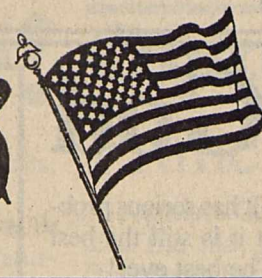


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## Schuster files for election Three of four incumbents not seeking terms

Michael D. Schuster has filed for election and three of the four incumbents in the Brackettville City Council and Brackett ISD School Board of Trustees May 1 elections will not seek re-election.

Schuster, Ronnie Dean Hobbs and Henry Joseph Lutz have all filed to run for the Brackett ISD School Board. Two at-large positions will be filled in the election.

As of noon Wednesday, Alderman Wes Robinson was the only candidate to file for the City Council election.

March 17 is the deadline to file for a place on the ballot for the City Council and School Board elections. The deadline for write-in candidates to file for each election is March 22.

Sources indicate that School Board incumbents Steve LaMarcus and Jim McDaniel are not seeking re-election.

The positions currently held by Robinson and Alderman J.J. Guidry are up in the Brackettville City Council election. Each position has a two-year term.

Guidry announced at Tuesday's City Council meeting that he would not seek a second term.

The alderman said that he has accepted a job in Cleveland, Miss., where he will attend Delta State University in the fall.

Drawings for positions on the ballot will be held for the City Council election on March 18 at 2 p.m. at City Hall, located on W. Spring Street, and for the School Board election on March 22 at the school's Central Office, located on N. Ann Street.

Early voting for both elections will run from April 14-27. Early voting for the City Council election will be at City Hall and early voting for the School Board election will be at the district's Central Office.

The City Council election is limited to Brackettville residents. All registered voters in Kinney County are eligible to vote in the School Board election.



Principal's Michael Schooler (from left), Stoney Burks and Don Sims manned the grills Tuesday night at the pancake supper during Brackett's Open House. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

## Trustees approve teacher contracts McNews to retire at end of year

By J.J. Guidry News Editor

The Brackett School Board of Trustees approved teacher contracts for the upcoming school year and accepted five resignations Monday night.

Among the resignations were Tom and Lynn McNew, who will retire from teaching at the end of the school year.

Tom is a high school math teacher and Lynn teaches in the fifth grade.

"The McNews have been very involved in our community," Brackett Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "They have been in our school district eight years. We want to wish them well as they retire together."

The trustees also accepted resignations from Rachel Ferrario, kindergarten; Alex Moses, elementary Title I; and Stephanie Nolen, middle school history.

"They have been good teachers for us," Stephenson said. "We want to wish them well in their new pursuits, whether that's in a different field or in education in another town."

All of the retirements and resignations are effective June 1 except for Ferrario's resignation, which is effective April 23.

"Her husband is in the Air Force and has been reassigned so she is moving from our area," Stephenson said.

The superintendent said that the school district "will begin to look for replacements immediately."

## County to upgrade level of EMS service Young named medical director

By J.J. Guidry News Editor

The Kinney County Commissioners Court agreed to a request to upgrade the county's EMS license from basic life support to advance life support and named Dr. Katherine Young the medical director during Monday's regular meeting.

The county will apply for the EMS upgrade this week through the Texas Department of Health. The upgrade is expected to cost the county approximately \$300.

"The application will go through a review process with the Texas Department of Health," County Judge Herb Senne said. "The \$300 is \$150 per ambulance and we will certify two units."

"We have three units, but most of the time, you can count on two units running all the time. From a staffing standpoint, that's all we can man at one time."

Once the licenses are approved, Senne said the county will be able to provide advanced life support services.

"We will be capable of providing those services when the certified paramedics or intermediates are on-call or on duty at that time."

"Those licenses and that application are contingent on the medical director's development of protocols and reviews of protocols with our emergency services program," the judge added.

Young, a Catholic nun, is currently the medical director for EMS and the fire department in Eagle Pass.

"She is doing an excellent job for everybody in Eagle Pass," Senne said. "We anticipate the same level of success here."

"She will be responsible for all of the medical aspects from a directorship standpoint, that does not include hands-on treatment."

"She will be on-line when the need for her on-line services become apparent by our people under an emergency situation."

The Commissioners Court agreed to purchase a cellular phone for Young during Monday's regular meeting.

"Part of the on-line services that she will provide to us will require her to be readily accessible to our EMS system at all times," Senne said. "The county has agreed to provide her with a cell phone at her request. She will carry that with her at all times. You couldn't ask for much more accessibility than that."

Senne said that the medical director's position does not have a salary.

"The agreement that we have with her does not include any financial support whatever," the county judge said. "However, because we have traditionally budgeted \$4,000 for the medical director, we will reimburse her for all of her out-of-pocket expenses."



Kinney County EMS Director Michelle Rosas (from left), Alana Flurry and Steven Semmler show off the new equipment purchased with a \$14,317.30 grant from the Hillcrest Foundation, founded by Mrs. W.W. Caruth Sr. Semmler is providing preventative maintenance on the county's ambulance through the grant, which was written by Flurry. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

## Majority of crime drug and alcohol related

By Patsy Callan Contributing Writer

Ninety percent of Texas' crime comes about because of drug or alcohol abuse, according to District Attorney Tom Lee.

Lee, who serves the 63rd Judicial District, was the guest speaker at last Thursday's Brackettville

Rotary Club meeting.

Lee said that the state legislature said, "Why are we treating the results of crime when we should be addressing the cause of it?"

Officials instituted a number of drug treatment facilities. If a person is sentenced to that kind of treatment center, it is a lock up

facility. He or she does not get to walk away from the center if they get tired of it. They must serve six months to a year.

At that point they are released to a halfway house to be intergrated back into the community. Then, when they are back into the community, they are supervised for a year.

Lee stated that the biggest problem in our society today is the use of drugs. There are more and more young people involved in the use of drugs and narcotics.

One third of all Texas youth have admitted to having used illegal drugs. Three fourths of those same kids admitted that they use alcohol all the time.

"Attitudes have got to be changed by what we are willing to permit in our schools and in our homes," Lee said.

Parents are the primary source of the education of young people so the school and the home must work closely together to help solve the problem, he said.

The 63rd Judicial District is now establishing a task force to

track down the street dealers who are selling drugs to children.

Lee said that a criminal event is everyone's problem. If you have not been directly affected by a crime, you probably know someone who has been a victim.

"We are all concerned by the taxes we pay and the amount of safety provided by these taxes," he said. "The best gauge we have about how well our system is working is to ask ourselves, 'How do I feel about my safety and security here where I live?'"

Lee pointed out that the United States has more people in confinement than any other on the planet.

"You would think that normally, this would be true of countries like Cuba, China or Russia," he said. "They don't even come to comparison to the people that we have in confinement in this country."

Closer to home, Texas has the second largest penal system in the world. By the year 2000, the state is expected to have the largest penal system on the earth.

In 1978, when Lee became dis-

trict attorney, there were 16,000 in the prison system. This year, there are 146,000 behind bars.

Some of the reasons for this are demographics. The population has grown by leaps and bounds. Texas is now primarily an urban society, not rural as in the past.

Another cause of the rise in the prison population is the change in the way we approach fighting crime, Lee said.

Police officers are required to have better educational background. They attend police academies before going on the streets and they must renew their skills at least once a year.

The attitude of the legislature has changed toward the prosecutors of criminals. They have opened opportunities for prosecutors to remain in the system. As a result, there has been a retention of people in the profession.

There has been an increase in the prison population because the state of Texas has increased the prison space and now prosecutors know that there is a place to put convicted felons.



Brackettville Rotary Club President J.J. Guidry (left) exchanges banners with Tom Kinney, a visiting Rotarian from Virginia during a recent meeting. Photo by Frances McMaster

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# Thank you God

By Steven R. LaMascio  
Contributing Writer

Like many American families we give thanks (say grace) before each meal. For us this was merely a formality, a way to show God that we are thinking of him and that we appreciate the blessings he gives us each day. This has changed. My thanks for many of our blessings are now fervent and frequent.

What changed my attitude? Well, just a week or so ago our church received a letter. I don't remember where it was from but I hope I never forget what it was for. It was a letter asking the church to pray for a young lady in, I think, Pakistan.

She had recently become a Christian. She was filled with the Spirit and wanted to tell everyone. She was so convincing that she converted one of her friends. The friend then admitted to her parents that she was now a Christian, at which admission the parents beat her to death.

The young lady that had led her to salvation was then arrested and imprisoned. She now sits in jail awaiting trial for which the penalty will be death. An update last Sunday advised that the trial had started but the young Christian could not attend. She had been beaten and tortured so badly she was physically unable to stand before her accusers.

We here in the United States gripe about our government. And we have reason to do so - it could be so much better if the people who run it really had the good of the people at heart. But, people, when was the last time you heard of someone being arrested, imprisoned and tortured because of their religion? We are so blessed to live

in this country. It has serious problems, sure, but it is still the best in the world. The best ever!

I can foresee a time when we will be persecuted for our beliefs. I can foresee a time when we will give heartfelt thanks for every slice of bread. This time will come. The Bible says so. With each day that passes that time gets nearer. It approaches remorselessly with ever increasing speed.

I have prayed for that girl in Pakistan. I have prayed that she can find the strength, and that God will send to her the fortitude for her to not deny her savior. It is a horrible thing to be persecuted for believing in the one true Savior, but it has been happening for 2,000 years and it will continue to happen right up to the end.

I give thanks that I have never had to have that fortitude, that I have never been persecuted for my belief in Jesus.

The word martyr became common in the first and second centuries A.D. It was used at that time primarily to denote a Christian who had been killed for professing his belief. No one knows how many were killed, maybe millions.

Well, the word is still valid. I have just told you about another martyr for the cause of Christ. The young Pakistani girl is just as much a martyr as John the Baptist or the Apostle Peter.

She deserves your prayers. But do not pray solely for her release from prison. That probably won't happen. Pray also for her courage.

Pray that she will have the will and strength to look her accusers in the eye and profess Jesus Christ. They may kill her body, but they can never kill her soul. That now belongs with her savior.

You and I should be so blessed!

## Between Us

By Joe Townsend



## Be happy in Brackettville

When I moved to Brackettville, I came intending to stay here until the Lord called me home. Nothing has happened to cause me to change my mind.

As any Baptist preacher who will stand up for what the Bible says, I have waded through all sorts of trash. I have been threatened with my house being bombed and burned to the ground. I've been threatened with Frontier Baptist Church being bombed. I've been threatened with all sorts of personal mayhem. I've been threatened with "being run out of town" by a number of things.

All these godless people forget that God is still on his throne. Some might think that these sorts

of situations would dampen the joy of living here.

I don't know any place that doesn't have it's share of demonic trash. On the other hand, no place I have ever been has so many truly fine people.

For a town this size, the over abundance of extraordinary people is amazing. There are churches to meet the particular needs of any bias. At times all churches gather to worship together. When anyone has troubles the town rushes to help. Anyone who can't be happy in Brackettville needs to change his or her outlook.

If one can't be happy in Brackettville the reflection is on the person, not the town.



## Rural areas lack EMS resources

By Pete P. Gallego  
State Representative, District 74

Rural areas are often at a disadvantage when it comes to health care. This is especially true in an emergency situation.

During a crisis, every minute counts. So when the nearest medical facility is 40 miles away, the trauma system must have the equipment and personnel to respond immediately.

Currently, rural areas lack the emergency response resources. Death rates due to trauma in these areas are considerably higher than urban areas. Preventable death rates due to trauma could be as high as 85 percent.

The problem is further compounded when large urban centers, which have the appropriate resources available, are overloaded with patients and may not be able to take rural trauma transfers.

Trauma is the leading cause of death for people from the age of one to 44. Over 10,000 Texans die every year from injuries.

Critical trauma victims must

receive definitive care within a short period of time to prevent death or disability.

Studies have shown that coordination of the emergency medical resources available in an area can result in a major decrease in preventable trauma deaths.

The Texas Legislature is making an effort to improve trauma care so that it does not matter if you live in Hudspeth or Harris County, you will be covered by emergency medical service.

During the 1997 legislative session, S.B. 102 designated \$4 million for an emergency medical systems and trauma system fund. Before the passage of this bill, the Texas Trauma System was patched together by volunteer spirit, donations and assorted grants.

The Texas Trauma System recently released its interim report on the impact of S.B. 102 on emergency medical response statewide.

Out of the \$4 million appropriation, the Texas Health Department recommended that a higher percentage of the EMS allotment be

distributed to rural counties. This was to ameliorate the higher trauma death rates, lack of resources and the small amount of local funding available.

During its first year of operation, Southwest Texas received the largest portion of grants. Every county in District 74 received some assistance, including Kinney County. The grants went towards the purchase of equipment, personnel training and upgrading communications systems.

Though these grants have not solved every problem, for the volunteer entities who are the only emergency responders for many areas, the assistance was desperately needed and greatly appreciated. The resulting benefits included a decrease in the number of trauma incidents, severity of injury, the number of preventable deaths, and the severity of trauma-related disability.

Though I pray these services will never be needed, as a member of the appropriations committee, I will work to ensure the continuation of this life-saving program.

## Unsung Hero

By Brian Townsend

There is a man in the community who has comforted the hearts of many for years.

He came to town to preach the word of God and continues to do so every Sunday.

He is outspoken yet ready to listen, opinionated yet slow to anger. Wisdom blossoms from his thoughts, and love overflows from his heart.

This man is highly involved throughout the community and truly cares for Brackettville and its future. He is well educated and is truly one of Brackettville's finest. However, his other half is pretty good too.

She taught first grade for many years. She probably taught a lot of you and a lot of your kids. Joy exudes from her very foundation, and kindness is her biggest asset.

She has stood by her man through thick and thin, been a devoted wife, loving mother, and a wonderful grandmother.

Her life stands for peace, love, and happiness, which she wishes to all. She is truly one of a kind!

No doubt about it, Joe and Oleta Townsend are Unsung Heroes.



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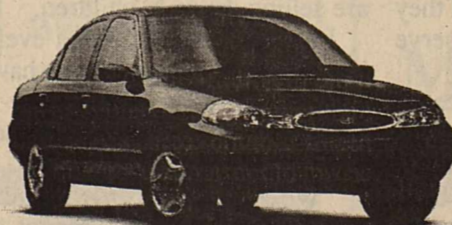
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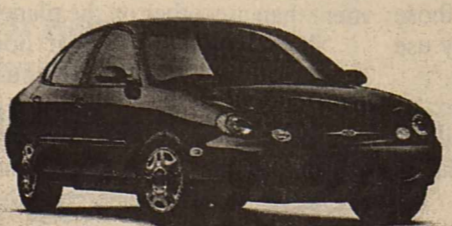


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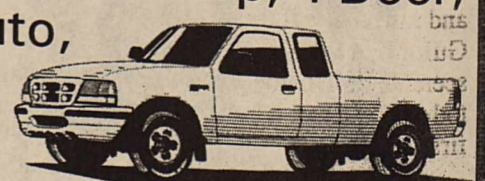


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# Spring Break is finally here! Obituary

Spring Break is here - March 15-19! I'm ready for a break! How about you?

During the break, we'll celebrate St. Patrick's Day. It's usually a big day at school for the wearing of the green and for a little pinch if you forget. But, we'll figure this one out this year at home.

Our students will be involved in softball games, golf and tennis tournaments scheduled over the holidays. Schools can't get together and match up their Spring Breaks. That's OK.

We'll also be practicing all of the spring sports. So, it will be a busy time.

### New Building

The School Board walked through the new high school building Monday night. It's a big building and is well built.

This week, work will focus on completing the block inside, in-

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By Taylor Stephenson, BISD Superintendent

stalling mechanical ducts, and on weather proofing the outside of the building.

The new Brackett High School will have 10 classrooms and a huge science lab.

The City of Brackettville helped with the culverts and in drainage from rains (if it ever occurs).

We are very fortunate to have a fine city staff under the leadership of David Luna. They form a healthy partnership with the schools of Brackettville. Thanks for your help!

### Teacher Contracts

The teachers have been re-hired for the 1999-00 school

term.

We had five resignations at the March School Board meeting. We'll miss those folks, but wish them the best in their retirement, new jobs and new towns.

Brackettville is a special place. We have special schools and a fine staff.

### Weekend Rain

It was nice to see the rain in Brackettville this past weekend. I had about .15 at my home. That's not much, but it was wonderful.

The wildflowers have started to come to life around Kinney County. A good rain would get

everyone in much better spirits.

### Spring Vacation

My wife and I will be in northern California from Saturday through Wednesday. Our daughter, Traci, is expecting her first baby in early August.

We'll fly to Sacramento and drive up Highway 5 through some beautiful country. It has been a wet, cool year there.

Most of all, we'll get to enjoy listening to our wonderful daughter and her husband laugh and tell us stories about California. She's like her dad, always has a story to tell.

That's about it this week. It has been a great week for the schools.

Our School Board works with the community to give the kids the best. I feel good about the direction that we are going. Enjoy the Spring Break!

Have a great week.

## Francisca Gutierrez Reyes

Francisca Gutierrez Reyes, 70, died Thursday, March 4, 1999 at Downtown Baptist Medical Center in San Antonio. She was born March 9, 1928 in Imperial, Texas.

Reyes is survived by her husband: Adrian Reyes Sr. of Brackettville; son: Adrian Reyes Jr. and wife Belinda of Alice, Texas; daughters and sons-in-law: Ana Belia Talamantes of Brackettville, Bertha Flores and Teno Flores III of Del Rio, and Beatrice Kuhns and Tom Kuhns of California; brothers: Francisco Gutierrez and wife Concepcion of Brackettville, and Bruno Gutierrez and wife Lorenza of San Carlos, Coahuila,

Mexico; sisters: Agustina Gutierrez and Anastacia Aguirre, both of Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico; grandchildren: Adrien Reyes III, John Andrew Reyes, Joseph Reyes, Ana Lisa Talamantes, Angie Talamantes, Jose Talamantes Jr., Kristina Flores, Teno Flores IV and Samantha Kuhns.

Visitation was held on Friday, March 5, at the Brackettville Funeral Home Chapel and a rosary was recited.

Mass was held Saturday, March 6, St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Burial followed at the Catholic Cemetery.

## Brackett ISD Honor Roll

Brackett Independent School District's Honor Roll as provided by the district:

### High School

#### All A Honor Roll

Seniors: Lindsey Brotherton, Amanda Petrosky.

Juniors: Jamie Bader, Laura Lee Ballew, James Burks, Zachry Davis, Tiffany Eckenrod, Jacob Hughes, Jerriett Meeks.

Sophomores: Carrissa De Los Santos, Schiller Hill.

Freshmen: Lloyd Lee Davis, Susannah Davis, Levi Duncan, Erica Gloria, Stephanie Gomez, Migdalia Gonzalez, Duquesa Hunt, Erica Meyer.

#### A-B Honor Roll

Seniors: Alexandra Arreola, Angela Childress, Sonya Correa, Colby Crosby, Jessica De Leon, David Honstein, Jessica Jaso, Patricia Lopez, Jose Perez, Graciela Terrazas.

Juniors: Reynaldo De Los Santos, Steven Hagler, Daniel Hernandez, Cindy Jennings, Sunni Jones, Joshua Mulvaine, Donald Page, Theresa Ryan, Latoya Wright.

Sophomores: April Crumley, Kayla Cruz, Enriqueta Garza, Albert Lattimer, Leslie Meyer, Chase Ward.

Freshmen: Michelle Bizzell, Christina Flores, Sarah Gammill, Candice Ingram, Jaime Montalvo, Rodolfo Ramirez, Isela Ramon, Amanda Ward, Brandi Wilson.

### Middle School

#### All A Honor Roll

Eighth grade: Valerie Gunter, Jared Hobbs, Maria

Martinez, Megan McWilliams, Laura Negrete, Tiara Ward.

Seventh grade: Elizabeth Ballew, Amanda Davis, Dietrich Davis, Matthew Jackson, Sarah Meyer, Sabrina Silver, Ashley Smith.

Sixth grade: Tillman Davis, Courtney Frerich, Cody Robinette, Oscar Sierra III.

#### A-B Honor Roll

Eighth grade: Coshena Meyer, Douglas Sanchez, Elizabeth Threadgill.

Seventh grade: Stacey Castilla, Hector Febres, Nancy Hill, Allison LaMascus, Emily Petrosky, Blanca Talamantes, Beau Watkins.

Sixth grade: Clarissa Aguirre, Juliann Ashabranner, Stephanie Bonner, Jaclynn Duncan, Monica Gonzalez, Daniel Gunter, Whitney Hobbs, Robert Looney, Sean Looney, Whitney Massingill, Kristin Meyer, Celina Terrazas, Valerie Terrazas, Drew Wiersema, Kody Yeager.

### Jones Elementary

#### All A Honor Roll

Fifth grade: Dana Bonner, John Braesicke, Liliana Hernandez, Steven Jackson, Kristen Linton, Mason McWilliams, Sarah Nickerson, Travis Nowlin, Yasmin Pena, Isabel Rivas, Brand Wylie.

Fourth grade: Dolores Cano, James Conrad, Robert Davis, Allison DelBosque, Alonso Delgado, Seth Frerich, Lorena Mendoza, Laura Meyer, Ivan Pinales, Austin Shewbart, Micheal Stephenson, Kara Yeager.

Third grade: Bailea Allen, Jesus Balderas, Colter Barajas, Isaac Benites, Kevin Bonner, Travis Bonner, Julie Castillo, Meghann Davis, Israel DeHoyos, Marco Duran, Doolie Fernandez, Alberto Flores, Lisa Gass, Marlene Gloria, Amador Gonzalez, Catherine Herman, Daphne Hunt, Jaime Jimenez, Maria Juarez, Lane Nowlin, Eduardo Pena, Gustavo Resendez, Evelyn Rojas, Manolo Rojas, Maria Sanchez, Stefani Schuster, Ashley Stephenson, Bianca Stewart, Gabriela Talamantes, Kara Thomas, Hector Villarreal, Anolda Watkins, Lacey Wiersema, Rolando Zamora.

Second grade: Natalie Aguirre, Summer Allen, Amanda Braesicke, Serenity Gammill, Jessica Garza, Victoria Herndon, Miranda Letsinger, Rebecca Mann, Bianca Martinez, David Miranda, Daniel Nickerson, Harmony Pettett, Tasha Pinkall, Johnathan Rios, Graciela Rocha, Bianca Terrazas, Armory Thourot.

#### A-B Honor Roll

Fifth grade: Ashley Castillo, Joe Chacon, Jacquelyn Conoly, Cassandra Gomez, Mandy Harris, Woodward Jach, Tanya Molinar, Kay Lynn Perez, Megan Reinhold, Soraida Talamantes, Tye Taylor.

Fourth grade: Adan Aguirre, Stanford Conoly, Cesar DeLeon, Maria DeLeon, Christie Dodson, Jay Duncan, Joaquin Fernandez, Betty Lattimer, Lisa Morgan, Jaime Muniz, Natasha Smith, Abel Talamantes, Marisela

Talamantes, Monica Talamantes, Nadine Terrazas, Emily Valenzuela.

Third grade: Steven Boden, Amber Castilla, Anita DeLeon, Savannah Fernandez, Elva Garcia, Vanessa Garcia, Anabel Perez, Erica Rodriguez, Jessica Rodriguez, Jennifer Samora, Christopher Seargeant, Bellalynra Talamantes, Fermin Villanueva, Jolisa Wright.

Second grade: Felisha Abrego, Laura Adams, Ray Aguilar, Cynthia Bland, Sergio Calvillo, Seth Clements, Valerie Davis, Consuelo Del Carmen, Cristiana Gomez, Roxanne Gomez, Moises Gonzales, Diana Honstein, Alvin Jennings, Thomas Justice, Adolfo Reyes, Zakary Ring, Maribel Rivas, Jeannette Rodriguez, Victor Salinas, April Samora, Jose Sanchez, Desarea Swindle, Veronica Talamantes, Edgar Vasquez.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report

### Sunday, Feb. 28

4:05 a.m., Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was on routine patrol near Pico when he observed a red sports car travelling east at approximately 89 miles per hour through Brackettville on Highway 90. Guidry pursued the vehicle approximately seven miles east of Brackettville but could not catch the vehicle. Kinney County Sheriff's Department officials notified law enforcement officials in Uvalde County about the situation. Approximately 14 minutes later, Uvalde Police Department officials stopped the vehicle travelling 110 miles per hour. Uvalde Police Department officials cited the driver of the vehicle.

11:33 p.m., A motorist used a cellular phone to report that a black truck travelling west towards Brackettville was weaving and ran a car off the road. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He had the driver in custody for driving while intoxicated, first offense.

### Monday, March 1

12:15 p.m., Gerardo Martinez, 44, of San Antonio was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and probation violation by Deputy Sheriff Warren Outlaw. Martinez was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held.

2:30 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that his dog was poisoned

at his residence on Remote Alley. Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the scene. The case is still under investigation.

### Wednesday, March 3

2:00 p.m., Timothy James Baker, 17, of Brackettville was arrested by Chief Deputy Fritter on outstanding warrants for deadly conduct and failure to appear. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Baker was released the same day on a \$3,000 personal recognizance bond.

### Thursday, March 4

7:25 a.m., A motorist reported that a man was standing under a tree and it looked like his leg was bleeding. She said the man was on Highway 90, approximately 12 to 15 miles east of Brackettville. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie was dispatched to the scene. He said the man was not bleeding, but had torn his pant leg. The subject was transported to the U.S. Border Patrol station.

4:00 p.m., Michael Woodard Clements, 41, of Brackettville was arrested by Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess on outstanding warrants for driving while intoxicated, second offense, and failure to appear. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Clements was released the same day on a \$5,000 surety bond.

### Saturday, March 6

7:00 p.m., Jesus Valdez, 36,

of Georgetown, Texas, was arrested by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar and charged with possession of a firearm by a felon. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Valdez was released the following day on a \$5,000 personal recognizance bond.

9:00 p.m., A domestic problem was reported at a residence on E. First Street. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He met with a woman who said her boyfriend was arguing and making the kids cry. The boyfriend said he was angry because the woman was two hours late coming home from Del Rio and brought him the wrong kind of hamburger. Guidry transported the man to his uncle's house where he spent the night.

10:32 p.m., A motorist reported that a vehicle was running cars off of Highway 90 and the occupants of the vehicle were throwing beer cans out of the window. Deputy Guidry and Trooper Slubar were dispatched to the scene. Rafael Castaneda, 18, of Melissa, Texas, was arrested by Slubar for public intoxication, minor in possession, unlawfully carrying a weapon, and failure to identify. Castaneda was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held. Two 15-year-old occupants in the vehicle were held and later turned over to their parents.

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## But I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall



## Anyone got a lottery ticket?

At some friends' home recently, the subject of the lottery came up. At that time it was around \$28 million. That's a lot of money. It would pay most of my debts.

Anyway, during the conversation, I asked a philosophical question: "If you had to, for some reason, have someone else keep your winning ticket for a few days, do you have a good enough friend to trust to hold your \$28 million ticket for you?"

We all pondered that one for a while, and thought about and discussed whom of our friends we might trust the most. (My name never came up. Can you believe it? Me too.)

Then I asked if they thought any of their friends would trust them to hold the ticket under similar circumstances. (I suspect some of my friends would rather take their chances with a complete stranger.)

The evening entertainment ended by one remark I still remember: "If you don't have a friend you could trust or be trusted by, with that amount or any amount, then you need some new friends."

I don't mean to make light of the subject of friends. Friends are one of life's finest gifts. I think I have some very fine, dear friends that I could, and would, trust with my life. And I couldn't be wrong.

## Raymer crowned Preceptor Theta Sigma's sweetheart

DEL RIO - Alicia Raymer was crowned Preceptor Theta Sigma's Valentine sweetheart last month at the annual Valentine Banquet at Ramada Inn.

Raymer, the group's president, welcomed everyone and led the Beta prayer.

For the program, Lynn McNew sang two songs appropriate for Valentine's Day. Poems were read by Clara McCord and Betty Mathison.

After dinner, Raymer was crowned the Valentine sweetheart by McCord, who was last year's sweetheart.

The valentine banquet was held with Brackettville's Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Hazel Ivey, the group's 1998 Valentine sweetheart, crowned Helen Peck as the new sweetheart.

Both sweethearts were presented special gifts from the chapter sisters. Secret sister gifts were passed out and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Those in attendance from Preceptor Theta Sigma were: Jan Chism, Tony and Nancy Frerich, Marge Geeze, Dwite and Luella Gilliland, Arlene



Alicia Raymer is crowned Preceptor Theta Sigma's sweetheart by Clara McCord.

Karson, Kenneth and Doraline Kellar, Allen and Clara McCord, Hubert and Pat McKelvy, Tom and Lynn McNew, Gil and Alicia Raymer, Molly Schroeder, Jack and Arlys Simpson, Dale and Mylo Unruh, and Pack and Bobbie Waddill.

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

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

Friday, March 11, 1887

Went down to the company after breakfast and spent quite a while there signing up clothing rolls and book. Captain Vance came down to the company and we had a talk about the start tomorrow. Then got a campaign hat and a mattress cover at the Q.M.D. and on the way to quarters had a chat at Mrs. Hammond's. Later on returned to sit on her porch a while and then went up to Capt. Vance's a moment. After lunch went up to Capt. Vance's with Guard & Hewitt and sat there talking and then the two latter came down to my quarters. Afterwards were joined by Maj. Wilcox, Capts. Vance & Lee. Accompanied Guard & Hewitt to the store and then went up to Vance's & over to town with him. After retreat the company was paid. The train was five hours late and has thus put back our time for starting tomorrow as we wanted to leave at reveille. Collected some money due from the men. Mail brought letters from home, Lula & Henry & bundle of papers from home. Called on almost everybody in the evening with Capt. Vance ending at Gen. Smith's. Met Maj. Arthur the paymaster at the latter place. Everybody was very kind in their regrets over our departure and my vanity prompts me to believe the most were sincere. Was very sorry to bid Miss Coleman good-bye as she has found her society the most agreeable in the garrison. Always cheerful she is intelligent also, and a thorough lady at all times. This is our last night for some time, & perhaps forever, at Clark. Duff and Walcutt came in today from Del Rio. Was glad to see them again.

Saturday, March 12, 1887

Expected to leave at reveille this morning but the teamsters could not get their pay in time and we were unable to leave until noon. Spent the morning in going around to say good-bye and preparing for the trip. Miss Johnston's eyes filled with tears which rather unnerved me. Got some medicine at the hospital and then accompanied Miss Coleman, Mamie Smith, Ella Jordan and Ives to the latter's house to see the pantograph work. Spent some time there and then had to leave to say some more good-byes. In bidding the General good-bye at the office he said it made him sick to see "E" Co. go and think he meant it. He has only four years before retirement and it is probable that we will not serve again with him. Miss Betty Jordan gave me a pretty sachet as a philopena present and Mrs. Robinson a cigar case as a souvenir. At noon we marched out of the post and to the credit of the company there was only one man unable to walk on account of liquor and that was poor old Tydings, a slave to drink. The Captain has made up his mind to give him a court when we get to Ringgold. We marched until near four o'clock, making a dry camp about a mile beyond Spofford Junction. Every hour a rest of ten minutes was taken. Guard led most of the way but he took a very quick step so that the men straggled some. At Spofford he took a horse and I led until

## FOOTSTEPS ECHO

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camp was reached. Have marched the whole distance without feeling as tired as I expected. Capt. Vance rode his pony. At Spofford got a glass of beer and was very much refreshed by it. Hewitt and Roberts drove up just as we went into camp and Mrs. Guard joined us about the same time. She travels in the ambulance. Sent over to the station for some beer and drank it with Hewitt and Roberts and the Guards & Capt. Vance while Mrs. Guard had an excellent lunch. Hewitt brought out a box of ice. They left before sunset. Hewitt promised to write me at McIntosh sending all the news there. Charlie Smith came out on his pony and spent the night with us. He has always been on very intimate terms with some men of the company and wanted to see as much of them as possible. Just after dark we heard some Mikado airs and up drove two carriages containing the Hammonds, Mrs. and Miss Kauffman, Miss Coleman, Miss Jordan and Ives. Then spent about an hour in camp going back by moonlight. Showed them all around camp and felt very sorry when they had to leave. Am messing and tenting with Capt. Vance. Did not feel as tired tonight as I expected. We felt very much flattered by these visits this evening for they show that "E" Co. is very popular at Clark and that we will be missed. Saw tears in Miss Coleman's eyes when she said good-bye today. Shall miss her society very much indeed.

Sunday, March 13, 1887

Slept very well, much better than I expected. Got up about 5 o'clock and after bidding Charlie Smith good-bye started out about 6-30 with the men, Guard and Vance both riding. At times the former would join me giving his horse to a man. Marched 50 minutes and then took a rest of 10 minutes every hour, so that it would not be so hard on the men. Saw antelope, quail & duck today, the Captain getting some of the birds for our mess. The march was heavy toward the last. Did not eat much breakfast and felt faint on reaching camp. Camped at Thompson's ranch on a small pond of water but had no shade trees so that it was rather warm. The Guards are encamped across the pond in a better place but not large enough for the company and wagon train. Had a good meal soon after reaching camp which I thoroughly enjoyed, and then took a nap, waking up very much refreshed. Wrote up itinerary of trip and diary and then wrote a letter home. Had supper later on and then cleaned up and went over to see the Guards a while. Accompanied them and Capt. Vance up to call on Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and found them very refined nice Scotch people, Mrs. G. being especially pleasant. They have a fine grand piano, but felt too tired to stay long enough to ask Mrs. Thompson to play. It was a strange sight to see such a civilized house & surroundings and a most agreeable surprise to meet such cultivated people out on a ranch. Mr. Thompson is quite wealthy but he will lose a great many sheep unless rain comes soon to bring more grass and water. Left my letter there and it will be mailed tomorrow from their postoffice so as to leave on the train there and it will be received much sooner than expected. Walked back to Guard's tent and had two glasses of iced champagne there that were especially acceptable. Am enjoying the trip

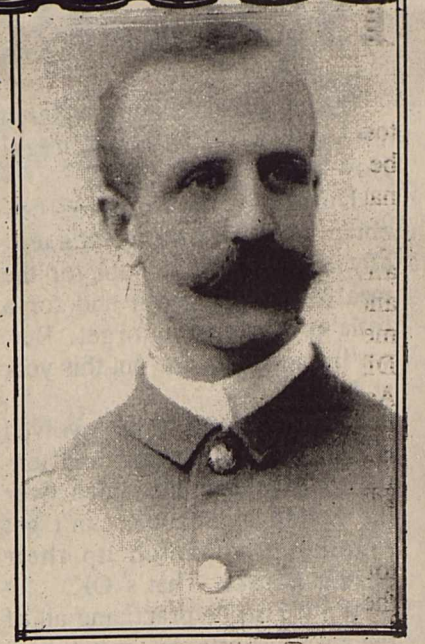
much better than I anticipated. Have walked all the way without any injury to my feet and if they do not fail me tomorrow can feel sure of their taking me through all right.

Monday, March 14, 1887

Last night was quite cold, a splendid one for sleeping. Enjoyed the rest very much. Left camp promptly at 6 o'clock before the sun came up and rushed matters a little at first so as to make as many miles as possible before it became too warm. The country was more rolling than yesterday and so much more interesting to march through, although the road was softer and somewhat more difficult. Marched as before resting 10 minutes each hour and reached a wire fence where the men had to wait nearly 30 minutes for the wagons to go around. Reached Elm Creek at 11 o'clock where we expected to camp but found no grass at all and the only water pond with dead sheep in it. So the Guards stayed an hour giving me a glass of iced champagne and then pulled out in the ambulance for Duncan while we remained in camp until 2-40 and then started. Had lunch and took a nap and felt better. Marched 7 miles to Eagle Pass by 5 o'clock. Stopped at a convent on the edge of town where we got fresh water and the "tender-feet," men with sore feet, got off the wagons and marched through the town to the garrison. Was here in May '83 but the post is not in as good repair as then as it was abandoned and resumed in the interim. It is very dusty and rain is badly needed. Are encamped in the garrison. Met Capt. Steever of the 3rd Cav'y. in command after we reached the post. He was an instructor at West Point during my last years there. Dr. Egan & Johnson F.O. of the 3rd Cav'y also came up and were quite cordial. Capt. Steever insisted on our joining him and wife at a plain family dinner. So took a bath at Johnson's and then had no time to get better clothes out of the trunk and had to wear my travelling ones, much to my annoyance. Had an excellent meal and enjoyed it thoroughly. Met Mrs. Steever whom I knew at West Point when she was visiting Col. Beaumont her uncle. She is right pleasant. Enjoyed the chat after the meal a great deal, Egan & Johnson coming in, but left soon to write up diary and itinerary. Have marched the whole distance from Clark 45 miles without discomfort. My feet seem to be in excellent condition. Am enjoying the experience more than I anticipated.

Tuesday, March 15, 1887

Had a good night's rest and slept late in the morning as we spent the day here. Spent the morning in camp and at Dr. Egan's, talking to him about my trouble. Capt. Steever, Johnson & Dr. Egan all came over to see us this morning. Neglected to call officially on Capt. Steever at the office and felt ashamed of myself as he has been so courteous to us. After lunch returned to Egan's to write letter home and look at papers. At four o'clock Capt. Vance & I dined with Egan at Johnson's and had a fine meal and a good time there. Guard and wife, Johnson and I then went down town where met Dr. Lane, formerly custom house officer, who accompanied us across the river in the ambulance to Piedras Negras. Rode around the town which is smaller and more deserted than Matamoros. Mrs. Guard bought a few small things.



We all called after returning for some beer and then left Dr. Lane at his house. Then called to pay our respects and say good-bye to the Steevers, who had thoughtfully provided sherbet for us. It was delicious and extremely refreshing. Have drunk wine here contrary to the Doctor's instructions. Intend to shut down on this and beer too from now on. Called then at Egan's & note at Johnson's to say good-bye, but not finding them at home left a note at Johnson's. Met them outside & said good-bye and then turned in as we are to start early tomorrow. This is a horrible dusty and warm place; feel more reconciled to Ringgold now and hope I shall never have to serve here. It is very hard on Mrs. Steever.

Wednesday, March 16, 1887

Marched out of camp at 6-30 o'clock on the Laredo road. Was right glad to leave Duncan. All the men were present but one or two showed the effects of dissipating last night. As it was so early nobody was up to see us off. Marched as before fifty minutes and rested ten, and in this way covered the road very well. Capt. Vance walked a while with us. Would have preferred to be alone as he walked slower and we ought to have rushed in the early part while it was cool. Walked the whole distance so far and have enjoyed it too. Think it has been beneficial although my back ached so as to make me fear my old trouble. Earnestly hope it won't return. The country was dry and dusty; in places sandy. Cactus and chaparral have had time to grow. Found water in abundance in a hole at Stone's Ranch about 13 miles from Duncan. Had a nice place for camp barring the dust. It was very hot when we arrived. Took a nap on a blanket under a tree and went over to see the Guard's a while. They had a slight dispute; what a pity they do not agree better. Mrs. Guard shields Sully too much and is surely spoiling him. He is a bright boy and already knows how to protect himself when he gets into trouble. But this is none of my business; perhaps if I am ever so fortunate as to be a father I shall treat my children differently from what other people think to be correct. Sully is a bright, cheerful boy and there is nothing mean or low about him, but he needs to be restrained. Played cards with Guard a while in the afternoon after he, Captain and I had had a long talk with the proprietor of the ranch and his Mexican major-domo about the road for tomorrow. Intended to spend the evening with the Guards, but as we have a long march for water tomorrow concluded to go to bed early instead. Have marched 58 miles so far. My legs and feet are in excellent trim and I think of marching the whole distance to Ringgold. The men, we heard today, are determined to march as far as I do. On the experimental march in '84 marched down "G" Co. and am resolved unless my feet or health fail me to keep ahead of "E" Co. although the latter is a better walking company than the other.

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# Brackett hosts tournaments

Brackett will host its annual baseball and softball tournaments this week. The baseball tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday and the softball tournament will be held on Saturday.

The round-robin baseball tournament kicks off at 9 a.m. tomorrow as La Pryor faces Utopia, Asherton and Sabinal play at 11 a.m., Dilley and La Pryor meet at 1 p.m., Brackett battles Sabinal at 3 p.m., Dilley faces Utopia at 5 p.m., and Brackett plays Asherton at 7 p.m.

Three games are slated for Friday, beginning with the consolation finals at 11 a.m. The third place game is at 1 p.m. and the championship is at 3 p.m.

The Tigers (2-4) are coming off of a 15-5 victory over the Sabinal Yellowjackets on Tuesday in their home opener.

Sabinal scored four runs in its first offensive series, but Brackett took the lead for good after going up 5-4 after the end of the first inning.

Alex DeLeon led the Tigers with a perfect 4-for-4 plate performance against the Yellowjackets. He scored three runs after hitting a home run and a double.

Zach Davis also hit a home run and a double. He

was 3 for 4 at the plate and scored three times.

Jacob Mann and J.J. Reavis were both 2 for 3 offensively. Mann had a double and crossed home plate twice.

Saturday's round-robin softball tournament begins at 9 a.m. as Brackett plays Eagle Pass J.V., Crystal City and Uvalde meet at 10:45 a.m., Brackett and Crystal City play at 12:30 p.m., Eagle Pass J.V. faces Uvalde at 2:15 p.m., Crystal City and Eagle Pass J.V. play at 4 p.m., and Brackett and Uvalde meet at 5:45 p.m.

The Tigerettes (6-3, 1-2) lost their second district game on Monday after falling to the Jourdanton Squaws 12-2.

Brackett was able to pick up only four hits in the contest. Lindsey Brotherton, Tiffany Eckenrod, Queta Garza and Tricia Robinson each had a hit.

Jourdanton jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the top half of the first inning. Brotherton led off with a triple in the bottom of the first and then scored on Erika Garcia's groundout.

The Squaws built a 12-1 lead before the Tigerettes scored again in the bottom of the sixth. Garza singled and scored on Eckenrod's RBI.

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### Non-game permits in effect in Texas

AUSTIN - Implementation is currently underway for the state's first non-game permit system, and collectors and dealers are being advised to buy a permit before collecting, selling or purchasing to resell any of the 200 plus species of reptiles, mammals and amphibians affected under the new law.

The more common species on the list include bullfrogs, prairie dogs and king snakes.

With the adoption of the permit by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission last August, Texas joins an increasing number of states currently addressing non-game wildlife resources through some type of regulatory process. Many states are looking at similar measures or have already implemented regulations.

The issue is that, while extensive data exists on numbers and conditions of carefully managed Texas game species such as turkey and deer, relatively little is known about numerous non-game species that are not hunted.

Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) is hoping the new permit, designed to monitor commercial trade and collection activities in native nongame wildlife, will provide much-needed information about the commercial use of some 200 species of reptiles, mammals and amphibians.

Wildlife biologists suggest the permit is needed in order to get a handle on native Texas non-game species that have become popular among collectors and in commercial trade. The data could provide a basis for management of non-game wildlife in the future and would allow TPW to determine

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By Henry Lutz  
Kinney County Game Warden

what, if any, additional regulatory measures are needed.

"We want a better handle on the use of these resources," said John Herron, TPW wildlife diversity program director. "This permit is not intended to ban the use of these resources, just get an idea of their numbers. Right now, we can't defend or condemn certain aspects of commercial trade because we lack the data to help us make management decisions."

Under the new regulations, any person, regardless of age, who sells non-game and anyone 17 years of age and older in possession of more than 25 species of non-game wildlife in aggregate (no more than 10 of the same species) would be required to purchase a \$15 resident commercial collector's permit (\$50 for non-residents). Permits can be purchased wherever Texas hunting and fishing licenses are sold, or with a credit card by calling toll free 1-800-TX-LIC-4-U.

People are reminded that an appropriate hunting license is required for any activity involving the take of non-game wildlife for commercial or personal use from the wild. Teachers at accredited primary or secondary educational institutions will be exempt from the non-game collector's permit provided that the non-game wildlife is possessed solely for educational purposes and is not sold or

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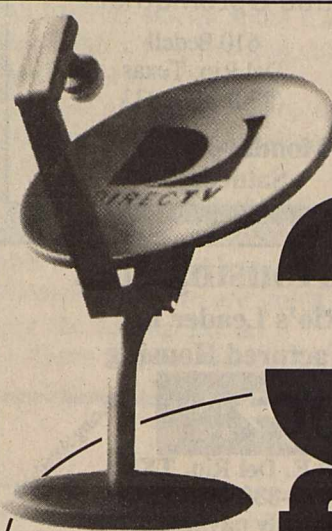
Anyone who buys non-game wildlife for the purpose of resale would be required to purchase a \$50 resident non-game dealer permit (\$200 for non-residents). The permit requirements do not apply to persons purchasing, possessing, or selling processed products.

Collectors and dealers also would be required to keep a log of their activities and submit an annual report to TPW in order to renew their permit.

Herron stressed the permit would apply to wild and captive bred subspecies of native Texas nongame wildlife, but would not include aquatic animal life possessed under a bait dealer's license. With respect to live bobcats, cougars and coyotes, the permit is limited to live animals. Processed non-game parts and those parts that do not require preservation, such as porcupine quills, teeth or skulls, are exempted from requirement.

The following species are subject to the provisions of the non-game permit requirements: frogs and toads, salamanders, turtles, lizards, snakes and mammals. Carnivores include the dog family, coyote (canis latrans), cat family, mountain lion (felis concolor); and bobcat (lynx rufus).

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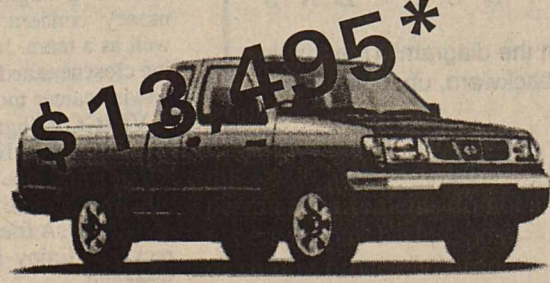


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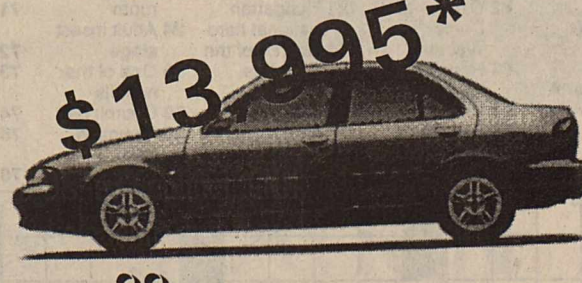
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Burgeon Luncheon Pantheon Surgeon  
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Dungeon Neon Pigeon

**Your Horoscope by Natasha**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)  
This is a great week for getting your ideas across to others, but you could become careless with details on the job. Social opportunities are plentiful this weekend.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20)  
A connection proves helpful to you in business and you'll smooth over a situation that's been difficult. Home concerns, however, are your main priority at present.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)  
Fun pursuits are in store for you this week and there's a special accent on romance. You'll appreciate a friend's loyalty. Over the weekend, socializing could get out of hand.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)  
Financial prospects improve and new doors open for you in business. Though it's progress all the way, you'll have a tendency to let things slide later.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22)  
There's a slight irritation about a money concern, but couples work well as a team. It's a time of increasing closeness and togetherness. Avoid unwise career moves.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22)  
You could find something extra special when shopping. Family interests turn for the better as the week progresses. A friend seems somewhat reckless. Enjoy home life over the weekend.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22)  
The week is very favorable for romance and pleasure pursuits. Artistic talents are also to the fore. Dealings with publishers and advisers are favored. Travel is a plus.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21)  
This is the perfect week for adding a touch of beauty to the home. Career progress is assured now and it's a good time to meet with higher-ups. Watch the old ego.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21)  
You could be somewhat careless with money, but you'll be having enjoyable times in the company of loved ones and friends. Romance blossoms this weekend.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19)  
You'll see things very clearly where financial interests are concerned. In dealings with close ties this weekend, curb a tendency to exaggerate or boast.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18)  
Make sure you follow through on a promise to a family member. Travel interests look especially good right now. Couples share a magical rapport.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20)  
You'll certainly be making headway in career interests this week and money signals are good. However, you're inclined to overspend on pleasure pursuits during the weekend.

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**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Find at least 6 differences between panels.

Differences: 1. Droplet is added. 2. Ties are swapped. 3. Step is missing. 4. Buttons are added. 5. Temperature is higher. 6. Awning is different.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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March 12 .....Connie Hall	March 16 ....Denese Bowers
March 12 ....Christina Meek	March 16 ....Stephen Foster
March 14 ..Louella Gilliland	March 16 .....Josie Pena
March 14 .....Martin Sheets	March 16 .....Taylor Pinnell
March 15 .George Martinez	March 17 ...Buck McKnight
March 17 .....Jason Smith	

# God is worthy to be praised

By Pastor Charolette Corey  
Gateway Ministries

God is awesome and worthy to be praised. He causes his kingdom to spring forth without man fully understanding how he has done it. The Holy Spirit of God moves among us even when we least expect it.

God is performing his work even as we sleep. No matter how hard we may strain to catch him at what he has planned, it will still sneak up on us, just like the seed that is planted in the earth.

You might get up every morning and watch

the earth where the seed was planted, but one morning you will wake up and the sprout will be there, without your having seen how it pushed up through the earth (Mark 4:26).

Even as I speak, God is busy performing miracles all over the earth. He is not an idol, made out of wood or stone. He is living now, today, and pouring out his love towards us. He desires to rain his unconditional love upon each and every one of us, including you (Lev. 26:1, 2 Cor. 6:16, Joel 2:21-29, Eph. 3:17-21).

God is the God of hope and life. God wants you to live in abundance and good health, even as you prosper in your soul (3 John 1:2).

God wants you to experience restoration in the things which Satan has stolen from you.

God is pouring out his love, like rain pouring down from heaven. It is healing rain, redeeming rain, restoring rain. Let hope spring up in you.

God is looking for hearts that are repentant and humble. When you see that you cannot "fix" things yourself, he will see to it that you are not made ashamed. His word does not return to him void (2 Chronicles 7:14, Rom. 5:5, Joel 2:27, Isaiah 55:11).

Praise the name of Jesus! Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

# Pastor sidelined

The last two Sundays, the pastor of Frontier Baptist Church has been sidelined.

Rev. Joe Townsend was attacked by a severe case of viral pneumonia resulting in severe dehydration. This caused a week's stay in the hospital and continuing debilitation.

The first Sunday, Frank Cheaney conducted worship while Frank Eckenroth preached the sermon.

This Sunday, Cheaney conducted the service while Brian Townsend, grandson of the pastor, preached the sermon.

"Both Frank and Brian were

well received by the congregation" Joe Townsend said. "It is a great tribute to a church and congregation that the absence of the pastor does not prevent the church from carrying on its normal activities.

"A church is richly blessed when there are folks like Frank Cheaney, Frank Eckenroth and Ruby Cheaney who lead so capably in the absence of the pastor," Townsend added.

Brackett News Editor J.J. Guidry said, "The newspaper staff is praying for a speedy recovery for Mr. Townsend and his wife, Oleta."

## Trust in the Lord

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

Praise the Lord!

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding.

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

"Be not wise in thine own eyes; fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

"Then shall thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble.

"When thou liest down, thou shall not be afraid; yea, thou shall lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.

"Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh;

"For the Lord shall be thy confidence and shall keep thy foot from being taken," Proverbs 3:5-7, 23-26.

Praise the Lord!

There will be singing, praying and preaching at 7 p.m. tonight and tomorrow at St. John's Missionary Church. Everyone is invited. There is a word from God just for you.

## With Jesus, you can change the world

By Brian Townsend  
Frontier Baptist Church

A man by the name of Talomacus entered a coliseum in ancient Rome. He entered this huge mass of a building only to find two grown men, (gladiators) fight to their death. It was absolutely disgusting to Talomacus, it churned his stomach.

Talomacus started toward the stage, when he reached it, he said a little prayer, and hopped up on the stage. Everyone just looked on in sheer amazement. Here is Talomacus, an average size man, on stage between two seven-foot giants who were all decked out in their armor willing to give their life for their fight.

The gladiators looked in amazement at Talomacus. He stood boldly between the two men and begged them to save their own lives and end this foolish violence. One gladiator leaped in anger at Talomacus - his sword cut right through him. Talomacus lay dead on the stage, and the audience was disgusted to the point of sickness. They started filing out of the coliseum slowly, paying no attention to the gladiators on stage trying to kill one another.

Slowly after that day, the coliseums became abandoned. Talomacus, because he believed, changed the world. With Jesus, you too can change the world, if only you believe!

We will be standing firm Sunday at 11 a.m. at Frontier Baptist Church. All are welcome!

## The Lord is always faithful, dependable, immutable

Submitted by  
St. Mary Magdalene Church

"I the Lord do not change," Malachi 3:6.

What is there in life to which we can safely commit our trust? We cannot rely on ourselves. We are frail, fragile, finite.

We cannot rely on nature. It is fickle - sometimes beautiful, sometimes savage and "red in tooth and claw."

Others whom we trust may fail us. Organizations and governments betray their "feet of clay."

But the Lord is always faithful, dependable, immutable.

The Greek mathematician Archimedes asked only for one fixed and immovable point in or-

der to move the whole earth from its place "so I may have great hopes if I find even the least thing that is unshakably certain."

That archimedian point - the basis of all certainty - is the Lord, Christ the truth!

He alone can sustain the whole

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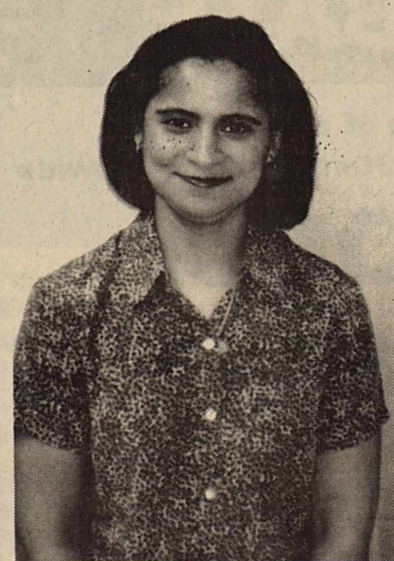
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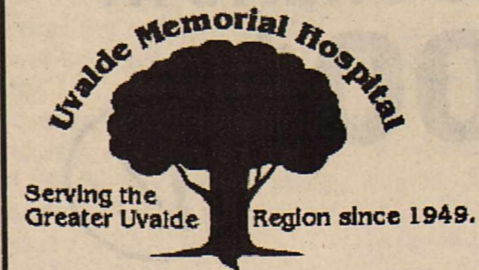
Mrs. Mireles comes to UMH with three and one-half years experience in a family practice setting. She is a graduate of Texas A&M University and the Physician Assistant Program at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Mrs. Mireles says, "I'm very excited about being in Uvalde and invite the citizens of the area to visit the clinic for their primary health care needs or when they are unable to see their personal physician."

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