to buy themselves uniforms. Their goal is to raise \$200.00 per individual. When they marched for Rotary, they were wearing their ordinary clothes and baseball caps with the Police Department insignia. At the end of their demonstration, each youngster reported his or her name and age.

They presented themselves with precision, dignity, and in a manner that would make any drill sergeant beam with pride. In uniform, the group would be even more impressive.

Any individual, or any club, would do well to help such a worthwhile project. You can contact Chief Alonzo or Constable Mendeke.

Mr. Rick Alvarado has served as program chairman for February. He, along with other Rotarians, is involved in planning a barbecue to be given at Shahan Park on March 10. This will raise money for the Scholarship fund and to sponsor a Foreign Exchange Student.

Music is also planned. Tickets for \$4.50 will be available from Rotary members.

Take part in a worthy cause, eat a great meal, and enjoy some good music!

Read the Brackett News to find out what's going on in and around Kinney County

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Spring Break is next week High School Girls Brackett Girls Placed Second Compete In Devine

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

It's Spring Break for Brackett ISD! The week of March 11 begins a long established tradition at BISD of taking a week away from the studies. Most of the students will want extra sleep and will move at a slower pace. The staff will enjoy time with families away from the stress of teaching and supporting the teaching/learning process. It's an exciting time for students, staff and families. Think about safety during this period of time.

The election schedule for Tuesday, March 12, is an important one for our local and state races. There are some fine candidates who have given of themselves to be candidates to represent all of us. Our representative form of government enfranchises these elected officials to make decisions in our behalf. Take the time to vote and support the candidate of your choice.

I'm looking forward to Fort Clark Days this weekend. There are fun activities scheduled that include a concert by our own Tiger Band under the direction of Jason Guidry. Support Fort Clark Springs. You'll be glad that you did.

The warming weather (ha)

should bring more greening of grass and trees. Flowers will begin to sprout and birds will be returning to Texas from their refuge south into Mexico. It's a fun time to watch nature change coats.

Brackett ISD is proud of its staff and students. We are recognized as a school district that makes a difference in children's lives. The school board rehired all teachers last Monday night upon a recommendation from school administration. Teachers are working hard to get students ready for TAAS testing in April.

One of the big flaps during the last legislative session was to provide medical insurance to school employees. It appears that medical insurance for school district employees will be totally paid for by a combination of state and local resources. The new insurance plan looks to be a better plan than our present plan. Enrollment will take place August, and coverage begins September 1.

Our fiscal year at BISD has been changed to end June 30 rather than August 31. The first year, it will be difficult to complete all of the monetary tasks included with the change. The change will align state and federal educational fiscal years from July 1 through June 30. Have a great week!

The High School Girls had a track meet at Dilley on Friday, March 1st.

The team total was 115 which placed Brackett in second. In the 400 Relay; Divina Pena, Courtney Frerich, Tammy Smith and Amanda Davis placed 3rd. Divina Pena, Courtney Frerich, Stacy Castilla and Amanda Davis placed 3rd in the 800 Relay. Divina Pena, Stephanie Coronado, Amanda Davis and Stacy Castilla placed 2nd in the 1600 Relay.

Juliann Ashabranner placed 1st and Nicole Mata placed 3rd in the 3200 Meter. Stephanie Coronado placed 2nd in the 800 meter and in the 400.

Tammy Smith placed 4th in the High Hurdles. Courtney Frerich placed 3rd and Tammy Smith placed 5th in the 300 meter Hurdles. In the 200 meter Stacy Castilla placed 3rd. Juliann Ashabranner placed 1st and Nicole Mata placed 8th in the 1600 meter.

Shannae Simmons placed 4th in the discus. Tammy Smith placed 6th in the triple jump and Courtney Frerich placed 1st in the high jump.

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Contributing Writer

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BISD Honor Roll

The following is Brackett Independent School District's Honor Roll for the fourth six weeks grading period:

High School

All A Honor Roll

Seniors: Michelle Bizzell, Susannah Davis, Levi Duncan, Diamantina Flores, Duquesa Hunt, Matthias Katzfuss, Erica Meyer

Juniors: Kami Berg, Maria Martinez, Laura Negrete, Jose Pineda, Tammy Smith, Threadgill Elizabeth

Sophomores: Elizabeth Ballew, Amanda Davis, Dietrich Davis, Sarah Meyer, Ashley Smith, Star Smith, Elijah Woolsey

Freshmen: Tilliman Davis, Shanae Simmons, Emmanuel Talamantes

A-B Honor Roll

Seniors: Lloyd Davis, Sarah Gammill, Thomas Gomez, Migdalia Gonzalez, Miguel Hernandez, Candice Ingram, Joseph Luna, Britany Moore, Rodolfo Ramirez, Isela Ramon, Juan Rivas, Aracely Trujillo, Amanda Ward

Juniors: Robert Franklin, Jared Hobbs, Megan McWilliams, Coshena Meyer, Douglas Sanchez, Eliot Stone, Jose Vela, Jamie Wylie

Sophomores: Stacey Castilla, Chestin Hatley-Clark, Stephanie Coronado, Hector Febres, Tony Jamail, Allison LaMascus, Emily Petrosky, Arnold Pinales, Nataly Rodriguez, Anthony Rosetti, Ashley Thourot

Freshmen: Clarissa Aguirre,

Juliann Ashabranner, Stephanie Bonner, Jaclynn Duncan, Cody Edwards, Courtney Frerich, Monica Gonzalez, Whitney Hobbs, Megan King, Brandon Kluzek, Robert Looney, Sean Looney, Whitney Massingill, Kristin Meyer, Cody Robinette, Oscar Sierra, Noe Talamantes, Kody Yeager

Middle School

All A Honor Roll

Eighth grade: Dana Bonner, Alanna Conoly, Kimberly Glass, Billy Steelman, Rachel Swinson, Brand Wylie

A-B Honor Roll

Eighth grade: John Braesicke, Ashley Castillo, Jacquelyn Conoly, Jessica Crane, Tanya Molinar, Travis Nowlin, Yasmin Pena, Charles Rose, Tres Rueda, Brandy Smith

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Middle School Track Meet

The 8th grade girls placed 2nd in the Uvalde Junior High track meet that they had on Friday, March 1st. For the 400 meter relay; Timeka Simmons, Dana Bonner, Rachael Swinson and Ashley Castillo all placed 3rd. Timeka Simmons, Dana Bonner, Brandy Smith and Ashley Castillo placed 1st in the 800 meter relay. Timeka Simmons, Rachael Swinson, Brandy Smith and Ashley Castillo all placed 1st in the 1600 meter relay.

Jessi Crane placed 3rd in the 2400 meter, Shaddine Gum placed 5th in the 800 meter, Rachael Swinson placed 1st in the 400 meter, Brandy Smith placed 1st in the 300 meter hurdles and Dana Bonner placed 6th in the 200 meter. Jessi Crane placed 2nd and Kaylynn Perez placed 4th in the 1200 meter. Tye Taylor placed 5th in shot put. Tye Taylor placed 1st and Cassandra

Gomez placed 6th. Ashley Castillo placed 1st and Timeka Simmons placed 6th in TJ.

7th grade girls placed 5th in the Uvalde Junior High Track Meet on Friday, March 1. In the 800 relay Danika Schmidt, Lola Cano, Laura Meyer and Kara Yeager all placed 6th. In the 1600 relay Danika Schmidt, Rachael Lethco, Lisa Morgan and Emily Valenzuela all placed 4th.

Lola Cano placed 4th in the 2400 meter, Kara Yeager placed 8th in the 800 meter, Lisa Morgan placed 6th in the 100 meter, Emily Valenzuela placed 3rd in the 400 meter, Rachael Lethco placed 1st in the 200 meter and Lola Cano placed 4th in the 1200 meter.

For the long jump Rachael Lethco placed 3rd and Emily Valenzuela placed 4th. Rachael Lethco placed 1st and Danika Schmidt placed 5th in the high jump.

A win for the Tigerettes

By Gregg Nowlin
Contributing Writer

The Tigerettes were victorious over Junction Lady Eagles on Friday 1st, 11 to 8. Celina Cano went the distance on the mound, and Valerie Terrazas was the catcher. Playing well for the Tigerettes was Mayra Aguirre, Vanessa Castillo, Stephanie Bonner, and April Martinez. Celina Cano picked up her 4th win of the year. The Tigerettes now stand at 4 wins against 4 losses. They play at

D'hanis on Tuesday, and are at home on Friday for an EXES game at 6 PM. Then on Saturday the Tigerettes host their 9th annual Tigerette Invitational Tournament. Teams entered are Bandera, Carrizo Springs, Eagle Pass, La Pryor, and Junction. The action starts at 8 AM in the morning with the Tigerettes opening up against the La Pryor Bulldogs. Come on out and watch some Ex-Tigerette players go against the Current Team. Then on Saturday come on out and support the girls.

4-H Rifle Club

By Karen Taylor
Contributing Writer

The Kinney County 4-H Rifle Club attended the Val Verde County Invitational Rifle meet on March 3, 2002. Among the counties competing were Val Verde, Kinney, Sutton and Crane Counties.

Kinney County had three age groups competing. Pre-juniors were Ramon Gutierrez, Ayland Letsinger, Chris Blake, Emily Calk and Michael Flores. Juniors

were Daphne Hunt, Justin Calk, Josh Kluzek, Anolda Watkins. Seniors were Allison LaMascus, Wacy Taylor, Patrick Rose, Eli Woolsey, Beau Watkins, Cody Robinette, Duquesa Hunt, Tammy Smith and Brandon Kluzek.

Over all Wacy Taylor had a second place finish, Anolda Watkins finished 3rd in her age division and Beau Watkins finished 7th for the seniors. All of these shooters did an outstanding job and are an asset to the team.

Running The Race

By Josh O'Neill
Contributing Writer

As I line up with other racers, I take into consideration my training over the past weeks. My fellow competitors and I take position at the starting line. My whole body tense, I wait for the gun to

sound. The crowd silences, everybody waits. The gun barks, and I launch into the race. The wind whipping at my face, I pull into the lead. My friends and family screaming my name, I gain inches from my adversary. We cross the finish line. Joy sweeps over my body. I have triumphed.

Society For Range Management High School Youth Forum

Beau Watkins, a local student, has been selected by the Texas Section of the Society for Range Management (SRM) to participate in the High School Youth Forum (HSYF), an SRM sponsored youth activity held jointly during the SRM's annual meeting. This year's meeting is held in Kansas City, Missouri on February 13-19th, 2002. The SRM is an international organization that strives to promote public awareness of the importance of sound management and use of rangeland, the world's largest land base. In 1966 the SRM recognized a need to involve youth with the range-related activities and education provided at this annual meeting. Since that time, the HSYF has been a highlight of the SRM annual meetings. The program is conducted by volunteers of the SRM Student Activities Committee.

HSYF are: 1) provide insight for these students concerning the function and working of the Society; 2) provide opportunities to meet Society members; 3) provide a format that encourages thinking and enhancement of communicative skills; 4) provide an opportunity to learn about range management and future careers through interaction with Society professionals; 5) provide an opportunity to learn about the ecology and natural resources of the Annual Meeting site; and 6) provide an atmosphere that fosters camaraderie and lasting friendships.

As one of the more important activities, each delegate to the Forum competes in a paper presentation competition with the content covering a range-related topic. All presentations will be judged by a diverse panel of

judges, with the top five papers being recognized at the SRM awards ceremony. The top paper winner is invited to return to next year's meeting to help with Forum and present their paper to the general membership of the Society. In addition, other activities will include a local ecological field tour of the meeting site and a program to enhance communication skills.

Since the number of delegates that can attend each year is limited, selection for this activity is considered a high honor for those students selected. Because of this perspective, the planners of this year's Forum are excited about the program and activities that have been scheduled and hope to provide both an exciting and rewarding educational experience for all who attend.

Keep Up The Good Work!

I just wanted to write a few lines to let Dora Sandoval know that I am 100% behind her in the upcoming election. I have known her all of my life, she has taught me courage, strength, and most of all given me a role model to always look up to. I know there is nothing she cannot do once she has put her mind to it. That is why my brother and I are so successful...strong parenting. As a daughter I could not be prouder of her and all of her accomplishments. It is safe to say that she knows her job better than anyone I know, and has served the community of Brackettville proudly for many years. Mom keep up the great work. I along with many others are behind you. I have no doubt you will continue to serve the citizens of Brackett to the best of your ability.

Love,
Your daughter Myrna

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Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

Thursday, March 7
Immunization Clinic, 5 & 6th Gr. Science Room, JV/V Basebl Dilley Tourn. (A) TBA, Texas Public Schools Week!

Friday, March 8
6:00 PM G Softbl V Tigerette Exes (H), JH Track, Boys @ Carrizo Springs, Girls @ Crystal City, JV/V Basebl Dilley Tourn. (A) TBA, Texas Public Schools Week!

Saturday, March 9
G Softbl V Tigerette Tourn. (H) TBA, HS Track, Crystal City, JV/V Basebl Dilley Tourn. (A) TBA

Monday, March 11
1:00 PM G Softbl V Dist Dilley (H), 5:30 PM JV Basebl Crystal City (A), Spring Break/School Holiday

Tuesday, March 12
4:30 PM G Softbl V D'Hanis (H)

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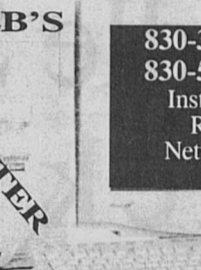
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4 Endings for believers	40 Firm holds	2 Doodads	35 News source
8 Bring joy to	41 Soccer great	3 City in Idaho	37 Shop window sign
13 Second letter, in Sparta	42 Like the Gobi	4 Peres' land	40 Excessive desire for more
14 Black-thorn fruit	43 Appraise	5 Piece of wood	44 Years and years and years
15 Uncooperative one	44 City in the Ruhr Valley	6 Permanent name	46 Male waterfowl
16 Fundamental: abbr.	45 Live	7 Saint Elizabeth	48 Raised platforms
17 Carry on	47 Within: pref.	8 Pencil box item	50 Hurt
18 Concede	49 Blisters	9 Hip-foot connection	52 Lucy's neighbor
19 Allurements	51 Blood condition	10 Scouring pads	53 Former Attorney General
22 Jeep maker, familiarly	56 Hawaiian food	11 Swarm	54 Incensed
23 Word with seed or Street	58 Runs	12 Power source: abbr.	55 In the matter of
24 Has to have	61 Take ___ at; examine	13 Track transactions	56 Family tree member
26 European peaks	63 Without any changes	20 Civil Service employee	57 Supportive cries
29 Show up	64 Summer problem	21 Approaches	59 "Comprendo!"
32 Strict	65 Briton's change	25 Eye medications	60 Playing card
36 Love, south of the border	66 Name for a French baby	27 S.A. nation	62 Period before Saints' Day: abbr.
38 1st-century	67 This: Sp. Deputies: abbr.	28 Hit hard	
	69 Golf shop purchases	30 Low	
	70 Iacocca	31 Garden residence	
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		33 ___ down;	

ROARING TWENTIES

In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions— forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

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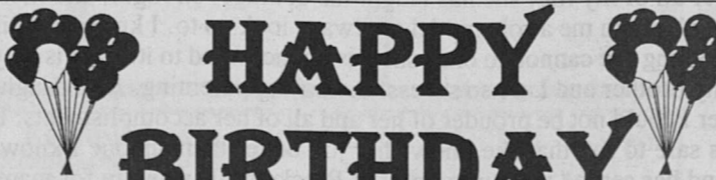
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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

1. What was the name of Kitty's saloon on "Gunsmoke"?
2. What U.S. battleship remained in commission after being sunk?
3. What U.S. state does the Continental Divide leave to enter Canada?
4. Who founded the United Farm Workers?
5. What is the psychiatric term for self-love?
6. What is the official language of India?
7. Where can you find the Venus de Milo?
8. What happens when the sun activates your melanocytes?
9. What was the name of the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier?
10. What chessman makes an L-shaped move?

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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
 Your energy level increases as the week goes on. This enables you to finally get to work on something you've had on the back burner. This weekend, good news comes from afar.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
 A minor distraction at home leaves you with diminished powers of concentration. Try to rein this in. You don't want to make a careless mistake on the job.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 While you feel a bit rushed this week, time is really on your side. Tackle projects one at a time for best results. By week's end, you'll be amazed at what you accomplish.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 Try not to let that loquacious co-worker get to you. This person isn't really tuned in to whether you're listening anyway. Over the weekend, a romantic surprise awaits you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
 You're being too hard on a family member. This person didn't mean to offend. A heart-to-heart clearing of the air is in order.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
 Your prim and proper approach is not what's needed at this time on the job. Try to loosen up. Co-workers rally to you when you're more flexible.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
 You have a tendency to procrastinate this week. This doesn't go over well with big-wigs. In fact, you'll be burning some midnight oil in order to catch up.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
 Your focus is on doom and gloom this week. This pessimistic attitude puts those around you off. It would be better to try to count your blessings.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
 This is a week when it seems everything hums along quite harmoniously. This applies to your domestic life as well as work. This weekend, feel free to kick up your heels.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
 A methodical approach to that work problem has you solving it in no time. Your analytical powers come to your aid. Over the weekend, take some time to tend to correspondence.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
 A career opportunity is possible this week. However, you must be wise enough to discern it. If not, a co-worker could beat you to the punch.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
 You're happy this week with a simple routine. However, don't let a minor bump in the road throw you completely off. By week's end, all falls back into place.

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Roaring Twenties Solution:

- Bear
- Boar
- Bull
- Deer
- Fawn
- Foal
- Frog
- Frog
- Goat
- Hare
- Ibex
- Lamb
- Lion
- Lynx
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- Mink
- Mole
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- Seal
- Toad
- Wolf

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 1. The Longbranch; 2. The Arizona; 3. Montana; 4. Cesar Chavez; 5. Enterpriser; 6. Hindi; 7. The Louvre in Paris; 8. You get freckles; 9. The Narcissism; 10. The knight

The burden of pain *Let freedom ring*

First United Methodist Church
By Rev. Ken F. Sellers, Jr.

Pain! My left knee hurts like crazy. I suppose it is my arthritis reacting to the cold snap. If I had been in a war, I guess I could claim an old war injury is acting up. Seems, though, the only war I have been in is the everyday war of living life. A couple of Tylenol and I will be all right for several hours.

Life does bring pain. It brings the pain of illness and physical disabilities. It brings the pain of loss. It brings the pain of disappointment. It brings the pain of embarrassment and shame. For some their whole life is lived in pain. For others their lives are relatively pain-free, though never completely. For some the pain is random, having arrived through no fault of the sufferer. For others the pain is self-inflicted, having been brought on by foolish, unnecessary acts. For the rest, pain is a release from their internal mental torture.

No matter the cause or the duration, we would rather not encounter pain. We are a species of rather a low pain thresh-

old, especially as we leave our youth and travel into our golden years. Unfortunately, as our number of pains increase we tend to shy away from others afraid we are imposing on them with our complaints or our special needs. We isolate ourselves so that others will not feel sorry for us or see us in a condition we would rather not be seen in. We choose to face our pain alone.

It is very strange that we would have this aversion to relationships while we are in the midst of our pain. Most of us have raised children or helped raise children. Would we ever consider leaving a child or grandchild alone when they are in pain? Of course not! Most of us have had family members or friends who have struggled in pain and then died. Would we ever abandon them to be alone with their pain? Never! Why then do we deny others the privilege and the opportunity of being there for us when we are in pain? It is a conundrum, for sure.

God created his children to be in relationship - with God's self and with each other. God cre-

ated his children to be unique yet complementary to one another. When there is a chore to be done in God's kingdom, it takes a group of God's children working together using their uniqueness to complete the task. Why then do we constantly create ways in which we feel we must "go it alone?" It can only be pride that creates such a false sense of importance that we should not need others. How unfortunate!

God is ready to be with you in and through your pain. God is sending others to you to be with you in and through your pain.

The burden of pain is so much easier to carry if we share it with others. God is ready and so are your family and friends. They are reaching out. Will you deny them the gift of sharing with you? I hope not!

Please join us Sunday at 10:45 am for our weekly worship service. Come and receive God's gift of healing and wholeness. There is a family waiting here who will love and cherish you. There is a family here that will be with you in and through your pain. And you deserve it!

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charlotte Corey

Let freedom ring. Let it ring in your heart that Jesus Christ is Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Every drop of freedom which we have in this country or in this world comes by the grace and mercy of our God. It comes from the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. It comes from the final sacrifice of his blood for all the wages of sin.

Let freedom ring in your heart. Shout how God has redeemed you from the pit. He has delivered you from the snares of the devil. He has overcome the plans of the evil one.

Shout for joy that your name is written in the book of life. Praise God for his great love shown towards you. God is great and greatly to be praised. Let his love cover you like a cloak of honor, the honor he

gives you by giving you his unconditional love.

Jesus, not bound by time, is seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. You are in Christ Jesus, as he is in you, the believer. Rejoice that Jesus has overcome the world and set your enemies under your feet as your footstool.

Jesus, the beautiful name of Jesus, is the name above all names. No weapon formed against you shall prosper if you wear the name of Jesus in your heart.

He will even prepare a table before you in the presence of your enemies and goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your life.

Let the freedom of God's word reign in your heart. Let it free you from fear. Let it free you from doubt. Let it free you from anger. Let the freedom of God's word bond you to the

holiness of God's heart. Let the freedom of your life in Jesus Christ fill you with all peace, all joy, all praise and thanksgiving.

The son will shine even stronger in your heart than it ever has before. His strength will renew your vision, your anointing, your strength to pursue righteousness and overtake it. The goodness of God's blessings are seeking you out to overtake you.

Let your soul be free from fear. Walk in the strength of his love, his power, with a sound mind. Do not be timid in speaking and doing what is right. God's feelings are more important than man's. Ask God to show you how to act and speak freely, yet with wisdom and discernment.

Let freedom ring and spring into action. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Repentance and Forgiveness

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
By Rev. Nathan Lafrenz

I found myself mesmerized by the breathtaking performance of Sarah Hughes during her gold medal ice-skating competition. She was beauty and grace in motion. Today I saw her unveil a huge Wheaties box with her picture on it depicting her gold medal performance. Her life has been irrevocably changed due to the winning of

the Olympic gold medal. She is now beginning a new life of fame and popularity. I hope she copes well and continues to strive hard for excellence. Lent can also be a time of new beginnings. Just as Sarah's life has been changed, our lives can be changed by repentance and forgiveness. Our lives do not have to be continually dominated by the sins and mistakes of our past. In Christ we can break the bondage of sin through repen-

tance and forgiveness. Our lives can change. It is never too late. Let us each experience the forgiving grace of Jesus Christ who entered our world so that we might have abundant life now and forever.

Come and celebrate the grace of God through the forgiveness of sins at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church each Sunday morning at 9:00AM. You too can experience a new beginning and have your life changed.

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

Do you know why some Bibles have the words of Jesus printed in red? If you don't, here's the reason.

Back in 1899, Louis Klopsch was caught by the words in verse 20 of the 22nd chapter of Luke's gospel: "This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

"Those were the words Jesus said at the Last Supper for His disciples," he thought.

Dr. Klopsch reasoned that since blood was red, why not a Bible with the words of our Lord in red letters? He asked American and European Bible scholars to send him the passages they believed had been spoken by Christ.

After collating their replies, he ran off the first red-letter edition of the Bible on his own presses. These Bibles were first advertised in November 1901, slightly over 100 years ago. The sixty thousand first-edition copies sold so quickly the presses had to be run day and night to supply the demand for more. The King of Sweden sent Dr. Klopsch a congratulatory cablegram. And President Theodore Roosevelt invited him to dinner at the White House.

Our family Bible is a red-let-

ter edition and somehow, when I read it, the words of Christ resonate with life and startling immediacy. Listen:

"Nothing shall be impossible unto you." (Matthew 17:20)

"Peace, be still." (Mark 4:39)

"Thy sins are forgiven." (Luke 7:48)

"Follow me." (John 1:43)

And there's more. Turn to the Gospels in your Bible and soak up some Power. Lord, empower my life with Your words.

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Bless the righteousness

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

Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation. Harken unto the voice of my cry, my king, and my God; for unto thee will I pray.

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

For thou art not a God who hath pleasure in wickedness, neither shall evil dwell with thee.

The foolish shall not stand in thy sight; thou hates all work-

ers of iniquity. Thou shalt destroy those who speak falsehood; the Lord will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.

For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulcher; they flatter

with their tongue.

Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.

But let all those who put their trust in thee rejoice; let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them; let those also who love thy name be joyful in thee.

For thou Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield. Psalms 5.

Health

Breast reconstructive surgery

Houston - Stem cell research might lead to a breakthrough in breast reconstructive surgery as researchers at Baylor College of Medicine use stem cells to build up fat in the breast.

"The method we are studying would make use of the body's own cells," said Dr. Eser Yuksel, an assistant professor of surgery at Baylor College of

Medicine in Houston.

Muscle fascia, a non-fatty connective tissue found throughout the body, is being studied as a source of stem cells to generate the fat.

The research team is studying the possibility of using biodegradable scaffolding to provide shaping, with fat cells grown from the individual's

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Obituary... Lucille Schooler

Lucille Jackson Schooler age 79, passed away March 5 at Val Verde Regional Medical Center. Lucille was born June 26, 1922 in Draw, TX to Clarence and Mattie Jackson.

She married Leo Schooler December 30, 1939 in O'Donnell, Texas. Lucille worked for GTE in San Angelo, TX over 30 years. She was an active member of the San Angelo Elks Doe's. Lucille and her husband retired at Fort Clark in the early 1980's.

Survivors are son Melvin

(Duke) and wife Jean; one grandson James, and one granddaughter Amanda all of Irving, Texas.

Brothers Rex and Lorraine Jackson of Austin, TX and Glen and Jean Jackson of Tahoka, TX.

She was preceded in death by her husband. A memorial service will be 11 a.m. Thursday March 7, at First United Methodist Church with Pastor Ken Sellers officiating. Cox Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE Workforce Board public notice of plan modification. Background: The Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board (MRGWB) is responsible for the implementation of workforce development programs throughout the Workforce Development Area: Dimmit, Edwards, La Salle, Kinney, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala Counties. Requirement: The Board Plan Modification will be submitted to the Texas Workforce Commission no later than April 19, 2002. At a minimum, the Plan Modification will include a Budget for Fiscal Year 2001, Performance Standards for Plan Year 2002, a signed/executed set of Assurances, an updated Targeted Demand Occupations list, and any major changes to the existing plan narrative. Workforce Programs and services covered in this strategic and operational plan modification are: Wagner-Peyser Employment Services; Texas Workforce Centers; Workforce Investment Act-Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth; TANF Choices; Food Stamps Employment and Training; Welfare-to-Work; and Child Care Services. Public Comment Period: MRGWB will make a DRAFT of its Strategic and Operational Plan Modification for Plan Year 2002 available for public comment on Monday, March 11, 2002. MRGWB will also make its child care and other key policies available for public comment. Interested parties may pick up the Plan Modification package at 2210 Milam, Uvalde, Texas 78801. Public comments must be submitted in writing to MRGWB/2210 Milam/Attn: Plan Comments/Uvalde, Texas 78801; emailed to ricky.mcniel@twc.state.tx.us; or faxed to Plan Comments at 830-591-0004. The deadline for receipt of comments is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2002. All comments will be submitted to the Texas Workforce Commission as part of the Plan Modification. For more information call 830-591-0141. Public Hearings: The Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board is scheduled to meet Thursday, April 11, 2002. Public Comments on the plan modifications will be accepted during the Public Comment section of the agenda. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 920 East Main, Uvalde, Texas beginning at 1:00 p.m. MRGWB is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids or services are available, upon request to persons with disabilities. If you need auxiliary aids/services, please contact us at the phone numbers provided above.

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Kinney County Constable Calendar Year Report

This report given to the Kinney County Commissioner's Court Jan. 14th., 2002 for the county clerk minutes record book.

Voters/citizens of Kinney County - I hope you, your family and friends has a wonderful, safe and blessed holidays. I pray, we pull together as even a better community in 2002!

I have enjoyed working for you, this past year. I have worked always with utmost respect for you and your tax dollars. I know you expect a good days work for a good days pay. Of course, no one can please everyone, I respect that too! The calls I made, the traffic citations written - all my decisions were based on the facts and law - not favoritism!

Many of you, have stopped me with words of encouragement and thanks. I do appreciate you. But, it is important you know - no one person is successful alone.

Our community, has so many people; we need to thank.

Community Teamwork, would be my choice of words!

Line of duty work performed: Calls responded to: Domestic disturbance, possible break-in, building fires, child abandonment, juvenile (drugs/paraphernalia), hit n run (Hwy 90), family violence, stolen bike, EMS call assist, child neglect, truancy (B.I.S.D.), vehicle search (k9), disorderly conduct, illegal hunting (FM roads), harassment, juvenile possession alcohol, breach of peace and motor vehicle accidents.

Other: Funeral assistance, escort B.I.S.D. students, drug task force assist, hazardous weather watch, radar training, assist Ft. Clark Security, parade assistance, bailiff (dist. crt/jp crt), B.I.S.D. homecoming, S.B.C. (cell phone contract), video camera grant submitted, football security, youth dances security, traffic control (games) and curfew ordinance assist.

Collection traffic warrants (collected approx. \$2500 (+) still an on going project). Chief of police march n drill team (support & assist). Counsel with some parents on juvenile's conduct (on/off campus), prepare racial policy procedures (mandated by the state). Assisted F.C.S. mgr. with security budget.

Served civil process papers: subpoena, capias, writ attachment, summons, warrants and citations *the fees to serve these documents were endorsed and given back to the county, (I did not keep) total \$700.00.

Arrests: Family Violence, Capias (assault), Traffic warrant and DWI/DWLS.

Seminar/meetings/continued education/grants: MHMR certification (co-officer with Deputy Chism, seminar on gangs, terroristic threats, first aid certified, complied with TCLEOSE (mandated requirements), drug interdiction, juvenile delinquency/alcohol, tobacco minors law grant (co-sponsor on grant with Chief Alonzo).

Patrol/vehicle use: patrolled the city, Ft. Clark Springs, Spofford, Hwy 90 and our various FM roads. Several verbal warnings on traffic violations given (out of town and local). Traffic citations written (out of town and local). January 2001 - December 2001 = 152 citations written. Ranging from \$100 - \$800 (+/-). Fine value equalling approx. \$15,000. Vehicle repairs minor. Fuel usage well within the budget allowance.

Hours scheduled/worked: Based on the annual salary; this averages to approx. 20 hrs. weekly. 52 wks. x 20 hrs. = 1040 (a few sick/vacation leave taken). Actual hours worked this past year = 1145.5 hrs.

Budget (based on fiscal yr. October 2000 thru September 2001): I worked January 2001 thru September 2001. I operated under the budget by \$2,858.83.

Goals for 2002. I have many! Most of them, are to do better at any call or duty I perform. Also, collection effort on the outstanding traffic warrants (which should yield Kinney County good \$).

Closing: If I have forgotten anyone or anything - please forgive me! I am proud to be a small part of a wonderful community. Anyone, wishing to know anything about the Kinney County Constable Department, please feel free to call or stop me when you see me. If I know the answer, I'll answer, if I do not know, I will tell you so.

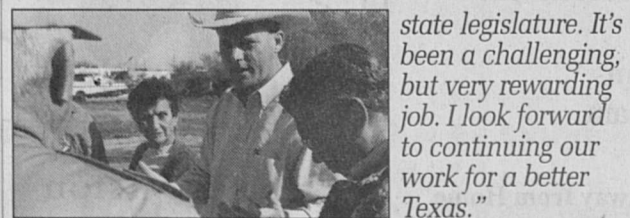
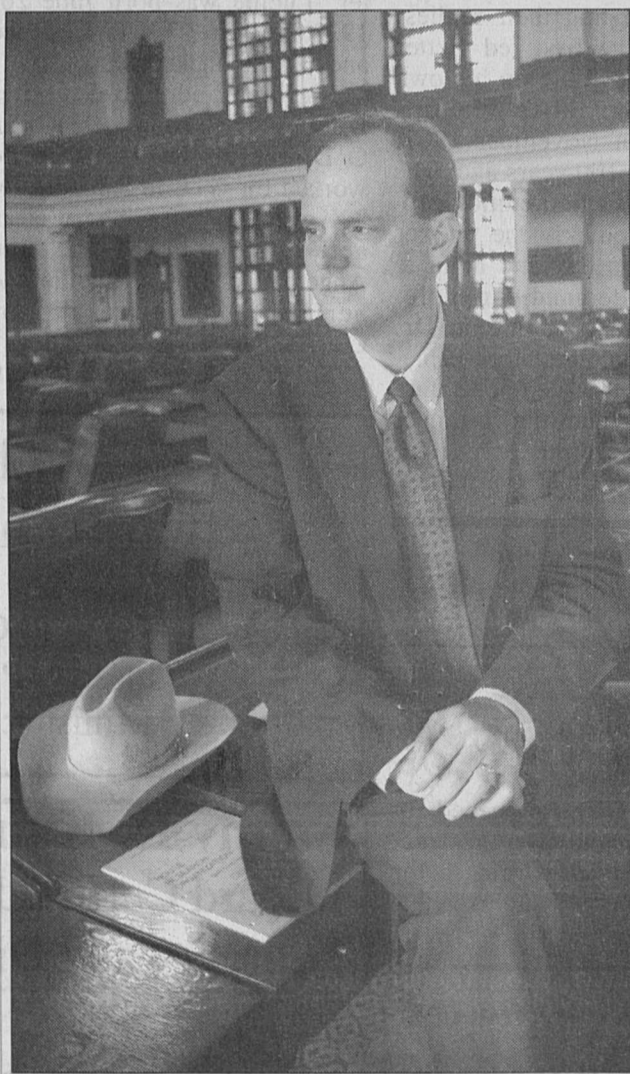
Thank you, folks of Kinney County and God Bless our community in 2002!

Respectfully,
Cordelia Mendeke
Kinney County Constable

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