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## Briefs ...

### Trustees to consider out-of-district request

Three Laughling Air Force Base families have asked the Brackett School Board of Trustees to allow their children to attend school in Kinney County.

The School Board is expected to consider the requests at a special board meeting, tentatively scheduled for 6:30 Monday night.

out-of-district requests may be the dog and it ran off. considered on a case-by-case basis, and that's what the board will be doing," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

The trustees are also expected to review the proposed budget for the Kinney County Appraisal District and discuss personnel.

"We hope to do some hiring," Stephenson said. "We'll probably have some resignations that we anticipate receiving."

In Texas, July 1 is the last day for a teacher to resign without board approval.

### City's water contract with Spofford delayed

The City of Brackettville's contract to provide water to Spofford "is still in the works," according to City Secretary David Luna.

"I talked to Joe Cardenas (of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council)," Luna said at this month's regular City Council it. They're still working on it. They'll forward it to our attor-

# city's drainage ditch

A drainage ditch in Brackettville is finally being cleaned by city. The positions are funded by the project. the Job Training Partnership Act.

cleaning the drainage ditches we always get complaints on," City Secretary David Luna told the City Council at this month's regular meeting.

"It usually takes a mass of \$1,238,000. people to be able to clean that drainage ditch," he said. "The proposals were Greco Construct to build ourselves cheaper, for drainage ditch is just about complete."

### EMS to offer course

Kinney County EMS is makcourse.

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# Rabid dog shot in Spofford

By J.J. Guidry News Editor

A rabid dog was shot in Spofford last door and bit the neighbor's puppy. Tuesday. It is Kinney County's first rabies case this year.

According to a Texas Department of Health report, a woman said a dog showed up at her residence in Spofford and grabbed "The board policy says that a kitten and killed it. She threw rocks at

The woman left for a while and when

Sheriff's Department and Reserve Deputy were confined and quarantined. Manny Pena was dispatched to the scene.

When Pena arrived, the dog was under the woman's house. The dog ran at the to start taking post-exposure rabies shots. woman and she shot it. Pena, who works Service, shot the dog again, killing it.

The remains of the dog were sent to the she returned, the dog was fighting with her Southwest Texas Veterinarian Medical lost to rabies in Texas. In South Texas dog. She beat the dog off and it ran next Center where it tested positive for rabies. alone, two people have died from canine

The Department of Health advised that rabid animal. the animals and the Spofford residents were

with the Wildlife Damage Management for Region 8 this year. It was the region's fatal in humans, according to the Departsecond dog case.

Since 1990, five human lives have been According to the Sheriff's Department, rabies and more than 2,500 people have The neighbor called the Kinney County the other animals involved in the incident taken post-exposure injections of rabies vaccine after being exposed to a potentially

> Though treatment is effective if given The incident marked the 23rd rabies case in time, once rabies develops, it is always ment of Health.



School Board members Lloyd Lee Davis (from left), Tim Ward and Jim McDaniel evaluate the site of the district's new academic wing earlier this year. The five proposals to construct the new meeting. "He has a short delay on facility were all over the projected estimated cost of the project.

## New academic wing proposals JTPA employees clean above district's estimated costs

All five proposals for the construction of Brackett School

"If you haven't noticed, they're the sealed bids last Thursday.

The estimated cost of the amount of days that it would take project was between \$800,000 and to complete the proposal. \$1 million, while the proposals ranged from \$1,090,000 to a parking area adjacent to the

Antonio.

needs the best," Brackett Super- fiberglass." The course will be offered to intendent Taylor Stephenson said.

bid bond, which is a sub-contractors list, and gave us the total See NEW/Page 4

"We're going to District's new academic wing evaluate them to find five summer employees with the were above the estimated cost of the proposal that meets School district officials opened our needs the best."

Taylor Stephenson

"We had alternates for paving The contractors who submitted cabinets, which we may be able ally controlled heating an air con-"We're going to evaluate them ditioning system, and for duct

# County beefs up EMS

### Commissioners provide additional \$13,900 in funding

In efforts to improve the county's EMS program, County Commissioners approved an ad- be a priority. I believe it ditional \$13,900 in funding for the program earlier this month.

County officials said their ulti- in the county." mate goal is to raise the EMS level of service from basic life support to an intensive care unit.

"I think EMS should be a priority," Precinct 1 shift plus 12 hours on call time. The basé rate is \$8 Commissioner Freddie Frerich said. "I believe it per hour plus \$15 per call during on call time. The will benefit everybody in the county."

Kinney County received a top-of-the-line ambulance from the Texas Department of Health (TDH) last year, but is unable to use the vehicle to its po- working one shift each per week, a 12-hour shift tential because of its basic life support status.

"We have the supplies and the equipment that were given to us by TDH," EMS Director Michelle. Rosas said. "They're stored away and we need to

"It would be a great advantage to the county to that we have to travel to the hospitals," she added. intensive care unit.

The additional funding in-"I think EMS should

an additional full-time basic EMT at current rates. The apwill benefit everybody proximate cost per year, including benefits, is \$16,800.

> Freddie Frerich an additional part-time intermediate EMT, working one 24hour shift per week, a 12-hour

approximate cost per week, including benefits, is ■ two additional part-time EMT paramedics,

plus 12 hours on call time. The base rate is \$9.50 per hour plus \$15 per transport during on call time. The approximate cost per week, including benefits, for both positions is \$322.50.

an additional volunteer EMT paramedic at cost start using them. We have a defibrulator that's more reimbursement for one 24-hour shift per week with than \$10,000 and it's just sitting there. We need to mileage reimbursement of 28 cents per mile. The approximate cost per week is \$53.

an additional \$2,500 for supplies and equiphave that level of service because of the distance ment, including the cost of drugs required for an

# Officials see needs of border area

By Jaime Castillo

San Antonio Express-News

EAGLE PASS - Members of a school, for teacher storeroom agreed Saturday that more re- nation's drug effort. sources are needed for the drug fight in South Texas, but most tion, Talley Construction, RCI, science lab equipment, which we refused to back away from a pro-Droemer Construction, and Tom are trying to get funded with a posal allowing the use of military Page Construction, all of San grant proposal, for an individu- personnel and equipment along the U.S.-Mexican border.

ing plans to provide an EMT to find the proposal that meets our work, which would be metal or led by U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla, so much with very little reended a two-day tour in which its sources." A committee made up of members monitored federal drug their properties.

Pass International Bridge, the day night in Del Rio. Republican lawmakers pledged to

about \$17 billion annually on pro-said. grams ranging from drug treatment to law enforcement.

"Law enforcement at every level are doing a tremendous job," The seven-member delegation, Bonilla said. "But they're doing

"Each contractor gave us pro- Stephenson, two School Board interdiction efforts and met with Illinois, co-chairman of the GOP like Operation Hold the Line in posals with a dollar figure with a members, the district's business border ranch owners long tired of task force, noted the "gripping" El Paso. illegal narcotics trafficking on testimony offered by about 25 property owners who met pri-

Speaking Saturday at the Eagle vately with the congressman Fri-

"They and the other fine people return to Washington and push for who are on the front line of this House Republican task force \$2 billion more to be spent on the problem, I think they have the right to ask: Is there really a war The United States now spends on drugs in America?" Hastert

The 205-mile border area monitored here by the U.S. Border Patrol -- reaching inland from Comstock to Carrizo Springs and once considered too remote by undocumented immigrants -- has become a favored entrance point U.S. Rep. Dennis Hastert of after crackdowns in recent years

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Brackett ISD is looking to expand its GT Program. Michael Schooler presented a report on the program to the School Board. Community/Page 3

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Alfredo Rodriguez of Brackettville was one of five students selected to receive a Vikki Carr Foundation scholarship. Lifestyles/Page 5

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# Appraisal District's budget jumps 4 percent

The proposed budget for the Kinney County Appraisal District is 4.18 percent higher than the current budget. The Appraisal District's Board

of Directors hosted a public hearing on the proposed budget Tuesday, but no citizens were in attendance. Jimmy Bader, chairman of the

Appraisal District board said he

was "satisfied" with the proposed

"Joyce (Fuentes, chief appraiser) and her staff run an efficient office," Bader said. "I think we provide a good, quality service for our entities here in Brackettville. It would be very hard for them to be able to do it on

The biggest increase in the proposed budget is the line item for service and maintenance, which is proposed at \$21,000, up from \$18,000. Of the \$21,000 in the line item, \$16,340 is for computer software maintenance.

their own."

The chief appraiser's annual the bookkeeper's salary increased from \$16,800 to \$17,304 and the



Kinney County Appraisal District board members Henry Fuentes (from left), Jimmy Bader and Mike Holley discussed the proposed budget at a public hearing Tuesday.

salary remained \$32,960, while clerk's increased from \$11,290 to increased from \$6,223 to \$6,385 Employee retirement benefits creased from \$4,504 to \$4,600. the entity's lease.

The only other increase in the and social security benefits in- budget was an additional \$100 for

### Falcon Cable freezes rates Falcon Cable TV an-

nounced this week that it will not increase its regular cable television rates in 1998. All services, including ba-

sic cable, Falcon's channel packages, and premium channels like HBO and Showtime will remain frozen at their regular pricing levels through at least March 1999.

"We know that rate increases are a concern to our customers, and we certainly don't enjoy imposing them," said Lorna Gentry of Falcon Cable. "However, we do recognize the need to balance price with value."

Gentry called the decision an unusual step, particularly because of Falcon's own sharply increasing costs for programming purchased from ESPN, TNT, TBS and other networks.

"Even as our costs go up, we strive to provide the best value to our customers," Gentry added.

# Letter to the Editor

# New rules will destroy leagues

To the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors:

"Rules of Golf Play at Fort Clark as the aforementioned.

garding said policy, as to the organized protest. Men's, Ladies' and Couples' golf

appointed is an understatement, as handle leagues of 40 in some the primary reason for our com- leagues, and sometimes 40 ing to Fort Clark every winter for couples in the Couples' League, six years has been the golf course, and in particular the Ladies' and Couples' Leagues. Now, because of the "no shotgun starts" for any of the groups, something that is treasured and valuable will be destroyed.

We have formed friendships and made acquaintances that we never would have any other way.

have liked the Fort so much they have bought property to ensure their pleasant experiences. Last but this one change is discriminalot and new mobile in Unit 15, residents. and my husband spent the winter improving the property.

However, we are definitely having second thoughts about hav-We received the Sentinel for ing invested in Fort Clark, an or-June and July on June 12, and ganization that neither wants or have carefully read the Board of takes input from those who are Directors' policy statements, directly affected by rulings such

I think it's a shame to have We would like to write this let- taken this action while so many ter not as an angry protest, but of the Winter Texans are not rather will share our thoughts re- present, and cannot register an

To require tee times prior to 8 To say that we are terribly dis- a.m. rather than shotgun starts to will inevitably result in the destruction of a very valuable part of life on the Fort.

> I can only assume that those who have drawn up these rules have never availed themselves of the pleasure of companionship afforded by the leagues at the 18hole course.

I do hope an attempt will be Many of the Winter Texans made on the director's level to amend these rules.

All courses must have rules, November we, too, purchased a tory to a large section of the Fort

> Louis and Edith Zipperer Iron River, Wis.

# The problems with guns are the characters using them

The subject of guns is a volatile issue. There is more rhetoric and less objective thought than almost any issue. It crowds the headlines with abortion and homo-

The anti-gun activists are joined by some rabid politicians intent only on getting votes. These are joined by devotees of the speculation of psychologist intent on flaunting the arrogance of an inexact science based solely on opin-

There can be no question but not loaded. that the Constitution protects the right of citizens to own guns.

The president sounds off about certain types of guns. First it was how to use the 38 special to shoot Saturday Night Specials. When it deer. When they were grown, on was proved that these killed few rare occasions, I taught them and people, he shifted to automatic weapons. It's a proven fact that these kill few people, but by his rhetoric, he's never bothered by facts nor the Constitution. He thinks he can get more votes by teaching about guns, but with the constantly bleats it.

or irresponsible people are a probthe problem will never be solved would need all their lives. by attacking guns. No gun ever of some human being.

could be killed because of the de- problems about guns. lay caused by the lock.

than piddling with laws involving guns per se.

As a boy, I spent many days self. hunting. My father had a .410gauge shotgun. Our family ate boys taking guns to school and up to the facts and quit listening stantly over-extend our troops, rabbit three or four times a week. My dad killed some and I killed the others. There was never an evidence that any boy involved in Gore. accident involving the gun.

All my adult life, I've owned three rifles. One was a 22 semiautomatic. One was a 32 special, about the same as a 30-30. One entitled "Our Movie Made Chil- nal conspiracy. If this started, was a 30-06.

on deer meat. As our boys came by young people watching violent tion that he cares nothing about along, I taught them about guns. movies.

They were in a rack on the wall accessible to anyone at anytime. I kept them loaded (not in the chamber) and taught my sons they were loaded.

Between Us

By Joe Townsend

Too many people are killed by someone "thinking" the gun was

At nine years, I taught my sons to use the 22 to kill rabbits and squirrels. At 12, I taught them allowed them to use the 30-06. There was never the least problem with or about guns.

The basic reason was not my waving the anti-gun flag so he character of the boys. From the day they were born, they were in Guns in the hands of criminals Sunday school and church. This gave them the foundation of char-

having a gun to protect his family of the boys that prevented any America.

I heard one psychologist say recent shootings played these

In those days, the most popular shows were the westerns, full from that generation came the giant leap in aviation. It was from them came the development of plastics. It was from that age came television, the spliting of the atom, flight into space, etc.

The difference was the young people of that age were taught discipline, character building, right behavior at home, in school, in church and in society. A return to the family, school teaching, and religious message of those days will solve the gun problems of

will always get guns, FBI checks, executive order of Boy Clinton not withstanding.

At home, they were taught and the laws we have, there will not train our troops for combat. killed anyone except at the hands disciplined to respect laws and be a dent in the problem. The have trigger locks is another con- would pay the penalty for mis- where there are more murders threat to our national security. cession to the criminal. A man deeds. It was the basic character with guns than any city in

The problems regarding the states where the people have more address the serious issues con-The problem goes much deeper misuse of guns will never be guns there is less crime and fewer solved until individual character killings. In every state where condemands responsibility for him- cealed handguns are legal, crime give our military the tools and the and killings have decreased.

It's high time the people wake killing was a result of playing vio- to the flaming rhetoric of politilent electronic games. There is no cians, especially Clinton and

Clinton has consistently defied the Constitution and the law of the In the 30's, a book was given land to do what he wants. It's time great hype by the media. It was to hold him accountable for crimidren." The theme of the book was there would be no end to it. It is I largely raised a family of six that the nation would be destroyed the trade mark of his administrathe Constitution and current laws.

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## A warning call

By Henry Bonilla

U.S. Congressman, 23rd District

In a recent news story, a Navy squadron commander reported that only two of his 14 fighter jets were safe enough for his pilots to

This unacceptable situation is only one of many alarming examples of what we are doing to our military by continuing to expect our forces to operate with less

Our armed forces are in worse shape now than they have been since the end of the Vietnam War. The United States military is squeezed into the dangerous position of having to do more with less. Because of that, our military readiness is compromised and our ability to decisively win a potential war is at risk.

Part of the problem is that the defense department budget has been cut every year for a decade. With less money available, military pay and benefits are only a fraction of what they should be, base housing is unfit, recruitment is down and more and more soldiers are being sent on back- toback, overseas deployments.

Navy and Air Force pilots, tired of senseless deployments and low morale, are being lured away by commercial airlines which pay of shooting and killing. It was more money, have better benefits and require less extended time away from the family.

We will never be able to recruit good people to join the military with lousy pay, poor benefits and long periods of time away from home as incentives.

Our inaction in giving our soldiers the incentives they need to stay in the military and our inability to recruit the number of qualified people needed to properly sustain our forces is a very dangerous trend. Instead of scaling back defense spending, we need Restrictions on guns simply is to increase the defense budget and an exercise in futility. Criminals eliminate unnecessary and expensive peacekeeping missions like Bosnia and Haiti.

These unending peacekeeping The problem is the character missions are compromising our lem, there's no doubt about it. But acter, discipline and respect they using the gun. Until our judicial ability to be able to effectively system begins strictly enforcing maintain our forces and properly

Using our increasingly limited rules. They were taught they were strictest gun control laws in the supply of defense funds on costly The demand that all guns must responsible for their actions and nation are in Washington D.C., peacekeeping missions is itself a

If the United States is going to remain the top military force in It is a proven fact that in the the world, we need to immediately fronting our armed forces.

We have a moral obligation to manpower it needs to succeed. We cannot properly do this if we conand allow our defense budget to be consistently raided.

# **Unsung Hero**

By Joe Townsend

I went to the Juneteenth celebration, mainly to get some of the outstanding barbecue.

The food was more than delicious. Those who served were most gracious.

I missed "Chicken" Dimery and "Sonny Girl." The ones who did the barbecueing, however, did a wonderful job.

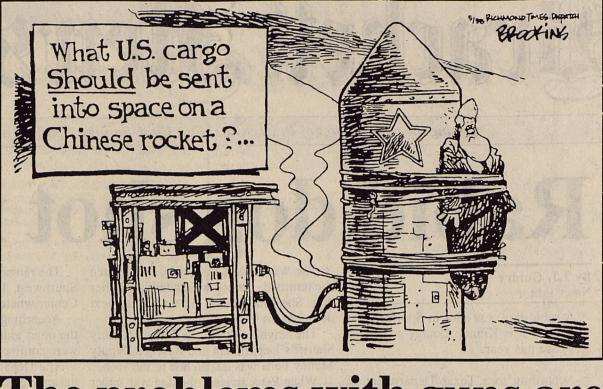
The chicken was just right, neither undercooked nor overcooked. The brisket was so tender you could cut it with a fork.

I looked to see who the cooks were. I saw Albert Payne and David Seargeant. It appeared they were being surprised by Helen Seargeant. This called to my attention to how many times these men are called upon for this task.

When you think barbecue, my mind runs always to Albert Payne and now joined by David Seargeant. They are to be highly commended for giving the many hours and much work necessary to produce such delicious barbecue.

There are few people who will donate so much energy and work to do this and even those who do, few can turn out such delicious

Surely, Albert Payne and David Seargeant are Unsung Heros, and Helen too for her sup-



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Gladys E. Cook, 90, passed away June 20, 1998, in Del Rio, Clark Springs.

Edwin J. Cook of Fort Clark month's regular meeting. Springs; her children, Carol Ann ret Joan Bononami of Junction Stephenson said. City, Kan., and Edwin Arthur Cook of Fort Worth; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-Grand- GT training for the district's entire staff.

June 23, at the Brackettville Fu- continuity to the program. neral Home Chapel.

ney County Cemetery with Rev. Sims, and Frank Taylor. R. D. Halloway officiating.

Home, dba Brackettville Funeral port. Home, 114 North Street.

# Obituary School district looks to expand GOP group pledges Gladys E. Cook Gifted and Talented Program

The Brackett School District is looking to ex-Texas. She was a resident of Fort pand its Gifted and Talanted (GT) Program.

Jones Elementary School Principal Michael She is survived by her husband, Schooler presented a report on the program at this

"Our district would like to expand the GT pro-Waldron of Fort Worth, Marga- gram in the future," Superintendent Taylor

The district's GT Committee recommended:

offering GT as an elective class.

Visitation was held Tuesday, GT program for the entire district in order to bring force policies for employees," Stephenson said."

Graveside services were held Schooler, Stoney Burks, Irene Finkenbinder, Mary Wednesday, June 24, at the Kin- Ellen Fuentes, Gracie Mata, Angie Meeks, Don

"All teachers noted positive results for the stu-Arrangements were under the dents they teach in GT, especially in terms of use of direction of the Del Rio Funeral technology," the committee stated in its written regiven by Stephenson.

In other business, the trustees:

"Our district would like to expand the GT program in the future."

given by Judy Blankenship. The district began the year with 111 students in special education and ended the year with 115 students.

approved Local Policy Update 58, recomusing one staff development day in the fall as mended by the Texas Association of School Boards.

"The policy update dealt with hearing procedures having one full-time teacher to oversee the for terminated employees and also for reduction in

recommended an approved rating for the Al-The committee is made up of Stephenson, ternative School for the 1997-98 school year. The recommendation will be sent to the Texas Education Agency for review.

"The Alternative School achieved all of its goals this past school year," Stephenson said.

heard a report on the district's technology plan

approved the minutes of the May 11 regular board meeting with corrections.

## Superintendent Taylor Stephenson ■ heard a year-end report on special education

# **UMC** seeks accreditation

ville, Del Rio and Eagle Pass ecutive officer of UMC. communities, has completed the Commission on the Accredita-(JCAHO).

was conducted last week by the Center for Rural Health Stud-Joint Commission.

UMC expects to take part in actual Joint Commission survey vided to the public.

taking place sometime in 1999. ing together with our staff to ting standards and surveying all

United Medical Centers tus within one year or less," said (UMC), serving the Brackett- George Kypuros, the chief ex-

"While our goal has always first step in its program to at- been to provide quality care to tain accreditation by the Joint all of our patients, the entire organization has been working extion of Healthcare Organizations ceptionally hard for the past several years to become ready for A mock accreditation survey this challenging evaluation."

Dr. Beverly Gutierrez, ies of Mountain City, Tenn. The UMC's medical director, said, mock survey, an important pre- "This mock survey is not only paratory step, indicated that an external evaluation of our op-UMC was in compliance with erations, but helps to reinforce the standards required to attain UMC's staff commitment to the the status of "Accredited" by the concept of continuous quality improvement."

JCAHO's mission is to imthis national initiative with the prove the quality of care pro-

For more than 40 years, the "We look forward to work- Joint Commission has been setachieve JCAHO accredited sta- types of health care facilities.

# Library offers classes in summer programs

The Kinney County Public Liing its summer reading program, she said. Librarian Sara Terrazas ansioners Court meeting.

The classes include art, fun and games, collection development, crafts, genealogy, newsletters, and a book hunt.

Terrazas said the library sub- ready have," Terrazas said. mitted a proposal to the Tocker purchase of adult material, large print books, audios, non-fiction

"We should know something by the end of September," Terrazas said.

"We have installed educational brary will offer seven classes dur- software for the children to use,"

The school district donated a nounced at this month's Commis- computer with accelerated reader software.

> "We have purchased accelerated materials and have marked all the accelerated books we al-

'Students can now check out Foundation for \$20,000 for the books and take the test here at the library," she added.

The library's office computer books, reference material, and is down. Terrazas said she was unable to get Tino Gomez to work on it, but added that Charles Tallavera was going to repair it.

Terrazas said the library has A computer received by the tax two employees working 32 hours a week at the library through the office was set up in the children's Job Training Partnership Act

# to seek drug war aid

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rests and drug seizures along the Mexico border. U.S.-Mexico border, going to 121,137 and \$79 million, respectively, in 1996.

Yet the area has just 520 Border Patrol agents -- compared to 948 in the El Paso sector -patrolling 189 miles along the

Rep. Tom Latham, an Iowa farmer, said he sympathized with the ranchers who often hire their own security forces because of the threat posed by guntoting traffickers.

"One woman really got to me," he said. "She is absolutely worried to death that (her husband) won't come home alive the ranch.

maintained their support of an tucky.

amendment to the defense bill that would give the president The Del Rio area has experidiscretion in placing up to enced the highest increase in ar- 10,000 troops on the U.S.-

Bonilla was the delegation's from 50,036 arrests and \$13 only member to vote against the million in drug seizures in 1994 amendment, sponsored by Rep. James Traficant Jr., D-Ohio, which was adopted in the House 288-132 last month.

The continued support for the Traficant measure raised eyebrows here among those who fear a big military presence could harm the economic interdependence of U.S.-Mexico border cities.

The lawmakers were greeted at the International Bridge by four young college students, one of whom held a sign: "The border is our home, not your battleground."

Other congressmen making when he goes out to work on the trip were Pete Sessions of Dallas, Asa Hutchinson of Ar-Meanwhile, most other task kansas, Roger Wicker of Misforce members present also sissippi, and Ron Lewis of Ken-

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meets the 2nd Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m. School of Instruction meets the 1st, and 3rd Tuesdays, at 7:00 p.m.

Visiting Brothers are Welcome

# **Cinney County Sheriff's Report**

### Sunday, June 14

10:30 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that someone was near the Sheriff's Department. bike picked up her puppy dog. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene, along with DPS troopers and Border Patrol The man later returned the dog. agents, but no one was found near the property.

### Tuesday, June 16

caller said that his jeep was on fire wrecklessly on Highway 90, headnear a ranch on Tularosa Road, but the fire had been put out. He said that he would have a wrecker move the vehicle.

woman requested the assistance of a peace officer. She wanted someone to ask her ex-husband to go back to Del Rio. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was informed of the situation. He was unable to locate on routine patrol when he found a the subject.

people, but did not hurt them.

ment of Health.

### Friday, June 19

woman reported two men in a 3:55 p.m., An anonymous small white car were driving ing east towards Brackettville.

### Saturday, June 20

3:30 a.m., Deputy Chism was stop sign down at the intersection 5:43 p.m., A Spofford man of N. Ellen and and Third streets. reported that a dog with rabies had Chism removed the sign from the

killed a cat and had chased two street and placed it out of the way. Reserve Deputy Sheriff Many the Texas Department of Trans-Pena was dispatched to the scene. portation reported vandalism at He shot the dog and sent part of Fritter Park, east of Brackettville Chism was dispatched to the scene the remains to the Texas Depart- on Highway 90.

Wednesday, June17

on the roof of her house, located woman reported that a man on a Street. Deputy Guidry was dis-Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the scene. try and nothing was missing from

1:09 a.m., Deputy Chism was 5:15 p.m., A Brackettville on routine patrol when he found that the doors to the Kinney County Civic Center were left open. No one was inside the building and nothing was missing.

8:50 a.m., A woman reported that it appeared someone had been 12:20 p.m., A Brackettville in her aunt's house on E. Edwards patched to the scene. He could not find any evidence of a forced enthe residence.

10:16 a.m., A Border Patrol 9:37 a.m., A Brackettville agent reported a car in a canal on F.M. 1908. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. The vehicle was found in a drainage ditch on Moses Lane, off of Highway 1590, near Quemada. A local farmer was helping the owner of the vehicle remove the car from the ditch.

### Sunday, June 21

12:10 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs man said that his ex-wife and son were at his residence in Unit 7 and that they were in violation of a restrictive order. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene and escorted the woman and her son from the residence.

10:23 p.m., A Brackettville 8:41 a.m., An employee with woman said that someone was calling her residence and harassing her over the telephone. Deputy and met with the woman.

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# **Community Calendar**

### Thursday, June 25

12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

### Tuesday, June 30 7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark

Duplicate Bridge Club meets in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs. Thursday, July 2

12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs. 6:30 p.m., The Lions Club

the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort

### Clark Springs. Sunday, July 5

Columbus meet at Parish Hall.

### Monday, July 6

1:00 p.m., The Fort Club Art Club meets at the Art Studio on Fort Clark Springs.

5:00 p.m., The Old Quarry Society meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Tuesday, July 7

7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark

### Duplicate Bridge Club meets in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Thursday, July 9 12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Resmeets in the Cavalry Ballroom at taurant on Fort Clark Springs.

6:30 p.m., The Kinney County Chamber of Commmerce meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las 12:00 p.m., The Knights of Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark the Gorgas Room at the Adult

### Saturday, July 11

10:00 a.m., The Fort Clark Springs Community Council meets in Shafter Hall on Fort Clark Springs.

### Monday, July 13 9:00 a.m., The Kinney County

Commissioners Court meets at the Court House on Ann Street. 6:30 p.m., The Brackett School

### Board of Trustees meet at the district's Administration Building on Ann Street.

Tuesday, July 14 6:00 p.m., The Brackettville

City Council meets at the City Annex on Highway 90 West. 7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets in Center on Fort Clark Springs.

# Making a Difference By Taylor Stephenson, BISD Superintendent

# Summer is here!

Summer officially arrived Sunday! It slipped in unnoticed be-OK. Rain must be on its way.

If the heat bothers you, think about the ranchers and farmers edited notes together for review who have been feeding and irrigating for several weeks. Summer review will take place at the July is here, but fall is on its way. Each 13 meeting of the board. day brings us closer to cooler temperatures and our rainy season.

### **Drivers Education**

Our drivers education program is going full blast! We have 16 students who are taking the class. Susan Harrison called to report

that all 16 had passed the written test. Driving is next! We are contracting with a

teacher from Del Rio this summer. Our school district pays half, and the student pays half.

Watch for the driver education car and our drivers who are trying to learn to be safe drivers.

### Open Gym

The gym is open Monday through Thursday during the day for summer recreation. I hope that you are taking advantage of this opportunity. Greg Nowlin is supervising the gym in June.

### City Swim Park

I too am proud of the City Swimming Pool. It appears to be nice, clean and safe.

I want to add my thanks to the Brackettville. city for providing a much needed service to the children of Brackett- one! Watch the skies. Rain must

### **Student Handbooks**

We're working on student cause it has been so hot that I handbooks. Each year, it is a thought it arrived in May! That's monumental task to update the handbook for BISD students.

Susan Veach puts all of the by the Board of Education. This

### Personnel

The school administration is in the process of hiring teachers for the new school year.

We advertise vacancies in newspapers, journals and at area colleges. We then solicit applications. Those who look as if they would qualify for the position are brought to Brackettville to interview with the principal and with the superintendent.

Then we begin to check out information on each application that includes: teaching certificate, transcript, references, and even a criminal record's check. Staff is then recommended through the principal to the superintendent.

My job is to recommend staff to the Board of Trustees. The board has the authority to accept or reject recommendations made by the superintendent. If recommendations are rejected, the superintendent brings another candidate to the board. We work hard to try to get the best teachers for

I hope this week will be a good be on its way. Have a great week!

# Rotarians view Titanic vic

By Frances McMaster Contributing Writer

to be present but provided a said that the family's reservathe Legend."

tanic, the public has never lost happen. its fascination with this maritime disaster. The huge ship, thought to be unsinkable, struck an iceberg and went down on April 14, than 800 survived.

that traveled the world. The Ti-tions. tanic was built in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and on completion, was the largest ship in the world.

background information, still ahead. They rang the three bell photographs, archive footage, alarm. The crew scrambled to and an eye witness account by action, trying to avoid the iceone of the few living survivors. berg, but were unsuccessful.

Capt. John Smith, White Star's senior captain, was as- was not recognized at first. A signed to the Titanic. The de- long gash had been cut into the on board at sailing, and he and forward. The water began pour-

swered requirements of laws fired every hour. written 20 years earlier when 46,000 tons. That was half the warmly and quickly went to the on the scene as the screams sinkable.

A fascinating eye witness account of this tragedy was given to board. The Brackettville Rotary Club by an elderly woman, Eva Hart, met at noon for its regular meet- who was a child traveling with ing last Thursday. The program her mother and father on the chairman for the day was unable Titanic when it went down. Hart video entitled, "The Final Chap- tions were transferred from anter: Titanic: The Truth Behind other ship which upset her mother who had a premonition Since the sinking of the Ti- that something dreadful would

Despite her misgivings, the family sailed for America on the Titanic as planned. At first, all appeared well. However, as the 1912, with 1,500 lives lost. Less ship sped ahead, messages arrived warning of icebergs, but

They had sailed on April 10, 1912. Near midnight on April 14, the two men in the crows nest The video provided a lot of spotted an iceberg straight

The enormity of the damage sinking. SOS messages were sea. The number of lifeboats an- sent by wireless and flares were

Order was maintained fairly well for a while. Women and children were loaded on the boats, and the dance band moved onto the deck and conous ragtime music.

Order disintegrated as the shortage of lifeboats was recognized. Third class passengers were the farthest away from the boats and last to load. Lifeboats and two collapsible boats were launched amidst confusion and growing panic.

The ships stern rose high in the ship. the air, the forward funnel broke loose and fell, injuring and killing people as it crashed to the deck. The ship broke in two parts. The crowded lifeboats rowed quickly away from the went down.

With the band now playing the captain went down with the ing in and the ship began slowly ship finally slipped into the dark

until shortly before it sank. The there. At the time of impact, Hart's engineers had stayed deep in the ships weighed about 16,000 mother felt a slight bump and bowels of the ship to keep them tons, compared to the Titanic's roused the family. They dressed going. A horrible quiet settled

nearest lifeboat where the from drowning victims stopped, mother and child were allowed and the last of the ship went un-

Another ship (possibly the California) appeared close at hand afterwards but, strangely, did not come to their rescue. A sister ship, Carpathean, heard tinued to play the now incongru- their distress call and reached them around 4:30 a.m.

The rescue was terrifying. A hatch was opened part way up on the Carpathean. Hart's mother and other adults climbed swaying rope ladders hung over the ship's side to be pulled into the hatch by the ship's crew.

Hart, like other children small Hart was accidently separated enough to slip through rope The British at that time owned they were overlooked in the from her mother. Though terrinets, were placed in sacks with 50 percent of the merchant ships mass of private communica- fied, she clearly recalls every only their heads free. Then, they were hauled in the nets over to

Hart described it as a tragedy that never should have happened. She bitterly pointed out that survivors had spent only two and a half hours in a calm sea before being rescued. The ship ship in order to escape the suc- had been traveling at full speed tion that would occur when it in an ice filled sea. The supply of lifeboats was pitifully short.

In 1985, scientist Dr. Bob signer, Thomas Andrews, was six water-proof compartments spiritual music such as "Nearer Ballard found the Titanic's remy God to The," the last of the mains in deep water, the two parts separated on the ocean floor. He took many pictures Its brilliant lights stayed on and left a silver plaque resting

> Ballard called the disaster a tribute to man's arrogance: the Titanic had been proclaimed un-

## New academic wing proposals above district's estimated costs

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als on Tuesday.

"We're above our estimates," projected expense.

"Right now, in my opinion, we this project work. I'm sure there regular meeting on July 13.

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are some things that we can do. If the project is too high, I'm sure manager and director of mainte- that our board would consider renance began studying the propos- jecting, making changes and re-

"At the present time, we're go-Stephenson said. "The job of the ing to go in it positively, evaluate committee is to evaluate the pro- the proposals first, and select the posals and select the best proposal. best proposal," he said. "We're After a proposal has been selected, going to sit with our architect and then we can negotiate to see if the contractor who had the best there are things that we can do to proposal and see if we can do anythis project to bring it within the thing to make this project more palatable financially.'

The School Board is expected have some whittling to do to make to discuss the proposals at its next

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### Francis Henry French was born in FOOTSTEPS ECHO Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Major General Francis Henry French Courtesy of his decendants

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

Lt. French began diaries, which he faith- author unknown, in the afternoon.

### Friday, June 25, 1886

Guard being Officer of the Day took reveille. Marked with Maj. Witherell for the three companies that fired on the skirmish line this Went out on the range immedimorning. "E" Co's score was beaten by two of the companies. We have one more day for this. Mail brought a letter from home and from King and from Military then sat at Mrs. Hall's until nearly Service Institution with a copy of ten o'clock. Guard and Capt. the Journal. Sat on our front porch Vance came in after tattoo. Had with Hammond, Dr. Schwart- some cake and wine there in honor zkopf and Guard listening to the of Capt. Vance's departure toband practice and then played night. Then Guard and I sat with piquet with Hammond. After Capt. Vance until after ten o'clock lunch looked over the papers in when we went out to Spofford the Library, played cards a while Junction and after an hour's waitwith Guard and read a criticism ing saw him start on his sick leave on Oliver Wendell Holmes and commenced Mark Twain's last will return fully recovered. Capt. book "Huckleberry Finn." Went Hall came back from Langtry up to see Capt. Vance after din- where he went last night to receive ner. Took retreat for Guard as he some wood. At the station Capt. went out riding. Spent a pleasant Vance promised to let me have evening at Fowler's, a small party \$500 at 10% as long as I wanted being given in honor of the first it provided he could raise the anniversary of their wedding.

Saturday, June 26, 1886

not go out to target practice on I can take my time about repay- up and down the line with Mrs. account of the wind. Mail brought ing Capt. Vance. a letter from Forsyth at Brown, an O.B. enclosing some blanks from the Q.M. General and the bundle of papers from home. Played piquet with Hammond and read the papers from home until noon. Read the papers in the Library and played on the organ af-

### Sunday, June 27, 1886

spection went up to see Capt. After it escorted Miss Saunders on letter home until dinner. Commy house.

pleted letter home, wrote to King was assembled on the porch to eat enclosing the order for \$1 that he ice cream and cake. Enjoyed this sent in his last and commenced a more than the earlier part off the At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, new novel called "Democracy" The novel is going to make a person think a good deal about U.S. ing, but did not qualify any marksgovernment and manner of offi-men. Mail had nothing for me cial life. Miss Johnston and Miss except Hewitt's Register which Saunders were at dinner today. ately after dinner with Guard to look over the ground for the skirmish drill tomorrow. Attended church as usual in the evening and from which we earnestly hope he

Monday, June 28, 1886 The company lost a trifle on its previous score at skirmish practice this morning. Think they would have done better with Capt. Vance in command as Guard has not been with the company durter lunch and then read "Huckle- ing the practice season. Mail berry Finn." Read this book in the brought a letter from home. Afevening until tattoo when went ter it came carried a paper belongdown to the store and had two ing to Capt. Vance up to his games of billiards with Hammond. house. Spent the morning in read-Played cards with Guard until bed- ing and playing cards with Guard. After lunch went over to the Library to look over the papers. Had usual inspection this morn- Worked in the yard, read "Deing. Mail brought an O.B. from mocracy" and dozed until near Q.M. General stating that all the dinner time when took a bath. No trouble I had taken lately in re- parade this evening on account of

Vance a while and then wrote on over to Gen. Smith's and then to letter home until lunch. Com- Cunningham's where quite a party

### evening. **Tuesday, June 29, 1886**

Had target practice this mornread after breakfast. The suit of clothes came by express from San Antonio this morning and fit all right except being a little tight across the breast. Think this can be remedied by moving the buttons. Looked over the papers in the Library in the morning. After lunch dozed and read "Democwished to listen to the music while money in Louisville where he the room was lighted up for dancgoes from here. This will enable ing. Danced only once. After es-Took reveille as usual but did me to pay Hewitt at once and then corting Miss Jacobs home walked Lyster, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Remington and enjoyed it too. Wednesday, June 30, 1886

place this morning and was a very warm ceremony. My clothes were books back to the Library and wet after it was over. Carried Miss Saunders' autograph album up to tion" by Mrs. Burnett. Played her and then sat for a while on cards a while with Guard after-Mrs. Hall's porch. Then went to wards and then attended a meet-Commissary's and Quarter- ing in Gen. Smith's office for the master's to pay bills and to store purpose of arranging for the celto deposit pay accounts and to ebration of the 4th of July. After settle up. Walked over to the post lunch went down to the store for office to get a money order to send some money and then had hair cut. home and a postal note to pay for Read "L'Amour" and the new the copy of the Journal of the M.S. novel. Sent a report today to the Institution. Returning stopped at Quartermaster General about my the store a while. Mail had noth- duty in his department last year. ing for me today. Read and played After dinner went up to see Guard piquet with Hammond until lunch. about target practice tomorrow gard to the accounts for the telethe heat. Read and played cards a

After lunch went up to pay Sophy
and then up to Capt. Vance's to phone service at Brown had been while after dinner and then went & George and then played cards see Sophy who received a letter phone service at Brown had been while after unite, and seem while with Guard. During this this morning from him containwere sufficient. Wish they had Saunders and her pupils. It passed time had a good shower that ing no news. Later played piquet found this out before as it would off all right and was creditable to cooled the air and laid the dust with Hammond until tattoo and

pleted letter after dinner enclosing money order, and wrote to pay for the Journal. Then called on the Fowler's, a party call, and walked up [to] Gen. Smith's with Mrs. Smith, where called for about an hour and then bade Miss Saunders goodbye as she leaves tonight for San Antonio. She is not popular racy" which gives such a bad ac- here on account of her sarcastic count of the manner in which po- remarks. Sat with Mrs. Hall a litical matters are managed in while then. Poor lady, she has lost Washington as to vex me and thirty pounds in flesh since she make me feel somewhat discour- came back from the North, mainly aged as to the future of our coun- on account of her husband's scantry. Submitted an application to dalous conduct. Completed "Dethe Adjutant General today to be mocracy" after returning. This allowed to draw my pay while on book makes one feel disconsolate leave in Chicago. Called on Mrs. over the future of our govern-Weeks and then escorted Miss ment, if it gives a truthful account Jacobs up to the hall. The band of the way laws are passed and played outside and seats were ar- the corrupt influences brought to ranged on the porch for those who bear for their enactment. Have a better opinion of the Civil Service Reform now and hope its good effects will be extended until Congress is improved both mentally

### Thursday, July 1, 1886

Today commences the last Muster and inspection took month before my leave. Mail had nothing for me. Carried some drew "Through One Administrahave saved me trouble. After inMiss Saunders and all concerned.

Splendidly. Took a bath and wrote then played cards with Guard at



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# Rodriguez awarded \$2,500 scholarship But, I could be wrong!

SAN ANTIONIO - Alfredo helping Hispanic youth become Rodriguez of Brackettville was leaders in society. one of five students selected to demic year.

The Texas office of the Vikki Carr Scholarship Foundation announced its 1998 donation of \$8,000 in scholarships to five Texas residents of Hispanic herifrom \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Rodriguez, a 1998 graduate of awarded a \$2,500 scholarship.

Other scholarship recipients selected were Perla Banda of Harlingen, Enoc Garza of Houston, and Helen Meza and Ray Altamirano of San Antonio.

Since 1971, Grammy-award winner Vikki Carr has publicly promoted the talents and accomceived from others, especially as prohibitive. she pursued her musical career.

"The foundation is my way to receive a Vikki Carr Foundation thank God for the gift of my voice, scholarship for the upcoming aca- a gift that helped me realize my dreams," Carr said. "In return, I want to help Hispanic students realize their dreams by assisting their efforts to pursue higher edu-

Scholarship winners are setage. The awards range in size lected once each year, and the selections are based on four essential criteria: academic achieve-Brackett High School, was ment, community involvement, leadership, and financial need. Students may compete for renewal of their scholarship each year.

Over a half-million dollars has been awarded to Hispanic students dedicated to achieving their

Contributions from Carr, as well as from numerous individuplishments of Latinos beyond the als and corporations, have helped Hispanic community through the support outstanding young men Foundation. Her goal included a and women who merit an opporpersonal effort to return the en- tunity for higher learning but for couragement and support she re- whom the cost of such is often

Foundation remains committed to tion, call (210) 699-0205



For more information about the Vikki Carr, left, congratulates Alfredo Rodriguez after he was The Vikki Carr Scholarship Vikki Carr Scholarship Founda- named one of five students selected to receive a Vikki Carr Foundation scholarship for the upcoming academic year.

By: Chuck Hall

# Don't forget to buckle up!

A dear friend of mine lost a up niece in an automobile accident. It was a tragic loss.

when a young life is taken from

My friend asked me to write thought she wanted an article on a long trip: Buckle up! about the young lady. But all she wanted was for me to remind everyone to wear their seatbelts.

It seemed such a small thing to can do. So that's it. Just buckle And I couldn't be wrong.

As soon as you get in the car, put that seatbelt on. Make your Losing a loved one always passengers do it too. Not because hurts. It somehow hurts more you might get a ticket if you don't, but just because it will save your

When you just run down to the something. When she asked, I store: Buckle up! When you go

Do it for me. Do it for your kids. Do it for yourself. Just do

You can thank me later. And do and yet we all need reminding maybe your family won't have to from time to time. It's the least I suffer from the loss of your life.

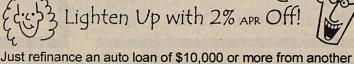
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### Jimenez named to Dean's List at Southwest Texas SAN MARCOS, Texas - Valerie Marie able scholarship.

Jimenez has been named to the Dean's List at

In addition, Jimenez was inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta National Academic Honor Society. She has again been designated as a Mitte Scholars are awarded a \$5,000 renew-ternational.

Southwest Texas State University for the Southwest Texas State University (SWT), en- and effort dedicated to the Nurturing Program. spring semester with a 3.8 grade point aver- couraging students to pursue a higher educa- The program is designed for families experition and informing seniors of admission re- encing serious interaction problems. quirements, deadlines, services offered, and college experience in general.

Mitte Scholar for the 1998-99 school year. of SWT, the college level of Rotary Club In- work. She is the daughter of Hector and Gloria

Jimenez was also awarded an Outstanding This past year, Jimenez was a recruiter for Volunteer award in recognition of her time

Jimenez is a 1996 graduate of Brackett High School. She is a junior at SWT in San Marcos, She was also inducted into Rotaract Club majoring in English with a minor in social

# DAR sponsors genealogy workshop

Revolution (DAR) Council will sponsor a genealogy workshop at Butt Holdsworth Memorial Li- lutionary Time Period for Tennessee, Kentucky brary in Kerrville on Saturday, July 18.

The workshop, which is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., will be open to the public. There will be a \$3.00 lina. fee for morning or afternoon session, or a \$5.00 fee for all day, payable at the door.

gist and editor from Smithville, will conduct the and supervised the typing of genealogy books. workshop. She will be speaking on "A Look at Records Dating 1890 and Later" and "Do I have question and answer period.

The Hill Country Daughters of the American everything I Need to Join the DAR?"

The second half of her talk is entitled "Revoand Ohio." This will also include information on revolutionary service in Virginia and North Caro-

Sheffield was the Texas Gulf Coast office manager for Southern Historical Press for over 10 Ella E. Lee Sheffield, a well known genealo- years, where she formatted, compiled, indexed

At the conclusion of the lecture there will be a

### Lodge installs officers

The Las Moras Masonic Lodge will install its new officers at an open meeting Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Lodge Room.

The public is invited to the installation ceremony. Refreshments will be served.



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# **OUTDOORS**

# TPWD makes few changes to dove season regulations

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has made a few changes to the dove season regu-The dates for dove seasons are

Sept. 1 through Oct. 30 in the North Zone; Sept. 1 through Oct. the Central Zone; and Sept. 25 through Nov. 8 and Dec. 26 No changes were made in ei- Zone and follows the season dates

ther the daily bag limit of 15, the in that area. season length of 60 days, or allday shooting hours.

The white-winged dove season as it has been in past years. is Sept. 5, 6, 12 and 13 in the special white-winged dove area of way 90 in Kinney County is also South Texas.

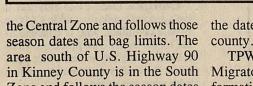
10 white-winged, mourning and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, including no more than five mourning doves and two white- limits and shooting times are dif- will be asked a few simple questipped doves per day. Shooting ferent than those of the regular tions about their hunting activity hours will be noon to sunset.

In Kinney County, the area north of U.S. Highway 90 is in other than Kinney, please check cranes.



A Little On The Wildlife Side By Henry Lutz

Kinney County Game Warden



of Sept. 25 this year, not Sept. 20

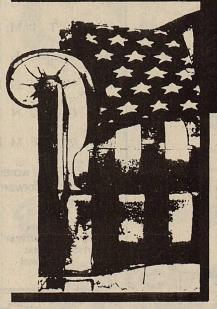
The area south of U.S. Highincluded in the special white-Bag and possession limits are winged dove area of South Texas, and the dates, bag limits, and shooting times are stated above.

Please note that the dates, bag

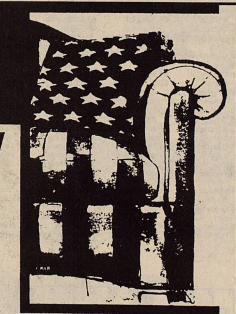
18 and Dec. 26 through Jan. 6 in the Central Zone and follows those the dates and regulations for that

TPWD will fully implement the through Jan. 9 in the South Zone. in Kinney County is in the South Migratory Game Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) in Texas this year. This is a nationwide pro-Please note the new start date gram administered by the USFWS in cooperation with the states to obtain more reliable national harvest estimates for all migratory game birds. All states will be in the program by the 1998 fall hunting season.

License vendors will certify migratory game bird hunters at the time of license purchase. Hunters for migratory game birds such as If you are hunting in a county doves, ducks, geese and sandhill







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### Boating hazards increase as lake levels decrease DEL RIO - The National Park Service is re- ter, they float and therefore are subject to move-

minding boaters that as the lake levels decrease at ment. Lake Amistad the potential to encounter a boating hazard increases.

One hazard in particular is that people assume the Boundary Demarcation Bouys, also known as the International Boundary Markers, are navigational bouys and tend to use them as a guide along the old Rio Grande channel.

tional Boundary and Water Commission, strongly advise boaters against the practice. During a telephone interview, Jeffers said the

and Bill Jeffers, project manager for the Interna-

Jeffers added that the No. 3 bouy marker is miss-

ing and the IBWC has not yet found a replacement. Sontag urges people boating near the boundary line to navigate slowly and be aware that potential hazards do exist. There are no navigational bouys in that particular area of the lake, but it is still recommended that boaters follow channel bouys in other National Park Service Superintendent Bill Sontag parts of Lake Amistad.

Sontag added that Lake Amistad is at a new record low from the former lowest level of 50 feet down, reached on Aug. 22, 1996. The lake is now more than 52 feet lower than normal and is still falling, marker bouys are not stationary objects in the wa- despite the heavy rainfall Del Rio received last week.

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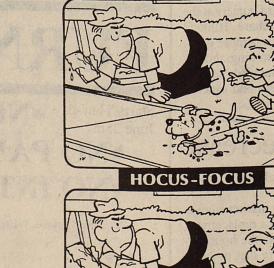
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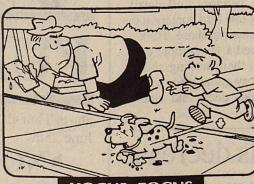


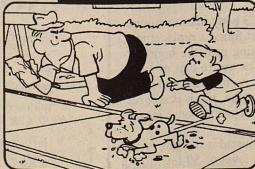
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Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although you have a tendency to get bogged down in minor details, you're efficient. Bigwigs take note of your accomplishments. Keep working on your special project, but take time off this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Beware of people who are too outgoing and forgiving. They have a hidden motive. On the home front, don't allow petty matters to cause upheaval.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) While you tend to be overly extravagant sometimes, you find good deals. On the job front, paying a little more attention to your duties can reap CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It

isn't a good week for seeking advice

from a confidant, who is concentrat-

ing on his or her own problems. Selfreliance is the key to achieving solutions. By week's end, you're satisfied with what transpires. LEO (July 23 to August 22) While a new source of money could be coming your way soon, don't spend your

gift foolishly. In your heart, you know

your limitations. Sound judgment

eventually wins out. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) If you are in the mood for redecorating your home, begin planning. Take one step at a time, however, and avoid extravagance. A friend has a good idea over the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Think before you speak. While you feel strongly about your personal and political beliefs, be open-minded and understanding of those who disagree. Differing viewpoints make life more interesting.

SCORPIO (October 23 to



November 21) You're somewhat nervous about a work-related dilemma. All will turn out fine eventually. In the meantime, do not make any snap

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Be alert for a tendency you'll have this week to procrastinate. You can make some progress midweek if you speak up. People are likely to listen and to respect you.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't put any stock into what you're hearing at work. Instead, keep your concentration on the duties that are expected of you. The weekend brings romantic surprises. AQUARIUS (January 20 to

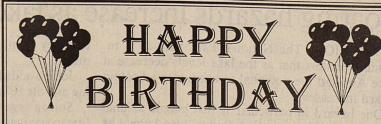
February 18) You're feeling self-confident and ready to tackle the world. However, be careful. You could go overboard and appear overbearing to those around you. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) If you happen to be traveling,

don't be surprised by some unexpect-

ed delays. Partners could be on edge,

but things settle down by week's end.

Avoid extravagant shopping binges over the weekend. © 1998 King Features Synd., Inc.



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# A person's relationship with God Live in the moment is determined by faith in his son

By Rev. Joe Townsend Frontier Baptist Church

Jesus, in the sermon on the Mount in Matthew 6:1-18, uses the word "Father" regarding God. Nine times.

pay tribute to our earthly fathers. It's even more dom of God. It relegates to God power unimportant that we remember our heavenly father every day.

There is a sense where God is the father of all mankind by creation. He cannot be and is ther, God bestows his love to each child of not the true heavenly father except to those God in unbelievable depth. As father, he demwho have personally trusted in his son Jesus

becomes in that instant a child of God and God becomes father.

family of God. The Bible says there is no other faith.

as heavenly father. The idea that "as man is comes our father for all eternity. Whatever God once was and as God is man can become" is blasphemy straight from Satan.

"Father" tells of a blessed relationship. It It's great that we celebrate Father's Day to makes it possible for man to tap into the wiscomprehensible.

> As father, he has the power to protect, to provide and to preserve his children. As faonstrates consistently his tender care.

Recognize God as father has another side. When one does accept Jesus as savior, he It calls faith from his children a confiding affection. It calls for reverence in the relationship. It offers trustfulness in power beyond our We in this way become adopted into the abilities. It calls for obedience and undying

possible way to be redeemed and to know God Once we become children of God, he behappens in life each of us will always be the child of our earthly father. Whatever happens in the life of a child of God, he is and always will be father.

This is true, according to the Bible, because our relationship to God is determined by our faith in his son. No amount of any kind of works will establish the relationship. No membership in any church nor affiliation with any sect will provide the relationship.

Faith in Jesus Christ as the eternal son of God the father admits one into the family of God to be God's child through life in this world and for all eternity.

There will be another message from the Bible at worship at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a.m. Come and worship and be

By Rev. Sheree Harris First United Methodist Church

time would stand still?

you knew God was in heaven ture joy. So time marches on and and all was right with the world so do we (march, run, gallop, (at least your world).

Maybe it was a time when jor event like a marriage promaybe a simple thing like your 3:1). child presenting you with a hand-picked wild flower and you just wanted to remain transfixed by the look in his or her eyes.

Perhaps life is a little hectic and you'd like to pause and give yourself a breather because there the end of the age." never seems to be enough of it to get everything done or to enjoy the little pleasures.

however, God has not obliged nally in God.

throw everything off course, and no doubt we would miss some Have you ever wished that of the blessings that, unbeknownst to us, lie ahead of us. Maybe it was a moment when We would be denied some fu-

In the Bible, God tells us, something truly special, a ma- "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter posal or birth of a child, or under heaven," (Ecclesiastes

God does not promise us that all of those times will be pleasant. However, God's name is Emmanuel, which means "God with us," and God did promise, "Lo, I will be with you even until

My prayer is this: that in all times, ones that we wish could At one time or another, for last forever and ones we can all these reasons, I have wished hardly bear, we know God's that time would stop just for a presence and receive the blessing that lies therein. Let us live In infinite divine wisdom, in the moment as we live eter-

### Today's time can't be saved for tomorrow

"Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." Proverbs 27:1

Every new day brings with it 86,000 fresh seconds. Today's time cannot be saved for tomorrow as today's time never keeps. You cannot use yesterday's time today as yesterday's time has already been consumed. You may not gather tomorrow's time today as tomorrow's time is not ripe.

You cannot use yesterday's time today as yesterday's time has already been consumed.

The past and the future have not been given to us; it is not ours to breathe or exhale. We live within the smallest perimeter, which we call today. Do not compromise today, it is all we have.

You are invited to worship at St. Mary Magdalene's Catholic Church.

Mass will be held on Monday, Thursday and Friday at 7 a.m.; Wednesday at noon; Saturday at 6:30 p.m.; and on Sunday at 8 a.m. in Spanish, 10:30 a.m., and at Spofford at 12:30 p.m.

# God will supply the answers

By Pastor Charolette Corey **Gateway Ministries** 

Have you seen the Chihuahua commercial where he's calling out "Here lee-zard, lee-zard!" as he is using a small cardboard box to try to catch a giant monster of a lizard?

Then, after the monster shows up with its intimi- the problem, and he will supply the answer. dating size, the Chihuahua simply says, "I theenk I better get a beeger box."

And in a later commercial he is seen riding joyfully around on the tail of the giant lizard after having "mastered" the problem.

It puts me in mind of James 1: 2-5, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations, knowing this, that trying of your faith worketh patience, but let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire wanting nothing. If any

of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally, and up braideth not, and it shall be given him, but let him ask in faith not waivering."

When a "lizard" or problem comes upon you which might first appear to be overwhelming, just "get a bigger box." In other words, be patient, ask God in unwavering faith for wisdom to overcome

Then, as you wait patiently for the problem to be resolved, God performs a work which produces great joy inside your soul.

So, no matter what size you are, how old or how young you are, you too can say, "Here lee-zard, leezard!" and know that you are more than a conqueror, you are an overcomer through Christ who strength-

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

# Readings from the book of Acts

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

"And Philip ran there to him, Isaiah, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

"And he said, How can I, exwould come up and sit with him. Jesus.

"The place of the scripture shearer, so opened he not his baptized?

"In his humiliation his judge- believest with all thine heart, thou Let's pray.

shall declare his generation? For I believe that Jesus Christ is the his life is taken from the earth.

'And eunuch answered Philip, and heard him read the prophet, and said I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? Of himself, or of some other man?

"Then Philip opened his cept some man should guide me? mouth, and began at the same And he besought Philip that he scripture, and preached unto him

"And as they went on their way, which he read was this, He was they came unto a certain water; went on his way rejoicing. led as a sheep to the slaughter; and the eunuch said, See, here is and like a lamb dumb before his water. What doth hinder me to be

ment was taken away, and who mayest. And he answered and said, son of God.

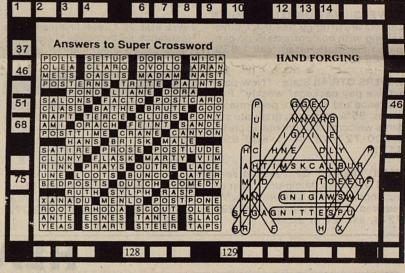
> And he commanded the chariot to stand still; and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

> "And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more; and he

Acts 8:30-39 The St. John Missionary Church's prayer line, (830) 563-"And Philip said, if thou 3032, is available 24 hours daily.

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### Try to lift people up, don't tear them down

This story is based on Luke 6:41-42. One of the men in the community committed a serious

The town council called a meeting and requested the teacher to attend. When he refused to come they sent a delegation telling him the matter was most urgent.

"Since you insist," he said, "I will come in about 30 minutes."

When he arrived at the meeting of the town council, the teacher entered the room carrying a leaking jug on his back, filled with water.

The members of the town council asked, "Teacher, what is this?"

"All day long," the teacher replied," my sins run out behind me and I am unaware of them. Yet despite my blindness to my own sin, today I am asked to judge the error of another."

When they heard the words of the teacher they forgave the man. who had sinned and said no more.

How easy it is to judge the sins of other people and yet forget as Jesus taught us to not notice the log in our own eyes.

Would it not be wonderful for our Christian community here in Brackettville, Texas, the U.S., and in the world to focus our efforts rather than on tearing people down but lifting people up with love and encouragement?

Perhaps we enjoy tearing people down so as to feel more exalted in our own eyes. We must remember that Jesus died for all

sinners, each and everyone of us. Let us all resolve to share the good news of God's love with each other so that all may be uplifted and full of joy. Amen.

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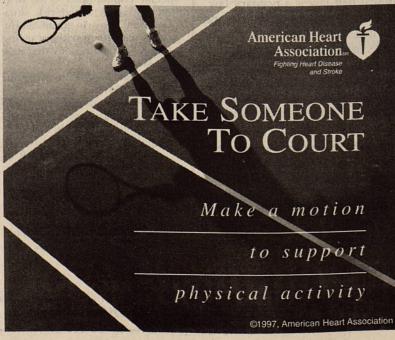
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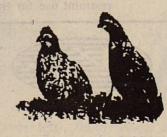
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Diane Harvey, Ph. D.

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- Do busy work with your hands. Doodle, fiddle with a pencil or paper clips, do needlepoint, or play solitaire.
- Put something other than a cigarette in your mouth. Chew sugarless gum, or a carrot or celery stick. Inhale on a straw. Find activities that are difficult to do when smoking. Ride a
- bike, garden, wash the car or meditate. Have an exercise program.
- Walk, jog or do aerobies when the urge hits.

always had a cigarette with your cup of coffee, switch to tea for a while or drink your coffee in a different place. Instead of smoking at the table, get up as soon as the meal is over, brush your teeth and walk the dog. Avoid smoking places. Sit in

Change your habits. If you

restaurants or go to places such as the library, movies or museum where smoking is forbidden. Cut down on drinking alcohol. A few drinks can weaken

the nonsmoking section of

your commitment to be a nonsmoker. Keep your mouth fresh and clean. Brush your teeth a few times during the day and use

mouthwash or oral spray. Remember, if you're going to be in a situation that will trigger your urge to smoke, take the time now to decide how you'll cope with it.

of the Scott & White Options for Health Department at Scott & White Memorial Hospital and Clinic in Temple, Texas.

Dr. Diane Harrey is director

If you have a question, please write to: Scott & White. Public Affairs Dept., 2401 S. 31st St., Temple, TX 76508

# HEALTH

# Preventable traffic deaths continue as many Texans still don't buckle up

Though most Texans know that seat belts were not buckled up.

Only about 40 percent of the 3,215 drivers and vehicle occupants killed on Texas roads Department of Safety. During the first 10 months of 1997, a total of 2,408 persons were killed and of those, about 44 percent were buckled up. Included among the deaths over this combined 22-month period are 127 deaths of children under age 5, and only about 39 percent of these children were restrained.

During Buckle Up Texas and Buckle Up America Week in May, Gov. George Bush issued a proclamation in Texas promoting the of its structure (hip and shoulder bones). use of seat belts and child restraints as the way to save many lives and prevent injuries.

"I urge all Texans to buckle up and make sure their children are properly restrained in down the crash. their cars," Bush said in the proclamation. "Together we can reduce injuries and save tween parent and child restraint use. The Naprecious lives." For seat belts and child restraints to be ef-

The 1997 Texas Transportation restraint- 11 to 56 percent. save lives and despite a state law requiring use study of 14 Texas cities showed that 74.9 their use, most Texans killed in car crashes percent of drivers and front-seat occupants were buckled up, and only 63 percent of children under age 5 were restrained.

Incorrect usage of child restraints is very in 1996 were buckled, according to the Texas high. As many as nine out of 10 child safety seats are not installed correctly and/or not being used correctly.

> preventing crash fatalities. Child restraints reduce the risk of death by 71 percent for infants and 54 percent for toddlers. Seat belts help prevent crash fatalities by: preventing ejection from the vehicle.

contacting the body at the strongest parts spreading crash forces over a wide area

allowing the body to more slowly ride Studies also show a strong connection betional Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released results from a multi-state non-restraint use. In many states, seat belt laws fective, they have to not only be used, but study this year that showed restraint use for are secondary laws, and citations can only be used properly. The latest observational stud- young children was over 80 percent when ies conducted in Texas show that one out of parents were buckled up too. But when par-

New national goals have been established that call for 85 percent nationwide restraint use by the year 2000 and 90 percent restraint use by 2005. Initiatives are under way to help emphasize the message that seat belts save lives and increase seat belt use in Texas, includ-

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) Seat belts are about 45 percent effective in Safe Riders Program offers new educational materials that promote the correct use of seat belts. These full-color, bilingual posters are easy-to-understand photo guides portraying common misuses of seat belts and their corresponding corrected uses.

Earlier this year, brochures and posters were developed along similar lines regarding correct use of child safety seats. Media campaigns are being conducted by a variety of groups that target specific areas of restraint use and traffic safety.

The Texas seat belt law is a primary law, meaning an officer can stop the vehicle and issue a citation to a violator solely because of issued if another infraction has occurred.

For Texas violators under age 15, the driver four Texans still do not buckle up, and re- ents were not buckled up, the corresponding is cited, otherwise, the violator receives the restraint use for their children ranged from citation.

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