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# **Fort** Clark Days

ABOVE: Cavalry re-enactors with encampments, demonstrations and drills were among the highlights of the Fourth Annual Fort Clark Days celebration last week on the grounds of the historical Kinney County Fort.

LEFT: Fort Clark Springs resident Kurt Partlow was one of several in attendance providing demonstrations at the Fort Clark Days celebration.

Photos by Kathy Wilson

# City ballot includes 13 candidates

# Garza is only incumbent not challenged in election

The deadline has come and gone to file to run in the upcoming May 15 Brackettville city elections, and 13 local citizens have put their names in the hat.

Francisca "Chica" Garza is the only incumbent council member not facing opposition in the election. Garza holds the Place 4 position

on the council. Joe N. Garza Jr., J.J. Guidry and Ponce Padron have all filed to run for mayor. Guidry is a former city councilman.

Carmen Berlanga is the incumbent mayor, but has not been active in the city since suffering a stroke last fall.

Seeking the Place 1 position on the council are incumbent Camilo Cruz Jr., Richard Guajardo and Tully Welch.

Three candidates have filed to challenge incumbent Mary Hall. Flores for her Place 2 seat -Matt Bland, Ramon "Dido" Garcia and Stephanie "B'Ann" Gomez.

Council member Johnny Samaniego, Place 5, is being challenged by Lydia Tipps.

The mayor and council positions all have a two-year term. by Bonnie Wardlaw, the current ness day.

#### **CITY ELECTION**

Following are candidates in the Brackettville city election on May 15:

■ Mayor: Joe N. Garza Jr., J.J. Guidry, Ponce Pad-

Alderman, Place 1 Camilo Cruz Jr., Richard Guajardo, Tully Welch.

■ Alderman, Place 2: Ramon "Dido" Garcia, Stephanie "B'Ann" Gomez, Matt Bland, Mary V. Flores.

Alderman, Place 4: Francisca "Chica" Garza. Alderman, Place 5:

John Samaniego, Lydia Tipps.

city secretary. That position will have one year remaining following this year's election.

The drawing for candidates' placement on the city ballot will be held today at 5:30 at City Early voting in the city election will be held at City Hall

from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, April 7-28, with the exception of Good Friday on April 9. Applications are now being accepted to vote early by mail

for the city election. All applications to apply for Cruz was appointed to the coun- a ballot by mail must be received cil last year to fill a vacancy left by May 7 at the close of the busi-

# Water board changes day of monthly meetings

Staff Writer

ing the monthly meeting day.

The directors approved the amendment to Section 2.1 of the by-laws to read as follows:

Board shall hold regular The Kinney County Ground- by the board. It may hold meet- date on the third Thursday of water Conservation District ings at other times as required each month. Board of Directors have ap- for the business of the district. proved an amendment to the At the request of the president, district's by-laws to allow mov- or in his absence the presiding officer, or by written request of Discussion revealed that Gen- at least three directors, the board eral Manager Don Ralston rec- may hold special meetings. All ommended changing the meet- such meetings shall be open to John C. Hagee Royalty Trust, ing from the first Tuesday in each the public in accordance with the the flow of information he re- the extent necessary for orderly on the Edwards and six on the conduct of proceedings, the Austin-Chalk, without issuance guidelines of 'Parliamentary Pro- of permits. cedure at a Glance' New Edition, by O. Garfield Jones, 1971 re- ter were located, the trust would tact Steve Walthower, a consult- currently available, the directors See XXXX/Page 4

monthly meetings on a day set voted to set the regular meeting usage.

In the event of an emergency, the meeting or meetings may be

held on other dates as required. During the board's regular monthly meeting, Buck Benson, requested that the board approve

According to Benson, if wa-

"Regular meetings: The vised edition may be followed." then apply for permits depend- ant with the district, who had agreed that a payment will be

Benson cited possible use of an historic use permit and stated that the test wells would only use 20 acre-feet, water that is already under permit for the trust.

The board informed Benson the district's permitting process.

Board member Darlene "You can't put another hole in the ground and call it historic."

request, and let him advise the Board.

that permit hearings would be rectors tabled review and pos- Election Committee. an attorney representing the required for the test wells under sible action on the advice of attorney Brian Sledge.

month to a later date based on Texas Open Meetings Act. To drilling of eight test wells, two Shahan pointed out that, in re-ment plan for the district's legal fective at the end of the next gard to the historic use permit, expenses, and approved the regular board meeting. plan as amended with one cor-

After discussion, the board ing on the amount of anticipated questions regarding the trust's returned with the corrected plan.

The board directed Smith and Director Christopher Ring to Although President Cecil gather information regarding the Smith advised the board that the upcoming election in November District's Management Plan has when all seven board positions been certified by the Texas Wa- will be open. They will return ter Development Board, the di- to the board before forming an

Following executive session, the board voted to accept The board reviewed a pay- Ralston's letter of resignation ef-

Applications for a new genrection relating to control of eral manager will be accepted Benson was advised to con- level of future fees. If funds are through March 26. Notices will

# INSIDE

# Alamo movie

"The Alamo" movie promises to be a major blockbuster as a joint project between Disney's Imagine Entertainment and Touchstone Pictures. Lifestyles/Page 5

# **■** Tigerettes win

DEL RIO — The Tigerettes won 10 events Saturday to take first place in the junior varsity division at the Del Rio Invitational track meet. Sports/Page 7

# Dickson leaves

Brackett strength and conditioning coach Andy Dickson has resigned to take a position with the Texas Tech University football team. Sports/Page 7

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# Six file to run for school board

# Terrazas only incumbent seeking re-election bid

The three top vote-getters in the May 15 school board election will be elected to at-large positions which have three-year

Sara Terrazas is the only incumbent trustee seeking re-election. School board members Lloyd Lee Davis and Jim for another term.

Joining Terrazas on the bal-T. Castillo, Curvin Crane, Roy Jay Harris and Tom Swinson.

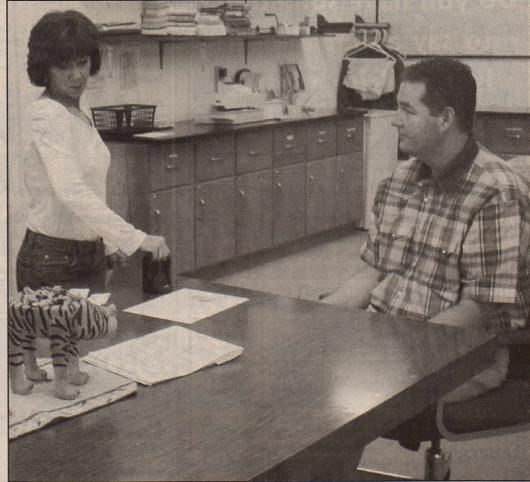
The deadline to file for a position on the ballot was Monday. accepted to vote early by mail Drawing for placement on the for the school elections. All ap-

packet available for candidates. ness day

Six candidates have filed to The packet includes a quick refrun for three positions on the erence guide of dates and events Brackett ISD Board of Trustees. for the election and the recently adopted board member code of conduct. It also contains basic information, such as what the school board has a right to expect from a superintendent and what the superintendent has a right to expect from the school board of trustees.

Early voting by personal ap-McDaniel did not sign up to run pearance will be conducted each weekday at the BISD Central Office, located at 400 Ann St., lot will be Tony Ashley, Susanna between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., beginning on April 28 and ending

Applications are now being by mail must be received by There is an information May 7 at the close of the busi-



ballot was held Tuesday morn- plications to apply for a ballot Drawing for places on the ballot

Barbie Crane (standing), draws Tuesday morning for her husband, Curvin, a candidate for the Brackett ISD Board of Trustees, for placement on the ballot for the May 15 school board election. Looking on is Bobby Templeton, Brackett superintendent.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# 'Good 'ol boy system' alive in Brackettville

part of the vocal outcry and out- continue to elect them year afrage in Brackettville this past ter year. year, my husband, (Abby Garcia) has attended every meeting, hoping to be heard, and each time cause our city government is only here to serve themselves rather than to serve the commu-

I can expand my thinking also to include our county government, which is also self-serving, without fear of making false allegations.

My heart goes out to every citizen of Brackettville that has endured bondage of hierarchy since the days of their grandfathers and great grandfathers.

I am familiar with Brackettville's brand of government, having been raised in a small rural town and small county in Mississippi. The system is called accept taxation without represen-"the good 'ol boy system." The tation and I think the Brackett county is run by a few upper echelon and the "good 'ol boys"

Tea Party will work as well.

Beverly Gard

Well, this has been another

am so thankful that the lo-

have been here just a little un-

der four months, and I am tired.

cal Post Office knows which

people live in which box. It al-

ways amazed me that Wally and

I get our mail, as some of the

library always go out of their

cus. We laughed with the nuns,

the bratwurst feed. Barbara's

Table, Mimi's, and many fund-

When I request a certain

imagination.

way to find it.

and friends.

cus came to town.

raising barbecues.

Although I have not been a are their group of supporters that

I was appalled when I recently read in The Brackett News that the city is now asking for a comes home disappointed be- 3 percent pay increase since we only owe \$5,000 on the outstanding debts of last year.

Well, let me tell you what I want for the annual \$2,000 in tax dollars that I pay each year. I want police protection, I want fire protection for my home, I would like to have a garbage truck stop in front of my home and pick up my household garbage, and I would like to drive down the street without my vehicle falling into a pothole.

I want more people in Brackettville to decide what they want for their tax dollars as well.

The Boston Tea Party worked when our forefathers refused to

**Beverly Garcia** 



"As a college professor I could identify the students from girls schools with a 90 percent accuracy rate on the first day of class. They were the young women whose hands shot up in the air, who were not afraid to defend their positions, and who assumed that I would be interested in their perspective."

That's how Dr. Robin Robertson, a former professor at Southern Methodist University in Dallas described the benefits of single-sex education.

For years, all-girls and allboys schools have been the bastion of the elite. They were only available to families who could afford to send their children to private or parochial school opportunities out of reach for the verage American.

But now the doors of our nation's schools are opening for single-sex education. Enabling public schools to implement creative approaches to educating our children is particularly legal hassles that typically actimely as we struggle to elevate company any attempt to offer tion. the academic performance of all single-sex programs. Few have our nation's youth.

Bush signed into law the No choices. Child Left Behind Act. One of the landmark reforms in this leg- Association for Single Sex Pubislation gives public school systems the flexibility to offer there are 93 public schools in single-sex classes and schools.

bi-partisan amendment to re- same-gender schools, while the move the obstacles preventing remaining 68 are co-ed public single-sex programs to parents rooms. But those numbers are and students who request them. climbing. We wanted to provide this as an option — not a mandate — for America's public schools.

This March, the Department in which to operate, public edubehind.



Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

of Education issued guidelines on implementation of these proschools interested in single-sex

Most of the time, co-educational classes are going to be the right answer for a child's learning needs. But recent evidence demonstrates in some instances, a single-sex setting enables students to flourish.

Public school parents should be able to go to their school board and request, for example, an eighth-grade math class for

dared to challenge the status quo In January 2002, President and offer these innovative

lic Education, as of this spring the country offering some form I was proud to sponsor the of single-sex education — 25 are

With the passage of the leg-

cators across the country are beginning to realize that the "one size fits all" approach is no longer the only option.

In Texas, Houston's William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prospering, or WALIPP Prep Academy, offers inner-city boys the opportunity to learn from male role models.

In Dallas, the Stephen Hay grams, providing a blueprint for High School will reopen this fall as an all-girls public school for junior high students.

The San Antonio public school district currently offers same-sex classes in 13 of its

Opponents of single-sex education claim these guidelines undermine Title IX, which provides equal opportunity for boys and girls. I would argue that equality of opportunity means students from every racial, genboys or a chemistry lab for girls. der and socioeconomic backforded those in private educa-

shown that single-sex programs can reduce barriers to learning by providing a less intimidating According to the National and more productive classroom. Additionally, it is proven that boys and girls learn and develop differently. These guidelines will help schools offer the best programs tailored to the children in their districts.

Many of our nation's public 1989. public schools from offering schools offering single-sex class- schools have been receiving a failing grade for far too long. By breaking down barriers to success and encouraging creativislation and the new guidelines ity and innovation, we are one offering schools safe parameters step closer to leaving no child



Report

Henry Bonilla

# The road to the Capitol

The halls of our nation's Capitol are filled this month with students. Young adults from across America are given one week every spring to break away from the books and take a rest from their classroom studies. Hundreds of these students choose Washington, D.C., as their travel destination.

I love this time of year. This week alone, I've met with dozens of students. We discuss everything from how a bill becomes a law to my favorite football team - the Cowboys, of course!

A few days ago, a young man asked me a very pointed question that stuck in my mind, "How did you become a Congressman?" It's a simple question, but it made me think about my life at age 17.

When I was attending South San Antonio High School, I never thought that I would one day represent you in Washington as a U.S. congressman. It was something of a feat for a student to graduate from my high school, let alone go on to college and beyond. Most people assume congressmen have worn suits their entire life, and that a law or business degree is a required ticket of admission. However, Congress is full of selfmade men and women who came from every background imaginable. Let me share a few examples with you.

At the young age of 20, Rep Bob Riley of Alabama began selling eggs door to door with his brother. The small operation grew to become one of the largest totally integrated poultry and egg operations in the Southeast.

Rep. Ellen Tauscher of California was the youngest person to win a seat on the coveted New York Stock Exchange at age 25. Until recently, most public ground should have the options She worked as a stock trader and school systems have avoided the in a public school setting af investment banker. After moving to California, she founded the ChildCare Registry, the first Numerous studies have company to provide background information on child-care pro-

> Congress has attracted its share of athletes over the years. Rep. Steve Largent of Oklahoma played for the Seattle Seahawks for 14 years and was inducted to the NFL Hall of Fame after retiring as the third all-time leader in pass receptions in

> Sen. Jim Bunning of Kentucky was a Major League pitcher and is also a Hall of Famer.

Congress is also honored by the service of true heroes — its war heroes. Rep. Sam Johnson of Plano is a retired Air Force colonel who endured nearly seven years of brutality - over half of that period in solitary confinement - in a North Vietnamese prison camp. He then went-on to fly with the Air Thunderbirds Supersonic Flight Team before running for political office.

Congress is full of people from all walks of life, many who never ran for office before coming to Washington. My colleagues have included a great songwriter (Sonny Bono), a winemaker, a restaurant manager and a self described "journeyman" carpenter, just to name a few.

America is still a country where the American Dream can become a reality.

It's a country where a child living in a public housing project can grow up to become whatever he or she dreams of becoming.



Yo Shanae

Shanae Simmons

# Write to Shanae

This spring break I am going on a trip to Colorado.

If you would like to write to Yo Shanae," send your emailed questions to madkewlmonkee@ yahoo.com.

To keep my weight gain in whirlwind winter for me. We check, I did the Par 3 scramble, walked nine holes, did aerobics, went to the gym, swam, line danced and played washers.

ready to leave the fort

In my free time, I tried something new. I found out that it takes more than just a singer to be in Voices. Choirs actually addresses leave a lot to the have sheet music that differentiates peoples' voices. It was very educational to read this type of sheet music.

book, Sarah and her gang at the To see what goes on behind the scenes, I volunteered for the For the sporting scene, we Fort Clark Festival melodrama "Happyville." I was dumattended a basketball game for founded at how much time the 7 and under. What a joy it was cast spends on learning lines, to see all the young athletes bewhere to stand, and how to iming cheered on by their parents provise. The annual festival will For culture, we went to see always bring out the best of the "Nuncrackers," "Louder, I volunteers to make an event a Can't Hear You," and the cirsuccess. It gets better each year.

This little town has someempathized with the player at the thing for everyone, and Fort dinner playhouse performance, Clark has a lot to offer. We are and we applauded when the cir- not ready to go back to work, but I guess it's time to "go fish." We ate at the livestock show, Thanks again for a wonderful

> Kathi Warm Sitka, Alaska



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# Dancing the Night Away



Belting out a tune

Photo by Kathy Wilson

Rocco Fortunato (from left), Wesley Wilson and Wes Robinson perform during the Fort Clark Days celebration Friday night. The three Brackettville residents joined with Heath Childs, Marvin Davis, J.J. Guidry and Scott Nebel to make up the "Last Minute Band" to entertain visitors during the weekend event.

# **Brackett** will miss Dicksons

This week the students of the Brackett Independent School District, in my opinion, suffered somewhat of a setback.

Andy and Leslie Dickson, two outstanding teachers and great people, left the district and moved to Lubbock, where Andy will be the assistant strength coach for the Texas Tech University football team.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickson have dents. served the Brackett students and community for the past three years and have done a superb

Although I only had the pleayear, I was always impressed

One of their colleagues recently pointed out to me that the ter students and better citizens. they brought an element of appreciated.

school to first assistant coach at a major Big 12 university. I the kind of professional Andy lucky to have you in it.

Making A Difference

Bobby Templeton

Dickson is and the quality of service he provided to our stu-

Although, our kids are sad to see him go, it highlights just how talented a collection of teachers we have here.

Unfortunately, I never got to sure of working with them for a see Mrs. Dickson teach, but I did get to talk with her many times with the eagerness and vigor and know that her professionwith which they attacked their alism, her energy and her values had to have rubbed off on her students and made them bet-

Their departure makes me youth and optimism to Brackett happy in the sense that Texas High School that the students Tech, my alma mater, is getting really responded to and greatly a fine family, but it also gives me more than a few misgivings It's not often that a coach that Brackett ISD, my new and goes from a small 2A country wonderful home, will be losing a fine family.

Good luck Andy and Leslie. think that speaks volumes about Our little piece of Texas was

#### **BRIEFS**

# Community forum set for March 30

What does our community need? What could be improved? What would make life better for everyone who lives here? All local residents who are interested in a better future for themselves, their families and the community are invited to participate in the Texas Community Futures Forum on Tuesday, March 30, at 6 p.m. at the Kinney County Courthouse.

The forum is being conducted in every county as a statewide effort of Texas Cooperative Extension, an agency of The Texas A&M University System, to bring together a diverse group of individuals and groups to identify issues and concerns.

# Voices present concert on Saturday

The Voices of Fort Clark Springs will present their annual Spring Concert on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Post Theatre. This year's offering is titled "Voices Sing the Music of Texas," and will feature popular favorites from the great Lone Star State. Included in the concert will be some excellent fiddle playing and beautiful dancing. The concert is free to the public, but donations will be excepted. The Voices are under the direction of Lynn McNew, with Cathie Conrey as accompanist.

# Hunt invited to join honor society

ALPINE - Sam Hunt of Brackettville has been inivted to join the Texas Chi Chapter of Alpha Chi National College Honor Society at Sul Ross State University. An induction ceremony is scheduled for 7 p.m. on April 29 at Kokernot Lodge in Alpine.

In order to be invited to join Alpha Chi National College Honor Society, students must be in the top 10 percent of the junior or senior classes and have a grade-point average no lower than 3.3. Alpha Chi is recognized as the premier honor society on small university campuses, and its membership is open to all disciplines.

# Golfers to raise funds to fight cancer

The Fourth Annual Rally for a Cure Breast Cancer Golf Tournament sponsored by the Fort Clark Springs Ladies Golf Association will be March 25 at 1 p.m. The tourney is a four-person scramble with handicaps. All golfers, both ladies and men, are invited to sign up at the golf course by March 8. Golfers can sign up as a two-some, or as a single and a partner will be assigned. Call Effie Bromley at 563-3418 for more information.

# Committee set to meet on March 29

The Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet March 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the EMS building. Members ask that representatives from the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Deptartment, Sheriff's Office, Clinic, Brackett ISD, City of Brackettville, Kinney County, Fort Clark, Rio Grande Electric, The Texas Department of Transportation and concerned citizens attend the meeting.

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# Courthouse ceremony is Monday

By FLO DEAN Staff Writer

sioners discussed Monday's cer- nities to take advantage of the emony to dedicate the designation of the Kinney County Courthouse as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark during the

The commissioners designated a spot for erection of the marker. The court authorized ees to attend the ceremony, with consent of department heads, as appropriate.

The community is invited to the event, which is slated for 2 house grounds.

County Judge Herb Senne announced the county has rein insurance funds for repairs to penditure of grant funds. the Courthouse roof.

retained by the insurance company until the repairs are completed, which will be available to the county at that time. Including the \$59,728 already received, funds in place for roof repair now total \$111,899.82. Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Bur-

gess said that Terry Julian, executive director of Texas Comspeak to the commissioners if charging for the additional four adjustments and transfer of funds

needed, regarding a facility needs analysis for the Kinney County Jail. This analysis is free The Kinney County Commis- and Julian encourages commu-

Carl Esser of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council informed the commissioners that commissioners' monthly meet- the final \$26,500 in grant monies, part of which have already purchased a new ambulance and remounted the 1992 unit, will be used to purchase a complete permission for county employ- Jaws of Life unit, including training for the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department.

Other equipment including gear, such as outfits, boots, gloves and helmets, will be purp.m. on Monday on the Court- chased to fit Fire Department volunteers.

a stretcher for the 1992 unit. approximately \$10. ceived an additional \$31,151,42 Today is the final date for ex-

Esser commented on the ways Senne said \$21,000 has been the community has benefited from the grant, which was first requested in 1998.

Cecil Smith, president of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District, apber election of all seven direc- ment.

mission on Jail Standards, will much the county would be necessary transfer of \$1,267.57

the county would require a con- interest and sinking fund. tract. Senne will confer with Dora Sandoval, county clerk, regarding costs and a contract will be sent to the water district.

reported a total of \$34,317.03 will be issued in refund checks will have to come in to the Appraisal District office to claim New statements have been

paid and delinquency was reset to Aug 1, though these are still accumulating penalties and in-

The EMS has also requested road, with other average refunds

fund, the disbursement procedure and the check format.

sioners that his secretary, Elia March 31. Applications for the position have been received. The proached the commissioners re- commissioner authorized three garding the mandated Novem- days of training for a replace-

Smith wanted to know how auditor, was authorized to make

places on the ballot, and whether between the general fund and the

Watkins informed the commissioners that \$26,740.00 in additional income has been received by Kinney County from Chief Appraiser Bill Haenn Southwest Border Prosecution. These funds were not anticipated prior to the budget adoption and with 1,500 of these for less than are therefore not included. The \$1. Those with less than \$1 due commissioners approved a special budget presented by Watkins for the limited purpose of disbursing such funds.

Watkins also certified that a mailed to those who have not yet grant in the amount of \$2,987 will be received by the county from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council For Trauma. The commissioners ap-Haenn said \$3,865 will be re- proved a special budget for the funded to Union Pacific Rail- limited purpose of receiving and disbursing these funds.

The court authorized \$5,000 The commissioners autho- to be transferred to the Kinney rized disbursement of the tax re- County Nutrition Center (elderly) budget from the general fund, and reimbursement of this Senne informed the commis- amount to the general fund upon receipt of such funds from the Garcia, will be retiring as of Middle Rio Grande Development Council and/or other entitlement funds

Selection of a bid in the amount of \$111,862.00 from Bentley Sheet Metal and Roof-Sandy Watkins, the county ing Company for repair and replacement of the Courthouse roof was approved by the com-

# Ralston resigns as water district's G.M.

# Continued from Page 1

be posted.

Ralston was given a round of ing, and was commended for his on the district's legal fees. work as the district's general

Water Texas, again requested mation. that the board reveal the source of a \$17,500 contributions and 552.301, the district believes grants item as listed on the district's fiscal year 2003 audit and another item of \$8,798 listed on the financial report as miscellaneous income.

applause at the end of the meet- Sledge, by "a man" as payment ney General," Sherman said.

"If, pursuant to Section fer Authority.

Board members said they do Code), please provide me with not being made a part of the EAA not know who contributed the a copy of the district's request and the pros and cons of the \$17,500, which was given to for a decision from the Attor-

According to Ralston, the Sherman presented an open district currently has three monirecords request addressed to toring wells, one controlled by Lynn Sherman, president of Ralston requesting this infor- the district and the others under control of the Edwards Aqui-

> He also informed the board that any record that would be of a recent meeting in San Anresponsive to this request may tonio of the Senate Select Combe withheld pursuant to the Act mittee, where the local district (Texas Public Information Act, was discussed, including the his-Chapter 552, Texas Government toric basis for Kinney County water will be ignored.

district's decision not to join the

Ralston did not know the implications of the discussion, and was merely reporting to the

The meeting adjourned after Sherman again cautioned the board to look at all the water coming into the county. Currently, with the management plan the district now has, Sherman feels two-thirds of the

# KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Tuesday, March 9

6:53 p.m., A city employee reported a fight at the corner of Fulton and Veltman Street. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the scene. He said the situation was resolved.

Wednesday, March 10

Springs security employee reported that the lights at Martha's Flower Shop went out.

2 p.m., Deputy Manny Pena reported a sick raccoon at the Fort Clark Springs swim park.

3:35 p.m., Carlos Curi III, 33, of Eagle Pass was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley on outstanding DPS warrants out of Kinney County. Curi was released from custody after pay- nandez, 40, of Mexico was aring a \$580 fine.

9:20 p.m., A woman reported

a family disturbance on Brown Hernandez was booked into the stolen from his residence on Fort Street. The woman stated that a Kinney County Jail, where he Street. man had left with his girlfriend and that his wife was looking for him and had a handgun.

Thursday, March 11 12:53 a.m., A Del Rio man

reported that a woman was ha-5:08 a.m., A Fort Clark rassing another man by phone and kept hanging up on him. Deputy Ramon Gutierrez was dispatched to the residence, but no one would answer the door.

10:55 a.m., A woman reported that someone in a red and white truck was picking up stuff in the alley near her residence on Beaumont Street.

Friday, March 12

7:55 a.m., Agustin A. Herrested by Deputy Gutierrez on a warrant out of Travis County.

was still being held at press-time.

10:25 a.m., A man reported that a magnetic sign was removed from his vehicle while it was parked in the yard at his released the next day on a \$500 residence on N. Gove Street.

12:10 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs security employee reported a possible intoxicated driver about 10 miles west on Highway 90, weaving all over the road. DPS officials were no-

tified of the situation. 8:38 p.m., A man reported that a white truck had almost hit him on Fort Clark Springs.

Saturday, March 13

2:38 a.m., A Pico's employee

requested assistance. 1:13 p.m., A man reported

10:50 p.m., Kenneth Wayne Naylor, 21, of Three Rivers was arrested for driving while intoxicated by Trooper Luna. He was

Sunday, March 14

2:30 a.m., An anonymous caller reported loud music on E. Veltman Street.

1:44 p.m., A man reported a busted water pipe at his residence on S. Rock Street. City officials were notified.

2 p.m., Deputy Pena was dispatched to Fort Clark Springs

to remove three sick raccoons. 5:10 p.m., A man reported two vehicles involved in a minor accident at the intersection that a drill press may have been of El Paso and Ann Street.

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# Movie is expected to be hit

SAN ANTONIO - Set for general release in April, "The Alamo" movie promises to be a major blockbuster as a joint project between Disney's Imagine Entertainment and Touchstone Pictures.

The movie stars Billy Bob Thornton (Davy Crockett), Dennis Quaid (Sam Houston), Patrick Wilson (Col. Travis), Jason Patric (Jim Bowie) and Emilio Echevarria (General Santa Anna).

"The Alamo" will not only retell the San Antonio battle and the fight for Texas liberty in the early 1800s, but no doubt will touch on universal emotions of patriotism and the price of freedom.

The \$80 million film's director is Texas native John Lee Hancock and executive producer is Ron Howard.

Located in the heart of modern San Antonio, the façade of the Alamo chapel is one of the most photographed and recognized landmarks in the world.

Operated by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, the Alamo is open to visitors every day except holidays and includes a museum and library with relics and mementos from the Battle of the Alamo and the Republic of Texas. Since the 18th century, the city of San Antonio has grown around the Alamo.



Kinney County EMS holds medical technicians course

Kinney County EMS is holding an emergency medical technicians class. Participating in the class are, bottom row (from left): Melissa Segura, Missie Galindo, Raymond Gonzalez and Juan Gloria. Second row: Nathan Collins - Instructor, Maria Bocanegra, Kim Garcia, Missy Eddy, Holly Benjamin, Linda Peterson and Letisie Salinas. Third row: Chris Brewer, Cesar Portillo, Bonnie Kelley and Jackie Delrio. Top row: Ruben Villanueva, Chase Ward, Chad Schafer, Rayne Kelley, Dustin Slubar, Rene Vela and Walela Gum.

New ambulances

Pictured at right are the Kinney County EMS' 2003 new ambulance and the 2004 remount of the 1992 ambulance. Both were provided by a grant from the Office of Rural Community Affairs.



5 cups biscuit mix Combine all ingredients and knead the dough until smooth. Place the dough on a very lightly floured surface and pat, do not roll, dough to 3/4-inch thickness. Then cut with a biscuit cutter, or the lid from a can of non-stick cooking spray is good

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dividuals and corporations, the departing military personnel and fires to hurricanes and other to more than 9,600 emergency widespread catastrophes, such as calls and almost 65,000 briefand wildfires.

Around the world, the Red emergency services. Cross also aids international ef-

man-made. aid, community programs, train- deployed service men and ing classes and lifesaving blood services, the Red Cross is being recognized as government officials across the country proclaim and hospitalized. Her social March 2004 American Red Cross Month.

This year, the mission and rent location," Villarreal said. message of Red Cross Month is preparedness.

has seen the face of disaster change dramatically. The 2001 terrorist attacks and the elevated threat of future acts. The armed hours. This is just one of the population donate blood. Havconflict in Afghanistan and Iraq and the increasing severity of natural disasters have made people more cognizant of dan- campaign launched in 2003 is

Antonio area, the response to the bility for the safety of them- cal Red Cross, call (210) 224-War on Terror is very real. selves, their families, their 5151 or toll free at (800) 775-Thousands of local men and homes and their neighborhoods. 6803.

SAN ANTONIO - For more women are defending freedom in than a century, the American Iraq and Afhanistan. In time of Prepare - Workplaces," the Red Cross has upheld its mis-, emergency, Red Cross remains. Red Cross is calling on business sion to provide relief to disaster a link between them, and their professionals to take the same

there for the wounded recover- customers as they take to pro-During those many years, ing in area hospitals and to help tect their loved ones at home. their families when they come humanitarian mission of the Red to visit. They are also there for offer these five basic steps to Cross by contributing to disas- the families of servicemen who help individuals prepare for the

The need for Red Cross ser-

handled 2,548 emergency calls With the support of both in- and provided 2,548 briefing for

forts for other countries ravaged Chapter provides round-the- more by disasters, both natural and clock support to the military For this and other forms of messaging between families and

into deep depression, is suicidal arises.

In the last two years the world able to locate the serviceman, day blood supply. To do so, get a message to him and his more Americans need to become command. The serviceman is first time and repeat donors. home by his wife's side in 48 more than 9,500 stories," she added.

The "Together We Prepare" helping individuals and commu-For many families in the San nities to take personal responsimore information about your lo-

Similarly, with "Together We time and care to protect them-Red Cross volunteers are selves, their employees and their

Both versions of the initiative unexpected:

Make a plan: Design a famtheir families, and participating vices to this segment of our com- ily (home) disaster plan. Work in safety and first aid training munity has increased dramati- with neighbors and co-workers to create community and work-

Build a kit: Assemble disaster supply kits, which contain items that people may need if Red Cross helps victims of more their families each year, but this confined to their home or place than 70,000 disasters each year number has risen dramatically. of business for an extended pe-- disasters ranging from house This Year that number increased riod, or if they are told to evacuate on short notice.

■ Get trained: Learn to save tornadoes, floods, earthquakes ings" said Catherine Villarreal, lives. The Red Cross offers chapter associate director of classes year round to individuals and businesses on first aid, The San Antonio Red Cross CPR, defibrillator use and much

■ Volunteer: Give of yourcommunity through emergency self. Supporting the Red Cross mission, whether sharing your time or money, means that they will be there to respond imme-"A young military wife goes diately whenever the need

■ Give blood: Become a worker has very little informa- regular and frequent blood dotion about the serviceman's cur- nor to ensure a blood supply that meets all needs, all of the time. "A caseworker at the San An- It is critical that the Red Cross tonio Red Cross AFES center is maintain at least a five- to seven-

Only 5 percent of the eligible ing current donors donate more frequently is not sufficient to meet that need.

Together, we prepare - together, we can save a life. For

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I Sgt. Daniel Hernandez would like to give a Huge Thanks to all my family & friends and all those at the Court House, Tax Office, City Hall, Toms Auto Shop, Burger & Shake, B.I.S.D., Taco Express, Church of Christ, for the welcoming of my return home. Also for their prayer's and blessing & care packages during my time at war in the Middle East.

God Bless you all. Your friend always. Sgt. Daniel.

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"And Moses said unto God, who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should I Am That I Am: and he said, bring forth the Children of thus shalt thou say unto the Israel out of Egypt?

"And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

Behold when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them.

'The God of your Fathers 15) hath sent me unto you: and

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my people the Children of Is- they shall say to me, What is his name? What shall I say

unto them? "And God said unto Moses,

children of Israel, I Am hath sent me unto you. "And God said moreover unto Moses, thus shalt thou

say unto the children of Israel.

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# 'I am that I am' God loves you very much

prayers. He listened as Lori enu- could be his little angel. merated her concerns to a things little girls wanted and return of their children. needed.

ture God had given to him and night?" she asked.

a parent," he t ought.

As he listened, John couldn't help but be reminded of the many little children Lori's age his children and his wife. whose innocence had been taken

John knelt beside his 7-year heart almost broke as he thought old daughter for their bedtime of how one of those children

He suddenly felt overwhelmmighty God whom her little ing grief for parents whom he mind saw as a great giver of all had seen on TV pleading for the

Lori's voice broke his train John's heart was struck by the of thought: "Daddy, aren't you innocence of this beautiful crea- going to say anything to God to-

voiced his thanks to God for the but now I'm found ... wonderful privilege of being a

them for their own purposes. His again at Lori and quietly sang company her everywhere she families, faith and education.

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> Dr. Donald Smith

the words that formed in his mind, "Amazing Grace, how John looked into Lori's big sweet the sound, that saved a

Lori's face lit up with wondaddy. He asked God to protect derment. John smiled and As tears began their course that tonight she was safe and

Lori spoke again, "I love you, Daddy. I'll pray for you and Mommy.

"Thank you, sweetheart," John said. "And pray for all the other little children whose daddy's and mommy's don't pray for them. Children who pray have a special line to God." (Matthew 18:10)

God wants to hear from you Patty. John looked into Lori's big sweet the sound, that saved a "What a gift from God to be brown eyes. Tears formed as he wretch like me. I once was lost, and all other little children like woul." (Matthew 19:14) you." (Matthew 19:14)

"God loves you very much." Editor's note: This column is hugged his little girl knowing brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project, working away by evil people who used down his cheeks, he looked tomorrow her angel would ac- in Brackettville to strengthen



Photo Special to The Brackett News

Safety Awards

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative recently recognized employees for completing the 2003 year without a single lost time accident or injury. Awards were presented to, back row (from left): Kyle Rose, meter reader; Ralph Gutierrez, mechanic; Daniel Garza, apprentice lineman; Gilbert Villarreal, second class lineman; David Meyer, line foreman; Nacho Aguirre, first class lineman; and Russell Hatch, warehouseman. Front row: Dan Laws, general manager and CEO; Clinton Brown, director of operations; Jorge Villarreal, apprentice lineman; Severo Martinez, first class lineman; Jaime Muniz, second class lineman; Ronnie Mata, first class lineman; and Danny Samaniego, area office supervisor. Not pictured: Bill Conoly, loss control coordi-

Rio Grande Electric presents safety awards

# Come to the Frontier

sickness, failure, emotional dis- keep choosing it every day. It is tress, oppression, war or even a choice based on the knowledge death — can take that love away. that we belong to God and have Joy is not the same as happi- found in God our refuge and our ness. We can be unhappy about safety, and that nothing, not

many things, but joy can still be even death, can take God away

when we are sad we cannot be Lutheran and St. Andrew's Epis-

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dent or injury.

and CEO, presented the awards to Clinton Brown, director of operations; Danny Samaniego, area office supervisor; Bill Conoly, loss control coordinator; Russell Hatch, warehouseman; David Meyer, line foreman; Nacho Aguirre, Severo Martinez and Ronnie Mata, first class linemen; Jaime Muniz and Gilbert Villarreal, second class linemen; Daniel Garza and Jorge Villarreal, apprentice linemen;

without a single lost time acci-

Kyle Rose, meter reader. In a potentially dangerous in-

Ralph Gutierrez, mechanic; and

Rio Grande Electric Coopera- plishment, and a testament to the kettville and Carrizo Springs held for employees in the cotive recently recognized employ- co-op's stringent safety training operational areas. The sessions operative's Carrizo Springs, El ees for completing the 2003 year program.

Dan Laws, general manager vide our member-consumers A&M University system. with reliable power — they are the heart of our business," Laws members take pride in the jobs they do, and in the co-op's outstanding safety record.'

In recognition of their accomplishments, each lineman was with an examination, and certifi- Stockton, Dell City and Marfa. presented with a reproduction of "The Lineman" sculpture by artist Michael Garmand. Other crew members each received a folding chair with carrying case.

Safety training is an ongoing process at RGEC. The co-op's Brackettville office will host dustry, this is quite an accom- training March 29 for the Brac-

are being presented by the Texas Paso, Fort Stockton, and Marfa "Linemen put their lives on Engineering Extension Service locations. the line everyday in order to pro- (TEEX), a member of the Texas

A two-day training course, "High Voltage Electrical said. "Both linemen and crew Safety," conducted by The Electric Power Academy (TEPA), will be held in Brackettville May 19-

demonstrating understanding of the principles presented.

This course will be conducted at minimal cost to the co-op, through special funding received by TEPA.

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, headquartered in Brackettville, is a member-owned, nonprofit electric cooperative, serving rural residents in 18 counties in Texas and two counties

in New Mexico. With offices in Brackettville. The training will conclude Carrizo Springs, El Paso, Fort cates of completion will be the co-op has a strong history awarded to those successfully of community service and promotes sustainable rural development throughout its 27,000

square mile service territory. For more information on Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, call (800) 749-1509 or visit the Similar training sessions are website at www.riogrande.coop.

# First Baptist Church (SBC)

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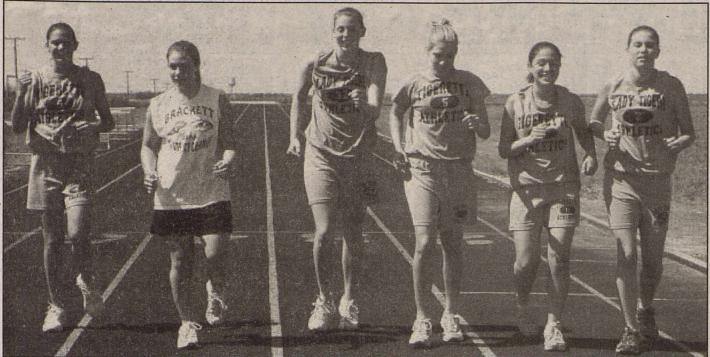


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Morning workout

Members of the Brackett Tigerettes' track team Stephanie Bonner (from left), Caitlyn Wylie, Courtney Frerich, Ashley Smith, Divina Pena and Brandy Smith spend Tuesday morning of their spring break working out at the track field.

# Cubettes open track season with win in Uvalde

UVALDE - The Brackett finish at the Uvalde meet.

The Cubettes won the eighth ished fifth with a 75.9. grade division after finishing with 123 points. Eagle Pass was second with 117 points, Uvalde was third with 113, Medina Val- the 2,400 with a 10:39.2 and ley took fourth with 98, Del Rio Heather Baggett was sixth in the was fifth with 48 and Carrizo Springs was sixth with 44.

The mile relay team of Anolda Garcia and Daphne Hunt won of 13-8 and 13-2, respectively. the gold with a 4:44.04.

and Stewart took first in the 800-

meter relay with a 1:58.5. In the sprint relay, Watkins, Amber Castilla, Capri Creech and Garcia were fourth with a time of 59.3.

Hunt took the gold in the 800 ond with 113 and Brackett was Cubettes track team opened their after turning in a time of 2:39.8. third with 107. season recently with a first-place Stewart was second in the 400 with a 68.5, while Castilla fin-

> Castillo finished first in the third with a 5:02.5. 200 after being clocked at 30.4, while Garcia finished fourth in 1,600 with a 7:33.

In the field events, Castillo and Hunt finished first and sec-Watkins, Bianca Stewart, Elva ond in the long jump with leaps

Stewart won the high jump Watkins, Hunt, Julie Castillo with a jump of 4-6, while Garcia was third with a 4-0. Creech fin- the 800 with a 3:00 and Garza put. ished fifth in the triple jump with was third with a 3:11.

In the seventh grade girls' division, Uvalde took first with 128 points, Eagle Pass was sec- ond in the 200 with a 30.9.

The mile relay team of Natalie Aguirre, Harmony Pettett, Becca

Aguirre, Terrazas, Katie Braesicke and Moore ran a 2:05.5 to take third in the 800 relay.

Ashley Resendez, Laura Swinson, Mann and Braesicke put. finished fifth in the sprint relay with a 60.6.

Pettett won the 2,400 with a 10:32.7, while Jessica Garza was fifth in the 1,600 with a 7:25.0. Pettett also took second in 200 and took fifth in the shot

Mann took second in the inwhile Samantha Moore was sec-

Aguirre won the long jump with a 12-10 and the high jump with a 4-4. Moore and Terrazas both jumped 4-0 to finish fifth Moore and Bianca Terrazas were and sixth, respectively, in the high jump.

> Terrazas was fourth in the triple with a 24-6 and Pettett was fifth with a 24-0, while Bianca Martinez was second in the shot

In the boys' division, Jesus Balderas, Travis Bonner, Albert Flores and Fermin Villanueva finished fourth in the 400 relay. Villanueva won the 100 and

Bonner was second in the 200, high jump and long jump, termediate hurdles with a 57.3, and third in the 100-meter dash, while Flores took fourth in the 2:39.7, while Castillo was fifth

# Tigerettes win Del Rio meet

DEL RIO — The Tigerettes with a 2:47.5. won 10 events Saturday to take first place in the junior varsity tional track meet.

Brackett's varsity was competing against 4A and 5A junior 100-meter dash after being varsity teams. The Tigerettes fin- clocked at 14.02. ished the competition with 164 points, while Laredo Nixon J.V. Angelo Central J.V. was fourth with 35 points and Eagle Pass J.V. was fifth with 26.

The mile relay team of Court- 55.2. ney Frerich, Stephanie Coronado, Juliann Ashabranner and Rachel Swinson claimed firstat 4:22.8.

Brandy Smith and Stephanie lav with a 1:56.7.

The sprint relay team of Wy-

and Bonner finished second with a time of 55.0. In the weight woman's relay, Danika Schmidt, Shanae Sim- mantes took second with a 23.8. mons, Kristina Wright and

ing in a time of 61.0 Ashabranner won the gold in 12:31.8 and the 1,600 with a 44.3 5:53.6. Ashley Smith and Ash-

fourth in the 1,600 with times and Miles Braesicke finished of 6:09.1 and 6:29.4, respecthird with a 47.6.

Swinson was the top finisher in the 200 with a 27.1. She also division at the Del Rio Invita- won the 400 with a 61.9, while Coronado was third with a 65.9.

Wylie took the bronze in the

Frerich won the high hurdles with a 17.1 and Schmidt was fifth was second with 61 and Uvalde with a 19.2. Frerich also won J.V. finished third with 55. San the intermediate hurdles with a time of 49.3, while Brandy Smith was second with a 52.7 and Schmidt was fourth with a

> The field events were cancelled due to bad weather.

In the boys' division, Brand place honors after being clocked Wylie, Charlie Slaughter, Noe Talamantes and Mark Kesteloot Caitlyn Wylie, Frerich, won the mile relay with a 3:36.4.

Kesteloot took the gold in the Bonner won the 800-meter re- 100-meter dash with an 11.3, while Slaughter and Tony Rosetti were second and third with lie, Timmeka Simmons, Smith times of 11.5 and 11.6, respec-

Kesteloot also won the 200, turning in a time of 23.0. Tala-

Talamantes also took third in Cassie Mata took first after turn- the 400 with a 54.1, while Wylie was fifth with a 54.8.

Tres Rueda took fourth in the the two distance events. She won 110 high hurdles with a 17.2 and the 3,200-meter run with a fifth in the 300 hurdles with a

In the sprint relay, Rosetti, ley Castillo finished third and Robert Davis, Tillman Davis

Rueda, Robert Davis, Brae-Ashley Smith took top hon- sicke and Cesar Ortiz took fifth ors in the 800-meter run with a in the 800 relay with a 1:40.3.

# Dickson takes position with Texas Tech

By J.J. GUIDRY Sports Editor

Brackett strength and conditioning coach Andy Dickson has resigned to take a position with Texas Tech University.

Dickson will be an assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Red Raiders' football team, working under Bennie

Wylie. Dickson previously worked as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at Sam Houston State University, where Wylie was a star running back. Wylie later worked with the Dallas Cowboys before taking over the strength and conditioning program for Texas Tech's football and his wife will be missed.

"This is just a huge opportu- body loves the Dicksons and we things I've ever done."

nity for me and my family," said certainly wish them the best out Dickson. "In my field of strength in Lubbock," he added. and conditioning, this is something I can do full-time. To jump from a 2A high school to the Big looking forward to working for Bennie Wylie."

Dickson was at Brackett High School for three years.

"Coach Dickson has been a huge asset to our athletic pro- to advertise for his position." gram," Tigers athletic director Yeager said. "We were just for- one. tunate to have had him. I don't such a passion for working with

Dickson began his new job at Texas Tech last week.

"We have a great staff and I 12 is exciting, and I am really am sure that everything will carry on as close to normal as possible," Yeager said. "I will sit down with Mrs. (Paula) Renken (high school principal) and discuss when we will start

Dickson said the decision to and head football coach David leave Brackett was a difficult

"Working for Coach Yeager think you can replace a Coach has been really special because Dickson because he brought he is my mentor and one of the best friends I've ever had," he kids and making them better. He said. "I've become very attached to the kids here so leaving is "The Brackett High student probably one of the toughest

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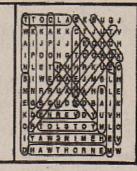
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hard. Relax, and things will be- to December 21) You need some help with a legal matter. You won't get the answers on your own. Don't be afraid to consult with a reliable source.

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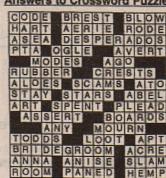
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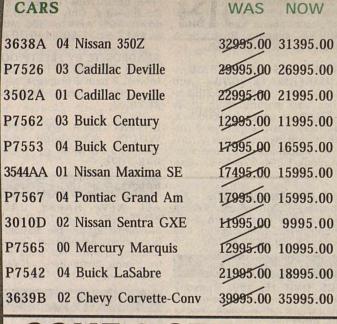
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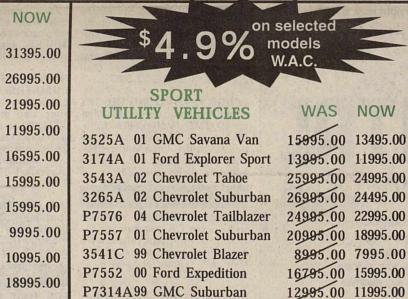












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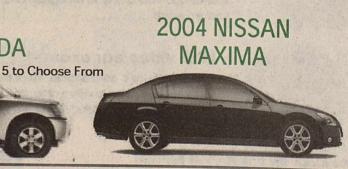


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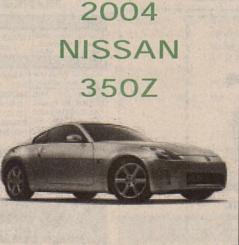
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