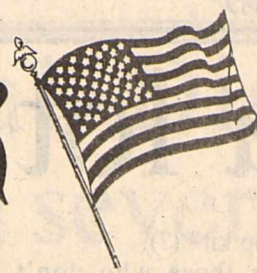


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Precinct 1, Commissioner race set for April 14 run-off election

By Wes Robinson
Contributing Writer

Nat Terrazas claimed victory over 3 other candidates for County Commissioner, Precinct 3 in Tuesday's Kinney County Democratic Primary Election.

Incumbent Joe Williams was knocked out of the race due to 'fatal errors' on his application and petition.

Terrazas garnered 159 votes, Dottie Cruz had 37 votes, Arnold Pinales had 30 votes, and Bob Yastic had 17 votes. There will be no Republican opposition in the November general election.

County Commissioner, Precinct 1 will be determined by an April 14th runoff between, Francie Wylie and Ruben Martinez.

Wylie had the most votes with 86, Martinez had 80 votes, Woody Massingill had 68 votes, Ralph Gonzalez garnered 48 votes, and Linda Jaso had 20 votes.

Although Robert Garza carried Kinney County, Tom Lee won the Democratic Nomination, for District Judge, by 1,218 votes, with a total of 4,048 votes in the district.

Lee will face Republican Donna Stitts in the November 7th General Election.

Fred Hernandez handily won the District Attorney race with 63.3% of the vote. Hernandez will not be facing an opponent in the general election.

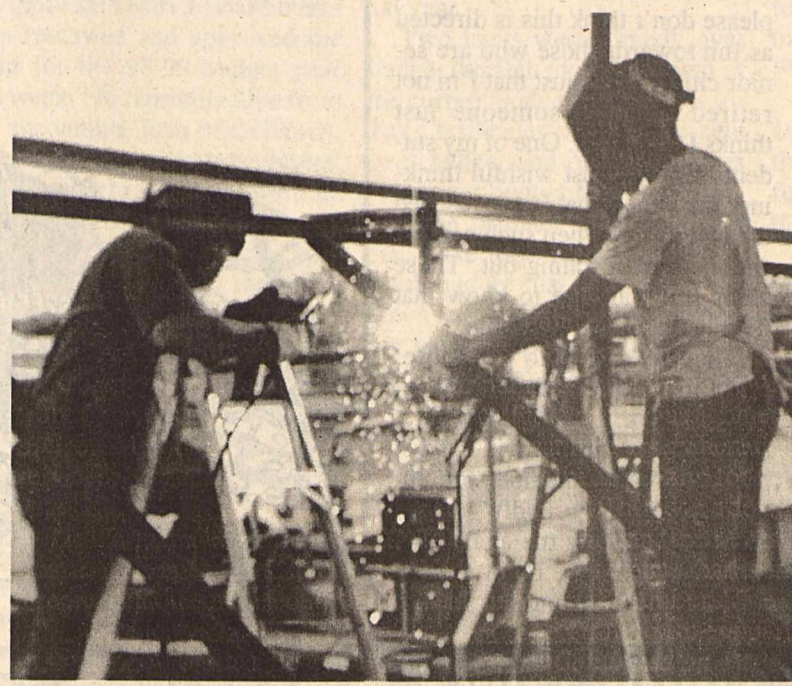
Sheriff Buddy Burgess, who ran unopposed, garnered 770 votes.

Also running unopposed, Tax Assessor-Collector Martha Pena Hooten had 739 votes.

The race for Constable was won by Cordelia Mendeke, also running unopposed, with 593 votes.

Democratic Primary Results

U.S. President	County results	State results
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.	50 7.07%	27,175 3.45%
Al Gore	477 67.47%	630,272 80.13%
Bill Bradley	180 25.46%	129,155 16.42%
U.S. Senator		
Gene Kelly	209 40.66%	221,925 35.85%
H. Gerald Bintliff	32 6.23%	33,872 5.48%
Don Clark	121 23.54%	139,698 22.57%
Charles Gandy	62 12.06%	139,840 22.59%
Bobby Wightman	90 17.51%	83,649 13.51%
U.S. Representative, District 23		
Isidro Garza, Jr.	332 50.46%	43,424 69.63%
Joseph P. (Joe) Sullivan	326 49.54%	18,938 30.37%
Criminal Appeals, Pre. Judge		
Bill Vance	471 100%	N/A 100%
Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 2		
William R. Barr	645 100%	N/A 100%
State Representative, District 74		
Pete P. Gallego	645 100%	N/A 100%
4th Court of Appeals, Place 1		
Alma L. Lopez	488 100%	N/A 100%
4th Court of Appeals, Place 2		
Catherine Stone	464 100%	N/A 100%
4th Court of Appeals, Place 3		
Emillio Martinez	465 100%	N/A 100%
4th Court of Appeals, Place 4		
Warren Weir	434 100%	N/A 100%
63rd Judicial District Judge		
Tom Lee	465 47.40%	4,048 58.85%
Robert Garza	516 52.60%	2,830 41.15%
63rd Judicial District Attorney		
Fred Hernandez	442 58.16%	4,047 63.30%
Manuel Pacheco	318 41.84%	2,346 36.70%
Sheriff		
L.K. (Buddy) Burgess	770 100%	N/A 100%
County Tax Assessor-Collector		
Martha Pena Hooten	739 100%	N/A 100%
County Commissioner, Pct. 1		
W.W. (Woody) Massingill	68 22.52%	N/A 100%
Francie Wylie	86 28.48%	N/A 100%
Linda A. Jaso	20 6.62%	N/A 100%
Ralph Gonzalez	48 15.89%	N/A 100%
Ruben C. Martinez	80 26.49%	N/A 100%
County Commissioner, Pct. 3		
Dottie Cruz	37 15.23%	N/A 100%
Robert (Bob) Yastic	17 6.99%	N/A 100%
Arnold A. Pinales	30 12.35%	N/A 100%
Nat Terrazas, III	159 65.43%	N/A 100%
Constable		
Cordelia Mendeke	593 100%	N/A 100%



Left to right Asa York and Sam Hunt spent part of their spring break at the Little League Field. The two young men were welding the metal for the new bleachers at the ball park. They were also going to make some of the bleachers wheelchair accessible.

Appraisal District to form Agricultural Advisory Board

By Dottie Cruz
Staff Writer

The Kinney County Appraisal District Board of Directors took the first steps to form an Agricultural Appraisal Advisory Board at their March 7 meeting.

The Ag board would assist the Chief Appraiser in finding accurate information to set the appropriate market value of land outside of the incorporated area that is used for agricultural purposes including leasing land to hunters.

The Ag Advisory Board was mandated, by the state, six years ago but was never established.

"You have information there from the Texas Property Tax Code about the requirement to have an Agricultural Appraisal Review Board, we have never had one," explained Chief Appraiser Bill Haenn.

The tax code states that the Chief Appraiser shall appoint an Ag Advisory Board consisting of three or more members with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors. One of the members, of the AA Board, must be from the County Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service or S.C.S. Members of the board serve for staggered terms of two years.

"It's a member of the S.C.S. Board, it's somebody that must be a representative of the county and yes, it could be James Crumley or somebody on that Board. Be-

cause they are the representative of this S.C.S.," said Board Member Tully Shahan.

Board members gave Haenn a list of potential board members such as, ranch owners and people known to lease land for grazing and hunting. It was decided there would be a minimum of five members. The Board would meet on an average of three times a year.

The Property Value Study that was discussed at the last School Board meeting on February 14th was reviewed by the Appraisal Board and confirmed the school could lose funds for one year.

"We got the Property Value Study in, bottom line for the School District, if we do nothing, they stand to be shorted \$370,000 in state funding that would have to be raised locally," explained Haenn.

The Property Value Study is when the state audits the districts appraisals to determine if the appraised values are at current market value.

"If you come within a 5 percent window of what their estimated number is, then they'll take your numbers locally. That's why they call it local fund assignment, you get local fund assignment then and basically it's only for the school districts. They don't do this to the county or city, then everybody is happy because that is the real deal, real numbers," explained Bob Drury business part-

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Briefs ...

Fox gives workshop

Peggy Fox, well known specialist on the Civil War, informed and entertained 40 members and guests of the Southwest Texas Genealogical Society recently at a noon meeting at The Lunch Box in Uvalde. She has been employed by the Confederate Research Center in Hillsboro, Texas for the past 30 years and gave many helpful suggestions on how to find the records of ancestors involved in that conflict. To the surprise of many, she stated that there were Union Army records at the center also.

Border Patrol Stats

Del Rio-The following is a recap of Del Rio Sector Border Patrol activities during February 2000.

Apprehensions: Abilene-100, Brackettville-2,378, Carrizo Springs-3,928, Comstock-314, Del Rio-4,616, Eagle Pass-11,756, Llano-116, Rocksprings-299, San Angelo-142, and Uvalde-1,057. Sector total-24,706. Other than Mexicans (included in Sector/Station totals)-548.

Drug Seizures: Marijuana Seized (pounds)-6,864.12. Value of Marijuana Seized-\$5,491.295.

Marijuana seized

Del Rio- U.S. Border Patrol Agents of the Del Rio Sector seized 3,355 pounds of marijuana Tuesday (3/6/2000) South of Eagle Pass.

Tuesday morning, Border Patrol Agents performing linewatch duties spotted a pickup truck traveling North on Farm-to-Market Road 1021 approximately 7 miles South of the Eagle Pass Port of Entry. The driver, identified as Armando Chavez-Duron (DOB 12/24/68) of Piedras Negras, Mexico, was determined to be in the United States illegally.

A search of the pickup revealed 3,355 pounds of marijuana concealed under fence timbers and in a water trough.

The marijuana, valued at \$2,684,000 the pickup truck and the driver were turned over to the Multi-Agency Drug Task Force in Eagle Pass.

Border Patrol Stats

Del Rio-The following is a report of the apprehensions by Border Patrol agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector for the period March 6-12, 2000. The information is provided by station, and includes a sector total. Abilene-33, Brackettville-728, Carrizo Springs-1,007, Comstock-52, Del Rio-715, Eagle Pass-2,742, Llano-30, Rocksprings-47, San Angelo-72, Uvalde-317. Sector total-5,743. Other than Mexicans-148.

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Clinic expands to include pharmacy

By Dottie Cruz
Staff Writer

Kinney County Memorial Clinic Committee is expanding their existing facilities to house a pharmacy at United Medical Clinic.

Tim Ward is drawing up plans and specifications for the expansion. Advertising for bids will follow soon after the plans are completed.

Tom McNew represented the committee before commissioners court at their last stated meeting.

"We voted to expand the building, specifically to house the clinic pharmacy which of course is owned and operated by B.E. Sweet. He will be renting the expansion from us, approximately 750 sq. ft.," said McNew.

"B.E. Sweet will do all of the interior construction, counters and all of that type of things that he needs," added McNew.

The Committee has \$28,000 in the bank to start the building expansion. He asked the commissioners if the county could pledge \$70 a square foot.

"I realize that may be tough, we think we can raise another \$4,000 to \$5,000 before we need it. We would like the county to pledge anything between \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the completion of this expansion," requested McNew.

The Community Development Program Grant was brought to the commissioners attention by McNew as a possible source of revenue.

"At the last commissioners court meeting we set two, no really three priorities. One is to use that TCDP Grant for, the first priority to correct the overage which we are experiencing with the EMS building, that's number one.

Number two for that was to purchase a wheelchair lift to go on one of our Nutrition Center Vans and purchase a chassis to go on one of our EMS units," explained Senne.

Commissioner Frerich asked if the committee could get a loan for the balance and just pay it back out of the rent money.

"I'm sure we can, we always

would like to go with grants, if we can though," said McNew.

"Rose Mary has spoken to the bank. She told us the bank would go along with us," added McNew.

What the cost for this addition would be, could not be determined because the plans are not finished.

"At \$50 dollars a square foot it's about \$35,000 at \$60 a square

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Students practice for UIL competition

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Rotary Club met Thursday March 9. Each meeting now spotlights a brief presentation by one of the members about his or her personal background, work or career history. This week Frank Cheaney shared the story of his "Army brat" upbringing and the many different places he lived. His adult life continued the pattern after he graduated from Texas A & M and entered the Army. If anyone could be called a citizen of the world,

surely retired Lieutenant Colonel Frank Cheaney and his wife, Ruby, qualify. Members enjoyed hearing of his adventures and look forward to future meetings when other members will share their stories.

Brackettville Elementary School Principal Ms. Paula Renken was introduced by Superintendent of Schools Taylor Stephenson. Ms. Renken brought 6 students with her. The first two presented oral readings. Laura Meyer and Kara Yeager, fifth graders, read compositions which they will read in the University



From left front row: Miranda Letsinger, Serenity Gammill, Valerie Davis, Jared Harris. Back Row: Kara Yeager, Laura Meyer

Interscholastic League contest later this year.

They will be judged on the quality of their performance, for instance, their ability to capture the audience and communicate the essence of the literary work they presented.

The next students were third graders Serenity Gammill, Miranda Letsinger, Valerie Davis and Jared Harris. They will be judged on their ability to communicate effectively with the audience.

Each contestant has been en-

couraged to use appropriate facial expressions, gestures, good eye contact and articulate well.

Ms. Renken commented that performing for Rotary gave these students practice in speaking before an audience. This project is voluntary. Each student chose to learn about public speaking and put forth the effort to practice and to meet the challenge of speaking in public.

Rotary members appreciated their performances, wished them well and rewarded each with a piece of cake.



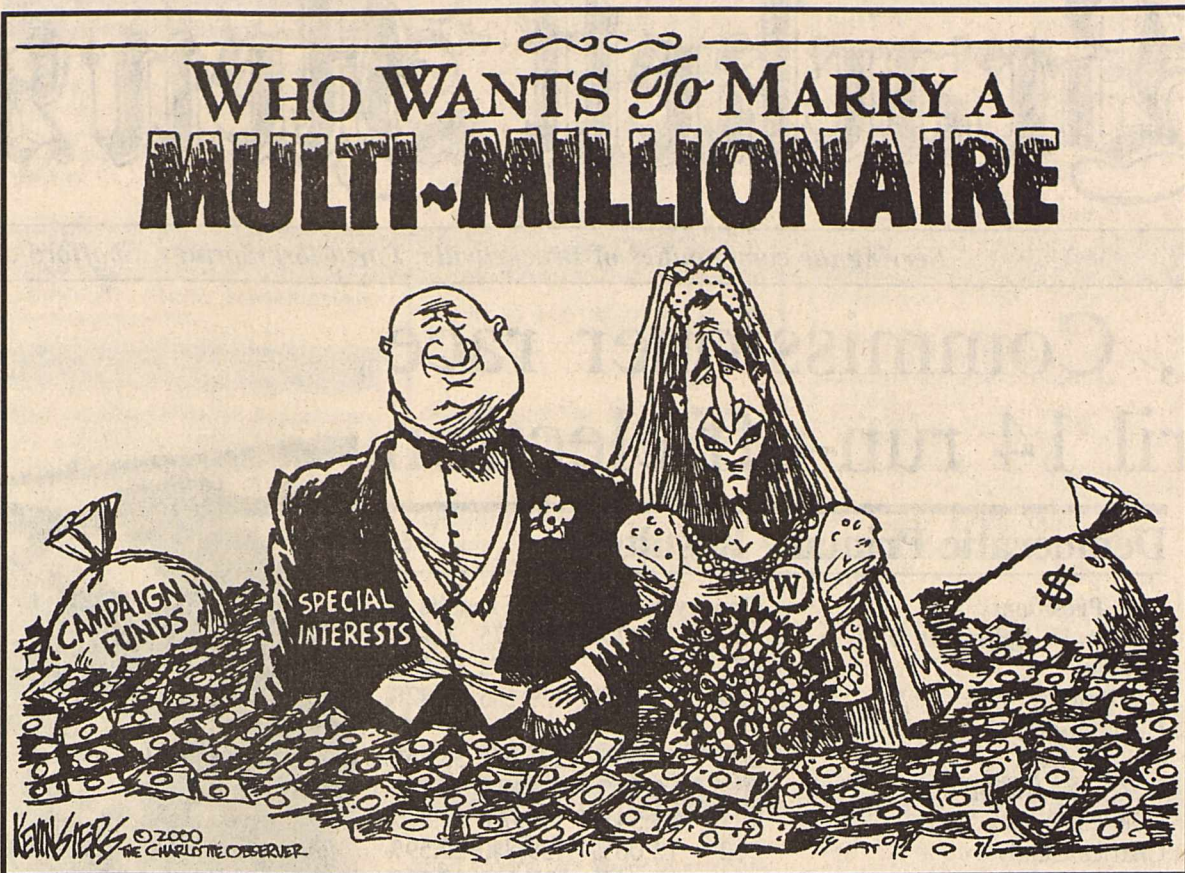
From left: Elementary School Principal Ms. Paula Renken and BISD Superintendent Taylor Stephenson.

Thanks a lot

I could be wrong!
By Chuck Hall

I got an invitation in the mail last week. It was from the AARP. It was the second one I have received. I got one last year too. They were asking me to fill out a "certificate of admission for membership". Within six weeks I would have my "permanent membership card". Only \$8.00 per year or \$20.00 for three years. Quite a bargain really when one considers all they have to offer their members. "One membership includes spouse" (What am I supposed to do with the one I currently have?). The annual payment of dues includes their monthly periodical, Modern Maturity, (or the Antique Adolescent, if you prefer), as well as the regular AARP Bulletin. All of this plus a

"membership kit" (?). Now for those who don't know, AARP is the American Association of Retired People. And please don't think this is directed as fun towards those who are senior citizens. It's just that I'm not retired. I guess someone just thinks I should be. One of my students I'll bet. Just wishful thinking. But I know that I have reached the age (50+) when such organizations start reaching out. Those clubs just want me to know that their services are available. They're trying to be polite. And I'm not offended. But I'm not ready to join. I won't carry their card. And I definitely will not display the AARP membership automobile decal "proudly" on my rear bumper. Try me again next year. Maybe I'll be ready to join. But I could be wrong.



License and registration, please

Submitted By
U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Did you know there over approximately 23,000 state and 17,000 federal gun laws in existence? The Administration does, but it hasn't stopped them from offering more to further restrict our Second Amendment right "to keep and bear arms". Why not? The most recent attempt to target law-abiding gun owners came during the State of the Union address. President Clinton proposed creating a large bureaucratic entity that would license and register all guns and therefore their owners, all across America. There is no rational to this proposal. It is clearly just another attempt to turn the blame for crime away from criminals and onto honest law-abiding gun owners.

Gun licensing is not the same as driver licensing. A driver's license is necessary to exercise the privilege of operating a car on public roads, paid by public money. President Clinton's proposal mandates licensing and registration for law-abiding citizens just to exercise their constitutional right to possess firearms. A driver's license doesn't prevent car accidents or the use of cars in crime any more than a gun license would prevent armed crime or firearm accidents.

Texans are rightly concerned about the creation of government databases of law-abiding citizens who have done nothing but exercise their fundamental right to own a gun.

If a citizen chooses to lawfully keep a firearm for the protection of his family or home, it should be no concern of a government bureaucrat. If the desire to create a national database is so strong within this administration, why not keep the names of those persons who failed to follow the law. Leave the law-abiding citizen alone!

Since 1992, the number of actual federal prosecutions from Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms cases declined by 44%. If the administration were to follow through with prosecutions on the existing laws rather than creating more laws to be neglected, gun crimes would decrease.

Our greatest deterrent to keeping guns out of the hands of criminals is to prosecute them. And we already have 40,000 laws to do just that. If we actively enforce the laws on the books, criminals won't be on the streets and the common goal of safer schools and a safer society for our children will be achieved.

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It is not in our allies' long-term interest for U.S. forces to be tied down on peacekeeping missions that could cause us to lose sight of the global security threats that only we have the power to stop. As a superpower, the United States must draw distinctions between the essential and the important or we risk dissipating our resources and being able to handle either.

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Hey, safety first, right?

The Way I See It!
By Steven R. LaMascus

Well it's happened again. This time a six-year-old shot a classmate with a .32 caliber revolver and everyone is pulling their hair and wondering how such horror can happen. Surely we can control guns. How could such a young child acquire such an evil tool? Something has to be done to get rid of guns! Guns kill so many of our young people each year. This young person lives with his mother and a man identified as "an uncle." His father is in jail, and I understand that his grandfather is also a convict. The pistol was stolen in December and when the police searched the house they also found a stolen shotgun.

A child lives in a broken home; his father, and probably his mother, her live-in boyfriend, and his grandfather are criminals; dangerous, illegal drugs are present in the home; and when he commits a horrible crime, we blame the tool he uses? Get real people! If we were following this line of logic we would also have to ban cars. They kill more people than guns every year. And also electrical outlets. They must be evil - they kill a number of small children every year. How about water? It is one of the most dangerous substances in the world; there is no telling how many people drown every year, so let's outlaw water too. Doctors are next. They accidentally kill more people than any gun ever did. I can't see any

other course of action than to outlaw doctors. Oh, yeah, and the worst of all are airplanes. Man, they kill people in groups of hundreds. They've got to go also. Sorry. Hey, safety first, right? It doesn't matter if there is an important reason for each of these. They are dangerous, so they must be banned! Friends, the constitution of the United States guarantees us the right to keep and bear arms. This was put there not to give us the right to hunt and shoot tin cans on Saturday afternoon. It is in the constitution so that when the government of the United States becomes oppressive we can resolve the problem. It is to protect us from our own government. Secondly it is to protect us from foreign governments.

Guns are tools of protection, tools to maintain our freedom, and guns are not the problem in this country today. They do not force anyone to commit crimes. The problem is that the people of the United States have abandoned the Judeo-Christian ethics and morals that were the base of our strength. Our children are not raised to fear God and respect other people. They are not disciplined when they err. They are turned loose to play violent video games; to watch violent, moral destroying television shows. They are allowed to commit crimes with impunity simply because they are juveniles. That reminds me of a cartoon: A kid with guns and knives and grenades hanging all over sits

down on the sidewalk in front of a school. Sitting next to him on the sidewalk is Jesus. The kid turns to Jesus and says, "They wouldn't let you in either, huh?" If we want to solve the problem of teen violence in America today we don't need more laws. We need to treat criminals like criminals; like predators on society instead of victims of society. We need to bring God back into our society. We need to ostracize all those morally bankrupt individuals who allow the filth on television and in movies. We need to remove the violent video games from our society. We need to force the reintroduction and enforcement of the Ten Commandments in our homes, schools, and offices.

We need to raise our children the way the Bible tells us to raise them and live our lives like the Bible tells us to live our lives. We need to accept the responsibility for our own actions, and make others accept the responsibility for theirs. We need to place the blame on our degenerate society where it belongs instead of on the only things that guarantee our freedom! Instead of telling our children how terrible and evil guns are, we need to take them hunting so they can learn the proper handling of guns. And so they can enjoy the honking of geese at daylight, the excitement of a covey rise, the heart pounding moment as the buck steps from the brush. Don't ban guns - ban politicians. They are much more dangerous than guns!

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County will not fund clinic expansion

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foot that would make it up around \$43,000, explained McNew. We are going to get firm bids as soon as the plans are done, which should be done next week," added McNew.

This addition would be owned by the United Medical Center and Sweet would pay a minimum of \$250 a month rent.

"It appears to me this is not a regular clinic type of operation.

Ag Advisory Board to be formed

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ner of Mick Mikulenska, Field Appraiser.

The school may still have a chance to save the funds if the Property Tax Division grants the district an extension to file a Property Value Study protest.

"The Bottom line is, they did a study and the school fell out of the tolerance zone. So what we are having to do is protest it and try to recapture some of that back," said Drury.

Haenn sent an extension request to the Property Tax Division on March 7th. He is currently gathering data from local landowners to give a better representation of the agricultural conditions in Kinney County.

"It's unfortunate something like this takes place, but it can work to our advantage in this situation. Fact: there is erroneous informa-

This is a real estate operation and of course I understand its a clinic, we all use in town and its good for the community," said Frerich. "But, as far as the county helping out to build a commercial rental property, I can't see where I would be for that."

Kinney County Memorial Clinic Committee is made up of members appointed by local government entities, local organizations and churches. Commissioner

tion data given, which is in our favor. Fact: we are gathering this more relevant information that shows us it's not \$4 an acre it's more like \$2 per acre in the native pasture and it's more like \$4 for hunting, not \$6 for hunting per acre, said Mikulenska. That's going to help us tremendously."

Board approved a contract for T.Y. Pickett to continue utility appraisals for the next two years. Pickett appraises the utilities and railroad lines that run through the appraisal district. This includes the fiber optics that are currently being laid along Highway 90.

"They review those renditions for accuracy, they are the experts on utilities, said Haenn. They have been doing this for us for many years at \$4,000 a year, which will remain unchanged," added Haenn.

Joe Williams has been the representative for the county and a committee trustee for the past two years.

"How much control do they have over negotiations and/or leasing and/or management of funds that comes through from a leasing standpoint. How much control, how much governing does this committee have over the funds," asked Senne.

"The Clinic Committee has a yearly meeting, appoints and elects an executive board, which I'm the vice president, Alfred Pena is the president and Carmen Berlanga is the Treasurer, Candy Tyer is our Secretary and five Trustees, answered McNew. Those trustees form the executive board, which have full control over the funds, full control over the leasing structure."

Judge Senne reminded the court the county cannot donate to this construction and asked them to consider how much involvement the county could have if they're already a member of that board. Senne also pointed out that just last month the county spent \$17,000 for 'non-budgeted expenditures'.

"This would be additional non-budgeted expenditure and we would have to know where is it going to come from before you can take that step," said Senne.

Appraisal District over budget on several line items

By Dottie Cruz
Staff Writer

Appraisal District Board members reviewed and approved the audit for the 98-99 budget year last week. No representative from the accounting firm of Coleman, Horton and Company was present.

The report read 'there were no intentional or unintentional, errors or irregularities.' An overall view was favorable for the office and staff.

"It would be nice if they put 'Budget Savings' where there's just about as many budget savings, said Haenn. As a matter of fact there's \$5,437 dollars not spent out of the budget."

The only recommendation the firm had for the appraisal district was to adopt, a local investment policy in accordance with Public Funds Investment Act.

"I haven't checked this for an Appraisal District, but I know, you appoint an Investment Board," explained Attorney Tully Shahan. "That's usually the County Judge and two other people. We need to do that and I can look up Public Funds Investment Act up and we can get that done right away and by the next meeting."

The other issue that was discussed in great length from the audit report concerned expenditures. Six items had gone way over the budgeted amount. Supplies, rent, Appraisal Review Board, postage, service/maintenance and utilities/telephone were over budget for a total amount of \$15,365.

"We'll have a better handle on that, said Shahan. In the formation of our budget we can take this and use it as a guideline and see what we have spent so far."

Haenn's report for current budget verses actual expenditures raised questions from the board. The board was concerned over

whether they had budgeted enough to make it through the fiscal year.

Two items were already over budget through the fifth month of the current budget. Line items for Tax Certificates were 123 percent over budget and office expenses were over budget by 13 percent.

"The primary reason is, because we took numbers from a prior budget that Tim and I sat down and tried to figure out. Add not having any prior experience with what kind of supplies the office functions with, we're buying ink cartridges for printers that we didn't have before and they're expensive" said Haenn.

"I don't see how we could be that off. I mean if this was the 8th or 9th month I could understand. We're only in the 5th month," said Shahan. "I'm understanding you didn't have that much to go by. It seems like to me, we should be operating the office more efficiently than the way it was done previously," said Shahan.

"Part of the reason is when you (Tim Ward) and Bill worked on this budget, she (Former Chief Appraiser Joyce Fuentes), didn't use the computer as Bill does. She didn't use the facilities that were available on the computer. With

paper and cartridges, they cost money and he'll have a much better handle on it for next year's budget," said Mick Mikulenska, Field Appraiser.

Chairman Ward suggested they amend the budget to cover the those line items that may need funds added to cover the rest of the fiscal year.

"I will bring a recommendation to the board for the next meeting," said Haenn.

Haenn also informed the board that the district stands at 84 percent for collections.

"We got \$189,459 to go. We are in the second month of delinquency so we're another percent up on that. There's a steady but not big in flow of people coming in to pay or in the mail," explained Haenn.

A delinquent tax report was given to the Appraisal District's attorney for possible 'Sheriff Sales' of property that has outstanding taxes on the books.

"There's a hearing on April 3rd for Mike Rozelle and that property. There was a judgement two years ago against the property for back taxes he owes \$40,000 at this point," said Haenn. "This is just to get it off the dime so we can put it up for 'Sheriff's Sale'."

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, March 6

6:35 p.m., A local business owner reported he was missing items from his place of business. Police Chief Ron Ring is still investigating the incident.

8:43 p.m., A local man reported a trespasser on his property. Reserve Deputy Robinson went to location and found no one. No description of the subject was given.

9:27 p.m., A local man reported teenagers loitering on an empty lot next to his. Deputy Robinson patrolled the area.

Tuesday, March 7

4:00 p.m., Olga Lidia Salinas, 32, from San Antonio was arrested by Trooper Wylie on an outstanding warrant. Salinas bonded out the same day.

8:58 p.m., A local woman reported under-aged drinkers in front of her apartment on 1st Street. Deputy Robinson went to location and checked out the alleged violation and could not find any alcohol on the teenagers.

9:17 p.m., A local man reported the under-aged drinkers in front of their apartments on 1st Street. Dispatcher advised the man that Deputy Robinson had already checked into the problem and found no alcohol on them.

9:58 p.m., A local woman reported, kids parked in a green convertible on 1st Street by the cemetery causing a disturbance. Deputy Robinson went to the location and determined the kids were not doing anything at that time.

Wednesday, March 8

12:34 a.m., Century Security reported alarm was sounding at Pico's store. Deputy Robinson went to the scene and reported area secured.

12:42 a.m., A local woman reported a family disturbance with her nephew. Upon arrival of Deputy Robinson the subject had left the scene.

7:09 a.m., A woman reported a vehicle had gone through the fence of a local ranch on Hwy 131 the previous night and wanted to know if there had been a report called in about the accident. Trooper Wylie was informed of the situation and went to investigate.

Thursday, March 9

10:00 a.m., Sheriff Burgess requested someone be sent to the First United Methodist Church to take care of a skunk. Deputy Manuel Pena found a sick skunk under the church and destroyed it.

2:50 p.m., Sheriff Burgess reported a local trailer had been vandalized by unknown persons. Requested assistance in obtaining description and further information.

7:21 p.m., Del Rio DPS reported tire debris on Hwy 90 four miles past FM 3008. Texas Department of Transportation was notified of the situation.

8:55 p.m., A local woman reported her car had been damaged by a white car parked next to her in the parking lot of Pico's Store. When she went to driver to discuss the dents the driver of the white car just laughed at her. Deputy Bobby Guidry and Robinson arrived at Picos and spoke with witnesses and employees who stated they didn't see what happened but did know who owned the white vehicle. Deputies spoke with the owners of the white vehicle who claimed they didn't do it, but because the woman was screaming at them they decided to leave the area.

Deputy Guidry reported he offered to give the woman with the damages a form for her to file with her insurance but she was uncooperative. The subject later came in person and spoke with Justice of the Peace John Ford and filed a formal statement.

9:21 p.m., William F. Click, 64 from Brackettville was arrested by Sheriff Buddy Burgess for theft. Click bonded out the same day.

Friday, March 10

5:18 a.m., The Val Verde Sheriff's Department reported illegal aliens trying to flag down motorists. Border Patrol reported it was a stranded motorist. Contacted the wife to come pick him up.

8:45 a.m., Jose Cabello Borjas, 69 from Houston was arrested by Trooper Ashley for driving with an expired license and inspection sticker. Borjas was released on March 11th for time served.

1:43 p.m., Unit 3462 reported a possible intoxicated driver, driving a green Tacoma pickup West on Highway 90 he reported partial license plate number. Dispatcher called Del Rio DPS to be on the lookout for the vehicle.

4:20 p.m., William Robert Lee, 33 from Christoval was arrested by Trooper Ashley for a public intoxication warrant. Lee was released the same day for time served.

8:43 p.m., A Spofford resident reported a red dog was in his goat pens. He had reported it to the Sheriff's department four times. He stated that he was going to take the dog out tomorrow.

10:00 p.m., Christopher Jacob Terry, 26 from Brackettville was arrested by Trooper Slubar for DWI 2nd offense and no drivers license. Terry was released on a P.R. bond the following day.

10:10 p.m., A local man reported a disturbance two houses West of his and wanted a deputy to go and have them turn down the loud music. Deputy Guidry took care of the problem.

11:15 p.m., Johnny S. Gonzalez, 25 from Prairie Lea, was arrested by Trooper Slubar for driving while license suspended. Gonzalez posted bond the next day.

Saturday, March 11

12:01 a.m., An unidentified caller reported the school alarm was going off. Informed Police Chief Ring and he took care of the situation.

10:25 a.m., Ramiro Gonzales Campos, 34 from Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Guidry on a Bench Warrant. As of Monday morning Campos was still being held in the Kinney County jail.

3:13 p.m., A local woman reported a one vehicle rollover on Hwy 90 West by City Annex Building. Police Chief Ring, Deputy Guidry and Trooper Ashley went to the location. Notified EMS and fire department.

Sunday, March 12

2:25 p.m., Benito Vann, III, 18 from San Antonio was arrested by Trooper Ashley for driving with no driver license. Vann was released the same day for time served.

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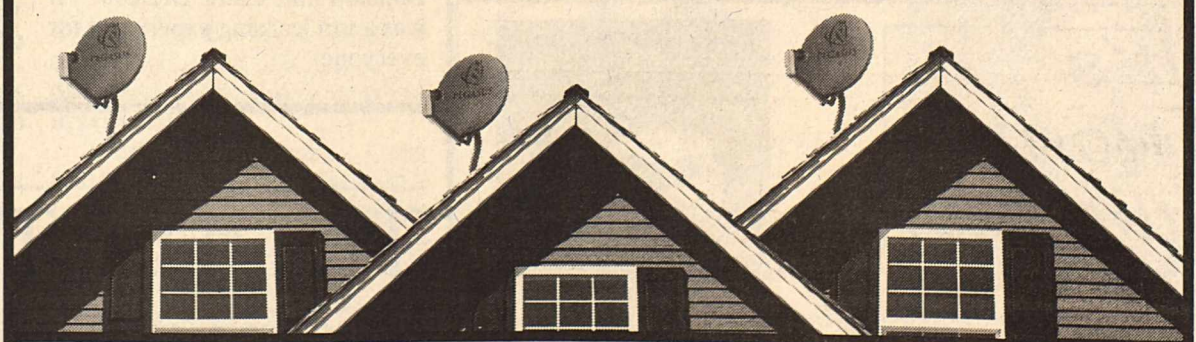
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Fort Clark Arts Club sponsors Arts and Crafts Show

By Betty Gibbs
Contributing Writer

George Nickolay makes hole in one



A hole-in-one was made by George Nickolay on Tuesday, March 7, 2000. Nickolay aced hole #9 at Memorial Park Golf Course in Uvalde. He was using a 7 Iron and a yellow Top Flight XL ball. Father Jim Cashin witnessed the 145 yard shot.

Make your family a master disaster supplies kit

Disasters strike without warning. A hazardous highway spill could uproot you from your home, or a sudden storm could cut off your electricity and communication with the outside world. Because relief workers need time to reach those in need, the American Red Cross suggests families prepare a Disaster Supplies Kit to use while waiting for help. A good kit contains basic items like food, water, first aid supplies, and should be stored in an easy-to-carry container like a covered trashcan or backpack.

These are some of the items the local American Red Cross suggests including in your family's Disaster Supplies Kit: Water - Store one gallon of water per person per day, in plastic containers

Duplicate Club Met

Ft. Clark Duplicate Bridge Club met February 29th with 7 tables present:

Winners were: N/S 1. Tina Bauguess and Rozetta Pingent, 2. Fred and Nina Clayton 3. Ken and Betty Tegrotenhuis.

E/W 1. Flo Stafford and Mary Edgar, 2. Evelyn Whiteley and Ann Legg, 3. Laverne Schaeffer and Ruth Wilks.

was exceptionally busy on Saturday, March 4.

The Arts and Crafts Show sponsored by the Fort Clark Arts Club brought in 24 vendors from the surrounding towns of Brackettville, Campwood, Castroville, Del Rio, Sabin, San Angelo and hundreds of customers from all over Texas, many other states, Canada and Mexico (from Fort Clark's motel and RV Park).

Thirteen vendors and five Art Club members donated door prizes to add to the fun. Nancy Britton, Darlene and Lois Endris managed the complicated door prize process so that there was a lucky winner almost every fifteen minutes.

Betty Wright, President of the Art Club, organized the show. Dianna Walker and her Recreation Department volunteers helped make it easier for all participants. We are all looking forward to the next Arts and Craft Show in the Fall sponsored by the FCSA Recreation Department.

for up to 3 days.

Food - Store at least a 3-day supply of lightweight nonperishables; Choose foods needing no refrigeration or cooking; Choose ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, vegetables. Choose high-energy foods - peanut butter, jelly, crackers, granola bars.

First Aid Kit - Sterile adhesive bandages in assorted sizes; Hypoallergenic adhesive tape, assorted safety pins; Antiseptic.

Tools and supplies Emergency preparedness manual; Battery operated radio and extra batteries; Flashlight and extra batteries; Cash or traveler's checks, change; Non-electric can opener, utility knife.

Clothing and Bedding - Sturdy shoes, rain gear; Blankets or sleeping bags.

Special Items - Baby formula, diapers, bottles and powdered milk; Special medications and extra eye glasses; Important family documents, sealed in waterproof container.

To receive a free brochure containing more useful tips for making a Disaster Supplies Kit, call the San Antonio Area American Red Cross at (210) 224-5151 or (800) 775-6803.

25th Anniversary for Voices

By Cubie Kurtz
Contributing Writer

This being the 25th Anniversary of the Voices of Fort Clark, I would like to give you a little history behind it. It was started in March of 1975 when Walter Miller was Recreation Director, just for fun with people who loved to sing. We did a Sunrise Service in the Amphitheater long before it developed. There were about 15 people. We took a group to the Sunken Garden in San Antonio. At first we just used words no notes. After that we had many directors and pianists until Cathy Conrey came along. Then we had Judy Burks as director and started

singing with notes. Now we have Lynn McNew. We have been doing a Christmas and Spring Concert each year, plus we have performed for various organizations throughout the years. We also have the Easter Sunrise Service every year, and the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service.

Throughout the years we've had over 150 people in the Voices.

We invite everyone to come hear our Spring Concert on March 18th at 7:30 P.M. in the Post Theatre.

Publisher's Note: Cubie Kurtz is the last original member of Voices of Ft. Clark still singing with the group.

Sharon Boucher makes hole in one

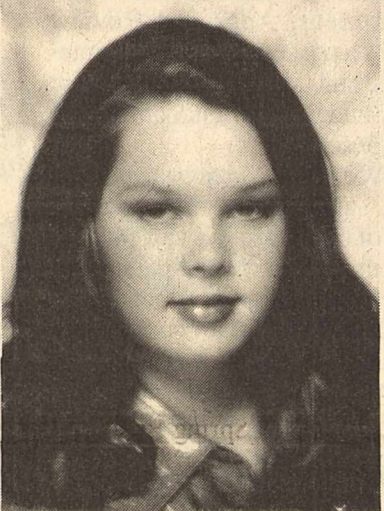
Tuesday, February 29th, the Ladies Golf Club League played a team game, "It's In The Cards". Thirty two golfers competed and the winning team was Rose Mary Johnson, Carol Benfield, Shari White and JoAnn Mayberry, scoring 125 points. 129 points for second place was scored by the team of Kelly Dennis, Arlene Karson, Orelene Alvis and Joan Strother. A tie for third place were the teams of Teresa Stephens, Darlene Horning, Barb Miller and Sharon Boucher and Diane Daniels, Ruth Spencer, Ann Malin and Margo Kendrick.

Thursday, during the couples

league, Sharon Boucher aced hole number 11, for a hole in one. Congratulations to Sharon!

Tuesday, March 7th, forty golfers competed in a ladies scramble. First place team was Lou Green, Bobby Waddell, LaVera Grant and Arlys Simpson, posting a score of 5 under par, for a 65! Three under par was scored by the team of Pat McKelvy, Ruth Spencer, Kay Roberts and Margo Kendrick, with a 68. Third place was won by Jackie Mars, Peg Woolston, JoAnn Mayberry and Pat Nelson with a score of 69.

Conoly performs at livestock shows



Jacquelyn Conoly performed for visitors at the San Antonio and Houston Livestock shows.

Area 4-H agents Robert Elledge and Rebecca Rodgers helped promote Jacquelyn in these events.

Jacquelyn will compete in the 4-H District roundup this spring in the vocal category "Share the Fun".

She will also be competing for a 4-H talent revue for the 2000 NACAA Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference in Jackson, Mississippi this summer.

Austin's St. Ignatius Junior High reenact the Alamo

Alamo Village played host to Austin's St. Ignatius Junior High who reenacted the March 6, 1836 fall of the Alamo some 164 years later. The teacher of the 7th grade class plus Alamo and Texas history enthusiast, Paige Frontera definitely gave her students an educational hands on project.

The 7th graders who had been

studying the Alamo for 9 weeks wrote their own script and played different characters in the Alamo. Frontera (who portrayed Santa Anna) directed the students scene by scene, with the big scene being when the 8th grade class (the Mexican Army) attacked the Alamo.

About 20 of the students parents joined their children with cameras and videos in hand. Judy Thornell who is the mother of a 7th grader who played James Bonham and Clara Driskell said. "I have always known who Crockett and Travis were, but now I know more about James Bonham and Clara Driskell." It was a fun learning experience for everyone.



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Republican Primary Results

	County results	State results
U.S. President		
Orrin G. Hatch	0	1,373 .12%
Alan Keyes	5	3.33% 44,597 3.89%
John McCain	10	6.67% 82,293 7.17%
George W. Bush	134	89.33% 1,003,578 87.43%
Steve Forbes	0	2,910 .25%
Charles Bass Urban	0	753 .07%
Gary Bauer	0	2,563 .22%
Uncommitted	1	.67% 9,791 .85%
U.S. Senator		
Kay Bailey Hutchison	139	100% N/A 100%
U.S. Representative, District 23		
Henry Bonilla	136	100% N/A 100%
Railroad Commissioner		
Charles R. Matthews	118	100% N/A 100%
R.R. Commissioner Unex. Term		
Michael L. Williams	95	84.82% 678,745 79.87%
Andy Draughn	17	15.18% 171,080 20.13%
Supreme Court Justice, Place 1		
Nathan Hecht	78	66.67% 548,869 62.91%
Valorie W. Davenport	39	33.33% 323,551 37.09%
Supreme Court Justice, Place 2		
Priscilla Owen	100	100% N/A 100%
Supreme Court Justice, Place 3		
Al Gonzales	50	41.32% 518,185 57.82%
Rod E. Gorman	71	58.68% 378,021 42.18%
Criminal Appeals, Pre. Judge		
Sharon Keller	33	29.46% 276,326 33.61%
Tom Price	52	46.43% 311,814 37.93%
Connie J. Kelley	14	12.50% 136,996 16.66%
J. Gary Trichter	13	11.61% 97,030 11.80%
Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 1		
Charles Holcomb	30	28.57% 206,118 26.34%
John Boston	12	11.43% 86,176 11.02%
Alan Curry	22	20.95% 167,372 21.39%
Guy Williams	26	24.76% 179,783 22.97%
Tom Greenwall	15	14.29% 143,078 18.28%
Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 2		
Barbara Parker Hervey	25	23.81% 198,161 25.31%
Jim Wallace	40	38.09% 247,232 31.58%
Sally L. Ray	12	11.43% 134,254 17.15%
W.B. "Bennie" House	8	7.62% 65,682 8.39%
Pat Barber	20	19.05% 137,643 17.57%
4th Court of Appeals, Place 1		
Rebecca Simmons	102	100% N/A 100%
4th Court of Appeals, Place 2		
Jay Brandon	104	100% N/A 100%
4th Court of Appeals, Place 3		
Paul W. Green	106	100% N/A 100%
4th Court of Appeals, Place 4		
Sarah B. Duncan	103	100% N/A 100%
4th Court of Appeals, Place 5		
Karen Angelini	102	100% N/A 100%
63rd Judicial District Judge		
Donna Stitts	106	100% 868 100%
County Attorney		
Tully Shahan	120	100% N/A 100%
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Yes	139	97.89% 1,006,123 93.92%
No	3	2.11% 65,102 6.08%

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The new Texas birds checklist available

Texas boasts the most diverse bird watching of any state in the nation with 618 species

A little on the Wildlife side
By Henry Lutz

AUSTIN—Texas boasts the most diverse bird watching of any state in the nation with 618 species, many of which can be seen in the spring migration of neotropical songbirds. To help birding enthusiasts track their observations, the fifth edition of "A Checklist of Texas Birds" is now available from Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW).

"This checklist serves as an accurate listing of the birds that

have been documented in Texas," said Mark Lockwood, co-author of the book. "In addition to the 618 species that occur or have occurred in Texas, there is a short list of seven hypothetical species for which more information is needed."

Spring migration usually brings the greatest diversity and largest numbers of bird species in short periods of time, said Lockwood. The birds coming across the Gulf of Mexico and heading north move rapidly to get to nesting grounds. Autumn migrations usu-

ally take longer, with smaller flocks and a more leisurely pace, he added.

"Texas' location funnels birds from Canadian provinces and northern and western states to the Gulf," said Mark Klym, information specialist with the TPW Wildlife Diversity Program. "This means a lot of birds that spend their breeding months to the north cross over the state during migration, resulting in a very diverse population," Klym said. "During migration, both spring and fall, we

will get a good number of calls asking us to identify a bird. Most are birds we expect to find in the state. Rarer birds usually show up on a rare bird hotline from one of the Audubon societies."

The booklet is available at all Texas state park stores. To receive a copy of the "A Checklist of Texas Birds" booklet, send a self-addressed, stamped 6-inch by 9-inch envelope with a 77-cent stamp to Mark Klym, Texas Parks and Wildlife, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744.

UIL One Act Play next Tuesday at auditorium

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

The UIL One Act Play will be presented to the public at the school auditorium Tuesday, March 21st at 7:00 PM. The title of the play is "Teach Me How to Cry" by Patricia Jourdry. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$3 or bought from any cast member. Come out and support the play cast and director Kaylia Thomas.

The Open House at Jones Elementary School this past week was a grand success. The week was a perfect one emphasizing

Texas History and Texas Public School Week. The Open House was well attended and teachers and students put on a good show. First grade teachers had a new innovation with each student appearing on a Power Point computer presentation. Students and parents were delighted when their children appeared on the TV screen. Candy Hobbs dreamed up the idea and Albert Lattimer, BHS computer whiz, helped implement the idea.

There were students with Texas style hats, bluebonnets, Texas flags, pecan trees, and Texas trivia everywhere. The best part was where student pictures had been interwoven with the Texas theme. How about all that Texas food? You could smell the fourth grade Chile when you walked into the building. I enjoyed the memory books with great pictures of each student in the 2nd grade. The 3rd grade did a bone survey and charted the results. Very impressive. Kindergarten and PK programs were well attended. The

fifth and sixth grade classes had visits from supportive parents. I also enjoyed the special program visits to Reading, Gifted and Talented and ESL. Thanks teachers and students for a wonderful evening.

Richard and Julia flew to South Carolina for their daughter, Gracie's graduation. She is graduating from the first phase of the Army training. We're proud of Gracie as she moves on to the second phase of the National Guard training. Our students continue to do well in the service, in universities and as good solid employees.

Baby Stella Campos is home after undergoing quite a struggle. She is Honey Bee Gomez's niece. The baby is doing well according to reports this week. Keep her and the family in your prayers.

That's about it for the week. I'm writing this news early as we fly to Missouri to visit my grandson Taylor (and his mom and dad). Have a great week!

Girls Brackett High School team leads District 30 AA Golf

The girls golf team competed in the first of four district golf tournaments in Devine on Monday, March 6. The girl's team comprised of Laura Lee Ballew, Tiffany Eckenrod, Debora Cortes, Erica Meyer, Leslie Meyer, and Susannah Davis are leading the team standings with a score of 471.

The team from Comfort is currently in second with a score of 483 and the teams from Jouranton and Natalia have scores of 502 and 574 respectively.

In the individual standings the Brackett team held three of the five top five spots. Laura Lee Ballew is sitting in second with a score of 112, Tiffany Eckenrod is in fourth with a score of 114, and Debora Cortes is in fifth with a score of 115. All six of the girls have had better scores in previous tournaments and we are looking for good things to come through the remainder of this district race. Jouranton will host the next tournament at the golf course in Pleasanton on March 20th.

Tigerettes opened up District Softball

By Gregg Nowlin
Contributing Writer

The Tigerettes opened up District Softball action Tuesday with a thrashing of the Dilley Lady Wolves 16-1. The win evened up their overall record to 5 wins and 5 losses.

Picking up the victory on the mound was Erica Garcia. Erica allowed 2 hits and struck out 3 batters. The only run Dilley scored was unearned.

Leading the way at the plate for the Tigerettes was Erica Garcia with 2 hits, 2 RBIs, and 1 run

scored, Tiffany Eckenrod with 2 hits, 3 RBIs, and 3 runs scored, Queta Garza with 2 hits, 2 runs scored, and 3 stolen bases, also Jamie Bader with 2 hits, 3 runs scored, 2 RBIs, and 2 stolen bases.

Elsewhere in District action, Jouranton beat D'hanis 6 to 1, Natalia beat Charlotte 11 to 1.

Friday the Tigerettes travel to Charlotte to play a very important district game at 4:30. The JV Tigerettes go to the Eagle Pass Tournament this Saturday their first game is at 11:00 versus Crystal City. Come out and support the Tigerettes!

School Board election set for May 6

The Brackettville Independent School District will hold a general election for two trustee positions at the May 6, School Board election. Two trustees will be elected to three-year terms.

Incumbents Rose Mary Slubar, and Tim Ward have filed for reelection, with Albert Garza Garcia challenging for one of the three-year terms.

March 22, 5:00 p.m. is the last

day to file for a place on the ballot.

April 19, early voting by personal appearance begins.

April 28, is the last day to accept applications for ballot by mail.

May 2, is the last day for early voting by personal appearance.

May 6, Election day polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Brackett ISD Honor Roll

Honor Roll as provided by BISD:

Jones Elementary All A Honor Roll

■ **Sixth grade:** Kailani Glass, Liliana Hernandez, Kristen Linton, Katie Lott, Tabitha Silver, Brand Wylie.

■ **Fifth grade:** Dolores Cano, Laura Meyer, Joshua O'Neill, Ivan Pinales, Austin Shewbart, Michael Stephenson, Monica Talaman-tes, Kara Yeager.

■ **Fourth grade:** Bailee Allen, Jesus Balderas, Travis Bonner, Meghann Davis, Marco Duran, Doolie Fernandez, Marlene Gloria, Kristen Housum, Daphne Hunt, Mari Juarez, Mandy King, Joshua Kluzek, E.J. Pena, Evelyn Rojas, Nadia Santellano, Ashley Stephenson, Bianca Stewart, Bella Talamantes, Kara Thomas, Anolda Watkins, Lacy Wiersema.

■ **Third grade:** Summer Allen, Brooke Bowlin, Katie Braesicke, Sergio Calvillo, Valerie Davis, Billy Ferraro, Serenity Gammill, Joshua Garrett, Cristi Gomez, Jared Harris, Vicky Herndon, Miranda Letsinger, Rebecca Mann, Bianca Martinez, Daniel Nickerson, Nikki Pinkall, Ashley Resendez, Jonathan Rios, Maribel Rivas, Steven Rivera, April Samora, Scott Thourot.

■ **Second grade:** Chris Blake, Cynthia Bland, Alexis Buecher, Bryan Chacon, Cody Clark, Brianna Escamilla, Amanda Flores, Emily Fuentes, Ivy Garcia, Sarah Gonzalez, Ramon Gutierrez, Justin Kesteloot, Ana Martinez, Aracely Martinez, Julia Martinez, Nancy Martinez, Daniel Molinar, Pablo Novel, Gerrardo Pacheco, Krystal Rangel, Adolfo Reyes, Paul Rivas, Dulce Rod-riguez, Lawrence Salazar, Crystal Swindle, Isaac Talamantes, Nydia Talamantes, Katie Yeager, Eduardo Zamora.

A-B Honor Roll

■ **Sixth grade:** Dana Bonner,

Ashley Castillo, Chelsea Cowan, Jessica Crane, Tanya Molinar, Mason McWilliams, Sarah Nickerson, Travis Nowlin, Yasmin Pena, Kaylynn Perez, Isabel Rivas, Tres Rueda, Eric Samaniego, Adon Santellano, Soraida Talamantes.

■ **Fifth grade:** Adan Aguirre, Robert Davis, Cesar DeLeon, Maria DeLeon, Allison Del-Bosque, Alonso Delgado, Jay Duncan, Seth Frerich, Diana Hernandez, Lorena Mendoza, Isreal Muniz, Abel Talamantes, Marisela Talamantes, Nadine Terrazas.

■ **Fourth grade:** Kevin Bonner, Amber Castilla, Julie Castillo, Isreal DeHoyos, Albert Flores, Elva Garcia, Vanessa Garcia, Alex Gonzalez, Haley Harris, Jaime Jimenez, Kenia Martinez, Lane Nowlin, Anabel Perez, Justin Perez, Gus Resendez, Manolo Rosas, Maria Sanchez, Chris Seargeant, Hector Villarreal, Rolando Zamora.

■ **Third grade:** Felisha Abrego, Laura Adams, Ray Aguilar, Natalie Aguirre, Juan Cerda, Seth Clements, Jonathan Estrada, Jessica L. Garza, Veronica Garza, Moises Gonzales, Diana Honstein, Alvin Jennings, Thomas Justice, Zakary Ring, Graciela Rocha, Jeannette Rod-riguez, Mariana Salmon, Jose Sanchez, Desarea Swindle, Veronica Talamantes, Bianca Terrazas, Evelyn Villarreal.

■ **Second grade:** Jose Aguilar, Crystal Bartlett, Janillie Cortez, Salina Flores, Valeria Garza, Gino Gonzalez, Marc Gonzalez, Maria Martinez, Elena Molinar, Elidia Molinar, Jesus Pena, Adan Pinales, Roland Rivas, Claudia Rocha, Nayellie Rojas, Miranda Salmon, Maria Samora, Alejandra Talamantes, Liliana Valdez, Dan Villarreal, Marcia Villarreal.

Middle School

All A Honor Roll

■ **Eighth grade:** Elizabeth

Ballew, Amanda Davis, Allison LaMascus, Sarah Meyer, Emily Petrosky, Sabrina Silver, Ashley Smith, Star Smith, Ashley Thourot, Beau Watkins.

■ **Seventh grade:** Cody Robinette.

A-B Honor Roll

■ **Eighth grade:** Stacey Castilla, Dietrich Davis, Hector Febres, Chestin Hatley-Clark, Nancy Hill, Dulce Jimenez, Arnold Pinales, Davina Rios, Nataly Rodriguez, Star Smith, Blake Ward.

■ **Seventh grade:** Juliann Ashabrunner, Stephanie Bonner, Tillman Davis, Jaclynn Duncan, Raul Escamilla, Courtney Frerich, Monica Gonzalez, Whitney Hobbs, Timur Housum, Megan King, Brandon Kluzek, Robert Looney, Whitney Massingill, Kristin Meyer, Cassandra Rios, Oscar Sierra, III, Shane Simmons, Kody Yeager.

High School

All A Honor Roll

■ **Seniors:** Jamie Bader, Laura Ballew, James Burks, Zachry Davis, Tiffany Eckenrod, Jerritt Meeks.

■ **Juniors:** Schiller Hill, Christopher Petrosky.

■ **Sophomores:** Michelle Bizzell, Lloyd Davis, Susannah Davis, Erica Gloria, Duquesa Hunt, Erica Meyer, Theodore Smith.

■ **Freshmen:** Jared Hobbs, Maria Martinez, Laura Negrete, Elizabeth Threadgill.

A-B Honor Roll

■ **Seniors:** Carissa De Los Santos, Steven Hagler, Daniel Hernandez, Jacob Hughes, Sunni Jones, Michelle Melancon, Seth Moore, Barkley Simmons, Efrain Talamantes.

■ **Juniors:** Debora Cortes, April Crumley, Enriqueta Garza, Isaac Gutierrez, Samuel Hunt, Albert Lattimer, Heather Martin, Sofia Martinez, Leslie Meyer, Manuel Morin, Brittany

Shewbart, John Wylie.

■ **Sophomores:** Levi Duncan, Christina Flores, Mireya Fuentes Sarah Gammill, Stephanie Gomez, Migdalia Gonzalez, Candice Ingram, Joe Jaso, Joseph Luna, Rodolfo Ramirez, Isela Ramon, Juan Rivas, Amanda Ward, Brandi Wilson, Asa York.

■ **Freshmen:** Amanda Cruz, Sabu Flores, Juan Hidalgo, Megan McWilliams, Shena Meyer, Brittany Moore, Pedro Pacheco, Jose Pineda, Douglas Sanchez, Tammy Smith.

BISD

Activity Calendar

March 16 - 22, 2000

Thursday, March 16

Spring Break

Friday, March 17

Girls Softball V District

Natalia (H) 6:30

Spring Break

Saturday, March 18

Girls Softball V Tigerettes

Tournament (H) TBA

Monday, March 20

Board of Trustees Meeting,

6:30 p.m.

Boys HS Golf, District,

Jouranton @ Pleasanton

Girls Golf, District,

Jouranton @ Pleasanton

Tuesday, March 21

7:30 p.m. V Baseball

District, Center Point (H)

Girls Softball V District,

D'Hanis (H) 6:30

One Act Play, Auditorium,

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22

Students Early Out Day-

Curriculum Workshop for

Teachers

Senior Group Picture, All

Spring Sports Picture.

Safety tip of the week:

When driving in fog or rain,

TURN ON

YOUR HEADLIGHTS!

Children's Health and Safety Summary

Houston - While it might be time consuming, determining what causes your child's asthma symptoms is an important part of asthma care. Common triggers include:

■ Respiratory infections such as colds, bronchitis, sinus and ear infections

■ Irritants such as smoke, perfume, hair spray, paints and cleaning solutions

■ Allergens such as animals, dust, mold, mildew, cockroaches and pollen

■ Air pollution and weather conditions including high-ozone levels

■ Activities that cause a child to breathe harder and faster

■ Crying, yelling and laughing exuberantly

"Identifying triggers can be tricky, but working with your child's health-care team to observe and record changes can help improve your child's asthma," said

Dr. Barbara West, a pediatrician at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Studies indicate that falls are the leading cause of hospitalizations and emergency room visits for children - but they can be prevented.

Use safety gates at the top and bottom of stairs to protect infants and toddlers. Avoid accordion gates with large openings that can trap a child's neck.

Keep children away from balconies, porches and fire escapes by locking doors and windows. Never leave windows open from the bottom. Children under 10 can slip through an unguarded window that is open only five inches.

When compiling a checklist for the baby-sitter, here are some things to include, according to Dr. Teri Turner, a pediatrician at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Start with your name, address

(with the closest cross streets), home and cellular phone numbers, and pager. Note the name, address and phone number where you can be reached.

In case of an emergency, list the name and phone number of a trusted neighbor or close relative, along with the emergency phone numbers for police, fire and poison control. Also include the name and phone number of your child's doctor and local hospital.

Other important information is the location of the fire extinguisher and first-aid kit, a list of your child's allergies and special dietary or medical information, and details on your home security system.

Parents who are going out of town also might want to consider leaving a Permission to Authorize Emergency Medical Treatment note.

Whether it is called huffing or sniffing - inhaling vapors or fumes

through the mouth to obtain a quick high - inhalant abuse is a dangerous trend that is growing in popularity.

"Although inhalants rank fourth behind alcohol, marijuana and cigarettes in usage, they are the most dangerous in regard to risk of death in short term," said Dr. Todd Vedder, an inhalant abuse expert at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Parents and teachers can look for clues that a child might be abusing inhalants:

■ Unusual breath odor or clothing that smells like chemicals

■ Slurred or disoriented speech

■ Spots or sores around the mouth

■ Chronic runny nose and red eyes

■ Paint or stains on body or clothing

■ Drunken, dazed or glassy-eyed look



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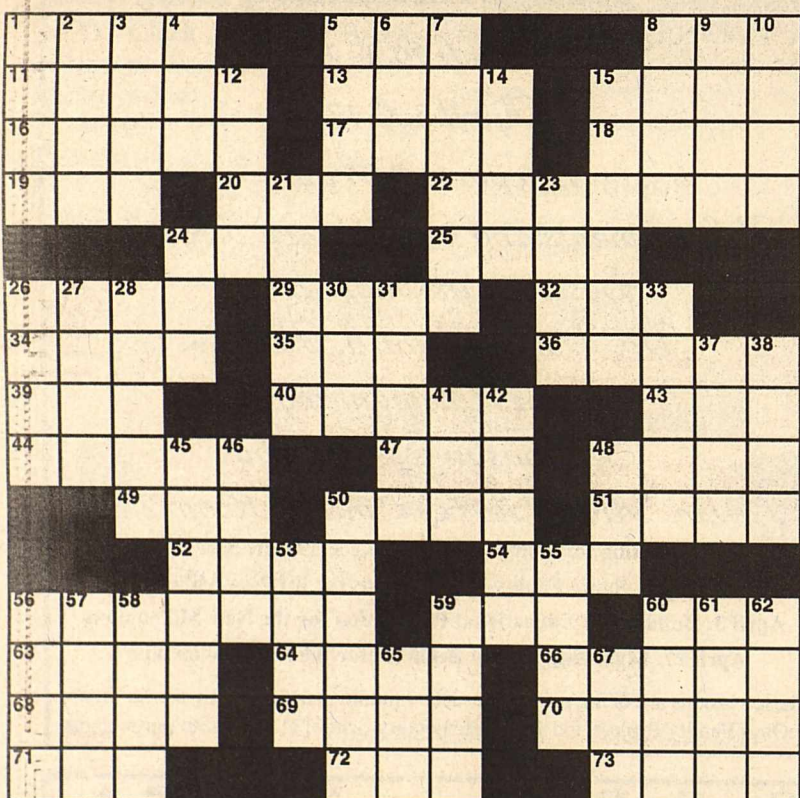
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- Pub order
- Own (Scottish)
- Encourages
- Gulls
- Tackle the quarterback
- Edward ____, author
- Type genus of the Anataidae
- Domesticated
- General Robert E. ____
- Woman (French)
- Nasal cavities
- Go quickly
- Employee Stock Ownership Plan: abbr.
- Chadic
- Back talk
- Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
- Highly excited
- Cobra used by Pharaohs as a symbol of their power over life and death
- Got up
- Pirate's liquor
- Short-billed rails
- Steal
- Holds sacred stone
- ____ Dhabhi, Arabian capital
- Cause injury with a knife
- Common tool having a toothed blade for cutting Turkish leaders' titles
- Pubs
- College army
- Sound of understanding
- Alike

DOWN

- Afrikaans
- Capable
- The compass point that is one point E of NE
- Dined
- Wings
- Local Area Network: abbr.
- Eliminates, as with a pencil
- Robert ____, poet
- The highest point of something
- Supplements with difficulty
- Partial: prefix
- Egyptian goddess
- Grogginess
- Plateaus
- Gangrenous inflammation
- An ugly, evil-looking old woman

- Author of the 2nd Gospel of Christ
- Largest known toad species
- Material bodies
- Volcanic mountain in Japan
- Supports mine roof
- Main artery in the heart
- Glide
- Falloffs
- A fabric woven from goat and camel hair
- ____ B. Anthony, American feminist
- A white or colorless mineral (BaSO4) used as a main source of barium
- Absent Without Leave: military abbr.
- Small Business Association: abbr.
- Down's partner in cross-words
- A profane state
- Not very sophisticated or interested in culture
- New England river
- Wading birds of warm regions having long, slender, down-curved bills
- Methodist: shortened form
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 16.....Denese Bowers	March 19....Ray Ashabranner
March 16.....Stephen Foster	March 20....Marlene McKnight
March 16.....Josie Pena	March 20.....Virginia Smith
March 16.....Taylor Pinnell	March 21.....Justin Coates
March 17.....Buck McKnight	March 21.Mary Lue Gonzalez
March 17.....Jason Smith	March 21.....Irene Mata
March 18.....Bruce Clements	March 21.....Michael Mellor
March 18.....Emma Schiesler	March 22.....Camille Niel
March 18.....Charles Warren	March 22.....Celia Ramon
March 22.....Gene Slate	

HOROSCOPES

Aries March 21- April 20
You may find some of your budget tensions eased with money from an unexpected source. No matter what you decide you want to do with your new-found wealth, don't blow it. Use it to help you get out from under some bills.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
The first thing you need to do is plan your schedule for the week. Otherwise, you may get so busy, some events might get missed. Just remember how important organization, patience and understanding are to you and your busy schedule.

Taurus April 21-May 21
By the end of the week, you should find yourself feeling more energetic and better able to deal with anything headed your way. That means the weekend will be a good time for you to handle those problems and projects going on at home.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Watch how you spend money this week. Don't blow it all on a luxury you really don't need. Consider speaking up at work to someone who has been irritating you lately. Not only will you feel better, your coworkers will appreciate it, too.

Gemini May 22-June 21
Are you seeing changes in your circle of friends? This is a natural process new friendships are formed, old ones fade away. During the emotional evolution, it's important that you stay open-minded and flexible and have a positive attitude.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
A new attitude is what you need. Start by trying to be more open and friendly at work and in your social life. Whatever you do, don't pass up an opportunity for self-improvement. Be careful about the risks you take this weekend.

Cancer June 22-July 22
You have a great way of handling difficulties at work. By being tactfully vocal about them, you'll find others will have an even better attitude and more unified approach. Draw energy from deep inside, but don't overdo it and burn yourself out.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Don't pass off your responsibilities to someone else. The chore may not get done thoroughly, and that would reflect poorly on you. Delegation is not the way to go this week. Call an old friend you haven't seen for a while a call.

Leo July 23-August 23
This week it's important that you remember that you have a life outside of work. Your friends and loved ones are really starting to feel left out and neglected. Leave work early one day and take your positive attitude home with you.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
This is the week. It is time for the new you to establish your assertiveness, and the place to start is with that person who has been taking advantage of your good nature. Don't allow it anymore. Your new attitude will help at home, too.

Virgo August 24-Sept. 22
Commitments are the name of the game early in the week. Handle your commitments at work and home with the greatest of care. Plan something extra special for the weekend, once you get all of your commitments out of the way.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Don't become too obsessive about work or home. You're hurting your image, especially in the workplace, because you cannot leave well enough alone. It's time to take a break because this attitude is directly related to the stress in your life.

If there is to be any peace, it will come through being, not having.
—Henry Miller

You are all one in Christ Jesus

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

On August 26, 1920 the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was ratified. It read, "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex" and "Congress shall have the power to enforce this Article by appropriate legislation." So, women are equal in all things... right? Not yet, but they can vote.

In my research on The History Channel's Web Site, I have discovered the following. "Alice Paul, founder of the National Women's Party (NWP), felt the right to vote alone was insufficient and moved to take women's rights one step further by proposing the Equal Rights Amendment (E.R.A.) to Congress in 1923. In its most recent form the proposed amendment declares, 'Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of sex.' In October of 1971 this amendment was approved by the requisite two-thirds vote of the House of Representatives and then

by the Senate in March, 1972. Within one year thirty states had ratified it. Even though the ratification was extended to June 30, 1982, the amendment fell short of ratification by eight states (thirty-eight were needed). Despite its defeat, public support for the amendment never fell below 54 percent, and as late as 1976 support for its passage was included in the platforms of both major political parties." How sad! In the first year, thirty state legislatures controlled by men agreed to recognize women as equals. And in the next ten years not one more state legislature showed the courage to follow the first ten. A sad commentary on our political process and its ability to hear the demands of the voting public!

Paul, in his letter to the Church at Galatia wrote, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). Join us at First United Methodist Church Sunday at 10:45 am as we celebrate Women's History Month and our oneness with each other, male and female, in Christ.

It is His work and we do not take credit for any of it

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charolette Cory

First of all I wish to thank all those who have contributed to Gateway Ministries as we have provided services to the children and the surrounding community. We thank you for the clothes, the food, the money to purchase bibles. We handed out thirty-three bibles last year, thirty to children and three to adults at the cost of \$15.00 per bible. Each person that received a bible requested it and was very proud of it.

Those of you who contributed have helped to make a difference in other peoples lives. Some families would have had no Thanksgiving dinners or Christmas dinners. Some children would not have received something very nice for Christmas gifts. Others of you have helped us as we continue to pay for the bus we use to pick up

the children and sometimes adults.

God has been good to us and we know he will continue to bless us. It is His work and we do not take credit for any of it.

There have been other churches who have also helped us with distributing food (such as St. John's Missionary Church), clothing, and gifts. We also want to thank the Lions Club and Fuentes Grocery Store for their donations of food, toys, and clothes. We consider ourselves just one small part of the body of Christ. We are not trying to build our own kingdom, just the kingdom of God and thank God that other churches see that we are just another little part of their family.

We not only offer Christian games, Christian videos, Christian music cd's and cassettes, and books for anyone to check out of our church library, but we have also given away many, many cassettes and videos to help spread the gospel. (We are still praying for a new, larger building.)

Give me understanding and I shall live

St. John's Missionary Church
Pastor William P. Adams

Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

I opened my mouth, and panted; for I longed for thy commandments.

Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as thou useth to do unto those that love thy name.

Order my steps in thy word; and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

Deliver me from the oppression of man: so will I keep thy precepts.

Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: and teach me thy statutes.

Rivers of water run down mine eyes, because they keep not thy law.

Righteous art thou, O Lord, and upright are thy judgements.

Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful.

My zeal hath consumed me, because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

I am small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts.

Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth.

Trouble and anguish have taken hold of me: yet thy commandments are my delights.

The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting: give me understanding and I shall live. Psalms 119:129-144. Praise God.

Special program, Sunday March 19, 3 PM. Everyone is invited. Guest speaker, Rev. John Monroe, Pastor New Light Baptist Church, Uvalde, TX.

New location for local pharmacy

Coming displacement of Brackettville's only pharmacy by expansion of businesses along Highway 90, has promoted action from The Kinney County Memorial Clinic Administration Committee.

On the 29th of February the committee met and unanimously approved an addition of approximately 750 sq. ft. to the clinic.

Mr. Alfred Pena the Committee Chairman commented that the addition would be enough to accommodate the pharmacy and that this action was necessary in order to continue providing pharmacy service to Brackettville and it's proximity.

If you drive by you may see the children playing in the yard outside, but we also have them read from the bibles we give them and learn monthly scripture verses. (It is wonderful to see their eager hands raised for a chance to read aloud the word of God.) We discuss these and also read aloud and discuss questions that the children place in the question box.

The children also look forward to praying (you may see us holding hands in a circle outside, or you may see the many hands being held high inside for an opportunity to pray for others. They also put on skits and puppet shows that are based around a biblical scripture. (Note: if anyone has a "heart" shaped pillow that they wish to donate for us to make a "heart puppet" we sure would appreciate it.)

Last year the children sang for the people at the Senior Citizens Apartments and at the City Hall Christmas Program. They learn songs that come from scripture so that it helps to seed God's word into their hearts.

We've taken them to Del Rio to hear the John Jacobs Power Team and out of the twenty-three that went, nineteen either made a profession of faith or renewed theirs. Each church was contacted with the names of those who had participated in making a commitment of faith at the John Jacobs Power Team program and those children who regularly go to other churches on Sunday morning went forward and either made or renewed their professions of faith. Several children were later baptized in their own churches.

We also feed the children each Sunday and Wednesday night. We all hold hands around the big pool

table that we put a 4'x8' plywood panel over the top to turn it into a large dining table and pray for our meal and our attitudes. Hot dogs, sodas, grapes, oranges, chips and cookies are the usual foods we are able to afford to offer. We also hand out candy to the kids as they stand up in front of the church to say their memory verses. We discuss taking the attitude of respect and love for adults and others beyond our walls into their homes and community.

Each Sunday morning we have communion, but not before discussing its meaning and the attitude we are to have in partaking of it before God. We also give anyone who hasn't accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior a chance to pray and make that commitment to Him.

Each Sunday morning we talk about our "relationship" with God, how He loves us and how His Word sets us free. We teach them how to overcome fear, understand the unconditional love of God and the power of His Living Word that is at work even now.

It doesn't matter to us if these children go to make their professions of faith or be baptized in other churches who believe in Jesus Christ; like the scriptures say, "one plants, one waters, and another harvests".

The most important thing is that "we (through the power of the Holy Spirit) have made a difference". Please continue to pray for us and thank you again for those who have contributed through your money and prayers. To God be the glory. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

First Baptist Church
will be having a
Vacation Bible School
June 5th - 9th

Lent a time for giving

St. Mary Magdalene
By Lynn McNew

I don't make New Year's resolutions. I can never keep them, so I don't bother to make them, that way I don't have to feel guilty. Lent, however, is another story.

Lent, in the Catholic Church and some Protestant denominations as well, is a time set aside in the church year for us to prepare for Christ's Resurrection. It is a time for us to focus on the ultimate sacrifice Christ made for us. There is no way we could ever come close to His giving His life for us, but we can make an attempt.

When I was a child, the nuns always concentrated on what we were "giving up" for Lent. One boy in my class frequently gave up watermelon. Now tell me how

many watermelons are available in Illinois in February or March. I'm not here to judge what other people do, but I really wonder if his giving was a sacrifice.

While our children were growing up, we would turn the television off on Ash Wednesday and not turn it on again until Easter Sunday. Without television we occupied our time with reading, playing games and talking to each other. After the first day or two, we didn't even miss the television. I'm not so sure this was a great sacrifice.

As well as "giving up" Lent should be a time for giving. At Christmas we all seem to focus on those less fortunate that we seem to be. Why not at Easter? Maybe during Lent we could visit a shut-in, drive someone to the grocery store, post office or a doctor's

appointment. We could volunteer at the Nutrition Center, public library or the school.

How about a little time for ourselves—to think, to pray and reflect.

There is an old story about a chicken and a pig. It seems they were talking about breakfast and the pig said, "Why are you complaining? I give of my sustenance while you only give of your excess." This Lenten season I plan to be more like the pig that the chicken.

You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. In addition to our regular weekend Masses, there is a Mass at noon on Wednesday followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 p.m., and Stations of the Cross on Friday at 6:00 p.m.

Brackettville Ministerial Alliance

By Rev. Ken F. Sellers, Jr.
Contributing Writer

On February 16th, representatives from Gateway Ministries, Frontier Baptist Church, St. John's Missionary Church and First United Methodist Church met to discuss the future of the Brackettville Ministerial Alliance. Rev. Nathan LaFranz of Our Redeemer Lutheran and Rev. Mike Davis of St. Andrews Episcopal were unable to attend because of their work responsibilities in Uvalde and San Antonio respectively. Rev. Ray Melton was unfortunately out of town.

Those present spoke of the loss

of Brother Joe Townsend and the legacy he left behind as the Ministerial Alliance.

Many issues facing the Ministerial Alliance were discussed and the gathering unanimously agreed to continue the programs begun by Brother Joe - the Community.

Easter Sunrise Services, the Community Thanksgiving Service and the outreach to the indigent who become stranded in our small community and need assistance with gas or food.

There was much excitement as those present began to explore additional means of serving this community as a coalition of churches.

There was also great interest shown in having laity represent those churches where the pastor is unable to actively participate (please call Ken Sellers at 563-2823 if you and your church are interested).

Rev. Ken F. Sellers, Jr. of First United Church was elected President and Frank Cheaney was elected Laity Representative.

The Easter Sunrise Service has been scheduled for 7:00 am on April 23rd, with Pastor Charlotte Corey bringing the message.

Requests for aid to indigent travelers may continue to be directed to any of the pastors and laity mentioned above.

Health

Medications can bring comfort to patients experiencing pain

Pain. It can be as simple as a headache. It can be a discomfort following surgery. Or it can be the lingering reminder of cancer.

In all of these conditions there can be comfort and relief through the use of pain medications.

The physicians of Texas Medical Association recognize the importance of pain management and urge patients to always discuss their health concerns with their doctor.

"Patients should not feel like they are complaining to their doctor about pain," says Greg Guzley, a San Antonio oncologist. "There are effective medications which can relieve pain."

The uncomfortable feeling of pain is the body's way of alerting you that something is wrong. It's the body's way of sending a message to your brain. There are both drug and non-drug treatments available that can be successful in preventing and controlling pain.

Many times patients believe they will get "hooked" on the medications prescribed to them for pain. Dr. Guzley reminds patients that the risk of addiction when these medicines are used to control pain is so low that no patient should have to suffer pain because they are afraid to take the medicine. "These are strong medications and when used correctly can provide the necessary relief," he adds.

Pain control can provide comfort while healing, speed recovery and improve results of surgery.

If you are scheduled for surgery, talk to your doctor about the following:

- How much pain will there be and where will it occur?
- How long will the pain last?
- What are the options for pain control?
- When will medications be administered?
- Notify your doctor about your pain.

"Patients should be advocates,"

says Dr. Guzley. "Some patients assume they are going to experience pain, because they have cancer or some other chronic condition. The reality is that a vast majority of patients with chronic pain (better than 90 percent) can have their pain controlled well enough for them to lead a comfortable life." Dr. Guzley adds there are physicians who specialize in pain management and are knowledgeable in prescribing the medications.

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 36,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 118 component county medical societies around the state. The Association represents 85 percent of the doctors of medicine licensed and residing in Texas. TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.

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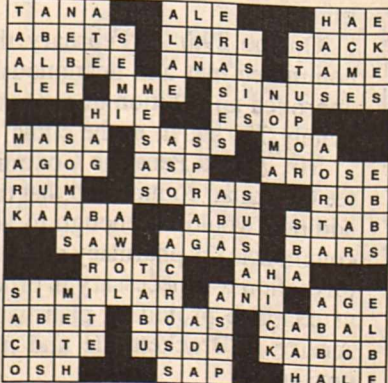
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The program will be offered in the Middle Rio Grande region which includes the following counties: Real, Zavala, Edwards, Kinney, Uvalde, Maverick, Val Verde, Dimmit and La Salle. It is anticipated that we will serve between 500-700 eligible youth in the program. The plan modification incorporating this proposed summer component will be submitted to the Texas Workforce Commission no later than April 17, 2000 and will be available for public scrutiny on the same date in the office of the Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board located at 100 W. South Street in Uvalde, Texas.

Comments may be submitted to the Executive Director of the Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board in addition to information requests by calling 830-591-0141.

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