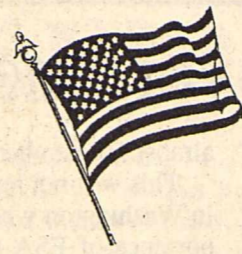


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Brief rains bring some relief to Kinney County

By: J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Hard rains hit Kinney County last Thursday but it didn't last long. It was only the second time in the last two months that the county got rain but local ranchers said that every drop counts.

H.C. Hunt said that he got 1.1 inches of rain at his residence in town, 1.3 inches at the Harwood Ranch north of town, and eight-tenths of an inch at his ostrich farm northeast of town.

"Certainly, the rain is beneficial," Hunt said Wednesday. "Every drop helps. Even a cloudy day is better than a hot day. However, it's so dry and it has been for so long that the ground is cracked and everything soaks up so the benefits are short-lived."

"The everyday heat evaporates whatever we had. It's going to take some consistent heavy rains to alleviate the situation."

Zack Davis reported seven-tenths of an inch on his ranch in western Kinney County.

Tim Ward, who has a ranch three miles east of Brackettville, said he only got three-quarters of an inch.

"Certainly, the rain is beneficial. Every drop helps. Even a cloudy day is better than a hot day."

H.C. Hunt

"We've been in a rut," Ward said. "It seems the eastern part of the county always gets the short end."

"In late May, it rained three to four inches in town and we only got one inch of rain three miles out of town so it varies."

Ray Smallwood said the rain didn't even reach the Koch Ranch in southern Kinney County.

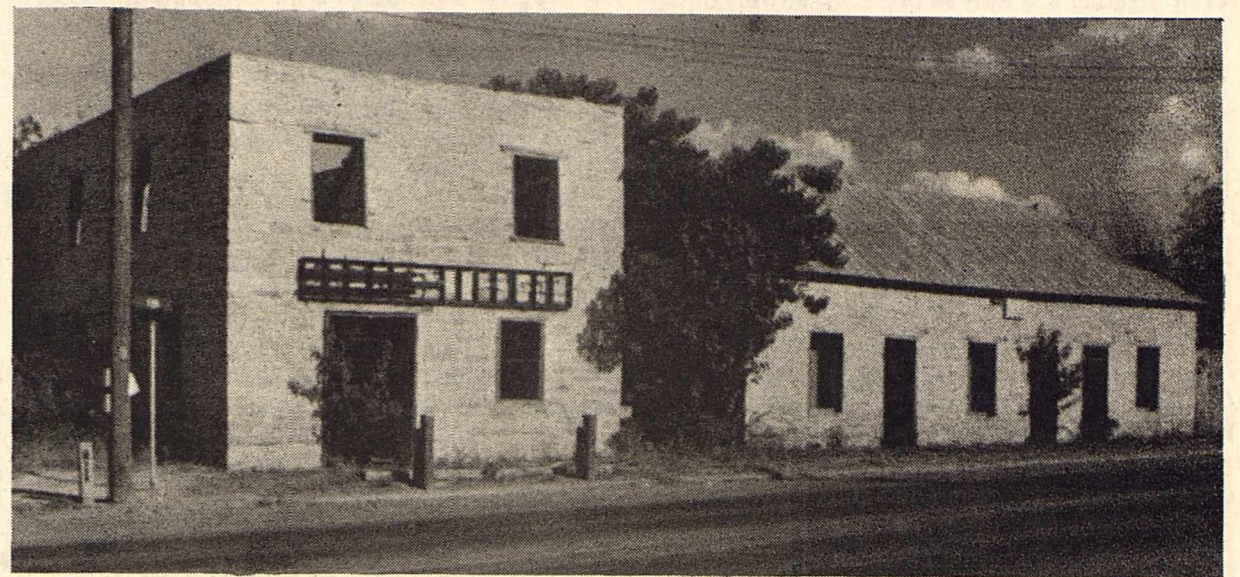
"The rains just missed us," he said. "It really didn't rain at all a mile or two west of town. It all seemed to go southeast instead of southwest."

Brackettville City Manager David Luna said the city's water well is still in good shape despite the recent drought.

"The well is in good shape right now," he said. "It's holding its own. It's no better or no worse. The last time I talked to Fort Clark, we were about the same."

"The well went up a little bit after last week's rain, but it has rained more around us than it has here."

"This helped as far as the water consumption of the citizens. They're not using as much to water their grass for a few weeks."



Pictured above are two of the buildings in downtown Brackettville recently purchased by Jay Johnson, who plans to renovate the property. Photo by J.J. Guidry

Fort Clark man buys historic buildings, plans renovations

By: J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Jay Johnson purchased local property in downtown Brackettville last week from the Davis family and plans to renovate the historic buildings.

Johnson, who lives at Fort Clark, bought the Eloise Davis property on North Street, Lots 2 and 3, in addition to Zack Davis' property on Ann Street, Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 8, across from the Brackett News.

Buying and renovating property is nothing new to Johnson. He has completed several projects in Del Rio, including the Windmill Restaurant, Pecan Street Station (the old Elks Lodge), the Casinelli Gin House and the Mason-Foster House.

"Zack really did a self-sacrificing thing by trying to preserve (the Brackettville buildings) from being torn down by buying them," Johnson said. "Hopefully, if they become restored, they will be-

come historical in character. They should qualify for some historical consideration.

"Two of our properties (the Casinelli Gin House and the Mason-Foster House) have historical markers on them. Right now, the Texas Historical Commission is taking steps to help us get the Pecan Street Station through. They have already looked at it and it is being considered."

Kinney County Precinct 3 Commissioner Cordelia Mendeke said the renovation projects will benefit the community.

"This is a good opportunity to develop something in our community," she said. "It helps (Johnson and Davis) because they are businessmen, but it will also help our community and enhance the beauty of it."

"I hope Brackettville will enjoy what we're going to do," Johnson said. See JOHNSON/Page 3

School board to fill two remaining vacancies

By: J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Two teaching positions still need to be filled at the Brackett School District, and Superintendent Taylor Stephenson hopes to have that accomplished within the next week.

The two positions that are vacant are an ESL (English as a second language) teacher, and a physical education teacher and junior high coach.

"Some time within a week, (the school board) will meet and employ two new teachers," Stephenson said. "I am hoping

that meeting will be in the latter part of this week."

The Board of Trustees has had to replace 10 teachers this summer, due to resignations or retirements, and two new positions have been added.

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Dressing it up



Pat Spohnholtz puts books on the new shelves at the Kinney County Library. See related story, Page 3. Photo by J.J. Guidry

Jobe elected Brackett Booster Club president

Tim Jobe was elected president of the Brackett Booster Club at a regular meeting last Wednesday.

"I think Tim will do a fine job," Brackett Athletic Director Roy Rokovich said. "He's a good man and he has kids involved in the program."

Jobe replaces Manny Pena, as the booster club's president.

"One of the things that I told everybody that was in attendance was that we would like to change officers every year," Rokovich said.

"Manny has done an outstanding job. He's a great person and a great man."

"He made my first year here real enjoyable and a lot easier, as far as helping out with the booster club and getting parents involved."

Candace La Mascus was elected as the club's vice president. She served as secretary last year.

"Candace is going to do a good job," Rokovich said. "The vice president has a lot

of responsibilities, and I'm glad to have Candace there."

Elected to fill the vacant secretary's position was J.J. Guidry.

"I'm glad that J.J. is going to be involved with the booster club," Rokovich said.

"I'm real excited about having J.J. back in Brackettville. He does an outstanding job of covering our school and covering the activities in our school in the newspaper."

"Being a part of the booster club, he will have first-hand knowledge of what's going on in that area of athletics."

Pam Melancon was reelected as the booster club's treasurer.

"Pam did a great job last year, so I know she'll do a great job again," Rokovich said.

"I really appreciate her hard work and the time that she puts into that because there is a lot of work involved with that position."

In other action at last week's meeting, the club approved the minutes of the May 8th and July 17th meetings.

The boosters voted to sell magnetic calendars and spirit fans this year.

The club has tentatively scheduled a potluck dinner on Aug. 15, and a barbecue on Sept. 7.

The boosters agreed to donate up to \$500 to the school to help purchase a video camera.

Melancon gave the treasurer's report, noting that the club had \$3,724.84.

After the meeting, Rokovich said he's excited about the upcoming school year.

"We're excited because we have great kids in Brackettville and great people here," he said. "I really feel things are going in the right direction."

"We, as coaches, just want the parents to know that we're here for your children. We want to provide them the best athletic program, the best school and the best education that they can have."

The Boosters will meet again Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the high school library.

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Corey wins crown

Heather Corey brought home another crown to Brackettville Sunday as she won the Miss National All American Pageant at the Plaza Del Sol Mall in Del Rio. Lifestyles/Page 4

Henry Lutz

The drought continues to take its toll on wildlife here in Southwest Texas, as well as in most of the State. Farm and Ranch, Page 5

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INS still beefing up border enforcements

Special to the News

WASHINGTON - Sixteen special assistant U.S. attorneys will be assigned to help fight illegal immigration along the U.S.-Mexican border states, Justice department officials said Friday.

"Deported aliens who return to the U.S. will face these additional prosecutors whose job is to put them ... behind bars," Alan Bersin (CQ), the attorney general's special representative for the southwest border, told the Cox News Service.

The prosecutors will focus on undocumented immigrants who return to the United States after removal - including many who were deported after landing in state prisons.

"These are not shoplifters ... these are people who qualify as aggravated felons, which means that they've committed two or more felonies or one violent felony," such as drug trafficking,

robbery, assault and a whole variety of crimes, Bersin said.

Aliens deported or excluded from the United States are barred from immediately returning to the country. Violating that probation is prosecutable as a felony.

Six of the prosecutors will be assigned to Texas, five to California, three to Arizona and two to New Mexico.

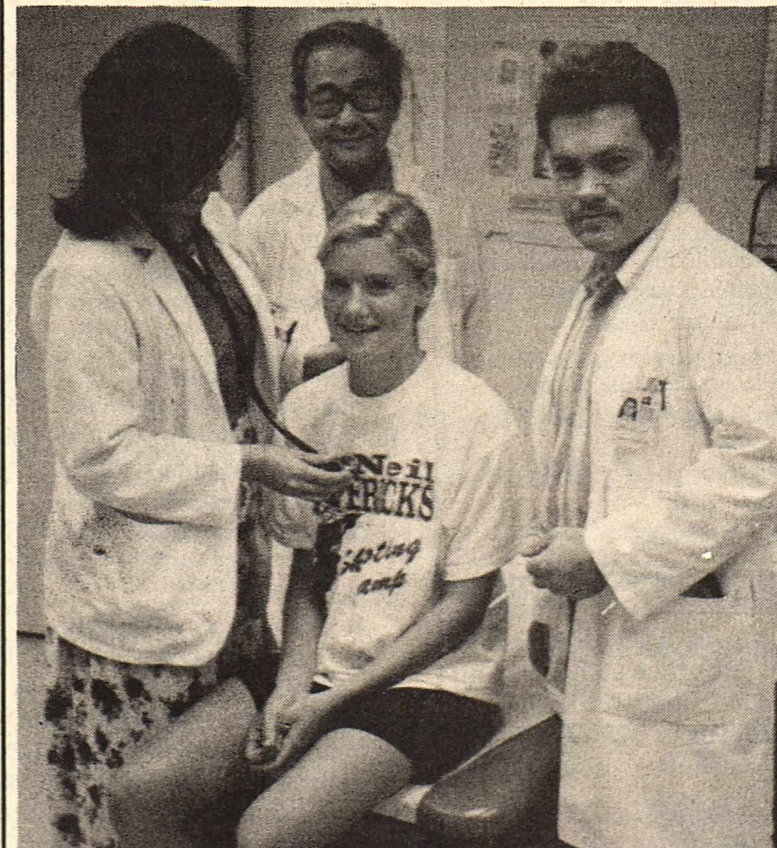
In addition to cases involving returning criminal aliens, the prosecutors will help the INS with cases of alien smugglers and fraudulent document traffickers.

Almost 49,000 undocumented immigrants have been removed from the United States since October.

With three months left in the fiscal year, the total already is just shy of that for all of fiscal 1995, according to INS figures released Friday.

Bersin said he's confident the target of 62,000 removals will be met by September.

What's up, Doc?



Amy Farr (standing, from left), Dr. Agustin Q. Luz and Zeke George examine Jennifer Ashabrammer Wednesday at the United Medical Center, which provided free physicals for Brackett high school and junior high athletes. Farr is a Baylor Medical School physician's assistant student and George is an intern from Ross University School of Medicine in New York and the Caribbean.

Schools have a new system to keep transcripts

The Brackett School District has a new system for keeping student's transcripts, Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

"We have a new system called Pathways in place this year for monitoring transcripts, grades, credits and schedules," he said.

"Pathways will allow us to have a much more efficient way of accessing student data. We will be able to see what a student's grade-point is at the end of each semester."

"It's a system that, in my opinion, is just a lot more reliable," he said. "We've been unhappy with the old system for some time."

"We have it installed on our computer network now, and the staff has been trained to implement that program."

The Brackett Board of Trustees' next regular meeting is on Monday, August 12.

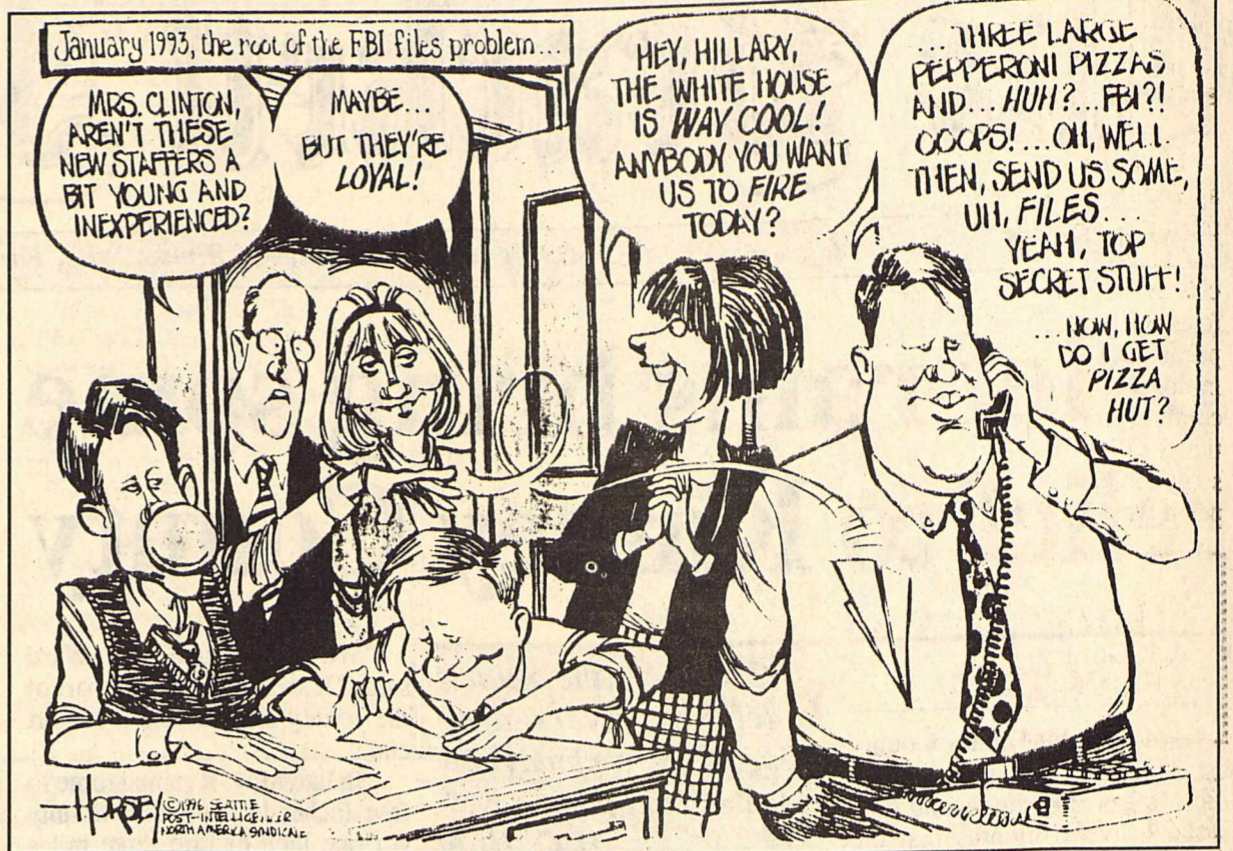
Stephenson said the trustees have a tentative meeting on Aug. 19, to review the budget and adopt a tax rate.

Representative government in action

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

Most of us are aware of the battle currently being waged to protect our private property rights. Many of us are getting directly involved in this fight. This past week, citizens of South and West Texas came together in a truly impressive showing of representative government. While in Hondo, I was handed 100 petitions with 2,000 signatures, all in support of reform of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). These folks came together in a united effort to protect their private property rights. Although the legislation to reform the ESA has been bottled up in a committee, I've decided to use a little-known device called a discharge petition to try to bring this bill to the House floor for a vote. This process entails getting 218 of my House colleagues to lend their support and signatures to the petition. Most importantly, it bypasses the delays that the committee process can cause. Going into our third week of this effort, we're on our way to enlisting the required signatures, with

almost 50 members having signed on. This will not be easy. There are still some folks in Washington who need to be educated on the importance of ESA reform to farmers and ranchers across the country. Although getting the necessary signatures is an uphill battle, it's encouraging to see other members of Congress who are so eager to join in this effort and sign on. The true heroes in this battle are the citizens of Texas who have come together and done their civic duty by communicating their support for ESA reform to Congress. They're the ones who have raised awareness of the problem by coordinating the petition and asking their neighbors and friends to sign on. I've delivered the petitions I was given to my colleagues in the House with the anticipation that they, too, will support our cause and sign the discharge petition to protect private property rights. Knowing that there is true support for this effort back at home gives me courage as we wage an uphill battle in Congress.



Let's have cooperation instead of confrontation

It is increasingly apparent that most Americans are tired of the relentless negative ads and partisan finger-pointing that characterize political campaigns today. Just consider the dismal voter turnout in recent elections, which, in part, reflects a growing dissatisfaction and cynicism toward politics and elections. Voters have clearly had their fill of posturing and bickering, and, instead, want elected officials and candidates to start working together to solve our country's problems. Yet, it's a safe bet that some politicians will adopt a strategy of confronta-

tion, rather than cooperation. They will try to politicize key issues, especially vital family programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. But we must not tolerate this approach. These programs are the bedrock of economic security for American families, not merely stepping stones to gain political advantage. This is why, throughout the election campaign, each of us must hold the candidates accountable and promote a two-step approach for finding the solution for our national needs. Step one is to protect Medicare for today's older and disabled Americans.

Commentary By Horace B. Deets

This is the responsibility of the President and Congress, and they must go back to the bargaining table now and hammer out a short-term agreement to ensure Medicare's solvency through 2006. It shouldn't take them forever to find a reasonable way to finance Medicare for the next 10 years that fairly spreads the burden among doctors, hospitals and Medicare beneficiaries. What's more, they don't need to jeop-

ardize the current Medicare program to do this. The President and Congress have an obligation to finish the job this year. But we can't stop there. Step two is to preserve Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security for the long term. This will require a national, inclusive dialogue that must begin immediately, lead us into the next year and, ultimately, identify the pragmatic solutions for the next century. As voters, it is up to each of us to challenge candidates to start this debate now and keep it centered on the issues.

Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security demand our best thinking, not distortions, partisan rhetoric or simple answers. So, in the months ahead, hold every candidate accountable and challenge them to stop the partisan finger-pointing and start working toward solutions to strengthen Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security. Politics, as usual, is unacceptable. It's time to work together to find solutions. ■ Editor's note: Horace B. Deets is the executive director of the American Association for Retired Persons.

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Between Us

by Joe Townsend

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

A Bill of Rights for crime victims

If you're the victim of a crime in this country, the scales of justice are tilted away from you. When a conflict occurs between the rights of a criminal and the rights of a victim, the criminal almost always wins. Is this an overstatement? Not at all. Last year, the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the Texas Board of Pardoles may not consider victims' protest letters at a parole hearing. So, if someone is convicted of killing a member of your family, the board is forbidden to listen to your objections to the murderer's early release from prison. In Florida, the parents of a 15-year-old boy who was beaten and shot to death were never notified of the sentencing of the two gang members involved in their son's murder. In Colorado, defense attorneys subpoenaed the victim's mother as a witness in a murder case, effectively keeping her out of the courtroom during the trial. She was never called to testify. The American criminal justice system has come to exclude victims from any meaningful participation in the process. Victims are voiceless and powerless. In many cases, they're invisible. Defendants have the right to a speedy trial, the right to trial by jury, the right to free counsel, the right not to incriminate themselves, the right to subpoena and confront witnesses and the right to due process. But victims have no guaranteed rights whatsoever under the Constitution. Victims and their families often are treated as inconveniences and ignored throughout proceedings. They often learn from the news media when their attacker is released from prison.

Complete protection from terrorism?

According to the blatherings of the President, we will soon have complete protection from terrorism in the USA and the world. To guarantee the safety of air travel, his alter alter ego, Mr. Gore (his first alter ego of course is his wife), will head another commission (there's already one working on it) that will find ways to make air travel safer. It will cost fliers more for tickets and much more hassle and delay. Perhaps, the President then will have Mr. Gore make the highways safe. After all, flying is already much safer than auto travel. You are more likely to be killed in a car on the way to the airport than to die in an airplane accident. As long as the President cozies up to national leaders who support and finance terrorism, all the airport inspections in the world will not save one plane from being bombed. There is no doubt in my mind, the F.B.I. will eventually find who planted the bomb and the nation behind it, but it was noticeable that Mr. Clinton in his pretty speeches and promises didn't even mention any action against the groups and nations behind the bombing. No amount of rhetoric or window dressing will camouflage the real culprits. It was notable that the sordid attempts of the ATF to rebuild its image in Arizona only dug deeper the grave. For days, the liberal news media and the administration dominated the television and news wire about the great coup of a group in Arizona who were planning to "blow up a number of important buildings in Phoenix." Indeed, brother Clinton and his mounty Reno said braggingly how Phoenix and other places in Arizona had been saved by the ATF. Suddenly, all this disappeared from news and T.V. There was good reason why Clinton and his lap dog media suddenly remained quiet. The ATF had recruited a game warden to infiltrate the militia. He supposedly gathered enough evidence to put the culprits behind bars. When the so called criminals were taken to court, the judge turned most of them loose. There was no evidence of conspiracy. There was no evidence of plans to destroy Phoenix. A few of the men were charged with possessing illegal weapons and explosive devices. This is hardly tantamount to a renegade group bent on destroying America, so again the ATF ends up with egg on its face. Better this organization should confirm its activities to the investigation of arson of "black" churches even though this is outside the parameters of their responsibilities. The only way to stop such deleterious and abominable actions is to cut off the head of the wayward animal and that has to begin in the White House.

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For this reason, I am co-sponsoring a Senate Bill that would add a victims' rights amendment to the Constitution. Such an amendment would put victims' rights on an equal par with those of criminal defendants. It would guarantee victims:

- The right to be informed of proceedings.
- The right to be heard.
- The right to be notified of the offender's release or escape.
- The right to a final disposition of their case free from unreasonable delay.
- The right to restitution.
- The right to be notified of their rights, as is every criminal defendant.

Those who argue that we don't need to change the Constitution to accomplish this balance need to reconsider the facts. Law and statutes haven't worked to restore fairness for victims. American history teaches us that constitutional protections are needed to ensure the basic rights of Americans. Who would be comfortable now if the right to free speech, or a free press, or any of our other major rights were subject to the vagaries of changing legislation or court majorities? It is right to ensure that those accused of committing crimes receive all the protections they are entitled to under the Constitution. Shouldn't victims of crime have equal standing in the eyes of the law?

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Attention Parents of Students at Jones Elementary

The Jones Elementary PTO is having a playground improvement party

Saturday, August 3rd, from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

We will be building up a fall zone area around the playground. We are asking parents to come out and help us shovel pea-gravel and repair equipment. So bring your shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows and tools to Jones Elementary

We will be serving lemonade and watermelon

Any questions please call 563-2492 Ext. 250

Glass shower doors can turn dull and filmy. Saturate a soft cloth with a water softener solution to wipe it down, and then shine it with a soft dry cloth.

Two teaching positions remain vacant

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Liz Frerich was hired after the board agreed to add a language arts teacher at the middle school.

"Last year, our middle school writing classes were very large, but the reading (classes) weren't," Stephenson said. "In particular, our kids need to come out of middle school with good, strong oral communication and written communication skills. (Adding another teacher) is something that we thought needed to happen if we were going to get the job done."

Another new position added this year was an elementary counselor. Irene Finkenbinder has filled that position. She was a Title 1 teacher last year.

"Irene knows our district, she knows the families and she knows the kids so she seemed a logical person to move into that position," Stephenson said. "I think she will do an outstanding job."

"Primarily, the counselor that we have (Susan Harrison) was kept so busy with details of secondary schools - like schedules, transcripts, individual counseling

and the alternative school - that we had difficulty providing the services that we needed to the elementary school kids.

"Research shows that if you want to work on a problem that affects school children, the earlier you can address the problem - whether it's an academic problem or a problem that needs some counseling - the more chances you have to fix the problem," he said.

"This year, during hearings on parental responsibilities one of the topics that came up was our elementary kids' need for guidance, more of an individual

touch. We need to be tied to the homes in the elementary school in particular, with parents, children and teachers working as a unit for the betterment of the kids.

"As a result of that, we had conversations publicly for the need of an elementary counselor. The people who attended the meeting indicated very strong support for that position, even if it would take some additional taxes to pay for it.

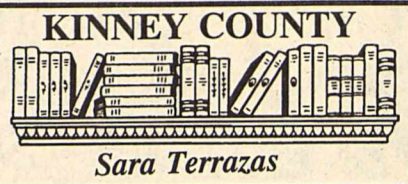
"At the present time, it looks like we're going to be able to pay for it within

the existing budget," he added. "We want to work with our little ones and with our parents so we can fix some of this now and we won't have some of the problems in years to come."

Stephenson said one of the harder positions to fill was in home economics. Elizabeth Goebel will teach H.E. this year. She was a special education teacher at the middle school last year.

"That is a hard position to fill," Stephenson said. "I think she will do a good job."

Library Notes



Library has new look

The library now has a new look. The new shelves are all in place and everything in the library has been completely rearranged.

We are sorry for the inconvenience it has caused our patrons, but we hope you will feel it was well worth it.

Putting up the new shelves was a lot of work and we could not have done it in such a short time without the help of the Road and Bridge Department and the wonderful people who volunteered their time to help us.

We are very fortunate to have such terrific people in our community who continue to help make this library a success.

We look forward to seeing everyone and hope everyone enjoys our new look.

A big thank you to the Road and Bridge Crew and to all the volunteers, we could not have done it without you. God Bless each and everyone of you.

As always we invite you to visit the friendliest little library in Kinney County.

Johnson plans to renovate downtown property

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"I'm going to be careful trying to adopt what I do to the theme of the town, but I have to figure out what the theme of the town is. That includes color schemes and so on."

Johnson said that Davis' property is "the most frightening thing that I've undertaken because it has nothing there."

"The Casinelli Gin House is the closest thing I've done to his mom's place or like his. It had no water, it had no sewer, it had no electricity. It had no flooring. The second story flooring was caving through and the ceiling above was caving through, and those were the elements that I had to deal with."

Johnson said he has no intentions of selling the property.

"It's not my intent to buy, renovate and sell. Most of the things that I have bought are like what we're discussing now. They're vacant buildings that have been neglected.

"The Casinelli Gin House was vacant for about 30 years, the old Elks Lodge was vacant for about 25 years, and they're alive and thriving right now. That's good for me. I have a pride of ownership of those properties.

"This is an opportunity for me to do something here. I enjoy working with old buildings. I like to use creativity in what I do. I don't have any specific plans. The plans formulate as I go. It depends on who comes along and who's going to use the buildings as to how I end up renovating them."

Johnson said that he eventually hopes to house businesses in the recently purchased properties after renovations are complete.

"I don't see Brackettville as jumping with people who are trying to open up businesses," he said. "But if I start putting in some positive energy, I expect something will come out of it. What comes around goes around."

Johnson said he will start renovating the Eloise Davis property first.

"It's the most viable at this point. It has plumbing into it and it has wiring into it. Some windows are falling out and some doors are boarded up, but I want to tackle that and see where we go.

"A lot of what happens there depends on eventually who would be interested in occupying the building," he added.

When the renovation projects begin,

Johnson said he hopes to use as many local workers as he can.

"When we did Pecan Street Station, the signs on the building were done by John Ford, and he did a marvelous job. He was the most qualified."

"If we were to do something like awnings, I would have to bring in somebody from Del Rio because there's nobody here that does that."

Johnson was born in Oregon and raised in Alaska. He and his wife, Barbara, moved to Texas in 1985. After living in Oklahoma for four and a half years, they moved to Del Rio in 92.

After a few years in Del Rio, the Johnsons moved to Europe and spent a little over a year there.

"We had to come back because of our daughter's health," Johnson said. "When we came back, our home in Del Rio was leased out so we had to look for another place to live. We liked Fort Clark and we liked Brackettville so it was a good opportunity to move here."

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

The Kinney County Sheriff's Department is currently housing 28 prisoners at the County Jail, including 20 federal prisoners and eight county prisoners.

Sunday, July 28

5:02 a.m., A.W. Shugart, 53, of Strawn was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense. Shugart was magisterated by Judge Alvin Hall, and was released on July 29, after posting a \$500 cash bond. The passenger in Shugart's vehicle, Jason Elmore, 25, also of Strawn, was arrested for public intoxication and booked into the jail.

6:15 p.m., Raymond Joseph Bell III, 21, of Los Angeles, Calif., was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

Judge Hall magisterated Bell, who was released on July 29, after posting a \$1,000 security bond.

11:11 p.m., Officials were

contacted by EMS who said that a man was threatening people.

Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism responded to the call and arrested Edwin Titt, 41, of Brackettville, for terroristic threat. Titt was magisterated by Judge Hall and was released on July 29, on a \$1,000 personal recognizance bond.

Monday, July 29

4:00 p.m., Ernesto Ortiz, 28, of Brackettville was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense, and was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Ortiz was released on July 30, on a \$750 personal recognizance bond.

Governor Bush proclaims July Senior Law Month

Governor George W. Bush has proclaimed July Senior Law Month and called on older Texans to start planning now for the time they may need help managing their personal and financial affairs.

The Governor also challenged the Texas Young Lawyers Association and Area Agencies on Aging affiliated with the Texas De-

partment of Aging to cooperate in helping seniors file legal instruments such as durable powers of attorneys and directives to physicians.

These documents become crucial when illness or disability rob seniors of the ability to make important personal legal decisions.

Area Agencies on Aging statewide are already counseling low-

income older Texans on insurance, public benefits and other legal services. Nearly a fifth of these clients say they need someone to help them make legal decisions, or that people already making decisions for them are not acting in their best interest. These problems can often be avoided by designating a trusted relative or friend to make decisions on be-

half of an older person in accordance with his or her wishes.

Area Agency on Aging Director Berta Rocha MaCat and Elder Rights Specialist San Juanita Galvan at the Middle Rio Grande Development Council said that funds for legal assistance services for older people are severely limited and could be better used for other important legal problems.

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Watching changes in life

Some advances in technology have my attention this week, including a call from my son's friend, who works for Intel in Albuquerque, N.M.

He was checking on a phone number for his friend - my son, Mike. The interesting thing about the call is that Craig found my phone number by checking the world wide web, on his computer, for Taylor Stephenson.

He said that there was only one Taylor Stephenson that lived in Texas (didn't surprise me), but he found my address on the WWW, then found the phone number.

Folks, unless you have a name that is shared by the masses - like Bob, Mike, Jones or Smith - you can't get away. Those are good names, lots of folks agree and use them. So, the world is changing huh?

This week, I also watched the reports of surgery on the backbone of a mouse in which the backbone was severed and then nerves were reattached.

The back legs of the mouse actually moved after the fix. So, folks who have for years been paralyzed - and I've known some really great ones - can now think there's more hope out there because of advances in a changing world.

Much of my communication and research is done on the computer. At night or in the middle of the day, I can hustle off to a quiet spot and find a computer that uses a modem to tie me to the rest of the world.

I can ask finance questions to an expert, certification questions to the folks who are the authority, or peddle trivia about the day or the family to my friends and



family who have computers and an internet.

Life is changing. Our world is smaller than it was. Look at the Atlanta Olympics, 198 countries are there and we can watch and keep score of our favorites at the same time that folks in countries all over the world are doing the same thing.

Is life changing? You bet it is.

Funny thing about caller ID, a call came in the other day that said Astrodome, USA. It was Coach Rok, BISD AD, reporting on his progress in interviewing teacher coaches.

But, the interesting thing is that the caller ID said that the phone number calling was from the Astrodome, USA. Is life Changing? You bet it is.

OK, I hope that I have cited enough examples to whet your appetite.

A Changing world has major implications for schools. We must get our kids ready for a world that is going to be far different than anything any of us can visualize.

Imagine when you were in school thinking through some of the scientific advances that we are seeing today.

The skills that our kids need will always include comprehension and calculation, but above all, our children must be ready to meet a world head on that offers them a life that is filled with change.

The adult paradigm is important. Our kids need to be taught values like trust, loyalty, hard work.

But we must also realize that

sometimes we are looking at challenges for our kids through our experiences.

We don't want to change. We like it like it is, or like it used to be.

Our kids have to get ready for a future that deals with change above all.

As we approach a new year, let's think about what our kids need to know to be successful.

Teachers are studying their curriculum. A textbook written just a few years ago was outdated by the time that it arrived in the school district.

Teachers must study their craft, must stay alive with the idea that knowledge is changing daily and that above all our kids need to be taught thinking skills more than facts which will be outdated by the time the class begins.

As parents and educators, we must remember to learn with our kids. We must read about our world, we must learn new skills and be a model to our kids that life is based on continuous learning.

As the weather cools and as the days grow shorter, think with me this week about the challenges of a new school year.

Think about where our children are now in their learning and about where they need to be when this school year ends.

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Your Local Sears store has all the strengths of Sears

Corey claims another crown

Heather Corey brought home another crown to Brackettville Sunday as she won the Miss National All American Pageant at the Plaza Del Sol Mall in Del Rio.



HEATHER COREY

Contestants from Brackettville, Campwood, Del Rio, Hondo, San Antonio and Uvalde competed for the title during Sunday's pageant.

Corey also won awards in the modeling category, the dream girl category and most beautiful smile category.

Heather, who is the daughter of Robert and Charlotte Corey, will be a senior at Brackett High School this fall.

She enjoys horse-back riding and modeling.

Corey has been on the Plaza Del Sol Mall Fashion Board for two years.

She plans to pursue modeling for commercials in the future.

Corey has studied under Lari Nelson's School of Modeling.

She has now joined Calliope Talent and Modeling Agency of San Antonio, owned by Kristy Traylor.

Corey said she "continues to give God credit for the great favor she has received in pageant activities."

Rotary Club celebrates its new year

The Brackettville Rotary Club celebrated the beginning of its new year on Thursday with a visit from District Governor Walter Thomas and his wife, Leila Beth.

They arrived last Wednesday and met with officers and executive board members of the local club that evening for dinner at the Las Moras Inn.

Plans for the coming year were discussed, and the governor emphasized his eagerness to support Brackettville Rotary.

On Thursday, the couple enjoyed a trip to Alamo Village as honored guests. They returned in time for the regular luncheon meeting at the Inn.

Thomas spoke to the group about his experience in an intense course for district governors he attended in California designed to expand on their knowledge of Rotary and focus on ways they could be helpful in building a stronger organization.

The theme for the coming year is "Build the Future with Action and Vision."

He gave pins to members with the theme emblazoned on it. He

also pointed out that each year the governors wear jackets of a color that ties in with the theme. His jacket was a rust color, which he likened to brick, a construction material.

Members can envision themselves symbolically as a brick in the foundation of Rotary. If one brick is missing, it weakens the structure.

Thomas also spoke of building the future. He said that history was in the making.

"We can't change the past, but we can change the future. Our youth is the new generation, the one that will take Rotary into the 21st century."

He stressed that working with youth in a positive way is the action, the movement that makes things happen in a desirable way.

Rotary now has youthful versions of the organization in many high schools known as Interact. One of the goals of the local club is to establish an Interact group at Brackett High School.

This investment in the future turns our dream of creating a better world into reality.



Rotary President Mike Holley, left, welcomes District Governor Walter Thomas, right, and his wife, Leila Beth, to Brackettville.

The "four way test" espoused by Rotary verbalizes these basic values: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

These values serve as the basis of community service. They cre-

ate high ethical standards and unite professional men and women in the ideal of service.

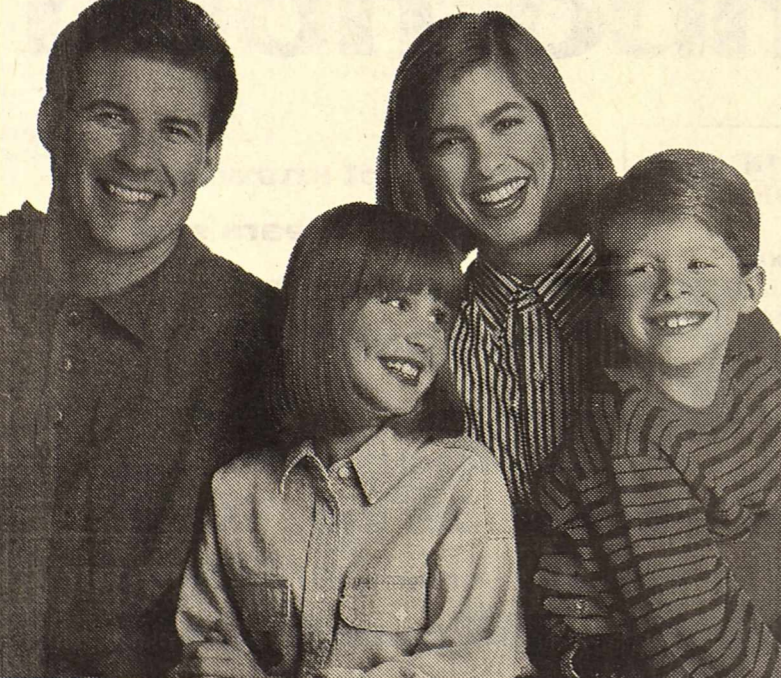
Rotary members said they thoroughly enjoyed this informative visit by the governor and his wife. They were given a crystal vase in appreciation of their visit.

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From picante sauce to pickles, it's time to can

The following are really summertime recipes. If you have an abundance of tomatoes and other fresh vegetables, be sure to try canning some of them. Tomatoes are really one of the easiest of all vegetables to can that there is.

This picante sauce is unusually good and makes eight to 10 pints:

Picante Sauce I

- 6 quarts fresh chopped tomatoes
- 1 quart chopped onions
- 1 quart chopped bell peppers (green or red, or both)
- 2 to 6 jalapenos (to taste), chopped
- 2 cups vinegar
- 1/4 cup salt
- 1/2 cup sugar

Wash the tomatoes and peel by dipping them in boiling water! Coarsely chop and measure six quarts. Place all ingredients in large pot and cook over medium heat, stirring frequently until sauce has reached thickness you desire and all of the vegetables are done. The longer you cook the sauce, the thicker it will be. The times I have made this, the jalapenos seemed to lose their heat as they cooked. To remedy this, I add them the last 15 to 30 minutes of cooking. Place in jars and place in boiling water bath for 10 minutes.

The following is a picante sauce made with fresh vegetables and not cooked. It is great as a dip for tostados and will keep for about a week in the fridge.

Picante Sauce II

- 2 fresh, large, unpeeled tomatoes
- 1 small onion

Smoke From Nakai

By Nakai Breen



Se'oh, Readers, today I chose to talk about the desert people. These people that live on the dry and arid land of the Southwest have been able to cut a life for themselves among that soil.

Most of the Tribe there raise angora goats and some farm animals but they still maintain their way of life, a beautiful and colorful way.

Some still use their adobe ovens and open fires to cook their meals that consist of mesquite meal and black beans, mutton and some cholla buds, prickly pear or saguaro jam, coffee or dessert tea.

Oh, yes! I promise to give you a mesquite recipe. This recipe is very good for people that are diabetic.

The bean retards the sugar in the blood:

Mesquite Flour Tortillas

Makes 1 dz.

- 1 1/2 cup unbleached flour
- 1/2 cup mesquite meal
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3T. Canola oil
- 1/2 cup warm water

Mix together flour, meal and salt. Drizzle on oil and stir with fork. Stir in warm water and make into a ball. Knead about 2 minutes on flour board. Cover and let set for 20 minutes. Divide into 12 balls and roll each to about 1/8 inch thick circle. Cook in dry skillet over medium heat and when slightly brown on one side, turn to other side and start enjoying your mesquite tortillas.

With good medicine, Nakai.

Did you know?

By Joyce Word

- 3 or 4 chiles (jalapeno, serrano or waxed green)
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 tbs. olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tbs. chopped cilantro

Remove stem ends and most of seeds from chiles. The more seeds and veins you leave in, the hotter the sauce will be. Chop chiles fine and dice the tomatoes and onions. Place in bowl and add lemon juice, oil, salt and pepper, mix well. Chill thoroughly, and top with cilantro before serving.

The following is another picante sauce that is great as a dip and also keeps well in the fridge.

Picante Sauce III

- 2 cups canned tomatoes (1 pint if using home canned tomatoes)
- 1 can tomato sauce (8-ounce size)
- 2-4 jalapeno peppers
- 2 tbs. vinegar
- 1 large onion, cut into pieces
- 1 clove garlic, chopped

Place all ingredients into blender or food processor. Blend until finely chopped (not pureed). Pour into pot and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for about 30 minutes. Cool and refrigerate.

Mel's Bread and Butter Pickles

- 1 gallon thinly sliced, medium sized cucumbers
- 2 medium to large onions, finely chopped
- 1 small green bell pepper, finely chopped

- 1 small red bell pepper, finely chopped
 - 2 quarts cool water
 - 1/2 cup canning salt
- Combine cucumbers, onions and bell peppers. Mix salt and water and pour over vegetables. Stir together, let stand several hours or over night, then drain.

Syrup

- 4 cups vinegar
- 4 cups sugar
- 1 tsp. mustard seed
- 1 tsp. celery seed
- 1/2 tsp. ground cloves
- 1/2 tsp. tumeric

Combine in large pot, add vegetables and bring to a boil. Cook only until they change color, and immediately place in jars. Seal while hot. Makes 10 or more pints.

Pickled Okra

- 3 pounds small whole okra
- 6 hot red or green peppers
- 6 garlic cloves
- 1 quart vinegar
- 1 1/3 cups water
- 1/2 cup pickling salt

In 2-3 quart pot, combine vinegar, water and salt, and bring to a boil. Wash okra. Trim stems but do not cut into pods. Pack okra into clean hot pint jars; add 1 pepper and 1 clove of garlic to each jar. Pour boiling solution over okra to within a half-inch of the top of the jar. Place lids on jars and tighten. Process in boiling water bath for 10 minutes. Remove jars from water, complete seals if necessary, set up-right on rack or on folded towel to cool.

For Pete's Sake

A local lawyer just got back from a business trip to New York. While there, he tells us, he decided to go to a swank men's store to buy a suit. He was asked his name, address, family history, favorite pastimes, political affiliations and his wife's maiden name.

"Why all the questions?" he finally demanded. "I only want to buy a suit."

"Oh, my friend!" the salesman exclaimed. "Before we sell a suit, we make sure it fits the buyer's personality and position in life."

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"Now look here!" the lawyer exclaimed. "I need this suit to wear to a meeting tomorrow afternoon!"

"Stop worrying," said the salesman. "You'll have it!"

Modern Boy Scouts

To make scouting relevant to boys of this modern age, "skill awards" have been established in addition to merit badges, and new material regarding drug abuse, family living and the maturing process of boys of scouting age has been incorporated into the good old Boy Scout Handbook.

At summer camp a few weeks ago, a young tenderfoot who has been reading the section on sexual

maturity, turned to his scoutmaster in confusion and asked, "Is sexual maturity a skill award or a merit badge?"

Dragons will be dragons

One dragon said to another, "Why do you sleep in the daytime so much?"

"It's simple," replied his dragon friend. "I hunt knights!"

Editor's note: If you enjoy these stories and comments, send for a free sample of Post Story Book. Write Pete, Box 712, Kingsport, TN 37662.

Bridge, anyone?

By Norma Gould

Three and a half tables enjoyed bridge at the Duplicate Club last Tuesday.

Flo Stafford and Ben Pingnot walked away with first place honors.

Taking home second place honors were James Harber and Walt Geeze.

Jerry Tillis, who was visiting from San Antonio, played with Ray Kurtz, and they came in third.

We welcome all bridge players.

Keep up with all of the local news in The Brackett News

Sorority bids farewell to Gastons

Members of the Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, along with their husbands and friends, bid a fond farewell to Dee and Bob Gaston on Saturday night at the home of Pat and Clem McKelvy.

Wonderful concoctions of homemade ice cream done by Luella Gilliland, Patsy Callnan and Pat McKelvy served over delicious cakes baked by Jan Chism, Gaye Kurz and Betty Inman were enjoyed by all.

Attending the farewell party were Flo and James Stafford, Betty and Bob Lee, Fern and Roy Dyer, Bobbie and Pack Waddill, Gaye and Roger Kurz along with their grandchildren, Betty Inman, Ann and Guy Hibler, Marge and Walt Geeze, Patsy and Ken Callnan, Alaicia and Gil Raymer, Luella and Dwite Gilliland and the McKelvys.

The Gastons will be leaving this week to make their home in Carlsbad, N.M.

HLRS angora sale dubbed a success

The Ninth Annual Haby, Lockhart, Ross and Speck Angora Production Sale was one of their best...

There was a tie for high-selling doe, one consigned by the Ross family and purchased by Jene and Sue Ann Nissen...

Ben and Virginia Epps of Sonora bought the first- and third-high selling Speck bucks for \$875 and \$600, respectively...

Volume buyers include the Epps, 11 head for \$4,725; the Coates, nine head for \$4,000; Rousselot Ranch of Sonora, five head for \$2,000; Jimmy Condra



Hayden Haby (from left), Dr. Fred Speck, Ben Epps, Hugh Coates, Dr. Joe David Ross, Jesse Lockhart and Ben Lockhart all came away from the annual HLRS Angora Production Sale happy.

Ranch of Sonora, five head for \$1,950; the Grafes, three head for \$1,550; Bryce and Marilynn Miller, four head for \$1,350; and J.K. Finigan, four head for

\$1,225. The Haby, Lockhart, Ross and Speck families express their sincere appreciation to everyone that participated in or assisted with the

sale. They are anticipating their sale next year when pure and first-cross South African angoras will be offered.

From Your Local Game Warden

Drought takes toll on wildlife

The drought continues to take its toll on wildlife here in South-west Texas, as well as in most of the State.

With no end in sight, hunters are taking a wait-and-see attitude toward the upcoming hunting seasons.

Dove season opens in a few weeks and most reports from the field indicate a decrease in numbers of birds seen in the area.

With fewer feeding and watering holes, the birds may be hard to find in most areas, unless we get some rain between now and mid-September.

Of course, if it will rain at all, it usually rains on one of the opening weekends of dove season, and we will enjoy every drop.

The deer continue to feed in the roadside ditches to find what little there is left for them to eat.

I have seen an awful lot of dead deer along the roads and highways, results of many collisions with cars.

I have heard of many deer, young and old, being found dead in pastures.

For the survivors, the lack of food also means lack of proper nutrition needed to grow good quality antlers.

The drought has been hard on turkey and quail also this year. Lots of quail pairs have been reported but not very many young ones have been seen.

It has been the same story with turkey. On the other hand, there have been people tell me that they have seen just the opposite.

They have seen some young quail and/or turkey on their places. Some have seen deer in decent shape. And some have even seen a few doves hanging around.

The recent rains have been scattered throughout the county, with some areas receiving much more than others. This could account for the differences in wildlife health and numbers.

Overall, most landowners and hunters are waiting for rain; waiting to see what will survive and ultimately wondering what kind of success this hunting season will bring.

Two types of irrigation systems for Xeriscape landscapes

There are two types of irrigation systems for use in landscapes - sprinkler irrigation and drip irrigation. Within a Xeriscape, use a combination of these two systems in watering lawns, trees, shrubs, groundcovers and flowers.

The goal of an irrigation system is to give the plants a sufficient amount of water without waste. In addition, by zoning the irrigation system, higher water requirement plantings can be watered separately from lower water requirement areas.

Sprinkler irrigation is the most commonly used method of watering. The two kinds of sprinkler irrigation systems are the hose-end sprinkler and the permanent underground system with raised sprinkler heads.

The differences in these two sprinkler systems are in the cost, convenience and efficiency. Permanent sprinkler systems are much more expensive than hose-end sprinklers. Yet, the permanent system is much more convenient and can be much more efficient in applying the water.

The major advantage for sprinkler irrigation is in lawn watering. A sprinkler system, hose-end or permanent, is the most widely accepted way to water a turfgrass area.

However, there are some drawbacks to sprinkler irrigation. First, sprinklers wet the plants, as well as the soil. Water which remains on a plant through the night increases disease susceptibility. Therefore, sprinkler irrigation should be used early in the day to allow time for the plant-leaf surface to dry before nightfall.

Another disadvantage of sprinkler irrigation occurs on windy days. Watering in as little as a five mile per hour wind will distribute the water unevenly over the soil surface and cause a great deal of evaporation.

Perhaps the most efficient way to water the home landscape, primarily flower beds and gardens, is with a properly-designed and well-maintained drip irrigation system. Drip irrigation slowly applies water to soil. Water flows under low pressure through emitters laid alongside the plants.

Water applied by drip irrigation has little chance of waste through evaporation or runoff. The water is applied directly to the plant's root zone. This also eliminates waste from applying water to unplanted or weedy areas.

Overall, irrigation requirements will vary according to plant species, soil type, rainfall, and temperature. Established, well-adapted plants require less frequent watering than newly planted trees and shrubs.

A minimum length of time to operate a drip irrigation system is three hours. However, it may take six to 12 hours to thoroughly wet the root zone of an established large shrub or small tree.

Covering the drip system with mulch is often recommended to hide the drip tubing from view and add to the life expectancy of the system.

How much water do you need?

Probably the most important concept in Xeriscape landscaping is to water properly. Knowing when to water and for how long is fundamental to maintaining a quality landscape that is water efficient.

Newly planted trees and shrubs will need more frequent watering from the planting time until they are well-rooted. During this estab-

Mohair Council meets in August

Mohair growers can learn how their new promotional fund is developing at the summer directors' meeting of the Mohair Council of America in Kerrville on Aug. 14-15.

Layton Black of Goldthwaite, council president, said a highlight of the summer meeting at the Inn of the Hills will be a report on the voluntary deduction program that was just initiated on June 1, by the reorganized Texas Mohair Producers Board.

The producers commodity board will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, and growers are invited to attend.

Other matters on the Mohair Council agenda include an update on the value added program proposal and how the National Sheep Improvement Center funding programs can benefit the Angora goat

and mohair industry and the Market Assistance Program available under the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"We are working hard to come up with alternative financing for future mohair promotion and market development programs that were previously paid for through funding from deductions made under auspices of the National Wool Act," Black said.

The Mohair Council's executive committee will meet at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 14, followed by a reception at 6 for growers and directors at the Kerrville residence of Council Vice President Lanny Leinweber.

The summer directors' meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 15, in the Medallion Room at the Inn of the Hills. Registration and coffee will be at 8.

County Agent News

by Alan L. McWilliams



ishment period, plants can be gradually weaned to a smaller amount of water. Proper weaning develops deep roots and makes plants "drought enduring."

Of the tremendous amounts of water applied to lawns and gardens, much of it is never absorbed by the plants and put to use.

Some water is lost to runoff by being applied faster than the soil can absorb it, and some water evaporates from exposed, unmulched soil before it can be used by the plant.

Yet, the greatest waste of water is when too much is applied too often. More plants are killed by too much water than by too little.

Most lawns receive twice as much water as they require for a healthy appearance. It is best to not water by the calendar, for example, once a week. It is better to water when the plant needs water-

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Plaza del Sol Mall keeps pace with the growth of Del Rio area

The city of Del Rio is growing in numbers, from expansion at Laughlin Air Force Base to the U.S. Border Patrol's increasing numbers, and Plaza del Sol Mall is matching the growth.

A restaurant, an eight-screen cinema and merchant expansion are all coming to Plaza del Sol Mall this fall to better serve the growing Del Rio area.

Wyatt's Cafeteria will be changing hands and appearance as the San Antonio-based Luby's Cafeteria makes its first appearance in Del Rio.

Luby's recently purchased 22 Wyatt's Cafeterias, including the one in Del Rio, bringing their total to over 200 restaurants in 11 states. The Del Rio chain is

slated to open some time in mid-October.

"We will emphasize cooking from scratch," said Laura Bishop, Luby's vice president of finance. "The managers can even tailor the food to what people like in the local community."

"Our food preparation methods are great," she added. "We even make our own mayonnaise and salad dressing."

Luby's will be a wonderful asset to Plaza del Sol Mall and to the Del Rio community, officials said.

Unfortunately, Del Rio has missed many of the summer's blockbuster films without the Cinema 3, which came down in February. But, this fall, Cinemat USA

out of Dallas is putting in Movies 8, an eight-screen state-of-the-art theater.

The new 1,400-plus theater will have a game room, eight auditoriums with wall-to-wall screens ranging in size from 30 to 42 feet, and top of the line digital sound systems from Sony and DTS Dolby in several of the theaters.

Brad Jamieson of EMJ Construction said the new theater should be completed in November or early December.

Next on the list of changes at Plaza del Sol Mall will be the expansion of Rare Designs, currently located at 645 S. Main Street in Del Rio.

Rare Designs, soon to be shortened to RARE, is scheduled to open in late Sep-

tember to early October.

The store features the latest in men's and women's casual, active and surf wear fashions, toting brands such as Guess, Mossimo, Stussy, Yaga, Pepe, 26 Red and a variety of others.

Store owners Carolina and Segundo Guajardo, a mother-and-son team, said their new arrivals and new brands will also be found at the new store.

Presently, Rare Designs operates an island shop in Plaza del Sol and they are planning to continue this shop as an accessories store, carrying sunglasses, belts, wallets, backpacks and much more.

RARE will not be limited to clothing, the store also stocks a variety of the trendi-

est footwear, including Dr. Martens and 26 Red Shoes.

Carolina Guajardo said that she and her son travel extensively to find and bring the latest trends back to Del Rio.

"We carry a little of everything," she said. "My son and I travel to California, New York, Miami, Atlanta and throughout Texas to keep up to speed on the latest clothing trends."

Back-to-school sales on all of Rare Design's merchandise will begin Aug. 1, where customers can take 10 percent off everything.

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Super Crossword MagicMaze Natasha's Stars

- ACROSS**
1 Orney
2 Olympian
5 Bewitching city?
10 Paw part
13 Unwinds
18 Group of Pacific islands
20 Striped stone
21 Trucker's itinerary: abbr.
22 Separately
23 76 Paul Newman film
26 Aristocrat
27 Where to spend shekels
28 Epoch
29 Tachometer meas.
30 Il humor
31 "Man bites dog," e.g.
33 Supporter
34 Sheep's shaker
35 Slaw stirrer
39 '81 Henry Fonda film
44 Jai —
45 Church sale
47 Poker stake
48 Sphere
50 Hoi —
53 Historic org.
54 Movie terrier
55 Munich Mrs.
56 '92 Harvey Keitel film
60 Aromatic spice
61 "My Life — Dog"
62 Author Chaim
63 Urban music style
64 Rustic
66 O'Donnell of "Circle of Friends"
67 Hang loosely
68 Sources
69 Informs against
72 Pabulum variety
73 Munch-ausen's title
74 "O Sole —"
77 City on the Allegheny
78 '80 Brooke Shields film
81 The King and I setting
82 Border on
85 Galley feature
86 Kitchen cover-ups
87 "In — signo vices"
88 Heady quaffs
89 Echidna's protection
92 Tennis pro
93 '94 Meryl Streep film
96 Makeup case
99 Dock
100 Cool
101 Ms. Lollobrigida
102 Corrects
105 Cryer or Voight
106 Mai —
108 Nasty
113 Pianist Claudio
114 '93 Nathaniel Parker film
117 Sweatshirt size
118 "Hi!" to Horace
119 Sing the praises of
120 Fenown
121 Medieval guild
122 "Absolutely!"
123 Shinbone
124 "— Comes the Sun"
DOWN
1 Vino center
2 Super Bowl shouts
3 Part of ER
4 Fountain order
5 Proverb
6 "— of God" (play)
7 Retreat
8 Sicilian rumble
9 Actress Foster
10 Set in motion
11 Energy source
12 "La Fanciulla — West"
13 Zamfir's instrument
14 Rocky's rival
15 Broccoli —
16 Agatha's colleague
17 British gun
19 Basketball venue
24 Couturier Cassini
25 Richard of "Stir Crazy"
30 Toy toter
32 Snare
33 Khan opener?
34 Caterpillar's construction
35 Director Frank
36 African plants
37 Hobby wood
38 Digestive juice
39 Missouri mountain range
40 Biblical sentiment
41 "— Rhein-

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U S R Q P N G M L S J I P H F
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Alexandria Memphis Ramses Tanis
Desert Nile Rosetta Temples
Giza Pyramids Sinai Tombs
Luxor Suez

Natasha's Stars
ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Communications slowly improve with a relative who's been difficult to get along with lately. You see the light into the motivations of others on the job. Concentration could be difficult to achieve later in the week since your mind is on socializing.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
The financial picture should brighten for you this week as you receive some unexpected good news. Investment developments for the future are favorable. You'll be traveling somewhere unexpectedly over the weekend.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Somebody could be offended by the opinion you express early in the week. Be sure to temper this with understanding. On the job, you need to pay extra attention to details. Tact and diplomacy help you on the home front this weekend.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
A wonderful, unexpected job development has you humming and piques your interest. Get to know new acquaintances better while out socializing later in the week. Some of them have ideas which can rebound to your benefit.
LEO (July 23 to August 22)
You're liable to buy something that you have wanted for a long time while out shopping this week. However, errors in financial judgment could occur as you're inclined to overspend on luxuries. Listen to a loved one's good advice.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
Be careful of those who would take advantage of you in your various financial dealings this week. Interruptions could make it difficult to complete an important project you're working on later in the week. You may spend some time burning the midnight oil as a result.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
You handle yourself flawlessly and function well in group activities this week and should seek the spotlight. You're able to turn around a troublesome situation at home.

Vision Teaser

Find at least six differences in details between panels.
Differences: 1. Toothed is added. 2. Fence is lowered. 3. Flowers are taller. 4. Bird bath is missing. 5. Siphon is different. 6. Cloud is larger.

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Aug. 3 Carl E. Robe
Aug. 4 Mary V. Flores
Aug. 4 Dustin Slubar
Aug. 4 Rina Villarreal
Aug. 4 Peggy McKeen
Aug. 5 Sterling Evans
Aug. 5 Irma H. Garcia
Aug. 6 Bob Burkepile
Aug. 6 Sylvia Meyer
Aug. 7 Ida Aguilar

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Court records

Court Filings
Marriage Licenses
Gilbert Simon and Hortencia C. Crosby, July 22

District Court Divorces Files
John Lee McNeil Jr., and Tracey Michelle McNeil, July 9.

Cases Filed
Victoria Villarreal vs. Alamo Village, Inc., bodily injury, July 18.

Dispositions
Earl Alonzo Wright, Brackettville, burglary of a building, defendant plead guilty, court found defendant guilty, fined cost of court, four years probation and restitution.

Robert Luis Hernandez, Del Rio, possession of cocaine less than 28 grams, defendant plead guilty, court found defendant guilty, fined cost of court, two years probation.

David Valdez, Del Rio, possession of marijuana, defendant plead guilty, court found defendant guilty, fined cost of court, five years probation.

Abelardo Noe Munoz, possession of marijuana, defendant plead guilty, court found defendant guilty, fined cost of court, five years probation.

Luis Rey Guerrero Franco, Acuna, possession of marijuana, defendant plead guilty, court found defendant guilty, fined cost of court, sentenced to 10 years in prison.

PUBLIC NOTICE

1996-97 Proposed Budget Hearing

The City of Brackettville will hold a Public Hearing for the 1996-97 Proposed Budget on Tuesday, August 13, 1996 at 6:00 P.M., City Hall, 119 West Spring Street.

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