

The Brackett News

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Kinney County Is Home To Conrada Garcia - Happy 90th Birthday!

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Community News

LITTLE LEAGUE
Kinney County Little League 2010 Registration For ages 5 to 14 will be Sunday, February 21st 4 to 6pm at Jones Elementary, Friday, February 26th 4 to 6pm at Grumy's Snack Shack and Tuesday, March 2nd 4 to 6pm at Grumy's Snack Shack. The fee \$45 per child plus one 12 pack of soda per family. These will be the only registration Opening Ceremonies & First game will be Saturday, March 27.

SPAGHETTI DINNER
The Fort Clark Recreation Committee is sponsoring a Spaghetti-Meat Sauce dinner on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 6pm at the Service Club. Tickets are \$6 and the money goes to our Community Council to be used for Fort Clark Days in March. The dinner is open to the public and tickets are available at the FCS Administration Office.

AMERICAN LEGION MTG
Our American Legion post will be meeting on Thursday 18 February at 6:30 pm. There will be a Pot Luck supper and then we will hold our meeting.

BCFS-FAMILIAS PARA UN FUTURO FAMILIAS
Para un Futuro ofrece a la comunidad clases para jovenes de 10 a 17 años..Gratis!! Habra temas para jovenes como violencia, decisiones y consecuencias, manejo del enojo, alcohol y drogas, y relaciones saludables. Comida gratis!! Clases empiezan Diciembre 2010. Clases seran Miercoles de 5:30 a 7:00pm. Para una cita del registro o para mas informacion, Llame por favor a Marie Broadhead o a Toni Elizondo en 830-768-2755 o gratis 877-441-4188.

TALENT SHOW
Are you Ft. Clark's Most Talented Youth??? If so, we want to see you at The Fort Clark's Days Talent Show. All ages up to 16, all talents, groups or solo! March 6th, 12:00, at the Post Theatre. E-mail Wendy Knox at azlass2002@yahoo.com or call 830-313-6695.

EMS REPORT
The week of February 7 - February 13: Kinney County EMS responded to a total of 14 medical calls. Eight of the calls were transported to area hospitals.

Happy 90th Birthday!



Conrada Garcia

Conrada will celebrate her 90th on February 19. She is pictured here with two of her great-granddaughters, Anahi Duran, age 7, and Analia Duran, age 5 months.

Deputies arrest man for cocaine

A twenty-one year old Kinney County man was arrested for possession of cocaine on February 12.

According to the Kinney County Sheriff's Department, a

man reported hearing gunshots in the area of El Paso and Gove streets on the east side of town and a deputy was sent to investigate the situation.

Once in the area, the deputy

pulled an automobile over near the BISSD baseball complex and asked permission to search the vehicle.

Once permission from the driver was granted, a deputy found a small bag in the center

console containing one gram of cocaine.

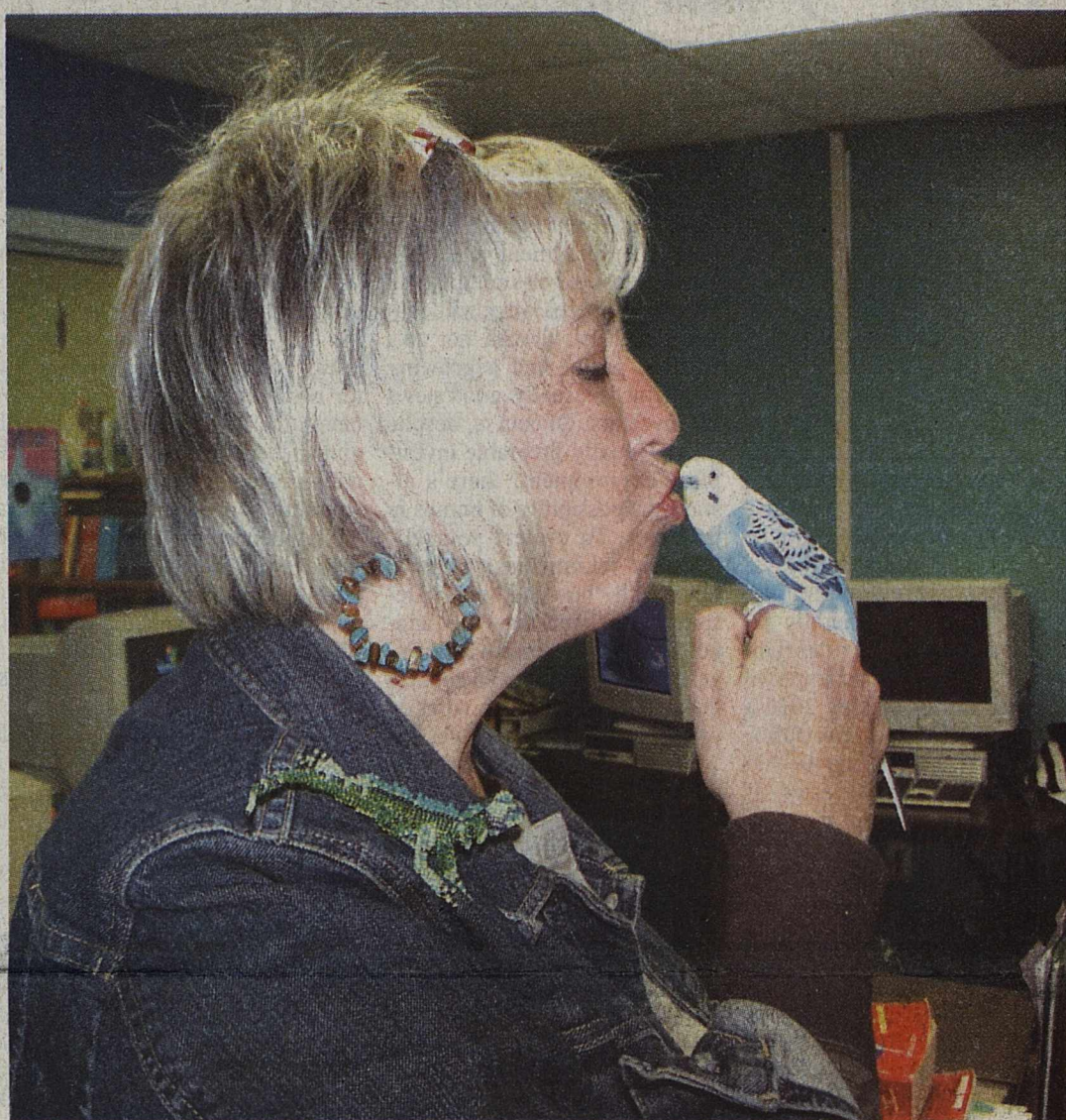
The man was arrested, magistrates and later released after posting a \$2,400 bond.

The case will be presented to

the grand jury and if it is billed, it will proceed to district court.

Three minors were also in the vehicle and in consideration of that fact, this newspaper will not print their names.

Love Birds



Brackett News Photo By Leigh Volcsko - BISSD Academy Director Elizabeth Hodges loves on her bird "Sky". Sky attends class at the Academy each day and along with all the other students is allowed to express himself through music and the arts while working towards completing his high school education.

County road plans are in the works

By Katie Brown
The Brackett News

Plans are moving forward to make road repairs in Kinney County with a projected date of 2011, pending stimulus funding, said Albert Quintanilla, P.E., District Engineer for TXDOT, Laredo District to the Kinney County Commissioners on February 16.

Repairs are scheduled for FM 334 from Highway 90 to Ranch Road 3199 and in July for Loop 166 from Highway 90 to Highway 90. Project plans will be ready by September this year for improvements to US 90 from Del Rio to Uvalde to include passing lanes. Quintanilla vowed to be back in April to discuss sidewalk locations in Brackettville and to get opinions from the Commissioners on drainage improvements on local roadways.

Carl Esser of Esser and Company, Planning & Consulting, said that matching grants are available from Texas Parks and Wildlife for outdoor recreation areas. These grants are made available to communities with a population of less than 500,000 to acquire and develop parkland or to renovate existing public recreation areas. Suggestions were to use the grant to clean up and improve the areas along Los Moras Creek or to make improvements to the swim park. Esser sug-

gested a committee be formed to do a needs assessment of the community and to complete a master plan to be submitted sixty days prior to the application deadline of July 31. Matching funds can be made in the way cash, funds from other grants or the use of local equipment and personnel to implement the improvements. The Commissioners passed a motion to pursue this grant of up to \$500,000.

Charlie Gaines came to the Commissioners requesting permission to conduct prescribed burns on personal property throughout the year, primarily when a burn ban is not in place. Gaines, a retired CPA and financial advisor, is a certified Burn Boss; an individual with ultimate authority and responsibility in conducting a prescribed burn; one who has met the minimum standards of training and experience, passed the state exams and obtained the required insurance. According to Gaines and a study by Texas A&M, the lack of a fire culture has allowed invasive woody plants, such as cedar, to move in; they absorb a tremendous amount of the annual rainfall. Prescribed burns have proven that the burning of these woody plants has allowed the return of native grasses and encouraged the regeneration of springs. Gaines must submit a burn management plan. Commissioner Melancon

made a motion to "approve Mr. Gaines' request to conduct prescribed burns on his property throughout the year pending legal review; and during the burn ban, our ability to authorize that without going to court."

Judge Ward and City Manager Henry Garcia have discussed developing a golf cart/bicycle/pedestrian path along Fort Street to provide safe passage to those who walk or use those types of vehicles; it would also serve to get that type of traffic off of US 90. Currently, state law will not allow a golf cart to run parallel to a state highway. Therefore, a cart, coming off the Fort into Brackettville must cross immediately upon exiting the Fort and cannot run parallel to the highway to cross at a controlled intersection. Garcia is working on a city ordinance making it necessary for carts to be in compliance i.e. with lights and a slow moving vehicle sign. TXDOT will pursue avenues to assist; such as with signage indicating a golf cart crossing on US 90. As there has been considerable interest in this issue, the city and the county will continue to research viable solutions.

Judge Ward and Commissioners Melancon, Massingill, and Montalvo were present. Dodson was absent.

City discusses Railroad Commission's annual inspection

By Katie Brown
The Brackett News

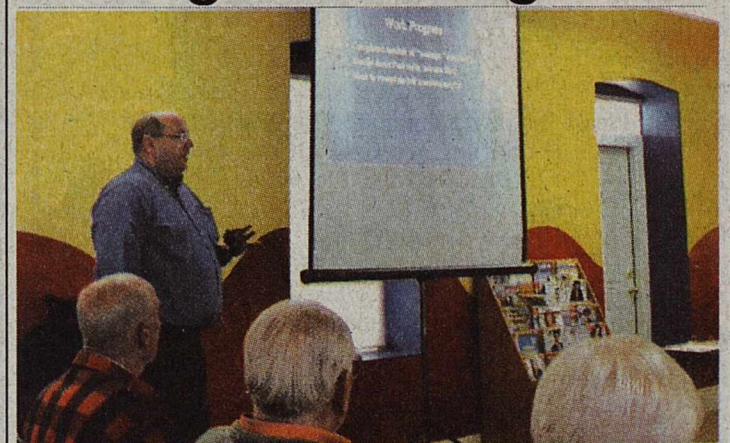
Brackettville City Council held their regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday evening with Mayor Feagley and Councilwomen Flores, Buitron, Garza and Mendoza present. Williams was absent. Only a handful of citizens came out in the cold to attend the meeting. One such person was David Crow who had presented an offer to the city to purchase six lots of Block I in the Lorance Addition for the total sum of \$1000.00. The Council made and passed a motion to accept the offer but then rescinded it to make another motion to include that Crow pay all legal fees involved in the transfer of title to said properties. When the vote was taken on the second motion, only Councilwoman Flores voted for the motion while Buitron, Mendoza and Garza voted against it. Garza stated that historically the city has turned down offers for city property citing possible future use by the city.

Police Chief Vito LaGioia reported that juveniles have been breaking into empty houses and hanging out. They go inside

and nail up boards on the insides of the windows to keep anyone from observing their activities. He is asking the public to be observant and to report any such activity around seemingly abandoned properties.

City Manager Henry Garcia stated that last month was the annual inspection of the gas system by the Railroad Commission. He proudly reported that the preliminary indications are that they passed the inspection quite well. "As an example," he stated, "on our lines outside, that are notorious for getting written up, they didn't cite us on one single thing; everything worked like it was supposed to work; every test valve, everything worked to a tee. We had no gas leaks." Garcia went on to say that the Railroad Commission was surprised. Unbeknownst to Garcia, the standard benchmark for unaccountable gas had gone from 10 percent to 5 percent; testing showed the city's loss to be just 4.2 percent. Garcia credited employees David Martinez, Richard Ortega, Patrick Sheedy and Oscar Martinez, the gas crew, for their fantastic job.

Water board votes to change meeting time



By Katie Brown
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Dr. Bill Hutchison, Director of Groundwater Resources, Texas Water Development Board, gave an update to the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District on the progress of the groundwater model that is being developed specifically for Kinney County to help the district determine a desired future condition (DFC) based on springflow on February 11. The groundwater model is a mathematical representation of an aquifer in a computer. It takes into consideration the physical boundaries of an aquifer, recharge, pumping, interaction with rivers or other phenomenon to model the behavior of the aquifer over time. It is a simplification of reality. Dr. Hutchison stated that he had

completed models of "average" conditions but that his results were not final. He has yet to complete a full transient model. Hutchison plans to have the models done by March and his report completed by April. Due to a conflict in April, he will next meet with the district at their regularly scheduled meeting in May.

The KCCGD passed a motion to change their meeting time from 2 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month to 9 a.m. on the second Thursday. They will meet in the Library Annex. Contrary to meeting at the courthouse, coffee and cookies were provided for those in attendance by the very thoughtful ladies of the library.

Directors present were Lowery, Smith, Coates, Ring, Davis, Metcalf and Frerich.

This Week's Local Forecast

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
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Weather Trivia

How much water is equivalent to 10 inches of snow?

Answer: Usually, one inch of water equals 10 inches of snow.

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Brackettville's 7-Day Forecast
Feb. 18-24

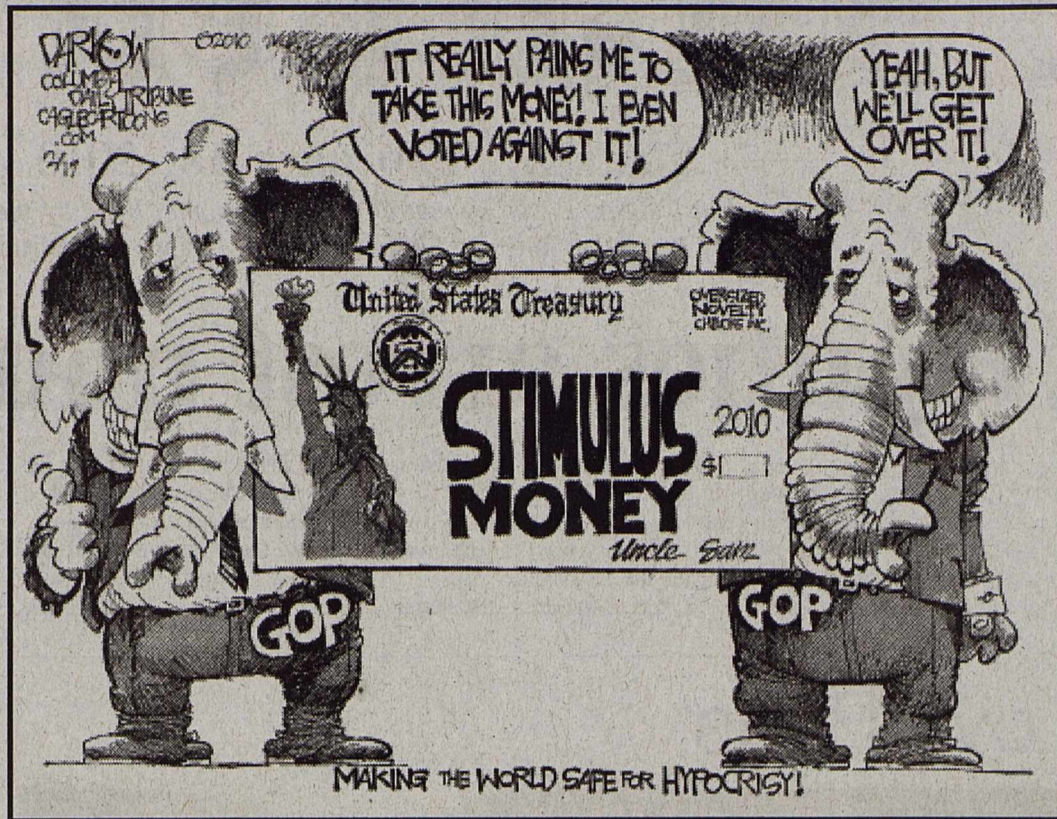
"Nemo me impune lacesset - No one will provoke me with impunity"

Las Moras Tournament

The annual 21st Las Moras Creek Golf Tournament is scheduled for the 20th and 21st of March, 2010, at Fort Clark Springs. Sponsored by the Fort Clark Springs Men's Golf Association, this invitational will be comprised of 84 two man entries vying for cash prizes for 6 flights, a Hole-in One and closest to the Pin, both days. Tee times will be at 8am and 1pm and free lunch will be served from 11am to 1pm on both days. A free practice round for Friday, 19th, 2010 is available and can be scheduled by calling the Fort Clark Springs Pro Shop at 830-563-9204.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$130 per person and that price includes mulligan. Day money can also be purchased for both days. All teams will be pre-flight by their lowest handicaps and proof of handicaps should be included with the entry form. The Tournament committee may re-flight the teams if it is deemed necessary. March 13th, 2010 is the deadline for paying the entry fee. Carts are available to rent \$40 for 2days (Friday and Saturday) or \$60 for 3 days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday).

In the past this 2-man Select Shot Invitational has been an unqualified success and to date the roster is filling up fast. Entry forms are available at the Pro Shops at Del Rio's San Felipe, Uvalde, ConCan, Bandera and Fort Clark Springs or by calling Gene Sheldon at 830-563-9295. Entry forms to print out are also available by going to Fort Clark Springs Newsletter on the computer and scrolling to the bottom of the page. For reservation at Fort Clark Motel & RV Park call 830-563-2493 or 800-937-1590.



Scarlet O'Hara Syndrome



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Our homes are filled with tons of stuff. There is only so much space in our homes but our stuff is expanding to fill every crack, crevice and cubby hole. It has grown at a cancerous rate! In fact it is not only multiplying at a remarkable rate but it is consuming us at the same time.

It is robbing us of our self-esteem. It is stealing our time and it is alienating us from our family and friends. We have to put a stop to it. I want you to think about when you first contract this disease of stuff!

In our book Body Clutter we ask you what your comfort food was. We wanted you to look at why that food soothed you. I am going to use this assignment when it comes to our clutter. Clutter doesn't happen overnight. It gradually sneaks in the door.

My clutter began to accumulate after having nothing but the clothes on my back after a bad marriage. Within a year I had accumulated everything I could possibly need into my two bedroom cabin up on the farm. I like to think of this as the Scarlet Ohara syndrome. I was determined to never be without my stuff again. As a result of this stubborn resolve I unconsciously began collecting. Not for the sake of a cherished item but because I was trying to fill an empty hole. This is much the same way we do it with food. We will never be able to get enough stuff to fill that hole.

I want to help you eliminate this need for more stuff and at the same time give you the courage to let the clutter go! You don't need stuff to define you as a person! This clutter is standing in the way of your peace! I want you to take Scarlets quote and use it to help you eliminate your clutter. Lets take her determination and utilize that power to Fling!

As God is my witness, they're not going to lick me. I'm going to live through this and when it's all over, I'll never be hungry again."

I am going to reword the quote for my FlyBabies.

As God is my witness, CLUTTER is not going to lick me. I'm going to live through this and when it's all over, I'll never be hungry for stuff again.

We can stop this cancer in its tracks with our SHE traits. We have determination! We can hyper-focus and we want to FLY! Finally Love Yourself!

Are you ready to get rid of your clutter one bag at a time? That is how it came into your home! You can't organize clutter; you can only get rid of it! Organizing clutter is no better than a Band-Aid on a cancerous tumor. The growth needs to be removed before the healing can take place.

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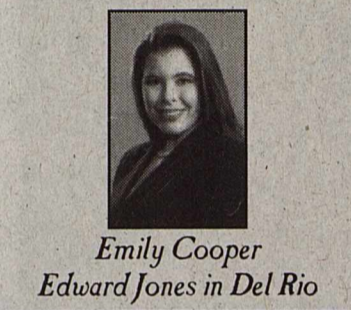
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Smart investment moves for 2010



As an investor, you might wonder what the new year has in store for you. While economic and market forces are, as always, somewhat unpredictable, the overall outlook is generally favorable and by making the right moves, you can further improve your chances of making 2010 a good year for your portfolio. And one of the best moves you can make is to stay invested. If you had jumped out of the market during the long downturn from late 2007 through March 2009, you would have missed quite a rally. In fact, the Dow Jones Industrial Average staged a considerable comeback from its March lows, climbing 61.1 percent in 2009. The S & P 500 rose 66.7 percent off of its low. Still, it's unlikely that we'll experience returns in this neighborhood for 2010. Although we may see reasonably strong growth in corporate earnings a key driver of stock prices stocks are no longer as undervalued as

they were when the rally began. However, although we still face some significant issues, such as high unemployment and tight credit, most experts predict that the economic recovery will continue in 2010, though not at a sizzling pace. And a growing economy is usually good news for investors. Of course, despite the potentially favorable investment environment, there's always the possibility of bumps in the road. To protect yourself, consider taking these steps: Stick with "buy and hold." Despite some claims that "buy-and-hold" is no longer a viable investment strategy given today's volatile markets, it worked pretty well for those investors who were patient enough to ride out the bear market. Continue looking for quality investments and holding them until they no longer meet your needs or until the fundamentals of the investments themselves change. Own some short-term investments. During the long bear market, short-term investments, particularly cash, held up better than most other assets. Yet many investors had too little cash in their portfolios. Don't make that mistake. Keep an appropriate amount of cash for your age, income level, risk tolerance and long-term goals. Watch for changes in invest-

ment taxes. In the coming year, the tax rate may increase for long-term capital gains and stock dividends. If that happens, you may need to review your investment mix. However, even if the long-term capital gains rate rises, you'll still likely be better off holding quality investments for many years, thereby giving them the time to potentially overcome short-term price volatility. And even if taxes rise on dividends, dividend-paying stocks, with their ability to provide both income and growth potential, can be a valuable part of your portfolio. (Keep in mind, though, that companies may reduce or eliminate dividends at any time.) No one can say for sure what 2010 will bring to the investment world. But by preparing your investment strategy for a range of possibilities, and by making changes as needed, you can make this a year of progress toward your important financial goals. This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

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The "Whole" Note



Heather Knox

In preparation of Fort Clark Days, March 5 and 6, I am going to write about different genres of Texas music and its history. I am going to start with the first people to inhabit this land, Native Americans. In 1535, the first chroniclers of Indian life in Texas, the shipwrecked Alvar Núñez Cabeza de Vaca and his party, were greeted by native people who shouted, clapped their thighs, and brought out gourd-and-pebble rattles to which they attached great importance. According to these accounts, singing accompanied all the dances, and the people's voices were the dominant sound to keep the rhythm. In 1582 an expedition came to present day Presidio and de-

scribed a festival in which "with much compass and harmony so that three hundred men performed as one". Most historians recorded at the time that Native American singing was very harmonious and although they were not all sitting together as in a choir, there was always a gentle, coarse harmony. The archeological record provides examples of rhythm sticks, rattles, whistles, and flutes but is incapable of recreating the totality of musical performances or explaining how and when they were played.

More instruments have been recovered from the dry caves of West Texas than from the rest of the state, where wooden objects tend to decay rapidly. Music played an important role in the rituals of these native tribes. Percussion instruments were made from dried gourds, turtle shells, and rattlesnake rattles. The Caddos made hollow ceramic vessels that rattled although it is not clear that they were intended as musical accompaniment. In the dry caves of West Texas were found drilled mussel shells that were presumably suspended

rattles. Rasps or rhythm sticks are one of the more durable types of percussion. Typically, rasps were made of bone or hard wood notched at intervals and played with a sounding stick.

Wind instruments were flutes made from bone, or dried cactus skeletons. Pairs of reed cylinders, lashed together with twine and placed in an infant's grave, have been interpreted as a panpipe. Along the Texas coast bird bone flutes of all shapes and sizes have been found.

Rhythmic music, and especially percussion, has long been recognized as one means of attaining the altered states of consciousness that were an important part of many Native American religions. The Caddos have endeavored to preserve their traditional music, making records that are available to the general public. The Kikapoos, are reluctant to discuss their music, which is handed down from generation to generation, thus maintaining its ceremonial importance.

Facts were gathered from "The Handbook of Texas Online".

Basketball Scores:

On Tuesday, February 16, Brackett Varsity boys defeated Nueces Canyon, 72-52.

The season record is 6-24; District 2-8.

Game night player stats:
Isaac Talamantes - 5 pts
Jonathon Quiroz - 5 pts
Danny Molinar - 22 pts
Jay Proulx - 2 pts
Erbey Martinez - 14 pts
Jeff Sitgreaves - 6 pts
Victor Robledo - 4 pts
Sam Stewart - 8 pts
Ayland Letsinger - 5 pts

On Tuesday, February 16 Brackett Junior Varsity Boys defeated Nueces Canyon, 34-23.

The JV Boys' season record is 14-10; District 4-6.

Game Night Player Stats:
Juan Talamantes - 13 pts
Joelson Terrazas - 4 pts
Daniel Brinker - 2 pts
Daniel Falcon - 6 pts
Joel Talamantes - 2 pts
Austin Pettet - 4 pts
Jonathon Pinales - 3 pts
Daulton Woodson - 2 pts

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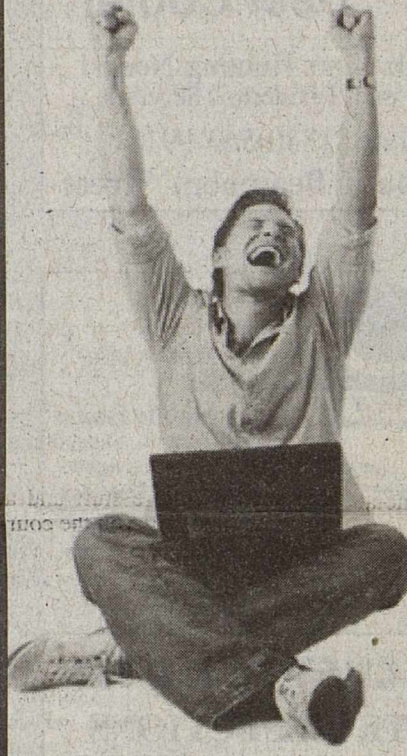
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Topic: "The Cooperative Advantage"

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Information/Entry Packets: Distributed to school superintendents in January, also available online at www.riogrande.coop, at all RGEC area offices, or by calling 1-800-749-1509, ext. 1182 to request a packet by mail.

Martha Peña Padron Kinney County TAC



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Pd. Pol. Adv. by Martha Padron, PO Box 925, Brackettville, Texas 78832

BHS SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Class of 2010

Elena Molinar



Name: Elena Molinar "Nena"
Mother: Maria Elena Molinar
Father: Jose Antonio Molinar
Siblings: Tony, Tanya, Daniel, Elidia, Chapo Molinar
What are your plans after graduation? I am exploring my options with my recruiter to play softball at a college gate level. Or I will attend Blinn College where I will major in Criminal Justice.
What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. Bader aka Tader. She has not only been great help with school and trying to stuff tons of information into my head but she has also been great at giving advice about life period. I appreciate all that she does and I will miss her deeply!
What are you most looking forward to after graduation? Finally starting my adventure on my own in the real world and learning to adapt to the new surroundings.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? My family, my friends, but most of all my mother's cooking.

Daniel Molinar



Name: Daniel Molinar
Mother: Maria Elena Molinar
Father: Jose Antonio Molinar
Siblings: Tanya, Nena, Lila and Chapo
What are your plans after graduation? I plan to attend Blinn Community College or St. Josephs Community College and major in criminal justice and later enter into the Border Patrol.
What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. Bader and Mrs. Schroeder for never giving up on me and for always pushing me to my limits to do my best.
What are you most looking forward to after graduation? The future, living on my own and continuing what I have started.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? My Mom and Dad and my mom's cooking and playing baseball and my friends.

Elidia Molinar



Name: Elidia Molinar (Lila)
Mother: Maria Elena Molinar
Father: Jose Antonio Molinar
Siblings: Guillermo(Tony), Tanya, Daniel, Elena and Chapo
What are your plans after graduation? I plan to pursue a career in Speech Pathology or Early Childhood Development and Education. I am exploring my options as to which school I am going to attend, but I have been accepted to UTSA and Blinn in Brenham.
What teacher influenced you the most? Mrs. Bader, she is a great teacher and even better person, I don't know where I would be with-out her. Thank you for all your help!!
What are you most looking forward to after graduation? Heading out into the real world and seeing what it has to offer and starting my own life.
What do you think you will miss the most after graduation? My family, I love them all very much and friends, but most of all my mothers cooking.



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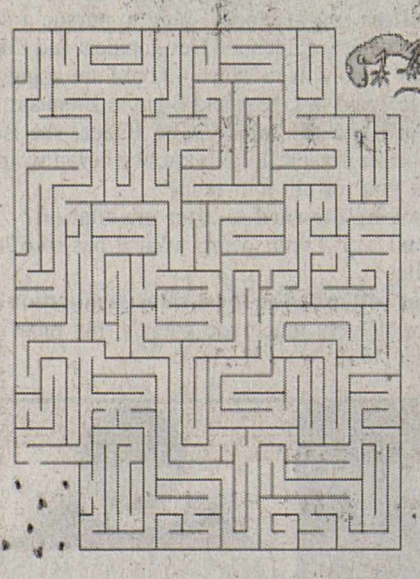
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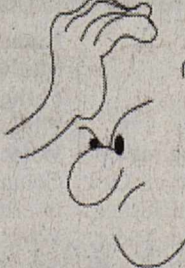
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 Leo the Lizard is searching for some bugs to eat. Help Leo find his way through the maze and to the other side where there are many bugs to eat.

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Cryptogram
 A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.
 Hint: Quote by Jim Morrison
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 K T
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 K FH JLZ XKSFRU AKTB K WFT
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Sudoku Answer Page 2
 The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

	6	1						9
3	2	9						5
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			5					
		1	4	9	3			
8	9			2				
		4						1
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Pat Melancon

Declares bid for re-election for
Kinney County Commissioners Court, Place 4



Pat Melancon and his wife Pam have lived in Kinney County since 1987 and his family roots in Brackettville go all the way back to the mid 1800's. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Houston and has owned and managed a successful A/C and heating business here in Brackettville for over 22 years. Over the years he has been very active in this community and has served on numerous boards and committees including: First State Bank of Brackettville, Ft. Clark M.U.D., B.I.S.D. School board, Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church Finance Committee, Middle Rio Grand Development

Council Board, Texas Workforce Board, T.R.A.C.S. grant review board and Ft. Clark Springs Recycling Committee. Pat is a Lector and Eucharistic Minister at the Catholic Church and an active member in The Old Quarry Society.

As Commissioner, Pat has over 11 years of experience and over 190 hours of continuing education. During his time as County Commissioner the county tax rate has been lowered by over 23%. He has fought to protect our water here in Kinney County. They have successfully fought off the construction of the toxic waste dump South of Spofford. The County has built up the EMS department to an exemplary level including a new EMS facility and ambulances. They have most recently added the volunteer fire dept. to form Kinney County Fire/Rescue and have acquired numerous new and used vehicles to help perform those duties. The Kinney Count Detention Center has been built and brings in much needed revenue to the county. The Streets in Spofford have been paved through grant acquisitions and \$107,000 has been pledged to help repair some of the streets in Brackettville.

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Kinney County:

Commissioner Place 2 and Place 4 are up for re-election. Place 2 is currently held by Joe Montalvo and Place 4 is held by Pat Melancon. Neither Montalvo nor Melancon had filed for re-election at press time. The first day to file for a place on the ballot was December 3. The last day to file will be January 4, 2010. Early Voting by personal appearance will be February 16, 2010; last day will be February 26, 2010. The Primary Election will be on March 2, 2010, followed by the General Election on November 3, 2010.

City of Brackettville:

City Council positions for Mayor, Place 2, Place 4 and Place 5 will be on this year's ballot. The current mayor is Charles Feagley; Place 2 is currently held by Stephanie B'Ann Gomez Buitron; Place 4 is currently held by Francisca Chicca Garza Hernandez; Place Five is currently held by Demitres Williams. The first day to file for a place on the city's ballot was February 6, 2010. The city election will be held on May 8, 2010.

Brackett ISD School Board:

Three positions on the Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees will be on the ballot. Sondra Meil, Tony Molinar and Tony Ashley currently hold the positions and the filing dates coincide with those of the City of Brackettville.

OBITUARY

Santiago Hernandez



October 31, 1931 - February 7, 2010

Santiago Hernandez was born in Brackettville, Texas 10/31/1931 to Eristea and Santiago Hernandez. Preceded in death by his wife Guadalupe Flores Hernandez son; Roy Hernandez, parents; Eristea and Santiago Hernandez, siblings; Leon Hernandez, Santos Hernandez, Ramon Hernandez, Pedro Hernandez, Pete Hernandez, Juanita Garcia and Carmen Burdohan. Survivors are sons Santiago (Jimon) Hernandez, Armando Hernandez and wife Aruira of Brackettville, Tx, sisters; Louisa Ramos from Dalhart, Tx, Erista Martinez from Brackettville, Tx, Jovita Munoz and husband Gilbert from Sonora, Tx, Gloria De la Rosa and husband Pablo from San Antonio, Tx. Sister-in-law Juanita Aguilar and Jose Cabello and brother-in-law Joe Diaz, several nieces, nephews and adopted granddaughters; Joann, Melissa, and Yvonne Rodriguez. Pallbearers will be Shawn and Shane Colvert, Vincent Garcia, Anthony Lopez, Manual Gonzales, Manual Gonzales Jr., Abel Garcia Jr. and Todd Noletubby.

Funeral services are under the direction of Ross Funeral Home. Services were held on Friday, February 12, 2010 at 11am at St. Paschal's Catholic Church with the burial following at the City Cemetery, viewing was from 6-9 on Wednesday and the Rosary was held Thursday, February 10, 2010 at 7pm.

OBITUARY

Evelyn Ballew



January 17, 1934 - February 8, 2010

Evelyn Ballew of Abilene passed away early on the morning of Monday, February 8, 2010, at the age of 76. She was born January 17, 1934 in Jena, Louisiana to Basil Ray and Ollie Scarborough. Evelyn was preceded in death by her beloved husband of thirty-eight years, Jim Wesley Ballew, in 1993. She is survived by her daughter Sherry Roberts and husband David of Gentry, Arkansas, son Bill Ballew and wife Margaret of Girvin, Texas, and son Jimmy Ballew and wife Jamie of Brackettville, Texas; grandchildren John Cody Abney of Austin, Jennifer Christine Abney of Abilene, J. Wayne Ballew of Houston, Laura Lee Ballew of Copenhagen, Denmark, Bret Ballew and wife Jonna of Girvin, and Beth Ballew of Waco; great-grandchildren Kennedy Elizabeth Abney, John Cagan Abney, Hunter Lee Ballew, and Fallon Mae Ballew. Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents and six of her siblings, and is survived by two brothers A.C. and Randolph Scarborough of Abilene, and two sisters, Mamie Corder and Annie Fowler, both of Arkansas. Evelyn loved to fish and shared this hobby with her children and grandchildren. She was an avid gardener and prepared many wonderful family meals with fresh vegetables and fruit from her gardens. Evelyn was cherished and admired for her kind and gentle ways, her strength and independence, and will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Funeral services, conducted by Pastor Lee Fuller, were in the chapel of the Hamil Family Funeral Home of Abilene, Wednesday February 10, 2010, followed by a graveside service at the Potosi Cemetery, where she was laid to rest beside her husband. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

OBITUARY

Earl M. Love



February 12, 1916 - February 9, 2010

Earl M. Love was born on February 12, 1916 in Baltimore, Maryland and passed away at his home on February 9, 2010 at Fort Clark Springs, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas H. and Katherine B. (Highsmith) Love, his beloved wife Marjorie Louise Parker Love, and all his brothers and sisters. Earl enlisted in the United States Navy in July of 1935 and retired in July of 1957 after 22 years. He flew numerous aircraft during his military career and continued his love of aviation after his retirement, building and flying several experimental aircraft to the Experimental Aircraft Association's (EAA) Air Show in Rockford, Illinois. After his retirement from the Navy, he met the love of his life, Marjorie, and they were married for forty-six years. He was a member of the EAA, National Rifle Association, Military Officers Association of America and First Baptist Church of Brackettville, Texas. He is survived by several nieces and nephews, including Pam Grant of New Jersey, Sharon Love of Florida, and Mary Ellen Moran of Maryland and special friends John Hunt and Debbie Kavanaugh, both of California. A memorial service is planned for Earl on Saturday the 27th of February 2010 at 1000 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Brackettville and he will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery with his beloved wife Marjorie.

Thank You

We wish to thank our family and friends for their support during the passing of Santiago Hernandez. The cards, flowers and prayers were greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Santiago Hernandez Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. Hernandez

Thank You

Betty Guajardo and all the wonderful members of the Guadalupe Organization. Words can not express the gratitude we feel for your kindness on one of the saddest days of our lives. We had many family members and friends who were able to spend a few more moments with us during the meal you provided. The food was all very good, but we especially warmly remember you and the members, who are also our friends, who were there to support us.

Thank you,
The Lozano Family



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• **NEW LISTING:** 39 Oak Lane- Beautiful multi-level, steel-framed home with 3BR/2B, open floor plan + large alternate family room 2900 sq. ft +/- UNDER CONTRACT
• **FAIRWAY CIRCLE:** Golf Course lots 67.68 - \$9,500
• **89 WARD:** Price Reduced Awesome 4BR/3B Family Home with Bonus and Media Rms. 3000 sqft. +-. **Huge Reduction to \$155,000**
• **29 LAMAR:** 3/2/2 Stucco hm w/ tiled floors, FP in large kitchen/ breakfast rm. Screened porch overlooking green area. Reduced \$124,900.
• **132 DE ZAVALA:** Adorable A-Frame 2BR/1B w/ 300sq. ft. Loft area, 1100 sq. ft. Reduced \$35,000.
• **23 OAK LANE:** Custom Built Home 3BR/2B on large, fenced corner lot. Backyard Cabana. **UNDER CONTRACT**
• **ANDERSON/TRAVIS:** Cute 3BR/1.5B on 1 lot \$42,500.
• **80 BAYLAND:** Home in Historical District 3BR/2B Approx. 1836 sq. ft. \$89,000. **UNDER CONTRACT**
• **FAIRWAY CIRCLE:** 2 golf course lots. Walking distance from Las Moras creek. \$25,000. **Great Location**
• **UNIT 14:** RV lot w/ metal cover 8 x 10 Morgan bldg. + washer/ dryer hookups. \$32,000 Reduced to sell @ \$22,000
• **NEW LISTING 240 POMPEY 3** lots. Great location \$30,000.

BRACKETTVILLE
• **109 W. SPRING ST.:** Downtown Brackettville 4,400sq. ft. Great Rental Property!
• **New Listing:** 505 Ann St. What a darling 2BR/1B home in a great neighborhood. Original wood floor, FP, workshop, carpet, large fenced yard, Priced to sell @ \$75,000.
ACREAGE
• **191 ACRES - Carta Valley**
• **NEW LISTING 110 ACRES:** 25 miles N. of Brackettville 12x20 Hunters cabin, several feeders and deer blinds. \$1195.00 per acre
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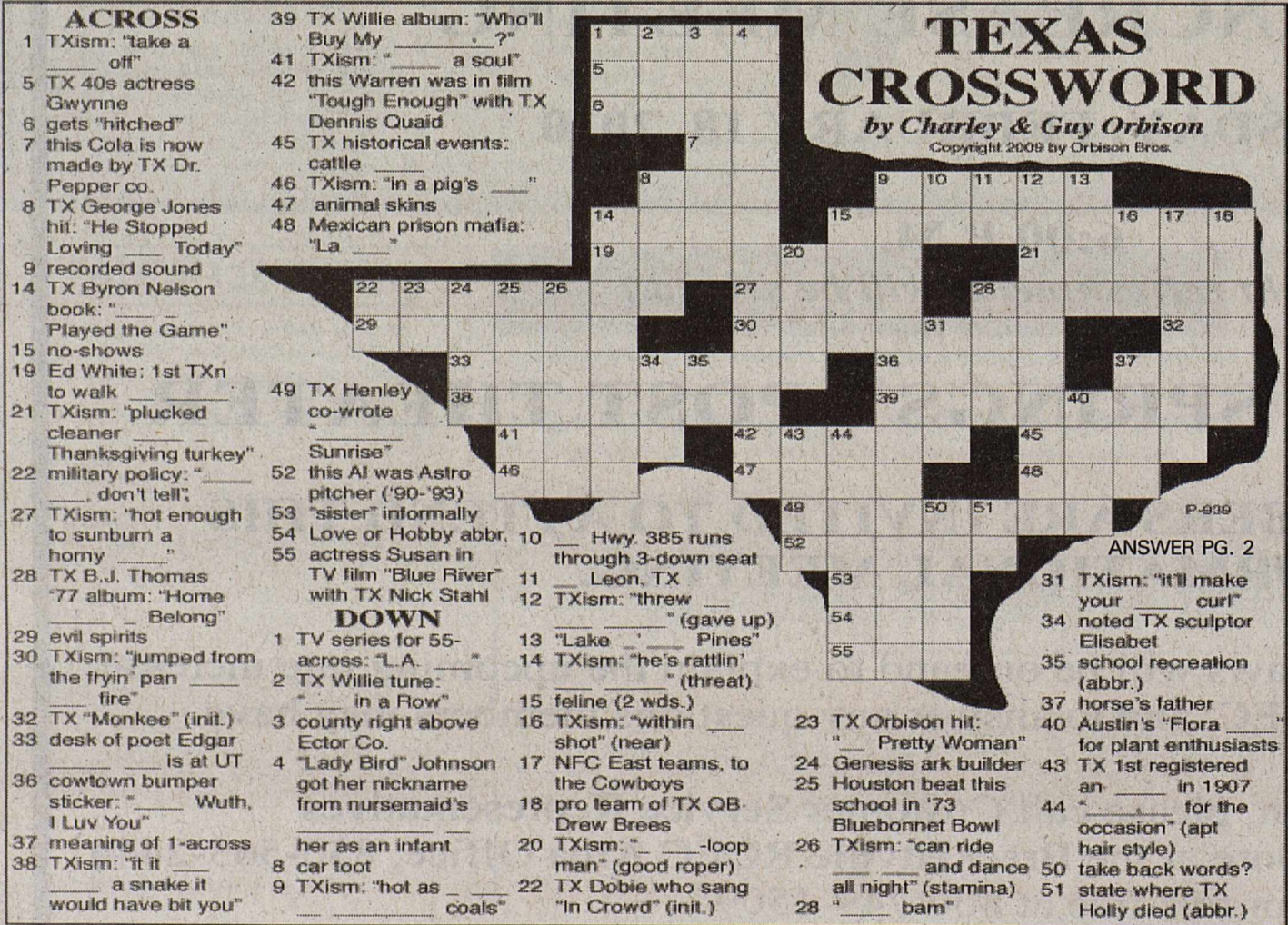
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ACROSS
1 TXism: "take a ___ off"
5 TX 40s actress Gwynne 6 gets "hitched"
7 this Cola is now made by TX Dr. Pepper co.
8 TX George Jones hit: "He Stopped Loving ___ Today"
9 recorded sound
14 TX Byron Nelson book: "___ Played the Game"
15 no-shows
19 Ed White: 1st TXn to walk
21 TXism: "plucked cleaner Thanksgiving turkey"
22 military policy: "___ don't tell"
27 TXism: "hot enough to sunburn a horny ___"
28 TX B.J. Thomas '77 album: "Home ___ Belong"
29 evil spirits
30 TXism: "jumped from the flyin' pan ___ fire"
32 TX "Monkee" (init.)
33 desk of poet Edgar ___ is at UT
36 cowtown bumper sticker: "___ Wuth, I Luv You"
37 meaning of 1-across
38 TXism: "it ___ a snake it would have bit you"
39 TX Willie album: "Who'll Buy My ___?"
41 TXism: "___ a soul"
42 this Warren was in film "Tough Enough" with TX Dennis Quaid
45 TX historical events: cattle ___
46 TXism: "in a pig's ___"
47 animal skins
48 Mexican prison mafia: "La ___"
49 TX Henley co-wrote "Sunrise"
52 this Al was Astro pitcher ('90-'93)
53 "sister" informally
54 Love or Hobby abbr.
55 actress Susan in TV film "Blue River" with TX Nick Stahl
DOWN
1 TV series for 55-across: "L.A. ___"
2 TX Willie tune: "___ in a Row"
3 county right above Ector Co.
4 "Lady Bird" Johnson got her nickname from nursemaid's her as an infant car toot
8 TXism: "hot as ___ coals"
10 ___ Hwy 385 runs through 3-down seat ___ Leon, TX
11 TXism: "threw ___ (gave up) ___ (Planes)"
13 "Lake ___ Pines"
14 TXism: "he's rattlin' ___ (threat)"
15 feline (2 wds.)
16 TXism: "withn ___ shot" (near)
17 NFC East teams, to the Cowboys
18 pro team of TX QB-Drew Brees
20 TXism: "___-loop man" (good roper)
21 TX Dobie who sang "In Crowd" (init.)
23 TX Orbison hit: "___ Pretty Woman"
24 Genesis ark builder
25 Houston beat this school in '73
26 TXism: "can ride ___ and dance all night" (stamina)
28 "___ barn"
31 TXism: "it'll make your ___ curl"
34 noted TX sculptor Elisabet
35 school recreation (abbr.)
37 horse's father
40 Austin's "Flora ___" for plant enthusiasts
43 TX 1st registered an ___ in 1907
44 "___ for the occasion" (apt hair style)
45 take back words?
50 state where TX Holly died (abbr.)

ANSWER PG. 2

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