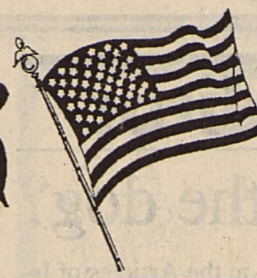


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## Briefs ...

### MRGDC announces summer program

Students who are in good academic standing and are between the ages of 14 and 21 years old will have an opportunity to gather work experience through the JTPA Summer Youth Program.

The Middle Rio Grande Career Center is now accepting applications from students who are interested in a summer job. Eligible students will receive orientation on matters such as responsibility, work habits, teamwork, critical thinking, and they will be placed in jobs throughout the county.

"We feel that one of the best ways to prepare a young person for the future is to provide them with work experience," said Leodoro Martinez Jr., the executive director of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council.

"While we feel work experience is vital to a young person's development, we think education is equally important so we have designed a system to reward students who have fulfilled their academic obligations," he added.

If a student has passed all of their courses and are in good academic standing, they will be accepted into the application pool for the summer jobs. Graduating seniors will also have an opportunity to earn college credit.

For more information, visit the Middle Rio Grand Career Center at 201 E. Spring Street or call 563-2021.

### Alamo cast and crew invited to reunion

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

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

Made from more than a million and a quarter hand-formed adobe bricks, the movie set -- the largest and most complete outdoor set in the world -- sits in the middle of the 30-square-mile HV Longhorn Ranch, owned by Virginia Shahan.

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

In the nearly 40 years since, more than 100 major motion pictures, television movies, mini-series, commercials and music videos have been filmed at Alamo Village.



David Esparza, left, and Helen Seargeant, right, present a cake to Brackettville Post Master Felix Hernandez Friday. Hernandez retired from the U.S. Post Office after 34 years of service.

## Red Cross offers CPR class

The Del Rio Red Cross is offering a Community CPR class on Saturday, April 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants will learn how to help an infant, child or adult in a choking, breathing or cardiac emergency.

Participants who pass written quizzes and skill checks will receive a Community CPR card. The class costs \$20, although Red Cross training is available to anyone, regardless of ability to pay. Classes are held at Val Verde Home Nurses, located at 2116 Avenue F in Del Rio.

Pre-registration and pre-payment is required. Register by calling the Red Cross at (830) 775-8626 or call toll free at (800) 775-6803, ext. 253.

## Air Force responds to Bonilla's plea to oppose Spofford dump

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla announced Tuesday a major breakthrough in his campaign to stop the proposed new solid waste landfill in Spofford.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) is currently processing a permit to establish a solid waste landfill in Spofford that is strongly opposed by local residents.

Bonilla, R-Texas, has been working closely with residents and community leaders in Kinney, Maverick and Val Verde counties to keep this landfill out.

On March 3, Bonilla personally asked Secretary of the Air Force F. Whitten Peters and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan to oppose the dump as a threat to operations at Laughlin Air Force Base.

Bonilla expressed grave concern to the two Air Force leaders over the threat the dump would pose.

"I am glad the Air Force responded to my request and has written the TNRCC and officially opposed the dump," Bonilla said. "This opposition is long overdue. The TNRCC should respond to these concerns and the concerns of the residents of Kin-

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*Rep. Henry Bonilla*

ney, Maverick and Val Verde counties and reject the dump application.

"The Air Force has made a compelling case to the TNRCC that the proposed dump may threaten lives and force costly changes in current operations. The TNRCC should do the responsible thing and say 'no' to this dump," he added.

In opposing the landfill, the Air Force pointed out that landfills near airfields pose a major safety risk. Landfills attract wildlife that greatly increase the threat of a bird-aircraft collision.

Since 1985, 33 military personnel have been killed as a direct result of bird-aircraft strikes. In addition, 23 U.S. military aircraft have been lost.

# Runoff to decide three local races

A crowded Democratic runoff ballot will give Kinney County voters a choice in three local races, with all of the winners unopposed in November.

Competing for the Precinct 2 commissioner's post will be incumbent Joe Montalvo, who received 46 percent of the primary vote, and Flavio Talamantez, who had 25 percent.

Talamantez, who was tied with Dennis J. Slubar -- each with 86 votes -- after the primary, won the runoff slot when his name was drawn by Democratic Party Chairwoman Mary Flores.

In the Precinct 4 commissioner's runoff, incumbent Paul L. O'Rourke, who had 33 percent of the vote, will face Pat Melancon, who received 30 percent.

The other runoff features the justice of the peace race, with John Ford, who earned 20 percent of the primary vote, competing against J.E. Meil, who was right behind him in the six-way race with 19 percent.

In the Democratic runoff for the 23rd Congressional District, voters will decide if Joseph P. Sullivan or Charlie Urbina Jones will face

## Early voting draws 200 citizens

Early voting in the Kinney County Democratic runoff has drawn 200 citizens to the polls.

As of Wednesday at noon, 110 local citizens had voted by personal appearance and 90 by mail, according to the County Clerk's Office. Early voting ends today at 5 p.m.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for Tuesday's

runoff election.

Polling sites for Democrats include: Slator Hall, Precinct 1; High School Auditorium, Precinct 2; Brackettville Housing Authority, Precinct 3; and Kinney County Library Annex, Precinct 4.

All Republicans will vote at the Kinney County Civic Center.

Republican Rep. Henry Bonilla, who is seeking a fourth term.

Topping the Republican ballot is the attorney general's race between John Cornyn, a former Texas Supreme Court judge from San Antonio, and Barry Williamson, a Texas Railroad Commissioner.

The winner will face Democrat Jim Mattox, who was attorney general from 1983-91. He left public office after losing primary bids for governor and the U.S. Senate.

Republicans also will decide two runoff races for seats on the Texas Criminal Court of Appeals.

The winner of the Place 1 contest between Mike Keasler, a district judge from Grand Prairie, and Vicki Isaacks, a Dallas County prosecutor, will face incumbent Democrat Judge Charles F. "Charlie" Baird in November.

The winner of the Place 2 runoff, between Cheryl Johnson, an Austin lawyer, and Harvey Hudson, a 14th Court of Appeals judge, will vie for the spot left vacant by Democrat Morris Overstreet.

Overstreet lost the Democratic nomination for attorney general in a primary contest against Mattox.



District Deputy Grand Master, Masonic District No. 43, of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Durwood Edwards, center, presents the Lamar Medal to Brackett High School seniors Samantha Perez, left, and J. Wayne Ballew last week. The students were selected by Las Moras Lodge No. 444 and were honored at a reception Thursday in the Masonic Hall. The medal is named after Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar, a Mason and president of the Republic of Texas who was known as the "Father of Texas Education." Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry



Fort Clark Springs Director Bob Burkepile, right, presents the Member of the Year award to Larry Mendeke at last week's Annual Membership Meeting. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

## Sisters enjoy "Old West" cattle drive

Brackettville sisters Anne Legg and Elise Huntsman got to experience first hand an "Old West" cattle drive this weekend.

The ladies were participants in the First Alamo Village and Shahan HV Ranch Trail Ride and Cattle Drive.

The event kicked off Friday with a colorful party in the shadow of the Alamo chapel.

Saturday, riders from throughout Texas went on a trail ride that meandered across the picturesque 30 square mile Shahan HV Ranch, seven miles north of Brackettville on F.M. 674.

Then on Sunday, a herd of majestic Longhorn cattle was driven down from the hills and through the main street of the famed Southwest Texas movie set built by John Wayne and the late J.T. "Happy" Shahan for the epic film, "The Alamo."

"I'm ready to do it again," Legg said. "It isn't everyone who can say they participated in a Longhorn cattle drive."

Huntsman agreed: "This was fabulous. I'm looking forward to the next time."

Virginia Shahan, owner and operator of the Shahan HV Ranch and Alamo Village, said she was pleased the inaugural event went so well.

"We achieved what we wanted and that was for participants to have a good time," she said.

Event Coordinator Tulisha Wardlaw, Shahan's daughter, said

she hopes to have another trail ride in the fall.

"It just depends on if we're shooting a movie at that time," Wardlaw said.

Alamo Village staff and crew are now busy putting the finishing touches on "The Alamo" movie reunion that will take place on May 23-24.



Brackettville sisters Elise Huntsman, left, and Anne Legg participated in the First Alamo Village and Shahan HV Ranch Trail Ride and Cattle Drive. Photo Special to The Brackett News

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## Letter to the Editor

### Is the tail wagging the dog?

The Articles of Incorporation of the Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc., filed in the Office of the Secretary of State of Texas on Sept. 30, 1971, state the purpose of the association as follows:

"Article Four. The purpose for which the corporation is organized are: (a) To provide social and recreational facilities for its members and to perform such other functions necessary to carry on the operation of a private recreational association. (b) To purchase, or otherwise acquire, invest in, own, mortgage, pledge, sell, assign or transfer real property, subject to the provisions of Part Four, Texas Miscellaneous Corporation Act. (c) To do everything necessary, suitable and proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes or the attainment of any of the objects or furtherance of any of the powers herein-above set forth, either alone or in association with other corporations, firms, or individuals, and to do every act or acts, thing or things, incidental or appurtenant to, or growing out of or connected with, the aforesaid objects or purposes or any part or parts thereof, provided that same be not inconsistent with the laws under which this corporation is organized."

The Fort Clark Historical Society, in its resolution, designates FCSA as its agent to initiate and perform repairs, etc. to the historical structures at Fort Clark.

No where in the Articles of Incorporation is there any mention of any society or club with the powers to "designate" FCSA to do anything. Within the framework of clubs, groups, councils and other member organizations at Fort Clark, the Historical Society has no more powers as the Bridge Club or the Mountain Laurel Garden Club. Speaking of "self-anointed conscience!" (and arrogance).

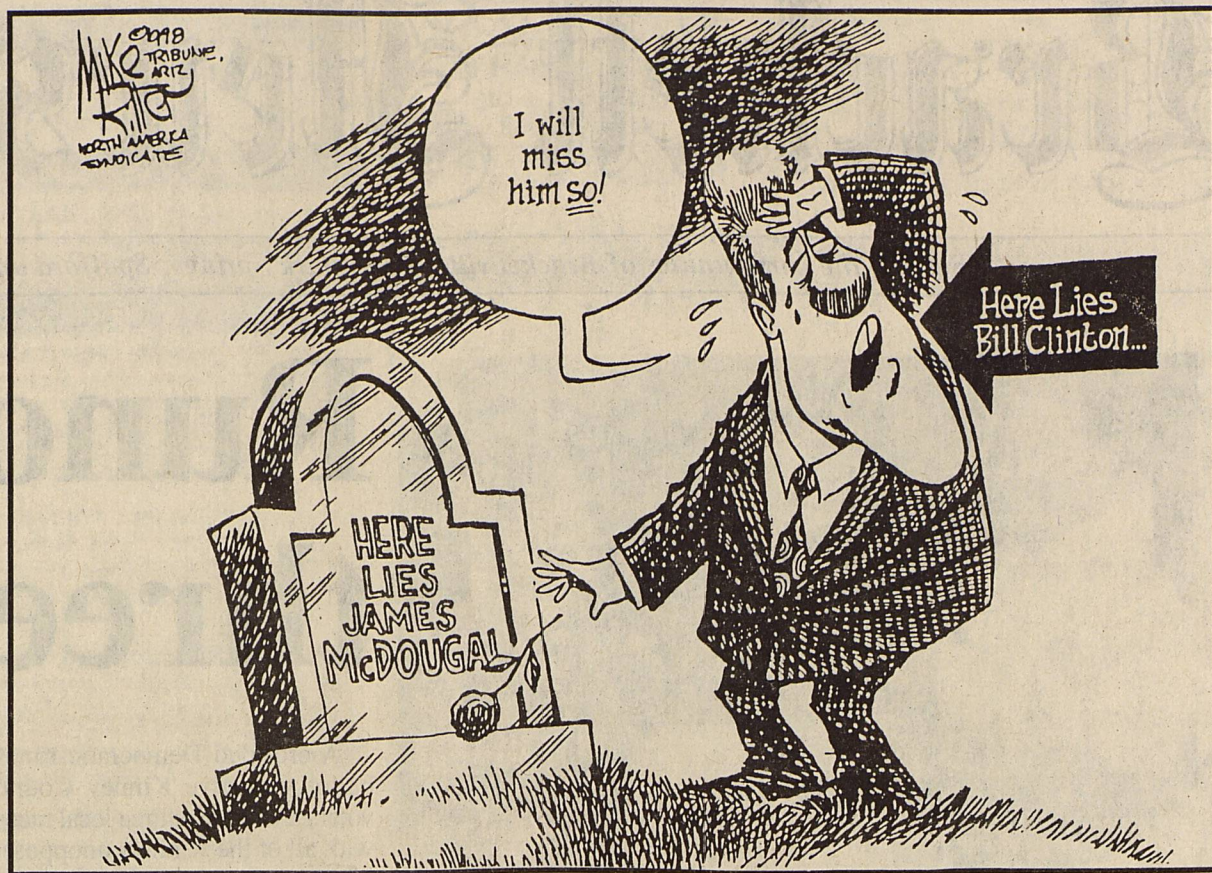
The Board of Directors, under pressure from the Historical Society, has approved this resolution and committed our resources to purposes subordinated to the purposes and provisions in the Articles of Incorporation. Isn't this a classical example of the tail wagging the dog?

From the opening paragraph of Mr. Pingenot's letter it must be assumed that there exists a gag rule in the Board of Directors' rules of ethics. Perhaps this gag should be applied to past directors also.

The patronizing way in which Mr. Pingenot attacks the person, style and affliction of the subject of his diatribe is unbecoming a former director, president of the Historical Society and "self-anointed" pillar of the Fort Clark society!

Isn't it about time the Board of Directors and other string-pullers of FCSA return their attention to the original purposes of the Fort Clark Springs Association?

Rudy Brenk



## State inhibits highway traffic

I wonder whom the Pico station made unhappy. There can be no other reason for what the Texas Highway Department is doing in front of the station.

They are certainly inhibiting traffic into and out of the station. It is a bus stop and yet they are forcing buses to stop on the other side of the highway. They are impeding trucks to come into the station to unload merchandise.

What is the purpose of this insane project? Just because the state highway department is a darling of politicians and has more taxpayer dollars than they know what to do with is no reason to waste it on such idiocy, especially when it impedes the flow of business and accomplishes no good.

Something should be done to force the removal of this latest faux pas by an uncontrolled bureaucracy.

### When will it end?

It seems there is no limit to the lying and scheming of Bill Clinton. With the help of the mainstream media, the unthinking mob is fed

### Between Us

By Joe Townsend



a steady stream of bilge.

In the history of special prosecutors, only one has produced more convictions than Starr.

We are told by the lying mouth pieces of Clinton that he has spent more than \$40 million when the actual cost to date is just over \$35 million.

It was alright to spend more than this on Contra affairs without a single conviction and for any special prosecutor to take time and spend money as long as the targets were Republicans. But when Starr digs up more and more immorality and illegal acts by Clinton the hue and cry is it should stop.

Clinton's weekly picture coming out of some politically chosen church with his Bible under his arm to display his devotion to God

is repulsive.

Or maybe the Bible he carries does not say, "Thou shall not commit adultery." It certainly does not say to.

The real tragedy is not that Bill Clinton is a libertine and lion. The real tragedy is that so many people say his immorality is not important.

Anyone who accepts or condones Clinton's degraded character impugns his own morality and integrity.

What goes around comes around and Clinton's character and actions will come back to haunt him.

The tragedy is that the nation, now and in the future, will pay a high price for years to come for accepting such purely political and farcical character.

## Giving small businesses a fighting chance

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

Let's say you're a small business owner dealing with the day to day task of running your business.

Now imagine that while working one day, a group of folks come into your office and demand employment applications. Not even taking the time to fill them out, they take the applications and abruptly leave.

The next thing you know, you're slapped with an unfair labor practice suit by a federal agency in Washington D.C. called the National Labor Relation Board (NLRB). They represent the people who barged into your office and now claim you unfairly didn't hire them.

Well, you may think you have no problem since you did nothing wrong, but to prove you did nothing wrong will cost you tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees. And the fact that the folks who barged into your office did all of this with the sole purpose of damaging your company and driving you out of business somehow gets lost in the shuffle.

Sound impossible in the United States of America where capitalism and free enterprise reign?

Well, it is happening to small businesses right here in Texas. And the worst part is that you, the taxpayer, pay the bills while the NLRB looks into these baseless charges. Your tax dollars hard at work.

Labor union bosses and big companies across the country regularly send their agents into small businesses to dummy up charges, file them with the NLRB and drive the smaller competition out of business.

All this is done while the NLRB, a taxpayer funded federal agency which has historically supported big labor unions, turns a blind eye.

There's a bill being debated in Congress right now that is designed to protect small businesses in Texas and across the country from being driven out of business, or saddled with the huge legal expenses that come from these meritless assaults.

The Fairness for Small Business and Employees Act takes aim at the NLRB and forces it to pay the legal bills of small businesses that win the suits fraudulently brought against them. This will help stop the NLRB from moving forward with lawsuits when the charges are so obviously groundless.

In addition, the legislation protects small business owners by helping to ensure that people asking for employment applications are actually interested in working for that company and not just there to wreak havoc.

Small businesses in Texas and across the United States deserve better than they are getting. Legislation like this brings fairness into the system and helps level the playing field for the "little guy."

It's outrageous that these types of scams have been allowed to continue for so long at the expense of the small business owners of America. And it adds insult to injury to know that the taxpayers have been stuck with the bills.

### Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

There is a lady here whom I have come to admire greatly. She has had a rough time as long as she has been here.

She struggled and suffered from a husband who badly treated her. Her sons have caused her untold heartaches and problems. She has always struggled financially.

There is no finer artisan in the field she is involved. Her expertise in the floral business is surpassed by no one.

She is indeed a good mother. She is warm hearted and friendly and much liked by all who know her. Surely, Martha Tovar is an Unsung Hero.

FREE! There's usually a gimmick attached to this word. Not this time. At 6 a.m. on Tuesday, Penny's Pizza will begin serving free breakfast tacos and coffee to all who bring a stamped voter registration card with them. It makes no difference who you voted for, as long as you voted in the election. We will serve breakfast until 10 a.m., or as long as the food lasts. Get up, come have breakfast, and go vote in the run-off election. This is your last chance to vote for the candidate of your choice.

T.R. Kelley

# VOTE

It is now time to cast your vote in the runoff election. Election day is April 14.

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

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# Easter, a special time of the year

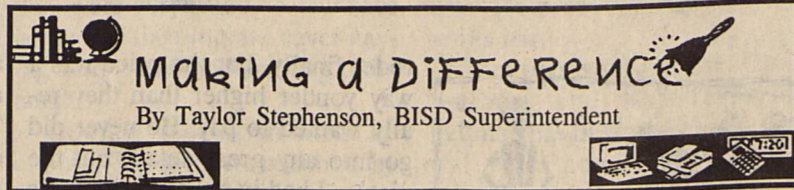
Easter is a special time of the year. I hope that you will take the time to remember the reason for the season and attend a church this Sunday.

The Sunrise Service at Fort Clark Amphitheater is a great start for a special day. The service includes good singing, special music from the Voices, and a message in one of the nicest worship areas in town.

I understand there is a great breakfast buffet at Las Moras Inn after the Sunrise Service.

Good Friday is a school holiday. I hope that it always will be.

Next Monday is a teacher workday. It was scheduled to give teachers a chance to catch up with their work and to do the planning that it takes to finish the school year. Students will have a holiday on Monday!



**Athletics**  
Our athletic teams are doing well. Check out the baseball and softball schedules. I know that you will enjoy the teams.

The golf team plays its last district round at Fort Clark Monday. They're also doing well.

We keep our kids busy with the sports mentioned above, as well as tennis and track this time of year.

We are grateful for your support. Our kids are the greatest at Brackett ISD.

David Yeager is working hard to pull our kids, coaches and community into a fine athletic program.

I'm very impressed with David. I know that you will want to meet him and help him build a dream program for BISD.

Our goal is to build character at BISD. A good program always builds character as it works to teach kids how to be winners in life.

**Adult Education**  
I counted 43 adult students in the computer class. It is really neat to see adults continuing their education. We have had a great turnout for the adult Spanish classes also.

Frank Taylor teaches the computer classes and Tony Ramon teaches Spanish. They

have done an excellent job working with the adults of our community.

**Time Change**  
I love the time change (not the change, but the new time). It's so nice to get home from work and still have some daylight left in the day.

Going to work in the dark is a mess, but I don't really mind because I know I will get the hour of daylight back at the end of the day. Hope you enjoy the change!

**Election Time**  
Please take the time to vote in the local run-off races. In the last election, the votes were very close. Your vote will make a difference!  
School absentee voting begins on Wednesday.

That's it. It's long past time to go home, and I'm still writing. Happy Easter!

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## Obituary

### Weldon Douglas Tankersley

Weldon Douglas Tankersley, age 76, passed away Friday, April 3, 1998, after a long illness. He was born in Winters, Texas, on June 30, 1921.

Tankersley married Rhea Wallace of Del Rio on Jan. 27, 1947, in his parent's home in Spofford, Texas.

After a 23-year Navy career, he retired and made their home in Del Rio and Spofford, working at Laughlin Air Force Base until he again retired. At this time, the Tankersleys made their home in San Antonio.

Tankersley was preceded in death by his wife, Rhea Wallace Tankersley; his parents, Asa and Estelle Bricker; and a sister, Marie Tankersley Smith Richardson.

He is survived by his son, Danny and wife Wanda; grandson, Ricky and wife Tammy,

and their daughters Heather and Amanda; grandson, David Tankersley, all of San Antonio; sister, Icy Faye Bricker Harborth, her daughter Patricia and husband Keith Needles; son, E. B. Harborth; brother, A. C. and wife Myrtle Bricker, and their son Asa, Walt and wife Kathy Bricker, Tulisha, Melissa and husband John Schnelle; niece, Candee Akers and her children Noel and her husband Nick York, Cameron, Kendra and Christian; great nieces and nephews, M. Carl Harborth, Amber Harborth, Elizabeth and husband Michael DeLuna, Codey and Travis Harborth; and great grandchildren, Taylor Harborth, Michelle DeLuna, Holly and Reath York.

Graveside services were held Monday, April 6, at West Lawn Cemetery in Del Rio.



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Montalvo donated airline tickets to Chicago to Jessica Jaso and Patty Lopez. The two Brackett High School students have been invited to attend the 1998 National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine. The event will take them behind the scenes for hands-on visits to world renowned laboratories, learning institutions and medical centers where they will see state of the art research and patient care and have a glimpse into biomedical technology of the future.

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## Kinney County Sheriff's Report

**Monday, March 30**  
11:00 a.m., A City of Brackettville employee reported that someone had painted graffiti on the city's swimming pool building, in addition to a school sign on the southwest corner of Edwards and Fort streets.

1:02 p.m., Sazgado Angel Hugo, 38, of Ciudad Acuna, Mexico, was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley and charged with no drivers license and no insurance. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Hugo was released on April 5 for time served.

3:35 p.m., Frank Guajardo Jr., 44, of Brackettville was arrested by Trooper Ashley and charged with expired drivers license. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Guajardo was released the same day after paying an \$80 fine, plus time served.

**Tuesday, March 31**  
6:11 p.m., Jesus Maria Lopez, 38, of Del Rio was arrested by Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess for probation violation. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held.

**Wednesday, April 1**  
6:57 a.m., An employee at the Val Verde Sheriff's Office reported that the department had received a 911 call about a one-vehicle rollover in Kinney County, east of Del Rio. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie was dispatched to the scene. No injuries were reported.

12:15 p.m., Javier Omar Jimenez, 17, of Brackettville was arrested by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar for minor in possession and no seat belt. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Jimenez was released the same day after paying a \$321 fine.

9:40 p.m., A Brackettville woman said she was being harassed by her sister-in-law at her residence on N. Brown Street. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He met with the two women and asked them to try to avoid each other.

**Thursday, April 2**  
12:11 a.m., A Brackettville

man said that while he was at Mario's Bar, a man was mad after being refused another drink, so he slid an empty beer bottle across the bar. The bottle broke on the ground. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene.

10:30 a.m., Andres Salizar Martinez, 17, of Brackettville was arrested by Trooper Slubar for public intoxication, minor in possession and no seat belt. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Martinez was released the next day after paying a \$321 fine.

12:15 p.m., Benito Herrera Talamantes, 20, of Brackettville was arrested by Trooper Slubar on charges of no seat belt, minor in possession, driving while intoxicated, failure to stop and render aid, unsafe speeding, no liability insurance, and failure to control speed. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Talamantes was released the same day on a \$2,000 bail bond.

12:59 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that a woman was causing a disturbance with her neighbor on Rose Alley. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the scene. He said the matter was taken care of.

**Friday, April 3**  
12:57 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs woman requested assistance at her residence in Unit 21 because someone was outside of her house, knocking on her door "very hard." Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene but was unable to locate anyone.

**Saturday, April 4**  
2:55 p.m., A motorist reported a truck driving all over the road on Highway 90. The caller said that he could see the driver and the passenger drinking beer. Del Rio DPS officials confirmed they pulled the same vehicle over, but said the subject was not intoxicated.

8:32 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported a car and a truck racing on Highway 334.

**Sunday, April 5**  
12:57 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported that she and a

man had an argument and she wanted the man out of her residence, located on E. Thomas Street. She said she either wanted the man to leave or she wanted to get some clothes and stay with her mother. Deputy Guidry and Reserve Deputy Ron Ring were dispatched to the scene and met with the man. The woman took some of her clothes from the residence and left with her mother.

12:30 p.m., Nieves Alberto Pena, 40, of Sanderson was arrested by Trooper Ashley for theft by check. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Pena was released the same day on a \$1,500 bail bond.

3:00 p.m., A Brackettville woman said that she needed to get rid of the bees at her son-in-law's house. Officials contacted the city and the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department, but both entities said they did not handle bees. A Border Patrol agent knocked the bee hive off with medication.

3:40 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported loud noises coming from a residence on Edwards Street. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene and found a man and a wife yelling at each other. He talked with the couple, and they said they were just arguing.

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# Some people can always solve problems

Have you ever noticed how thinking type ranch kids can come up with a solution for just about any problem that seems to prevent them from having fun?

Well, the other day, I was talking to a couple of friends at the Ruidoso Cowboy Symposium. We got to talking about how tough it used to be to get any practice (at times) in order to get to a rodeo and still be ready to win after we got there.

I never did try to ride the rough stock. I have had (since birth) the dreaded and most feared of all cowboy diseases. The only cure for this disease is practice.

I couldn't stand the practice. It hurt me. It bruised me and it didn't help my own personal self esteem. I figured like Baxter what's his face once said, "If you want to win in the rough stock events, you must practice. If you want to survive a car wreck, you must practice."

Well, I can't afford the cars for

practice car wrecks so I'll just let the good Lord decide if I survive the car wreck. And just to be perfectly honest with you, I never give a flying rip if I ever won a rough stock event.

I did, however, want to win a couple of the timed events. When I was a kid, I wanted to rope like Sonny Davis, Glen Franklin, Sonny Wright, Cotton Lee, and a few other sure nuff good ropers.

Practice stock for ropers can be expensive or free, depending on where you are working.

I have on occasion been with a cowboy or two on different ranches that forced me to rope calves and steers in the pasture or rope the neighbor's cattle, especially when the boss was not to be seen anywhere.

I did this because of peer pressure, not because I really liked to rope more than anything else in the world (if you believe that, stand on your head and stack



marbles).

When I was living in town, there was a time or two that my practice stock varied considerable.

Yep, I have roped goats, sheep, one turkey, Shetland ponies, burros, and one German Shepherd (dog, not a real keeper of the sheep). I practiced on my kid sister, a couple of girl friends and the neighborhood kids. Of course, calves and steers when the finances were right.

That's why I didn't get all that upset when this friend of mine told me about one of his impromptu practice sessions. I know this to be a fact because in 1973 I was working with Sonny Coleman from Stamford on a yearling outfit just south of Dalhart.

Sonny was one of the best all-around hands I have ever worked with. He was good with young horses, he could sure as hell rope, not to mention ride a bucking horse. Sonny was a pretty damn good cowboy.

Sonny told me about a time when him and one of his rodeo

partners had stopped at Sonny's dad's place for a couple of days of rest before going to a pretty big local rodeo.

They wanted to win the saddle bronc riding and roping pretty bad, and got to talking about needing some practice.

Sonny's dad had a fairly low opinion of rodeo cowboys and flat out refused to even consider furnishing any practice stock.

No problem.

Sonny's dad went to town to do whatever dads do when they don't want to be around rodeo bums. Sonny and his friend took advantage of the situation.

Now, all they wanted was something that would give them a warm-up session (so to speak) and get them ready for the rodeo that night.

They found it. Sonny's dad had a big old stout looking milk cow penned up. It was decided that she would be the saddle bronc. That was not the smartest decision either of them ever made.

Sonny told me they got her

rode, finally, but the price was a way yonder higher than they really wanted to pay. He never did go into any great detail, but the picture I had in my own mind was worth it.

This year at Ruidoso I heard the rest of the story.

Monte Paxton was the friend with Sonny. Monte told me they waited til Sonny's dear old dad was out of sight and the dust started to settle on the road. Then they headed for the cow pen. There stood this dairy cow of mixed blood and she seemed to be saying, "you can't ride me."

Well, they got her snubbed up, saddled and Monte was to try her first.

Now this was a typical cow pen. It had a hay rack in the middle of it, one water trough, a couple of wood feed troughs and six to eight half barrels laying around.

They got to noticing this old gentle cow was developing a rather nasty attitude as they were getting the saddle on her.

Monte gets mounted, Sonny turned her loose, she went nuts and the practice session went to hell.

Monte told me he has ridden some pretty bad buckers in his time (not many but a few), but he has never ridden anything that bucked like that old gentle cow.

She exploded, got serious, then

attacked Sonny. She hooked Sonny and threw him into the hay rack. They proceeded to throw herself down on Sonny and turn the hay rack over. This, in turn, kind of bruised old Monte up a little. Monte was still in the saddle.

I guess she decided to try and wash old Monte off by bucking him off into the water tank. Monte said he had never ridden a buck through a complete front flip before. They escaped the water tank and started tearing up the wood feed troughs and old Sonny.

When it was all said and done, Sonny was crippled up and had imprints of ree-bar all over him. Monte was soaked and had very few clothes left on 'im. He thinks he lost his shirt when she bucked through the barn wall.

They finally got the saddle off and the pen looking semi-normal just as Sonny's dad got back. They managed to get cleaned up and act like nothing had ever happened. He said the hardest part was acting like they weren't stove up.

They did get in Mr. Coleman's good graces by explaining they were just going to watch the rodeo, not get in it.

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

### Friday, April 9, 1886

Had charge of a company at battalion drill this morning and got through without any mistakes. Mail had nothing for me. Wrote an O.B. to Forsyth enclosing the letter in regard to the error in my returns as Q.M. at Brown and asked him to straighten it out. Then studied French. After lunch went to the Library to read the papers and then to the guard house. Hewitt is on guard and the French class met there. Read Draper and one or two articles in the Encyclopedia before dinner. Had dress parade as usual, and afterwards sat a while on Col. Bliss' porch, Capt. and Mrs. Feche't and Miss Folsom being there also. Mrs. Bliss has been sick but was out on the porch this evening. Spent a pleasant evening at Capt. Feche't's playing cribbage with him against Mrs. Feche't and Capt. Hall, and beat them badly. Miss Folsom was in the room with us until tattoo, after which Steele came to entertain her.

### Saturday, April 10, 1886

No drill this morning. Marched on guard relieving Hewitt. Went up to Adjutant's office after having the guard posted to see about some orders. Was disappointed in the mail as expected the letter from home but none came. Commenced to write a letter to Lizzie Hoagland but was interrupted by a meeting of the garrison court. Completed letter to Lizzie after lunch, wrote to Capt. Simonds and also to a New York firm to order some French books to be used instead of those we are now studying. Hammond came in today and looks well and hearty. Saw Duff after dinner, who came in from Del Rio. Have not seen him for over two years. Read Kathrina until tattoo and then dozed until after midnight when Officer of the Day inspected, and then went to sleep.

### Sunday, April 11, 1886

Officer of the Day came around at reveille. Came up to quarters for diary after he left. Fowler relieved me. Mail brought a letter

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The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Major General Francis Henry French  
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and bundle of papers from home and an O.B. from Forsyth enclosing a statement from the Asst. Treas. at New Orleans showing my account there to be closed. Bathed and shaved. The letter this morning enclosed a photograph of Grandmother, Mother, Sue and Louise, the four generations, which was very interesting to me. Mother and Grandmother look just the same as they did two years ago, but Sue is somewhat pulled down, as is natural with such a big baby. After lunch watered the flowers a while and then wrote usual letter home. Sat in Steele's later calling on Duff. After dinner stopped a while at Capt. Feche't's, where Miss Folsom asked me what was the matter with Hewitt. It seems now that they are commencing to have a misunderstanding, although I think Hewitt is not offended. She is entirely too hasty and especially in thinking offenses are intended when none is meant. Escorted Miss Saunders to church and afterwards met at Gen. Smith's with Miss Folsom, Steele, Duff and Hammond to sing. Could not do much on account of Steele and Duff being present as Miss Folsom wanted to talk with them. Think it would be better to have Mrs. Williams for then we could be sure of doing some singing. Read papers from home after returning.

### Monday, April 12, 1886

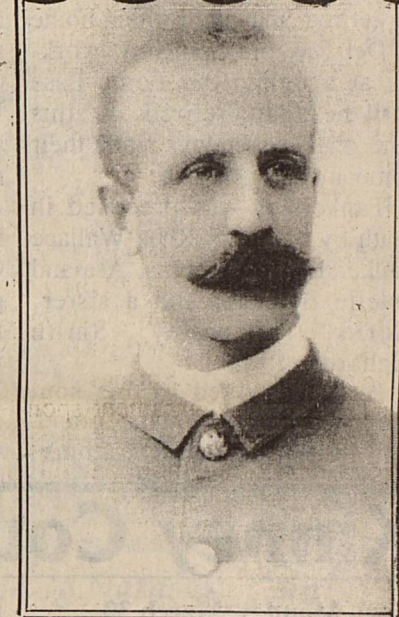
Raining with high wind postponed target practice this morning. Mail had nothing for me contrary to expectation for I hoped to get the home letter. Studied French until noon. After lunch looked over the papers in the Library a while and at two o'clock had usual French lesson at Hewitt's. Went over to town afterwards to engage seats for tonight. No parade on account of high wind. After dinner went in to see Capt. Vance a while who is somewhat sick. Then played a game of cards with little Theodore Lyster in my quarters and had calls from Capt. Feche't, Duff and Steele until after retreat. Escorted Mrs. Hall to the post hall where a company of strolling barnstormers played "A Celebrated Case". Enjoyed the break in the monotony of garrison life very much. After the play Mrs. Hall had some excellent potato salad and oranges and cake which we discussed to my great gratification.

### Tuesday, April 13, 1886

Went out to target practice this morning and succeeded in getting two scores of 22 at 200 yds., qualifying me at this range. Could not get a leg at 300 yds. Mail brought a letter from home enclosing two to Lula from John White's sister and brother. They have a high opinion of him and also of Lula, and seem to be very happy on account of the engagement. Felt much pleased with this. Gen. Stanley & Lt. Smith came last night and this morning a semi official reception was held at the office. Did not get cleaned up in time to go to the office before they left. Hammond took me out in his buggy to see Hewitt and Black test the speed of their horses. Hewitt's is much the faster but he is extremely nervous and breaks a great deal. After lunch bade Duff good-bye as he returned to Del Rio today, and then went around to see members of Cercle Francais about a meeting tonight. Stopped at Capt. Feche't's a moment to shake hands with Lt. Smith who was sitting there. Read until 5 o'clock when the whole garrison was reviewed in full dress by Gen. Stanley. Capt. Vance had a bad cold and did not go out. So had charge of the company and got through without any errors. Had dinner afterwards, but was interrupted by retreat. Saw Miss Jacobs and shook hands with her; she has been in Galveston and San Antonio over a month past. As usual spent a very interesting evening at Mrs. Gillmore's at the Cercle Francais. Miss Folsom was there but had a rather stupid time as she does not understand French. Mrs. Gillmore is to leave as she stated this evening in three weeks for New York when the Cercle will probably be abandoned. Miss Folsom goes to New Orleans with her.

### Wednesday, April 14, 1886

Shot at 300 yds this morning. Am learning a new position at this range; did not do well in consequence, but expect no trouble in qualifying. Returned from the range after guard mounting. Mail brought a receipt from Hatfield for the check sent him when the blouse was received. Went down to the guard house as a witness after breakfast, but after waiting some time returned to quarters to await notice from Judge Advocate. Wrote on letter home. After lunch completed letter and wrote



French exercise. Had a man from the fatigue party today weed the yard and water the grass which is coming up well. After dinner mailed my letter and sat with Mrs. Lyster until after retreat. Capt. Vance is Officer of the Day and took the calls. Escorted Mrs. Gillmore to Gen. Smith's where a reception was given Gen. Stanley and Lt. Smith. We ought to have worn full dress, but word was sent around by Gen. Smith that it would be entirely informal and almost all the officers wore blouses. Had a pleasant evening. Gen. Stanley and Smith leave tonight for San Antonio.

### Thursday, April 15, 1886

A shower came up in time to prevent drill this morning. Mail brought an O.B. inviting me to give an opinion as to the merits of the Moore pack saddle compared with the aparejo. The letter is from the Quartermaster General. Felt somewhat elated to be thus invited, but am not competent to give much of an opinion as it is so long since I have used either. Sat with Miss Folsom during guard mounting. Got a man from the company and marked out a tennis court, but it was too warm to play. Studied French and issued clothing until lunch. Afterwards looked over the papers in the Library and then went down to the guard house to the usual French lesson, Hewitt being on guard. Read Kathrina after dinner until six o'clock when escorted Miss Saunders to the hall where we practiced a quartet for Sunday evening. Miss Folsom is not in this choir, so suppose she will feel offended. After retreat we adjourned to Gen. Smith's to practice, the hall being needed for an entertainment tonight. Called on Miss Jacobs until tattoo. After this went to Capt. Feche't's and sat with Miss Folsom and Steele on the porch. She was in bad temper about something at first, but gradually changed and chatted quite pleasantly.



# Fort Clark plays key role in golf program

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

Brackett High School's relationship with Fort Clark Springs has made the difference with the Class 2A school's golf program, according to Tigers coach Jason Hewitt.

Hewitt addressed the Brackettville Rotary Club at Thursday's meeting, discussing the golf program at the local high school.

He said Brackett was a very lucky small school because of the availability of Fort Clark's 18 hole golf course, and it's executive nine hole course. It is a tremendous advantage for the golf program. Youngsters in the program are allowed to play these courses.

"Not many small schools have such resources," Hewitt said.

As a result, Brackett has had a major role in the district. Since 1987, the Tigers have either won the district or finished as the runner-up. They haven't won a state championship, however. Hewitt says this would take a lot of work, but it serves as a goal.

At present, the team is in first place in the district by 20 strokes. The next meet on their schedule is in Devine. The last meet is scheduled at Fort Clark on April 13, and Hewitt invited Rotary members to come out and watch.

Hewitt said the students are responsible for the success and excitement over the golf program. They are good athletes and have dedicated themselves to golf. A number of them have played since

they were very small. A few have come into the program never having held a club and wanting to be taught.

Hewitt's students are made up of boys. The girls are coached by Dee Curry. Presently, Hewitt has two freshmen, a junior and a senior.

One freshman is Jarrett Harrison. He is the top golfer in the district and will be one of the top in the region. He started when he was very young, dropped out for a while, then took it up a couple of years ago. He's played in numerous tournaments and is in the Junior PGA, an organization that was started last year.

One of the reasons this young man is so good is that his father has been actively involved and supportive of him, Hewitt said. Another factor is Jarrett's dedication to practice.

Hewitt laughingly said that Fort Clark security "had to run Jarrett off the golf course almost every night because he's still out there practicing."

The other freshman is Brian Collier. Ask him why he's in the program and he'll say he "just likes to play golf." Hewitt said Brian plays well.

The junior student is Aaron Taylor, and he has played for three years. He's a good golfer, but if you ask Aaron why he's in the program, he'll tell you he likes the golf course better than being in school. Hewitt added that he's out there for the right reasons, how-

ever. He practices regularly and works hard.

The two seniors are Chad Neuman and Nat Terrazas. Neuman has been playing for several years and is an excellent golfer. He's going to try to play in college. He and Harrison compete frequently and each wins his share of games.

The girls' team is made up of Jennifer Ashabranner, Savannah Massingill, Christina Meek, Samantha Perez, and Cherrise Ward.

Hewitt says his intention is to teach students to play well. Then, they will love the game and still be playing years later. That is one of the best parts about golf, it's longevity. Hewitt said he has played golf since he was 5 years old.

Golf can present a person with a lifetime of opportunity, Hewitt said. Because of his ability to play well, he was asked to play with older men by the time he graduated from high school. He has also gotten jobs just because of this sport. In a foursome, he has met businessmen, bankers, and people who were successful and influential.

"Many business deals are made and settled on the golf course, and many life decisions are made there," Hewitt said.

The only problem with golf is that it is expensive. One has to have clubs, balls, tees, and shoes. To play in inclement weather, one needs rain gear. Hewitt said that when you see players on tour, they

are given everything they need by sponsors.

Fort Clark gives the school a membership, which enables the youngsters to play, and residents are good about donating things like tees and old balls. However, Hewitt's three year goal is to have the top notch program in the state. He wants 10 to 15 players on the team (boys and girls), and wants them to be well equipped and to "look good" on the course.

He has some ideas for fundraisers, but he said there are so many of these that "by the time golf comes around in the spring, people have about 5 cents left in their pockets."

This is Hewitt's first job since graduating from college. It answers a goal he had set for himself. Then, he plans to win the state competition. He hasn't decided yet what the next goal will be.



J.J. Guidry, right, welcomes Jason Hewitt to last week's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting. Photo by Eric McMaster

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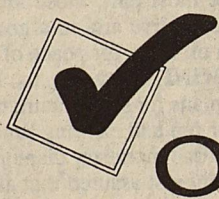
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**Super Crossword**

**ACROSS**

1 Macrame material  
6 Concerning  
10 Late-night name  
14 The one over there  
18 Senator Fong  
19 Way out?  
20 — the finish  
21 Dromedary depots?  
23 Three Dog Night song  
25 Marcie Blane hit  
27 Queen's books  
28 Lou Grant's command  
29 Ulysses Grant's command  
30 "My Favorite" (82 film)  
31 Stage backdrop  
32 Got what you basked for  
33 Hubbub  
36 Sheik place  
39 Cranberry or cherry  
40 '20s novelty tune  
50 Luxurious fabric  
51 "The

Mammoth Hunters' author  
52 No Einstein  
53 High-flying agcy.  
54 Hygienist's instrument  
55 Ave. crossers  
56 Hasbrouck —, N.J.  
57 Mischievous  
59 Party animal?  
60 From — Z  
62 Hum bug?  
63 No-nonsense city-state  
64 The Chipmunks hit  
69 Fanatic  
71 Poetic pot  
72 State of confusion  
73 Shorten a slat  
76 Ian of "Hope and Glory"  
77 "Yuck!"  
78 Writer Kaufman  
80 Entertain lavishly  
83 Proper procedure  
84 Poster abbr.  
85 Musical finale  
86 Frequent Funicello  
87 Irving Berlin classic

92 "Kissing" relative, for short  
93 Soup spot?  
94 Ex-Partridge Susan  
95 Pot holder?  
99 Hero's horse  
101 Student's court  
105 Emulate Earhart  
106 Sheep's shaker  
107 Admonished  
112 Jimmy Dean smash  
114 The Kingsmen hit  
115 A nose that shows  
116 Burn remedy  
117 Roseanne Arnold, formerly  
118 — nous  
119 Ziegfeld Follies designer  
120 "Cheers" prop  
121 Sojourn  
122 Green lights  
DOWN  
1 Arness sci-fi thriller  
2 Like a coyote  
3 Spring flower  
4 Spiteful  
5 Roast host

6 Fleet fellow?  
7 Peau de —  
8 Oodles  
9 Small enterprise?  
10 Progressive  
11 "Gay"  
12 Local theaters: slang  
13 NY's biggest bookie?  
14 Tortilla with topping  
15 Tony winner  
16 Laotian native  
17 Short and sweet  
22 Go in snow  
24 "... man — mouse?"  
26 Rowdy of "Rawhide"  
28 Dentist's tool  
31 — Irish Rose  
33 Discom-bobulate  
34 Monkey or pony  
35 Biggs' instrument  
37 Use logic  
38 Meet end to end  
39 Library sect.  
41 Cambodia's Lon —

42 — You Lonesome Tonight?  
43 Pack of camels?  
44 Pole star?  
45 Contains  
46 Red head?  
47 Cafe au —  
48 Pellon's partner  
49 Super Bowl sound  
56 Common possessive  
57 Bit of wit  
58 Fond du —, Wis.  
61 Game start?  
62 Outlaw  
63 — Cat (winter wheels)  
64 Incorporate territory  
65 Be inexact  
66 Dust the cornflakes  
67 "Spruce Goose"  
68 Recently monogram  
69 Knight wear?  
70 Up-front money  
73 Bar food?  
74 Unattended  
75 Darling child  
76 Lingerie item  
77 Godfrey's

Instrument  
78 Get on  
79 Side  
81 First offender  
82 Chew the fat  
84 Cooper's tool  
85 More than mean  
88 Overlay material  
89 Big-name composer Max  
90 Film composer  
91 Probe  
95 Rides across town  
96 Sheepish?  
97 Austerity  
98 Brinker bootie?  
99 Wrap  
100 Resort lake  
102 Colorado native  
103 Choreography great  
104 "Lorna —"  
107 Cover with chocolate  
108 Atmosphere  
109 Tavern staples  
110 Hibernia  
111 "Disco Duck" singer  
113 Bowe blow  
114 Scale abbr.

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C B Z Y R E D I R E T T O P S

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

Blinds Edges Ollie Traffic  
Board Grabs Rider Turns  
Boots Jumps Spinning 360 Wax  
Crashes Mountains Spotter

**Your Horoscope by Natasha**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Be sure to follow through on family commitments. Don't allow bickering over small matters to spoil your week. Family members are undecided about who does what, so be prepared to delegate responsibilities accordingly.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A few cross words with a partner could temporarily upset you, but overall, this is a good week for conveying ideas and enjoying leisure activities. For the most part, those around you are cooperative and in a good mood. Key in on them for peace of mind.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Make plans for some future travel and also for fun and exciting times. There may be one monetary dispute on your mind, but rest assured that all is well. A friend surprises you with an interesting suggestion this weekend.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Leisure activities and romance are highlighted, but a pushy friend could irritate you. Work developments bring an improvement in your income. However, don't let a pessimist's gloom and doom prophecies drag your buoyant mood down.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Although it's not a good week for signing papers, you are in agreement with partners and clients about important issues. This sets a harmonious tone for the entire week. Socializing is a plus this weekend.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) The emphasis is definitely on saving rather than spending. Look for possible investments that will make your money work for you. Investigate innovative options and opportunities, since it's a good week to be adventurous.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Speaking up is preferable to moodiness and keeping things in. Powerful connections prove helpful to you in business. The weekend accents togetherness with friends and family.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You certainly should stay away from gambling. Also, try not to overspend. Indications are that a heart-to-heart talk will benefit both you and a loved one regarding a mutual concern.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A family member is quite moody this week. Make sure everyone at home has the chance to participate in a project. Doing so will insure that no one feels left out or ignored.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Dealing with a co-worker's sensitivities can be quite trying. Once you detach yourself from this situation, you'll begin to make progress. This person's feelings are being blown out of proportion.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You're the one who's so concerned about reputation, so be careful not to jeopardize it with foolish or indiscreet behavior. However, should you slip, don't be too hard on yourself. Learn from your mistakes instead.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Dieters who have been too lax with themselves could go on a big-time binge. Adopt moderation, if possible. Get sufficient and well-deserved rest over the weekend.

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FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Differences: 1. Lamp is different. 2. TV dial is missing. 3. Stairs are moved. 4. Pants are different. 5. Skirt wheel is missing. 6. Frame is thinner.

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April 10 Lily Schwandner  
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April 12 Peter Pacheco  
April 12 Marie Lydia Ramos  
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April 14 Aurora Davalos  
April 14 Connie Fritter  
April 14 Roland Rivas Jr.  
April 14 Jesus Ureste  
April 15 Guadalupe Abrigo  
April 15 Loa Hundley  
April 15 Don Parks



School Board

Lloyd Lee Davis

Lloyd Lee Davis is seeking re-election to the Board of Trustees of Brackett ISD.

Davis was raised in Brackettville and has lived here his entire life except for a 10 year absence to pursue his education and career as a corporate pilot.

Davis has an associate degree in applied sciences in career pilot technology from Central Texas College in Killeen and a bachelor of science degree in engineering technology from Texas A&M University.

Gloria Garza-Garcia

Gloria Garza-Garcia is seeking a third term on the Brackett School Board of Trustees.

Garza-Garcia graduated from Brackett High School in 1968 and obtained a bachelor of arts degree from Sul Ross State University.

She has been teaching at Del Rio Middle School for the past 13 years. Prior to teaching, she was employed by the Middle Rio Grande Development Council.

"I am dedicated to working with children and promoting education," she said. "My continuing pledge is to seek academic excellence for all children."

Garza-Garcia is a past vice president of the Brackett ISD Board of Trustees and is currently serving as secretary.

In her effort to keep abreast of laws and changes in the area of

chanic, and ranches in northeast Kinney County.

Davis has attained more than 54 hours of School Board training during his tenure on the board. He is involved in various activities of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

Davis and his wife, Susan, have three children, Lee, Amanda and Meghann who attend Brackett schools.

As a board member, Davis' goals have been to promote a curriculum which encourages academic excellence, good morals and values, and an athletic program that builds responsible character among our young people.



education, she has attended numerous training sessions, both as a teacher and trustee, through the Education Service Centers of Region 15 and 20 and the Texas Association of School Boards.

Garza-Garcia has one child attending Brackett Middle School.

Darlene Shahan

Hi! I am one of your current School Board Trustees, Darlene Shahan. I am also Tully's wife and Jennifer, Wil and Jared's mom.

I have served four years on the Brackett School Board. My first year, I completed more hours than required for training, and I have met all requirements since.

The following is a partial listing of some of the projects I am proud to have supported: athletic field house, renovated bleachers, concession, and announcer's stands (fully funded); resurfacing basketball courts and remodeling of dressing rooms (fully funded); re-roofing most buildings on school grounds (fully funded); construction of lighted softball and baseball facility (fully funded); resurfacing and renovation of track facility (fully funded); early implementation of alternative education program with acquisition of building (facility is also used for adult education programs); stricter adherence to the bidding processes in all construction; search for grant opportunities (current Internet technology is fully funded through a TIF grant); implementation of needs assessments on growth in the district; commitment to building a tennis facility; financial commitment to three year improvement plan for elementary playground (third year); acquisition of a fully certified ESL teacher; a ratio of one computer for every three students with Internet access; dual credit and advanced place-

ment programs; encouragement of faculty, student and parent attendance at board meetings; independent study lab; high school career and college lab (Internet research for career opportunities, colleges, scholarship opportunities, and Federal Student Financial Aid); testing of all students at 10th grade level on PSAT and PACT tests; increase number taking ACT and SAT college entrance exams and college entrants; assessment and improvement in TAAS scores for the district; review and assessment of current block scheduling; better documentation of board meetings, decisions and executive sessions.

We have accomplished an 8 percent reduction in the school tax rate over the last four years, and the district's fund balance has grown consistently. We expect to be able to fund the current academic wing without the need of a bond issue. Previous building projects required bond issues with interest (funded by taxpayers) that nearly doubled the original cost of building. I am proud to have been part of the logical, sound and cautious management of tax dollars that enables us to improve and maintain our facilities without the need of future bond issues.

Board service requires being informed when making decisions. Trustees must be available at all times for parents, students, teachers, administration and community. I have always been responsive, day and night, to anyone with concerns. I intend to continue being available.

My children have graduated and are currently attending college, but I remain concerned and interested in local education. This community is full of great kids. Every child should graduate Brackett High School with the ability and skills to either enter the work field of their choice or go on to college. The school district has the responsibility to provide them with the best education available and I am committed to that goal. I respectfully ask for your support in the upcoming School Board election, May 2.

City Council

Mary V. Flores

To the voters of the city of Brackettville:

I have filed for re-election for city alderwoman, Place 5, city operations.

I know that you are serious about the quality of leadership in the city and, because of my city government experience, you can continue to count on me for that quality of leadership.

I believe in equal representation, not preferentially. I am a busi-

ness woman and I believe in and support a fiscally responsible government.

I have been very active as Democratic county chair. Recently, I was re-elected with no opposition.

I ask for your vote when you go to the polls on May 2. Thank you for your splendid support that you have given me in the past.

Your city alderwoman for the people, Mary V. Flores.

Alex Longoria

Alex Longoria has announced his candidacy as write-in for city councilman, Place 4, in the upcoming May 2 election.

Longoria is a lifetime resident of Brackettville. He served in the U.S. Marine Corp in Korea during the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged as a sergeant in 1956.

Longoria has experience in agricultural research and flight planning and mapping. He was acting foreman for the Southern Pacific Railroad for a number of years. In addition, he owned and operated three businesses in Brackettville and one in Del Rio. He is a carpenter by trade and has been retired for 10 years.

Longoria is proud of his in-

volvement in community service. He was instrumental, along with Ruben Talamantez, in starting the first VFW post in Brackettville, which was named after Vietnam War Veteran Juan Avila Jr., who was killed in action in Vietnam. Longoria was also elected junior vice-commander of the 11th District of the VFW in Del Rio. During his temporary stay in Del Rio, he served as president of the Travis Elementary PTA and assisted in various other school and community projects.

"I believe that my knowledge and experience can contribute to the future growth and development of our community, and I am ready to listen to the needs of our residents," Longoria said.

Martin T. Luna Jr.

Martin T. Luna Jr. has announced his candidacy for alderman, Place 4, in the May 2 Brackettville City Council election.

Luna was born in Brackettville and has lived here for 67 years. In fact, he still resides in the same house he was born in.

Luna worked for over 31 years for the Texas Highway Department. He was certified at Texas A&M in instructor training and in a heavy equipment instructor course. He also served as the safety coordinator for the Brackettville area.

Luna retired as fire chief of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department in 1982 after 24 years of service. He was certified in basic fire fighting.

The Korean veteran is a lifetime member of the Fort Clark Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) Post 8320, and past commander



of Juan Avila Jr. VFW Post 2380.

"If elected, I'm willing to work with the rest of the City Council," Luna said. "I'm very open minded, and a positive and motivated person."

Martha E. Ward McDonald

Martha E. Ward McDonald has announced her candidacy for alderman, Place 4, in the city election on May 2 at City Hall in Brackettville.

McDonald was born and raised in Brackettville. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Haring Lee Ward Sr.

Prior to working for the Kinney County Sheriff's Department for eight years, McDonald worked three years at the Las Moras Restaurant. She is currently the cook at the Sheriff's Department.

McDonald is a member of the Seminole Indian Cemetery Association and Fort Clark Springs Association.

"Your support and vote will be



greatly appreciated and well respected," McDonald said.

Mindy Slubar

Mindy Slubar is running as a write-in candidate for Place 4 on the City Council in the May 2 Brackettville elections.

Slubar moved to Kinney County three years ago with her husband, Richard. They have one son, Bryce, who is 17 months old.

She graduated from El Campo High School in 1988 and obtained a cosmetology license from Wharton Junior College. She worked at Mi-Lady's Salon for over two years.

"I would like to try to help make some positive changes in Brackettville," Slubar said of her decision to run for office.

"I want the citizens of Brackettville to be proud to say they live in town. A lot of people have gripes about the way the town



looks and the bad streets. I would like to help make some improvements in Brackettville."

Mayor

Carmen M. Berlanga

As mayor for the past six years, May 1992 to present, my ultimate goals and priorities have been for the betterment of our community.

As a public servant with 95 to 100 percent attendance record to all of these organizations and committees, I can truly say that I have represented the city of Brackettville:

Middle Rio Grande Development Council board member, June 1992 to present; MRGDC 911 Advisory Committee chairperson, June 1992 to present; MRGDC third vice president, 1993-1994; MRGDC Planning Committee, 1992-1996; MRGDC Budget Committee, 1996 to present; MRGDC Quality Work Force (JTPA), 1992-1996; MRGDC Solid Waste Task Force, 1992 to present; Community Council of the Southwest, 1992 to present; CCSW Executive Committee board member, 1992 to present; United Medical Center Committee board member, 1992 to present; United Medical Center Committee treasurer, 1997 to present; Agriculture Extension Service Board (FFA-4H), 1992 to present; Kinney County Disaster Emergency Committee, 1992 to present; Kinney County Historical Commission, 1992 to present; Chamber of Commerce, 1992 to present; Lions Club, 1991-1995.

During my administrations, with the combined efforts of three different city councils, city manager, and City Hall personnel, major improvements, such as waste water improvements (sewer system), water improvements (new fire hydrants and water lines), and water transmission (booster hydro-pneumatic pump and water to Spofford), have been accomplished.

Diana Koch Ward

Diana Koch Ward is a candidate for mayor in the May 2 city election.

Ward has lived in Brackettville the majority of her life. She moved here with her family in 1962, when her father, Charles Koch, was employed by the school district as principal of Jones Elementary and head football coach.

In 1977, she married Richard Ward, whose family has been in Kinney County since the 1800s.

The Wards moved to Austin and have lived in Chicago, Houston and San Antonio. They returned home to Brackettville in 1986.

While in San Antonio, she studied business administration at Our Lady of the Lake University. The Wards have owned businesses in Boerne, San Antonio, Del Rio and Brackettville.

"I am running for mayor because I believe in Brackettville," Ward said. "I am committed to improving the community's stan-



Other accomplishments and improvements are more streets paved, alleys graded, spring clean-ups, two new pick-up trucks, complied with state mandate Subtitle "D" (garbage collection) with minimum cost to our citizens, baseball field, swimming pool and grounds, interlocal agreement with local law enforcement for the citizens of Brackettville at no increased taxes, fire marshal, lower fire insurance key rate, City Hall Annex, and a strong and solid budget.

I am and have been a very strong and staunch opponent to the Adobe Eco-Systems landfill for this generation and for our future generations.

Your vote and support is greatly appreciated so that I may continue to represent the city of Brackettville and that I may continue the opposition to the Adobe landfill.

I am professionally retired and unencumbered, therefore, I am able to devote all of my time and attention to the needs of our community. Thank you.



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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY** given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JACQUELINE T. WILLIAMS, Deceased, were issued on March 31, 1998, in Cause No. 931, pending in the County Court of Kinney County, Texas, to: TULLY SHAHAN. The residence of the Independent Executor is Post Office Box 367, Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas 78832; the post office address is: c/o TULLY SHAHAN, Attorney at Law, Post Office Box 367, Brackettville, Texas 78832-0367. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 31 day of March, 1998. TULLY SHAHAN, Attorney at Law, Post Office Box 367, 401 South Ann, Brackettville, Texas 78832. Telephone: 830/563-2462. Facsimile: 830/563-9240. /s/TULLY SHAHAN, Attorney for the Estate, State Bar No.: 18087500.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT WEATHER MODIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS**

Date of the first of three weekly publications of this notice: April 2, 1998 in The Brackett News.

1. Notice is given that the Texas Border Weather Modification Association, 232 West Strickland, Del Rio, TX 78840, has filed an application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a State permit to conduct weather modification operations to change, or attempt to change, the natural development of clouds for the purpose, objective, period, and by the method summarized herein below. The Executive Director will issue this permit unless a written hearing request is filed within 30 days after the first newspaper publication of this notice.
2. The Texas Border Weather Modification Association submitted an application for a Texas weather modification license on March 23, 1998.
3. The purpose of the weather modification operation is to increase rainfall. The period of the permit is May 1, 1998 through April 30, 2002. The proposed cloud-seeding operation may be conducted at any time during that time period.
4. The proposed weather modification operation is to be conducted for and on behalf of the Texas Border Weather Modification Association, 232 West Strickland, Del Rio, TX 78840.
5. The proposed weather modification operation is to be carried out in both an "operational area" and a "target area" to cause the intended effects to occur only in the target area. The operational area is that area including Val Verde, Kinney, Maverick, and Terrell Counties, which is the target area; and those portions of the following counties within 30 miles of the outer boundary of the target area: Crockett, Sutton, Pecos, Edwards, Uvalde, Zavala, and Dimmit.
6. The area to be affected by the proposed weather modification operation is the target area. The target area is that described as Val Verde, Kinney, Maverick and Terrell Counties.
7. The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation are summarized herein: A licensed meteorologist will select cumuliiform clouds or other appropriate clouds for cloud seeding using a weather radar display, standard meteorologist analyses, forecasting techniques, surface weather observations, and pilot reports to initiate the release of the seeding particles, such as silver iodide crystals from airplanes equipped with flare racks and/or generators.
8. Persons interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed operation should contact the applicant or George Bomar, MC 158, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087, (512) 239-0770.
9. Requests for hearing on this application must be submitted in writing during the 30-day notice period to the chief clerk's office, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087, (512) 239-3300. The petition must contain: (1) the signature, full name, address and phone number of each person requesting the hearing; (2) a statement that each person is at least 18 years of age and resides, or owns property in the operational area; and, (3) a description of each person's interest and how that interest would be adversely affected. Requests for hearing must be received by the commission within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this notice. If at least 25 eligible persons make written request, the commission will hold a public hearing on the application prior to issuance of the permit. Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting procedures, should call the TNRCC of Public Assistance, Toll Free at 1-800-687-4040. For more information concerning citizen participation, contact Blas J. Coy, Jr., Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087, (512) 239-6363.

**RELIGION**

**Give your heart to God**

By Rev. Joe Townsend  
Frontier Baptist Church

God said in Proverbs, "Give me thy heart." The simple meaning is "Give me your soul." The heart signifies affection, wisdom and understanding.

Embodied in this request is a relationship. God prefaces the request by saying, "My Son." He is referring to those who are his children. It is not a blanket coverage in this instance, but addressed to those who are his by a commitment of faith in him.

His request is for his children to give to him their whole being. The key word is "heart," no gift to God is acceptable until one first gives him his heart. God hears and answers prayer through Jesus Christ and him alone.

He wants our hearts to exchange. He says, "A new heart I will give you and I will take away the stony heart."

The old heart is unclean. He does not patch up the old heart; it is beyond repair. He says, "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away, behold, all things become new."

He wants our hearts to empower them. "I will put my spirit

within you and cause you to walk in my statutes and ye shall keep my judgements and do unto them," God says.

God not only gives a new machine, he gives power to drive it. God wants our hearts to renew them. "Ye shall be my people and I shall be your God," he tells us.

How wonderful to know he is my own personal God. This creator of the universe, this omniscient one, this omnipotent one, this omnipresent one, he is a personal God to each of his children.

God loves each one as though he were the only one. This in no way diminishes his ability to be the personal God of each and every one of his children.

The most important gift to be given is to bow to his request, "Give me thy heart."

The most productive gift to be given is to give God ones heart. The greatest investment one can make for this world and for an eternity in heaven is to give God ones heart.

There will be another message from God's word as people gather to worship at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11. Come and worship and be blessed.

**The blood of Jesus can resurrect a hardened heart**

By Pastor Charolette Corey  
Gateway Ministries

We have the living testimony of the resurrection of Jesus in the book of Matthew 28:2-7 and yet it may also serve as a shadow and type of another "stone rolled away" and "resurrection from the dead."

This is in reference to the tomb-like condition which may exist in a person's "hardened heart," a condition which can only be "resurrected" by the power of the Holy Spirit and blood of Jesus.

Just as the word says that God sent an angel to appoint an earthquake which shook and rolled away the stone which had sealed the tomb of Jesus, God will send things into your life to "shake everything that can be shaken."

If there is anything you have not forgiven, or which you have placed in higher priority than God, it stinks of rotting grave clothes to him, and will eventually cause you both spiritual death if left untouched by healing power of the blood of Jesus.

Just keep your eyes on Jesus as

**Methodist church celebrates Easter**

By Rev. Sheree Harris  
First United Methodist Church

Last week, I wrote of the journey our souls are taking this Holy Week. Today, we will gather in the sanctuary to remember and partake of our Lord's Last Supper.

Tomorrow, we will again gather to remember and mourn our savior's death and our part in it. Then, of course, on Easter morning we will gather and celebrate our risen Christ.

he performs spiritual surgery on those dead areas in your heart, replacing the stoney parts with the fresh blood from his own personal sacrifice.

By faith, you will be able to endure this without fear because, just as the angel told those seeking Jesus, "Fear Not," God's "perfect love casts out all fear."

As he "shakes everything that can be shaken," anything that is not built on the solid rock of Jesus will fall down and be destroyed. But those things which are built upon Jesus and his living word will stand in victory (Luke 6:45-49) and make you "more than a conqueror."

God is waiting, listening, for the shout to go up as tombs are opened, as "stones are rolled away," as forgiveness and his "agape" unconditional love reign in the hearts of those who seek him.

In this manner, not only may you shout, "Jesus is risen from the dead!" but you may rejoice that from your heart, "the stone is rolled away!" Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

It is a journey indeed. The word journey comes from the old French word "journee," which means a days work or travel. If you break down journey, however, you have jour, which means day, and nee, which means born. At the end of the journey we are taking this week, is indeed the day we are born. Easter is our spiritual birthday. It is a birthday we share with Christ and with all Christians. We would like to share it with you.

Free food will be distributed on Monday, April 13, starting at noon at the St. John's Missionary Church, located at 116 W. Crockett St. Commodities registration will also take place during the give-away.

St. John's Missionary Church would appreciate prayer, and any financial help in the way of materials or contributions to help further the completion of the St. John's Missionary Shelter. Donations can be sent to P.O. Box 1647, Brackettville, Texas, 78832. For more information, call 563-3032.