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Meet the local Candidates

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Comissioners working to formulate Rio Grande Elec donates computer a system for employee pay raises

By Dottie Cruz Staff Writer

the salary base, for Deputy Clerk said Judge Herb Senne. Josie Meyer, at \$6.50 per hour.

Meyer replaced Norma Sandplace secretary Joy Williams from ward," added Senne. the Justice of the Peace office who retired.

After Meyer has completed her about their work-force. 6 month probation period commissioners included in the motion to and they are providing us with raise her salary base to \$6.79 per their salaries for different depart-

Early Voting election workers for the primary and run-off elections son point." and set hours they would need to

Robert Aguirre was hired at minimum wage for the two weeks Monday.

a personnel management work- Senne. shop session with Texas Associa-Maryann Saenz.

They are continuing to work on the criteria that would include job mation and will forward a report descriptions for each employee of to the commissioners. each department, a rating system

and grade/step system.

"It's a rating system that measures job complexity. Raises will, At a special meeting of Com- in all probability, be based on permissioners Court held February formance, merit system which 17th, commissioners established have performance tied to that,"

"What that grade and step system will do, is put in place what oval. Sandoval was chosen to re- salaries will be from this day for-

> The next step will be to gather information from similar counties

"We're asking other counties ments, different individuals in Motion was approved to hire those departments," said Senne. "Getting a feel from a compari-

They are obtaining information from Edwards, Terrell and Bandera Counties.

"It doesn't hurt to look to see of Early Voting which began last what larger communities are able to pay because their tax bases are Commissioners participated in much bigger than ours," explained By Dottie Cruz

"We will probably pick up one tion of Counties (TAC) employee from Uvalde and Del Rio," added Senne.

Clarence G. Ward, President of The Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery Association (SISCA) has a new computer thanks to Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc.

General Manager/CEO Daniel G. Laws received a request for help from Mr. Ward, who wrote in his letter that the association badly needed a computer in order to store important documents, such as membership records and in order to have the ability to print their own programs and flyers.

The SISCA was established for the scouts who were quartered at Fort Clark for 25 years. They were excellent horsemen, highly knowledgable of Indian ways and performed a valuable service to the Indian Scouts received Medals of Honor and are buried at the cemetery with special markers.

"The request came at the same

From left: Audrey and Clarence Ward accepting a computer from RGE Co-op General Manager Dan Laws.

Ward.

Calvary. Four Seminole-Negro time Rio Grande ECI was upgrad- wife Audrey, humbly accepted the sistance."

Mr. Ward, accompanied by his

ing their computer systems," said computer on behalf of SISCA, and Laws, who was "glad to be of as- stated, "He was asking for a small favor and received much more."

"If the board doesn't want to

"This is just in the superinten-

99-00 School Budget is in great

shape. Comparison of revenue to

expenditures indicates the admin-

The board approved memorial

benches and landscaping in

memory of Geneva Tresenriter

George Haag donated \$500 to

cussion," said Davis.

air condition the gym, I certainly

Briefs

Commodity distribution

Commodities will be distributed at St. John's Missionary Church on Monday, March 6 at 9

Two school board positions up for May election

Two trustees will be elected to three-year terms at the May 6th Brackett school board election.

Incumbents Rose Mary Slubar, and Tim Ward have filed for reelection in the school board race.

The last day to file for a place on the ballot is March 22nd at 5:00 p.m. In order to run for the school board, candidates must be members of the district and also regis-

All applications to apply for a ballot by mail must be received by April 28th.

Early voting for the school board election is April 19-May

The board of Trustees has the final authority to determine and interpret the policies that govern the school and subject to the mandate and limits imposed by the state and federal authorities, has complete and full control of the

Genealogy Society

Peggy Fox, Assistant Director of The Confederate Research Center at Hill College in Hillsboro, Texas, will be the speaker at the quarterly meeting of the Southwest According to Stephenson the Texas Genealogy Society. A native Texan, Ms. Fox is a specialist on Civil War Research and will offer information on locating war istration is spending at a decreased records of ancestors. The public is invited.

The meeting will be held at The Lunch Box Restaurant, 113 N. Getty Street, Uvalde. Saturday, March 4, 2000. 10:30 a.m. Registration is \$2.00. Lunch \$8.00.

Historical Society fund raiser

joined us at her funeral and it was Chicken Feed (1/2) chicken and truly remarkable, it was clear to more) from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. us why Geneva always expressed Saturday, March 11, at Rendezvous Park, Ft. Clark Springs. Davis quoted from The Brackett Funds raised will benefit Ft. Clark Historical Society, Building Pres-

Elementary was postponed. The AAL money raised locally will be need is in question as well as the supplemented by AAL's home office in Appleton, Wisconsin, through the organization's benevolence program, "Helping Hands." Tickets for the chicken feed, which is opened to the public, are available through Historical Society Members, AAL members and the Ft. Clark Adult Cen-

School Board approves ammendments of \$23,039

Staff Writer

The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees Saenz is compiling the infor- approved three budget amend-February 14th meeting.

The Accelerated Reading In-

struction Program Entitlement Rosemary Slubar. And I don't rebudget was increased \$15,000. call it ever being 110-112 degrees The district will be using the funds when I was growing up here." to benefit children suffering from dyslexia.

The Optional Extended Year think it would be worthy to invest ments totaling \$23,039 at their Program Entitlement was in- in insulation as well as cross vencreased by \$7,498. The program tilation. You got the fans but there Fox to speak to is for students who are behind in is no cross ventilation," said Tim class and in jeopardy of failing. "It's a short summer program

that we work in the elementary and dents report and its not like we middle school and the state gives can take action. It's not an agenda us \$7,498 for that. We wrote the item it was just something for disgrant for that and this is coming," explained Stephenson.

The Career and Technology Education budget was increased \$541. These funds are used for vocational programs. The board was presented a rate

price from Nailor Mechanical for installing air conditioning and heating in the gym. "This type of thing would have Haag and Else Sauer.

to be bid on anyway. I just wanted you to see approximately what the \$1000 for landscaping in memory price would be," said Stephenson. The project would require in-

be priced separately, excluding the price of the unit. "This amount in itself will run you over \$40,000," said Davis. "Because you don't have anything

for the electrician." "My feelings are still the same. We basically have used the gym the most during the school year, News. August through May. And we're only looking at maybe two months

at the most of hot days. "Yet everybody else that went size and cost of the area. to school here, went to P.E. and athletics in that gym. They sweated in there and I don't see anything luxury to air condition the gym," added Davis.

used to be 20-30 years ago," said spring break.

"In our paper, her husband stallation, engineering plans and George Haag wrote this letter to electrical work. All items would the editor," said Davis. "In spite of the fact that Geneva had not Members of Aid Association for lived in Brackettville for nearly 40 Lutherans (AAL) Branch 11061, years. A number of local people Brackettville, will sponsor a

the desire to be buried at home,"

The covered play area at Jones ervation Fund. The board approved the order

and date of the school board election. The election will be held May wrong with that. To me it's a pure 6, 2000. The board also appointed election officials.

The March meeting will be held "I think it's hotter now than it on March 20th, 2000, due to

Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. Davis is a member of Kinney County 4-H Club and exhibited a middle weight ABC steer that weighed 1,206 pounds. BISD Board unhappy with realignment

Local student Susannah Davis, 16 won Reserve Grand Champion steer at this years 51st Annual San

By Dottie Cruz Staff Writer

in redistricting each year.

Copies of the resolution are dent Lloyd Lee Davis. being sent to UIL, TEA and Congressman Henry Bonilla.

tion being so far out of town and years. especially on school nights. The Brackett Independent School

length of travel and the late nights The BISD Board of Trustees that we would be getting back. We we lost some schools," said Coach adopted a Realignment Resolution might add to this. You know our David Yeager. calling on the University Inter- coaches only drive the buses and scholastic League (UIL) and the now we have all these real long Dilley and Natalia with new addi-Texas Education Association trips. I'd be in favor of the school (TEA) to study the impact of travel chartering a bus with a professional driver," said Board Presi- ers 189 miles one way.

League announced its tentative way point. Setting football and bas-The board added a condition football and basketball district for ketball schedules for next years," before approving. With competi- 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 school

board approved hiring a charter Districts new UIL schedule in-

52 Early Voters cast ballots first two days

March 10th.

there were 52 votes cast, all counted. Democrat, that have gone and 4 with 12.

Voters can still request appli- with 7. cations to vote by mail. Requests marked by March 7th in order for voting began Monday.

Early Voting began last Mon- the clerks to mail their ballots. day and will continue through Completed ballots must be postmarked and received by 7:00 PM As of Tuesday February 29th on March 14th election day, to be

As of February 29th there had voted at the County Clerk's office. been 87 Democratic ballots mailed 2-A," said Yeager. The count breaks down as: Pre- out and 13 had already been recinct 1 with 21, Precinct 2 with turned. That number breaks down of our program. We don't have one 5, Precinct 3 with 14 and Precinct to precincts as Precinct 1 with 2, Precinct 2 with 4 and Precinct 3

The Republican Primary Balfor applications must be post- lots were not available when early

cludes traveling as far away as "For safety concerns due to the Pettus, Texas 189 miles away. "We will travel further because

The new schedule includes

tions that are farther away. Poth, is 155 miles away and Three Riv-"On February 23rd we are The University Interscholastic meeting again and divide a half-

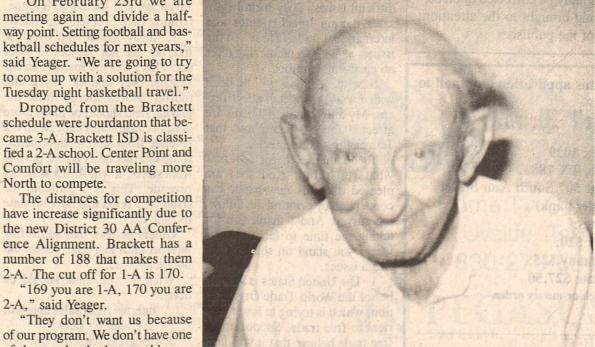
> said Yeager. "We are going to try to come up with a solution for the Tuesday night basketball travel." Dropped from the Brackett schedule were Jourdanton that became 3-A. Brackett ISD is classi-

> Comfort will be traveling more North to compete. The distances for competition have increase significantly due to the new District 30 AA Conference Alignment. Brackett has a number of 188 that makes them

2-A. The cut off for 1-A is 170. "169 you are 1-A, 170 you are

"They don't want us because of those schools that would even schedule us. Because we have finally gotten a program that we can compete and beat them," explained Stephenson.

Emil Slubar turns 96



Mr. Emil Gilbert Slubar celebrated his 96th birthday on February 24th. He is a native of Weimer, Texas and was born in 1904. Still active in gardening and playing dominoes, Slubar was a farmer and later a painter by trade. He has two sons, Dennis and Leroy Slubar who live in Brackettville.

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ter. The cost is \$5.00.

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We will truly miss him

Enclosed is a check for renewal of our subscription to The Brackett News.

So sorry to hear about "Brother Joe" Townsend's passing. We will never failed to call and take the us. time to let us know he cared and was praying for Paul and I.

I think his saying "You're a Winner" and trust in the Lord will always be part of our memories of Brother Joe.

He really cared about everyone. truly miss him. For two years he And he will always be a hero to

Paul and Linda Malone

Would You Do Me a Favor?

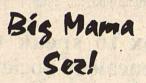
I could be wrong! By Chuck Hall

Today in your travels, as you wander along life's road, I would ask you to do two simple things for me. First, pick up trash. Pick up just one small piece of garbage. piece of paper, a can, or whatever you see that doesn't belong there. If you can, pick up a whole bunch. Recycle it if you possibly can. Put Do all you can to help clean up our world. Even if you've never

thrown any rubbish down (which I seriously doubt) pick up some anyway. mmm

The second favor is even easier. Smile. Smile at everyone you meet. Even smile at those you don't like. Smile especially at those you don't like. And make it Wherever you are, whatever a genuine smile. A real one. From you're doing, some time during the heart. None of that phony stuff. this day, stop and pick up a stray Make the smile you offer to others at my request sincere. Don't do it to make everyone wonder what you're up to. Do it cause it makes you feel good. And it will it in a proper disposal site if not. make you feel good. But I could be wrong.

Please Rememberthat we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our paper. We realize that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of erors within our publication.





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Are you sure you're a democrat?

The Way I See It By Steven R. LaMascus

Well it must be an election year. All the politicians have crawled out from under their rocks and are cated? again telling us all what they think we want to hear. And again it seems that they don't let integrity get in the way of truth, as they perceive it that is. Or do you believe Al Gore really did invent the an alternate life style? internet?

I was talking to one of my friends the other day and he made a statement that set me to thinking. He said that to get elected in local politics you had to run as a Democrat. And you know, he has a point. Some of my best friends are Democrats. In fact some of my favorite relatives are Democrats. Most of them have been Democrats for many years. They have always voted Democratic, run for office under the colors of the Democratic Party. I have an uncle who would rather eat ground glass than vote for a Republican. But

Today the Democratic party is not what it was during the depres-Kennedy was president. In those days, as my uncle says, "the Democrats were the party of the working man." They were the party of the patriot, the soldier, the Average Joe who wanted to make a living and support his family and someday retire to live in a little house that he owned. The Democrats broke the depression, won the war, brought about racial equality, affirmative action, ERA, country to live in. What about to-

died-in-the-wool Democrats, answer these questions for me.

Do you believe that all privately owned guns should be confis-

Do you believe in abortion? Do you believe in unlimited

Do you believe that homosexuality is a good thing, and simply

Do you believe that you should pay higher taxes?

Do you believe that the United States should be held accountable for its debts, but that the United States should forgive the debts of all the other countries that owe us special interest groups, even for-

Do you believe that pornography should be available to chil-

Do you believe that criminals should have more rights than police officers?

of dangerous drugs? Do you believe that government

should not be held accountable to the public?

WWII, or even when John countable to a higher set of stan- McCain? dards than you are?

knows how to better spend your money than you do? Do you believe that the solu-

tion to all our problems is a new government program?

Liberal?

Do you believe in God?

If you answered "yes" to all those questions but the last, then and generally made this a better you are a true Democrat. If you answered "no" to all those questions but the last, no matter what

Well, those of you who are your voter registration card says, you are a Republican.

I'm sorry if I have made any of you angry. That was not my intention. But you have to realize that the Democratic party, no matter what it was fifty years ago, is now, as a party, attacking all those Judeo-Christian morals and ethics that you believe in so strongly.

I know most of you realize that. Most of you read the newspapers and watch the news on television. You see the two liberal candidates prostituting themselves to the left wing political organizations like NOW and Greenpeace and countless others, as well as the unions, eign governments. Both of the Democratic candidates are hardcore, hard-line liberals and want nothing more than to empower themselves and their party.

Both the Republican candidates are more conservative, one is a Do you believe in legalization true conservative, while one may be a closet liberal. Did you know that McCain won the last primary, but that George W. Bush received 68 percent of the Republican vote? Do you believe that government Ask yourself why that many sion years, or the years just after officials should not be held ac- Democrats would vote for

It is your duty as an American Do you believe that government to vote for the man or woman you think will do whatever is best for the United States of America. It is not your duty to vote for the man who runs in the name of your political party. So if you really are Do you consider yourself a true a God-fearing conservative American, please, think long and hard before you cast your next ballot. Don't vote for a particular party just because your father did. The parties have changed. Look at the facts and vote your heart!

Getting what's due

U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Anna is a 65 year old widow. After her husband died of a heart attack 10 years ago, she turned to the little shop they had opened together for comfort. Anna loved being a part of her customers' lives; lovingly making the corsages for Mothers' Day, and arranging hundreds of roses which made their way around town on Valentine's Day. But this year, Anna had to close her shop. Though it broke her heart, her mind told her that, financially, it was the sensible thing to do. You see, Anna had begun drawing Social Security checks. The benefits were being cut by \$5000 a year because she was still working. The government intentionally set up the system to encourage people like Anna to get out of the workforce.

It started during the Great Depression, when unemployment was in the double digits. The government was desperate to create jobs, and they did it in part by replacing older workers with new ones. Today, our economy doesn't need the government to say who can and cannot work.

Seniors between the ages of 65 and 69 currently lose \$1 for every \$3 in earnings over \$17, 000. So, in order to keep their benefits, many seniors are either forced to quit working or take less pay to within earnings limit. The Social Security Commissioner estimates that 800,000 seniors lose part or all of their Social Security benefits because of the outdated earnings

Working Americans spend their entire lives paying into a government-backed retirement system on the promise that they will receive their just return when they reach the specified age. It's no less than a contract, and therefore should be treated as one. Government rules should never stand in the way of a law-abiding citizen trying to earn an honest living and, when the time comes, collecting what's due her after years of hard work. Last year, some of us tried unsuccessfully to pass a bill that would have allowed senior citizens to make more money without having their benefits slashed. The measure never made it out of the Sen-

This week, Congress is voting on The Senior Citizens' Freedom to Work Act of 2000. The bill is expected to be approved by both the House and Senate, and then be signed by the President. It comes not a moment too soon, and a moment too late for people like Anna. When a government makes cumbersome rules that hurt citizens, it can take years to repair the damage. It is Congress's duty to move quickly to target these injustices, and put a stop to them before they affect the life of even one more American.

Tackling tough 1ssues

Submitted by U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison pecially in the agricultural mar-

Texans to fill out surveys on im- highly paid workers at a disadvanportant domestic and foreign tage. policy issues. Your answers help me better represent you.

Next year, Congress is likely to examine three important and difficult issues. They include gun advantage and should go it alone, sales, taxing Internet sales and international trade. These are the no clear-cut solutions.

affected for the better and that Texas values are protected.

To do that, it helps to know ing survey. And I thank you for income tax. taking the time to let me know where you stand on some of the internet sales to a retail tax should tough issues.

1. The United States is a member of the World Trade Organiza- done? tion, which is trying to lower barriers to free trade. Supporters of free trade believe that it will help the United States sell its goods and this year that will further block services overseas, thereby creat- criminals from buying at weekend ing American jobs and boosting gun shows. It is also considering the world economy, It is supposed legislation that would require a to provide remedies when other background check, that may take countries subsidize products in longer than 24 hours to process,

violation of trade agreements, es- for people purchasing guns at loket. Opponents are concerned that In recent weeks, I have asked it places more highly skilled,

What is your view. WTO isn't perfect, but it is worth trying to make it work.

The U.S. is at too big a disfighting each problem separately.

2. Today, items sold over the issues, as with so many, that offer Internet are not subject to sales tax. That gives the Internet an ad-How these issues will be dealt vantage over regular 'brick and with in Washington will affect Tex- mortar' stores. Some think the ans. My aim is that all Texans are playing field should be made more even because states depend on tax revenue from store-bought items. If the Internet takes business away what you think. And so I am from stores, it will shrink state tax pleased that this newspaper has revenue. This is a problem for cooperated by printing the follow- states like Texas that have no state

> Others believe that subjecting not be allowed.

What do you think should be

Internet retail sales untaxed. Tax Internet sales.

3. Congress passed legislation

cal shows. Sometimes, the background check won't be finished by the time the show closes. I support instant background checks to allow law-abiding citizens to continue purchases of guns at weekend shows.

What do you think should be Multi-Day background

Instant background check.

Ban gun show sales. No background check.

Other. Thank-you for taking the time to fill out this survey. Your answers will help me make sure that I am

is always my top goal. Please send your responses to me at 284 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. I look forward to your re-

properly representing Texans. That

Thank You

The family of Richard (Dick) Wolters would like to Thank everyone for their help and support in taking care of our Dad. Your friendship and help at his passing will always mean a lot

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DRT honors Agnes Vondy Locals attend Secondary Sponsor School



Agnes Vondy (left) pictured with Pat McKelvy was honored as to any woman who can prove her the oldest member of the Caddel - Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas on her 91st birthday.

The Caddel-Smith Chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, honored their "oldest and bestest" member, Agnes Vondy of Brackettville, on the occasion of her 91st birthday. The monthly meeting of the group was hosted by Billie Jean Davis at her home

Essay chairman Otela Patterson announced the winners: 4th grade: Madison Crier from the Divide School at Mountain Home and 7th grade: Lindsey Garret Camp from Utopia Middle School at Utopia. No entries were received from the Brackettville schools.

Registrar Pat McKelvy presented three prospective members, including Charlotte Corey of Brackettville, and two members wishing to transfer into the chapter.

Priscilla Montgomery presented the program on her ancestor William Smothers. The title was "He Aimed Deadly and Blazed New Trails"

Membership in the Daughters of the Republic of Texas is open lineal ancestor resided here between 1836-1845.



Course graduates from Kinney County (1 to r) Martha Pena-Hooten (County Assessor/Collector), Liz Luna (Appraisal District Collector), Gene Slate (Appraisal District Collector), and Cordy Barlow (County Auditor).

By Bill Haenn Contributing Writer

The Kinney County Appraisal District conducted a Secondary Sponsor School at Fort Clark Springs for area assessor/collectors the week of February 14-18, 2000. The Texas Association of

Appraisal Districts sponsored the course for the Texas Board of Tax Professional Examiners. Students attended from Kinney, Val Verde, Uvalde and Sutton counties. Mr.

Mick Mikulenka instructed the 36hour course, "An Introduction to the Texas Property Tax System." Completion of this course qualifies students for registration as Class II Tax Collectors, Appraisers, or Assessors. Students are working toward certification as Registered Professional Appraisers, Registered Professional Assessors, or Registered Professional Collectors. Secondary Sponsor Courses offer significant costs savings to counties and appraisal districts over attendance at primary courses conducted in Austin. The overwhelming success of this course, made possible through the cooperation of Fort Clark Springs for use of their facilities, promotes the scheduling of future courses.

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Coburn lectures on Colonel Mackenzie

By Frank Cheaney Contributing Writer

A near capacity crowd of sixty members and guests of the Fort Clark Historical Society met on Saturday morning in Fort Clark's Palisado Building to hear Society member and historian Phil Coburn lecture about the legendary life and times of Indian Fighter Colonel longtime commander of the Fourth

the young army colonels of his day. He is credited with a large part of the responsibility for the defeat of the Plains Indians and for opening the West to white settlement, He is especially remembered by residents of our area for his association with Fort Clark and his daring raid in May, 1873, across

Cavalry Regiment, was one of the tives. The result of that raid was bers of Fort Clark Springs Assobest known and most efffective of that this area of the border was ciation. Instead, all Society mempacified for some time. Mackenzie was eventually rewarded for his exploits by being promoted to Brigadier General. Soon thereafter, however, he suffered a mental breakdown, and his health declined rapidly until his death in 1889.

There will be no regular meet-Ranald Slidell Mackenzie. Colothe Rio Grande into Mexico, deing of the Society in March, since nel Mackenzie, a West Point stroying an Indian Village at El its regular meeting date coincides graduate, Civil War veteran, and Remolino and taking many cap- with the annual meeting of mem-

bers and other friends of Fort Clark are urged to attend the "Chicken Feed" being sponsored on March 11 at Rendezvous Park by the Aid Association for Lutherans. All proceeds of this event, including matching funds from the Aid Association, will be donated to the Historical Society's Building Fund, to be used for renovating historic buildings on Fort Clark. The event will last from 11:30 to 2:00 on that Saturday, and tickets, either in advance or at the park, are \$5. Tickets are available from members of the Historical Society. Plans are also being made for a field trip by Society members on April 22 to the

Garner Museum in Uvalde.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Fort and Henderson Streets

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

> March 7th from

5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



\$4.00 Adults \$4.50 at Door \$2.00 for Children 12 years and under

Nuts, bolts, and Carnations

By Lynn McNew Contributing Writer

The Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts will present a play

will be presented at the Post The- wife, Esther, is played by Jewel atre on Fort Clark Springs at 7:30

Included in the cast are some familiar faces, some new faces and titled "Nuts, Bolts, and Carna- some faces we haven't seen in a the Variety Show of 1997. Geortions", a comedy by Don Rausch. long time. Hoagie Nelson plays the gia is played by Fern Amo. You There will be two performances part of Cliff. Hoagie appeared sev- will remember Fern as the heroon Friday, March 10 and Satur- eral years ago in the OQS produc- ine in our melodrama from last day, March 11, 2000. The play tion of "The Odd Couple." His

Robinson, who has appeared in many OQS productions. Playing Margaret is Darlene Sandwick. Darlene appeared on our stage in

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Saturday, February 19

4:00 p.m., Federico Martinez, 73 of Brackettville was arrested by Sheriff Burgess for disorderly conduct. Martinez was released February 25th for time served.

Monday, February 21 12:30 p.m., Central office of

the Brackett Independent School District requested a deputy to subject was released. come and check out a possible vestigate.

Moras Restaurant. Chief Deputy doors. Fritter found a mop head and a few leaves had caught on fire. There was no damage.

ported children fighting on Beaumont street. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter went to break it up.

Wednesday, February 23

3:45 p.m., Southwestern Bell ing threatened by a Rottweiler Dog at the location where he was workwith the owner. She agreed to make sure the dog was confined when he was in the area.

11:00 p.m., Franciso Olvera reported a stranded motorist ap-Tula, 40 from Mexico was arrested by Deputy Bobby Guidry for probation violation from Harris County. As of Monday morning he was still being held in the Kinney County Jail.

Thursday, February 24

12:55 a.m., Rene S. Sanchez, 21 from Calisco, Pueblo, Mexico was arrested by Deputy Guidry for a warrant out of Bexar County. Sanchez was picked up by Bexar County on February 27th.

4:50 p.m., A local woman reported her license plate number ment was notified.

TKS747 was stolen. 6:13 p.m., A local woman reported a major water line broke Highway 90 West. Deputy Guidry partment was dispatched.

on East Thorn Street. City em- spoke with the owner and stated ployee David Martinez was in- she was going to be there for formed of the situation.

8:26 p.m., Deputies Guidry and Robinson along with K-9 units from Border Patrol assisted Trooper Slubar in searching a white pickup for transporting drugs. No evidence was found and

10:19 p.m., Deputy Guidry counterfeit \$100 bill. Chief found the front and back doors Deputy Johnny Fritter went to in- open on a house he knew to be unoccupied. He spoke with a lo-6:10 p.m., Fort Clark Security cal man who had been working reported a fire at the back of Las on the house. The man locked the

Friday, February 25

4:28 p.m., Local woman reported her was almost hit by a lo-6:43 p.m., A local woman re- cal man. Police Chief Ron Ring located the subject and along with Trooper Wylie administered the alcohol breathlizer test. Subject failed and was arrested.

5:15 p.m., Jesus Rumaldo Telephone employee reported be- Martinez, 47 from Brackettville was arrested by Chief Ring for DWI 3rd offense. As of Monday ing. Chief Deputy Fritter spoke morning Martinez was still being held in the Kinney County Jail.

> Saturday, February 26 7:55 a.m., A cellular caller

proximately 4 miles West of the Dust Bowl Arena on Highway 90. Deputy Guidry spoke with the advised of the situation. motorist. 9:50 a.m., A local woman re-

quested assistance with obtaining her truck and house keys from her ex-live. Police Chief Ring located him and got the keys and explained where his things were.

10:45 a.m., A man called and reported a fire at a ranch on Tularosa Road. The fire was out let them pay for the fuel. of control. Brackett fire depart-

2:20 p.m., Border Patrol reported a stranded motorist on West around Shorty's. Fire De-

awhile. 2:50 p.m., A local business reported someone stole beer from his establishment. Police Chief Ring went to investigate. Chief Ring located the subjects.

8:28 p.m., Val Verde Sheriffs Department reported someone had been hit by a car on Hwy 277 South. Dispatcher notified Deputy Karl Chism and Trooper Richard Slubar and went to the scene. Slubar requested Justice of the Peace John Ford be notified because there had been a fatality.

11:40 p.m, Pico employee reported a suspicious truck setting in the parking lot. Deputy Chism was notified of the situation.

Sunday February 27

12:31 p.m., Unidentified caller reported loud music on James Street. Chief Ron Ring was notified of the situation.

12:53 p.m., A man reported he needed a deputy to check his trailer. It had been vandalized.

6:53 p.m., A local rancher requested the fire department be sent to his ranch. A controlled burn had gotten out of control. 10:15 p.m., A local man re-

ported a truck driving recklessly East bound . Deputy Chism was 10:42 p.m., Local man re-

ported a suspicious vehicle outside his Ranch gate. Chief Deputy Fritter checked it out.

11:45 p.m., Pico employee reported someone left without paying for gasoline. Deputy Chism located the vehicle and suspects. Escorted them back to Picos and

Monday, February 28 12:20 a.m., Deputy Chism reported a grass fire on Highway 90

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Commissioner Pct.

Kinney County Sheriff

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We have improved the jail and operates full capacity and generates federal money by holding federal prisoners which in turn offsets the costs to operate the jail and sheriff's department.

The county jail earned high grades and remarks from the Texas Jail Commission

ing the annual inspection. Credit is due to each and every employee in the department for their hard work and dedication.

We are now able to have deputies on 20 hour patrol for nightly checks on businesses and on residences while owners are on vacation or away. The rate of burglaries and crime have cut down since our deputies are out on patrol all hours of the

I have enjoyed serving as Sheriff for the past four years and look forward to serving another four.

L.K. Burgess

Tax Assessor/Collector



Martha Pena Hooten has announced that she is a Democratic candidate for reelection to the office of Tax-Assessor-Collector of Kinney County in the March 14, 2000 Democratic Primary Election.

Martha is a life-long resident of Kinney County. She has over 16 years experience in the Tax Assessor-Collector's office, beginning her service to the public in that office in 1983 as Chief Deputy.

The office of Tax-Assessor-Collector performs several important and major functions of county government that includes motor vehicle registrations and ti-

tling, issuance and renewals of beer/wine and mixed beverage permits, boat registration renewals and titling, voter registration and jury wheel processing. "Because of my 16 years of training,

education and experience in the duties and responsibilities of the Tax Assessor-Collector's office I am familiar with all the processes, paperwork and reports required of the numerous and important functions of the office, including personal communications with officials of the various state agencies we must work with on an almost daily basis." "Since the county contracted with the

Kinney County Appraisal Office in 1981 to assess and collect property taxes, I am not required to be certified with the Board of Tax Professional Examiners. However, as my own self-improvement program I have taken the initiative to educate myself by enrolling and completing Course No. 1 of "The Property Tax System". "Each county official is his or her own best judge of the amount of knowledge they need to do their jobs well.'

"Thank you all for supporting me and allowing me to serve you as your Tax Assessor-Collector for the past 16 years, I've thoroughly enjoyed it and once again I respectfully ask for your vote and support in the upcoming Democratic Primary Election, it will be sincerely appreciated.'

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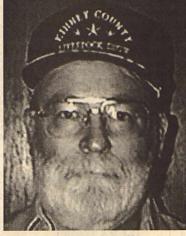
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Commissioner Pct.



I am, W.W. (Woody) Massingill running for County Commissioner, Pct. 1. I have lived in Kinney County for approximately 20 years. I have been involved with and held leadership positions in County & Civic Organizations throughout this time. I have owned and operated several

Dear Kinney County,

My name is Francie Wylie. I am currently running for Kinney County Commissioner Precinct 1. I can not win without your vote. Early voting started Monday, February 28th and will continue through Friday, March 10th. All early voting is located at the Kinney County Courthouse between the hours of 9 am &

Our County is blessed with an abundance of unique natural resources and has a remarkable historic value. It is our job as citizens and community servants to protect, manage and develope this county for ourselves and children. We must be able to attract the kind of growth that will benefit the entire community.

Due to our county's location and recent trade agreements with Mexico, Kinney County is and will be growing at an increasing rate.

We will be presented with many opportunities in the next four years. It will take good management, diligence, and tough decisions to shape our future into the thriving attractive community we want.

I am a graduate of South West Texas State University with a Bachelors degree in Industrial Arts and a teaching certificate. Industrial Arts includes education in Design, Architectural Drafting, Engineering, Planning and Resourcing to name

I taught school for two years. I have 20 years experience in restoration of historic properties and new construction. I

I travel the County on a daily basis and am in contact with people who live in the City, County, Spofford and Fort Clark Springs. This makes me very accessible to anyone that has concerns they would like to see addressed. This exposure would give me a good feel for what the people of the County would want from their commissioner. I feel like these experiences along with some common sense would

successful businesses. If elected, this

would be my first time in politics. I am

interested in seeing how the County op-

qualify me for County Commissioner. I would like to see the County grow by bringing in suitable businesses, which would keep our taxes low and offer more opportunities for local government.

My wife and I own property in the County and are members of Fort Clark Springs. We have two children that go to school in Brackettville. Therefore, I have a genuine interest in our County becoming the best that it can be.



am a successful wildlife artist. Last but not least, I am a mother of 4 children, 3 of which are currently attending school in Brackettville.

Since moving to Brackettville in 1997, I have worked around the community doing restoration and remodeling for others. My family and I have recently built a new home on Fort Clark, which provided employment for local students during the summer. We have also have started restoration of a historic home located on James

My goal is to be an asset to this community. I believe I will be an asset as your County Commissioner.

Thank you for your vote! Respectfully,

Francie Wylie



My name is Linda Jaso. I previously moved to Kinney County in 1997, from Presido, TX with my husband Mario Jaso and our 3 children. I have attended SWTJC from 1974-1975 and Sul Ross State Uni-

I am announcing my candidacy for County Commissioner Pct. 1.

I have extensive knowledge and expe-

rience with working with Victims of

Dear Kinney County Voters: Pct. 1 I, Ralph Gonzales would appreciate your vote for Commissioner Pct. 1 in the upcoming March 14, primary election. I am a native of Brackettville. I have lived in Kinney County for a total of 21 years. I am a family man with a wife of 24 years, I have 6 children and 1 Grandson that I

am raising. Experience: I was duly elected Kinney County Constable Pct. 1 which I served from 1976 thru 1978. City policeman for the city of Brackettville for a period of 1985 thru 1986. I also worked for Smith Security for a period of 3 years at Ft. Clark Springs TX. I am presently employed by Kinney County Sheriff Department.

I have served the citizens of Brackettville as City Councilman for a period of eight years. During this time I acquired a great deal of knowledge and experience in overseeing budget expenses and knowing the needs of our community. Including to continue the fight against any hazardous waste in Kinney County.

If elected as a commissioner of Pct. 1, I plan to use my experience in handling your tax dollars. When I vote on an issue my vote will be based on facts. I have a mind of my own, my vote is for or

Crime, Case Manager. Worked with budgets and can work with the people of this county and especially Pct. 1. I have worked with different programs

in Val Verde County and will be able to work with programs and grants in Kinney I would fight to expand Kinney County

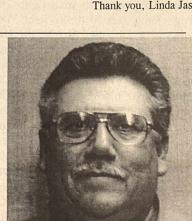
by bringing more jobs and opportunities for parents working out of town. Along with this, keeping taxes down. I will work with the County Judge and other commissioners in order to achieve these goals for the betterment of the county. As a commissioner, I see many

changes are needed. People of Pct. 1 need a commissioner to represent them equally and fairly. I will be willing to do everything necessary to see that things get done.

As County Commissioner I would welcome the ideas and concerns of the people of Pct. 1, after all, it is about the

If elected by the people of Pct. 1 I will work hard for the progress and growth of our community. Your vote is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Linda Jaso



against. I do not ride the fence, sometimes others agree with me and others do

I ask that you vote for me based on my experience.

preciated in the Early Voting on Feb. 28 and on March Primary Elections March

Yours Truly Ralph Gonzales

My name is Ruben C. Martinez. I have filed as a candidate for County Commissioner of Precinct one. I was born in Brackettville and I'm a graduate of Brackettville High Class of 1958.

I have been a member of Fort Clark Springs since 1976 and a resident since 1992, when I returned to Kinney County and built our retirement home.

I have 29 years of experience in supervisory and management positions in the construction trades. I retired as a General Superintendent from a large construction firm that grossed an average of 40 million a year. My responsibilities included job budget control, estimating, job schedul-

ing, and working with representatives from Federal, State, County, City Governments and Private Developers.

Since returning to Kinney County I have been involved in community activities. I am a past two term President of the Lions Club, a current member of the Board of Directors of the Kinney County Library, past President of Fort Clarks Mens Golf Club and an active member of the Las Moras Hispanic Organization. The past 4 years I have held a Community Benefit Golf Tournament that has raised over 5,000 dollars for the Lions and the Las Moras Hispanic Org. for their Christmas basket program.

I am and advocate for a clean environments. The clean air and our drinking water should never be allowed to be polluted. If elected I will work to keep it safe for future generations.

I believe in control growth. The County, City and Ft. Clark have made some progress when the waste disposal plant was expanded. In order to attract any industry to the County we also need more affordable rental or places to build. We need the County and the City to encourage developer to open up new subdivisions for housing by offering some incentive and tax breaks.

If elected I will consider it a full time job, and will work endlessly for betterment of Kinney County and its citizens. Ruben Martinez.

Commissioner Pct. 3

It's time to vote for the person that will represent Precinct 3 in Commissioners Court. I'm hoping that person will be me, Dottie Cruz.

For the last 4 years I have attended commissioners court as a citizen, deputy clerk and now as a reporter.

I've watched, studied and learned. I believe, I can do a good job for the people.

I will listen to you. Get your opinion on issues that concern you, especially when spending your tax dollars. I will work hard, as your commissioner, to solve problems no matter how small or large. In my opinion, one commissioner can

make a big difference. I feel, a commissioner should vote on every issue. Unless it would be ethically

wrong for them to participate in voting. When I vote for or against an issue, I

will tell you why. I don't own a business, I'm not a member of any board or club, and my job doesn't take me out of town. This will allow me to vote without outside influences or affiliations and enable me to attend meetings on a regular basis. How else can I vote, but for the people?

Budgeting will be important. Having to much left over means some service(s) wasn't funded properly. I'd remind the court the need to serve the people, fulfill promises of prior commitments and bring commerce to this county.

I believe jobs opportunities are important for anyone who wishes to work. Es-

and Mrs. Eva Pinales.

Junior College in Uvalde, TX.

Church here in Brackettville.

Arnold A. Pinales and his wife Rocio

I have lived in Brackettville all my life,

during the last twenty four years I have

been in construction. And I now work as

construction foreman for Mr. Bill Moody.

Uvalde and LaPryor.



pecially, jobs that won't require people commute out of the county to find work and make a living

I must state this, I would never approve an industry that would harm our environment or leave a debt for our chil-

These things will take time to accomplish. Time I'm willing to devote, to get the job done and accomplish the goals we set for the people we serve as commis-

If I'm unable to reach you in person before the primary, I want you to know, a vote for me will not be in vain, I will do my best for you and this county.

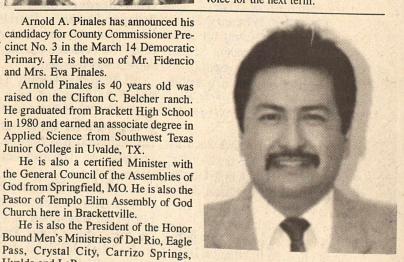
Your vote will be appreciated.

Robert "Bob" Yastic For Commissioner Precinct 3

I am a retired auto and diesel mechanic and military veteran. I have worked as a mechanic for several trucking companies in Houston and San Antonio before moving to Brackettville in 1989 with my wife

We opened Southwest Service Company an auto and diesel repair shop and parts store. We built that business on trust and fairness to everyone.

If I am elected your commissioner, I will see that this tradition is carried on. I am a conservative and I will be your voice for the next term.



Jonathan and Jairo.

have five sons, Arnold Jr., Ivan, Adam, ciated. May God Bless You. "Your vote and support will be appre-

> And again I believe that we should hire local people to help with most of these projects.

When Mr. Joe Garza and Mr. G.C. Talamantez were commissioners they would hire five people from low income families that were in their precincts one or two weeks before school started to help with clothes and school supplies and again before Christmas so that they could buy gifts for their children. I would like to bring this back to the community. I was told by a commissioner that this was not in the budget. (Commissioners make the budget).

We also have to do something about the drug problem in our community. There are many good kids in our community, sadly there is not much work here, so kids turn to drugs as a way of making money.

We have to create more jobs and give them to the people of this community.

I am experienced in building and maintaining roads which include building dams, I don't believe that the county should charge any nonprofit organization or anyculvert, and low water crossings. I can one who is in any way trying to help the assist the county in any low water crosscommunity with the use of the Civic Cening that they would normally hire a contractor for. We will not need these conter as long as they clean up and pay for the use of the water and electricity. (The tractors we can hire people in our community. I have built homes, offices and meters can be read before and after use). other buildings. I can help oversee any If we work together we can help this combuilding that may take place in the county. munity. Your vote will be greatly appreciated. Nat Terrazas.



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Three locals make

Sul Ross Deans' List

Spring Break is right around the corner

Making a Difference By Taylor Stephenson

Tim Ward and Rose Mary Slubar, incumbents on the school board, have both signed a declaration of candidacy for another three year term. The election will be held Tuesday, May 6.

Julie Simek, Susan Davis' baby niece. Little Julie had several open heart operations and finally was able to pass peacefully from our world. Our hearts are extended to the Simek and Davis families in their loss.

How about those golf teams, coached by Kim and Dave the Brackettville Invitational. Medalist was Jarrett Harrison with a score of 73. The Girls team won third place. Medalist for the girls division was Laura Lee Ballew level test over at the high school with a 95, 10 strokes better than level in Reading and Math. I hope her last outing. There were nine that our new commissioner of the help.

teams playing in this tournament. Texas Education Agency will ad- Laurels are in full bloom. Red Bud Way to Go!

Baseball and softball have begun to play preseason games. We're winning enough to know that we will be competitive in both sports. Baseball coach is Ricky Creel while Gregg Nowlin coaches the softball team. The track team Our town has prayed for little had its first meet this past weekend. I heard David Yeager talk students, staff and parents. about positive comments on the Brackettville athletes.

past week over the BHS Tigers. This is the best BHS boys team that I have seen in Brackettville in years. This year, we played as a team that represented the school Wilkins? The boys placed first in and community well at each of its

I'm happy that the TAAS writing for grades 4, 8 and 10 is over. I'm also happy to have the EXIT

San Antonio Cole prevailed this Brackett Invitational Golf Tournament By Dave Wilkins

Spring Break is right around the

corner. We're out of school the

week of March 13. Many of you

have trips planned that week. It

will be a great week to get away

from the pressures of school for

Contributing Writer

TAAS testing dates.

Monday the Tigers and Tigerettes put on The Brackett Inwere 12 boys teams and 11 girls 9:00 am and was over by 2:30. We would like to thank the volunteers from the Mens Group, teachers and the Fort for their great

The Tigers finished 1st overall with a team score of 340. Team members were Jarrett Harrison (73), Chase Neuman (87), Jeff Luna (88), Sammy Flores (92), and Carl Dalton (100). Second place team was Junction with a vidual honors went to Jarrett

Harrison with a score of 73-1st place, 2nd was Trevor Hykes (78) from Del Rio, and 3rd was Reagan Roth (78) from D'Hanis.

The Tigerettes placed third vitational Golf Tournament. There overall with a score of 430; their team consisted of Laura Lee teams. The tournament started at Ballew (95), Tiffany Eckenrod (118), Debra Cortes (103), Leslia Meyer (114), and Susannah Davis (120). First Place went to Junction with a score of 427, and 2nd went to Sabinal with a score of 429. Individual honors were as follows: 1st was Kami Bennett (94) from Uvalde, 2nd was Laura Lee Ballew (95) from Brackett, and third was Kathryn McGinney (97) from Junction.

Erica Meyer and Elliot Stone score of 348, and third went to played as individuals, and did a Leakey with a score of 359. Indigreat job! The kids really did well!

A is worth 4 points per hour.

"Making the Deans' List is a

significant achievement for a stu-

dent," Abbott said. "Since it re-

quires a student to perform at a

consistently high level across all

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ligerettes at 4 The Brackett Tigerette Softball hits, 4 runs, and 3 RBIs, Michelle Team went to the Uvalde Tourna- Melancon with 4 hits, 5 runs, and ment this past weekend. They won 2 RBIs, and Tiffany Eckenrod with

one game and lost two. Their 2 triples, 6 RBIs, and scoring 2 record now stands at 4 wins and 4 runs. Handling the pitching chores Tuesday the 29th, to play their last in the top of the 4th inning by at 6:30 versus the Dilley Lady very first varsity game. "Celina

wasn't decided until the final out. her, "said Coach Gregg Nowlin. Leading the way at the plate was Erika Garcia with 2 hits, 2 RBIs, and 1 run scored, Vanessa Castillo with 2 hits, 2 runs, and 2 RBIs, also Mayra Aguirre with 2 hits, 2 runs, and 2 RBIs. Erika Garcia handled the pitching duties.

On Friday, they lost to the Hondo Lady Owls, 8 to 4, in a very well played contest, that Hondo pulled out in the very end of the game. Leading the way at the plate, was Michelle Melancon with 2 hits,1 run scored, and 2 RBIs, Erika Garcia with 1 hit, 1 run scored and 1 RBI. Erika Garcia was called upon again to pitch for the Tigerettes.

On Saturday the Tigerettes traveled back to Uvalde for the third game of the tournament. This time the Tigerettes would be victorious against the Crystal City Javalinas 25 to 24, in a very high scoring game. The game was played back and forth, until the bottom of the 7th inning when the Tigerettes Continued from Page 3 came from behind to win the game. In the last half inning, homerun to ignite the girls for tions, both on the stage and as Theater. Tickets are \$3.00 and their come from behind win. Leading the way for the Tigerettes offense was Erika Garcia with 5

losses. They go to Comfort on were B'Ann Gomez and relieved non-district game. Next Tuesday Freshman pitcher Celina Cano they open up district play at home who picked up the victory, in her came in and did a wonderful job, In game one of the Uvalde tour- she struck out 3 batters, and was nament, the Tigerettes lost to the very composed in her very first Carrizo Springs Lady Wildcats 10 varsity game. I am looking forward to 9 in a very exciting game that to some great things out of

Dean Frank W. Abbott from Meyer from Brackettville to the Sul Ross State University Rio Dean's List for the 1999 fall term. Grande College has named April To qualify for the dean's list, a Blake, Johnny Castro and Kelley student must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 semester credit hours and compiled a grade point average of 3.50 or better. An

By Gregg Nowlin Contributing Writer

Softball team opened their 2000 Softball season Monday night in Eagle Pass. The Junior Varsity pitching, once she gets her arm in Tigerettes played a great game, but came up short 16 to 12.

Leading the way at the plate for he Tigerettes was Nicole Mata infield homerun. Christina Flores the Tigerettes. with 2 hits, 2 runs scored, 2 RBIs,

also Celia Deleon with 2 hits, 2 runs, 2 RBIs, and 1 infield homerun. Celina Cano handled The Junior Varsity Tigerette the pitching duties for the Tigerettes.

Celina is doing a fine job shape, she will improve," said Coach Nowlin.

The next game for the JV Tigerettes is on Monday, March with 3 hits, 3 runs, 2 RBIs, and 1 6th. Please come out and support

Old Quarry Society presents "Nuts, bolts, and Carnations"

fall. Rick Bacon will be seen rected by Lynn McNew.

This is a funny show, with a ing 563-9229.

great cast. Plan now to attend "Nuts, Bolts, and Carnations" at in the part of Al. He has also been 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 10, Vanessa Castillo hit a 3 run infield involved in many OQS produc- or Saturday, March 11 at Post technical support. The play is di- available at the Adult Center, from Old Quarry members or by call-

Outdoors

TPW to use license denial in restitution collection efforts

A little on the Wildlife side By Henry Lutz

one of the 10,478 persons owing Texas part of the \$3,227,267 in percent of the restitution assess- gave the department a great tool outstanding civil restitution for loss or damage to a wildlife re- ted in response to the first letter lecting recovery value for the source, you may be denied par- notifying the violator of a civil state's loss in resources." ticipation in any activities licensed restitution assessment. A final deor permitted by Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW).

Senate Bill 1302, passed by the 76th Texas Legislature, gives TPW the authority to refuse to issue an original or renewal license, permit or tag if a person has been convicted of a violation of the Parks and Wildlife Code or a proclamation issued under the authorhave not arranged for payment by TPW law enforcement director of ity of the Code and has failed to Sept. 1, 2001, they will be subpay a civil restitution assessment.

Persons owing civil restitution for violations since Sept. 1, 1999 mands for payment will soon be notified that license, permit, and

tag privileges have been denied. collecting the civil restitution pen-TPW gives game law violators alties when someone illegally takes three written notices to make ar- or possesses a resource," said Jim AUSTIN, Texas — If you are rangements to pay civil restitution. Robertson, TPW director of law The agency offers to accept 80 enforcement. "The Legislature ment as payment in full if remit- in Senate Bill 1302 to aid in col-

sessments are substantial, the leg- percent of the restitution assessperiod to any person owing civil ment prior to the new law, and restitution for violations before since then the rate has increased license, permit or tag privileges.

who have failed to respond to de-belong to the people of Texas, and vation for paying restitution if you the department is serious about break the law."

TPW officials have noted a mand for payment is issued before marked increase in the number of licenses and permits will be de- cases resolved since the law took effect last September. "We have Because some of the owed as- historically recovered about 30 islature granted a two-year grace ments as a result of voluntary pay-Sept. 1, 1999. If those violators to 68 percent," said Jack King, policy and planning. "We want this ject to denial of original or renewal to be a deterrent against committing the violation to begin with. "Wildlife and fishery resources But, it should also serve as moti-

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- 8. Ralph Lauren's line 12. As to
- 13. "Spicy" musical style 15. Estrada of CHIPS 16. Twist
- 17. __ Grace (Atwood novel) 18. Eye maliciously
- 19. Cinematographers' swings 20. Golf ball's launching
- pad 21. "Little Miss Muffet _..." (3 wds.)
- 23. Pointers 25. Golden, for one 26. Actress Joey Lauren
- 28. Deteriorates 31. Sparkling 32. Fracas 34. Sty denizen
- 36. Like ___ out of hell (2 wds.) 37. Spanish melodies
- 38. Laos's locale 39. First name in Wolfmen
- 40. Award funds 41. Sample bottles
- 42. Candidate's promise 44. Magdalene and **Poppins**

- 45. Kirghiz range 46. Drink thirstily 47. Weather word
- 50. Saucepan
- 51. The ___ of the White
- Worm (1988 film) 55. Sound like a chained-up dog
- 56. Turn inside out 58. Lhasa
- 59. "___ Along Without You Very Well"
- (2 wds.) 60. Loves a lot 61. One of the Bush sons
- 62. About half a jigger 63. Commanded 64. Celtic language

DOWN

- 1. Speech impediment 2. "Diana" singer Paul 3. Drab looking
- songbird
- 4. Jennings's report
- 5. Allegories 6. "I cannot tell ___ "
- (2 wds.) 7. Org. that is Juliette
- Low's legacy 8. Attacked with stones
- 9. Sandwich cookie brand 10. Property attachment

- 13. Gluts 14. Guarantees
- 22. African plant
- 24. Diamond judge 25. Rent again
- 26. Trellis 27. Newswoman Sawyer

11. Gumbo ingredient

- 29. Bar exam component 30. Stains 31. Baseball's Ripken
 - 32. Little Havana's locale 33. Sea Eagle
 - 35. "There ___ an old
 - woman..." 37. Systemized
 - 38. 1980 disaster-film spoof
 - 40. Midas's obsession 41. Kilmer of The Saint
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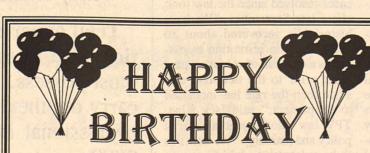
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Aries March 21- April 20

Don't get involved in the stories and gossip going around work. Things are not always as they appear. You've been there before. Check into a potential investment carefully. It's not something to take at face value. Check with an expert.

Taurus April 21-May 21

Look for a friend to need your shoulder this week. Don't become too involved, or he/she might end up getting a little too demanding. Listen to the advice of an authority figure at work. It may save you problems in the long run.

Gemini May 22-June 21

Your budget worries may be close to being over. Start thinking down a different track. Come up with a new approach. A faithful friend or close family member needs your unwavering support. Be there and don't ask questions.

Cancer June 22-July 22

You probably shouldn't look for a romantic week with your partner feeling neglected. Maybe it's a good time to plan something really special just for the two of you. How about a nice weekend getaway? Don't forget a promise you made.

Leo July 23-August 23

Creativity is at a peak this week. Take advantage of the opportunity to start on something new and exciting. Letting your work problems take precedence over your family and/or partner in the coming weeks is not a good idea.

Virgo August 24-Sept. 22

Stay levelheaded for any business or financial transactions. Be the anchor for your partner. You may have to settle on a different destination for your much needed weekend getaway. Something new and different may be the answer.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Communication is in very short supply. The worst part is that no one around you seems to be worried about that. Be patient. By the end of the week, you should have a little more control over a touchy situation on the homefront.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Be open-minded when dealing with a young relative. That may mean you have to bite your tongue for now. A new sport will get you out to meet new people. Meeting new people will help give you a better outlook

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Someone close to you will let you down, but don't feel crushed. You've done your best, and now it's time to move on. A Virgo's advice may seem sound to you, but this is may not be the time to listen to it. Listen to you and only you.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

A weekend family get-together could go a long way toward changing your mood. Make sure the whole family gets involved. It's time you faced changes head-on. Don't keep straddling the fence. It will end up causing problems.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Your energy levels are returning to normal. You'll soon be feeling better emotionally. Crass words may hurt you and a special friend. Shrug them off. Have you been neglecting your finances? It's time to get them in order.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Be careful who you open up to at work this week. A certain person is more interested in your job than in your ideas or problems. Don't make weekend plans until you check the family schedule. You don't want to miss a special occasion.

"Women are from Venus, Men are from Mars?"

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

from Venus, Men are from Mars?" across the following article on the today. History Channel's web site.

"In the early nineteenth century, women were considered second-class citizens whose existence and John. There we hear Peter ity in the ongoing change to soci- maybe your children or grandchilwas limited to the interior life of the home and care of the children. mountain top where this beautiful God's children as equals. On Women were considered sub-sets of their husbands, and after marriage they did not have the right to own property, maintain their By Betty Koons wages, or sign a contract, much Contributing Writer less vote. It was expected that women be obedient wives, never hold a thought or opinion independent of their husbands. It was considered improper for women to

would be injurious to the delicate quantities commensurate with dinfemale biology and reproductive ers' appetites will be from 5 p.m. system, women were taught to re- till 7;30 p.m., Tuesday, March 7, frain from pursuing any serious in the parish hall of the church at could. Pancake suppers on this education. Silently perched in Fort and Henderson streets. Cost their birdcages, women were confor an adult ticket is \$4.50 at the sidered merely objects of beauty, door or \$4.00 if purchased in adand were looked upon as intellec- vance. Fare for children 12 and tually and physically inferior to under is \$2.00. Tickets are availmen. This belief in women's infe- able from any church member or riority to men was further rein- from Debbie Trant at Lockhart forced by organized religion which Real Estate.

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Thou, through thy command-

I have more understanding

cients, because I keep thy pre- precepts.

ordinances; for thou hast taught unto the end.

How sweet are thy words unto God.

my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey

Through thy precepts I get un-

Thy words is a lamp unto my

I have sworn, and I will per-

derstanding; therefore, I hate ev-

feet, and a light unto my path.

monies are my meditation.

Pastor William P. Adams

meditation all the day.

with me.

thy word.

to my mouth.

ery false way.

March is Women's History considerably, my very own mother and their ministry. There is no 19th Rev. Barbara Galloway-In doing some research, I ran try (as well as many others) even the difficult realities that we seem The United Methodist Church will

> In Mark 9, we find the story of asking the Lord to stay upon the ety which must include all of dren will benefit from your efforts.

unable to change.

the transfiguration of Jesus before Methodist Church we will be ex- your place in God's plan for ofhis three disciples, Peter, James ploring the church's responsibil- fering equal rights for Women -

perched strict and well-defined sex experience took place. But Jesus March 12th Judith Adams of St. takes them back down into the John's Missionary Church will Though things have changed valley where real life awaits them bring our message and on March Ella Mae Sturdivant Month. For some, the topic is non-never drove a car and never earned time for staying put in a place Edgar, District Superintendent of essential-remember "Women are a paycheck. The exploitation of where things seem rosy and OK. the San Angelo District of the women still thrives in this coun- Ministry takes place when we face Southwest Texas Conference of be preaching. Join us at 10:45 am This month at First United each Sunday in March and find

Traditional shrove Tuesday pancake supper

Thy words is a lamp unto my feet

Oh, how I love thy law! It is my vive me, O Lord, according unto

ments, hast made me wiser than free will offerings of my mouth,

mine enemies; for they are ever O Lord, and teach me thine ordi-

I understand more than the an- for me; yet I erred not from thy

I have refrained my feet from as an heritage forever; for they

I have not departed from thine perform thy statues always, even

Church.

every evil way, that I might keep are the rejoicing of my heart.

than all my teacher: for thy testi- vet do I not forget thy Law.

The traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake supper will be held again this year at St. Andrew's Episcotravel alone or to speak in public. cording to Stan Conoly, Bishop's With the belief that intense Warden of the local Church. Serv-

form it, that I will keep thy righ-

I am afflicted very much; re-

Accept, I beseech thee; the

My soul is continually in hand;

The wicked have laid a snare

Thy testimonies have I taken

I have inclined mine heart to

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everyone had as much fun as they fun and games.

number of years has used its an- used up butter, cream, eggs, and nual Shrove Tuesday pancake sup- fats, items forbidden during the ment, she went into business as a of Gainsville, Texas. rigorous fast of the next six weeks. The bell that solemnly summoned nity for community fellowship, and parishioners to church to receive pal Church in Brackettville, ac- as a fund-raising effort for its absolution for their sins became building and improvements fund. known as the pancake bell. It re-Shrove Tuesday also is called minded members that the holiday physical or intellectual activity ing of pancakes and sausage in Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday. Lent had begun, that they could put might begin on the next day, Ash down their tools, make their pan-Wednesday, but for this last day cakes, and take to the streets for

One game, held at a number of Tuesday are traditional meals in churches, was called a pancake the Anglican Communion (of race. Housewives raced from the which the Episcopal Church is a town square to the church, clutchpart), having roots in early Ening a pan with a pancake in it. gland. The day gets its name from Each runner must toss her panthe old requirement that one con- cake three times, and the winner fess his or her sins on this date in was the first to arrive at the church order to be "shriven" before Lent. with her pancake still in one piece.

The year 2000 Census

St. Mary Magdalene By Lynn McNew

Jesus was born in Nazareth, because Mary and Joseph had to travel there to participate in the census required by Ceasar With these privileges come re-Augustus. Can you imagine walk- sponsibilities—one of these is to ing or riding on a donkey over a vote and another is to complete mountain just to be counted among the census form. the people in your family?

Today it is much easier for us will receive a form in the mail or and yet officials are concerned that from someone who comes to your many people live in this great I'll help you. be financed in areas where the soon as possible. Will you? census shows a greater need.

your name be given to any other Bless You.

organization. There are also questions you are not required to answer, if you choose not to.

I believe that as citizens of the United States of America we are fortunate to enjoy many privileges. In the next few weeks everyone

there will be many Americans who door. When you get that form, will not be counted. This is sad. please take the time to look at it The Census is used for many im- and fill it out. If you need help or portant things in our society. Ob- don't understand, there are people viously, it is used to find out how available to help you. Call mecountry of ours. Also, our num- It is important that we accept ber of members of the House of this responsibility. Mary and Jo-

Representatives is determined by seph did, with greater hardship how many people live in each dis- than any of us will certainly have. trict. Programs to help children, When the census form comes to the elderly and the poor will also my house, I will complete it as

You are welcome to worship The census is not used to with us anytime at St. Mary "check up" on people nor will Magdalene Catholic Church. God

de Memorial Hospital

Obituary...

Ms. Ella Mae Sturdivant, 99 years old former resident of Fort Clark Springs, died Thursday, February 24 at the Amistad Nursing Home in Uvalde where she had lived for the past two years. Ms. Sturdivant was born in Duck Hill, Mississippi where her father was after their retirement. a cotton broker and merchant as co-owner of a general store. When her father died, she moved with her family to Post, Texas. A few years later, the family moved to vived by niece Frances McMaster, Austin, Texas.

travel director of tours for the Greyhound Bus Company in Austin. It was on tour that she "discovered" Fort Clark Springs and bought a membership. She was responsible for her sister, Nell Pharr and her daughter, Frances McMaster, and the latter's husband, Eric, to move to Fort Clark

A graveside service was held in Austin Saturday, February 26, 2000. She was preceded in death by her five siblings, and is sur-Fort Clark Springs, nephew Rich-After Ms. Sturdivant retired ard Sturdivant, of Austin, Texas from the State Highway Depart- and grand niece, Cynthia Milne

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GARAGE SALE

2 FAMILY SALE-310 West Fulton. Saturday, March 4, 8AM.

2 FAMILY YARD SALE-Sat., March 4, 9AM. Bland house, 312 E. El Paso (Enter thru Alley). Baby furniture, men's western shirts & Levis, large women's clothing. Lots of stuff.

GARAGE SALE-UNIT 14 lot 49, Sat. March 4th. 8 AM to 2 PM.



FRONTIER TEXAS STYLE - New home for sale in Fort Clark. 3 BR 2 bath. Large Porch. Craftsman built. Antique trim. 1200 sq. ft. Living area - \$72,500. 563-9473 or 830-317-4193 anytime.

Briefs

Volunteers needed Border Patrol stats

The "Fort Clark Cavalry Team" formerly known as the "Community Council Clean-up Group" needs hensions by Border Patrol agents assigned to the volunteers to assist Wylie Simmons on painting.

will be needed for the April project. We welcome a sector total. new volunteers so plan on joining "The Cavalry Team" on Saturday, April 1st and it's for real - no "April Fool." Call Woodie Hornburg at 563-2911. 3,318, Llano-10, Rocksprings-53, San Angelo-25

Duplicate Bridge

Ft. Clark Duplicate Bridge Club met February 22nd with 7 1/2 tables present.

TeGrotenhuis, 2. Don Heatherton and Harvey Hicks, 3. Bob Barnett and Betty Schlatterer. E/W 1. The information is provided by station, and includes Fred and Nita Clayton, 2. Ruth Wilks and Laverne a sector total. Schaffer, 3. Ann Legg and Ann Watts.

Del Rio-The following is a report of the appre-Del Rio Sector for the period February 14-20, 2000. The usual volunteers of 10 to 25 men and women The information is provided by station, and includes

> Abilene-32, Brackettville-625, Carrizo Springs-1,022, Comstock-118, Del Rio-1,182, Eagle Passand Uvalde-336. Sector total-6,721. Other than Mexicans (Included in Sector/Station totals)-71.

Del Rio-The following is a report of the appre-Winners were: N/S 1. Ken and Betty ciations by Border Patrol agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector for the period February 21-27, 2000.

Abilene-18, Brackettville-664, Carrizo

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

Date of the first three weekly publications of this notice: February 17, 2000, in the Brackett News, published in Kinney County.

 Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Texas Rain Enhancement Association. P.O. Box 1433, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834, 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.

2. The Southwest Texas Rain Enhancement Association has a valid Texas weather modification license, issued on September 1, 1999 and valid until September 1, 2000.

3. The purpose of the weather-modification operations is to increase rainfall to affect water resources and agriculture and to decrease hailfall from large thunderstorms. The

requested period of the permit is four years from the date of issuance by the TNRCC.

The proposed weather-modification operation is to be conducted by and on behalf of the Southwest Texas Rain Enhancement Association, Highway 277 West, P. O. Box 1433, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834.

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 includes the target area as well as the following: Duval County, Frio County, Jim Hogg County, Kinney County, Maverick County, and McMullen County.

6. The area to be affected by the proposed weather-modification operation is the target area. The target area is that area described as Dimmit County, LaSalle County, Uvalde County, Webb County, Zapata County, and Zavala County.

7. The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation include a licensed meteorologist who will select cumuliform or other appropriate, clouds for seeding, using a weather-radar display, standard meteorological analyses and forecasting techniques, surface weather observations, and pilot reports. The licensed meteorologist will direct one or more aircraft equipped with flare racks or generators to dispense glaciogenic, hygroscopic, or other appropriate seeding materials into the updraft portions of selected clouds to perform seeding operations.

8. Person interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed operation should contact George Bomar, MC-160, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. (512) 239-0770.

9. A public hearing on this application may be called by mailing a petition that requests a hearing to the Executive Director, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. 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 last date the Notice of Intention is published in week one of the mandatory three-week period required by 289.17 (j) of Commission rules. If at least 25 eligible persons make written request, the Commission shall hold a public hearing on an application prior to issuance of a 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 Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. For more information concerning participation, contact Blas J. Coy, Jr., Public Interest Council, MC-103 TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-6363.