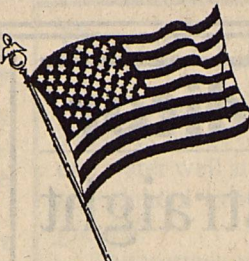


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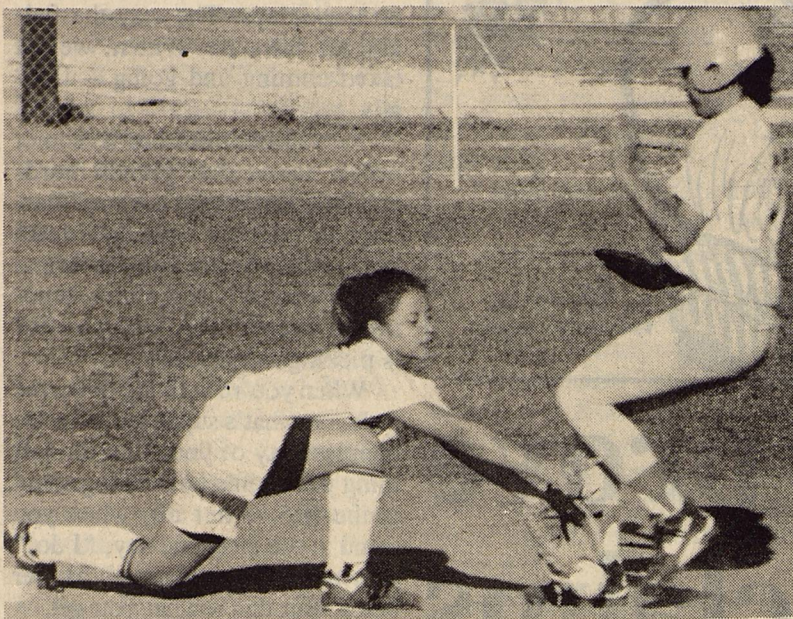


Happy Father's Day!

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Brackett second baseman Stephanie Terrazas, pictured at left attempting to tag out a baserunner, earned first team all-district honors, along with teammate Erika Garcia. Both will return next season. See related story, Page 7. Brackett News File Photo

Juneteenth celebration on tap Seminole association commemorates Emancipation Day

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

The Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery Association will commemorate Emancipation Day at this weekend's annual Juneteenth celebration at Carver School grounds.

The three-day event begins tomorrow and will feature a parade, music, barbecue, games, booths, and exhibits.

Annie Mae Pierce will be the grand marshal for this year's parade, which will begin at 9:30 Saturday morning. The parade will start at the Brackett Alternative School and end at the Carver School parking lot.

Parade awards will be presented during an 11:00 program. Rev. Eric Tarver of Greater

Mount Olive Baptist Church in Del Rio will be the guest speaker for the program.

"I think the parade is going to be a success," said Augusta Pines, the parade coordinator. "The event has continued to grow each year."

A barbecue lunch will be served at noon on Saturday. Donations of \$4 and more will be accepted. A bingo game is set for 3 p.m.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation, declaring freedom for all slaves, but it was not until June 19, 1865, that slaves in Texas heard the news; thus Juneteenth became a holiday for Texas African-Americans.

"Not only is this a big holiday here in Brackettville, but all over this area because that is

"The celebration is not just for the Seminoles, it's for everyone."

Sterling "Smiley" Goodloe

when the Seminoles were free," said Sterling "Smiley" Goodloe, a member of the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery Association.

The Juneteenth celebration has become an annual event in Brackettville for the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery Association.

"We would like for everyone to come out and celebrate with us," Goodloe said. "The celebration is not just for the Seminoles, it's for everyone."

Briefs ...

BISD to open bids for new academic wing

Brackett School District officials will open sealed bids on the new academic wing today at 5 p.m. at the Administration Office.

"We hope we get some good bids," Brackett Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said Wednesday.

"We'll analyze the bids with our architect. We have a local committee that will also analyze the bids. Hopefully, we will be in good shape and be able to get this project rolling very soon."

Stephenson said the bid will probably be awarded at a special meeting sometime before the next regular meeting, which is July 13.

Medical Center hosts weekend workshop

The Val Verde Regional Medical Center will sponsor a special two-day workshop, "Trauma Nursing, From Resuscitation Through Rehabilitation," tomorrow and Saturday.

Continuing education credits, 18.2 contact hours, will be given to those who attend both days of the course, which will be held at the Val Verde Regional Medical Center School of Nursing.

Content of the course will include, but will not be limited to, general concepts in trauma nursing, pathophysiology and management of trauma shock, abdominal trauma, the pregnant trauma patient, pediatric trauma, and trauma in the elderly.

For additional information or to register for the course, call (830) 775-8566.

Teachers receive pay hike

Local teachers will receive 3.58 percent pay raises for the upcoming school year. The Brackett Independent School District pays its teachers \$1,000 over the state salary schedule, a policy adopted last year.

"In my opinion, the number one thing we have to do is be able to recruit the best teachers that we can find," Brackett Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "We can have beautiful buildings and beautiful policies, but if the instruction is not sound, education is not going to work as well as it should."

"The best insurance we have is to pay a salary where we will be competitive with other districts," he said. "People have to live off the wages that we pay. We're finding more and more competition for good teachers, which is good."

"I believe that prioritizing the salaries of teachers is one of the most important things that we can do," Stephenson added.

The average annual pay increase for teachers this year was \$1,022. The smallest increase was \$340 for teachers who have taught over 20 years, while the largest hike was \$1,430 for teachers with six years experience.

The Brackett School Board approved a 4.26 percent pay hike for the district's support staff at its meeting last week. Raises will be 3.58 percent of the mid-point with an increase of .68 percent in the pay scale for the paraprofessionals, which includes positions such as secretaries, custodians and teacher's aids.

BISD Salary Schedule

The following is the Brackett Independent School District's salary schedule, which includes 10-month salaries for classroom teachers and librarians. BISD pays \$1,000 over the state salary schedule.

Yrs. Exp.	1997-98 Salary	Annual Increase	1998-99 Salary	Perct. Inc.
0	-	-	\$22,240	-
1	\$22,050	\$760	\$22,810	3.45%
2	\$22,620	\$770	\$23,390	3.40%
3	\$23,190	\$770	\$23,960	3.32%
4	\$23,760	\$1,410	\$25,170	5.93%
5	\$24,960	\$1,420	\$26,380	5.69%
6	\$26,160	\$1,430	\$27,590	5.47%
7	\$27,360	\$1,360	\$28,720	4.97%
8	\$28,470	\$1,310	\$29,780	4.60%
9	\$29,520	\$1,270	\$30,790	4.30%
10	\$30,520	\$1,210	\$31,730	3.96%
11	\$31,460	\$1,180	\$32,640	3.75%
12	\$32,360	\$1,130	\$33,490	3.49%
13	\$33,200	\$1,080	\$34,280	3.25%
14	\$33,990	\$1,060	\$35,050	3.12%
15	\$34,750	\$1,010	\$35,760	2.91%
16	\$35,450	\$990	\$36,440	2.79%
17	\$36,130	\$950	\$37,080	2.63%
18	\$36,760	\$920	\$37,680	2.50%
19	\$37,360	\$900	\$38,260	2.41%
20	\$37,930	\$870	\$38,800	2.29%
20+	\$38,460	\$340	\$38,800	0.88%

New policy provides benefits for rehired county employees

The Commissioners Court approved a policy providing benefits for county employees who are rehired after previously resigning in good standing.

The policy provides the following benefits:

■ Vacation will be earned at the rate the employee was earning at the time of resignation.

■ There will be no probationary period observed for employees rehired, unless they did not meet their probation period in prior employment.

■ Prior employment time will go toward probationary period for temporary help.

■ The employee's years of service will resume from the point that existed at resignation.

The commissioners deleted one benefit from the proposed policy that said, "The employee's vacation balance and sick balance at the time of resignation will be restored and the employee will accrue in addition to that amount."

"Somebody would have to keep track of every employee's vacation balance and sick balance forever or until the person dies, because you don't know when they may be rehired," Precinct 4 Commissioner Paul O'Rourke said.

County Auditor Cordelia Barlow pointed out that, under the current policy, employees are paid for the vacation time accrued at the time of resignation.

"If somebody resigns, you're going to pay them for their vacation time," O'Rourke said. "Usually when you resign from employment, you lose your sick pay."

According to the policy, those eligible are "all Kinney County employees who resign with proper notice (two weeks minimum) and return to county employment before 365 days expire."

Temporary help is also included in the policy.

Luna expects Swim Park concessions to be profitable

The concession stand at the City Swim Park is expected to be quite profitable, according to Brackettville City Secretary David Luna.

"The swimming pool concession income, to this date, is \$524.65," Luna said at last Tuesday's City Council meeting. "The expenditures, for what we have been selling out of the pool, is \$382.64, with still plenty of stock in there to be sold, so I imagine we're going to make quite a bit on the concession."

Luna said he purchased various assets for the concession stand. He defined the assets as something that will have a longevity of at least five years.

"What I have done under assets, I purchased a pop corn machine ... at Sam's for \$489.99," he said. "Also, the roaster and two of the warmers for the cheese came out of assets. Most of the food items came out of line items."

Alderman Wes Robinson asked Luna how much money was spent for assets at the Swim Park.

"The biggest expenditure was the pop

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Brackettville City Secretary David Luna

corn machine," Luna said. "The other assets would be the items that were placed outside, such as the umbrellas and tables. We spent \$400 and some-odd dollars at Wal-Mart for that."

"We're keeping tabs of all that. It was my understanding that at the end of the project we are supposed to provide what amount was spent and what came in. But they're coming out of different line items."

"I would be safe to say that we have probably spent about \$1,500 on assets," he added.

Luna estimated that the city would "spend approximately \$7,000 in wages and that we are going to bring in approximately \$4,000 off of the concession."

Councilwoman Mary Flores asked if the \$4,000 figure was an estimation of profit.

"No, I don't see a profit of \$4,000," Luna said. "I feel that if you bring in \$4,000, the profit will probably be \$2,000. But when you look at that \$2,000 deducted from the total amount of money that you're going to spend to operate the pool, it does help."

Flores then asked about the 'music box' that is at the Swim Park.

"It's a sound system," Luna said. "We had a lot of compliments on it. Also, it provides a safe way for the lifeguards to be able to communicate with a cordless mike."

"We paid \$4,000 and some-odd dollars for the whole system, that's the system, plus the wiring, plus the speakers and subwoofers, mikes, and everything that goes

along with it.

"We put speakers in the rest room so people could hear when you call them."

Alderman Ralph Gonzalez said, "Overall, I haven't heard any negativism from anyone so everybody's very happy with it, especially the public."

"They should be," Flores said. "Everything is beautiful out there."

Luna said the pool was first operating with five lifeguards, but one quit.

JolLee Jones, the headlife guard, is making \$6.25 an hour, while assistant lifeguards Bobby Castro, Sunny Jones and Cassandra Tipps are each making \$5.50 an hour.

The city secretary said that Ralph Fuentes was hired as a part-time employee to run the concession stand at the Swim Park. He is being paid \$5.15 an hour.

Luna said he thinks the pool is "outstanding. It's something that Brackettville has never had before. We have people from Fort Clark coming to swim in our swim pool because it's cleaner and they don't have to pay."

Ford requests additional space for justice of the peace's office

Justice of the Peace John Ford requested more office space at last week's Commissioners Court meeting.

Ford said the current office had a lack of storage space and no privacy.

"Right now, if someone wants to come in and talk to the judge, anybody in the office knows what's going on," he said. "We should provide privacy for people who want to come in and discuss their cases."

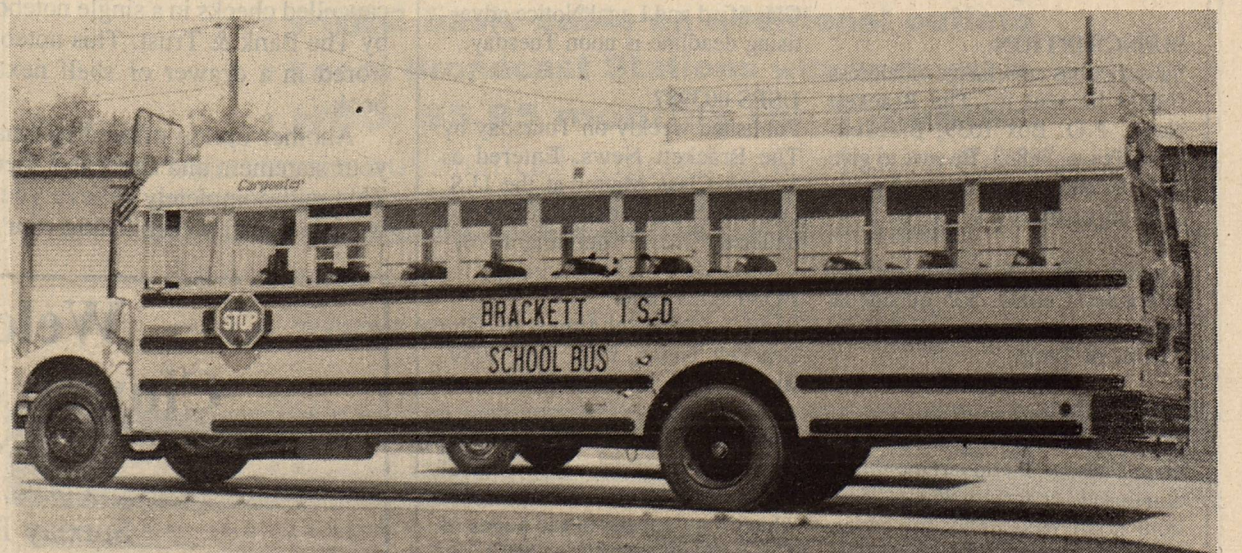
The commissioners suggested

that Ford use the district and county courtrooms for private meetings.

Ford asked about moving the office to the drug task force property, located on Highway 90, which will be paid off in October. The property cost the county \$51,200.

The court discussed moving the justice of the peace's office to the Kinney County Annex in the future.

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Brackett ISD's buses are being shipped to a new home. Officials are moving the district's maintenance department to the Alternative School. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

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Letters to the Editor

Setting the record straight

Mr. Perez, there you go again (I copied that from the great presidential white hat leader, Ronald Reagan).

I'm starting to think you are just telling all these whoppers about Bill Clinton to torture me with writer's cramp, correcting all your false statements and misleading information.

It's been my experience that the best way to win against liberals is to smother them with facts and truth. It will usually frustrate them and leave them with nothing left but to resort, angrily, to childish name calling.

Well, I will not engage in name calling. But I will take the time to correct some more of your false information.

First, your comments about how Reagan became president are absurd and not worth responding to except to say if being portrayed as a descent, moral individual (with a white hat) is what it takes to win the presidency, then how is it that Clinton got elected?

Also, I noticed that since I corrected you on who the majority of the voters voted for (not Clinton), you now seem to be calling the popular vote senseless.

Second, you state in your letter, "Clinton today has an approval rating of 66 percent, higher than any president in history."

Shame, shame Mr. Perez, this is a real whopper! Clinton has a job approval rating of 66 percent. His personal approval rating is 28 percent.

As far as his 66 percent job approval rating being the highest in history, try these job approval ratings for past presidents: Eisenhower, 79 percent; Kennedy, 83 percent; Nixon, 67 percent; Carter, 75 percent; and Reagan, 68 percent.

Source: Congressional Quarterly's Guide to the Presidency, Kinney County Library reference department (R353.03NEL).

Mr. Perez, it seems that you might subscribe to the Clinton philosophy — who cares if it's not the truth, if you say it often enough, people just might believe it.

Now that I have supplied the information to prove you are a fabricator, any reader of The Brackett News can go to the County Library and see the proof, so as to know who's telling the truth and who's not.

Dave Reinhold

You can pray for anything

Prayer for rain from the Living Bible, Mark 11:24.

Listen to me! You can pray for anything, and if you believe, you have it, it's yours! But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive you your sins too.

(Miracle in pool) I forgave every one who hurt me by saying things about me. It started to rain, when I got home it really rained. All I could say was thank you Lord.

I have been praying this prayer for over a month. But believe it or not, he hears prayers outside and early in the morning.

When I go into the pool, lots

of time I am alone. I say, "Just you and me Lord," the water is not cold.

Cold and spring water makes my pain go away. I am still walking. Twelve years ago, I was almost in a wheel chair. "Praise the Lord" and I thank you.

Rosalie Boysen

Thank you

I want to express my thanks to Nakai Breen and those few other people who gave of their time to attend the rain prayer two weeks ago. We all need to remember that the Lord listens to prayers better than to complaints.

Roland Boysen

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Sez!



God, help us see that among
our needs are not more
creeds, but loving deeds.

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Hillary's
latest
revelation...



Media should prove its outrageous claims

Now comes a good example of the irresponsible news media. I have long ceased to lend any credibility to CNN and Time Magazine because of general news misbehavior and yet I'm surprised by this latest gambit to seek to glorify themselves.

CNN-Time have loudly trumpeted a "secret" action in Vietnam. They glibly report that U.S. service men used fatal nerve gas to wipe out a few defectors to the enemy.

Our liberal minded Clinton appointee takes the position it deserves "looking into."

Instead of back pedaling and feeling that he has to prove whether or not this garbage is true, let CNN and Time prove it. In reality, the source of the accusations is sufficient to ignore the entire matter.

Why does he not have judgement and common sense enough to demand these irresponsible news organs prove it happened?

It should be much easier to prove it happened, if indeed it did, than to try to prove it didn't. The debacle of Vietnam rests squarely on the shoulders of the liberal Democrats.

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



Remember, Jane Fonda is married to Ted Turner. Her treasonous actions in Vietnam are well remembered. The thought process of these two guide CNN and now are reflected by Time Warner.

If this happened as alleged, it was 20 years ago. If only the hunger for headlines guides the media (and it too often does) it's time to turn off such media as CNN and Time Magazine.

The liberal anti-American thought pattern built a sickening psychosis against the American troops in Vietnam. It's high time this fallacious blathering be disavowed and people see the truth.

The ideas behind the Vietnam War were good and laudable. Every American lost in the engagement was a hero giving his life for his country.

If the war was a loss, people should know it was because the politicians refused to allow

America to win. If the military had its way, the war would have been won.

It's time to totally disparage these anti-American forces wherever they raise their heads and show disapproval by tuning them out and refusing to read their garbage.

America's total support should be with the U.S. troops and their behavior in Vietnam. After all, it was war. The Vietnamese acted like it was war even using children to hide grenades in their clothes and throw them at U.S. men trying to be friends.

War truly is hell, but when politicians get us into war, they should get out of the way and let the military win.

When politicians get involved, we lose every time. Mr. Secretary of Defense, make CNN and Time prove their outrageous claims and quit trying to prove it never happened.

Do you have the facts on imaging?

By Don Ralston
Special to The Brackett News

Although imaging of bank accounts has been around since 1987, it is fairly new to Brackettville and Del Rio.

The Bank & Trust, as a recognized leader in the local financing (banking) industry, has moved a step closer to bringing banking service that will be commonplace in the next century.

By providing the imaging process, The Bank & Trust joins over 1,500 other banks nationwide in preparing to accompany the federal clearing system to enable speedy processing of checks and other financial monetary systems.

Imaging is a system that vastly improves the processing, retrieval, and storage of checks. At present, banks microfilm the customers cancelled checks. This process normally takes several days, sometimes weeks, before the microfilm is returned to the bank.

If the customer needs a copy of a check before the microfilm is returned to the bank, the customer will not be able to have the bank issue them a copy. Imaging solves this problem. The Bank & Trust can issue a copy of the check within minutes. We can also fax the front and back of the check to a customer or the copies can be picked up at the bank.

Most customers store their bank statements and cancelled checks in an office file, a cardboard box, a footlocker, or a shoebox.

With imaging most customers will be able to conveniently store 5 to 10 years of bank statements and cancelled checks in a single notebook, provided free by The Bank & Trust. This notebook can be neatly stored in a drawer or shelf next to your favorite book.

Another option offered by imaging is receiving your statement and cancelled checks on CD-ROM. This will completely relieve you of all the paperwork involved in reconciling your checking account.

This comes in particularly handy with large businesses that pass hundreds or even thousands of checks each month.

We will be able to pull up copies of a specific check according to the date or amount for monitoring marketing or auditing purposes.

Does that sound like something only to be available in the next century? In fact, it is available now at many banks, including The Bank & Trust.

Do you need original checks for legal proof of payment? Not according to the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS passed a ruling in 1992 to accept imaged checks as proof of payment, so has the Texas legislation.

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For these customer driven reasons we have more convenient ATM's throughout Brackettville, Del Rio and two other counties than our competitors.

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As a result of this customer oriented outlook, we are the largest bank in Del Rio with over \$140 million on deposit and making over \$90 million in loans.

Our officers and employees are involved in many activities throughout the area as detailed in our quarterly newsletter.

You can also call our phone center (another benchmark idea for Del Rio) for more information at 1-800-833-5746.

Join The Bank & Trust family as we prepare for the next century with the latest innovations in banking for your business or home. It is your choice to join us in modern and realistic banking.

Editor's note: Don Ralston is the president of The Bank & Trust, Brackettville Branch.

Taxed for better, taxed for worse

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

The federal government just can't seem to keep its greedy big hand out of our bank accounts.

We get taxed for everything we do these days. The way the federal tax laws are written, we get taxed coming and going -- literally.

Two of the most burdensome, unfair taxes that punish hard-working Americans are the "marriage penalty tax" and the "death tax." While we are vulnerable and experience two of the most emotional times of our lives, the IRS is picking our pockets.

When you're walking down the aisle, on what's supposed to be the happiest day of your life, the last thing you should be thinking about is the IRS. After all, when you stand at the altar and say, "I do," you're not agreeing to higher taxes. But that's what you get.

The marriage penalty tax punishes married couples who both work. The federal government requires married couples to file joint income tax returns. It then turns around and taxes that couple at a higher rate than if they were not married but just living together. Talk about an anti-family tax, especially in a day and age where both spouses often need to work just to stay afloat.

The federal government doesn't just tax people starting a new life together. It isn't biased that way. We get hit on the other end too, when we die.

In its ruthless fashion, the federal government takes part of our legacy by forcing our loved ones to pay taxes on what we leave behind. So, in addition to mourning the loss of a loved one, the family left behind gets smacked with a high tax burden on what was left to them.

The death tax hits farmers, ranchers and small business owners particularly hard. It makes inheriting farms or ranches, which may have been passed down through the family for generations, more of a burden rather than a legacy. Often, families have to sell off part, or all, of their land just to pay the taxes.

From beginning to end, the IRS makes sure it gets a piece of the action. We can't even die without having our loved ones looted by the federal government.

Americans should not be forced to pay more in taxes just because they're married. Likewise, farmers and ranchers should have the peace of mind in knowing that the land they worked so hard on over the years will be left to their loved ones and not the federal government.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

There is a man in our community who was born here and, except a few years in his college career and following, has been here all his life.

He married a fine young lady from Brackettville. He ranches with his father and is a hard working conscientious ranchman.

He is a leader in his church. He is a fine father and a devoted husband. He is friendly and outgoing.

He is active and concerned in local affairs. He is active in Rotary Club. He coordinates the annual Rotary Golf Tournament. He is a former member of the School Board.

In truth, he is just an outstanding man and citizen. Surely, Stan Conoly is an Unsung Hero.

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Obituary

Venetia Ivy Haby

Venetia Ivy Haby, 16, passed away Friday, June 13, 1998, in Granbury, Texas. She was born April 28, 1982, in Hampton, Va.

Haby, who would have been a junior at Granbury High School, was vice president of her sophomore class, a member of the National Honor Society, the Student Council, the Key Club, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and was active with the Church of Christ Youth Group.

She was a Granbury resident 15 years.

Survivors are her parents, Hayden Jr. and Kandice Haby; brother, Griffin Haby, all of Granbury; grandparents, Hayden Sr. and Doris Haby of Brackettville, Chris and Georgan Kouvelis of Dallas; great grandfather, Seth Young of Uvalde; aunts, uncles and cousins, Dennette and Hugh Coates, Peter and Hilda Kouvelis and Amanda, Melissa, Paul, Paul Jr., Chris and Samantha Athens, Chris Kouvelis Jr., and Kim and Ed LaScala; and God mother, Pam Medlin.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 16, at the Church of Christ. Burial was at Acton Cemetery under the direction of the Wiley Funeral Home of Granbury, Texas.

Memorials may be made to the Venetia Ivy Haby Memorial Fund, c/o 1st National Bank, 101 E. Bridge, Granbury, Texas.

V. Ross Smith

V. Ross Smith, formally of Brackettville, passed away May 2, in Boise, Idaho. He was born May 3, 1927, in Goldsboro, Texas.

Smith lived in Kerrville, Texas prior to moving to Brackettville. The Kerrville Daily Times featured many of his stories and photographs on wildlife. Some of his photos are displayed locally.

He is survived by his wife, June, and son, Allen, both of Boise; daughter, Cheryl of Houston; stepson, David of Arizona, five grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Debate erupts at city meeting

A heated debate erupted at last week's City Council meeting over Texas Municipal League handbooks for mayors and council members.

After David Luna finished giving his monthly update at the regular meeting, Alderwoman Mary Flores asked the city secretary if he had found the handbook she had previously requested.

"Mary, I believe that's a book I've given you about four times and it hasn't changed a bit," Luna responded.

"I have one but it's a 1991," Flores said. "I never got another one. That's why I requested a new one."

Luna reiterated that the handbook "hasn't changed."

"Well, I called TML because I wanted one from '98, and they told me they had mailed you eight handbooks on March 16 of this year, plus two videos," Flores said. "That's why I asked if you found it."

Luna then proceeded to give Flores his copy of the TML hand-

book, which was a 1995 edition. "That's the one I read," he said. "I compared it to '98 and all the rest of them I've given out. You can have that one. I know what's in there."

Flores again questioned where the new handbooks were.

"I don't know," Luna said. "No one ever told me about an investigation on handbooks."

"You had asked me at the office for one and I told you I didn't have any. It hasn't changed since you went and looked. We didn't have any."

Councilman Wes Robinson interrupted: "That's not what she said. What she said was she called up there and they said that they had mailed 1998 books. I assume you are saying you didn't receive them."

"Oh no, I didn't say we didn't receive them," Luna said. "I said we received them and we handed them out. Different people had requested them so we handed them out."

Local TAAS scores show 'significant improvement'

Brackett Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said this year's results from the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills were the best the school district has ever had.

"They showed significant improvement all the way up and down the line," he said.

Counselor Susan Harrison presented the TAAS results at last week's School Board meeting.

"I believe TAAS is an important indicator in the state of Texas," Stephenson said.

"The governor thinks it's important, as does the state legislature and the state Board of Education."

"As a result, a lot of your money depends on your TAAS results. Whether our schools are accredited depends on TAAS results, so it's going to always be an important factor here."

"I was just extremely pleased," he said. "It shows good effort on the part of the staff and on the part of our students that they're learning the curriculum that Texas expects to be taught."

The percentage of students passing this year's TAAS tests include:

- 10th grade (exit level): reading, 89; math, 86; writing, 97.
- Eighth grade: reading, 94; math, 94; writing, 92; science, 97; social studies, 94.
- Seventh grade: reading, 81; math, 76.
- Sixth grade: reading, 71; math, 83.
- Fifth grade: reading, 79; math, 77.
- Fourth grade: reading, 86; math, 93; writing, 73.
- Third grade: reading, 84; math, 76.

Board OKs well for playground

The Brackett School Board of Trustees approved the drilling of a water well at Jones Elementary School to water the playground.

The trustees allotted \$10,000 for playground improvements in this year's budget and Jones Elementary School Principal Michael Schooler requested the money be used for a well at last week's regular meeting.

"During a discussion, the play field came up," Schooler told the School Board. "The teachers felt like we have enough playground equipment now, but they would like to spend the money on getting grass so the kids would have a field to play on instead of cali-

che to play on. "To facilitate this, due to the high cost of city water, we would like to possibly drill a water well."

"We have almost enough room for a soccer field and Mr. (Hector) Jimenez really needs an area where he can practice with his band."

"We wouldn't spend any money on anything else until after (David) Seargeant found water," he said. "Obviously, if he doesn't find water, there's no use in spending any money on any dirt or grass."

"We need to spend some of the money on more gravel and some more railroad ties," Schooler added.

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, June 9
10:30 p.m., David Thomas McMurtry, 24, of Del Rio was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley and charged with theft by check, a Class B misdemeanor. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. McMurtry was released the same day after posting a \$250 cash bond.

Thursday, June 11
6:41 a.m., A Brackettville man reported that a power line was down on Highway 90, near Loop 166. The incident was reported to Central Power & Light. DPS trooper Tom Wylie arrived at the scene at 7:03. He pulled the line out of the highway and reported that it was a telephone line. Southwestern Bell was then notified.

7:55 a.m., A Brackettville man reported a break-in at Ray's Groceries. Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the scene. Glass on the front door was broken and five cartons of cigarettes were missing. The cigarettes had an estimated value of \$100. The cost to repair the glass was \$194.85. The case is still under investigation.

4:18 p.m., Quinton Lynn Clark, 18, of Brackettville was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Comal County for aggravated sexual assault by Chief Deputy Fritter. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Clark is being held on \$150,000 bond.

Friday, June 12
9:48 a.m., A Border Patrol Agent at the Climo checkpoint reported that a family was stranded on the side of the road 15 miles from the checkpoint. Reserve Deputy Sheriff Adrian Pena was dispatched to the scene, but was unable to locate the family.

9:55 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported that her sister-in-law's residence on S. Beaumont Street was broken into. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene. The suspects entered the residence by breaking the glass on

the east side door. Items missing included a VCR, two telephones, a shotgun, a television and some jewelry. No value estimations were available at press-time. The woman's pick-up truck was also broken into and a stereo was taken. The case is still under investigation.

1:45 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs woman called 911 and hung up. The Sheriff's Office called the woman back and she said her husband was choking her and beating her up. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene. The woman came to the Sheriff's Office at 3:10 and gave a statement.

3:30 p.m. Howard Dean Horner, 29, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry for assault and for two outstanding traffic tickets for no driver's license and unsecured seatbelt. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held.

Saturday, June 13
9:32 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported three goats were stolen from her property she rents on W. El Paso Street. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. The case is still under investigation.

10:35 a.m., An employee at the

Brackett Independent School District reported that someone was throwing rocks at the windows at Jones Elementary. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene, where another school district employee reported three broken windows at the high school building. A B.B. gun was used to break the windows. Damage was estimated at \$150. The case is still under investigation.

11:30 a.m., Abel Carbajal Perez, 30, of Austin was arrested by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar on two outstanding warrants out of Travis County for driving while license suspended and failure to maintain financial responsibility. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held.

5:15 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that her husband had lost a black wallet. The wallet was found later that day.

Sunday, June 14
2:30 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that the front door was open at a vacant house across the street from her residence on W. Thorn Street. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene. He found the house empty with no apparent damages. A local realtor was notified of the situation.

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Around Town

By Woodie Hornburg



Community Council to clean creek

It's awesome, it's overwhelming, it's a monumental task! Some say, "It can't be done," but the Fort Clark Community Council is going to attempt it anyway, on Saturday, June 27, at 8 a.m. at the F.C. Swim Park.

That is, with willing and able volunteers (from 15 to ??? years of age), clean the Las Moras Creek and surrounding areas of trash, which was left by beings who forgot what their mamas told them. That is -- to pick up after yourself!

Here's a chance to do something worthy for our world. The Community Council will furnish the plastic bags, cold drinks, and a bratwurst lunch with trimmings. The volunteers are to supply elbow grease, a willing heart, working energy, ability to take instructions, and a cheerful disposition.

You don't have to be a mud duck to clean the creek -- in fact, there is a need for groups to

work the banks.

Our goal is to eventually work to the Red Bridge and maintain Las Moras Creek as one of the beautiful showplaces in Kinney County, where deer and turkey play and your sins are washed away.

A long range goal could be to clean the area to the meeting of the twain, Las Moras Creek and the Rio Grande.

Whether wet or dry, good workers keep on going like the battery in the rabbit.

So don't wait for a special invite to help, just show up in your old groadie clothes, insect repellent, a sturdy stick, rake or hoe, hip waders (if you have any) or anything that will assist in creek and trail cleaning.

Remember, 8 a.m., June 27, and if crossing the creek washes your sins away, just imagine what cleaning it up will do!

For more information, call 563-2911 or 563-3120.

Ford requests additional space for justice of the peace's office

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The Texas Department of Human Services is currently housed in the building, along with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Human Services leases the office space for \$537 a month. The current contract runs through Aug. 31, and may not be renewed by the state.

No action was taken. "We really need to do something else," Ford said. "It's a pretty bad situation."

In other business, the court: approved an additional \$13,900 in funding for EMS, which will provide a full time basic EMT, a part time EMT intermediate, two part-time EMT paramedics, and one volunteer paramedic at cost reimbursement for one 24 hour shift per week.

authorized County Attorney Tully Shahan to research the possibility of a county ordinance re-

stricting the location of solid waste facilities in Kinney County.

rescinded a motion made at last month's meeting to give all employees a \$100 a month raise. The motion did not address part-time employees. The court voted to give all employees a 58 cents an hour raise.

voted to maintain the employers' retirement system rate at 6 percent. The county is only required to pay a rate of 5.24 percent.

appointed Cynthia Stafford as grant administrator for the Pinto Creek Project.

discussed repairs to the Old Wheeler Crossing off of Tularosa Road. No action was taken.

met in executive session to discuss personnel and pending litigation. No action was taken.

approved all accounts, bills, and budget adjustments.

approved the minutes of the May 11 meeting.

Worley discusses 'Dr.' Brinkley

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Rotarians are required to attend a Rotary meeting once a week. If they miss, they "make up" by attending at another club.

Occasionally, Rotarian and retired Col. Ernest Worley has "made up" here and has brought with him his wife, Zina Worley.

At last Thursday's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting, Mrs. Worley came as invited speaker.

The Worleys lived in Del Rio from 1957 to 1963 when he was assigned to Laughlin Air Force Base. He retired in 1968, and the couple returned to Del Rio. Mrs. Worley has been active in numerous civic service organizations.

Her talk was about the famous, or infamous, "Dr." John R. Brinkley who was known in the United States and Europe in the '30s and '40s for his claim to enhance men's sexual performance by using goat glands as implants.

This idea is supposed to have originated when a man complained about his poor sexual performance to the "doctor." Brinkley, who had once worked in a meat packing plant, remarked that the man should have some glands from goats. The man insisted on having this done and because he was so anxious to believe it, he was convinced it cured his problem.

Brinkley recognized a good idea when he heard it and acted upon it. Believing strongly in something and wanting it to be true often can cause it to manifest. The patient was thrilled with the results.

Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he graduated 12th from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lt. of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas, where Lt. French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882, the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.

At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt. French began diaries, which he faithfully maintained for the next 30 years.

Friday, June 18, 1886

Had charge of the 1000 yd. range and finished early as there were only a few men to fire. Mail brought a letter from home which showed that they had not read about my leave in the Register. Sat on Mrs. Lyster's porch during guard mounting and then went up to Capt. Vance's while. Then read the morning paper and watched Ives at work on the instruments he had invented for telegraphing to and from a moving train. After lunch Hammond ran a line from the telegraph line between his house and Ives' into my room and set up some instruments that Ives lent me. Practiced with this and read "Mortal Antipathy" until dinner. No parade this evening on account of the heat. Capt. Vance came up before retreat and directed me to inspect the lockers in the company for a revolver stolen from Corp'l. Wolford. Disliked this exceedingly but had to do it. Found nothing. Had three lockers whose owners were in the hospital removed to the storeroom to be examined tomorrow. Telegraphed a little with Capt. Hall who was in Hammond's and then played piquet with Hammond until nearly ten o'clock.

Saturday, June 19, 1886

Had a short time at the 1000 yd. range coming in before time. Mail brought a letter from Hewitt written while in Fargo, and the papers from home. He must have invested in some land in Dakota as he asked me to get \$500 from Capt. Vance who promised to lend me that amount in April to pay for the land in San Antonio. Went up to see the Captain and sat on his porch for some time. He was unable to lend me the money just now but could let me know in two or three weeks whether he would



Tino Guzman, left, welcomes Zina Worley to last week's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting.
Photo by Eric McMaster

Realizing people would believe what they wanted to believe, Brinkley, speaking with the fervor of an evangelist preacher, convinced people that transplanted goat glands was the answer to sexual potency.

The "doctor's" wife, Minnie, was the daughter of a legitimate doctor. She supported Brinkley and the two of them "took a few weeks off" and obtained their medical degrees from some eclectic school. Brinkley also helped himself with a few other letters to string along after the M.D.

The couple moved to Milford, Kan., bought a vacant building and proceeded to build a hospital. Protestations from valid M.D.s were drowned out by Brinkley's convincing orations which included warnings about listening to quacks.

Milford prospered mightily from his presence. Jobs were plentiful. From all over the world, train loads of alien men arrived daily to become patients. Hotels

and cafes sprang up everywhere as the town flourished.

In 1922, Brinkley went to Hollywood to operate on Harry Chandler, the publisher of the Los Angeles Times, and stayed to operate on the man's friends, employees, and many in the movie community.

Chandler was in the process of establishing a radio station for advertising. Brinkley recognized the potential and returned to Milford to do the same thing. His powerful station began operating in the fall of 1923, and he became famous around the world. Soon, he began traveling to foreign countries, particularly the Far East.

The American Medical Association (AMA) was giving Brinkley a hard time and made inroads when he was out of the states. Previously, Brinkley had become politically active and had fended off attacks.

When the AMA began being successful, Brinkley began trans-

ferring property to his son, Johnny Boy, who was 5 or 6 years old at the time. Then, the "doctor" moved his radio station to Acuna, Mexico. It had been the most powerful in the United States, and after the move it's wattage was increased to 500,000 amps to become the most powerful in the world.

The station, XER, was under national ownership. He issued bearer certificates to prominent Del Rio personages and Mexican nationals. These were then assigned back to Brinkley.

XER could be heard for tremendous distances. Del Rio became known as the Queen City of the Rio Grande. Brinkley gave out diagnoses and prescriptions and read the request over the air. Then, he received kickbacks from druggists who filled the prescriptions.

Prosperity came to Del Rio. In the midst of the depression, it flourished financially. Brinkley sported huge diamonds, owned yachts, and built a mansion in Del Rio. He imported giant Galapagos turtles for the front lawn and statues were imported from Europe. Colored lights played upon a water fountain.

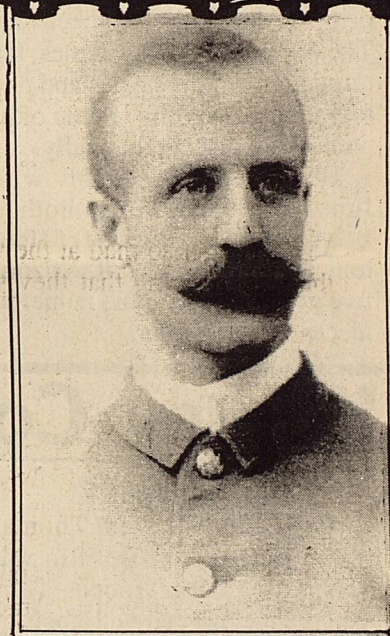
The AMA kept after Brinkley and wouldn't let go. He began being sued for malpractice and eventually lost everything he had.

Brinkley left, but Minnie stayed in Del Rio, bravely and graciously playing out her role in a crumbling mansion. Johnny Boy grew up and became an alcoholic and eventually shot himself while on the telephone talking to his mother.

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

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

Courtesy of his descendants



Monday, June 21, 1886
Took some men of the company out to practice at 200 and 300 yds. Several legs were made including two sharpshooter legs which qualified one man up to 1000 yds. Mail brought a letter from home. Marched on guard in Ives' place as he was not feeling well. Commenced to clean blouse and then went down to see Ives with Guard and Hammond. Played piquet then with Hammond. After lunch completed the blouse cleaning, inspected the guard and looked over the papers in the Library. Read "Mortal Antipathy" and watered the grass and took a cooling bath before dinner. No parade this evening. Called on Dr. Harmer after retreat but did not find him and then walked a while with Mrs. Hall. Called at Mrs. Lyster's until tattoo. After taking the reports went down to Friedlander's and stayed there a while. Miss Landa went away tonight. Am sorry of this for she is a very pleasant young lady and I enjoyed singing with her and listening to her sing. Read "Mortal Antipathy" and played cards with Guard until 12:30 o'clock when inspected the guard and turned in.

Tuesday, June 22, 1886

It rained an hour about reveille cooling the air for the whole day. Took reveille and marched off guard, Ives relieving me. Mail brought an unexpected letter from home in regard to my coming and visiting before reaching Fort Wayne. Spent a short time down in Ives' house this morning with Hammond, and later on played piquet with Hammond. After lunch went over to the Library to look over the papers. Completed "Mortal Antipathy" today. Do not like it much; it cannot compare in interest or attraction with the "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table." Played cards a while before dinner with Guard. We have agreed to divide the duty, he taking retreat and tattoo and I reveille. After dinner went up to Capt. Vance's a while. While seated on the front porch Dr. Town drove up and took me out for a long and very enjoyable ride. A small shower drove us in. Talked and

Monday, June 21, 1886

have it to spare or not. Wish Father could sell my land at home and then I could pay off all this indebtedness and give Lula something for her wedding dress. Read papers from home until noon. Wrote to Hewitt after lunch. Very much regretted to be compelled to write that I was unable to sent that money. The heat was intense this afternoon 108+ in the shade with a hot wind blowing. Felt it very much. Tried to read "Mortal Antipathy" after writing to Hewitt but went to sleep over it. After dinner sat on Mrs. Lyster's porch until Capt. Hall came along and took me out for a very pleasant ride. After it called on Mrs. Morris and sat with Mrs. Hall until tattoo when went down to call on the young ladies at Mrs. Friedlander's. Practiced the duets with Miss Landa and enjoyed the evening.

Sunday, June 20, 1886

Before breakfast the ambulance drove up bringing Guard in from Del Rio. He has come to stay. Was right glad to see him. Dr. Harmer came in also. Saw him at breakfast for the first time since two years ago. He has not changed much. Mail brought a postal card from San Antonio about my suit and a letter from Washington in regard to the money still due under the Morton decision. After inspection went down to the store with Guard and Hammond and spent an hour or two there playing billiards with Hammond and drinking milk punches. I call myself a christian and yet act in this manner on the Lord's day. Commented letter home before lunch, completing it afterwards and read "Mortal Antipathy" until dinner time. Watered the grass after dinner. It is growing so fast now that it needs to be cut soon. Attended chapel as usual in the evening and afterwards went to Capt. Vance's but he was not at home. Sat on Hammond's porch until after tattoo, escorting Mrs. Feche't home before the roll call. Afterwards went up with Guard to Col. Lyster's. Mrs. Lyster was suffering with neuralgia in the face and did not come out.

played cards with Guard until tattoo when called on Fowler and was invited to his house for the first anniversary celebration of their wedding on Friday.

Wednesday, June 23, 1886

Took reveille and after a bath went out to fire at 600 yds. range, qualifying one man and making several legs with other men. Mail brought Hewitt's Army Register. Played piquet with Hammond and read the papers until lunch. Wrote usual letter home in the afternoon, worked in the yard and took a bath. After dinner went to Capt. Vance's a moment. Then took a walk with Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Merrill. Sat for a while in the evening during band concert on Gen. Smith's porch and then called on Mrs. Lyster and Mrs. Hall. Received the photographs of the "Cercle Francais" this evening and gave one to Miss Saunders, Gen. Smith, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Lyster.

Thursday, June 24, 1886

The company had a skirmish practice this morning, the last company to fire and made the best score of all. Came in early from it so as to have breakfast before guard mounting. Mail brought me the desired permit from the Mallory Co. by which I can buy a ticket to New York from Galveston for \$35, a much cheaper rate than by rail. Spent the morning in Ives' house and in playing piquet with Hammond. Wrote to the Mallory Co. to thank them for their courtesy, read "L'Amour" a while, and played cards with Guard. After dinner took a long and enjoyable ride with Capt. Weeks and then called on Miss Jacobs carrying a picture of the "Cercle Francais" to her. Later called on Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Feche't

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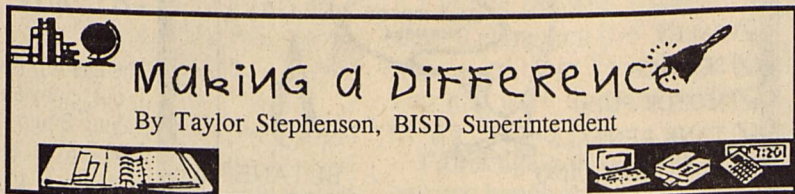
School has been out for one month! That's right, four weeks. Our first day of school with students is Aug. 17. That is eight weeks away, so we are one third through the summer vacation. I hope that you are enjoying every minute of it.

My favorite place for spending summer time is at the swimming pool at Fort Clark Springs. Each afternoon, I like to do a few laps in the cool, relaxing water.

I have driven by the city pool and know that it too is a favorite place for cooling off.

I hope that you have a place to go and get away from it all. This special place will be for relaxing, and not for thinking about the pressures of the world.

Kinney County is full of neat places and fun things to do. I hope that you are enjoying the outdoors.



In my own area, I can see a couple of dozen wild turkeys and as many as 18 deer meandering and enjoying summer. The birds are everywhere -- Cardinals, Blue Birds, Humming Birds, Wrens, Fly Catchers and occasionally a Painted Bunting.

The bird songs are happy ones that add to the backdrop of Kinney County's beauty.

Life is good here! It's good because of our location and because of the natural beauty of Brackettville, Fort Clark Springs and Kinney County. It's good because we don't have to drive to find the kind of relaxation and recreation that folks in other lo-

cales drive many hours to find. It's good because folks here care about other folks.

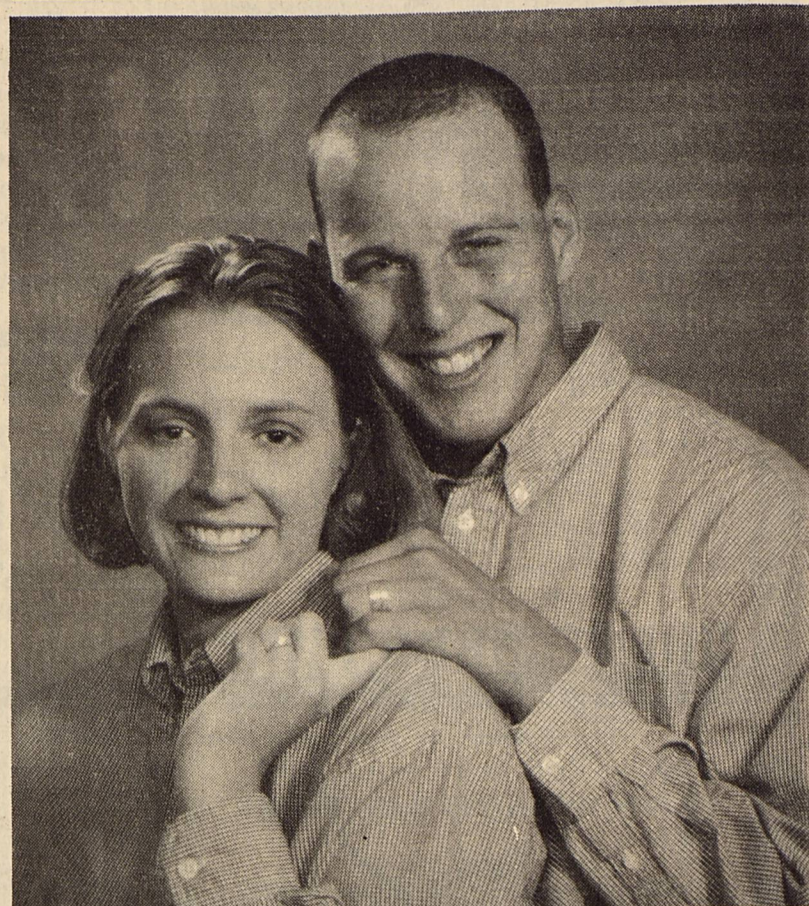
I hope that you have a chance this summer to look for the strengths of living in Brackettville and Kinney County. Outsiders don't have much trouble pointing out the pluses of our schools and of life in this county. We have our share of the problems, but the positives outweigh the negatives many times.

That's about it. Don't forget to put out water for the birds and wild animals. It has been awfully hot. The rain was wonderful, but we need to remember the water every day.

I'll close with a statement that Chuck Hall sent me. I like it and hope that you do, too.

- "To realize the value of:
- "one year, ask a student who failed a grade;
 - "one month, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby;
 - "one week, ask the editor of a daily newspaper;
 - "one hour, ask the friends who are waiting to meet;
 - "one minute, ask a person who missed a plane;
 - "one second, ask a person who just avoided an accident;
 - "one millisecond, ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics."

Treasure every moment that you have. Treasure it more if you have someone special to spend your time with. Remember that time waits for no one. Have a great week!



JENNIFER BARNES and BRIAN TOWNSEND

Barnes, Townsend to exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Barnes of Hobbs, N.M., and Dr. and Mrs. Michael Thompson of Cleveland, Miss., announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Michelle, to Brian Paul Townsend, son of Judy Townsend Hooker and grandson of Rev. and Mrs. Joe Townsend of Brackettville.

The bride elect is a 1997 honor graduate of Hobbs High School and attends McMurry University in Abilene, Texas, where she is pursuing a degree in business.

The prospective groom is a 1996 graduate of Brackett High School and also attends McMurry University where he is pursuing a degree in education with certification in public speech and business administration.

The couple will exchange vows at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 15, at First United Methodist Church in Hobbs, N.M.

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But, I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall



Get out of the way

As sort of a follow up to last week's column, I want to talk about the driving habits across America.

If you haven't been on a trip lately to San Antonio or elsewhere, you're in for a shock. Not a pleasant one, either!

There's a growing disease out there called ROAD RAGE. Traffic congestion has turned traveling into competition. Beating the other guy has become an obsession.

Changing lanes, once a common source for courtesy display, has now changed into a contest. But don't get confused, this isn't a game.

This is a duel! Drivers get so mad at the way others are driving that they take out their frustrations on anything, or anyone, in sight.

"Ragers" intentionally try to run over pedestrians. They ram other cars. Some even use weapons, guns, to vent their frustrations.

Obscene gestures are common place. Glares are nothing, barely even noticed any more. We can stop "Road Rage" by helping return politeness to the road.

But, I could be wrong.

Sandoval takes command of squadron

Navy Commander Ronald Alan Sandoval, a native of San Antonio with roots in Brackettville and Del Rio, has been named commanding officer of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Six at North Island Air Station in San Diego.

Sandoval's parents are Julio and Angie Sandoval of San Antonio, formerly of Brackettville and Uvalde. His paternal grandparents are Maria R. Sandoval and the late Faustino R. Sandoval Sr. of Brackettville. Maternal grandparents are Santitos F. Valle and the late Jose S. Valle of Uvalde. He is the nephew of Lingo Sandoval and Zulema Wilson of Brackettville.

Sandoval's promotion came Monday during a change of command ceremony. Attending the ceremony were his uncle and aunt, Cruz and Bonnie Beloz, and their daughter, Tracie, of Del Rio.

Sandoval graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1981 with a bachelor of science degree in ocean engineering. He received his master of science degree in business management from Troy State University in 1989.

Designated a Naval aviator in 1983, he reported to his present unit and flew the SH-3H Sea King. During his tour, he deployed twice to the Western Pacific/Indian Ocean aboard the



RONALD ALAN SANDOVAL

USS Enterprise and participated in Mediterranean operations in 1986 in support of the Libyan Crisis.

Sandoval reported for instructor duty in 1988 and was named instructor of the year. In July 1989, he became navigator on the USS Tripoli. He deployed to the Western Pacific/Indian Ocean in 1989 and again in 1990, participating in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

In 1992, Sandoval became safety officer with Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron 14. He was aboard the USS Ranger, participating in Operations Southern Watch against Iraq and provide comfort in support of Somalian peace operations.

Norgaard discusses Texas research at DRT meeting

Carolyn Norgaard of Dallas discussed her Texas research at the Caddell-Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT) recent meeting at Blue Bird Hill, the home of Roger and Lora B. Garrison near Utopia.

Norgaard researched the life of Anna Raguet Irion, the daughter of French settlers Henry and Marcia Anna Raguet.

As a young woman in 1840, Raguet Irion was a close friend of Sam Houston. They exchanged

letters and gifts, but she chose to elope with Houston's friend, Robert Anderson Irion.

President Kitty Harrison announced that Norma Conner of Fort Clark Springs won the mohair jacket donated by Dolores Vernor of Camp Wood.

Hawkins Huey and Agnes Vondy of Brackettville were among the guests present at the meeting.

The chapter will meet again in September.

BUSINESS

Pampered Pups moves to new location

By Kathryn Letsinger
Contributing Writer

Pampered Pups, owned by Carolyn and Richard Card, has moved to 112 W. Spring Street. The new location will offer more room and availability of services.

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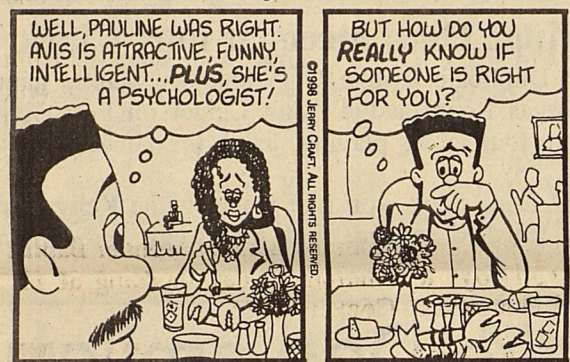
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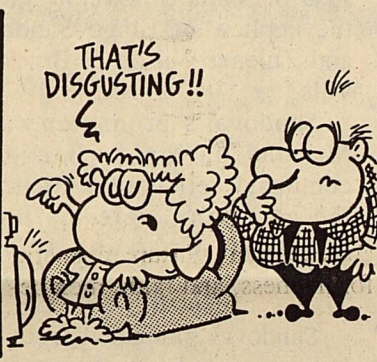
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DOWN	1 They get slapped in old movies	2 Home of the Taj Mahal	3 Bustar Keaton movie	4 Chinese pagoda	5 Flock of geese	6 Author Zola	7 Knowledge or learning	8 — Take Romance	9 Secret schemes	10 Self-protection	11 Palm leaf	12 She lived in "A Doll's House"	13 Once more	14 "Love Me — 15 TV's — Na Na"	16 Anthony Hopkins movie	17 Isles off Ireland	18 Routes or courses	24 Open tracts of wasteland	25 "Dark Victory" star	30 So-so grade	34 Baseball pitching star	35 South American river	36 Long, scolding	38 Reverse tide?	77 Bridge coup	78 Bonnie Raitt 1989 album	79 Dutch chaises	80 Street show	83 Winter vehicle	85 They're seen in the Seine	88 Part of a Greek tetra chord	91 Calcutta garb	93 Cauterizes	95 Climbed a rope, in a way	96 Type of food wrapping	97 — "Doonee"	99 Bureau compartment	101 New Guinea town	102 More vicious	104 Roman matron's garment	106 "Lust for Life" author	107 Partially open	114 Roman's girlfriend	115 Skier's aid	117 To lamb	118 Ending for stamp or imp	120 Miss Merkel	121 Mad scientist's place

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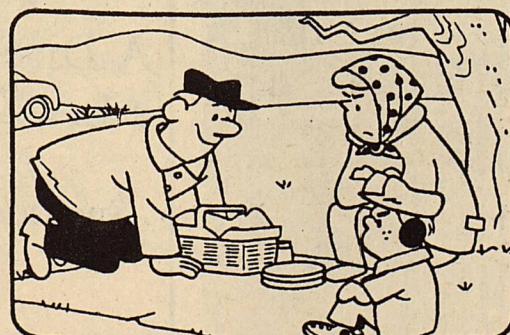
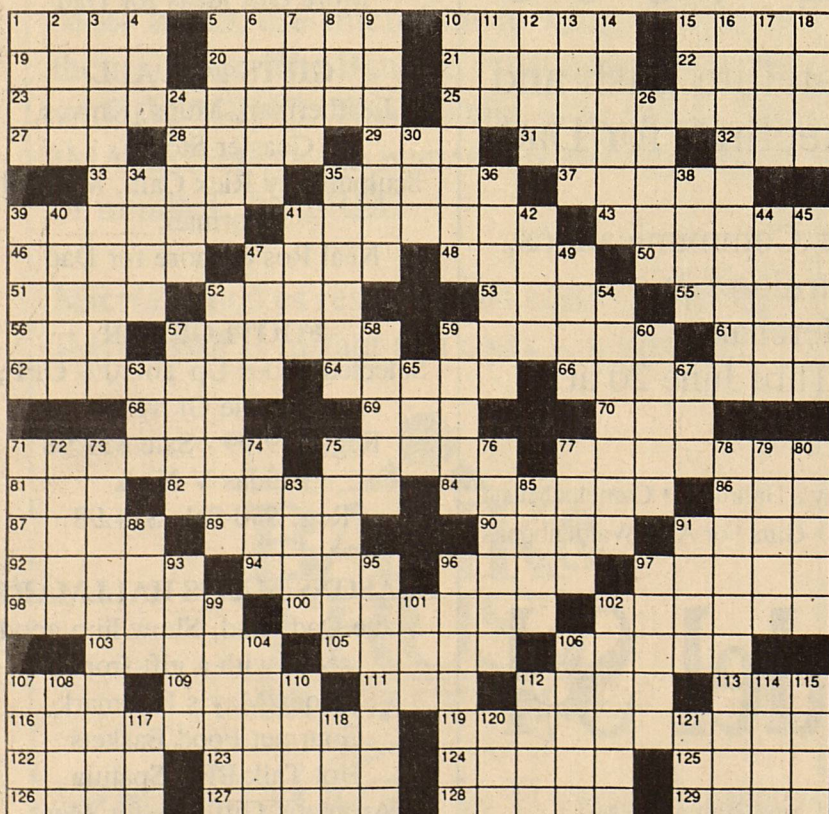
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Your Horoscope by Natasha

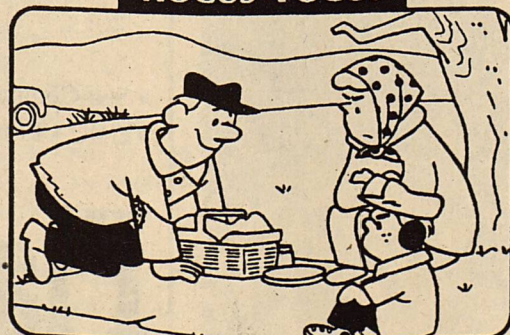
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Behind-the-scenes developments are important in your career. You'll maintain a low profile, but you will be very much aware of what's going on. Don't give credence to a rumor that's been circulating.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You could argue with a family member about a career concern. Judgment could be off in these matters and you should forego making any major business moves.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Despite some minor problems with friends, generally, the good will clearly outweigh the bad in your social life. Romance is likely. Good news comes this week concerning a family matter.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Inviting others over makes for a pleasant time for all concerned. However, you could be a little hard on a family member. Work developments are positive.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) You'll profit from advice about a business matter. Guard against being extravagant and making ill-advised purchases. Home and real estate matters are favored later in the week.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Get those clothing accessories you need. Travel plans take shape. Your energy seems to fizzle out late in the week when there's a tendency to goof off.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family member may not be in the mood for company, but social opportunities for you are glorious. Welcome new friends and new ideas. However, be sure not to burn the candle at both ends.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Freelancers meet with



new assignments. Shopping for the home is favored provided you don't overspend. Enjoy family interests during evening hours this week.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Though new friends are made through business, it's not the best time for mixing business and social life. Morning hours this week are best to get things accomplished. This weekend, pursue quiet, relaxing activities.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Either you or a partner tends to be extravagant. Local visits have romantic overtones. Benefits come from siblings, so accent charm in personal dealings.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Someone could get on your nerves at work early in the week. Dating picks up in the coming weeks for singles and couples spend more time with the children. Evening hours this week accent friendship.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Nobody seems to understand what you're feeling early in the week, but a turnaround in your affairs brings better communications with others. Travel plans change for the better. Enjoy!
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FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 18Caleb Crumley	June 22Michael DeLeon
June 19Travis Barrett	June 22Jacqueline Green
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June 21Leilani Wilson	June 24Susan Harrison

3-2A all-district softball team

The following is the 3-2A all-district softball team:

- **MVP:** April Rodriguez, Natalia, junior.
- **First Team:** Julie Alvarado, Natalia, pitcher, sophomore; Sarah Casares, Charlotte, catcher, junior; Sue Collins, Natalia, first base, senior; Stephanie Terrazas, Brackett, second base, junior; Sara Jo Garcia, Charlotte, third base, senior; Annie Santos, D'Hanis, short stop, junior; Erika Garcia, Brackett, outfield, freshman; Julia Holland, Natalia, outfield, senior; Lee Ann Stinson, Natalia, outfield, senior; D'Ann Zinsmeyer, D'Hanis, utility, sophomore.
- **Second Team:** Krystal Burrell, D'Hanis, pitcher, senior; Amanda Rodriguez, Natalia, catcher, junior; Lindsey Brotherton, Brackett, first base, junior; Kimberly Pesqueda, Charlotte, second base, senior; LaToya Wright, Brackett, third base, sophomore; Anna Cordova, Charlotte, short stop, sophomore; Shandell Sapp, D'Hanis, outfield, sophomore; Gina Luna, Charlotte, outfield, freshman; Patty Lopez, Brackett, outfield, junior; Carrie Sims, Natalia, utility, senior.

Garcia, Terrazas named to all-district first team

Brackett's Erika Garcia and Stephanie Terrazas were named to the 3-2A all-district softball team.

Garcia, a freshman, was selected as an outfielder and Terrazas, a junior, earned honors at second base.

Natalia junior April Rodriguez was named the district's Most Valuable Player after leading the Lady Mustangs to the conference title.

Joining Garcia and Terrazas on the first team were Julie Alvarado, Sue Collins, Julia Holland and Lee Ann Stinson from Natalia, Sarah Casares and Sara Jo Garcia of Charlotte, and D'Hanis' Annie

Santos and D'Ann Zinsmeyer.

Representing Brackett on the second team were juniors Lindsey Brotherton, first base, and Patty Lopez, outfield, and sophomore third baseman LaToya Wright.

Other second team selections were Amanda Rodriguez and Carrie Sims of Natalia, Anna Cordova, Gina Luna and Kimberly Pesqueda of Charlotte, and Krystal Burrell and Shandell Sapp of D'Hanis.

Earning honorable mention for Brackett were sophomore catcher Michelle Melancon, sophomore outfielder Tricia Robinson, and freshman outfielder Marty Payne.

Four Tigers receive top league honors

The Brackett Tigers had four players earn first team all-district honors in what turned out to be one of the toughest conference's in the region.

Brackett finished third in District 30-2A behind regional finalists Comfort and regional semi-

finalists Charlotte.

Tigers earning first team honors were senior infielders Jorge Rodriguez and Rene Luna, senior outfielder Michael Meyer, and sophomore catcher Brent Woelke.

Senior Kurt Wiedenfeld was named the district's Most Valuable

Player after leading the Bobcats to the league title. His teammate, sophomore Jay Matter, was named the Newcomer of the Year.

Other first team selections include Ruben Campos, Will Gates, B.J. Pesqueda, Frank Ramon, Jason Ruple, and Jason Tijerina of Charlotte; Chris Martinez, Kris Pressler and Derek Syfert of Comfort; and Natalia's George Monreal.

Infielders Zach Davis and Luis Guajardo and outfielder Tommy Sandoval represented Brackett on

the second team. Guajardo is a senior and Davis and Sandoval are both sophomores.

Rounding out the second team were James Rodriguez and David Villalobos of Charlotte; Brent Burrow and Umberto Lozano of Comfort; and Joe Aguilar, Homer Obregon and Grayson Wilmeth of Dilley.

Brackett seniors J. Wayne Ballew and Jose Gonzalez earned honorable mention all-district. Ballew and Gonzalez played in the outfield.



Brackett's Erika Garcia was the only freshman in 3-2A to earn first team all-district honors in softball. Brackett News File Photo

30-2A all-district baseball team

The following is the 30-2A all-district baseball team as selected by the conference's coaches:

- **MVP:** Kurt Wiedenfeld, Comfort, senior.
- **Newcomer of the Year:** Jay Matter, Comfort, sophomore.
- **First Team:** Will Gates, Charlotte, pitcher, senior; Chris Martinez, Comfort, pitcher, senior; George Monreal, Natalia, pitcher, senior; Brent Woelke, Brackett, catcher, sophomore; Jason Ruple, Charlotte, infield, junior; Ruben Campos, Charlotte, infield, senior; Jorge Rodriguez, Brackett, infield, senior; Rene Luna, Brackett, infield, senior; Derek Syfert, Comfort, infield, sophomore; Kris Pressler, Comfort, outfield, senior; Frank Ramon, Charlotte, outfield, senior; Joey Tijerina, Charlotte, senior; Michael Meyer, Brackett, outfield, senior; B.J. Pesqueda, Charlotte, designated hitter, senior; James Matter, Comfort, utility, sophomore.
- **Second Team:** David Villalobos, Charlotte, pitcher, senior; Homer Obregon, Dilley, pitcher, senior; Grayson Wilmeth, Dilley, catcher, senior; Brent Burrow, Comfort, infield, junior; Zach Davis, Brackett, infield, sophomore; Luis Guajardo, Brackett, infield, senior; Joe Aguilar, Dilley, infield, sophomore; James Rodriguez, Charlotte, outfield, senior; Umberto Lozano, Comfort, outfield, sophomore; Tommy Sandoval, Brackett, outfield, sophomore.

RELIGION

All men can be a 'father'

By Rev. Sheree Harris
First United Methodist Church

The Bible is very clear that we are to honor our father (Exodus 20:12). What is less clear is exactly who our father is. Obviously, the man who sired us can claim the status, but is he the only one?

The Bible goes on to speak of Abraham as the father of the Hebrew nation, God's chosen people. The sons of Jacob fathered the tribes of Israel. Throughout the New Testament there are events and stories about fathers.

Usually, in the Bible, when fatherhood is indicated, there is a genetic connection between the father and the people. The point of the status of fatherhood in the Bible, however usually has more to do with character traits and God's will for the people than it does with biology.

It was Abraham's faith, not his sparse seed, that maintained

his status.

Most men have the opportunity to father a child biologically. I believe that the Bible teaches us that all men have the opportunity on occasion to father a child with or without a genetic connection.

By living lives that embody and exemplify nurture, concern, forgiveness, and faith, men become fathers. When a person (child or adult) looks up to a man and that man responds in a love that reflects the love of our Heavenly Father, that man in that moment has reached fatherhood.

I believe this is so because I have been blessed with many "fathers" in my life.

Gentlemen, there are a lot of us out there who need a father. For each one of you who has and will continue to meet that need, I give God thanks and praise.

Happy Fathers Day and God bless you!

The Bible is the only true answer

By Rev. Joe Townsend
Frontier Baptist Church

I have a friend who lives in Salt Lake City. I first knew him as an 8-year-old boy in a Baptist church.

While he was in college, he came in contact with some who were ardent proselytes and wound up leaving the Baptist church to become one in that sect.

This group is not interested in winning people to a saving faith in Jesus Christ because they do not really believe in it. They ardently seek to tell all who will listen that there is only one true church, theirs.

They defy history and claim the church Jesus founded died and years later a few fanciful people started it again. The "church" they espouse is made up almost exclusively of people born in families of that persuasion and people from other churches persuaded or coerced to join their group.

My friend wrote me an extended exhortation entitled, "You

Need a Bible." He said the Bible was only part of God's word and needed other books to explain it. Books he claimed were inspired by God to a nondescript group of writers. He made the full pitch of his group. He ended by saying "You need a Bible."

My answer was, "I have a Bible." It tells me that God and his son Jesus were in the beginning. It tells me what sin is and what my sins are. It tells me when I put my faith in Jesus Christ who died for my sins, all my sins will be wiped out and I will be redeemed for all eternity by God's grace and not by any works of my life, not even by belonging to any church. It tells me about heaven and that I will be there for all eternity because of my faith in the only begotten son of God. It tells me Jesus is coming back to claim all his own.

Since my Bible tells me I'm a sinner, Jesus is my Savior, I'm saved by faith in him and will be in heaven with God for all eter-

nity. What else do I need?

When this "Other Testament of Jesus Christ" is filled with blasphemy and fanciful false teaching, I certainly do not need to clutter my mind with such garbage.

I had no other contact on this matter from my friend. He chose to follow the teachings that one time were espoused by a "prophet" of his sect and now has

three wives and 14 children and holds to his faith.

When any group departs from the teaching of the Bible, it will become an instrument of Satan denying the truth of God and heading for desultory results.

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

The power to win is in the word of God

By Pastor Charolette Corey
Gateway Ministries

Put up your "dukes" and fight!! I honor and thank my Father for teaching me how to "fight." He has taught me how to fight against lies and false accusations, depression and regret, unholy and unrighteousness, and against sickness, death, and poverty. Of course, I am talking about my "Heavenly Father."

You too can honor your "earthly father" (whether he is dead or alive) by allowing your "Heavenly Father" to teach you how to "fight." Your "Heavenly Father" has given you the power to fight when you accepted his son, Jesus Christ, to live in your

heart as your Lord and Savior.

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit back to earth after he ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, so that we have the opportunity to be taught these fighting techniques by the same person who taught him while on earth.

As you allow the Holy Spirit to make the living word of God come alive for you and show you how to apply it in your daily life, you too become more than a conqueror. You become an overcomer, called out and anointed to perform whatever the Father asks of you to glorify him. He even gives you the ability to love yourself with the same "agape" (unconditional love) that he teaches you to love others with.

Prayer is our communication link with God

A story is told about a young man who went out into the desert, in search of a holy man who could teach him the secrets of prayer and holiness.

Eventually, he found the old monk sitting outside his hut, and he put his question to the wise one. The holy man looked into the eyes of the eager youth and said, "Remember God."

As parents, we want our children to experience the growth that comes in opening up to us, to feel the healing that comes in interaction that is built through trust, and to bask in the acceptance they receive from us.

How can we believe God wants any less for us? We are all God's children, and prayer is our communication link with God.

Prayer is precious, because God, who is always faithful, touches our hearts when we pray.

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Your "Heavenly Father" has given you the tools through the words in the Bible, the same words that Jesus called upon to fight against the Devil when he was tempted in the desert three times.

There is power to win in the living word of God. There is power in the spoken word of prayer. Speak and pray boldly as a winner, because you are one! Fight the good fight! Happy Father's Day! Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Readings from the book of Psalms

By Rev. William P. Adams
St. John Missionary Church

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

"Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing.

"Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that has made us, and not we ourselves: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

"For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations." Psalm 100

Answers to Super Crossword

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Clinical trial to focus on nasal spray flu vaccine

TEMPLE, Texas — Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and Scott and White Clinic in Temple are embarking on a clinical research immunization trial of healthy children against the influenza infection.

The purpose of the study, which will begin Aug. 17, is to investigate whether the investigational nasal spray flu vaccine will reduce the incidence of flu in the vaccinated children, as well as their unvaccinated family members and the community.

Investigators plan to include approximately 15,000 children, 18 months through 18 years of age, in Temple, Belton, and surrounding areas. All children enrolled will receive the investigational nasal spray flu vaccine.

Data will be collected for approximately three years, until September of 2001, and will then be analyzed to determine the effects, if any, on the community as a whole.

Incidence of flu in the experimental group will be compared to incidence of flu for the last three years in the control group, a nearby community in Austin.

The flu is an acute viral respiratory illness that occurs every winter causing widespread infection and medical complications in all age groups, although infection rates and medical complications are greatest among children and

the elderly.

Each winter, the flu is responsible for approximately 20,000 to 40,000 deaths, 200,000 to 500,000 doctor's visits for respiratory illnesses, and \$3 to \$12 billion in health care costs in the United States.

The main approach to decrease flu has been yearly vaccinations for elderly and high-risk individuals to reduce flu-related deaths.

Another approach, which will be examined in the study, could be the administration of the investigational nasal spray flu vaccine to healthy children.

The investigational nasal spray flu vaccine is easy to administer and may be more acceptable to children than the currently licensed flu vaccine.

Instead of an injection into the arm or leg, the investigational nasal spray vaccine, which contains live weakened viruses, is administered by spraying a small amount of the vaccine into each side of the nose.

Enrolled children in the study will have a brief medical and physical assessment prior to vaccination. Children must be in good health to participate in the study.

If a child has a cold or stomach flu, the vaccination will be postponed until symptoms have subsided.

Children with chronic illnesses such as asthma, those who have an allergy to eggs, or are immunosuppressed, such as occurs with AIDS or cancer, or live with an immunosuppressed person will not be enrolled in the study.

The investigational nasal spray flu vaccine will not be given to adolescents who are pregnant or plan to become pregnant within four weeks of receiving the vaccine.

Children who do not receive the investigational flu vaccine will be offered the licensed flu vaccine, given by a shot.

Parents of enrolled children will receive a laminated card with a phone number and a stamped addressed postcard. The laminated card will instruct parents to call the phone number listed if a serious illness occurs during the study period.

The postcard is also intended to track how each child did during the six week period after vaccination. Parents are asked to mail the postcard, checking off the appropriate box to describe how their children did, back to Scott and White about six weeks after vaccination.

Respiratory illnesses will be evaluated by the children's physician, and throat swabs may be obtained for virus culture.

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