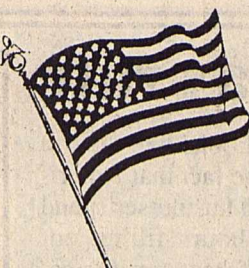


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Band Boosters meet, spring concert coming

The Brackett Band Boosters will have a special meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the Band Hall.

The Boosters will discuss the upcoming end-of-the-year party for the band.

Brackett's Fighting Tiger Band will host its annual spring concert Thursday, May 15, at the high school auditorium at 7 p.m.

School play featured in dinner theatre

Brackett High School's award-winning One Act Play will be featured at a dinner theatre tomorrow night.

A great meal is planned, followed by the production of "Midnight Caller," which is directed by Michelle Gonsoulin.

For more information on the dinner theatre, call Brackett High School at 563-2491.

Aging Services to host Mother's Day dance

Kinney County Aging Services will host a Mother's Day dance on Saturday from 6 p.m. to midnight.

The dance will feature a D.J., brisket barbecue and an auction. Site Director Maryn A. McIntire said items are still needed for the barbecue and auction.

Tickets for Saturday's dance are \$6 pre-sale, \$7 at the door, \$4 for children 10 and under, and children under five will be admitted free.

"All the money we raise will go to provide services to our elderly and disabled citizens of our community," McIntire said. "If you have any question on our financial need, please contact our county auditor or county treasurer."

The Kinney County Aging Services provide meals at the Nutrition Center, home-delivered meals, and transportation Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We would like to challenge all of our people in our community to dig into their pockets and donate \$1 or more to their elderly center," McIntire said.

"We all have an elderly person in our lives and one day we ourselves will be an elderly citizen, so we are asking for your help in this time of need."

Donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 911, or can be brought by the Nutrition Center at 408 S. Ann St.



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY J.J. GUIDRY
Amanda Meek (from left), Ramon DeLeon and Moses Hernandez were selected as Brackett's Athletes of the Year. See story, Page 5.

Guidry, Robinson elected to council

Brackettville has highest voter turnout in five years

By Margie Allen
Staff Writer

J.J. Guidry and Wes Robinson were elected to the Brackettville City Council following Saturday's election, which saw the city's highest voter turnout in five years.

There were a total of 404 citizens voting in this year's city election, the most since 487 voters turned out in 1992.

In the race for Place 1, Guidry was victorious after garnering 207 votes (51 percent). He defeated Gregorio Juarez, who had 121 votes (30 percent), and Marsha

Harrell, who received 68 votes (17 percent).

Guidry, who is 23 years old, is believed to be the youngest man ever elected to the Brackettville city council.

Robinson won the Place 3 race with 225 votes (56 percent), defeating incumbent Ralph Gonzalez, who had 169 votes (42 percent).

Gonzalez has served on the council for six years.

The election results were canvassed at a special meeting on Monday.

Election results

City Council Election		
Place 1		
Candidate	Votes	Pct.
J.J. Guidry	207	51
Gregorio Juarez	121	30
Marsha Harrell	68	17
Place 3		
Candidate	Votes	Pct.
Wes Robinson	225	56
Ralph Gonzalez	169	42

Guidry and Robinson will be sworn in at a special ceremony tomorrow at City Hall at 10 a.m.

School board discusses instruction policy

The Brackett School Board discussed a local policy dealing with instruction at its regular meeting on Monday.

It was the first reading of the policy, which will be reviewed again next month.

The policies include credit by examination, correspondence courses, pass-fail courses, hunter education, special programs, academic achievement, and commencement exercises.

"This is a major revision of board policy

on instruction," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

"The policy was codified by the Texas Association of School Board Attorneys for BISSD after a review and approval by a committee of administrators and by the Superintendent's Advisory Committee."

Brainstorm Session

The trustees brainstormed uses of the Rose and Guidry properties. A walk-through tour preceded the meeting.

"This is a major revision of board policy on instruction."
Taylor Stephenson

The properties were purchased to provide more parking and for future expansion of school district facilities.

"Most every classroom and facility that we currently have is full," Stephenson said.

"Basically, we will ask for estimated prices on fixing up the property. The board will consider renting the property to school employees if we keep the property. The homes could be bid out and moved."

Textbook Selection Process

The trustees agreed to have a board member serve on the district's Textbook Committee.

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School district officials to meet with reps from state property tax division

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Local school officials will meet with representatives from the state's property tax division Monday to protest being assigned the use of state value on appraised land in Kinney County.

"Once a year, the state tax division does a sampling of local appraisal district ratios," Brackett Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

"What they do is compare local values to state values. In some cases, it's comparing the appraisal price with the sale price. Those values have to fall within five percent."

"If we exceed five percent variation from local to what they think the value is, they assign a state value," he added.

In Kinney County, the ratios for single-family residences and rural real taxable property (agricultural land) were 87 percent.

Stephenson said Brackett will try to get the ratios up to the necessary 95 percent.

"The bottom line is that we would be forced to use the state values," he said. "As a school district, we would lose \$265,965 for next year because of matching moneys based on local tax effort."

Making the trip to Austin will be Stephenson, School Board President Jimmy Bader, and Kinney County Chief Appraiser Joyce Fuentes.

The school district has hired Mick Mikulenska of Austin, a registered tax appraiser, to research sales and appraisals. He will also act as the district's agent in the protest.

"We need to take each sale and each appraisal and see if there are some areas where we can get those that exceeded the five percent variation kicked out," Stephenson said.

"If we have not resolved our protest by Monday, we'll have a formal protest in front of the review board, and that's where the final decision will be made."



PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE BRACKETT NEWS
Nayia Garcia, center, was crowned this year's Cinco de Mayo Queen on Saturday. Her court consisted of Chica Garza, left, and Zandra Negrete.

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Trustees sworn in

Trustees Rose Mary Slubar and Tim Ward were sworn in at Monday night's monthly school board meeting.
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Headed to D.C.

Wendy D. McDaniel, Brackettville native and soon to be Texas Tech graduate is making her way to Washington D.C.
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Tigers face tough test

The Brackett Tigers will be battling for a playoff position Friday as they face the Natalia Mustangs on the road at 7:00.
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O.P. Day celebrated at Wool and Mohair

Kinney County Wool and Mohair celebrated its first-ever O.P. Day on Tuesday, honoring former employee Oscar Payne.

"We just thought it was the right thing to do for Oscar," said Tony Frerich, owner of Kinney County Wool and Mohair. "He has been here for a long time."

"Oscar was well-liked by the whole community. In appreciation to his hard work, we felt like that was the proper thing to do."

Payne recently retired from the Wool and Mohair after 18 years of service.

"It would have been hard to run the store without him," Frerich said. "We're definitely going to miss him."

Friends and family were on hand to honor Payne at Tuesday's open house.

"It feels great," Payne said at the first O.P. Day. "I really enjoyed working here. I've always liked to work with people."

Frerich presented Payne with a gold watch in appreciation of his work.



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY J.J. GUIDRY
On hand at the Kinney County Wool and Mohair's first-ever O.P. Day are former and current employees Tino Gomez (from left), Mona Fortunato, Oscar Payne, Tony Frerich, Raymundo Pacheco, Nancy Frerich, Emilio Perez, Rocky Aguirre, David Melancon and Jennifer McDaniel.

House bill cracks down on young reckless boaters

AUSTIN - The Texas House has tentatively passed a bill making it harder for teen-agers to operate boats and jet skis alone unless they attend a boater education course, the Associated Press reported.

For Texans who violate boating regulations prohibiting reckless or negligent behavior, an education course would be a requirement under the bill, tentatively approved Monday, 72-62. Supporters said the legislation intends to make Texas waterways safer.

The bill raises the age at which children may operate a jet ski alone from 13 to 16.

Children between the ages of 13 and 16 who want to operate a jet ski would have to either complete a boater education course or be accompanied by an adult.

Hello, simple, low tax rate

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

This Friday, May 9 is Tax Freedom Day. That's the day when Americans stop working to pay their tax bills and start working to provide for themselves and their families. Doesn't New Year's Eve seem like a long time ago? Well, that's how long you have been working for the federal government.

Each year Tax Freedom Day falls later and later. Since 1993 it has been pushed back one week. The tax burden has become so immense that, now Americans are forced to give more of their income to the IRS than they spend on food, clothing, shelter and transportation combined. Americans are fed up, and rightly so. Americans want, need and deserve a better simpler system.

One administration Treasury Department official recently had the gall to assert that Americans who want to keep more of their own money are motivated by

"selfishness." Looks like they're satisfied with the fact that American families and businesses spend 5 billion-plus hours filling out nearly 500 different tax forms. Well, some folks in Congress aren't satisfied with the status quo and aren't going to take it any more.

To get the ball rolling toward debate on tax reform, I am introducing a tax reform resolution. The resolution is simple. It says that the current code is complex and should be replaced with a new, low, single-rate system and that the IRS, as we know it, must be abolished.

Everybody agrees that the current system is inefficient and unfair. Whether it should be replaced with a flat tax or a consumption tax or something else, is something we need to discuss. These ideas are better than what we've got now. We won't get out of the mess we're in unless we start talking about the issues.

Americans deserve a simpler, fairer system.

School board discusses need for reserve seating

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Board President Jimmy Bader appointed Trustee Darlene Shahan to serve on the committee.

"A year ago, the board asked that copies of books being considered for adoption be set up so that board members could be familiar with the books," Stephenson said. "Mrs. Shahan will represent the board in this process for the upcoming school year."

Seating at Football Games
The board discussed the need for reserve seating at the football games.

The trustees are considering not to have the reserve seating at the games. If that happens, the district will reserve some seats for the handicapped and elderly.

A survey will be offered in next week's edition of The Brackett News which will give citizens the opportunity to express their views on reserved seating.

Records Manager
Dixie Brown, the school district's business manager, was appointed by the board to serve as the records manager for the dis-

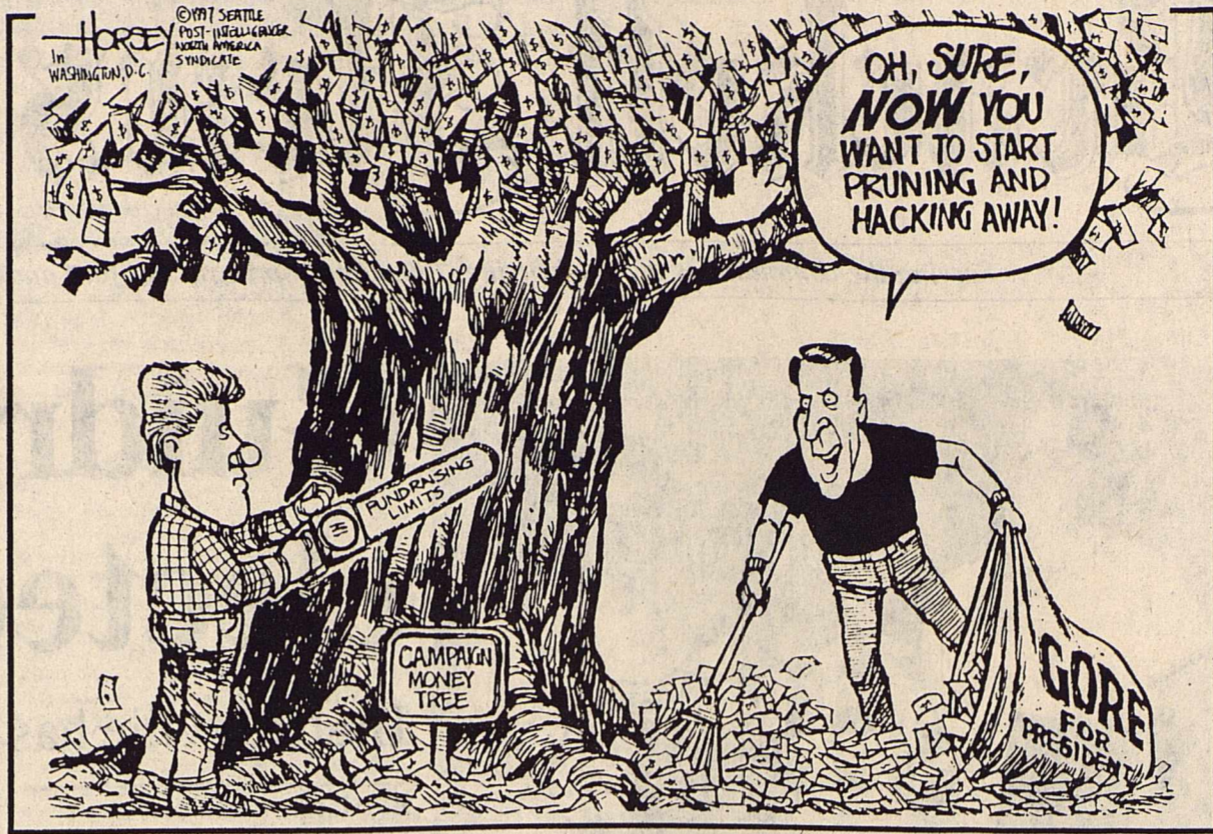
trict. "Our district has just gone through a review of central office records in which a system for controlling and disposition of records was established," Stephenson said. "We had some 300 huge boxes of records, financial and otherwise."

"The system now is exemplary and complies with statute," he said.

Administrative Reports
High School Principal Don Sims went over the graduation procedures with the school board. Stephenson said the new lights at the football stadium should be ready for graduation.

Jones Elementary School Principal Michael Schooler said that TAAS testing was over and Gifted and Talented testing has begun.

Athletic Director Roy Rokovich said that the students voted on names for the new athletic complex, which will now be called "The Jungle." The new baseball field was named "Tiger Territory" and the new softball field was named "Tigerette Field."



Budget showdown shouldn't result in shut down

Congress shouldn't have to choose between making decisions in haste. Decisions that may turn out to be unwise, or letting large sectors of the federal government grind to a halt. In the fall and winter of 1995, our government shut down twice because Congress and the executive branch failed to reach consensus on the 1996 fiscal year budget.

But I don't believe Congress should have to throw money on the table because it is forced to meet a budget deadline, or be faced with shutting down the government. Shutting down the government shouldn't be an option.

And a government shut down, when all is said and done, doesn't solve anything because Congress cannot in good conscience refuse to pay government employees (who, by law, are forbidden to work as volunteers without pay even if they so desire.)

Prudent budget decisions have to be made without a threat hanging over the heads of Congress. And the American people have a right to expect that their government will continue to operate in a safe, orderly and reliable fashion regardless of political differences.

I am sponsoring a bill to prevent a government shutdown in the fall of 1997 if the appropriations process collapses as it did in the fall of 1995.

It is not that I expect another crisis to occur. But my legislation offers the American people insurance, and assurance, the past won't be repeated.

The 1995 episode had an enormous impact on people's lives. More than 600,000 government employees were furloughed, including thousands of Texans. People going on long-awaited vacations couldn't enter parks and museums. Veterans worried if their benefits would arrive on time.

My bill establishes an automatic "safety net" funding mechanism for fiscal year 1998 that will be triggered only if regular appropriations bills are not signed into law by the President. It would authorize continued funding of all government functions at 98 percent of fiscal year 1997 levels while Congress and the executive branch continue to negotiate.

This will keep the government functioning while we work toward completion of the appropriations process.

Attempting to create a balanced budget is one of the toughest tasks government faces whether on the local, state or federal level. While legitimate debate is critical to the democratic process, we should have a safeguard in place to protect the American people from indecision. The bill I have introduced offers just such a fail safe mechanism.

People are responsible for their own actions

At least in one instance sanity has been manifest. The finding of innocence in the tobacco trial in Florida send the clear message that at least a jury is competent in thought and actions.

The major problem in American society is that people are lead to believe they are not responsible for themselves.

This jury plainly said the plaintiff knew from the start that smoking cigarettes was harmful and yet she continued.

The cries of the money grubbing lawyers that the big tobacco barons were murderers and such did not strike a chord with the jury.

Fittingly the thousands of dollars accruing in costs to the lawyers working on a contingency basis fell on the attorneys.

A few more cases like this will clip the wings of attorneys with dollar signs in their hearts and eyes.

No one in his right mind would say smoking cigarettes is a contribution to healthy living. It is however, the choice made by the individual and the hypocrisy of the societal attack would say no individual has the right to smoke cigarettes.

This dumbing down of people is entirely too rampant in society.

The President's (more honestly called "The Colin Powell) rally about volunteerism is exactly that.

People do not have sense enough to solve their own problems. They need others to serve as crutches.

Everyone is supposed to take time out of his busy life to "Volunteer" to help in time of need is part and parcel of American living.

Every national catastrophe gives open testimony to the health of the volunteering response,

Between Us
By Joe Townsend

without going through some government bureaucracy.

Southern Baptists alone sent three units to help in serving meals in the devastation of the flooded area of the north each serving 10,000 meals a day. Other church organizations did similar things.

President Clinton did not even mention volunteers from churches and yet 64% of volunteers nation wide are through churches.

This has no place in the thinking of Bill Clinton because anything that is not under control of the bureaucracy of the Federal government is anathema to him.

He wants every school in America to force every student to spend time in "community service" before he can receive a diploma. Indeed the State of Maryland already requires it.

This is another of the many wiles of Clinton to control the lives of everyone in America.

The hippy mentality of the early years of the two Clintons still pervades the phobias of both of them.

How can it be called "voluntary" when a student is forced to do it in order to get a diploma. When professional teachers work long hours daily to educate their students.

How are 100,000 untrained amateurs going to be helpful in education halls? The philosophy of Hillary "It takes a Village to raise a child" dumbs down parents by saying they can't raise their children.

This same person contributing to and largely directing the

Children's Defense Fund says if a child of any age doesn't like his parents he should be able to "divorce" them.

The recognition of each individual as an individual responsible for his or her actions will solve most of society's problems. Even as a teenager we called cigarettes cancer sticks.

The potential of physical health risks was common knowledge 75 years ago.

Any person who has problems with smoking has no one to blame but himself. To blame the tobacco industry is a cop out.

It is a refusal to accept responsibility for one's choice and actions.

When street thugs are held accountable for their actions there will come a radical reduction in criminal activity such as drive by shootings and graffiti.

As long as society seeks to remove fault from the criminal (midnight basketball etc.) criminals will thrive in their coddling.

As long as the federal government teaches people they aren't responsible for life by furnishing an overabundance of food stamps, low rent, (and sometimes "no rent") housing and money from taxpayers there will always be an overabundance of people waiting with hands out and wanting more.

America is the greatest nation the world has ever known because it was founded and built on the basis of each person accepting responsibility for his actions and society making each person to be responsible.

THANK YOU
I would like to thank the citizens of Brackettville who took the time to exercise their right to vote on Saturday. As I promised, I will do my best to fairly represent all of you. I would like to especially thank everyone who helped make my campaign a success.
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Slubar and Ward take oath of office

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Trustees Rose Mary Slubar and Tim Ward were sworn in at Monday night's school board meeting.

Marla Madrid administered the oath of office to Slubar and Ward at the meeting.

Last month, the school board cancelled this year's election because Slubar and Ward were both running unopposed.

Slubar is serving her second three-year term on the school board.

Ward, also serving a three-year term, was appointed to the board last summer to fill a vacancy.

The board also elected its officers to one-year terms at Monday's meeting.

This year's officers are Jimmy Bader, president; Lloyd Lee Davis Jr., vice president; and Gloria Garcia, secretary.

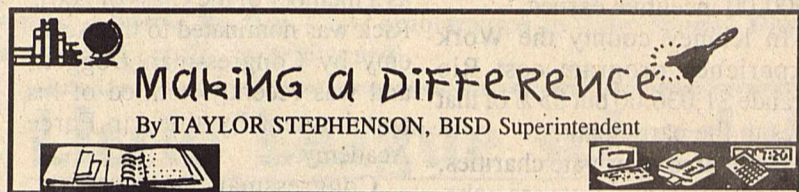


Trustees Tim Ward, left, and Rose Mary Slubar were sworn in at Monday's school board meeting.

The Pace of school is picking up

As the cactus start to flower in May, the pace of school picks up! Take a look around, there are beautiful flowers beginning to appear on cactus in our country. The Robins have begun to fly North while Blue Birds sing and sing watching for just the right home for the raising of a family. It's a nice time of the year in Kinney County, USA.

I enjoyed the Cinco de Mayo Celebration in Brackettville. I heard some good music, and enjoyed the crowd at the Civic Center. There was a good article in the San Antonio Express about Cinco de Mayo. It all had to do with a battle at Puebla near Mexico City where a smaller and undermanned Mexican army soundly defeated the French. If I recall the details correctly, Benito Juarez was President of Mexico. This was before Maximilian and Carlotta came to establish a French colony in Mexico. All of this was happening about the time our nation was being torn apart by a con-



flikt known in the USA as the Civil War.

Meanwhile back at school, we're getting ready for the Junior-Senior Prom Saturday. Our outstanding students will have a grand party going at Las Moras Inn. Pat Parks sent a copy of author unknown's "One Last Question." Jewel Robinson was kind enough to make some copies and send them to school. I hope every one of our families with students going to the prom will read this poem. It's a sad one about a drunk driver, not the student. It's something that I remember talking to my son and daughter about on their prom night.

I hope that you will call and check out the dinner theater. It's a chance to see the One Act Play

that went on to Regionals and to have a roast beef dinner in the school cafeteria. The meal and play will be done first class. Call the high school for more information.

The baseball game last Friday night was a good one. For six big innings, we maintained our lead going into the seventh with a 4-1 lead. The rest is history.

Jorge Rodriguez had done a superb job pitching, and had struck out three in a row the inning before. All our players seemed to be at their best. But, the lightning struck and Natalia hit more home runs than I've seen hit in a high school game. I don't know what happened. It looked like Jorge was still pitching well, but for some reason, Natalia batters connected

and connected. I know it was a heart wrenching loss for the Tigers. We can still make the playoffs with some luck and some heads up playing.

I'm proud of our new parking lot on Ann Street. We've been successful in getting all the cars off of the street. It's much safer now. The new parking area is reserved for our students. Hope that you enjoy the improvement. We're working on a smaller lot by the Vocational Ag Building. It'll be ready soon.

New lights are going up this week at the Tiger Football Stadium. They'll be burning for graduation.

The Class of 1997 will be the first to enjoy the new lights.

This has been a class that has class! I've been pleased with your accomplishments and leadership at BHS.

Graduation exercises will be held Friday, May 23, at 8:00 P.M. at the football field.

Have a good week!

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, April 29

4:00 p.m., The Val Verde Sheriff's Office requested to have two inmates housed at the Kinney County Jail for approximately 15 days, and that they be locked down in isolation. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was advised and he approved the request. Juan Jose Veliz and Brandy Joe Doty were both transported from Val Verde County to the Kinney County Jail.

9:24 p.m., A Spofford woman requested the help of a deputy at her residence. She said she had a problem with her husband. Deputy Karl Chism responded to the call.

Wednesday, April 30

7:49 p.m., A dispatcher reported 10 calls received that were 911 prank calls from a pay-phone located on N. Brown Street. Deputy Chism responded to the call. Nearby residents said they would keep an eye on the telephone.

8:15 p.m., Deputy Chism reported that a Highway Department sign was down on top of the hill on the west side of Brackettville. The Highway Department was notified.

9:48 p.m., Guy Edward Henderson, 45, of Del Rio was arrested by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar for driving while intoxicated, first offense. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail and magisterated by Judge Alvin Hall. Henderson was released the next day after posting a \$750 cash bond.

11:05 p.m., Douglas Jay Taylor, 42, of Del Rio was arrested by Trooper Slubar for public intoxication and on an outstanding DPS warrant for speeding. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail and magisterated by Judge Hall. Taylor was released the next day after paying a \$100 fine plus time served for public intoxication and a \$331 fine for the outstanding warrant.

Friday, May 2

12:30 a.m., A woman reported loud music near Spring and Beau-

mont streets. Deputy Sheriff Vito La Gioia responded to the call.

8:28 a.m., Letty Ortiz, owner of Letty's Restaurant, reported that someone kicked her ice machine and broke it. Deputy Sheriff Adrian Pena responded to the call. A woman admitted to backing into the ice machine with her vehicle and agreed to pay for the damages.

4:30 p.m., A 27-year-old woman had an automobile accident at the La Fonda Ranch. Michelle Gonsoulin was travelling on a private ranch road in a 1996 green Toyota Four-Runner. She tried to avoid a large pot hole and struck a tree with the left side of her vehicle, which spun around, went through a fence, and rolled over. The driver was alone and suffered a finger injury. A 40-foot fence on Jack Frerich's ranch was damaged.

5:10 p.m., A dispatcher reported a 911 prank call from a pay-phone on N. Brown Street. Prank calling 911 is a Class B misdemeanor and is punishable by jail time.

5:15 p.m., A woman called the Sheriff's Department and questioned why her ambulance was taking so long. The dispatcher informed the woman that the ambulance was on the way.

9:36 p.m., A woman reported a fire on S. Beaumont Street near the Headstart Center. Deputy La Gioia responded to the call and verified the fire. The Volunteer Fire Department was notified and arrived at the scene at 9:41.

Saturday, May 3

12:15 p.m., A woman reported that her husband took her baby and was walking down the street. She said that she wanted her baby back. The woman and her husband later worked things out.

12:17 p.m., Border Patrol officials reported four buffalo were at the Cline Checkpoint on East Highway 90. Chief Deputy Fritter and Deputy La Gioia responded

to the call and reported that the buffalo were headed towards Uvalde County.

4:41 p.m., A woman reported a minor two-car accident on E. Spring Street. EMS was not needed. Trooper Slubar was notified of the accident.

4:55 p.m., A man reported that he was cutting his grass and another man got mad at him and told him that he was going to file charges on him.

7:52 p.m., An anonymous caller reported that a grey station wagon was running stop signs and driving recklessly on E. First and E. Second streets. Chief Deputy Fritter responded to the call.

8:53 p.m., A 911 caller reported that there were some people arguing in the parking lot at Stop N Shop. The suspects left the scene before a unit could be dispatched.

Sunday, May 4

5:56 a.m., Nicolas Ponce Salazar, 20, and Juan Jose Flores, 21, both of Mexico, were arrested by Deputy La Gioia for public intoxication. Both paid a \$100 fine plus time served. Salazar also paid a \$60 fine for driving a vehicle without a head lamp. Both were turned over to INS officials.

12:05 p.m., Gilberto Villarreal Jr., 24, of Brackettville was arrested by Chief Deputy Fritter for Class A assault. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail and magisterated by Judge Tommy Seargeant. He was released the same day on a \$300 personal recognizance bond.

12:18 p.m., A motorist reported that a small black car ran through a fence approximately 10 miles west of Brackettville on Highway 90. No injuries were reported. Trooper Slubar responded to the call. The owner of the land was notified.

9:25 p.m., Juan Nazario Hernandez, 31, of Brackettville was arrested by Chief Deputy Fritter for Class A assault. He was released by Judge Tommy

Seargeant.

11:44 p.m., A woman reported a hit and run on S. Beaumont Street. Deputy Chism responded to the call.

Monday, May 5

12:51 a.m., A woman from the Brackettville Senior Apartments requested the assistance of a deputy because someone was pounding on the walls. Deputy Chism responded to the call.

11:25 a.m., David Martinez Jr. reported that grey, flat-bed trailer owned by the city was missing from the city dump. He said the trailer was used to haul metal and that it was stolen between 5 and 7 p.m. the previous night. Deputy Pena responded to the call.

11:53 p.m., The Sheriff's Department was notified that the alarm at the weather balloon had gone off. Deputy Chism checked the scene at 12:00 and said that everything was secure.

Tuesday, May 6

11:10 a.m., A figurine was stolen from an enclosed yard on N. Ann Street.

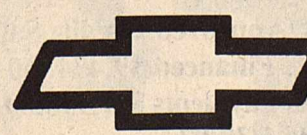
5:30 p.m., Antonio Garcia Fuentez, 35, of Odessa was arrested by Deputy Chism on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear on a driving while intoxicated charge. Fuentez, who was magisterated by Judge Seargeant, is currently being held in the Kinney County Jail.

5:40 p.m., Armendario Flores, 40, of Brackettville was arrested by Chief Deputy Fritter for probation violation on a previous charge of driving while intoxicated. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail and magisterated by Judge Seargeant. Flores was released to Uvalde County officials the next day.

Wednesday, May 7

4:50 a.m., Joe Resendez, 31, of San Antonio was arrested by Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess for probation violation on a previous charge of possession of cocaine. He is currently being held in the Kinney County Jail.

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Summer youth program evolved out of job training act of the mid seventies



Don Ralston, program chariman, Mrs. Joy Ralston, head of Middle Rio Grande Development area council of Governments for the Kinney county area.

By Francis McMaster
Contributing writer

The Rotary Club heard Mrs. Don Ralston, Joy, speak on May the first. She talked about the Summer Youth Program provided by the Middle Rio Grande Development Council of Governments. The Council evolved out of the Job Training Partnership Act passed by Congress in the mid seventies.

Kinney is one of nine counties in the Rio Grande Council. There are 26 in Texas altogether.

The program was scheduled for termination this year, but when it was reevaluated by Congress, it was not only kept but was given

additional funding. More than two million dollars were allocated to the Rio Grande Council, the largest grant the area has ever received.

The services provided by the Council are divided into three segments. The first is the Work Experience program. In this section, students are given supervised jobs in city and county school districts. For instance, they might do clerical work or as teacher's aide. Some may tutor, others may work for the maintenance department. All of them are supervised. Work will be from June 2 to August, which gives students a chance to get ready for fall.

Another facet is the College

Bound program wherein graduating seniors planning to go to college are financed for two summer school sessions which can earn them ten or twelve college credits and give them a running start when the fall semester begins. The grants available for college do not pay for summer school so this is particularly helpful. Three students from Kinney County are going to Southwest Texas and one is going to Kingsville A&M.

The third sector is the Limited Internship program. Employers from the private sector agree to give a job to a student. Testing is given the young person so that the placement is appropriate and one which he or she may choose as a career.

These programs give the young person a work experience. For four days, the students learn the skills required in that particular work place. Since this may be their first experience at being employed, they learn what is expected of them.

Only the economically disadvantaged are eligible for these programs. One criteria is they must have been on the school lunch program or their family must have been on food stamps. These work programs are very helpful since there are practically no part time jobs available in Kinney County area, and students may be altogether inexperienced and unable to find work.

In Kinney county the allocation

allows for three students in the Limited Internship program in the private sector. Funding is made available through a formula calculated from the numbers of persons on welfare.

Kinney county has 2.54% of the budget and Del Rio has 19.79%. They have 129 students working. Twenty students are going to college.

Two million dollars may seem like an enormous amount of money, but this program has little administration costs and somewhere around 85% of the money allocated goes to the participants.

Rio Grande pays a working student \$4.75 an hour which enables them to make \$760.00. If they are successful in their four days training and at work, they are eligible for a \$100.00 bonus.

Students in college summer school are paid \$760.00 and \$25.00 a week spending money. They work 4 hours a day. When they check out they will have a \$500.00 incentive earned.

In Kinney county the Work Experience program cost Rio Grande \$1,036.00 but 85% of that goes to the participant.

Compared to private charities, the administrative costs are unbelievably low.

Training young people from financially disadvantaged homes to work or helping them to go to college is a good investment.

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From left to right: Rick Schafer, Jr. and his wife Beth, Taylor Schafer, Rick Schafer, III, and Congressman Lloyd Doggett

Schafer appointed to U.S. Air Force Academy

Congressman Lloyd Doggett (D-Austin) today announced the appointment of Rick Schafer, III to the U.S. Air Force Academy, as a member of the Class of 2001. Rick was nominated to the Academy by Congressman Doggett, and was recently notified of his appointment by the Air Force Academy.

Congressman Doggett said, "Rick has a fine record as a student and will make all of us proud as an Air Force officer. He will be carrying on a tradition of service to the community that his family has so clearly demonstrated in Oak Hill."

Rick is an Austin resident. His parents are Beth and Rick Schafer, Jr. Rick is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schafer of Brackettville and the late Mr. and Mrs. Raymond White of Uvalde. Rick is a senior at James Bowie High School, where he is a member of the National Honor Society. He is active in varsity sports and has lettered two years straight in varsity football. Rick recently received the Potential Military Leadership award from the Retired Officers Association in ROTC and is responsible for starting the ROTC program at Bowie High School.



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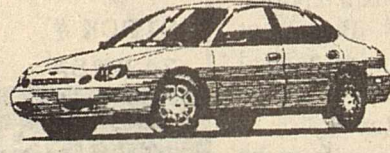
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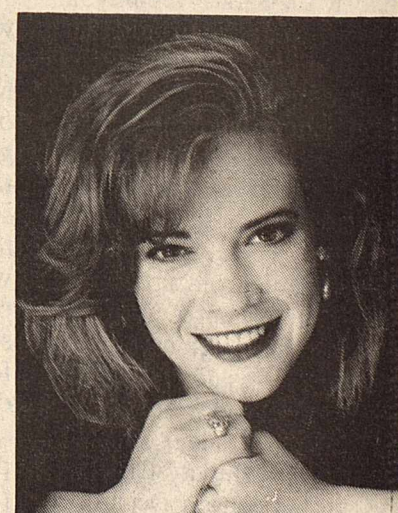
Edgar DeLeon, left, and Abigail Gutierrez were crowned Brackettville's first Little Mr. and Ms. Cinco de Mayo.

McDaniel goes to Washington

Wendy D. McDaniel, Brackettville native and soon to be Texas Tech graduate is making her way to Washington D.C.

McDaniel, who is graduating with a degree in Agricultural Communications on May 10, will not be taking over the White House just yet. Her political career will begin in the House building working under Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-San Antonio). For two months McDaniel will join Bonilla's staff as part of an internship program open to college students. The valued internship will allow McDaniel to experience the world of national politics at its best and worst while Congress is in session. She will be working in Bonilla's office and in conjunction with other federal offices as well. Her duties will include: handling constituent correspondence, policy research. McDaniel feels that just being there is the whole experience, the duties are just part of it. McDaniel will live on the George Washington University campus during her stay.

While attending school at Tech, McDaniel interned with Plains Cotton Cooperatives Association



Wendy D. McDaniel

writing, creating and editing their seasonal publications, The Commentator and Denim Notes. She also became trained in the fields of radio and broadcast. She delivered the TELCOT report, a statewide broadcast on the cotton market and worked with KLBK-TV the local CBS affiliate in creating and producing stories as part of their Ag news segment.

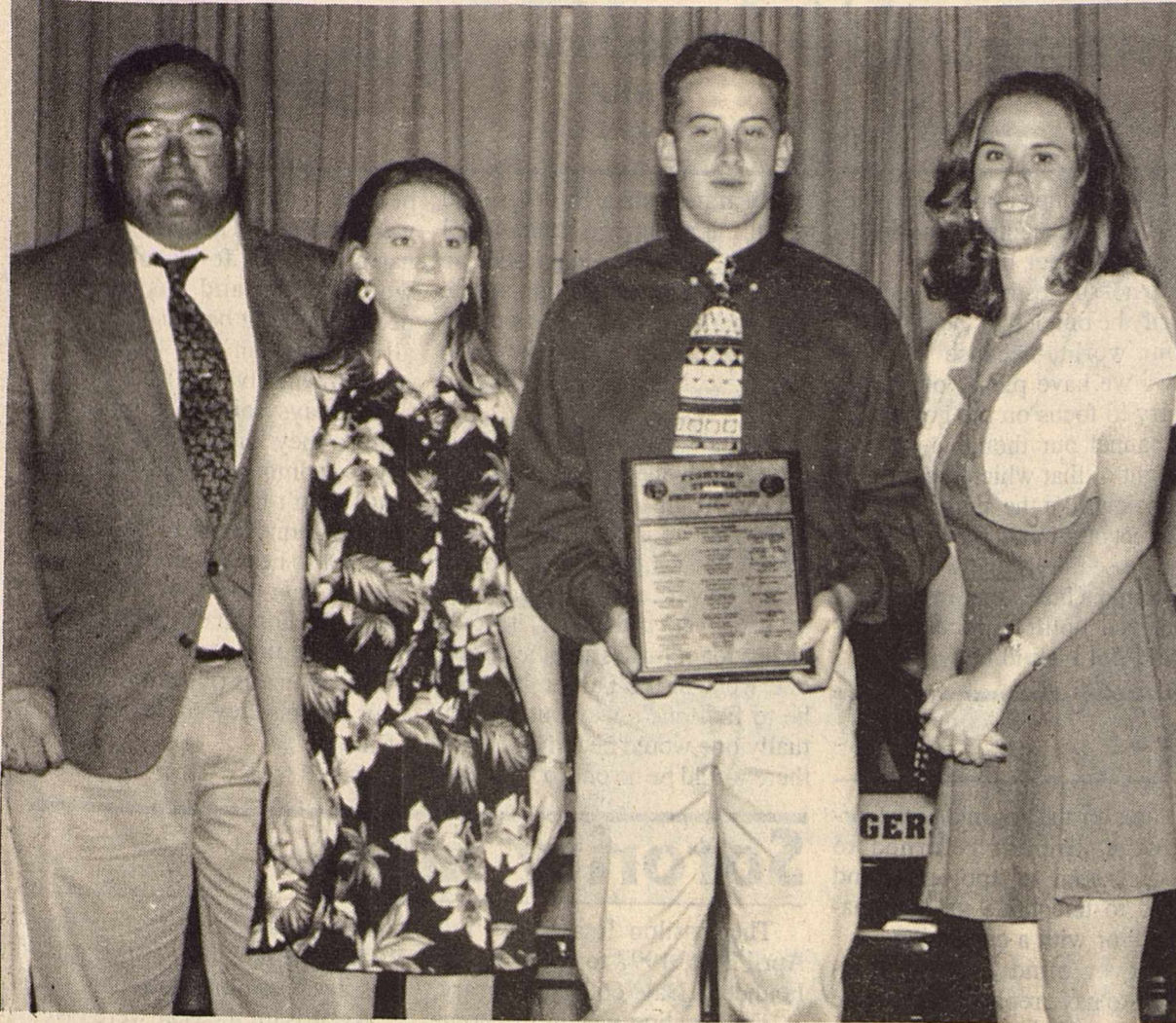
McDaniels leaves for Washington May 25 and will be returning late July. She is the daughter of Jim and Jennifer McDaniel.

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Roy Rokovich (from left) presented Athletic Booster Club scholarships to Amy Bader, David Melancon, Courtney Harrison and Josh Crumley (not pictured).

DeLeon, Hernandez and Meek named BHS' Athletes of the Year

Ramon DeLeon, Moses Hernandez and Amanda Meek were named Brackett's Athletes of the Year at last week's award ceremony.

DeLeon also won the Fighting Tiger Award. Samantha Perez was the recipient of the Fighting Tigerette Award.

The Athletic Booster Club presented scholarships to Amy Bader, Josh Crumley, Courtney Harrison and David Melancon.

Harrison and Melancon were named the Scholar Athletes of the Year.

Special awards were presented in the following sports:

Football

Ramon DeLeon and J. Wayne Ballew, most outstanding; Josh Crumley and Demitrous Williams, most improved; Jorge Rodriguez, outstanding running back; Jose Gonzalez, outstanding receiver; Patrick Munoz, outstanding offensive lineman; Moses Hernandez, outstanding defensive lineman; Jorge Rodriguez, outstanding linebacker; Michael

Aguirre, outstanding defensive back; David Honstein, outstanding special teams player.

Volleyball

Amanda Meek, most outstanding; Stephanie Terrazas, most improved.

Boys Basketball

Moses Hernandez, Beau Smallwood, most outstanding; Rene Luna, most improved.

Girls Basketball

Chica Garza, Courtney Harrison, Lindy LaMascus, Amanda Meek, most outstanding; La Toya Wright, most improved.

Baseball

Ramon DeLeon, Jorge Rodriguez, most outstanding; Michael Meyer, most improved.

Softball

Amy Bader, Courtney Harrison, Lindy LaMascus, most outstanding; Stephanie Terrazas, most improved.

Boys Tennis

David Melancon, Lionel Ramos, most outstanding; Alfred Rodriguez, most improved.

Girls Tennis

Windy Goodloe, most outstanding; Tara Eckenrod, Crystal Juarez, most improved.

Boys Golf

Alex Moses Jr., Chad Neuman, most outstanding; Jeff Luna, Aaron Taylor, most improved.

Girls Golf

Jennifer Ashabranner, most outstanding; Angela Childress, most improved.

Boys Track

Lionel Ramos, Demitrous Williams, most outstanding; J. Wayne Ballew, David Honstein, Brent Smith, most improved.

Girls Track

Jania Finkenbinder, Amanda Meek, most outstanding; Darla Campos, Sonya Correa, Samantha Perez, most improved.

Tigers to battle Mustangs Friday

The Brackett Tigers will be battling for a playoff position Friday as they face the Natalia Mustangs on the road in a 7:00 contest.

Natalia has already clinched the district title with a 9-0 conference mark.

Brackett and Comfort, both 6-3 in league play, are battling for the second playoff berth.

If both teams win on Friday, they will have a playoff for second place. If one team wins and the other loses, the winner will advance to the post-season.

The Tigers dropped a 12-5 decision to the Mustangs last Friday. Brackett had a 4-1 lead before giving up 11 runs in the top of the seventh.

Rene Luna led the Tigers at the plate against Natalia. He was 3 for 4 and scored a run.

Ramon DeLeon and Jorge Rodriguez were both 2 for 4.

Brackett picked up a 10-1 win over Dilley on the road Tuesday night.

Michael Meyer (6-2) picked up the win. In seven innings, he gave up one earned run on two hits with 10 strikeouts and three walks.

Luna had a 2-for-4 performance and DeLeon was 2 for 5.

Little League schedule

Friday, May 9
Bombers vs. Top Guns, 5:30 p.m.; Cowboys vs. Lions, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 10
Fireballs vs. Angels, 8:30 a.m.; Cardinals vs. Top Guns, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, May 13
Angels vs. Cardinals, 5:30 p.m.; Cowboys vs. Athletics, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 16
Athletics vs. Lions, 5:30 p.m.; New Kids vs. Silver Roses, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 17
Fireballs vs. Bombers, 8:30 a.m.; Angels vs. Top Guns, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, May 20
Silver Roses vs. New Kids,

5:30 p.m.; Lions vs. Cowboys, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 24
Cardinals vs. Bombers, 8:30 a.m.; Fireballs vs. Top Guns, 10 a.m.; Lions vs. Athletics, 5:30 p.m.; New Kids vs. Silver Roses, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 27
Silver Roses vs. New Kids, 5:30 p.m.; Athletics vs. Cowboys, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 30
Cowboys vs. Lions, 5:30 p.m.; Fireballs vs. Cardinals, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 31
Top Guns vs. Cardinals, 8:30 a.m.; Angels vs. Bombers, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, June 3
Athletics vs. Lions, 5:30 p.m.;

News Kids vs. Silver Roses, 7:30 p.m.

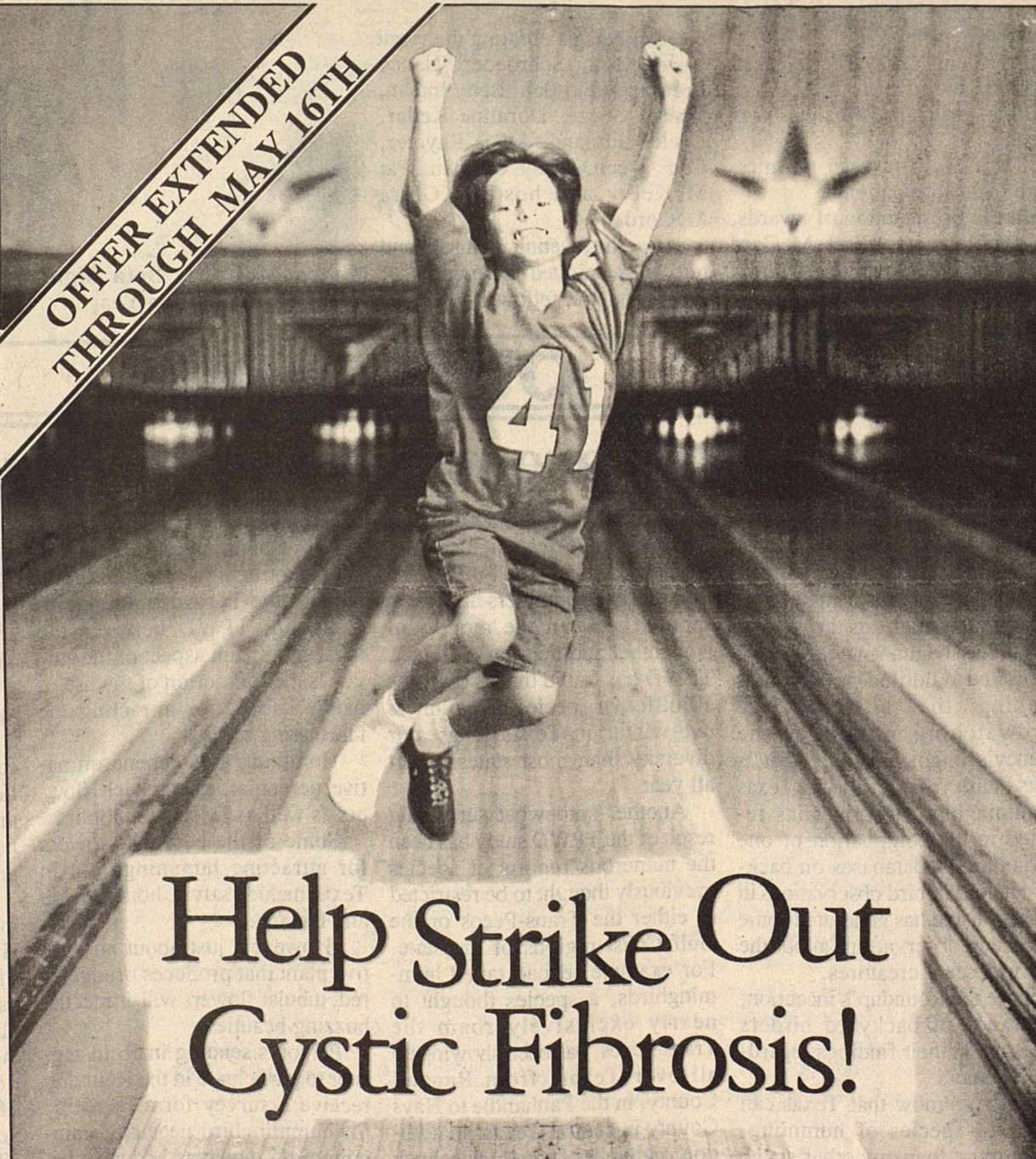
Friday, June 6
Silver Roses vs. New Kids, 5:30 p.m.; Lions vs. Cowboys, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 7
Cardinals vs. Angels, 8:30 a.m.; Top Guns vs. Bombers, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, June 10
Angels vs. Fireballs, 5:30 p.m.; Cowboys vs. Athletics, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 13
Make-up games, if needed.

Saturday, June 14
Bombers vs. Fireballs, 8:30 a.m.; Top Guns vs. Angels, 10 a.m. Closing ceremonies, 11:30 a.m.



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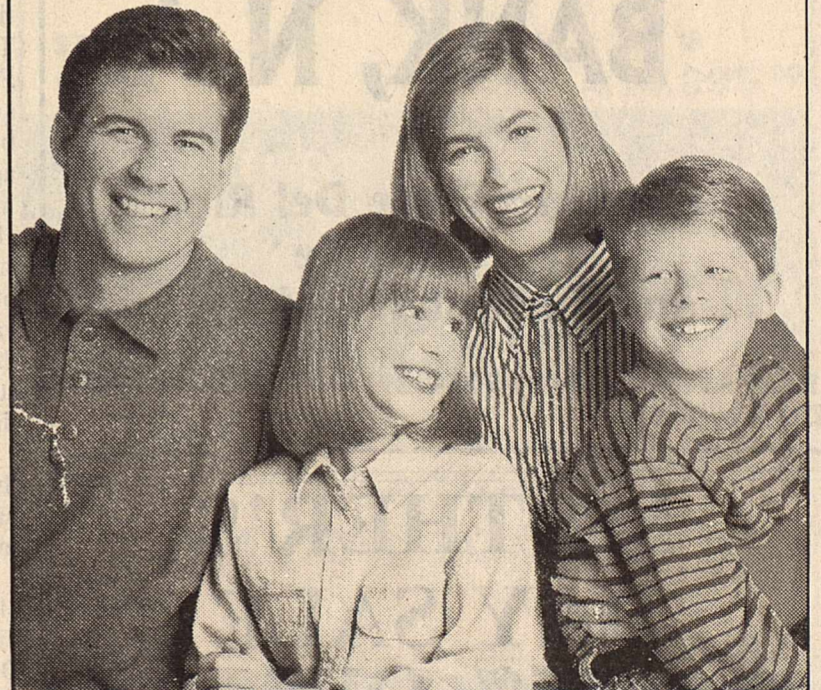
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3. Two toasts, fruit or fruit juice. Grades 6-12 are offered an extra Bread/Grain product.

Breakfast Menu

Friday, May 9
Cherry Nut Breakfast Cake
Fruit or Fruit Juice

Monday, May 12
Breakfast Pizza
Fruit or Fruit Juice

Tuesday, May 13
Cinnamon Orange Muffins
Fruit or Fruit Juice

Wednesday, May 14
Scrambled Eggs/Toast/Picante
Fruit or Fruit Juice

Thursday, May 15
Egg & Sausage Taquito/Picante
Fruit or Fruit Juice

Lunch Menu

Friday, May 9
Grilled Cheese Sand.
Oven Fries/Fruit

Monday, May 12
Chili Con Carne/Beans
Crackers/Veggie Sticks
Corn Bread/Fruit

Tuesday, May 13
Meat Loaf/Rich Brown Gravy
Whipped Potatoes/Choice of Veggie Roll

Wednesday, May 14
Cheese Burger/Burger Salad
Oven Fries
Fruit

Thursday, May 15
Taco/Cheese Cup
Taco Salad/Spanish Rice
Pinto Beans

Wedding



Michelle Munoz and Garrett Cruce exchanged vows April 26, at the First Baptist Church. The bride is the daughter of Macario and Rebecca Munoz. The groom is the son of Ms. Jo Ann Cruce and Mr. Rufino Cruce of San Antonio. Matron of honor for the bride was Ida Flores. Best man was Eddie Resendez.

Following a dinner reception at Fort Clark Springs the couple left on a honeymoon trip to Cozumel, Mexico. The bride and groom both graduated from Southwest Texas State University with bachelor's degrees in Biology. The couple will reside in Dallas where the bride will attend Baylor College of Dentistry.

But, I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall



Sunflowers

I saw a beautiful picture today! It was filled with flowers. Sunflowers. The flowers themselves were quite beautiful. All aglow with shades of gold mixed with green leaves. But most impressive was their directive nature. They somehow have the ability to turn and always face the sun. Perpetually rotated towards all the warmth and goodness that life has to offer. We need more sunflowers. But maybe we too should turn our

backs on the unpleasantness of the world and concentrate more on the beauty in our lives. I'm not suggesting that we necessarily be blinded to the ugliness in our world; because Heaven knows we have plenty of it; but just try to focus on the good. Channel our thoughts toward the light of that which makes our faces glow like the sunflowers. Direct our minds and efforts toward those things that will enable us to stand a little taller in the sunshine and uplift our hearts and spirits. But I could be wrong.

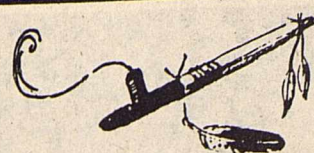
Pete's Sake

Whether or not it is true I do not know, but they tell a story about automobile pioneer Henry Ford that I like. Ford was once in Dublin, Ireland, on vacation so the story goes, when a delegation from an orphanage came to his hotel room to ask for a contribution for a new building. Ford immediately wrote a check for \$5,000. Next morning, on the front page of a Dublin newspaper, was a bold, glaring headline "Ford Gives \$50,000 for Irish Orphanage." The story was immediately picked up and printed all around the world.

Later in the morning, the orphanage director returned to Ford's room to apologize and offer to telephone the newspaper editor with a correction. "Never mind," Ford is reported to have replied as he wrote out an additional check for \$45,000. "You can have this check, but only on one condition. When the new building opens, I want this inscription on it: 'I was a stranger, and you took me in!'" ■ Editors note: "If you enjoy these stories and comments, send for a free sample of Post Story Book. Write Pete, Box 712, Kingsport, TN 37662.

Smoke From Nakai

By Nakai Breen



My grandmother Hastings used to tell me about two doors that I would hear about when I became an elder. At the time I didn't quite understand what she was talking about. Now it seems like I am getting to know the meaning of them. She said that in the path of life I would see one big door and one door with an opening very narrow. The door that opens wide would have a lot of light and it would be very easy to enter. Once a person went in the door, it would have a lot of mazes and the deeper one went in the harder it would be to find one's way out. Eventually one would become lost and there would be no one to help you,

because all who were in there were also lost. The door that was narrow, only a few chosen ones would enter and inside they needed no light because they had all the wisdom and knowledge inside themselves. These people had always followed the clean path so they knew their way out. My grandmother always told me that I didn't have to be a cook to feed someone. I didn't have to be a priest to help someone and I didn't have to be a lover to love the universe. So my unalis (friends), respect your parents they are the strength of life. Nakai

Sorority news

The Epsilon Iota #1726 met April 21st, 1997 to celebrate the Founder's Day, 66th anniversary. The meeting was in the home of Mildred Borden. Seven members were present: Nakai Breen, Oleta Townsend, Hawkins Huey, Orlean Riley, Walela Gum, Betty Schlatterer, and Mildred Borden. Two excused absentees were Lily Schwandner and Mabel Parham. Opening ritual was led by Nakai Breen. Founder's Day pledge was led by Betty Schlatterer. Oleta Townsend pre-

sented a talk on the founder, Walter Ross. Walela Gum read a message from International. Awards for the year were given to Nakai Breen, Walela Gum and Hawkins Huey. The theme for 1997-1998 was announced as "Sisters of the heart." The poem "Reflections of love" was read by Oleta Townsend. The closing ritual was recited by the complete group attending. The hostess served a very nice dinner which was enjoyed by all.

Theta Sigma Celebrates Founder's Day

Theta Sigma chapter members joined international and members throughout the world Wednesday, April 30, in a salute to the courage and foresight of Walter W. Ross who 66 years ago founded Beta Sigma Phi. Members met in the home of Clara and Allen McCord for the meeting, followed by a backyard picnic supper. Betty Inman led the group singing the Star Spangled Banner. Marge Geeze led the opening ritual and Luella Gilliland gave the Beta Sigma Phi grace. President Nancy Frerich welcomed members and Patsy Callan read the Founder's Day pledge. Clara McCord read the message from International. In the presentation of awards, by popular vote, Clara McCord was awarded the prestigious honor of Theta Sigma's Woman of the

Year. Pat McKelvy then awarded perfect attendance pins to Nancy Frerich, Clara McCord, Alicia Raymer, Luella Gilliland, and Pat McKelvy for six years perfect attendance. Alicia Raymer presented pins to the retiring officers. Nancy Frerich presented next year's theme of Sisters of the Heart with two lovely symbols of the 1997-98 theme. Vicki Bell led members in the closing ritual. Members celebrating the event were: Molly Schroeder, Nancy Frerich, Vicki Bell, Betty Inman, Marge Geeze, Doraline Keller, Luella Gilliland, Alicia Raymer, Lou Green, Patsy Callan, Pat McKelvy and hostess, Clara McCord. After the meeting members and husbands enjoyed an evening of good food and fellowship.



Clara McCord, Beta Sigma Phi's Woman of the Year

Bridge Anyone

By Joyce Bell

The Fort Clark Springs Duplicate Bridge club met April 27. The club was playing the Howell Movement. Winners were: In first place; Mac and Marie McCandless. Tied for second place was Joyce Bell and Alice Seargeant, Mary Edgar and Diane Daniels, Mona Miller and Ben Pingent.

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OUTDOORS

Hummingbirds are migrating throughout Texas

By Henry Lutz Kinney County Game Warden
AUSTIN- The spring migration of hummingbirds throughout Texas has begun and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is seeking the help of the birdwatching public in the agency's ongoing survey that is in its fourth year. So far, the Texas Hummingbird Roundup has resulted in the compilation of one of the largest databases on backyard hummingbird observations in the nation and has generated some surprising observations about the tiny iridescent creatures. Since the Roundup's inception, thousands of backyard birders have sent in their findings regarding hummers. Did you know that Texas can claim 18 species of hummingbirds, more than any other state? Or that not only several species like the more common Ruby-throated hummingbird sometimes

spend the winter in the Lone Star State, but also less sighted species such as the Broad-billed and Blue-throated hummers have been spotted between the months of November and February? In fact, TPWD has found that as many as 10 different species of hummers overwinter in Texas, a greater diversity than most states report all year. Another somewhat surprising result of the TPWD study has been the numerous reports of species previously thought to be restricted to either the Trans-Pecos or the Gulf Coast regions of the state. For example, Broad tailed hummingbirds, a species thought to nearly exclusively roam the Trans-Pecos, has been showing up all over Texas, from Randall County, in the Panhandle to Hays County in central Texas. In addition, sightings of rare species such as the Green Violet-ear and the Broad-billed hummingbird have increased since the inception of

the Roundup. While hummingbird education and identification are important parts of the Texas Hummingbird Roundup, TPWD believes the most significant aspect of the survey is the promotion of the use of native habitat for attracting the fascinating birds. Hummingbirds depend on native perennial, nectar rich flowers as well as insects for food. Some of the best wildflowers for attracting hummingbirds in Texas include salvia, honeysuckle and lantana. However, just about any native plant that produces orange or red, tubular flowers will attract the buzzing beauties. Person's sending in \$6 to register to participate in the Roundup receive a survey form, a recipe for hummingbird nectar, a hummingbird range map and a packet of scarlet sages seeds. Those who send in a completed survey at the end of the year get a

newsletter and a hummingbird decal from Texas Parks and Wildlife. For those seeking easy bird identification, a Hummingbird Wheel with color illustrations of 16 of the most common Texas species is a must. The 10 inch wheel, which sells for \$11.95, also provides descriptions of the less colorful females and immature males along with a nectar recipe, fun hummer facts and other information. To register for the Texas Hummingbird Roundup or to order the Hummingbird Wheel (a cost of \$16.95 for both) just send your name, address (include county), phone number and a check or money order to: Hummingbird Roundup, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744. For more information about the Roundup, call Jereme Phillips at 1-800-792-1112, ext. 4470.

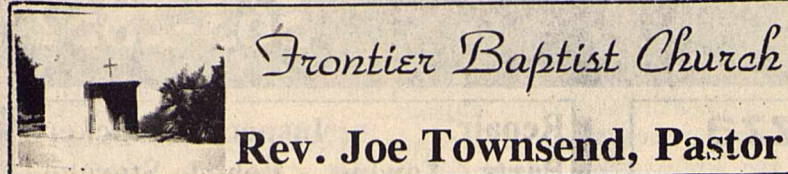
Cooler heads make better decisions

By Dr. Ellen Henke Lawn & Garden Expert
With the coming of warm weather, there's always plenty to do outdoors, and it's easy to get overwhelmed and overheated. The same goes for selecting a lawn care service. Many of us get overwhelmed with all the summer's activities, get overheated and select a lawn care ser-

vice in the "heat of the moment." Opening the yellow pages to lawn care services and picking the catchiest name is not the ideal way to find a lawn care company. By taking time to ask a few simple questions, you can make a sound decision when choosing a lawn care service and avoid possible problems later. Nearly all states require lawn care companies to be licensed.

The qualifications for obtaining a license vary from state to state, but having a license is one indication that the company is reputable and operating legally. Ask neighbors and friends who have dealt with the company if they were satisfied with the service they received. You can also call the Better Business Bureau or the state or local consumer protection office. Affiliation with a

professional association-like the Professional Lawn Care Association of America helps members stay informed of new developments in the lawn care field. ing practices can lead to disappointed results. The company should tell you how it plans to take care of your lawn and advise you about what you could do to keep your lawn in good shape.



Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Eighty four percent of the American people believe in God. Seventy eight percent believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. So many of these give little recognition to these beliefs in the practices of living. America recognizes God. This is reflected on our coins. Until very recent years our courts gave respect for God. Our legislative halls recognize God by prayers before sessions. Businesses recognize God in their businesses with few exceptions. Industry recognizes God by having chaplains in many industrial plants. Many organizations recognize God by paying more to those who work on Sunday.

And yet Sunday, the Lord's Day has become Americas play day. It is the day of pro football. It is a day of highlight for pro baseball and basketball. It is the high light day of golf tournaments. It is the day of auto racing. It is the day of when our lakes are filled with fishermen. No person in America goes untouched by Sundays and the benefits attuned to it. The cars in church parking lots give testimony of the millions

who worship every Lord's Day. When it comes time to bury the dead the survivors always want to recognize God for the deceased. Christmas and Easter see a nation celebrating Jesus Christ.

There is a difference in recognition of God and worshipping God. Many people never attend worship in any church. Many have never been born again. Worship with others in church feeds the soul. Worship in church keeps one in contact with God. Worship in church keeps one familiar with God. Many have not been to worship in so long they never miss or consider it. God is more than a logo (a cross, an image, or a medal.) God is more than an excuse to take one day off from work. Up front many people say "Oh God." In need many say "Please God." Rarely many say "Thank God." Mostly many people say "No God."

What a pity so many miss so much of the thrill of life because leaving God out of life robs anyone of the richest and best part of living.



First Baptist Church
Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor
"The Pastor's Pen"

An Illinois farmer was discovered kneeling at the head of a soldier's grave at Nashville. Being asked, "Is that your boy?" he replied, "No: he lived in our town, and I have come to find his grave."

The observer said, "Perhaps you represent his father, who could not come?" "Yes: my neighbor was glad to have me come; but I came for myself. You see I have seven children, all of them small; and my wife is sickly. I was drafted. There was nobody to carry on the farm; and I could not hire a substitute. My thirteen dollars a month would not feed the family. It seemed as though I must go, and they must suffer.

When we were in our greatest trouble about it, --just the morning I was to report at camp, --my

neighbor's son came over to the house, and offered to go to war for me. He said, he had nobody depending on him, and could go better than I.

He went, and was wounded at Chickamauga; was brought to a Nashville hospital; and this is his grave."

The farmer had come a long distance, at heavy cost, to write upon the headstone of his soldier friend, "Died for me."

The example of that young soldier is the story of Jesus who came to substitute himself on a cross to die for me, and for you. Have you written somewhere, "Died for me" and now live as a Christian? No? Would you do that? Would you acknowledge Jesus' death and resurrection and live for Him in His place now?

Obituary

Amon Lee Bacon Jr.

Amon Lee Bacon, Jr., 80, of Amarillo died Tuesday, May 6, 1997.

Memorial Services will be held at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, May 8, 1997 at Southwest Baptist Church.

Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2820 Virginia Circle.

Mr. Bacon was born in Arkansas and had lived in the Amarillo area since 1944. Mr. and Mrs. Bacon lived in Ft. Clark Springs, TX. for 15 years. He had been a mail clerk for the U.S. Postal Service.

Mr. Bacon served in the U. S. Army during World War II. He was a member of Southwest Baptist Church.

He married Cornelia Smith in 1936 at Tolar, NM. She died in 1993.

Mr. Bacon is survived by two daughters, Barbara Graham of Sudan and Wanda Johnson of Claude; three sons, Ron Bacon of Galveston, Rick Bacon of Amarillo and Ken Bacon of Denton; three sisters, Margarite Goldman of Malvern, AR, Ruby Thompson and Cecil Watkins, both of Portales, NM; nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

The family request memorials to Southwest Baptist Church, P.O. Box 7422, Amarillo, TX 79114-7422.

The body will not be available for viewing.



St. John's Baptist Church
Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.
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Praise the Lord!

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

Jesus answered, and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings; and the word

which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's who sent me.

These things have I spoken unto you, being present with you.

But the comforter, who is the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever, I have said unto you.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. St. John 14: 21-27.

Praise the Lord.
Come feast with us in the Lord the table is set.

THANK YOU

A heart felt thanks to the friends and co-workers and MRGEC for their continuous cards, letters, prayers, and blood donations for Sandi Wills.

Friends, your correspondence has meant so much and has been an important factor in Sandi's continued progress. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

With love and Gratitude
Sandi Wills and family

Knights of Columbus accepts new members



Grand knight, Joseph Goebel, new members: Tomas Gomez and Clinton F. Brown, with Agapito Saenz, membership director

The Knights of Columbus Council 8223 take pride in accepting two new members. Tomas Gomez and Clinton F. Brown received their first degree Sunday April 27, 1997 in Del Rio.

The sole condition for membership in the Order of Knights of Columbus is that an applicant or member must be a practical or practicing catholic and in good standing in the catholic church. An applicant shall not be less than 18 years of age on his last birthday.

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THANK YOU

Thank you to my friends and clients who have supported me and shown a considerable amount of patience with me since my mother has become ill. What could have been an extremely difficult time has become much easier, because of my wonderful Brackettville friends. Fort Clark Springs and Brackettville have become my home and my heart, I'm proud to be a part of this place. A special thanks to my husband who has been my light at the end of the tunnel through all of this. I love you, Wes.

Thank you all.
Genie L. Robinson

Celebrate Mother's Day at
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Sunday May 11th



Carnations will be given to the first 75 mothers for lunch buffet.

A drawing will be held to win one of five free lunch or dinner buffets for two.

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Adults \$5.50 Children 12 & under \$3.95

Lunch Buffet: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Adults \$7.95 Children 12 & under \$4.95

Restaurant hours: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Business

Health extravaganza at Val Verde Regional Medical Center

Plans are well underway for the big 3-day health extravaganza May 16, 17 & 18th!

At 10 A.M., Friday, May 16th, there will be a ribbon cutting at Val Verde Regional Medical Center to officially dedicate the new wing and name change of the hospital.

The ribbon cutting will take place just outside the new wing at the South entrance and everyone is invited to attend.

Saturday, May 17th, beginning at 8 A.M., the VVRMC Auxiliary will host their annual golf tournament at the Leaning Pine Golf Course, Laughlin Air Force Base.

Entry fee is \$25 and all golfers are encouraged to participate. Proceeds from this year's tournament will go toward a piece of equipment for the new pediatric wing of the hospital.

Sunday, May 18th, from 2-5 P.M. will be the giant community-wide health fair at the Val Verde Regional Medical Center.

There will be free health screenings, displays, literature, refreshments, prizes, activities just for the children and much more.

There will be cholesterol screening for a nominal fee of \$4 and prostate exams, including the PSA test for \$10.

Participates in this big event and the activities they will host are: Allied Primary Home Care Services, blood pressure reading; American Heart Association, heart disease information; Amistad Therapy Group, mental health disorders; Apothecary Home Medical Supply, durable medical equipment, blood pressure screening and O2 saturations; Border Patrol, J.U.A.N., the robot; Body Shapers, importance of physical fitness.

Also participating will be the new Cardiac Cath Lab, literature on cardiac catheterization & tour of the mobile cath lab; Del Rio Police Department, bicycle patrol; Women in Law Enforcement, child fingerprinting & photographing; Family Health Center, cardiac assessment, cholesterol screening (\$4), child passports (height & weight); Fire Department, smokehouse trailer, firetruck & hazards of smoking; Herbal Thyme, heart health; Laughlin Air Force Base, low fat eating information & hazards of smoking; Dr. Harvey Komet, hearing test van; La Vida Serena, literature, balloons & cotton

candy; Del Rio Health Council, cardiac, cholesterol screening, heart display, asthma screening and lung display; Methodist Hospital, San Antonio, child safety (spinal cord/head); Origin Med Systems, video on laparoscopic propretoneal hernia; Southwest Tissue Services, tissue transplants; Stress Away, information on massage therapy; Medical Center Ophthalmology Associates, free vision screening; South Texas Veterans Health Care, information/display from Audie L. Murphy Division, San Antonio; Del Rio W.I.C. Program, information on breast-feeding, immunizations and nutrition display; Del Rio CRNA Services, brochures/balloons; VVRMC Dietary Department, nutrition handouts, energy needs assessment, fresh fruit; Emergency Department, domestic violence & child abuse informational displays & literature; Education Department, informational displays; Fourth Station, advance directive information & education, durable power of attorney for healthcare forms; VVRMC Viva! Home Health, blood pressure checks,

blood sugar checks; Intensive Care Unit, video on ACLS (advance cardiac life support) VVRMC Emergency Medical Services, ambulance display; Laboratory, glucose testing; VVRMC & Dr. Robert Martinez, prostrate exam and PSA testing; OutPatient Center, blood pressure checks, information on registration process; Primary Care Center, blood glucose checks; Radiology, mammography information; Respiratory Care, display on respiratory devices; Surgery Department, day surgery information, laparoscopic cholecystectomy; Women's Center, information and sign up opportunity on childbirth classes, baby care classes and sibling classes; Infection Control, importance of handwashing, video and display with literature; Physical Therapy Department, grip measurement, display of new physical therapy gym & equipment.

THANK YOU

The family of Rumaldo Martinez would like to express their thanks to all family members and friends for their thoughtfulness and kindness at a time when it was greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to Sheriff "Buddy" Burgess and Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter, Father James Cashin, San Felipe/Del Rio Color Guard, Mr. Agapito Saenz and the Brackettville and Del Rio Veterans of Foreign Wars, grandson Senior Airman David Green Jr. for flag presentation to the family.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
Love
Bernie, Willie,
Wayne, Gary,
Keith, Jeff,
and Judy.

Answers to Super Crossword
COMMON SHAPES

37	GAIRH	SHATE	PHOHS	SIKAR
46	AGLE	PIATIL	ADMAN	TAPO
51	FRONM	INTI	TOFV	WELADON
68	TEH	TESB	QWERT	AWORIE
	AKIE	BARER	TAE	VAR
	SIANTH	ONINER	METRO	
	TEH	TEH	TEH	TEH
	ATGUR	JOBS	SAAGMAY	HEAP
	SALTIN	GAUGE	TUNING	
	CHIES	CHITE	WITTER	
	COSELY	BOITE	VANITE	
	DOHKE	MONDAS	ATIRE	
	CHAD	MOHENT	VIGHURE	
	GIARL	SOHENT	DAWETKEND	
	ELICE	THIT	THIT	THIT
	SAVOR	POINTE	WISSEB	
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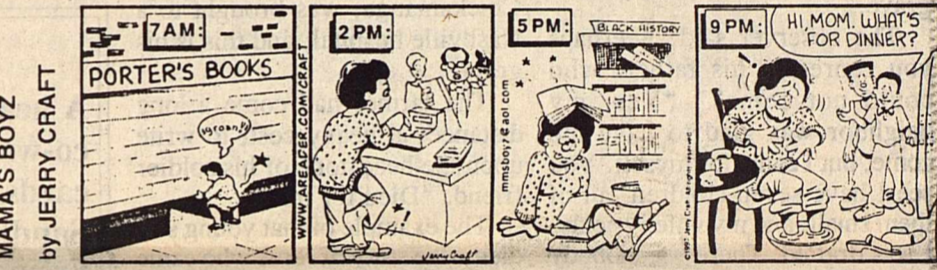
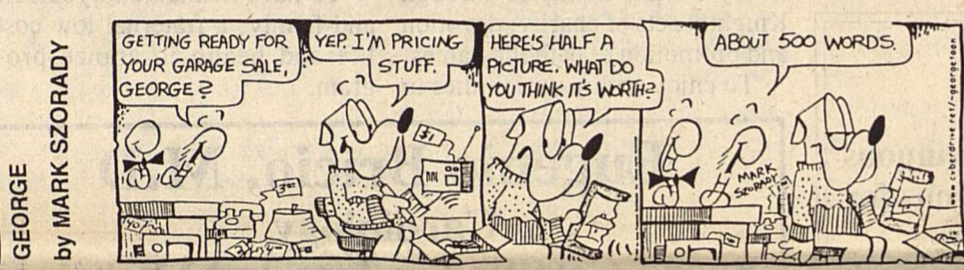
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Super Crossword

ACROSS
 1 Track event
 5 Executive's assistants
 10 It's before finish or flash
 15 Sign of healing
 19 Ironwood tree
 20 Jeopardy
 21 Candle or numeral
 22 Lake in Italy
 23 Start of holiday legend
 27 Asian festival
 28 Lohengrin's bride
 29 Hemsley sitcom
 30 Love, to Luigi
 31 Spindle for a wheel
 32 Carroll or Anita
 34 Former chess champ
 36 Road goo
 37 Special viewpoints
 40 Informal eatery
 41 Slave, in ancient Sparta
 43 English Quaker
 44 Prepare the leftovers
 45 Legendary Swiss hero
 46 Tourist stop

DOWN
 2 Legend continues
 55 Random pile
 56 Prominent
 57 Measuring instrument
 58 Slight trace
 59 Barcelona bravos
 60 Twisted cotton thread
 61 Area of expertise
 62 Valuable
 65 Lehmann of opera
 66 Diversified
 67 One type of business
 68 He had a "gilt" complex
 69 River in England
 70 Mountain nymph
 71 French Impressionist
 72 Proceed in face of danger
 76 Pub missile
 77 Legend continues
 81 Otherwise
 82 Road to Rome?
 83 — media
 84 One of the Aleutians
 85 Taste with pleasure
 87 Most Important essential
 89 Failed to

ACROSS
 91 Gram or pest starter
 94 Duffer's dream
 95 Scarlett was one
 96 — drive
 97 Hot wine beverage
 99 Desert in Asia
 100 He's called "the Venerable"
 101 Nautical assent
 104 End of legend
 110 Wild buffalo of India
 111 Bailey or White
 112 Loos or Louise
 113 Chest sound
 114 Anagram of nut
 115 Long-ago White House nickname
 116 Friendly, in Soho
 117 Burden DOWN
 1 Off one's rocker?
 2 Israel seaport
 3 Candy-machine feature
 4 Line or lock starter
 5 Paper cones

DOWN
 6 Uptight
 7 General region
 8 Sudden, violent attack
 9 Polly
 10 Schoolbook
 11 Linger close by
 12 Verne's captain reverses himself?
 13 Large, fancy marble
 14 It's before shot or step
 15 Bridge coup
 16 Bruce or Sebastian
 17 WWII battle shopping mall?
 18 Plant pest
 24 Barber's call
 25 Counterfeit
 26 French composer
 31 Cancel, in a way
 32 Prejudice
 33 Pay to play
 34 Membranes
 35 Staunch confederate
 37 Health resort
 38 Leases one's property
 39 Wild ox
 40 Financial troubles
 41 Evade

ACROSS
 42 South Pacific Island
 44 Natural sweetener
 45 Greenland settlement
 47 Supernatural spirit
 48 Stormed
 49 One who imitates
 51 Disturbed the peace
 52 Fruit product
 53 Stir up public opinion
 54 Throws the dice
 58 Cylindrical and tapered
 60 Dark, olive green
 61 WWII battle site
 62 Snake or Sea
 63 Unique things
 64 Takes to the ice
 65 Cruise ship
 66 Looks at attentively
 67 Style of dome?
 68 Grass cutter
 69 Nautical command
 71 Bike or boat starter
 73 Government edict
 74 Prepares flax
 75 Grafted, in

DOWN
 77 Hindu god of destruction
 78 Actor Jannings
 79 Hamlet, for one
 80 Complete failure
 85 Church part
 87 Full of small, round stones
 88 Hodgepodge
 89 Carnival avenue
 90 Arrow poison
 91 Egypt's Sadat
 92 Noted Indian leader
 93 Proxy
 95 Council table
 96 Island between Luzon and Mindanao
 98 Best-selling author
 99 Very willing
 100 Harass pettily
 101 Arkin or Alda
 102 River to the Yellow Sea
 103 Windows of the soul?
 105 Choose
 106 Word on the society page
 107 Los Angeles player
 108 Genetic substance
 109 Test or claim starter

MAGIC MAZE

COMMON SHAPES

R M I T E A W S P L I E A X T
 Q N J G U C C Z W T Q N J G D
 A X U R O B R L J G D A X V S
 P N R K I F E R C T A X V S Q
 O L J O H E S L A C R A X V T
 R P N L H J C H L T F A D W B
 Y X V T R C E E R S P E O M
 K I G E D D N O M A I D B H Z
 X W U T R N T A O D G N O O M
 O N L J U I G R A E P I G F D
 C A Y F X W V G G E N O C T S

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

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Bell	Dart	Moon	Tube
Cigar	Diamond	Pear	Wedge
Cone	Egg	Ring	

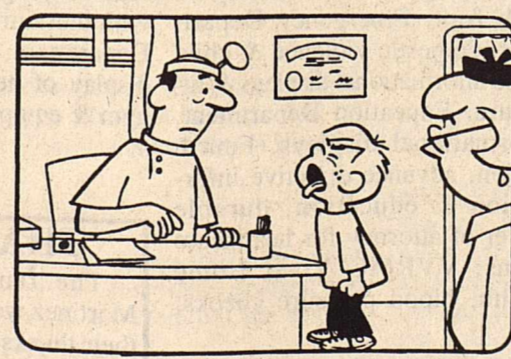
Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
 There's an early accent this week on domestic interests. Later, you'll be out socializing and enjoying good times. Some will move closer this weekend to a romantic commitment.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
 Romance is in the air this week, for singles and marrieds. You devote some attention to a do-it-yourself project or household concerns. The weekend brings a surprising financial opportunity.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 You'll reach a better understanding with a relative. You're likely to be busy this week with home-related tasks, more than work projects. The weekend brings an opportunity to your liking.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 It will be a busy time for you socially this week. Partnership interests are also happily emphasized. Be understanding with a child. The weekend should be fun, fun, fun!
LEO (July 23 to August 22)
 Local travel this week has romantic overtones. It's a great time for visiting with friends and nearby sightseeing. Improved concentration leads to mental achievement over the weekend.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
 Important news arrives this week. You'll have a renewed incentive to get ahead in life as a result. A new opportunity will be challenging and you're ready to meet it head-on.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
 You'll feel especially confident this week. Exercising initiative opens important financial and business doors. You'll be pleased with the progress you've made by week's end.
SCORPIO (October 23 to



November 21) You have the ability to see things in the large this week. Don't let one small detail hamper this vision. Travel, education and pleasure interests are accentuated over the weekend.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
 Things go very much your way this week. Enjoy romance and recreational interests. An opportunity may come from afar. It's a time to go after what you want.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
 A partnership matter is happily resolved. You'll see ways to improve your prospects for long-range financial security. Home life is a delight over the weekend.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
 Don't let a small difference of opinion cause you to be critical of another. There's a happy emphasis this week on social life and romance. The weekend is rewarding.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
 Be alert for chances to improve your income and status in life. You'll get an early start this week on a work-related project. You're both productive and successful.
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FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
 Differences: 1. Hand is shorter. 2. Curtain is missing. 3. Diploma is different. 4. Show is shorter. 5. Curtain is missing. 6. Glasses differ.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 8	Librada De Leon	May 10	Elizabeth Pacheco
May 8	Terry Terrazas	May 11	April Crumbley
May 8	Randal Davis	May 12	Dorothy Haga
May 8	Guadalupe Lumberas	May 12	Russell Newton
May 8	Bill Bizzell	May 12	Christina Reschman
May 9	Bruno Arreola Jr.	May 13	Enma Falcon
May 9	Betty Bickel	May 13	Arianna De Leon
May 9	Robert Nelson	May 13	Ferne Hickman
May 10	Gil Ash	May 13	Ryan Garcia
May 10	Tammy Frerich	May 14	Anne Rose
May 10	Melvin Crownover	May 14	Valerie Garza
May 10	Martin Lumberas	May 14	Comie Serrano
May 10	Damarius A. Flores	May 14	Robert Aguirre

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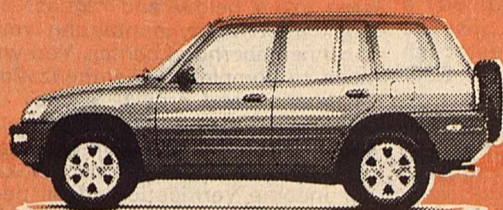
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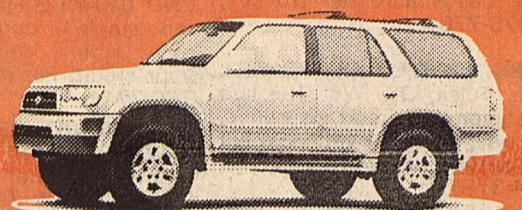
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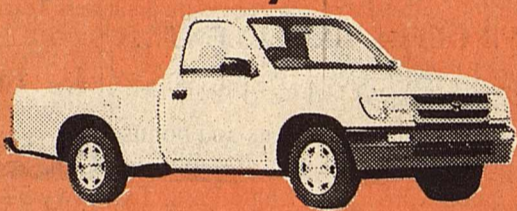
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\$19,908



97 4 RUNNER
4 Door, AC, Power, Black & more

\$22,986



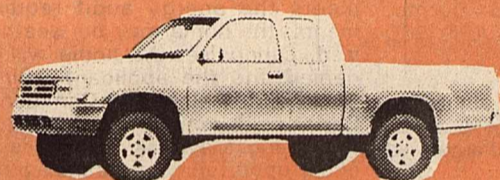
97 TACOMA XTRA CAB LX
AC, Cass, Cruise, Alarm, Convenience Pkg.

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\$15,922



97 TACOMA 4X4

*\$3000 DISCOUNT



97 T-100 FULL SIZE PU

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97 DAKOTA CLUB CAB SLT
Auto, AC, Power & more

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\$17,997



97 RAM 1500 SLT
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Laramie Pkg, AC, Auto, V8 & more

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\$19,882



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Loaded #D2537

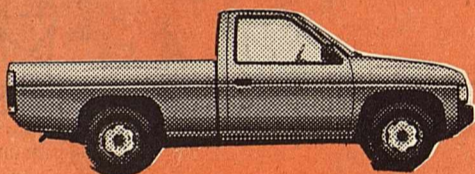
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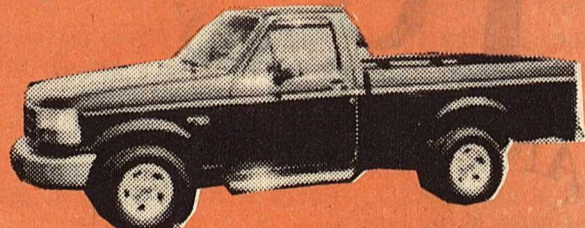
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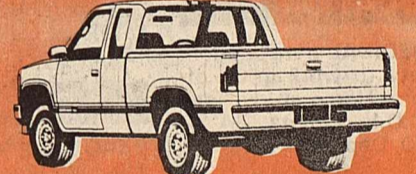
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92 FORD AEROSTAR VAN

One Owner, Super Clean

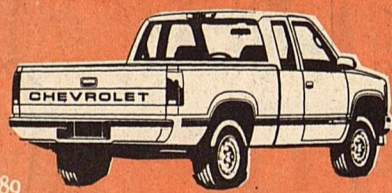
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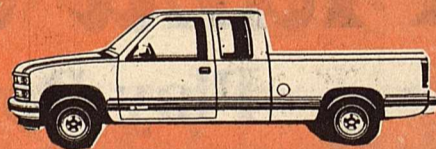
Ext. Cab, Auto, AC, Power, Mag Wheels

\$14,893



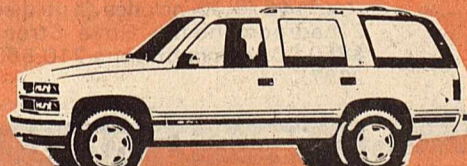
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Xtd Cab, SLE, 350 V8, Auto, Ac, Loaded, White

#D2589
\$19,814



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Silverado, Xtd Cab, Red, Loaded to the max, Auto, 350 V8

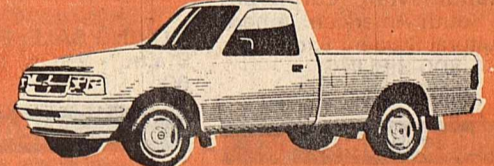
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GARAGE SALES

YARD SALE - SAT, May 10, 8 to 4. 1.8 miles down F.M. 2804. Just follow the signs. Lots of house plants, glassware, love seat, and misc.

GARAGE SALE Bizzell's Construction Shop in Brackettville, on Hwy. 90. Sat. May 10, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. Clothes, dishes, linens, and household items.

MOVING SALE: Friday, May 9th. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. F.C.S. Unit 15 lot 60.

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LOST

LOST Photo Album Ft. Clark Springs Wild Boar Hunt. If found contact 563-9103. Ruben Martinez.

MISCELLANEOUS

POOL CITY'S KAYAK Pools, demo homesites wanted to display new maintenance free pool. Save thousands w/this unique opportunity! 100% financing...Call 1-800-338-9919.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE - A Constitutional Convention will be convened July 4, 1997 at the Original Irion County Courthouse in Sherwood. Texans interested in serving as delegates: call Charlie Duncan at 806-788-2750.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICES Agency of Dimmit, La Salle, and Maverick Counties, (CSA), would like to inform the general public that it has received two contracts from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. One to implement the Department of Energy (DOE) Oil Overcharge Weatherization Assistance Program to weatherize 16 homes and one to implement the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Weatherization Assistance Program to weatherize 29 homes in the counties of Dimmit, La Salle, Edwards, Kinney, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala. The purpose of these programs is to weatherize homes to make them energy self-sufficient to reduce the cost of energy. The program is not a home repair program. Persons who are interested in applying for these programs may call the number in your area listed below and request an application or by contacting your local neighborhood center. You will need to complete a weatherization application and provide a copy of your billing history from your electric supplier and one from your gas supplier, and copies of check stubs for income verification of all persons over the age of 18 who live in your household. All applications must be fully completed before CSA will accept them. Once an application is considered complete, a representative from CSA will do an energy audit and assess the home to determine if it meets the energy audit requirements. If the home meets the energy audit requirements, the home may be weatherized. Otherwise, the home will be denied and the applicant will be notified in writing. The Community Services Agency of Dimmit, La Salle, and Maverick County is an equal opportunity program agency and does not discriminate against any person because of age, race, gender, veteran status, religion, political affiliation or disability. Any person who feels they have been discriminated against may contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, P.O. Box 13941, Austin, Texas, 78711-3941, or by calling 512-475-3800.

County Telephone Number
La Salle 210-879-3604
Dimmit 210-876-2918
Uvalde 210-278-8288
Val Verde 210-774-8607
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RENTALS

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FOR RENT 1bedroom cottage; 1st. street; \$275.00 includes all utilities. 2 bedroom home; Gove Street; \$350.00 per month. Jerry 210-563-2967.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

REQUEST FOR BIDS The Community Services Agency is requesting Sealed Bids for the purchase of materials for the Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), and HOME programs. For a bid package, please contact Rosie Lozano at 210-876-5219, or come by the main office located on 910 S. 5th. Street, Carrizo Springs, Texas. The deadline to submit a sealed bid is Friday, May 16, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. CSA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids and will not accept faxed bids. The sealed bids will be open on Friday, May 16, 1997 at 4:00 p.m. CSA is an equal opportunity employer.

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Unsung Hero
By Joe Townsend

There is a man who has spent his entire life here. During the Vietnam War he served his country in an outstanding way. He could have finagled his way into dodging service, after all Bill Clinton did. After the War, he came back home and has lived here since that time. He served as County Commissioner and was defeated, not because he wasn't good for the county, but because he aligned himself with a candidate for a much higher office who lost the county and dragged this man down with him. For several years he served well in the Sheriff's office. He has now served as City Secretary for some time. Through recent years he has made some bad decisions which have taught him many things. For the past several months he has served the city well. He has come to see the city as one entity rather than fragmented along racial lines. He has come to feel every part and every problem of the city as his responsibility. Surely David Luna is an Unsung Hero.

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DEBBIE TRANT
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Texas Department of Transportation

PUBLIC NOTICE

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For more information, please contact the Transportation Funding Administrator at (210) 712-7459 or write to: Texas Department of Transportation, Public Transportation, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas 78043.

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