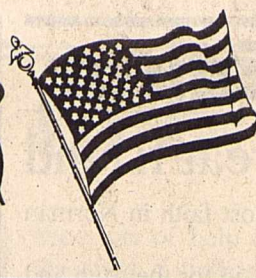


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Accident claims one life

Seven Brackettville residents involved in truck rollover

A Brackettville man died Sunday evening following a one-vehicle accident in Uvalde County.

Juanito Sanchez, 31, was killed when he was thrown from a truck about 20 miles north of Brackettville on Farm and Market Road 334.

The driver of the vehicle was identified as J.J. Sandoval, also of Brackettville, officials said.

According to reports, the 1970 Chevrolet pickup was headed west when it "failed to make a curve" and ran off the

right side of the road, struck a drainage coverage and flipped several times.

There were seven occupants in the truck; three were in the front of the cab, four were in the bed of truck. Everyone in the bed was ejected from the truck. Reports showed that no seat belts were worn.

Also in the truck were Richard Rodriguez, Mario and David Reyes, Robert Tyer, and Tommy Ward, all of Brackettville.

Rodriguez was not seriously injured. Ward was listed as leaving the scene.

Tyer and Mario Reyes were both transported to University Hospital in San Antonio.

As of Wednesday, Tyer was listed in stable condition and Reyes was in fair, but guarded, condition.

David Reyes was taken to Uvalde Memorial Hospital. He was released on Monday.

Department of Public Safety Troopers Hector Luevano and Jose A. Salas investigated the accident. Both are with Uvalde County DPS.

Briefs ...

McDaniel named to Dean's List at Tech

LUBBOCK - Brackettville's Wendy McDaniel was named to the Dean's List at Texas Tech University.

McDaniel, a 1993 graduate of Brackett High School, is majoring in agricultural communications.

She was one of more than 3,300 Texas Tech students that qualified for academic honors at the end of the fall 1996 semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work.

Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Campfire talks being offered at Amistad

DEL RIO - Amistad National Recreation Area is offering campfire talks every Saturday evening through March 29.

All programs begin at 7 p.m. at the Governor's Landing Campground Amphitheater.

Topics range from archeology and history to area wildlife and native uses of plants.

This week's program, on Saturday, will be Judge Roy Bean country. Join local historian and author Jack Skiles for a talk about the colorful history of the Langtry area.

Parking is available at the Governor's Landing Picnic Area. For more information, call 775-7491.

Band Boosters to meet

The Brackett Band Boosters will meet tonight at 7 p.m. at the band hall.

Tigerettes win district Brackett slips past Dilley, 37-35

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

DILLEY - The Brackett Tigerettes clinched the District 30-2A basketball championship Tuesday with a 37-35 victory over the Dilley Lady Wolves.

It was the ninth-straight victory for the Tigerettes, who improved to 19-11 on the season and 9-0 in league play. Dilley fell to 12-14 overall and 6-3 in conference action.

"Winning the district championship is a great feeling," Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin said. "It's always tough to play in Dilley. They always step it up and give us a good game."

Amanda Meek scored 10 of her game-high 16 points in the fourth quarter to pace Brackett's scoring attack.

"Amanda played really good," Nowlin said. "She got strapped with some early fouls and had to sit down. When she came back in, we consistently went to her and she finished real strong."

Lindy La Mascus also finished in double figures for the Tigerettes. She had 10 points.

"Winning the district championship is a great feeling. It's always tough to play in Dilley. They always step it up and give us a good game."
Gregg Nowlin

"Lindy played real well," Nowlin said. "She had lots of steals and played outstanding defense."

Katy Hagler scored six points for Brackett, Courtney Harrison and La Toya Wright both had two, and Chica Garza added one.

Misty Minton led Dilley with 14 points. The Tigerettes will close their regular season tomorrow night at 6:30 as they host the Natalia Lady Mustangs.

Brackett may play a warm-up game early next week to prepare for the post-season. The Tigerettes open the playoffs against Navarro (15-9), the runner-up of District 29-2A.

Tigers fall to Wolves, 77-54

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

DILLEY - Dilley outscored Brackett by 10 points in the second quarter Tuesday night as the Wolves picked up a 77-54 win over the Tigers in District 30-2A basketball action.

With the victory, the Wolves improve to 5-2 in league play and 18-8 on the year. The Tigers are 4-3 in district and 17-9 overall.

"It's always tough to play in Dilley," Tigers coach Gary Grubbs said. "They play well when they're at home."

"We put out a great effort tonight. Our kids don't have anything to be ashamed of."

Dilley led 21-17 after the opening stanza and then outscored Brackett 22-12 in the second period to take a commanding 43-29 advantage at halftime.

The Wolves had four players in double digits. Nandy Rodriguez scored 19 points, J.J. Neves had 18, Adrian Santos finished with 13 and Oscar Olivarez had 11.

Beau Smallwood led the Tigers with a game-high 21 points. He hit two three-pointers and was 5 of 7 from the free throw line.

Moses Hernandez also finished in double figures. He had 20 points.

Ramon De Leon scored six points for Brackett, Luis Guajardo had four and Rene Luna pitched in three.

The Tigers will resume action tomorrow as they host Natalia. On Tuesday, Brackett hosts Center Point. Both games begin at 8.

The Tigers are still alive in the conference race. "We control our own destiny," Grubbs said. "If we can win our last three games, we will finish no worse than tied for second."



PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE BRACKETT NEWS

Jim Thompson took first place in the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce's Big Whitetail Buck Contest with this 16-point buck.

Chamber of Commerce announces winners of Big Whitetail Buck Contest

By Kathryn Letsinger
Contributing Writer

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce has announced this year's winners of the Big Whitetail Buck Contest.

The best buck entered in this year's contest garnered Jim Thompson first place. It had 16 points, an inside spread of almost 17 inches, and a height over 21 inches. Chuy's Deer Processing registered Thompson's deer.

The Chamber of Commerce presented Thompson with a 270 Savage Rifle.

Bob Bell from Houston took second place. His buck had 19 points, an inside spread of 14 1/2

inches, and a height of over 20 inches. It was registered at Freddie's Deer Processing.

M&S Price Ranches sponsored second place, as Bell won a Gerber hunting knife thanks to Steve Price.

The third place winner is Barry Bartos from Arlington. His big buck had 10 points and an inside spread of 19 inches. It was registered at Chuy's Deer Processing.

Chamber of Commerce officials expressed their appreciation for all of the hard work done by Freddie's Deer Processing, Chuy's Deer Processing, and The Jugstore, which registered and measured all 25 of this year's entrants.



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Tigers fall short

The Charlotte Trojans jumped out to a 27-17 lead after the opening stanza en route to an 84-71 victory over Brackett Friday. **Sports/Page 5**

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Five Tigers earn honors on All-SWTA football team

The Brackett Tigers had five players named to the 1996 All-Southwest Texas Area football team, which was released today by The Brackett News.

Representing Brackett on the elite squad are running back Jorge Rodriguez, offensive lineman Patrick Munoz, linebacker J. Wayne Ballew, and defensive backs Michael Aguirre and Ramon De Leon. Aguirre and De Leon are seniors, and Rodriguez, Munoz and Ballew are juniors.

Charlotte's Norman Porter was named the All-Southwest Texas Area Coach of the Year. In four seasons as the Trojans' head coach, Porter has compiled a 35-10-1 record and led Charlotte to four playoff appearances.

During his tenure there, Charlotte has won two district, four bi-district, and two area championships, advancing to the regional semifinals twice.

In making the jump from Class A to 2A this season, District 30-2A coaches predicted the Trojans would finish fifth in the six-team conference. Charlotte went 10-2 this year, finishing second in district, winning bi-district, and advancing to the area playoffs.

The Eagle Pass Eagles were named the area's Team of the Year.

Led by former All-Southwest Texas Area Coach of the Year Oscar Villasenor, the Eagles went 10-3, won district, bi-district and area championships

The area football team is made up of 120 of the top players in the 16-county Southwest Texas area.

■ All-Southwest Texas Area football team6

before falling to Judson, 21-6, in the Class 5A Division I Region IV finals.

The area football team is made up of 120 of the top players in the 16-county Southwest Texas area that includes the following counties: Atascosa, Bandera, Dimmitt, Edwards, Frio, Gillespie, Kendall, Kerr, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Medina, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala.

Nominations of players selected to the team were made by area football coaches and members of the media. The team was selected through a combination of opinions by area coaches and media.

Sports writers who took part in the selection of the team include: J.J. Guidry of *The Brackett News*, Gary Sherry of *The Devine News*, Al Kinsall of the *Eagle Pass News-Guide*, Manuel Azocar III of the *Frio-Nueces Current*, Jeff Berger of *The Hondo Anvil Herald*, Maggie Rodriguez of the *Pleasanton Express*, and James Volz of *The Uvalde Leader-News*.

Letters to the Editor

Kinney County lost a great friend

This past week, we lost one of the best men that ever lived and served in Kinney County and Brackettville, Norman Hooten.

I am still very proud to have known this man and called him my friend. It was a great loss to all the people there and the whole world.

I wish to express my deepest sympathy to his family and to his real friends all over the world, which I consider myself to be one of, and I am very proud to say that.

I would like to say "thank you" to Rev. Joe Townsend for the fine job that he did at both the service and at the grave-side service in Lometa.

I think this man did a super job and was a good friend to Norman, and at least did tell the whole story behind the man. I know it really helped me to accept our tragic loss of this fine man and friend.

I really enjoyed what he had to say and did notice lots of people that were there doing lots of wiggling in their seats.

Some of them I was very surprised to see there, but I guess they just had to see who else was there. And, of course, some just had to put on a show and go and tell others what was said about the whole thing as they understood it.

But Rev. Joe was right and I will stand up and behind this man as long as he has things to say about some of the fine people of Kinney County. And the others, that is just too bad.

I have heard all my life about "if the shoe fits, you should wear it," and I am sure that lots have some sore toes after listening to what Rev. Joe had to say.

Keep up the good work. I am glad to know that not all of Kin-

ney County lost faith in Norman Hooten.

Thanks again for the truth and love you had for Norman, Rev. Joe Townsend.

I was surprised, but not shocked, not to see more county elected officials at the services.

I did not see any of the Sheriff's Department personnel, except for one man, that I knew.

That is sad after all that Norman did for that office and personnel by his serving there. That just seemed such a lack of respect for Norman and worse for themselves.

That was their choice and they will have to live with it. But I do feel like they showed their real colors, and I am glad to know how they really felt. God bless all of them, because they need it.

This, to me, really shows how the elected officials of Kinney County feel about the others of Kinney County.

I am sure glad that I can say I was there and saw this with my own eyes.

It is sad when I think about all the late night calls that Norman got at his home, and they could not take an hour or so of their time to show their respect for him and his family. Nice job folks.

I do appreciate Norman's real friends and his family for letting me know about his death.

I was glad that I could be there for this loss of the finest man I personally knew in Brackettville.

He is in a much better place now, is with God, and is finally at rest.

I just hope all can let his memory rest, and his family too.

God bless you, Norman H. Hooten!

Herbert F. Brion

Keep things in mind at election time

I was unable to attend all of Sheriff Hooten's funeral because of family illness.

I was shocked, however, to see no honor guard, or even an escort, for any of these services.

I observed very few county and city employees, except those acting as "spotters."

This is more than shameful, it is a blatant act of vituperation on

the part of the people considerably less worthy than the deceased!

All of the accolades attributed to Sheriff Hooten in this newspaper are a matter of record.

I implore each of you eligible voters to keep this in mind, and at the next election vote the dissidents out permanently.

David T. Blair

Support for R. V. Park is appreciated

We want to thank The Brackett News for printing our letters regarding the R.V. Park at Fort Clark. We also want to thank the Board of Directors for their action in resolving the problems we were having.

We now have a new park manager who, along with his wife, greets you every time you see them and are always friendly. As always, it's nice to see the smiling face of our assistant manager,

Jeanne.

There are changes already taking place.

The lounge will be back in the office, and everyone will have a place to go when the Recreation-Dining Hall is used by groups.

Again, thanks to everyone for the support given.

We are looking forward to having a full Campground-R.V. Park in the near future.

Chuck Titus

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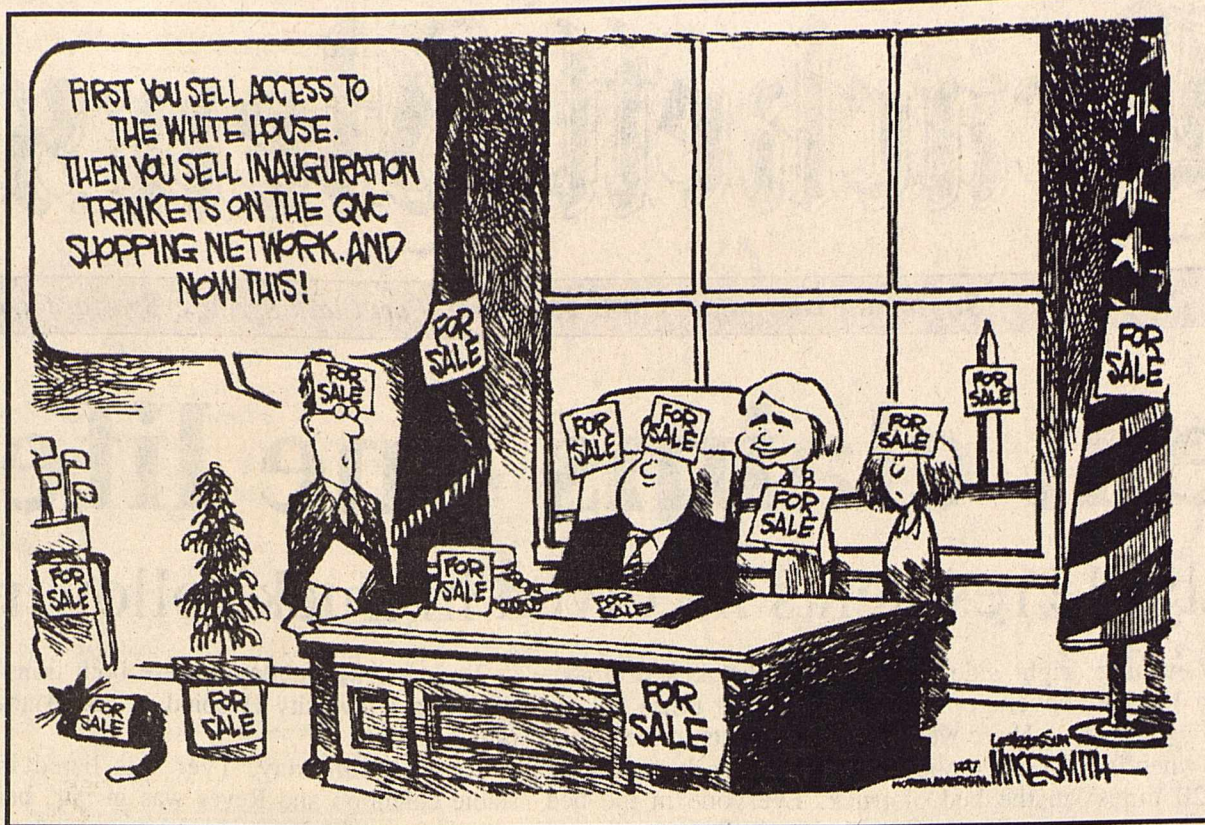
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Character is defined by actions

People define their character by their actions. If there were any questions about the character of some people, any doubts have been removed this past week.

In 30 years in Brackettville, the first time the sheriff refused to escort a body at least to the city limits was when the local sheriff refused to escort the body of Norman Hooten.

One woman, in a public place said, "I'm glad he's dead" in reference to Norman Hooten.

While seeking to be derogatory to him, she was in reality revealing, baring her soul in insidious fashion.

Perhaps the lowest of the low is the human trash who made anonymous calls to Norman's wife threatening to kill Norman's dogs.

Of course, any person who makes such calls is a coward to begin with.

Anyone who will not identify

Between Us
By Joe Townsend



himself is nothing less than a full blown coward.

I would remind everyone that thousands of dollars and years were spent trying to find wrong with Hooten and his dogs. They came up empty.

Raising and selling pit bull dogs is legal in every state. The mentally deranged stories that Norman didn't die, that it was a scam so he could get away from his troubles, shows how sick some people can be.

This small handful of people who fought him while he was alive became rabid when he died.

In reality, all they are doing is revealing how stupid they are.

It is doubtful there is a law of-

ficer in Texas with as many commendations for a job well done as Norman Hooten had.

I know of no law enforcement officer who was so persecuted as Norman Hooten by professional cannibalism.

Suffice it to say, Norman is beyond such malicious torment and is at peace with God.

"Vengeance is mine, I will repay saith the Lord" is the Bible's answer to such evil actions.

We often say, "What goes around, comes around."

This is another way of saying God will bring judgement and there will be a high price to pay to all who have a part in such baneful activities.

Balancing the budget is critical

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

The last time the federal government balanced its budget "The Mod Squad" was still on television and "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head" was a hit song.

That's right, it's been almost 30 years since the federal government has balanced its budget. This week, President Clinton will release his plan for fiscal year 1998. Congress will then develop its own plan, and the balanced budget debate will begin again.

Balancing the budget is critical, but cutting back is tough. In 1997, the federal budget will reach 1.65 trillion. That's trillion, with 10 zeros!

No government in the history of the world has ever spent this much in a year! It's time to put an end to the decades of borrow-and-spend government which have produced a federal debt of over \$5 trillion.

A balanced budget amendment is not about numbers. It is about people. It is about families. A guaranteed balanced budget means reduced interest rates and a lower cost of living for all Americans. It means protecting vitally important programs like Medicare

and Social Security.

A balanced budget amendment to our Constitution would make the government permanently change the way it does business with your money. Politicians would be accountable for every one of your tax dollars.

The majority of the American public supports the amendment, and the people are smart. They know that a balanced budget will save them thousands of dollars in interest on their home mortgages, student loans and car loans.

Putting off balancing the budget will only make things worse. Temporary plans and tricky accounting that temporarily slow down spending won't get the job done. We need the real thing.

The government is not under an obligation to spend more each year, but it is under an obligation to be fiscally responsible to the American public.

Requiring a balanced budget now will put money back in your pocket and make the government responsible. Tough decisions will have to be made.

The last Congress reduced spending and eliminated unnecessary programs, but it was just the beginning. This Congress must act now so Americans can do more.

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Nobody's friend

My name is gossip. I have no respect for justice. I maim without killing, I break hearts and ruin lives. I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age. The more I'm quoted, the more I am believed.

My victims are helpless, they cannot protect themselves against me because I have no name and no face. To track me down is impossible, the harder you try the more evasive I become.

I am nobody's friend! Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same. I topple governments and wreck marriages. I ruin careers and cause sleepless nights, heartaches and indigestion. I make people cry in their pillows.

Even my name hisses. I am called gossip. I make headlines and heartaches. Before you repeat a story, ask yourself? Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it harmless? If it isn't don't repeat it.

Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Making the workplace more friendly to families

Every working parent I know is stretched to the limit. They say, "I just don't have enough time. The best thing Congress could do for me is add more hours to my day."

Unfortunately, we can't do that. But Congress can do the next best thing. We can provide scheduling flexibility for people in the workplace so they can better manage what little time they do have.

On Jan. 22, I sponsored legislation with Senator John Ashcroft of Missouri designed to make the American workplace more friendly to families by allowing workers the kind of flexible schedules that are prohibited by current law. The leadership in Congress has decided to make this bill a top priority.

Right now, hourly employees and their employers have few options. Hourly workers are not allowed to make the kind of common sense scheduling arrangements that salaried workers take for granted.

They can't, for instance, sit down with their supervisors and say, "May I work two extra hours on Friday so I can take off at 3 p.m. Monday to go to my son's parent-teacher conference?"

To me, it is counterproductive for the government to stand in the way of such accommodation.

So the Family Friendly Workplace Act is aimed at hourly employees who would benefit from having a work schedule that meets the demands of their personal lives, a schedule that allows them to spend more time with their children while continuing to meet their professional responsibilities.

This legislation would amend the Fair Labor Standards Act to give employees the option of either:

- Voluntarily receiving time and a half compensatory time in lieu of overtime for hours worked in excess of 40 a week, or
- Making alternative, voluntary work-hour trade offs which allow workers and employers to devise creative schedules based on a 160 hour a month timetable.

In two-thirds of American households, both the mother and father are employed outside the home. Existing laws put these working parents in a straitjacket, effectively preventing the kind of time trade-offs that would allow them to host a scout meeting or to join a child's classroom outing.

Flexible working schedules would make workers more content, more productive and more able to address the needs of their families.

Federal employees have been allowed to take advantage of flexible schedules since 1978, and time and a half compensatory time off since 1945.

People who work in the private sector should be able to enjoy this flexibility as well.

This legislation is a tool that lets hourly wage earners and their employers manage their time and their lives more conveniently.

This is another installment payment on my commitment to getting government off the backs of ordinary working families.

Superintendents' meeting proves to be productive

I attended the annual conference of the superintendents of Texas last week.

The first few days in Austin were very productive. I enjoyed hearing Governor Bush as he spoke of his two major goals.

The first goal is that every child shall be reading on grade level by the third grade and shall continue to stay on grade level (or ahead) for the duration of the public school years.

The second is property tax relief.

Our governor has lots of poise and believes in what he is speaking about. He and his wife, along with Commissioner of Education Mike Moses and the Texas Education Agency, absolutely believe that the ability to read on grade level by third grade is a necessity.

Unless our children learn to

read, their futures are bleak. Bush suggests to children that they read at least as much time as they watch TV.

He has aligned with the Texas Business Council, which is providing much of the basic leadership and support for this initiative.

So, we are trying to gear up to meet this goal. Don't misunderstand, in my opinion, most of our children meet this goal. However, it's those few Texas children that slip by that are of greatest concern at this time.

These children need to learn to read. Every elementary school in Texas has been challenged to reach this goal. If we get there, we must direct more of our resources and support to this effort.

We will need help. Most of our needs will be a strong alliance between the home and school. That's the difficult one.



I appeal to all parents of young children in public schools to dedicate themselves to helping your child learn to read.

Educators must take the initiative, but we must have lots of help with tutors, volunteer listeners and folks who encourage children to learn to read.

We can do it. We're so close, and working to get closer at Jones Elementary School.

The second goal was legislative, and includes property tax relief for folks who pay school property taxes.

From what I know at this time, the goal apparently is to increase

the homestead exemption from \$5,000 to \$25,000. There would then be a 20 cent reduction in tax levy in every school district in Texas.

Most folks would experience a 30 to 40 percent cut in school property taxes.

Our governor believes that education should be controlled at the local level and funded at the state level.

At the present time, Texas has this one backwards. We control at the state level and fund at the local level.

Gov. Bush has pledged to try to reverse this process. He will

need lots of help to accomplish this goal. I believe that Texans support him in this goal.

There's much more, the latest in technology was on display. There were about 15 computers set up in Austin's Convention Center so that participants could check their mail. I did this daily.

I was able to see the latest in multi-media used in some of the finest of schools in Texas.

There was much talk about the new essential knowledges and skills that will shape the curriculum for Texas for the next 10 years.

Commissioner Moses revealed his new system for teacher evaluation in Texas that includes student performance as one of the basic indicators. So, lots of new things. I enjoyed the week.

Life lost in accident
On a more somber topic, once

again our community has lost a life in an accident.

We all have ideas about what could help prevent this in the future.

Our community seems to have far more than its share of these type of accidents. It seems each year that we must feel the pain as a community.

Obviously, if I had the answer, I would have already utilized the panacea. I don't.

I do know that it's time we work together to help our young folks find a better answer than we now have. So, I'm very sorry.

I hope that we learn from this terrible accident. Let's try to work together to find the answer. Once again, we have lost a life and have others clinging to life.

If you have a suggestion, please write to me. I'm here to listen! Have a good week.

Board of directors agree to down-size American Sheep Industry Association

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Twenty Texas sheep producers attended the American Sheep Industry Association's annual convention here this past week.

During the convention, the board of directors voted to down-size the organization and extend the remaining funds over the next 31 months.

The board moved to phase out the association's current programs in promotion, education and information as of March 1 and replace them with issues-related programs to meet the industry's most critical needs.

Also, the group's staff will be down-sized to 11 key personnel.

The board voted to continue the industry's legislative work, which is funded through state affiliate dues and contributions to the organization.

An interim budget and plan of action was adopted for March 1 through Sept. 30, the end of the association's normal fiscal year.

The board will meet again in early June instead of in August to look at the remaining program plans for the rest of the reorganization time period.

Leaders say the plan will allow for a window of opportunity for the industry, stretching out existing resources to make sure the industry can respond to emerging issues such as scrapie, predation or food safety, while still maintaining basic information between the producer sector and all other sectors of the lamb and wool industry.

The time period will also allow the industry to readdress the issue of promoting funding.

There were no plans adopted for any alternative to the checkoff package. The board reasserted its previous opinion that opponents of the checkoff should bring forward alternatives for consideration by producer leaders from all states.

Word was received here that Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman appointed two Texans to the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center Board.

Texas representatives will be John Mark McLaughlin and Pierce Miller, both of San Angelo.

Other board appointees are Lawrence Becker of Wisconsin, Julie Hansmire and Spencer Rule of Colorado, John Faulkner of Idaho, and William Bonde of California.

"These are some of the finest minds in our industry today, not only from the production side but also from marketing and financial segments," said ASI President Steve Raftopoulos. "We feel confident that appointments of this caliber will move the industry forward."

"The \$20 million now appropriated to this project can help us rebuild our industry's infrastructure with progressive, innovative ideas and actions."

Prison costs drop 11 percent in expanded system

AUSTIN - The cost of keeping an inmate in state prison dropped 11 percent as the Texas Department of Criminal Justice operated its expanded prison system at new high capacity efficiency in 1995-96, according to figures compiled by the Texas Criminal Justice Policy Council.

The overall average cost declined to \$39.51 per inmate per day in 1996 from \$44.40 in 1994, the Policy Council said, bringing current costs down to 1989 levels.

The Policy Council credited the decrease to efficiencies of scale

in the expanded system and the use of more efficient prison units designed by TDCJ.

TDCJ executive director Wayne Scott said the figures "are good news for Texas taxpayers as evidence that public safety and operational efficiency are comparable."

Based on the Policy Council figures, TDCJ's daily costs are 26 percent less than the national average cost of \$53.85 established by the Criminal Justice Institute in a nationwide survey of state and federal prison systems.

The Texas prison and state jail

system tripled in size from less than 50,000 capacity in 1991 to 145,000 on completion of the expansion program in 1995.

The Policy Council, an independent state agency charged by the Legislature with analyzing and making projections for all Texas Criminal justice agencies, found the TDCJ's costs were also down for parole supervision, specialized sex offender supervision and halfway houses.

The costs of regular parole supervision dropped from \$2.33 a day in 1995 to \$2.16 a day in 1996, the Policy Council said.

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Guzman addresses fellow Rotary Club members

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Tino Guzman spoke about the origin and the growth of Rotary International at the Brackettville Rotary Club's luncheon meeting last Thursday.

Guzman drew on his experience and knowledge. He has been a Rotary member almost as long as Brackettville's elder Rotarian statesman Rev. Joe Townsend, who was brought into the club by its founding member Happy Shahan.

Shahan started Rotary in Brackettville over 50 years ago, and the Uvalde Club served as sponsor.

Rotary was begun in 1905 by

Paul Harris, a Chicago businessman. He felt a need to know and interact with other business persons and came up with the idea of meeting together regularly to share ideas and be of help to one another.

As Rotary grew, it became a service organization and it promoted ethical business practices.

Out of this grew an organization with membership by invitation. Any member could ask others to come in. They must be approved by the group. Their eligibility depended, however, on a classification system.

Only one person from each type of business or profession was invited to join the group.

This was supportive to the members. They developed friendships, and when a member needed to consult a professional or buy something which was another member's specialty, they naturally turned to that person.

Rotary's "Four Way Test" is a listing of ideals to which a member should adhere. The test asks:

Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY ERIC McMASTER
Brackettville Rotary Club President Mike Holley, left, welcomes fellow Rotarian Tino Guzman to Thursday's meeting.

There is some elasticity to classification rules. Different specialties within a business or classification allow room for acceptance.

Also, after a member has been in for a number of years, he is moved to an "active" classification and open up his category for another qualified person.

Three areas are exempt: religion, the news media, and the diplomatic classification.

Rotary has grown to a huge organization. It has well over a million members in 155 countries.

Clubs are organized into districts, and each district is headed by a governor who presides for one year.

During his or her tenure, the district governor visits each club at least once during the year. This position requires so much time and effort that retired persons are usually elected.

Cities have many Rotary Clubs, some of them quite large. One in the downtown area of San Antonio has 500 members. In contrast, Brackettville boasts an average of 20 members.

Rotary International sponsors humanitarian projects all over the world. Polio has been eradicated in 150 countries due largely to the efforts of Rotary. It is hoped that the disease will be completely eradicated by the year 2000.

Rotary provides, through its Foundation, scholarships, and group study exchanges, in which business men and women visit other countries.

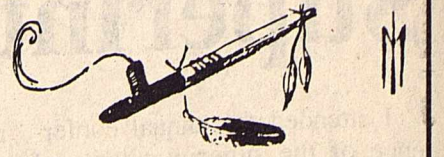
Rotary also underwrites professionals who volunteer to aid underprivileged areas.

In fact, Rotarian Dr. Charles Schmidt of Brackettville, has practiced in Guatemala for two years and plans to go to Kenya in Africa this coming summer.

If you have an interest in joining Rotary, speak to some member and look into the possibilities.

Smoke From Nakai

By Nakai Breen



Readers, I will tell you the story of the mirror.

It was said by the story teller that a young couple had tied the knot in marriage during the fall months. The young man was so busy preparing himself for his marriage that he forgot to hunt and store meat for the duration of winter (The moon of the bone) as we call the months of winter. His wife told him, "We can not live on just what was given to us as gifts. You should go out and start hunting."

The young husband said, "Most of the elk, moose and deer have already migrated south."

The wife said, "I have a few pelts from the summer trappings. Go and take them to the trading post and either sell them or trade them for food."

So the young man strapped the skins on the horse and off he went.

On the way he met a trapper. The Trapper said "Hey! Indian where are you going?"

The young man answered, "To the trading post to trade the pelts for food. I have a young

wife that is anxious to cook."

The trapper said, "Hey Indian, I have something better to trade you. Much better than what the trader might have."

The young man asked, "What is it that you have?"

The trapper answered, "A spirit catcher."

The young man said, "A spirit catcher! What is a spirit catcher?"

So the trapper took out something very shiny. The trapper then showed the young man how the sun reflected and many spirits came out dancing.

The young man was so impressed he didn't know whether he should trade with the trapper or keep on going to the trading post.

But the Trapper changed his mind. He said, "If we trade, you will be very happy because you can trap a spirit. Then you can demand the spirit to bring back the elk and game. You can kill enough for yourself and your wife to last all the winter months."

I will finish next week keep a smile in your hearts. Nakai.

Library Notes

By Sara Terrazas



We try real hard to provide reading material for everyone's enjoyment, however, it gets rather expensive when we have to keep replacing the same material because of overdues.

We have several books that patrons would like to check out, but they are no longer in our library.

We realize how easy it is to lose or misplace a book, therefore a small donation would be appreciated so that we may replace that particular book.

Imagine how you would feel if you were in need of a book and someone else had checked it out and never returned it.

Please take the time to look through your shelves, autos, homes, etc., for any library material you might have. We would greatly appreciate it.

Special Thanks to:
Vito LaGoia for the installation of the extra lighting and

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Albert Payne for the nice job he has done on our grounds and for the transportation of 200 books to the Kikapoo Indians in Quemado.

Tino Gomez of Tiger Tek Solutions for his hours spent working on our computers. Tino is a training Analyst and will do computer training here in the library if anyone is interested. For more information, contact the library.

To all our patrons who continue to donate books, videos, magazines and newspapers. We are very grateful, God Bless You.

New library hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

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But, I could be wrong!

By Chuck Hall

I love you, man

Maybe it's just that I'm a product of the 60s, maybe I'm simply an incurable romantic, but we don't say I love you enough!

We live in a time when it is too embarrassing to express feelings that deep. How many times have we suppressed the urge to tell our neighbors we loved them?

Often I have wanted to tell some male companion that I loved him. But, oh no, not in today's world. Not in our society, where people are all willing to label.

Jesus said that without love we are nothing. Maybe sometime today, each one of us needs to stop, and take time out from our busy lives, and tell someone I love you. But I could be wrong.

Petes Sake

Cabin Fever
Peer out the windows.
Peek through the door.
Pace the hallway, Walk the floor.
Write a letter, Read a book,
Go back to the window for another look-
Watch old re-runs on tv.
Have another cup of coffee or tea;
Write a shopping list, And then,
Tear it up and start again.
Work a puzzle,
Play a game,
Try to remember a forgotten name
Get out photos of your last trip.
Are those icicles starting to drip?
Think how pleasant sunshine felt.
Won't this darn snow ever melt?

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Briefs ...

JV Tigers fall to Dilley

DILLEY - The Brackett Tigers dropped a 65-19 decision to the Dilley Wolves Tuesday in junior varsity basketball action.

The loss drops Brackett to 10-7 on the season and to 2-2 in district.

Moses Villarreal led the Tigers with five points, Justin Turner and Eric Segovia scored four points apiece, Tommy Sandoval had three, Daniel Hernandez made two and Eric Allen added one.

The Tigers resume action tomorrow as they host the Natalia Mustangs at 5 p.m.

Junior high teams take second at tourney

ROCKSPRINGS - All four Brackett teams finished second at the Rocksprings junior high basketball tournament Saturday.

The eighth grade Cubs opened the tournament with a 47-21 win over Nueces Canyon.

Schiller Hill led the way with 12 points, Tony Rubio scored eight, Tanner Jobe and Damion Toms had six apiece, Jarrett Harrison scored five, and Sam Hunt, Brian Collier, Chris Petrosky, Jesse Hidalgo and Juan Rivas all had two.

In the championship game, the Cubs fell to Rocksprings, 45-32.

Hill had nine points, Toms scored eight, Jobe pitched in seven, Hunt had six and Rubio made two.

The seventh grade Cubs lost to Rocksprings, 16-10, in their first game.

Martin Garcia and Juan Flores both scored four for Brackett, and Fabian Favius added two.

In their second game, the Cubs topped Nueces Canyon.

Manuel Madrid scored 10 points, Favius had six, Matthew Holloway finished with three and Jaime Montalvo had two.

The eighth grade and seventh grade Cubettes also finished in second place, but scores were not available.

BN-FI Tigers close season with victory

DEL RIO - The Brackett News-Fritz Insurance Tigers closed their season with a victory over the Spurs in City League action Thursday at the Boys Club.

Gary Grubbs scored a game-high 19 points, Ricky Creel had 17, Clay Hunt chipped in 13 points and Richard Slubar had four.

Harrison named finalist for all-state scholar-athlete team

DALLAS - Brackett High School senior Courtney Harrison is one of 44 finalists for the 1997 FINA/Dallas Morning News All-State Scholar-Athlete Team.

The finalists were announced by team sponsors FINA, The Dallas Morning News, WFAA-TV, KSCS-FM, Southwest Airlines, and The Staubach Company.

Twelve team members will be selected from the finalists in March. Team members will each receive a \$4,000 college scholarship and be honored at a June banquet in Dallas.

At the banquet, the Honorary Team Captain will be announced and presented the Tom Landry Award for Outstanding Achievement by the former head coach of the Dallas Cowboys.

Each finalist not named to the team will receive a \$500 college scholarship.

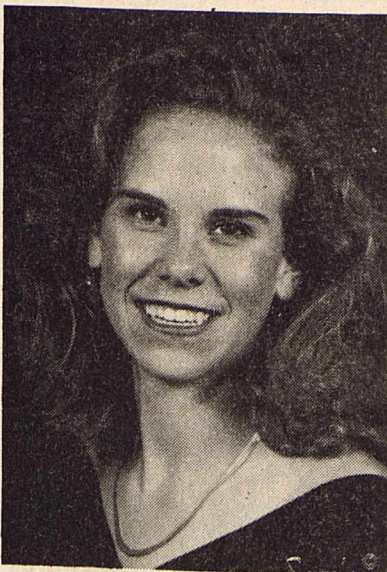
Finalists were chosen from 2,600 applicants representing more than 935 public and private high schools.

Under the program's challenging eligibility requirements, each applicant had to be a Texas high school senior with top 10 percent class rank, a grade average of 90 or better, and a letter in varsity athletics at the University Interscholastic League (UIL) level. Athletic ability was not a factor in the selection process.

In addition to academic achievement and athletic participation, the candidates were judged on leadership and involvement in worthwhile school and community activities.

"Each outstanding applicant is to be congratulated for extraordinary achievement," said FINA President and Chief Executive Officer Ron W. Haddock. "To be selected as a finalist from such a superior group is, in itself, an accomplishment."

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Trojans upset Tigers, 84-71

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

The Charlotte Trojans jumped out to a 27-17 lead after the opening stanza en route to an 84-71 victory over the Brackett Tigers Friday night in District 30-2A basketball competition.

Ruben Campos nailed a three-pointer to cap an 11-1 run to put the Trojans up 23-10 with 1:22 left in the first quarter.

Brackett battled back in the second period to pull within four at 40-36 as Ramon De Leon scored on a lay-up, but Bobby Layasone hit a trey with 24 seconds left in the quarter to give Charlotte a 43-36 halftime lead.

The Tigers pulled within four points three times in the third quarter, outscoring the Trojans 20-19 in the period, but Char-

lotte still led 62-56 going into the final quarter.

The Trojans put the game away late in the fourth quarter, putting together an eight-point spurt. Andy Colunga's jump shot with 1:22 left gave Charlotte its biggest lead of the contest at 82-67.

Moses Hernandez paced the Tigers' scoring attack with a game-high 24 points.

De Leon and Beau Smallwood also scored in double figures with 19 and 13 points, respectively.

Luis Guajarado finished with eight points, Josh Crumley scored four, and Matthew Smallwood had three.

Jason Ruple led the Trojans with 23 points. Colunga scored 19 and Manuel Dominguez had 16.

JV Tigerettes finish season

The Brackett Tigerettes closed their season Friday with a 23-15 loss to the Charlotte Lady Trojans in junior varsity basketball action.

With the loss, the junior varsity Tigerettes finished District 30-2A play with a 3-1 record.

Charlotte led 4-3 after the opening stanza in Friday's contest.

The Lady Trojans then outscored the Tigerettes 8-4 in the second quarter to take a 12-7 advantage at the break.

In the third period, Charlotte outscored Brackett 9-3 to take a 21-10 lead into the fourth quarter.

Stephanie Terrazas was the Tigerettes' leading scorer with six points. The sophomore guard hit two three-pointers.

Hilda Aguirre had four points for Brackett, Crystal Juarez scored three and Jamie Bader had two.

Amanda Casares paced the Lady Trojans' offense with a 12-point performance.

Meek leads Brackett to win over Charlotte

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

Amanda Meek scored a game-high 20 points to lead the Brackett Tigerettes to a 64-38 win over the Charlotte Lady Trojans Friday in District 30-2A basketball action.

With the victory, the Tigerettes clinch a playoff berth.

Meek was 8 of 16 from the floor, and added 4 of 6 free throws en route to her 20-point performance.

The Tigerettes broke the contest open early, jumping out to a 12-5 lead in the first quarter.

Brackett went on a 12-2 run in the second period to go up by 13. Meek's turn-around jumper with 42 seconds left in the first half put the Tigerettes up 28-15.

Christina Guerrero sank two free throws with 26 seconds remaining in the half to pull the Lady Trojans within 11 at 28-17 at the break.

Brackett put together a 12-3 spurt in the third period. Patty Lopez hit a three-pointer at the

1:01 mark for a 44-22 advantage.

The Tigerettes continued to increase their lead in the fourth quarter. Reccia Jobe scored on a tip-in, capping an 11-3 run, with 1:49 left in the contest for a 33-point lead. Brackett's biggest of the contest, at 62-29 with 1:49 left.

Courtney Harrison finished the contest with nine points for the Tigerettes.

Jobe and Lindy La Mascus both scored eight points, Lopez and Tina meek had seven apiece, and Chica Garza added five.

Guerrero led the Lady Trojans with 12 points, and Sarah Jo Garcia had 11.

Brackett was 26 of 76 from the field, while Charlotte made 12 of 58 field goals.

The Tigerettes out-rebounded the Lady Trojans 67-36. Tina Meek pulled down a game-high 15 boards.

Amanda Meek had 10 rebounds and eight blocked shots, just short of a triple-double.

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OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons are over, boating season starts

Now that the hunting seasons are over for a while, I can just imagine the fishermen walking out to their boats (if lucky enough to have one) and kicking the tires, cleaning out leaves, old plastic worms and assorted other items, checking the engine and the gauges, greasing the wheels, etc. and, of course, changing out the line on the reels and organizing the tackle box.

With the warmer weather we have been having and spring just around the corner, the boating season will be underway soon.

Whether you use your boat for fishing or other recreation, now is the time to check your boat over thoroughly. And while we naturally think to check the above mentioned items, we often forget about the items required on a boat that just might save a life.

Rules and regulations differ somewhat by size and use of boat and each boat owners situation. The following is a general listing of requirements.

Your situation may be different. If you have a question about the rules or regulations and how they apply to you, please call me or the Parks and Wildlife Department before you put your boat in the water.

First of all, if your boat is required to be registered, be sure that you have done so and that it has a current decal display on the side next to the registration numbers.

From the desk of your local Game Warden

By Henry Lutz

In addition to the numbers and decals displayed on the sides of your boat, you are required to carry the certificate of number with you on the boat.

The certificate of number is the blue card, about the size of your driver's license, that has the information about your boat on it. You get one when you register your boat or renew the registration on your boat.

Speaking of registration numbers on the sides of your boat, be sure that they are the right numbers and properly displayed. It should have the letters "TX" (if registered in Texas) followed by 4 numbers and 2 letters, such as "TX 1234 AB," and can be found on the certificate of number card you received when you registered the boat.

When I was stationed on the coast at Port Isabel, I once checked a boat with the registration number "TX 78520" displayed on the sides it.

I was somewhat puzzled as to where he had gotten that number from. I asked him for his certificate of number card and looked at his address on the card. He had used his zip code for the registration number.

Check to see that you have the proper fire extinguishers on board and that they are properly charged and accessible.

Check your life jackets and throw cushions. Be sure that you have one Coast Guard approved, wearable type, life jacket for everyone on board your boat. Check to see that it is in good condition and accessible.

On motorboats under 26 feet long, a child passenger under 13 years old must wear a lifejacket at all times while underway or moving. This lifejacket must be one that fits the child, not an adult sized jacket.

Check your other equipment to see that it is working properly, such as boat lights, horns or whistles, flares (if required), rear view mirror (if required).

Here is a checklist of other items you might want to have on hand or be sure that they are in good working order: spotlights or flashlights, paddles, anchors, ropes, batteries, tie down straps, bow lines, gas tank, gauges, bilge pump, boat plugs, oil reservoir, gas and oil lines, trailer registration, lights and tires.

When you are going out on the water, let someone know where you are going and when to expect you back, even what boat ramp or launch place you are going to use. This saves time if or when problems occur and someone needs to search for you.

Another thing to check before launching is the weather report. Each year many boaters lose their lives or equipment or need to be rescued or searched for because they get caught in a storm or high winds. It is not worth risking your life for just a few hours of fishing.

Not only do you put your life in danger when boating in bad weather, but you put the lives of your rescuers in danger.

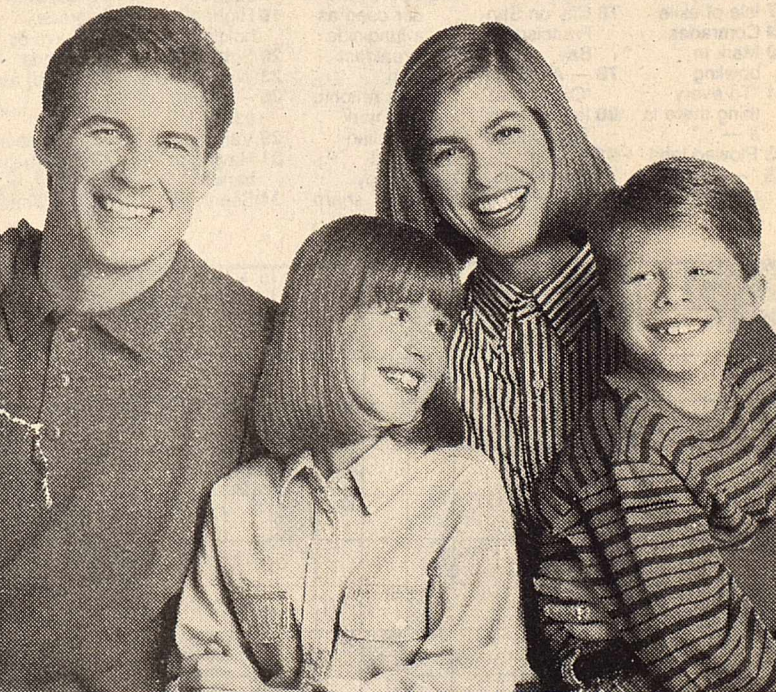
Many people do not know that they can register their boat right here in Brackettville. They can do this at the County Tax Assessor-Collectors Office on the first floor of the Courthouse.

Of course, you can also register by mail through the Parks and Wildlife office in Austin, or in person at any Parks and Wildlife office in the state.

This is by no means all of the laws and regulations that may apply to you in regards to boating and water safety.

If you have any questions about boating, boat registration, boating safety, or boating rules and regulations, contact me or call the Parks and Wildlife Department office in Austin at (800) 792-1112.

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Running backs: Bradley Borth, Jourdanton, senior; Curtis Brawley, Medina Valley, senior; Cody Dailey, Hondo, junior; Jeff Fiedler, Harper, senior; J.J. Flores, Rocksprings, junior; Michael Gonzales, Fredericksburg, senior; Orlando Guerrero, Uvalde, senior; Preston Meyer, Sabinal, senior; Patrick Ramos, Pearsall, senior; Jorge Rodriguez, Brackett, junior; Fabian Santos, Dilley, sophomore; Gary Vallejo, Charlotte, junior; Rance Ward, Nueces Canyon, junior; Wes Wilkins, Devine, junior; David Zapata, Eagle Pass, senior.

Wide receivers: Jimmy Bruns, Comfort, senior; Steven Estrada, Potet, junior; Garrett Grooms, Rocksprings, senior; Shaun Neumann, Hondo, senior; Matt Pacheco, Pleasanton, senior; Roland Ramirez, Uvalde, senior; Kyle Staudt, Fredericksburg, senior; Joey Tijerina, Charlotte, senior; Ryan Wiemers, Hondo, senior; Robbie Worall, Boerne, senior.

Tight ends: Enrique Flores, Crystal City, junior; Matt McCutcheon, Kerrville Tivy, senior; Weston Voss, Pearsall, senior.

Offensive linemen: Ray Andrade, Del Rio, junior; Julio Betancourt, Carrizo Springs, senior; David Burley, Center Point, senior; Luke Clark, Charlotte, senior; Ben Collier, Fredericksburg, senior; Robert Espinoza, Carrizo Springs, senior; Mitch Everett, Sabinal, senior; Dan Feuge, Fredericksburg, senior; Jason Hernandez, Hondo, senior; Michael Hughes, Kerrville Tivy, senior; Larry Macias, Sabinal, senior; Zack Martin, Uvalde, senior; Chris Martinez, Comfort, junior; Luis Martinez, Charlotte, junior; Tito Montejano, Eagle Pass, senior; Justin Mooney, Kerrville Tivy, senior; J.P. Morgenstern, Bandera, senior; Patrick Munoz, Brackett, junior; Joey Perez, Dilley, junior; Lane Roberson, Devine, junior; Rusty Salazar, Leakey, junior; Danny Saucedo, Medina Valley, senior; Brian Saunders, Del Rio, senior; Matt Wagner, Charlotte, senior; Derek Wallace, Pearsall, senior.

Defensive linemen: Dean Alexander, Comfort, junior; Jacob Benavides, Devine, junior; Hector Castro, Del Rio, senior; Marciel Cordova, Pearsall, senior; John Craig, Boerne, junior; Brandon Evans, Sabinal, senior; Ryan Felts, Boerne, senior; Sammy Gallegos, Jourdanton, senior; Jason Garcia, Pleasanton, junior; Rodney Garcia, Medina, sophomore; Darren Hagen, Medina Valley, senior; Spencer Hines, Dilley, senior; J.J. Iracheta, Eagle Pass, junior; Cullen Loeffler, Ingram, sophomore; Anthony Martinez, Nueces Canyon, senior; Justin McIntosh, Sabinal, senior; Kevin Palmer, Pleasanton, senior; Erik Pitts, Uvalde, senior; Jonathan Schoellman, Hondo, senior; John David Victorino, La Pryor, senior.

Linebackers: Calvin Ables, Pleasanton, junior; J. Wayne Ballew, Brackett, junior; Kris Benke, D'Hanis, junior; Doug Burkes, Medina Valley, senior; Chico Franco, Rocksprings, senior; Armando Gallardo, Eagle Pass, senior; Tim Gard, Bandera, junior; Rusty Jenschke, Fredericksburg, junior; Jim Long, Carrizo Springs, junior; Shaun Luce, Nueces Canyon, senior; Pat Mazurek, Bandera, junior; Nathan Mundahl, Ingram, senior; Sid Ortiz, Jourdanton, senior; Lane Pepper, Sabinal, junior; Jace Ramirez, Cotulla, senior; Michael Ramirez, Del Rio, senior; Ismael Salinas, Eagle Pass, sophomore; Sidney Shipman, Nueces Canyon, junior; Dan Stahl, Boerne, senior; Matt Talavera, Uvalde, senior; Alex Torres, Dilley, senior; Brandon Weston, Medina Valley, junior.

Secondary: Michael Aguirre, Brackett, senior; Michael Cortez, Carrizo, senior; Ramon De Leon, Brackett, senior; Mario Diaz, Eagle Pass, junior; Stephen Elliott, Uvalde, senior; Sergio Goodloe, Kerrville Tivy, senior; Brent Howell, Boerne, senior; J.J. Neves, Dilley, junior; Castulo Olvedo, Leakey, senior; Kris Pressler, Comfort, junior; Mando Reyes, Pearsall, senior; Shane Riddle, Kerrville Tivy, senior; Tate Saathoff, Devine, junior; Bo Sims, Medina Valley, senior; Ray Torres, Del Rio, senior.

Kickers/Punters: Mark Degenhart, Pleasanton, senior; Jack Hartung, Carrizo Springs, senior; Gustavo Lozano, Comfort, senior.

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- Judges' benches
- Small restaurants
- Mythical Titan
- Coach's concern
- Last Greek letter
- Mediterranean seaport
- Mr. Grundy of rhyme
- Founder of Bolshevism
- Withstands
- Kimono sash
- Microphone inventor
- Clown's props
- Sentimental Mood
- Prima donna
- Bridge coup
- Caesar's fatal date
- Warm and cozy
- Skirt style
- Isle of exile
- Comrades
- Mark in bowling
- To every thing there is a...
- Plowed land
- in the forehead of

DOWN

- Dill weed
- Juan's friend
- Volcano crater
- Egyptian city
- Animal that might be great
- Jamaica seaport
- Fencing sword
- Psychoanalyst
- Word with parade or rehearsal
- Alleviate
- Legal matter
- Highway
- Bank acct. abbr.
- Bank acct. bonus?
- Gift I.D.
- Spring flower
- Group of eight
- Two — time
- Chocolate drink
- Indian of Brazil
- City on San Francisco Bay
- Annie, of "Oklahoma!"
- Its capital is Tegucigalpa
- Ancient Greek coin
- Perfectly
- Tie the — (get married)
- Comblike instrument
- Mount — California
- King Arthur's island paradise
- Actress Kir-spie
- Bloody
- Ancient Syria
- Growing out
- The — of Orleans (Joan of Arc)
- Stage direction
- Partially
- The Tender — (movie)
- Provide with weapons
- Moe, Larry or Curly
- Manage
- Two — time
- Took small bites
- Persuaded
- White powder used as a fungicide
- Breakfast dish
- San Antonio landmark
- Brazilian palms
- Frumpy
- Short, sharp
- cries
- Aspect
- Inland country
- Orinoco tributary
- Parent-to-be's choice
- Lumps of earth
- Showing mental confusion
- Double-coasted country
- "You said it!"
- Marsh
- Shield
- Capital of Chile
- White pop-lars
- Camping equipment
- Covers
- South Seas island
- It was formerly Dutch
- Alabama seaport
- Right of holding
- Soft drinks
- Wise men
- of the earth
- Vain
- Having a handle
- Scanty
- Eremites
- Egyptian dancing girl
- Called on the P.A.
- Refinery residue
- At hand
- Leo the — (Durocher)
- Ardent followers
- Male peregrine falcon
- Identified incorrectly
- Persian fairies
- It's before hat or house
- Plant ex-date
- The same
- Box for salt-ing fish
- Language spoken in Kazan
- Honshu seaport
- Hot wine beverage
- Medicore grade
- Bravo or Grande
- Cured, as ham
- Indian
- Correspond
- Punctuation mark
- Christie*
- Undergoing change
- Skittully
- Couple
- Symbol of peace
- Inland country
- West Indian country
- Biblical name
- King of the Visigoths
- Went up the ladder
- Active sport
- Weather word
- City in Wyoming
- Giant grasses
- Himalayan country
- Ample
- Reckless and impulsive
- Place
- Virgule
- Seattle — (racehorse)
- Perry's creator
- Tough fiber
- Lanchester of filmdom
- Farm member
- Guy's date
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Atoms	Marja	Polish	Scientist
Chemistry	Nobel Prize	Polonium	Sorbonne
France	Paris	Radium	

Natasha's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Interests of a creative nature come to the fore this week. You are adept at communicating your ideas to others, a plus in business right now. Later in the week, you tackle a difficult household chore to get it out of the way.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Couples devise a strategy for dealing with a rebellious child who's been a problem of late. There's a strong possibility that you will attain financial backing for that project you want to start. Your energy level is high, and you accomplish much.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Whether orally or literally, you are at your communicative best. However, bide your time this week when it comes to clearing the air with a loved one. It's best to still wait a bit.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A heart-to-heart chat with a close friend clears the air early in the week. You successfully complete a difficult project that was bothering you. All in all, it's a good moneymaking time for you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your judgment is right on the mark this week concerning your career and domestic concerns as well. A child comes to you for help with a difficult assignment later in the week. A romantic weekend is in the stars.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You are briskly efficient and at your best on the job this week, and you make great strides as a result. Some have second thought about a proposed investment. Over the weekend, delve into partnership interests.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Buying and selling are favored this week. However, on the social scene, it's best to get out of the house as opposed to having friends over. This weekend, there's a decided emphasis on quiet leisure activities.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A private talk with a higher-up at work brings key insights this week. Be sure to fulfill that social obligation you made some time ago to a close friend. In general, you are the picture of confidence and self-assertion.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A friend comes to you for advice but isn't really in the mood to listen to what you have to say. Instead, simply lend a sympathetic ear. You want to socialize this weekend, but it's best to relax.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You and your mate should address mutual relationship concerns before things get out of hand. At work, you encounter extra responsibilities and some minor obstacles. However, you attack everything with renewed drive.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You and your significant other make important plans for your future together. However, you need to spend some extra time on a career project. What goes on behind the scenes is to your benefit.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A useful financial tip comes to you from a surprising source this week. That intellectual project you relished at the outset is more time-consuming than you'd thought.

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DRAWINGS BY HENRY BOLLING

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

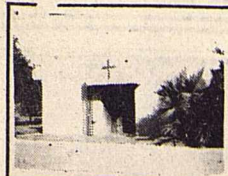
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Feb 9 Mrs. Roy Hutchens	Feb 13 Tino Cervantes
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Feb 9 Katherine Field	

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To garnish food with radish roses, remove stem and root ends from large radishes. Cut thin petals around the vegetable and place them in a bowl of ice and water to open and crispen.



Frontier Baptist Church

Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Of all the books ever written the Bible stands alone in its greatness. Year after year after year it outsells all other books. Many hate the Bible. They do not like its message. Many want to discount it in favor of other "religious" books.

Books such as the Koran and Book of Mormon lean heavily on the Bible while questioning or denying its message. Far more however love the Bible. This is evidenced by its presence in homes, offices and many places of business.

The Bible convicts the sinner. It is the instrument God uses to show what is sin. The heart throb of the Bible is not "What's wrong with any specific act" but rather "What's right about it". The teaching of the Bible is that if it's not good and does not bring glory to God, it is wrong. The Bible clearly defines sin. Whether it be homosexuality, murder, stealing, bearing false witness, excessive pride or greed, the Bible certainly identifies it as sin.

The Bible paints the way to convert the seekers. Anyone who wants to be redeemed and

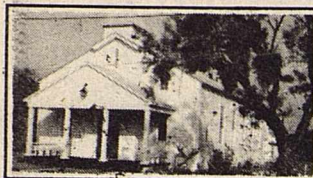
come to be a child of God can find the way in the Bible. The Bible tells how to be cleared of the defilement of sin. It tells how to be delivered from the power of sin. The Bible tells how to turn from self to Christ and be redeemed.

The Bible comforts the saints. According to the Bible anyone who has trusted Christ is a saint. The Bible offers comfort to the Christian in any and all circumstances of life. The Bible offers support, comfort and strength.

The Bible concerns the Savior, Jesus Christ. It tells of his work, his sufficiency, his glory and his power.

The Bible is the Word of God. It does not "contain" the word of God; it is the word of God. Hence, it is authority, infallible, inerrant and historically accurate. It is divinely inspired and brought down to us to-day by God himself. There is no greater book, no greater message than the message of the Bible.

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



First Baptist Church

Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor

"The Pastor's Pen"

"All things are lawful for me but I will not be enslaved by anything." 1 Corinthians 6:12.

The apostle Paul's proclamation of not being enslaved by anything is a noble declaration of war. It marks the joining of a long, battle renewed year by year, week by week, day by day. There is no discharge in that war.

Slavery can take many forms as we all know only too well. We can be enslaved by things as well as by habits of indulgence. A person can be flattened out by passion for things, as well as a craving for physical thrills. The author, James Agate, has written of a young woman whose tastes did not go beyond TV soap operas, rock music and cheap magazines. He wrote: "Explore her mind to its inner-

most crannies and you will find nothing there but curiosity about the latest hair dyes."

People can be enslaved by tradition, when that word means doing the same thing forever. Our minds can become so frozen on a concept or practice that nothing new or challenging is allowed to enter. As one man said, "I detest every New Year's Day because it is new."

In the long run, slavery to the type of things we have been talking about can be conquered only by slavery to a higher power. Paul was able to go beyond slavery because he became a slave to Jesus Christ.

In this life we will be the slave of something. We can choose our servitude. When we are equipped with God's power we need not let anything master us.

Gateway Ministries

Pastor Charolette Corey

Feel like quitting? You've either been trusting and obeying God and nothing seems to be happening, or perhaps you have strayed into areas where you shouldn't have been dabbling and you feel that your Heavenly Father has left you. Either way, God is faithful! He loves you unconditionally and He will never leave you nor forsake you. There is no place you can go or run to that Jesus isn't there. So whether you feel like God isn't listening to you for whatever reason, He really is and has been all along. The reason you can't hear what He's been trying to tell you, and to help change your situation is that you are still trying to take your life into your own hands. Let go and let God!!!

You are not the only one that is going through hell at this time. People all over are going through similar, yet different things. But they all have the same answer to their problems. Let go and let God! Resist and persist!

Resist the Devil (and he will flee from you)! Persist in doing what is noble and right, because in due season you shall reap an abundant harvest. Right now, it is still winter time, the time of resting, restoring, the time of pruning. This makes for an abundant harvest in the spring time. God is just getting rid of your dead branches, because he loves you. He is not trying to punish you. He wants you to have life and that more abundantly.

"Be careful (anxious or fretful) for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Also, "Take heed what ye hear" (Mark 4:24). Fill your ears with words of faith (not fear). Keep tapes handy to play that promote faith. "Faint not!" (Gal. 6:7-9). Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love!

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"And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God..." - Genesis 45: 7-8

When Joseph was sold into bondage in Egypt by his brothers who were jealous of his father's favors to the lad, he undoubtedly felt bitterness at the calumny of his brothers. Yet Joseph was a man of faith, and his service to the Egyptian pharaoh earned him high honors. Thus, when his brothers sought help and realized they had to deal with the brother they had betrayed, they were afraid. Joseph, however, recognized the greater plan that God had designed for him. In a sense, we are all Josephs, for who can deny that we all exist and in turn, serve some purpose that God has for us?



Obituary

Juanito "Johnny Boy" Sanchez

Juanito "Johnny Boy" Sanchez, age 31, died Sunday February 2, 1997, near Uvalde, Texas.

He was born April 26, 1965, in Brackettville, Texas. He is preceded in death by his father, Gilbert Sanchez, Sr.

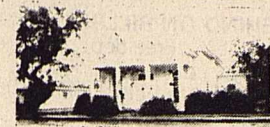
He is survived by mother: Maria de Jesus Dimas Sanchez of Brackettville. Sisters: Aurelia Sanchez, Linda Sanchez, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Garcia, Jr. all of Brackettville, and Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Sandoval of San Antonio. Brothers: Gilbert Sanchez, Jr., Lupe Sanchez, Martin Sanchez, Ben Sanchez, Armando Sanchez, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sanchez, and Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Sanchez all of Brackettville.

Visitation was from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Brackettville Chapel with a rosary at 7 p.m. Monday, February 3, 1997. A mass was scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 1997, at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Cashien officiating. Burial followed at the Kinney County Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Del Rio Funeral Home dba the Brackettville Funeral Home, 114 North St. Brackettville, Texas 78832.

Pallbearers were: Jesse Sanchez, Armando Sanchez, Rene Sanchez, Fred Garza, Jr., Frank Garza, and Mandy Avila.

First United Methodist Church



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

Sometimes, even when we're in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing we can lose our focus on who we are called to be and what we're called to be about. We need to reflect, take stock, and allow God to remind us "why we're standing out here." Lent is the season of the church calendar during which Christians traditionally do just that.

Lent is the 40 days (not counting Sundays) preceding Easter. It is a time, individually and communally, to reflect upon and work on our relationship with God in preparation for renewal through the Easter event.

Lent begins Ash Wednesday, Feb. 12. We will host a traditional Ash Wednesday service in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. This is the service in which we remember that without God's grace, we are nothing. Everyone who desires a closer relationship with Jesus Christ is invited to the service. The imposition of ashes is optional; only those who want to be marked with the ashes will come to the communion rail, others will remain seated in their pew.

Also during Lent, on Wednesday evenings 5:30 - 6:45 p.m., Feb. 19 - Mar. 19, we will have a light dinner followed by a study on prayer. Anyone desiring to deepen their prayer life and to share with others is encouraged to join us. We will meet in Slator Hall across James St. from the sanctuary.

If you don't already have a church home, don't just "stand out there" come on in at the Methodist Church and see what it's all about! God Bless.

Ash Wednesday Service. For more information contact Pastor Sheree Harris (1-210-775-4052) or Elise Huntsman (563-2990).



St. John's Baptist Church

Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr. 210-563-2582

And Jesus went into the temple of God and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, and said unto them, It is written, my house shall be called the house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves.

And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he healed them.

And when he saw a fig tree along the way, he came to it, and found nothing on it but leaves and said unto it, let no fruit grow on thee hence forward forever. And presently the fig tree withered away.

And when the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, how soon is the fig tree withered away!

Jesus answered and said unto them, verily I say unto you, If ye have faith and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also, if ye shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea, it shall be done.

And all things, whatever ye shall ask in Prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Praise the Lord. St. Matt. 21: 12-14, 19-22.

Come feast with us the table is set in the Lord. Church phone number is 210-563-2582.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

There is a fine lady here who came to this community many years ago. She had three fine sons and while they were quite small her husband died. While her children were quite small she broke both legs but this did not really handicap her. She has done an outstanding job raising her sons all three have come to be very fine men. She loves her church and faithfully supports it. She is serious minded and yet warm hearted and friendly. All who know her like her very much. Surely Ola May Bland is an Unsung Hero.



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EMPLOYMENT

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT The Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc., Head Start is accepting applications for Administrative Clerk in Uvalde and a Care-giver at Ninos De Cristal day care in Crystal City. All interested applicants must submit their application by February 21, 1997 to: Jorge Botello, Executive Director, P.O. Drawer 1709, Uvalde, Texas 78801-1709 or 713 E. Main, Uvalde, Texas 78801. The Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc., is an Affirmative Action Equal Opportunity Employer.

RELIABLE BUS DRIVER needed for Ft. Clark Elderhostel program \$50.00 day. Contact Kristi Jo (210)-563-2495.

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GARAGE SALE Lot 36 Unit 14 FCS Sat. Feb. 8 '8 to 3.

BACK PORCH SALE 3 Friends. Sat., Feb. 8th, 8:00 - 4:00 F.C.S., Unit 14, Lot 89. Wood burning stove, table saw, men's bike, golf clubs & balls, tennis rackets, bear bow, coleman cookstove, dishes, linens, silverware, pots & pans, clothes. Even the cute blue house is for sale!

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MISCELLANEOUS

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND REQUEST FOR THE RELEASE OF FUNDS.

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Persons:

On or about February 24, 1997, the City of Brackettville intends to request that the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) release Federal Funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for Project No. 716109.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES

Water Facility Improvements: City of Brackettville
The proposed project calls for the replacement of the old water pump with a new hydro-pneumatic booster station, pumps, pressure tanks, valves and related appurtenances at the existing water works facility located on Sweeney and Fulton Streets within the City of Brackettville.

FUNDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

It has been determined that such a request of release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly, the City of Brackettville has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the national Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision not to prepare such a statement is based on the fact that all environmental concerns will be minimized or mitigated.

An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been prepared by the City of Brackettville which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the Brackettville City Hall, City Manager's Office, 119 W. Springs, Brackettville, Texas, 78832, and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDINGS.

All interested agencies, groups and persons, disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Brackettville to the address as set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the City will not request the release of funds or take administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the proceeding sentence.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Brackettville will undertake the activities described above with Community Development Block Grant Funds under Title I from its Program Year 1996 under grant numbered 716109 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Brackettville is certifying to TDHCA that the Honorable Carmen M. Berlanga, in her official capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Brackettville may use the Block Grant Funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. TDHCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR, Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, P.O. Box 13941, Austin, Texas, 78711. Objections to the Release of Funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the TDHCA. No objections received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by TDHCA.

Hon. Carmen M. Berlanga, Mayor
City of Brackettville
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