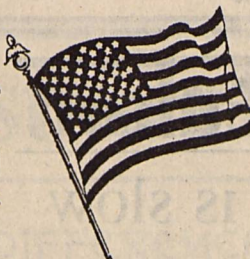


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City considers street closure

By Sonja Shell
Staff Writer

School Board President Lloyd Lee Davis addressed the Brackettville City Council Tuesday and said that plans to build an annex to the Brackett High School are on hold until the city makes a decision whether or not to close Fulton Street from Ann Street to Ellen Street.

To help make that decision, the City Council has scheduled a public hearing at 6 p.m. on March 26 at the Brackettville City Annex to discuss the possibility of closing Fulton Street for the new academic wing at Brackett High School.

Bertha Reschman was appointed city election judge by the council and Zulema Wilson as assistant judge for the upcoming May 2 city council election.

City Secretary David Luna reported that the city's water pump has been repaired and is up and running in top condition.

Luna also said that the water lines to Spofford are completed and have been tested. Water will be supplied to Spofford from the city of Brackettville as soon as the council sets the rates.

Senne wins bid for county judge



Herb Senne and his wife, Janelle, celebrate after Tuesday's successful bid for the Democratic nomination for county judge.

J.P., commissioners races set for April 14 run-off election

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Herb Senne claimed a lopsided victory over incumbent County Judge Tommy Seargeant in Tuesday's Kinney County Democratic primary election, and three races are headed for an April 14 runoff.

Senne finished with 906 votes while Seargeant tallied 388. There will be no Republican opposition in the November general election.

After the votes were counted, Senne said he was "happy, thankful and appreciative of the people that helped me."

"It took a lot of work from a lot of people," he said. "I'm glad that the primaries are over. I look forward to the general election."

Senne served as interim county judge for four months last year. Seargeant is in his 16th year as county judge, serving in three stretches going back to 1971.

In the crowded justice of the peace race, John Ford and J.E. Meil are headed for a runoff. Incumbent Alvin F. Hall did not seek re-election.

Ford finished with 259 votes and Meil had 243. Cynthia Stafford tallied 239 votes, Arnold A. Pinales had 211, C.M. "Puffy" Porter had 208, and Gregorio O. Juarez had 121.

"I'm impressed with all of the candidates and the manner they conducted themselves throughout the campaign process," Ford said. "We had fun with each other and we discussed issues, all while we were still opponents."

Democratic Primary Results

County Judge	County results
Tommy Seargeant	388 30.0%
Herb Senne	906 70.0%
District and County Clerk	
Dora Elia Sandoval	892 100%
County Treasurer	
Janis J. Floyd	789 63.8%
Julie Fuentes Molano	447 36.2%
County Commissioner, Precinct 2	
Joe Montalvo	158 43.3%
Jerry Mayes	35 9.5%
Dennis J. Slubar Sr.	86 23.6%
Flavio Talamantez	86 23.6%
County Commissioner, Precinct 4	
Paul L. O'Rourke	135 33.1%
Pat Melancon	121 29.7%
Jerry Strother	37 9.0%
Bill Bizzell	115 28.2%
Justice of the Peace	
Gregorio O. Juarez	121 9.4%
Arnold A. Pinales	211 16.5%
J.E. Meil	243 19.0%
Cynthia Stafford	239 18.7%
John Ford	259 20.2%
C.M. "Puffy" Porter	208 16.2%

Meil agreed: "It was a great election. There was no mud slinging or any bad things said. I think that's kind of a surprise for Kinney County."
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Commissioners consider drug task force

By Sonja Shell
Staff Writer

Kinney County officials are considering a possible dual-county drug task force with Val Verde County.

The Commissioners Court passed a resolution Monday to support the 63rd Judicial District Attorney's Narcotic Task Force at its regular meeting.

The proposal includes a \$178,501 grant to Val Verde and Kinney counties. The cost for Kinney County would be \$10,292, while Val Verde's cost would be \$34,351.

Officials said the \$10,292 will cover salary, insurance, travel, vehicle, operating expenses, pager and cell phone.

"We know Kinney County had a bad experience in the past but this will not be the same," said Charlie Williams of the Texas Department of Public Safety's Narcotics Division.

According to Williams, the 63rd Judicial District Attorney's Narcotic Task Force would oversee law enforcement and education to combat the rising drug problems locally.

Williams and Ramon Johnson of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council, which is funding the project, were introduced at the meeting by Kinney County Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess.

"We've got these little nickel and dime, mom and pop organizations," Burgess said. "We know they're in Brackettville, we're all aware. They're hard to operate, no one wants to take them. No headlines are involved. They're a thorn and will always be there."

Burgess said the proposed task force is "what we need in this county."

"We need someone working the nickel and dime baggies, working with the students to get it out of our area," he said.

Williams said there were no local juvenile drug arrests during 1996 and 1997 due to the heavy load of high-dollar drug operations in the two counties.

Last week alone, one drug haul netted 110 kilograms of cocaine, which had a street value of \$210,000.

Williams said that the day-to-day operation

of these types of drug problems do not allow time to address the mom and pop operations. The proposed task force would focus on local drug enforcement, as well as education, in Kinney County.

Officials said the plan will be effective by allowing Val Verde officers to come to Kinney County and by sending Kinney County's officer to work the Val Verde area.

Before the task force can begin, it must be approved by the Val Verde County Commissioners Court. Officials are hoping the task force will begin operations June 1.

Library Donations

Perkins was given to the Kinney County Library to donate old library books and two homemade shelves to the Barksdale Library.

Librarian Sara Tarrasas requested 12 hours a week for part-time help.

Under an existing Job Training Partnership Act agreement, the county is obligated to provide two more weeks of part-time help. Wages will be paid out of the library's miscellaneous account.

School Board to discuss academic wing Monday

The Brackett School Board of Trustees will discuss the district's new academic wing at Monday's 6:30 meeting.

"We're still trying to get the building off the ground," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "We're dealing with our architect now. We're looking at different plans and we're trying to get an estimated cost within our budget to be able to build it."

Stephenson will discuss other construction projects and present a financial report at Monday's meeting.

Other agenda items include teacher contracts, textbooks recommended for adoption, community internet access, and administrative reports.

We're looking at different plans and we're trying to get an estimated cost within our budget to be able to build it.

Taylor Stephenson

One item that is not on the agenda is block scheduling. Stephenson said the district will host a public hearing on March 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the school's library for input from local citizens.

"The board wants to study the issue more before discussing it," Stephenson said. "They want to take time to listen to the people."

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If you walk from the parking lot up the walk to the restaurant, you should be careful to see an imposing sight.

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■ Taylor Stephenson

Spring is just around the corner. This week, Brackett ISD has taken time to observe a ritual called Spring Break.

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■ Busy sports weekend

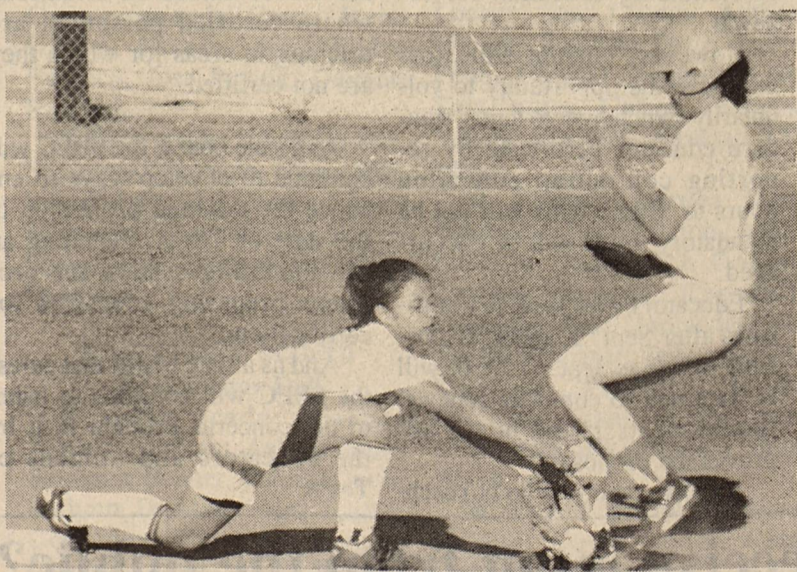
Brackett will host its annual baseball and softball tournaments this weekend. The Tiger Invitational begins at noon today.

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Stephanie Terrazas, left, attempts to tag out a baserunner. See related story, Page 5. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Filing ends Wednesday for city, school elections

Filing ends Wednesday for Brackettville's city council and school board elections in May.

The mayor's position and three city council spots, which all have two-year terms, will be up for grabs in the May 2 election.

Mayor Carmen Berlanga and Alderwomen Mary Flores and

Tenchu Pena have all filed for re-election.

The third city council post, which has been vacant since Tino Gomez's resignation last month, has drawn two candidates - Ralph Gonzalez and Martin Luna.

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Brackettville hosts week-long visit from master accordionist

Brackettville is gearing up for a week-long visit from master accordionist Santiago Jimenez Jr.

From March 16-22, Jimenez will discuss and present traditional Tex-Mex conjunto music for the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce, Brackettville Rotary Club, seniors centers, schools, Head Start groups, and other sites throughout the community.

With the discussions and mini-performances, Jimenez will underscore the importance of Tejano conjunto music and demonstrate why his accordion was influential in the creation of the unique conjunto sound.

The week of activities will be the eighth of 20 Community Residencies scheduled throughout Texas from January through June.

This residency celebrates Mexican American culture and musical traditions, one being Tejano conjunto music.

Following the tradition which his father helped establish, Jimenez performs polkas, waltzes and schottisches in a melodic and spirited manner.

He continues to be one of the most popular musicians recording and performing in the conjunto tradition.

Other Community Residencies will feature such traditional music masters as fiddlers Johnny Gimble, Alvin Crow and Valerie Ryals Bates, blues artist W.C. Clark and Carol Fran and Clarence Hollimon, singer



SANTIAGO JIMENEZ JR.

and cowboy poet Buck Ramsey, and conjunto accordionist Mingo Saldivar.

Each musician will spend seven days in a community, in a variety of small settings, performing, jamming with local musicians, and teaching classes, all to demonstrate the connections between his or her music and the local musical heritage.

For more information on the event, contact Joy Ralston at 563-2021.

Letters to the Editor

Newspaper delivery is slow

Enclosed is my check for another year's subscription. I enjoy your paper, but I am still having problems with its delivery by the Post Office. Last year's record is as follows:

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the Post Office's stated acceptable time of six working days from the date of posting. Not a very good record. And to date for this year, none have been delivered in the acceptable time, one is still out there somewhere.

All my efforts to correct this at the Post Office so far have failed to produce any real improvement. They tell me you need to complain at your end. It always seems to be someone else's responsibility.

Anyway, I would like to receive the March 2, 1998, issue if you have not already sent it, and also a Jan. 29, 1998, issue if at all possible.

Thanks for your patience and assistance. And a special thanks to Dimple Henry for her help in composing the obituary for Aunt Else (Sauer).

Ernestine A. Lopez
 Redwood City, Calif.

Arts and Crafts Fair a success

There was standing room only at the Fort Clark Arts and Crafts Fair March 7 at the Service Club.

Vendors from Del Rio, Dryden, Junction, Brackettville and Fort Clark enjoyed the large crowd and the resulting sales. Vendors called this "the best show yet."

Also enjoyed was the delicious chili made by Jack Workman. It was gone by 10 after 12:00. The homemade muffins and bread donated by Mary Batey and Joan Lindley didn't last long either.

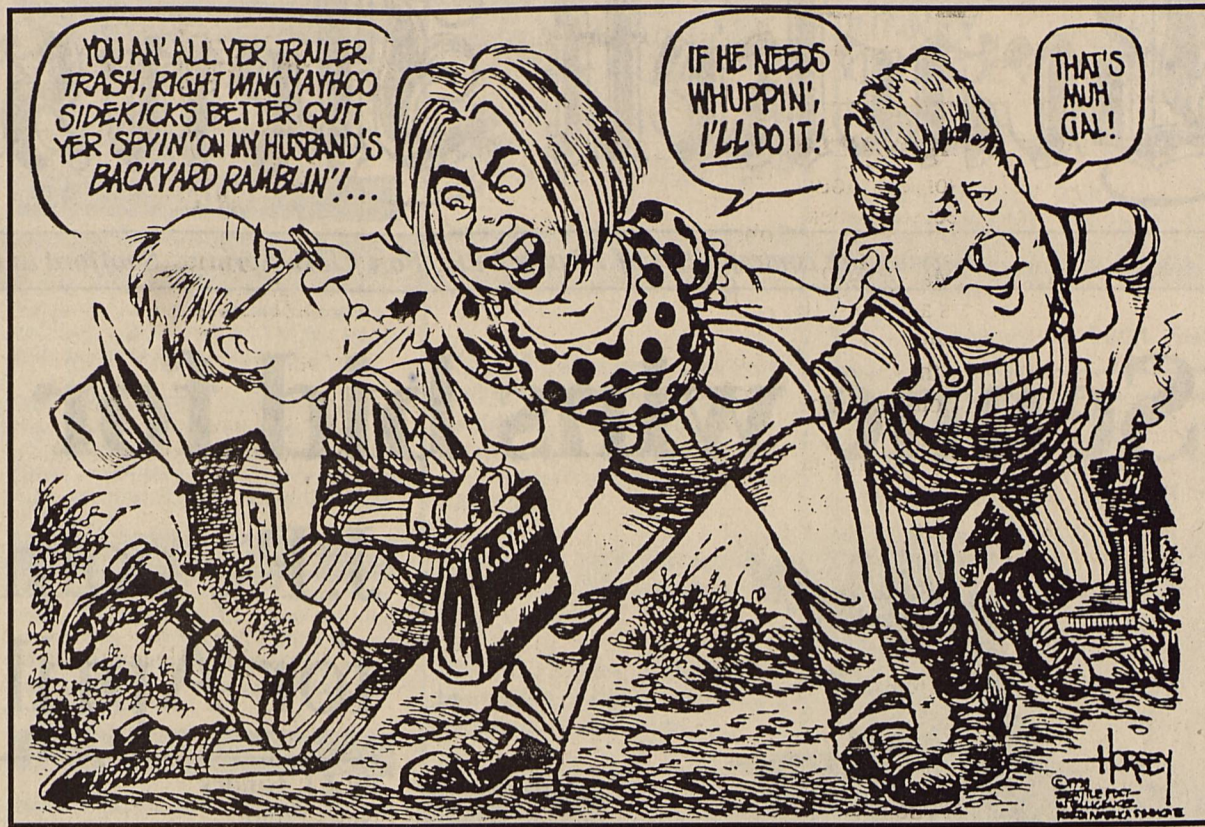
Everyone who participated and worked were winners, especially Jane Cowart, winner of the table

made and donated by Jack Workman; Kathy Warm won the basket of flowers donated by Kathryn Johnson; Delores Wilson and Dianna Fielding took home the paintings donated by Mary Batey and Evelyn Fiske.

Bud Breen's painting winner will be announced at the Fort Clark Springs Annual Meeting, March 28.

Special thanks to co-chairs Jo Workman and Betty Wright and their Art Club crew for their many hours of planning, preparation and hard work that made the fair a huge success.

Betty Gibbs



It doesn't take a lot to make a life rich

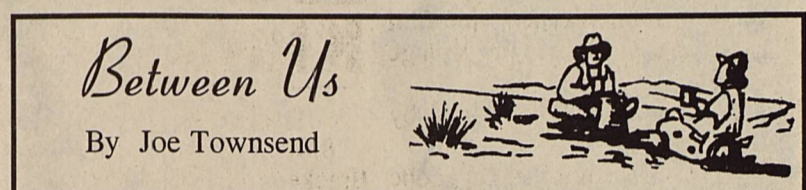
There is a most interesting sight at the restaurant at Fort Clark Springs.

In the flower beds last winter, there was quite an array of snapdragons. All through the winter they were a fantastic and beautiful sight. When they faded and were removed it left a dramatic blank spot.

If you walk from the parking lot up the walk to the restaurant, you should be careful to see an imposing sight. About half way there is a snapdragon.

A seed washed down from the flower bed and was caught in a very small crack between the stone of the building and the concrete of the walk.

The crack is so insignificant it would never be noticed were it not



for the snapdragon. It's so small it only has two or three small leaves and three snap blooms. They are a blazing red.

It's a miracle of nature and her desire to propagate every species. One would think there wouldn't be enough soil to sustain any growth, but enough material washed down and collected in the tiny crevice to provide food for the snapdragon.

Small it is, but at least it remains where all of the tall fancy plants and blooms of the past are gone.

This is the one seed from the hundreds produced from the bed that remains to show its beauty.

Anyone of us could take a lot of lessons from this plant. It doesn't take a large and flashy event to make life rich.

It does take one's availing himself of the opportunity when it comes and doing the best within the parameters of the possible.

If you go by this tiny snapdragon, breath a salute to one seed that overcame tremendous obstacles and bloomed in splendor.

SBEC - a state board that listens

By James Nelson
 SBEC Chairman

Until recently, Texas public school teachers and administrators were still governed from within a division of the Texas Education Agency, under the authority of the State Board of Education.

In 1995, all of this changed when the 74th Texas Legislature created the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) as a part of the new education code.

As a result of this legislation, Texas schoolteachers and administrators now have a governing board of peers and citizens who are committed to listen to their concerns.

The SBEC is a 15 member appointed board. The 12 voting members of the board consists of four current public school administrators, one current public school counselor, and five members of the public.

The governor, "with the advice and consent of the Texas Senate," appoints the board. The governor also appoints a non-voting member who must be a dean of one of the state's colleges of education.

The commissioner of education and the commissioner of higher education also have one non-voting appointment to the board.

The makeup of the Board ensures that different perspectives are brought to the table.

Over the past four months, the SBEC has listened to educators at 40 forums held throughout the state as they responded to proposals for periodic renewal of teaching certificates tied to a continuing education requirement.

The statute creating SBEC requires the board to establish requirements for renewal and continuing education.

As a result of concerns raised by the current educators of Texas, the SBEC has directed its staff to bring a proposal to the March SBEC meeting, which will exempt current educators from fulfilling proposed renewal requirements.

In other words, current educators would not be required to renew their existing certificates or obtain a required number of hours of continuing education for renewal.

However, current educators will have the opportunity to voluntarily switch over to a new standard educator certificate by reporting continuing education hours to SBEC. This will not be mandatory, but it will be encouraged.

Educators who receive certificates after Sept. 1, 1999, or possibly as late as Sept. 1, 2000, will be expected to complete renewal requirements if the board approves the proposal.

A recent report, Who Is Teach-

ing in Texas Public Schools, issued by the SBEC showed that more than 96 percent of the teachers in Texas classrooms during the 1996-97 school year met state certification standards.

However, 3.7 percent or less than 9,000 lacked full teaching credentials.

The SBEC will use the information contained in this report to identify issues and trends in the employment of non-certified individuals for certified teaching positions.

This information will enable SBEC, in cooperation with the Texas Education Agency and local school districts, to find ways to solve the problem of non-certified teachers in public school classrooms.

SBEC will also be looking at the issues raised in situations where certified personnel are teaching in areas for which they are not certified.

As a state board, the SBEC will continue to develop ways to enhance the teaching profession in the state of Texas, including an accountability system for programs preparing educators for certification.

And as a state board that cares, the SBEC will continue to listen to the concerns brought to it by the educators and citizens of Texas

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How do you receive input from the public?

The following was published in the Texas Observer and is being reprinted with permission.

What if you held a town meeting and nobody came? If you're the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), that's called public input.

The TNRCC has inaugurated a six-week series of "town hall" meetings around the state to discuss "strategic planning" -- but hasn't bothered to invite the public.

Almost nobody turned out for the first meetings in El Paso and San Angelo (because the agency had done zero publicity), and a Feb. 26 meeting at Arlington's North Central Texas Council of Governments building was nearly cancelled when the TNRCC only notified COG officials the day before. Dallas environmentalists who hastily organized

to testify said they waited for an hour for somebody to even open the building.

TNRCC watchers also report that Commissioner Barry McBee used a recent Dallas speech to blast the press, particularly the Dallas Morning News, for insufficiently favorable coverage of agency initiatives.

According to a press release we coaxed out of the agency, additional meetings for March include Amarillo (March 12), Harlingen (March 16), Corpus Christi (March 17), and San Antonio (March 19). For more information, call the TNRCC at (512) 239-5000, or check the web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Editor's note: The San Antonio "town hall" meeting is from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the UTSA Business Building on Loop 1604

Your family's share of the federal budget

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

This is the time when Congress once again figures the national budget and makes decisions on spending and taxes for the coming year.

Since this is also the time of year that you are preparing your federal income taxes, you may be interested in knowing where your hard-earned money is going.

Some think we will see a budget surplus for the first time in 30 years. If we do -- and that is still an "if" -- that money should be devoted to lessening the burden on taxpayers and making our economy stronger.

The biggest piece of the budget pie is Social Security. Almost a fourth of your federal taxes goes into this system. That's almost \$400 billion!

Congress, and now the president, have called for saving the Social Security system. The best way to do that is to reduce the national debt.

The debt simply takes good money out of the economy. That puts pressure on the Social Security system, as well as your family's budget. For example, a smaller federal debt will mean lower interest rates on your home or auto payment.

Lowering tax rates for working families like yours will reduce this massive debt and make the economy stronger. Keeping more of your money means that your family has more to save, as well as more to buy what it needs. Multiply that by the millions of families across the nation, and it's not too hard to see why lower, fairer taxes can grow the economy and shrink the debt.

The second biggest chunk of spending goes to our national defense. That's a little over 15 percent of your tax dollars. This year that will be about \$266 billion.

While that is a large amount of money, defense's slice of the budget pie is actually half of what it was 25 years ago. And it's not enough to pay for the current level of activity our military is required to do.

Congress routinely has to go back every year and find extra money to pay for operations like Bosnia, the Persian Gulf and Haiti. We shouldn't be the world's policeman. A more sensible defense plan would help reduce the burden you have to pay.

Close behind defense in the budget pie is the annual interest on the national debt. This year it will be over \$240 billion. That's right -- \$240 billion this year on interest alone. That's 14 percent of your federal tax dollars.

And how big is the debt? Try \$5.5 trillion. This is the biggest reason why we can't let up in the budget war.

The economy is strong because Congress has eliminated wasteful spending and provided tax relief for families. Paying off the debt and lowering your tax burden is still the best way to strengthen the economy and your family's budget.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

Jackie Williams spent her entire life in this extended community.

As a child, as a part of the Thurman family, she lived on a ranch in the Kickapoo county toward Rocksprings. The large family seldom went to town. School was a one-room schoolhouse.

She was the last survivor of her family. She was devoted to her husband and always involved in activities outside the home.

She operated a restaurant for a good while featuring the finest of home made pies.

Jackie was very friendly and helpful to anyone in need. She was deeply concerned about her family and a great help, especially to her sisters all of whom preceded her in death.

Jackie will be sorely missed, but is released from years of severe physical suffering now that she has joined her family in her heavenly home with her heavenly father. Surely, Jackie is an Unsung Hero.

Briefs ...

Junior college offers lifeguard training course

Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde is sponsoring a four-day Red Cross lifeguard training course on two consecutive week-ends.

The course is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 21-22, and Saturday and Sunday, March 28-29. Saturday hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday hours are from noon to 8 p.m.

"The junior college has an indoor, heated pool and, therefore, is one of the only facilities in our area where a lifeguard course can be held at this time of year," Bonnie Herndon said.

"It would be a great benefit to our community to have as many as possible take this course and become certified. There is a definite shortage of certified lifeguards in our area and there will be job openings this summer at area pools and summer camps."

The course teaches first aid, professional rescuer CPR and basic surveillance and rescue skills for pool, waterfront and waterpark lifeguards.

Participants must be at least 15 years of age and be able to pass a swimming test. The cost of the course is \$147.

"The initial cost of the course is \$113, including the required pocket mask, and an additional \$34.21 for two required textbooks," Herndon said. "However, the textbooks can be shared between students.

"If the cost of the course is prohibitive to a prospective lifeguard, we will try to find a sponsor. We can also arrange transportation to and from the course if needed."

Interested sponsors or prospective lifeguards in need of a sponsor transportation should contact Herndon at 563-9000.

The lifeguard training certification is valid for three years and the CPR for the professional rescuer certification is valid for one year.

For more information or to register, contact Rob Fowler at (830) 591-7244.

Alamo movie cast and crew invited to reunion

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

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

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

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

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

"We have long wanted to have a reunion of the Alamo cast and crew, but for one reason or another, it just never happened," she said. "Then we were contacted by the Dukes of Hollywood Cowboys, and organization dedicated to preserving Wayne's memory, who said they would like to celebrate Duke's 91st birthday at our place. We decided now is the time for the reunion."

Anyone who worked on the movie in any capacity should call Alamo Village at (830) 563-2580, or fax (830) 563-9226.

School hosts pancake supper Tuesday night

The Brackett Independent School District will host an administrative pancake supper on Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the school cafeteria. All of the proceeds from the pancake supper will go towards scholarships.

BISD Honor Roll

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

High School All A Honor Roll

Seniors: Jimmy Ballew, Caleb Crumley, Katy Hagler, Christina Meek, Samantha Perez, Alfredo Rodriguez, Cherise Ward.

Juniors: Lindsey Brotherton, Amanda Petrosky. Sophomores: Alexandra Arreola, Laura Ballew, James Burks, Zachry Davis, Tiffany Eckenrod, Jania Finkenbinder.

Freshmen: Schiller Hill.

A-B Honor Roll

Seniors: Elizabeth Aguirre, Windy Goodloe, JoLee Jones, Crystal Juarez, Michael Mulvaine, Patricia Ortiz, Jessica Rodefer, Jorge Rodriguez, Beatrice Smith, Baron Toms, Imelda Vela, Hubert Williams.

Juniors: Hilda Aguirre, Bobby Castro, Angela Childress, Sonya Correa, Colby Crosby, David Honstein, Jessica Jaso, Jacob Mann, Juan Martinez, Brent Smith, Aaron Taylor, Graciela Terrazas, Stephanie Terrazas. Sophomores: Jamie Bader, Jessica De Leon, Tara Eckenrod, Helen Fores, Steven Hagler, Daniel Hernandez, Jacob Hughes, Cindy Jennings, Seth Moore, Donald Page, Tricia Robinson, Theresa Ryan.

Freshmen: Christopher Campos, April Crumley, Cynthia Cruz, Kayla Cruz, Carissa De Los Santos, Christina Luna, Heather Martin, Laura Martinez, Sofia Martinez, Savannah Massingill, Christopher Petrosky, Brittany Moore.

Middle School All A Honor Roll

Eighth grade: Michelle Bizzell, Lloyd Lee Davis, Susannah Davis, Levi Duncan, Erica Gloria, Duquesa Hunt, Amanda Ward.

Seventh grade: Maria Martinez, Megan McWilliams, Coshen Meyer, Laura Negrete.

Sixth grade: Elizabeth Ballew, Amanda Davis, Dietrich Davis, Allison LaMascus, Emily Petrosky, Ashley Smith.

A-B Honor Roll

Eighth grade: Fabian Farias, Christina Flores, Stephanie Gomez, Migdalia Gonzalez, Candice Ingram, Michelle Kiser, Guillermo Molinar, Jamie Montalvo, Rodolfo Ramirez, Isela Ramon, Juan Rivas, Ira Sandoval, Ricky Sandoval.

Seventh grade: Ashley Antoine, Jason Bostick, Celina Cano, Amanda Cruz, Jared Hobbs, Nicole Mata, Pedro Pacheco, Jose Pineda, Douglas Sanchez.

Sixth grade: Stacey Castilla, Stephanie Coronado, Nancy Hill, Averlardo Martinez, Nancy Martinez, Arnold Pinales, Blanca Talamantes, Blake Ward, Beau Watkins.

Elementary School All A Honor Roll

Fifth grade: Clarissa Aguirre, Juliann Ashabranner, Stephanie Bonner, Tillman Davis, Jaclynn Duncan, Sara Farias, Courtney Frerich, Monica Gonzales, Jared Grubbs, Whitney Hobbs, Whitney Massingill, Kristin Meyer, Oscar Sierra.

Fourth grade: Dana Bonner, Mandy Harris, Tanya Molinar, Yasmin Pena, Megan Reinhold.

Third grade: Adan Aguirre, Dolores Cano, Stanford Conoly, Clint Conrad, Robert Davis, Allison DelBosque, Cullen Duncan, Albaro Duran, Joaquin Fernandez, Seth Frerich, Casey Harris, Lorena Mendoza, Sharon Moore, Lisa Morgan, Israel Muniz, Ivan Pinales, Jessica Siegel, Natasha Smith, Michael Stephenson, Abel Talamantes, Nadine Terrazas, Emily

Spring has almost arrived Obituaries

Guy Hibler

Guy Hibler, 85, of Fort Clark Springs passed away Wednesday, March 4, at a local hospital. He was born May 23, 1912, in Roswell, N.M.

Hibler was a member of the Brackettville Lions Club, former member of the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors, and a civilian flight instructor for many years.

Survivors are his wife of 24 years: Ann Hibler of Fort Clark Springs; daughters: Pamela Kludd and husband Rick of California, and Suzanne Whaley of Arkansas; step-son: Bud Atwell of Austin; 11 grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

Memorial services were Friday, March 6, at the Methodist Church in Brackettville with Rev. Sheree Harris officiating.

The family requests donations be made to Kinney County EMS.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of G.W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home, 114 Fletcher Dr., Del Rio.

Bill Mills

Bill (The Hole in One King) Mills, 74, of Fort Clark, passed away Saturday, Feb. 28, in Del Rio.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Zelma Odette Mills, who he adored and lovingly cared for. He is also survived by his sons Ron D., Don O. and Anthony L. Mills, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Manuel Leslie Mills and Sarah Elizabeth Mills, and his brother, Melvin (Junior).

Funeral services were held Monday, March 2 at the Frontier Baptist Church in Brackettville with Rev. Joe Townsend officiating.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of G.W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home, 114 Fletcher Dr., Del Rio.

Spring is just around the corner in Kinney County. This week, Brackett ISD has taken time to observe a ritual called Spring Break.

It's a time for fun, rest and relaxation. The students and staff need a break from the final few weeks of school that begin Monday, March 16.

Signs of spring are everywhere. Humming birds are returning from Mexico and points south. Spring colors are everywhere as trees put on their beautiful spring coats. For instance, take a look at the trees on the Par 3 golf course at Fort Clark Springs.

Spring flowers are blooming all over our country. The roses are blooming in Brackettville with disregard for the cooler weather that may come our way soon. Other roses are waiting for warmer weather, but want to participate in the spring show by putting on new leaves. It's a beautiful time in Brackettville and Kinney County, USA.

Sports Activities

Though we are on break, we have a baseball tournament and

MAKING A DIFFERENCE By Taylor Stephenson, BISD Superintendent

softball games scheduled for the end of the week. Check out the baseball and softball fields. You'll enjoy watching our fine kids and coaches perform.

Tennis, golf and track are in full season. We're keeping busy with lots of activity at BISD.

Fightin' Tiger Band

I was able to listen to the band play this past week. They have improved immensely. They are clean cut, well-disciplined young people who are working hard to be better tomorrow than they are today.

This band can play and gets better every time that I hear them. I'm proud of them. I'm proud of the work that band members and their directors have done this year.

Candidates Night

If you missed the Candidates Night at Brackett ISD Thursday night, you missed a good one.

There were 10 local candidates who answered questions directed by members of the Brackett High School National Honor Society and Student Council.

The students did a superb job planning and implementing this new project. Julie Bruce, Student Council sponsor, helped our students plan the activity and was there to give support to the students.

The candidates were quite good. They were straight forward and gave answers as if 1,000 folks were there listening. The disappointment was that the voters didn't come out to this big event. So, let's do it again. It was a good start for our community.

That's it for this week. I hope that your break has been a good one. We'll be ready to hit the ground running Monday.

Have a great week!

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Wednesday, March 4

8:45 a.m., An employee at Brackett Independent School District reported that a battery was taken from a blue pickup on school property.

6:59 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported a speeding vehicle near her residence on Thomas Street. Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the scene.

Thursday, March 5

10:03 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported loud music near her residence on Remote Alley. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was dispatched to the scene.

Saturday, March 7

6:55 p.m., A Border Patrol agent reported a man that was driving wrecklessly at Fort Clark Springs. Deputy Guidry and Reserve Deputy Ron Ring were dispatched to the scene. They met

with the driver at his residence.

10:28 p.m., A Brackettville woman requested assistance at her residence on Spring Street because she saw a man outside of her house. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene and spoke with the complainant. He later found the man, an illegal alien, at Stop -N- Shop.

Sunday, March 8

11:00 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported a skunk fighting with dogs and acting strange. City of Brackettville officials were notified.

1:59 p.m., A motorist on Highway 90 reported a truck fire five miles east of Brackettville. Members of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department were dis-

patched to the scene.

4:17 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that there was someone behind Pico's who was possibly drunk. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He met with the intoxicated man and took him to his father's house.

11:17 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported loud music near her residence on Beaumont Street. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.

Monday, March 9

8:10 a.m., A Brackettville man reported graffiti. Someone had spray painted on the walls of the Kinney County Annex building and Krieger Insurance. Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess was dispatched to the locations.

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Bush moves into showdown with Mauro

Republican Primary Results

U.S. Representative, District 23	County results	State results
Henry Bonilla	12 100%	N/A 100%
Governor		
George W. Bush	19 100%	576,451 96.6%
R.C. Crawford	0	20,560 3.4%
Lieutenant Governor		
Rick Perry	15 100%	448,684 100%
Attorney General		
John Cornyn	7 43.8%	176,167 32.2%
Tom Pauken	1 6.2%	162,123 29.7%
Barry Williamson	8 50.0%	208,267 38.1%
Comptroller of Public Accounts		
Carole Keeton Rylander	14 100%	432,558 100%
Land Commissioner		
David Dewhurst	9 60%	265,352 51.2%
Don Loucks	2 13.3%	36,655 7.1%
Jerry Patterson	4 26.7%	216,200 41.7%
Agriculture Commissioner		
Susan Combs	14 82.4%	388,375 75.0%
Hamp Hodges	3 17.6%	129,495 25.0%
Railroad Commissioner		
Tony Garza	10 50.0%	292,192 53.1%
Steve Stockman	10 50.0%	257,753 46.9%
Supreme Court Justice, Place 1		
Craig T. Enoch	14 100%	N/A 100%
Supreme Court Justice, Place 2		
Harriet O'Neill	4 25.0%	313,417 64.2%
Candace G. Tyson	12 75.0%	174,87 37.7%
Supreme Court Justice, Place 4		
Deborah Hankinson	10 58.8%	290,964 59.4%
Steve Smith	7 41.2%	198,679 40.6%
Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 1		
David Barron	7 41.2%	70,266 15.4%
Vicki Isaacks	3 17.6%	104,612 23.0%
Mike Keasler	0	164,055 36.0%
Lloyd W. Oliver	5 29.4%	53,927 11.8%
David A. Schulman	2 11.8%	62,399 13.7%
Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 2		
Murff F. Bledsoe	1 6.7%	45,637 10.4%
Harvey Hudson	2 13.2%	111,013 25.2%
Cheryl Johnson	6 40.0%	117,157 26.6%
Jeffrey Brian Keck	0	31,607 7.2%
Forrest Lumpkin	1 6.7%	34,867 7.9%
John C. Moncure	1 6.7%	21,135 4.8%
William Harrison Ray	1 6.7%	31,571 7.2%
Jerry E. Smith	3 20.0%	47,328 10.7%
Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 3		
Herb Hancock	7 50.0%	186,173 42.8%
Lawrence 'Larry' Meyers	7 50.0%	248,476 57.2%
Board of Education, District 1		
Donna Ballard	13 81.2%	12,968 72.8%
Mary Helen Cantu	3 18.8%	4,837 27.2%

Gov. George W. Bush trounced his opponent in Tuesday's Republican primary, setting the stage for a fall showdown against Democratic gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro.

Bush garnered 576,451 votes in the election and R.C. Crawford, a little known candidate from Round Rock, had 20,560. In Kinney County, Bush topped Crawford 19-0.

It was also an easy election night for Mauro, who faced no competition in the Democratic primary.

In two other top statewide races — lieutenant governor and state comptroller — candidates in both primaries were unchallenged.

Two former Aggie classmates, Democrat John Sharp and Republican Rick Perry, are now opponents in the race for lieutenant governor, the state's second-highest statewide office.

Sharp currently serves as the state comptroller and Perry is the agriculture commissioner.

Republican Carole Keeton Rylander and Democrat Paul Hobby also were unchallenged in their primaries and will face each other in the race for state comptroller.

Rylander is a member of the Texas Railroad Commission and Hobby, the son of former Lt. Gov. Paul Hobby Sr., is a Houston businessman.

Jim Mattox handily won the Democratic nomination for attorney general and will face the winner of an April 14 runoff between two Republicans.

Mattox finished with 452,744 votes while Morris L. Overstreet had 120,266 and Gene Kelly tallied 88,933. Locally, Mattox had 499 votes, Kelly had 149 and Overstreet had 131.

GOP candidate Barry Williamson will face John Cornyn

in the runoff for the state's top attorney position. Williamson garnered 208,267 votes, Cornyn had 176,167 and Tom Pauken finished with 162,123. Williamson and Cornyn were also the top vote-getters in Kinney County.

In the 23rd Congressional District race, Democrats Charlie Urbina Jones and Joseph Sullivan are headed for another runoff to decide who will face incumbent Republican Rep. Henry Bonilla in November.

Jones was the top vote-getter with 20,899, Sullivan had 19,997 and Allen Rindfuss had 5,277. Locally, Jones led with 410 votes, Sullivan had 340 and Rindfuss finished with 91.

Jones and Sullivan are in a rematch of 1996, when they also ended up in a runoff for the sprawling congressional district, which stretches from northwest Bexar County to the edge of El Paso. Jones narrowly won that runoff. Rindfuss also ran, finishing third.

Bonilla, who is seeking his fourth term, had no opposition in the GOP primary.

Former Secretary of State Tony Garza defeated Steve Stockman 292,192 to 257,753 in the Republican primary for a position on the Texas Railroad Commission. Each candidate received 10 votes in Kinney County.

Garza will face Joe Henderson in the general election. Henderson had 360,383 votes in the Democratic primary while opponent Gary Dugger had 209,746. Locally, Henderson had a 443 to 221 advantage.

Democratic Primary Results

U.S. Representative, District 23	County results	State results
Charlie Urbina Jones	410 48.8%	20,899 45.3%
Allen Rindfuss	91 10.8%	5,277 11.4%
Joseph P. (Joe) Sullivan	340 40.4%	19,997 43.3%
Governor		
Garry Mauro	562 100%	485,624 100%
Lieutenant Governor		
John Sharp	584 100%	504,058 100%
Attorney General		
Gene Kelly	149 19.1%	88,933 13.4%
Jim Mattox	499 64.1%	452,744 68.4%
Morris L. Overstreet	131 16.8%	120,266 18.2%
Comptroller of Public Accounts		
Paul Hobby	559 100%	471,983 100%
Land Commissioner		
Richard Raymond	530 100%	471,368 100%
Agriculture Commissioner		
Ernesto L. De Leon	298 41.4%	247,569 41.0%
L.P. (Pete) Patterson	422 58.6%	356,620 59.0%
Railroad Commissioner		
Gary Dugger	221 33.3%	209,746 36.8%
Joe B. Henderson	443 66.7%	360,383 63.2%

Runoff candidate to be determined

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Precinct 2 Commissioner Joe Montalvo was the top-vote getter in his race with 158. He will also be involved in the April runoff, but his opponent has not been determined. Dennis J. Slubar Sr. and Flavio Talamantez both finished with 86 votes and Jerry Mayes had 35.

The Texas Election Code says: "If two or more candidates tie for the second highest number of votes in the main election, the tied candidates shall cast lots to determine which one is to be the second candidate in the runoff election"

A name will be drawn by

Democratic Chairperson Mary Flores Friday at 9 a.m. at the Kinney County Courthouse to determine if Slubar or Talamantez competes in the runoff election.

Incumbent Precinct 4 Commissioner Paul L. O'Rourke and challenger Pat Melancon will also vie in a runoff. O'Rourke had 135 votes, Melancon garnered 121, Bill Bizzell finished with 115, and Jerry Strother had 37.

Janis J. Floyd, who is seeking a second term as county treasurer, was successful against challenger Julie Fuentes Molano, 789-487.

District and County Clerk Dora Elia Sandoval, who ran unopposed, garnered 892 votes.

Filing ends Wednesday

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In the school board race, trustees will be elected to fill three expiring three-year terms and one unexpired term with one year remaining.

Incumbents Lloyd Lee Davis Jr., Gloria Garcia and Darlene Shahan have filed for the three-year terms.

Jim McDaniel has filed for the unexpired term. He was appointed to the board last year following Jimmy Bader's resignation.

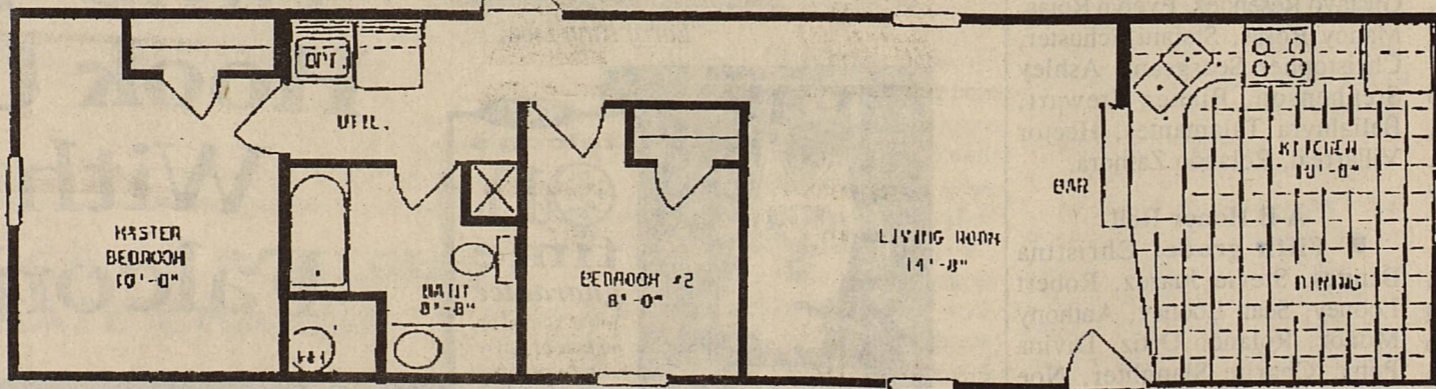


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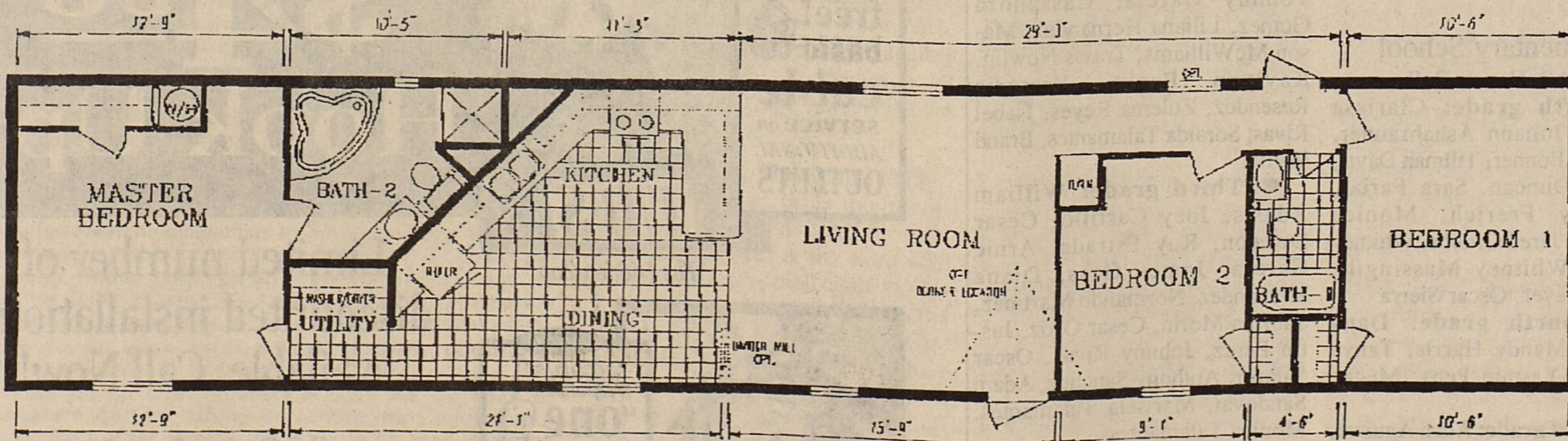


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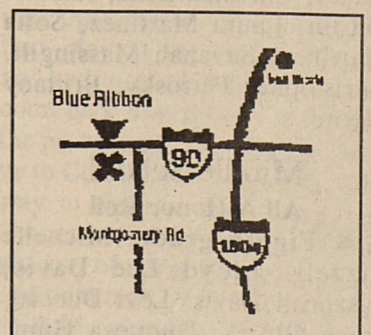
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Erika Garcia fires a pitch as first baseman Lindsey Brotherton looks on.
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Brackett hosts tournaments

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

Brackett will host its annual baseball and softball tournaments this weekend.

The Second Annual Tiger Invitational begins at noon today as Carrizo Springs faces Sabinal. Dilley will play Sonora at 2 p.m.

Tomorrow, the Tigers face Utopia at noon and La Pryor battles Del Rio's junior varsity at 2 p.m.

"I think it's going to be a solid tournament," Brackett coach Gary Grubbs said. "We have a good mixture of 1A, 2A and 3A teams."

The Tigers (7-2) are coming off of a 12-2 victory over Sabinal on Tuesday.

Jorge Rodriguez pitched a complete game for Brackett and J. Wayne Ballew and Luis Guajardo both had home runs.

The Tigerettes are hosting their fifth annual tournament. Devine, the two-time defending champion, will not be on hand this year.

Uvalde and Brackett J.V. open the action at 8 a.m., Bandera faces Del Rio J.V. at 9:10, Eagle Pass J.V. plays Carrizo Springs at 10:20, and Brackett meets Uvalde J.V. at 11:30.

The Tigerettes (4-3) are coming off of 20-12 win over Eagle Pass J.V. on Tuesday.

"We're still not making some routine outs," Tigerettes coach Greg Nowlin said. "Hopefully, we can correct that."

LaToya Wright had a perfect 3-for-3 performances against the Lady Eagles and Stephanie Terrazas was 3 for 4.

The Tigerettes open district tomorrow night as they host the D'Hanis Cowgirls at 7.

Lee wins first place honors

Betty Lee took top honors as the Ladies League's 18 Hole Group played a game of low putts. She finished with 22.

Betty Mathison and Kay Roberts tied for second place as each had 29 putts. Marge Maderich and Ann Malin both had 30 to tie for fourth.

In 9 Hole Group action, Joyce Ambler, Betty Schlatterer, Molly Schroeder and Doris Webber posted a 38 to win a team scramble.

Mary Butler, Jean Land and Eilene Voracek took second with a 39.

Jean Petaja, Kitty Sterling, Mylo Unruh and Peg Woolston finished third with a

Golf Roundup

40. Fourth place went to Betty Gibbs, Mary Hermanson, LaVon McLane and Bobbie Waddill. They had a 43.

■ **Couples League:** The Houks and the Staffords tied the Williamsons and the Dillahuntys as the groups had combined scores of 161.

The Wallers, Ebert and Butler team finished third with a 162, while fourth went to the Hinklemans and the Mathisons with a 164 and the Simpsons, Land and McClaine team took fifth with a 165.

Williams leads Tigers to fourth place finish at Junction

Demitreus Williams took first place in the triple jump and third in the long jump Saturday as the Tigers track team took fourth place overall at the Junction Relays.

Williams and Lionel Ramos were the high point scorers for Brackett.

Ramos finished second in the 800-meter run and David Honstein took fifth.

Honstein, Tony Rubio, Jacob Hughes and Isaac Gutierrez took

second in the 3200-meter relay. The mile relay team of Honstein, Ramos, Williams and Brent Smith finished fifth.

Smith took fifth in the 200-meter dash while James Burks was fourth in the 3200 and Gutierrez was sixth.

Jarrett Meeks took sixth place in the discus competition.

Melinda Villarreal was the high point scorer for the Tigerettes, who finished fifth overall.

Villarreal won the 100-meter dash and Jamie Bader took sixth place. Villarreal was fourth in the long jump.

Heather Martin took fifth in the 200, and Jania Finkenbinder was fourth in the 800 and fifth in the 400.

The sprint relay team of Villarreal, Martin, Katy Hagler and Tina Meek took fourth.

Sonya Correa was second in the 1600-meter run and fifth in the 3200.

Correa, Finkenbinder, Villarreal and Jennifer Ashabanner took sixth in the 1600-meter relay.

OUTDOORS

Comstock park hosts cave dwelling tour

Here is a look at the State Parks' events calendar for the month of March:

■ **Fate Bell Cave Dwelling Tour,** Seminole Canyon State Historical Park, Comstock:

Take a walking guided tour to see some of North America's oldest pictographs and cave dwellings.

The tour is every Wednesday through Sunday, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 3 to 4:30 p.m. Fees are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. For more information, call (915) 292-4464.

■ **Horseback Outing,** Hill Country State Natural Area, Bandera:

Ride will focus on the cultural and natural resources of the area. Mount and lunch provided.

The outing is available from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fees are \$50 for TCP members and \$55 for adults. Reservations are required and must be made through Running "R" Ranch. For more information, call (830) 796-3984.

■ **Bird Watching - Sparrow Study,** Pedernales Falls State Park, Johnson City:

Bring binoculars and walk the trails to spot birds.

A Little On The Wildlife Side
By Henry Lutz
Kinney County Game Warden

■ **Bird viewing stations** are available daily. For more information, call (830) 868-7304.

■ **Petroglyph Tour,** San Angelo State Park, San Angelo: Visit the site of a prehistoric Native American village and see Native American rock art.

The March 14 tour is from 1 to 3 p.m. In addition to the park entry fee, tour fees are free to TCP members, \$2 for non-members, and \$1 for children 12 and under. Reservations are available but not required. For more information, call (915) 949-4757.

■ **Bird Identification Tour,** Choke Canyon SP Calliham Unit, Calliham:

Walk the bird trail and along the water's edge with a guide to identify birds and water fowl.

Tours will be held on March 14 and March 28, from 9 to 11 a.m. For more information, call (512) 786-3868.

■ **Dinosaur Walk,** San Angelo State Park, San Angelo: Hike back in time to tracks left over 200 million years ago by Permian vertebrates. Hike is three miles long.

The March 21 event is from 1 to 3 p.m. In addition to the park entry fee, the tour fees are free to TCP members, \$2 for non-members, and \$1 for children 12 and under. Reservations are available but not required. For more information, call (915) 949-4757.

■ **Pressa Canyon Tour,** Seminole Canyon State Historical Park, Comstock:

Take a hike and view the lower canyons and rock art sites in the closed area of the park.

The March 28 tour is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fees are \$15 for TCP members and \$20 for non-members. Reservations are required. For more information, call (915) 292-4464.

New USDA program restores degraded native wildlife habitat on private lands

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's newest wildlife program and it's for people who want to restore degraded native wildlife habitat on private lands.

"WHIP is a voluntary program which provides both technical assistance and cost-sharing to restore degraded native habitat on private land," explained James Crumley, a district conservationist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

"Participants who own or control land agree to prepare and implement a wildlife habitat development plan which contains wildlife habitat practices to be installed on the land.

"In addition, if the landowner agrees, wildlife agencies like the Texas Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or private organizations like Ducks Unlimited may also provide expertise or additional funding to help complete a project," he added.

The wildlife habitat development plan is prepared in consultation with the West Nueces-Las Moras Soil and Water Conservation District.

The plan describes the landowner's goals for improving wildlife habitat, includes a list of practices

and schedule for installing them, and details the steps necessary to restore and maintain the habitat for the life of the agreement.

"USDA and the participant enter into a cost-share agreement to restore the degraded native habitat," Crumley said.

"The agreement generally lasts five to 10 years from the date the contract is signed. The landowner agrees to maintain the cost-shared practices and allow USDA access to monitor the effectiveness of the practices."

The NRCS agrees to provide technical assistance and pay up to 75 percent of the cost of installing the wildlife habitat practices.

Land is not eligible for WHIP if it's currently enrolled in the Water Bank Program, Conservation Reserve Program, and the Wetlands Reserve Program.

The sign up for WHIP is in progress at the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Office at Kinney County Courthouse. For more information, call 563-2414.

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By: Chuck Hall



It's been one full year!

It's hard to believe that it's been a full year (Feb. 6 to be exact) since I first submitted an article to Wes and asked him to consider it worthy of a weekly addition to The Brackett News. It's even harder to believe that he accepted it!

Anyway, I hope you've enjoyed my column. I trust I haven't bored you too much.

I hope that during the past year I have been able to bring an idea to your head, a thought to your mind, a smile to your lips, a

chuckle to your heart, or a warm glowing feeling somewhere deep inside of you.

I have tried to keep the subject short, light and still meaningful. I hope I haven't failed. I hope you've enjoyed reading as much as I've enjoyed writing.

During the next year, I will do even better. Future submissions will be of Nobel quality. I will present such fine work that you won't believe it. Wes will triple my salary. But, I could be wrong!

Black bears headed this way

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Did you know that black bears are headed our way? They aren't due in on tomorrow's bus, but they are moving in this direction.

Bears are making a come back after almost being killed out. In 1986, however, a federal law made it illegal to kill them. Instead of becoming one more lost species, they are now seen in increasing numbers.

Silvestre Sorola, from the Wildlife Division of Texas Parks and Wildlife, is a wildlife biologist in research and management for Val Verde and Edwards County. He came to speak to the Brackettville Rotary Club last Thursday at the request of friend and Rotarian, Tino Guzman.

Sorola said that anytime a bear or bear tracks are seen and a rancher or farmer has lost any livestock they should report it to Parks and Wildlife. Someone will come out and, if they are able to spot the bear, they will trap it and take it to an area where it won't endanger anyone or kill stock.

He explained that it is hard to imagine how many bears once lived in Texas. In fact, they were plentiful in almost all of the United States and Canada, except for the tundra.

Seen as predators, bears were killed without thought. Like the buffalo, they almost became extinct.

In researching bears, Sorola said he ran into numerous stories about bear kills. Years ago, farmers and ranchers thought the supply of bears was endless. The animals were killed for sport, to protect livestock, and to feed slaves.

One story he recounted was of a man in Louisiana who engaged in a yearly hunt. He would take his slaves and dogs to Devils' Pocket in Wharton where bears were plentiful and bring back a wagon load of bears.



Tino Guzman, left, welcomes Silvestre Sorola to last week's Rotary Club meeting.
Photo by Frances McMaster

A hog farmer who lived on the Trinity River between 1802 and 1885 killed 300 bears in the course of his lifetime. He was protecting his hogs.

The Western Black Bear is coming back into Texas from the eastern part of the Sierra Madres and just below the Big Bend National Park. There are big ranches and many cattle raised in this area. The ranchers are interested not only in their cattle but in protecting the bears.

The animals are attracted to the area because of recent good rainfall which provides a plentiful supply of food bears like to eat. They like prickly cactus pears, berries, acorns and pine nuts.

Bears are opportunistic and will eat any dead animal he or she happens upon. They will also kill for food when they're hungry. Bears love water and love to play in it.

In 1985, bears began coming back into Texas. A sow and her two cubs were sited at Big Bend. There are about 20 there now and appear to be thriving.

Sorola told of recently getting a report from Langtry that livestock were being killed by a bear. A sow and her cubs had been seen. Sorola and some others went there to try to catch and transport them

to a better place.

The mother was in the canyon and they got her, but the two cubs were on the top of the canyon.

Sorola had a helicopter come in to help. However, he described the chase that ensued by saying the cubs made him and his helpers look like the Keystone Cops. The cubs ran around the men, through their legs, every way.

The female was finally caught, but the little male ended up perilously close to the edge of a ledge overlooking the canyon.

The chasers talked it over and decided to go eat lunch. They certainly didn't want to frighten the cub into falling. In fact, they wanted to keep the family together.

Finally, through the glasses, two small ears appeared on the horizon at the top of the canyon, then two eyes, then the whole cub. The men thought they'd won their battle, but it still took another half hour to catch the cub. He was finally roped by a cowboy who had joined the chase.

On another occasion, traps had to be set -- 18 of them. The only thing caught in a trap was Sorola himself, he admitted sheepishly.

"Don't ever think bears aren't clever," he said.

Briefs ...

Bridge Club attracts six and a half tables

The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club held its weekly game Tuesday in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs. There were six and a half tables playing, using the Mitchell Movement.

Mac and Maria McCandless won first on the north-south side, while Vern and Betty Ebert were second and Fred and Nita Clayton finished third.

Winners on the east-west side were Milo Unruh and Peg Woolston. Ann Malin and Evelyn Whitley tied Ken and Betty TeGrotenhuis for second place.

Miller hosts local sorority meeting

After attending the joint Memorial Ritual for Betty Inman, Beta Epsilon Omicron met at Barbara Miller's home last Monday.

Minutes were read and approved, and Marla Madrid read the treasurer's report. The executive committee announced that the pins were ordered for Founder's Day. A thank you card was read from Cathy Conroy.

Members decided that the next meeting would be at 7 p.m. instead of 7:30. Miller gave her autobiography, which included many pictures, and served cake.

Secret Sister information sheets were filled out. Secret Sister gifts will be exchanged at Monday's meeting and Secret Sisters will be revealed.

Members present were Madrid, Miller, Opal Groce, Judy Hooker, Hazel Ivey, Betty Mathison and Helen Peck. New member Jan Peck and guest Elizabeth Goebel were also in attendance.

Chamber to meet

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight at 6:30 in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

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City Manager

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Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to reclassify the Rate Group for several Southwestern Bell's exchanges.

The typical customer's bill for one Basic Local Service 1-party line may change from **\$2.40 to \$7.80 annually for Residence** and from **\$5.40 to \$36.00 annually for Business**.

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The Commission has received the application as PUC Docket No. 18509 (SOAH Docket No. 473-98-0092). Certain municipalities have moved to intervene in the proceeding and may request that the Commission require Southwestern Bell to reimburse these municipalities for their attorneys' fees and other costs pursuant to the provisions of Section 51.006 of the Texas Utility Code. Southwestern Bell reserves the right to petition the Commission in the same proceeding to impose a surcharge on customer bills to recover reimbursement costs.

Persons who wish to comment or want additional information regarding this application may receive this information at no cost to them and at the expense of Southwestern Bell by calling or writing the Commission. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13336, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or you may call the Commission at 1-888-782-8-77 or 512-936-7120. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at 512 936-7136.

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The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Major General Francis Henry French
Courtesy of his descendants

choir met to practice the quartet. Maj. Witherell, the tenor could not get his part and doesn't seem to be able to get it after a great deal of practice. Am afraid for tomorrow evening. Escorted Miss Folsom to Capt. Feche't's and then went to Mrs. Hall's, where had a right good time at whist, Hewitt and I being beaten. Was a little late in getting there on account of the singing.

Sunday, March 14, 1886
Attended inspection as usual this morning and then marched on guard. After relieving the old guard returned to quarters to change my clothes. No mail for me. Wrote usual letter home, and read "Kathrina" until four o'clock when went to dinner. In the evening attended chapel but left right after the quartet was sung. Got through it all right. Dozed until tattoo, after which read "Kathrina" until it was finished. Had to read it through so hastily that intend to read it again. Officer of the Day inspected after midnight, but I did not turn in until "Kathrina" was read.

Monday, March 15, 1886
Geary relieved me at guard mounting. Mail brought a letter from Dr. Porter which shows that he is just about the same. It must be terrible to have such a disease, not knowing what moment the heart will stop entirely. Weeded part of the front yard until lunch a much needed job as the grass was being choked out. After lunch read the papers in the Library, played billiards with Geary and read part of Sheridan's play "The Rivals". Capt. Vance was Officer of the Day and took the calls. Called on Mrs. Lyster and Mrs. Cunningham in the evening. Word came today by telegraph that the President had set aside Maj. Smith's sentence entirely. So the

19th is still to be saddled with that rascal. What a shame.

Tuesday, March 16, 1886
Had charge of the company and put it through a skirmish drill this morning. Was a little rusty but managed to get through without any error. Sat on Capt. Feche't's porch after breakfast until mail came. This brought a letter from Shunk to the effect that our land purchase was all right. Played billiards with Geary until lunch, after trying a man before the garrison court. Wrote up proceedings of court after lunch and read "The Rivals" until five o'clock when we had dinner. Dinner is to be served at this hour hereafter. After retreat went down to store to straighten out account in which a mistake has been made, and succeeded in finding the error. Hewitt took Mrs. Gillmore out for a ride this evening. The cart partially upset and she fell out, hurting her face & head, so that the Cercle Francais had to be given up. Hope she is not seriously injured. Geary & Steele came in to see me a while and then Geary & I called at Col. Bliss' until tattoo. After this Geary came in a while and then I read "Rivals" and dozed. Commenced to write a French letter to Mr. Preston.

Wednesday, March 17, 1886
St. Patrick's Day. Mail brought a letter and package of seed from home and a case to be tried by the General Court. Went down to guard house to investigate the case, but the prisoner was out at work. Steele was Officer of the Guard and sent him up to my quarters afterwards for examination. Went over to office to make preparations for the court and then wrote on letter home until lunch. Completed this after lunch and also wrote to John White in regard to his engagement to Lula. Mail brought the bill for the first volume of the encyclopedia but the book has not come yet. Wrote a little more on the French letter. On way to dinner made engagement to escort Mrs. Lyster to the promenade concert this evening. After dinner Capt. Vance took Mrs. Hall, Miss Saunders and myself out for a long ride in his buckboard which was very much enjoyed by me. Went to the promenade concert in the evening but only three couples were there and most of the time was spent in listening to the music. Capt. Hall took retreat for me on account of the ride. At tattoo promised to go on guard tomorrow for Payne.

Thursday, March 18, 1886
Marched on guard this morning in place of Payne. After guard mounting went up for mail which had nothing but some newspapers sent to advertise them. At ten o'clock tried a man before the General Court. The case lasted a little over an hour when returned to the guard house, examined a prisoner for trial before the garrison court and wrote on proceedings until lunch. Was unable to find Maj. Witherell after lunch and had to postpone the garrison court until tomorrow. Completed the proceedings and carried them up to Col. Lyster for signature on way to dinner. Read a little in Draper but could not do much on account of the poor light. Dozed and slept most of the time until 1-45 A.M. when Officer of the Day inspected.

Federales attack Querecho Flats Engagement

Well folks, the good people of Querecho Flats has been attacked once again by the federales. Yep, the official (documented) and badge wearing health inspector made it by Garlan's Mostly General Store and Post Office as well as Karl's Konstant Kitchen and Kar Kare Salon.

The regular inspector got transferred to Paduca and I think he was glad of it. He was the only government employee that had to get drunk in order to complete his duly appointed rounds.

You see, Garlan sold chile, hot dogs, tacos, as well as pickled eggs and pickled weiners. All of this was home made and damn good. He didn't sell it every day but when he got bored, he would make up a batch of some thing and have a special on it.

Along with all this neat stuff, he had the usual things that you could put in a microwave and nuke. You know, like them gut grenades called burritos and those packaged sandwiches made out of the sweepings off the slaughter house floor.

Garlan also had on hand a supply of home brew that is to die for.

In contrast was Karl's and Marthalean's kitchen that served up some of the worst looking (not to mention worst smelling) so



called food in the whole continental world.

Marthalean (a contradiction in terms) kept the cafe and kitchen semi-clean. By that, I mean she changed out the french fry grease when the deep fryer caught on fire and the Querecho Flats V.F.D. made it's twice monthly fire run in order to save the building, the sink and the deep freeze along with the few smoke stained chairs and really used stove.

The regular inspector would start at Garlan's and give old Garlan a real tough inspection. He would walk in, set down and ask if he just might happen to have some of that wonderful stuff he put up in soda pop bottles.

Of course, Garlan would give 'im a bottle or 12 and this more or less paved the way for Karl and Marthalean to have their place passed as reasonable safe for serving food.

Garlan and Karl had made arrangements years ago concerning the price Karl would pay for the

home brew that it took to get the inspector blitzed. Well, this new inspector was not only a tea totaler, he was a vegetarian Democrat (he was immediately distrusted, despised and set up).

He informed Garlan that his place was not fit for food to be served in it. And if he was caught serving it again, he would be closed down, fined, and sent to a rehab center where he would learn how to properly prepare food the Hillery Tysen way.

Garlan thanked him for his advice and offered him a bottle of soda pop.

The veggie eating, commie voting inspector make the mistake of taking a whole bottle real quick (he asked for another).

After about four, he decided to give Garlan a fair shake and he would try some of his chile. After a bowl of chile and two more soda pops he gave Garlan a clean bill of health and told 'im how he could get a grant from the Tysen foundation to build up a quick emu frying franchise.

When he finally staggered out the door headed for Karl's, he was in some what of a cheerful mood.

About an hour later, him and Karl came back to Garlan's for some more soda pop and an offer to go into business together.

Yet, that inspector was so loaded on home brew, he thought Marthalean was the greatest cook in the world not to mention pert-near sexy.

Garlan and Karl helped the inspector out to his car and took the keys away from 'im so he could sleep off his working lunch and cocktail hour.

I guess you could say Garlan's home brew might be used as a sauce for just about anything.

Karl said that the inspector was so impressed with Marthalean's soup (which was a pot of boiling panty hose she was trying to die black) and her meat loaf (which was left overs from the past week cooked up special for their toothless cat) that he made an offer to back all of 'em (with his own money) if they would just start a soda pop, soup and meat loaf kitchen.

Of course, Garlan and Karl declined, but Marthalean started getting them panty hose ready so she would be ready the next time some semi-sober federales thought she might be semi-sexy.



JOAQUIN DAVIS and AMY MICHELE MONTGOMERY

Davis, Montgomery to exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Davis and Mrs. Debbie Montgomery would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Joaquin and Amy Michele.

Amy is a graduate of Del Rio High and a senior at Texas A&M University. Joaquin is a graduate of Brackett High School and 1996 graduate of Texas A & M University. Amy is the niece of Mrs. Janis Floyd of Brackettville.

The couple will marry June 29, 1998, at Grace Community Church in Del Rio.

"Get a life:" Thoughts on Freemasonry and religion

This is the second of a three-part series on Freemasonry and religion.

What are some expectations Freemasons have of their fraternity?

Masons have many expectations of their individual faiths, but these are entirely personal matters outside the scope of a fraternity. What a man expects of the Masonic fraternity is clear:

- An opportunity to form friendships with men of different backgrounds

- Education, occupation, religion.

- A way of learning about himself, or taking a personal inventory of his strength and weaknesses among friends.

- Opportunities to make a difference in the community.

- Friends to whom he can "let off steam" or discuss his problems.

- An opportunity to learn leadership skills and develop self-confidence in dealing with people.

- A journey of self-development which includes all aspects of his nature.

- Affirmation of values derived from the human experiences of many cultures over many centuries.

- A sense of being connected with other men who share his values.

- Help and support in times of personal crisis.

- Basically, help in "getting a life" of excellence and fulfillment in this world.

Of course, the Masonic fraternity is not the only source of a man's expectations in life. He certainly has expectations from his family, religion, and profession. When a man has several sources which help and challenge him to meet his expectations, everyone benefits.

No one ever has too many friends. There's an obvious advantage in having the potential for

forming friendships provided both by Masonry and by one's familiar religious setting.

It is useful for a man's development to have both a sense of ethics drawn from all human experience and a sense of morality drawn from his faith, and that is especially true as we move into the global market place of the 21st Century.

It is good to belong to an organization which constantly reminds you of the importance of faith.

The leadership skills learned in Masonry can let a man be of special service to his community of faith, that's why so many men have been leaders in both. Those same skills can help a man have a more successful professional life, too.

That's why Masons get so frustrated when some well-meaning critics or others try to insist that Masonry is some sort of religion. Masons know the obvious differences, and it's hard to see how someone can overlook them.

No Masonic organization holds itself forth as a religion. No Masonic official claims to lead a religion. No Mason should think he is joining a religion when he joins a lodge.

Even the IRS recognizes the distinction between a religion and a fraternity.

A young Mason, when asked how we could best communicate the differences, said, "A fraternity is a fraternity, a religion is a religion, and if you can't see the difference, get a life."

He has a point. Freemasonry is a fraternity — not a church, synagogue, temple, or mosque, nor some sort of substitute for them, and certainly not a religion.

The master of a lodge is the president of a club — not a priest, minister, or rabbi.

Masonry and religion have shared the same world for a long time. After all, our stonemason forbears used to build the churches

and cathedrals. But it's like the home and the school — they're not the same thing, but they support the same things.

It's worth taking the time to clarify some of the misunderstandings about Freemasonry.

Is it true Masons aren't allowed to mention the name of God inside a lodge?

No, it's not true. In Masonic ceremonies, God is usually referred to as the "Great Architect of the Universe." This term is taken from the great religious writer and reformer John Calvin, whose teachings are the foundation of the Presbyterian Church.

Masons use this language because brothers of different faiths may be present, and we seek the most inclusive language in our prayers. But the Supreme Architect of the Universe is also referred to in the ritual as "God, the Supreme Being," and by other similar terms. Any brother may refer to God by whatever term his faith holds proper.

Is it true Masonry teaches that all faiths are equal?

No. It would be out of place for a fraternity to do so. Masonry does teach respect and toleration — that all human beings have an equal right to follow their own faith. And that no one has the power to deny them that right. So does the Canadian Charter of Rights and the United States Constitution, but that does not make the Charter or the Constitution religious documents.

Is it true Freemasonry subscribes to a works-righteousness doctrine of salvation?

No. The idea that one can merit salvation through good works alone is a personal, not a Masonic issue.

Masonry doesn't teach any path to salvation. That's the province of a religion, not a fraternity.

Masonry teaches it is important to do good in this world and to help others, but that is a matter of one's duty as a human being — a

matter of those expectations of ourselves which help us "get a life" not a pathway to heaven.

Is it true Masons have their own Bible?

No. A Masonic Bible, frequently given as a gift among Masons, is what anyone thinks of as a Bible (Usually the King James Version) with a presentation page and, sometimes, a special concordance showing the Scripture passages quoted in Masonic ceremonies. Some also contain reference sections on Masonic terminology, history, and the like. A Masonic Bible is as generic as the Gideon's Bible in hotel rooms.

If a man has a church, why does he need a lodge?

Some people feel that if they have a church, they have no need for any other organization. Not the Boy Scouts, Civic Clubs, Public Libraries, Credit Unions, nor anything else. But most of us feel the need for other associations and groups in addition to our religious congregation. We feel that some other needs are met by camping clubs, golf foursomes, softball teams, civic clubs, and Masonry.

As we saw earlier, Masonry and religion meet different needs in different ways.

Masonry gives a man a special chance to spend some worthwhile time in positive surroundings with other men. Many men, just as many women, derive great satisfaction from spending time with friends of their own gender. For many, it's a basic emotional need for a balanced, healthy life.

Masonry gives a man additional opportunities to be useful. What community couldn't use a little extra care and compassion?

The activities of the lodge, from the beginning, have always included charity. Masons are always ready to find a way to help. There is enough need in the world to occupy the best efforts of both a man's religious association and his fraternity.

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Wednesday, March 18 Biscuits & Sausage Gravy Fruit or Juice	Wednesday, March 18 Tacos, Pinto Beans Spanish Rice Lettuce Salad
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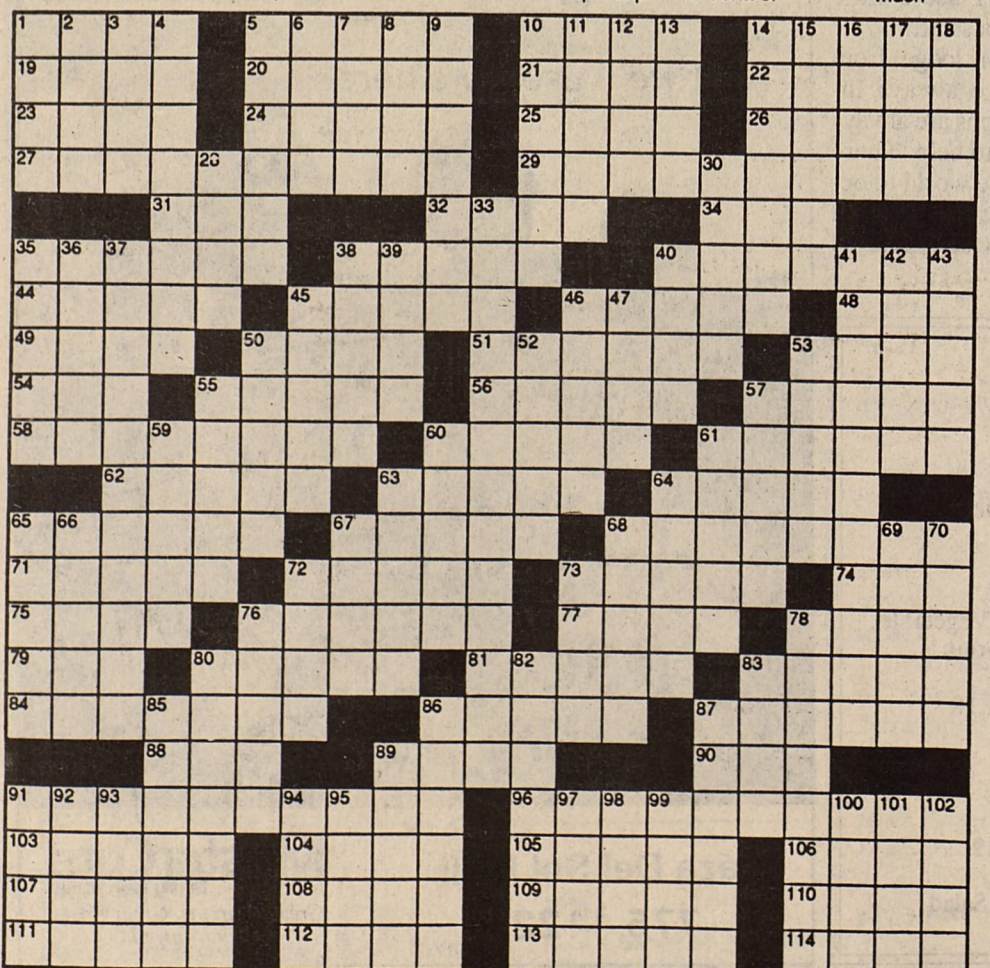
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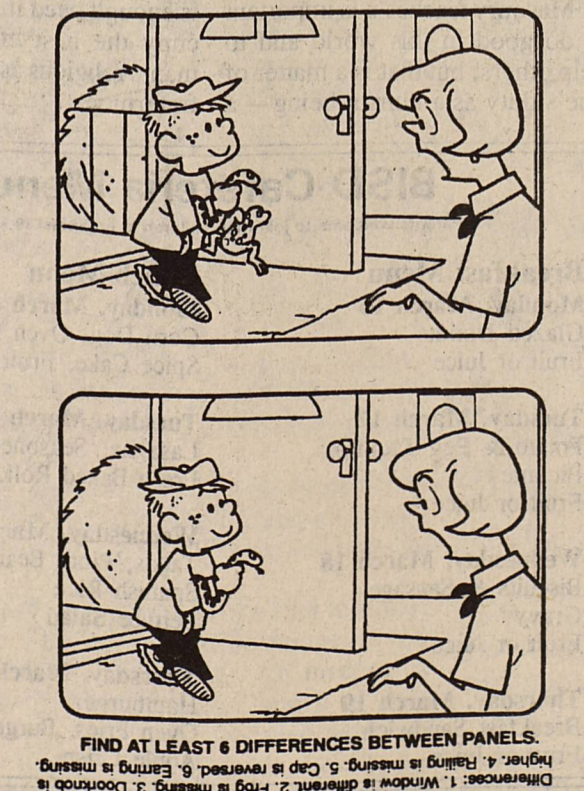
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Alexander Benedict Boniface Clement Fabian Felix Gregory Hilary Innocent John Leo Marcellus Paul Pius Urban

HOCUS-FOCUS



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
 1. Window is missing. 2. Frog is missing. 3. Door knob is missing. 4. Painting is missing. 5. Cap is missing. 6. Chair is missing.

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The week is perfect for good times, just don't spend it foolishly. A small irritation with a family member could develop into something bigger if you let it. Remember, holding grudges has resulted in trouble in the past.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You'll be happy about the week's career developments. Although financial gain is possible, make sure that money that comes in doesn't go out just as quickly. Plan a budget and be sure to stick to it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You receive an honor or recognition, but you still need to exercise diplomacy with a co-worker. Make sure a family member is made to feel special as well. You need to exercise more sensitivity and compassion.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You don't end up dealing with the problem you intended to solve at this time since something else captures your attention. Home matters could be under some stress. However, you are able to sort everything out satisfactorily.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's best to have an alternative in mind, just in case plans are changed. Watch a tendency to exaggerate while socializing during the weekend. This could get you into some trouble with a friend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) If one career plan doesn't take shape, don't rush pell mell into another. Give yourself enough time to examine your ambitions in perspective. Then you can plan accordingly.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There's a tendency to have a double standard. While you insist upon your own freedom, you don't give others room to breathe. This doesn't go unnoticed by friends and family alike.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Although you see both sides of a question, you still have to take a difficult stand with family members. Your first instinct is the correct one. However, some grinding and gnashing of teeth is bound to occur.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A major household project could get underway. However, you experience some trouble in making a very personal decision. Don't be too proud to turn to someone for advice.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Luck is with you in matters of your career. Your efforts pay off handsomely with both recognition and increased chances for success. You end the week on a very relaxed and easygoing note.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Interests of the heart are favored. Later in the week, romance and familial togetherness are accentuated. Those who are students receive good news about an educational endeavor.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Friends in high places are favorably disposed toward you. Charm and optimism reign supreme and others are magnetically drawn to you. Make those important phone calls and social visits over the weekend.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 12	Connie Hall	March 16	Denese Bowers
March 14	Martin Sheets	March 16	Taylor Pinnell
March 14	Louella Gilliland	March 17	Buck McKnight
March 15	Gregg Nowlin	March 17	Jason Smith
March 15	Kathi Warm	March 18	Bruce Clements
March 15	George Martinez	March 18	Tanya McClure
March 16	Josie Pena	March 18	Emma Schieseler
March 16	Stephen Foster	March 18	Charles Warren

We can do all things through Christ

By Rev. Joe Townsend
Frontier Baptist Church

Paul in the letter to the church at Phillipi said, "I have learned in whatsoever state I am therewith to be contented."

Considering all the trauma and hardship Paul endured, it shows a most remarkable man. It was because of God's grace given to him that he felt victorious in every circumstance. God, however, did not give to Paul anything he doesn't offer to every Christian.

Paul explained his feeling of contentment when he said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

The meaning of "strengtheneth" me in the original language means "enableth" me. He was well aware that God said, "Apart from me ye can do nothing."

No matter how powerful is the steam engine, it is worthless without steam. No matter how powerful the windmill, it is worthless without wind.

In the Scripture, "all things" means in the line of Christian duty and within the will of God. God never empowers one to do anything contrary to teachings in the Bible.

The Scripture tells us we can overcome temptation, Paul did. We can face and conquer persecution, Paul did. We can meet death

with a shout of victory, Paul did.

The closer we draw to God through Christ the more we can know contentment in any circumstance. The closer we come to God through Jesus Christ the more we can "do all things" through Christ.

When we have learned in any circumstance to be content we will know we can do all things through Christ. When we have reached this plateau we will have found the true joy of life. It must come from God himself through Jesus Christ.

There will be another message from the Bible in worship at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11:00. Come and see.

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meets the 2nd Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m.

School of Instruction meets the 1st, and 3rd Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m.

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Minister: Ray Melton

It's a time for housecleaning

By Rev. Sheree Harris
First United Methodist Church

Jesus said, "Store up your treasures in heaven, for where your treasure is there your heart will be also."

Many people have stored some of their treasure in our church -- literally! The back wall of our fellowship hall is lined with boxes and bags brimming with past treasures.

We are having a garage sale. Our Outreach Committee will be arranging and pricing items today, so if you have any you would like to donate, hurry on down.

The sale is Friday and Saturday, if you're looking for some real bargains. All proceeds from the sale will be used for local mission projects here in Brackettville.

While we're working on the sale, we're also storing up treasure in heaven.

Lent is a season of spiritual housecleaning. It is a time to get rid of the clutter and nonessentials in our life in order to make room for the treasure we receive on Easter -- a risen Savior.

Some of that cleaning takes place in quiet when we're alone with God. Some of it happens on Wednesdays, from 6:15 to 8 p.m., when we meet for a light dinner and Bible study. Some occurs on Sunday morning during worship.

We invite you to be a part of any and all of our cleaning and treasure hunt. The dinner on Wednesdays is free of charge and child care is provided then, as well as on Sundays.

May Jesus Christ be the treasure in your heart.

Believe in Christ for agape love

By Pastor Charolette Corey
Gateway Ministries

The benefits of using or "walking in" God's "agape" (unconditional love) are ...

The Father will love you (John 14:23, 15:9-10). He loved you first anyway. (1 John 4:9-10, 19). All things will work together for good in our life (Romans 8:28).

Your faith will work (Gal. 5:6). You will produce good fruit ... love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance (Gal. 5:22-23). You will be rooted and grounded (Eph. 3:17).

You will be filled with all the fullness of God and abide in his love (Eph. 3:19, John 15:10).

You will grow up into (Christ) in all things (Eph. 4:14).

Your heart will be protected (1 Thes. 5:8). You will love truth

unto salvation (2 Thes. 2:10).

You will overcome fear (2 Tim. 1:7, 1 John 4:18).

God will not forget your labor of love (Heb. 6:9).

You will inherit a blessing (Pet. 3:9).

Your soul will be purified (1 Pet. 1:22).

You will have boldness in the day of judgment (1 John 4:17-18).

You will receive the crown of life and salvation for your soul (James 1:12, 1 Peter 1:8-9).

True agape love can only be gotten by believing in the only begotten son of God, that whosoever shall believe in Jesus Christ shall be saved (John 3:16).

True belief is appropriating or actually using the truth of God's word in your life on a daily basis.

In other words ... a daily "walk of love" in Christ. Repent, receive him, stand in faith, rest in hope, and walk in love.

Guest speaker to spend week at St. John's Baptist Church

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

There will be gospel preaching for five nights, March 16-20, at 7 p.m. nightly at St. John's Baptist Church, located at 116 W. Crockett.

The speaker will be Rev.

Marvin Carpenter Sr., pastor of Beth Elder Baptist Church in Yoakum, Texas. The public is invited.

Praise the Lord!
"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath send

me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

"To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

"To appoint unto those who

mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified."

Isaiah 61:1-3.

Praise the Lord!

HEALTH

Healthier eating habits will reduce cancer-related deaths

American Cancer Society offers fat-trimming tips

According to the American Cancer Society, a staggering one-third of cancer-related deaths -- 184,000 lives -- could be saved each year by simply switching to healthier eating habits.

Among those habits is reducing fat intake. While recent studies show that Americans are eating less fat, there are still many opportunities for improvement.

Strong evidence links a healthy, low-fat diet with lowering the risk of cancer, particularly for those forms of the disease affecting the gastrointestinal and respiratory tracts (colon, rectum, lung, prostate and endometrium).

Unfortunately, despite the warnings, recent studies show that Americans have actually increased the caloric intake and the use of high-fat convenience foods. Why? "We've adopted a fast-food, high-fat diet to compliment our fast-paced, high-stress lifestyle," said Colleen Doyle, the American Cancer Society's director of nutrition and physical activity.

"When on the run, it seems so much easier to just pull through a fast-food drive-through, or to grab a high-fat snack to carry us through the day. What many people don't realize, is much can be done 'on the run' to maintain a healthy, low-fat diet."

Cutting back on fats can be accomplished simply by making small adjustments to daily routines. Here are some easy examples:

- When eating out, cut fat intake 50 percent by ordering half-portion or sharing one full meal with your dining companion.
- Learn the "red flag" words that signify high-fat foods on menus: puffed, battered, creamy, crispy, breaded, buttery,

hollandaise, flaky, au gratin, a la king, alfredo, Bearnaise, scampi and Mornay.

- Traveling? Whether on the road or in the air, plan ahead and pack portable, low-fat snack foods such as crackers, raisins, pretzels, fruits, raw vegetables, fat-free cookies, fat-free muffins, bagels and air-popped popcorn.
- Most airlines offer low-fat foods as part of their menus. If you are traveling by air, call in advance and request the low-fat alternative.
- If the flight is relatively short, skip the in-flight meal altogether and choose a healthier alternative afterwards. If peanuts are offered as a snack during your flight, ask if pretzels are available, or consider bringing your own snack instead.
- At the office, keep a supply of easy-to-grab, low-fat foods in your desk drawer. Such foods can include: instant vegetable soups and oatmeal, dried fruit, snack-size whole-grain cereal, mini-cans of water-packed tuna, pretzels and low-fat crackers.

- If fast food is the only option, choose the low-fat menu items such as a salad or grilled chicken sandwich. A submarine sandwich with lean meats and lots of vegetables (hold the mayo!) can be a healthier option as well.
- Remember that fat-free doesn't mean calorie-free! It's still important to watch portion sizes.

In addition to trimming the fat from our diets, the American Cancer Society also stresses the importance of increasing physical activity as a means of improving overall health and lowering the risk of cancer.

Studies show that physical inactivity can lead to obesity and increased risk for cancers of several sites: Colon and rectum, prostate, endometrium, breast (among postmenopausal women), and kidney.

Again, many Americans feel they simply do not have the time to increase their physical activity. However, much like healthy eating, increasing physical activity can be achieved by making a few simple changes in your routine.

Answers to Super Crossword

PAPAL NAMES

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NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION CIUDAD)

To the Registered Voters of Brackettville, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Brackettville, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 02, 1998, for voting in a City election, to Elect a Mayor and Three (3) Aldermen
(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales listadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 2 de Mayo de 1998 para votar en la Elección para Ciudad.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

City Hall in Brackettville, Texas
Edificio Municipal de la Ciudad de Brackettville, Texas

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

City Hall/Edificio Municipal de la Ciudad
(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 15, 1998 (date)

(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 15 de Abril, 1998 (fecha)

and ending on April 28, 1998 (date)

(y terminando el Veinte y ocho de Abril, 1998 (fecha)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:
(La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha)	Hours (Horas)
NA	NA
NA	NA
NA	NA

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

David G. Luna
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)

P. O. Box 526
(Address) (Dirección)

Brackettville, Texas 78832
(City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Recommended but not required

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

April 24, 1998/Veinte y Cuatro de Abril, 1998
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 10 day of February, 1998.

(Emitted this día 10 de Febrero, 1998.)

Carmin M. Sirlanga
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)
Mayor/Alcalde

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By Kinney County Sheriff's Office

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Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Southwest Service Company

Hwy. 90 East

Brackettville, Texas 78832

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Sgt. D'Ann Clark

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Signed this 9th day of March 1998

L.K. Burgess

Sheriff of Kinney County

Brackettville, Texas

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jack C. Green, Deceased, were issued on February 24, 1998, in Cause No. 929, pending in the Probate Court of Kinney County, Texas, to: HARRIETT H. GREEN. The residence of the Independent Executrix is Brackettville, Kinney County, Texas, the post office address is: c/o CARL PENDERGRASS Attorney at Law 115 E. Garfield P.O. Box 1141 Del Rio, Texas 78841-1141 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated the 10th day of March, 1998. By: CARL PENDERGRASS Attorney for the Estate State Bar No.: 15744000


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TOTAL BEFORE DISCOUNTS	\$16,630.00
FACTORY DISCOUNT PKG.	(795.00)
MSRP	\$15,835.00
G&B Disc	(840.00)
SALES PRICE	\$14,995.00
***Tax, Title, Lic. & Reg.	<u>\$1,118.26</u>
*Amount To Finance	\$16,113.26

Divided by 48 equals Monthly Payment

NEW 97 FORD ASPIRE No Finance Charge* \$235.02 per mo. for 48 mos.*



Stock# F4745

MSRP	\$10,755.00
G&B Disc	(300.00)
SALES PRICE	\$10,455.00
***Tax, Title, Lic. & Reg.	<u>\$825.58</u>
*Amount To Finance	\$11,280.58

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NEW 97 FORD MUSTANG No Finance Charge* \$397.88 per mo. for 48 mos.*

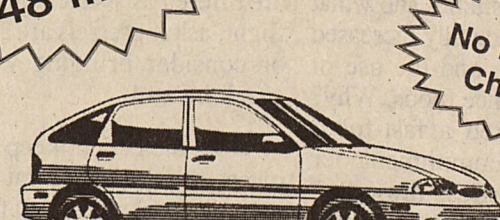


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TOTAL BEFORE DISCOUNTS	\$20,070.00
FACTORY DISCOUNT PKG.	(1,390.00)
MSRP	\$18,680.00
G&B Disc	(881.00)
SALES PRICE	\$17,799.00
***Tax, Title, Lic. & Reg.	<u>\$1,299.03</u>
*Amount To Finance	\$19,098.03

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NEW 97 FORD ASPIRE No Finance Charge* \$246.41 per mo. for 48 mos.*



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MSRP	\$11,285.00
G&B Disc	(316.00)
SALES PRICE	\$10,969.00
***Tax, Title, Lic. & Reg.	<u>\$858.72</u>
*Amount To Finance	\$11,827.72

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