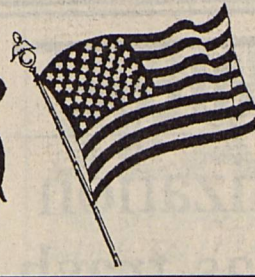


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## Briefs ...

### Fugitive captured at bar, sent to Tennessee

A fugitive arrested earlier this month in Brackettville has been transported back to Tennessee.

Stephen Francisco Jackson was arrested by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie on Aug. 6 on an outstanding warrant for violation of probation.

Jackson waved extradition and was transported to Tennessee on Saturday.

An informant told officials earlier this month that Jackson was going to be at a local bar. Wylie and Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry were waiting for Jackson when he arrived at the bar.

Jackson gave officials a false name and was charged with failure to identify. He served time for the charge in the Kinney County Jail.

### State Park hosts open house on Saturday

Kickapoo Cavern State Park will host an open house celebrating the 75th anniversary of State Parks in Texas on Saturday.

The open house, which is free to the public, will last from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Kickapoo Cavern State Park is located 22.5 miles north of Brackettville on RR 674. The entrance is 0.4 miles past the Edwards-Kinney county line.

"This open house is to allow the public to visit this undeveloped park free of charge, to see what the area is like and learn from staff about recreational opportunities, educational opportunities, tours, and fees," said David K. Stuart, park manager.

"The evening visitors can experience a sample of our tours by witnessing the evening exodus of Mexican freetailed bats from Green Cave," he added.

No public restrooms or drinking water is available at parksite. For more information, contact the park at (830) 563-2342.

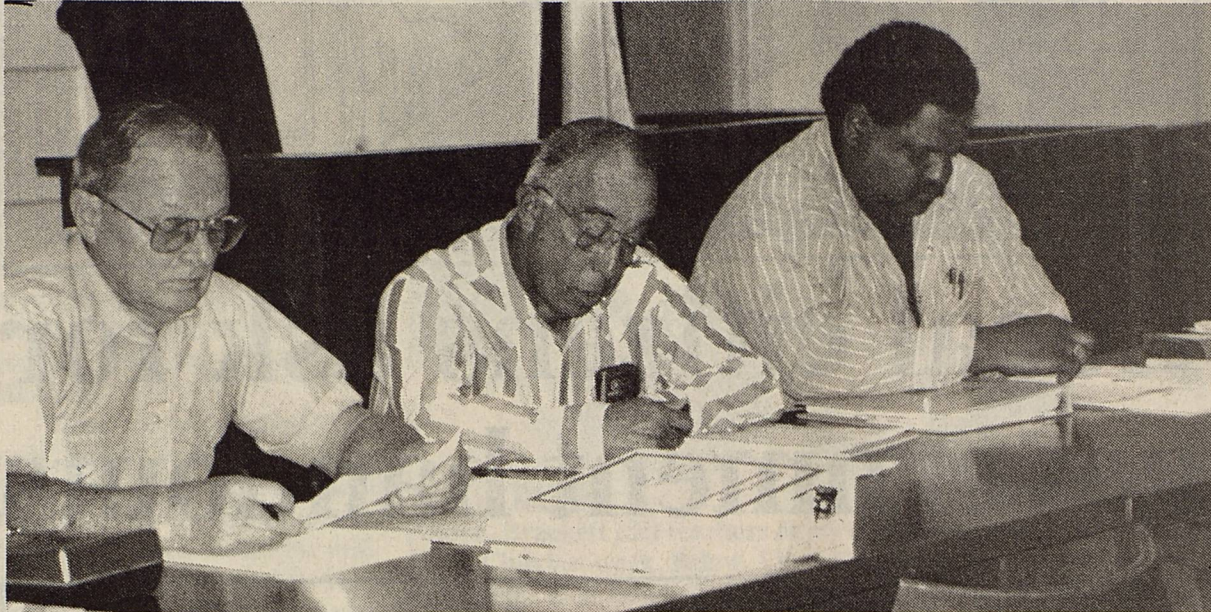
### Advisory Committee seeks representatives

Brackett ISD is seeking interested persons to serve on the District Advisory Committee.

One business representative and one community representative will be selected to serve on the committee. Each representative will serve a two-year term.

Interested persons should call Superintendent Taylor Stephenson at 563-2491 or submit a letter indicating interest to Brackett ISD, P.O. Box 586, Brackettville, Texas, 78832.

# County awards bid to CiviGenics for new 500-bed detention center



Commissioners Freddie Frerich (from left), Joe Montalvo and Joe Williams discuss CiviGenics proposal to build a detention facility in Kinney County during a special meeting Monday morning.

Kinney County officials approved a proposal for a 500-bed detention center to be financed and operated by a private organization Monday during a special Commissioners Court meeting.

CiviGenics, a Massachusetts-based company that originally proposed the detention facility in May, was the only company to submit a proposal.

County Judge Tommy Seargeant and Commissioners Freddie Frerich, Joe Montalvo and Joe Williams all voted to adopt a resolution approving the proposal for the financing, design, construction, operation and management of a detention facility. Commissioner Paul O'Rourke, Precinct 4, was absent.

The resolution states that the

proposal is "subject to certain terms and conditions ... determined to be in the best interest of Kinney County."

The proposal provides for lease-purchase of the facility by the county, with an option to purchase and transfer of title upon payment of all lease payments, through revenues generated from the operation of the facility.

The resolution also says that "any financial obligation and costs arising from this project ... shall not be the obligation of Kinney County or its taxpayers."

"A pre-condition of the proposal was that any financial obligation had to be self-supported by the facility," said Herb Bristow, an attorney representing the county.

## 15-year-old arrested for Super S burglary

A 15-year-old Brackettville boy was arrested last Monday in connection with last month's burglary at Super S Foods.

The local teenager was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry and charged with burglary of a building, a third degree felony. He has been turned over to juvenile officials.

The burglary was occurred on

the morning of July 25. That day, Super S officials reported that approximately 20 cases of beer had been stolen.

The burglar gained entrance into the grocery store after shattering the glass on one of the front doors.

Officials believe that some cigarettes may have been stolen in addition to the alcohol.

## City budget includes police

The City of Brackettville's budget for the upcoming fiscal year, which includes a police department and raises for all city employees, is 7.3 percent higher than the current budget.

The proposed budget totals \$744,145.19, including \$402,949.74 in the utility fund and \$341,195.45 in the general fund, which is up from the current budget of \$693,713.44, which has \$374,821.44 in the utility fund and \$318,892 in the general fund.

The City Council will discuss the budget at a public hearing Wednesday at 6 p.m.

All of the city employees will receive 3 percent pay raises if the budget is approved during Wednesday's meeting at the City Hall Annex.

The salary expenses in the proposed budget total \$348,129, which is a 10.4% increase over last year's salary expense of \$315,394.80.

The new budget includes salaries for a chief of police and a municipal judge, and eliminates the position of a general laborer.

The city's tax rate, which is also to be discussed on Tuesday, is currently .7792 per \$100 valuation. It is expected to stay the same.

## First day of school ends early because of electrical problems

Less than a day before the start of school, Brackett ISD had electrical problems at Jones Elementary. So the first day of school was cut short.

"We had an abbreviated first day of school, which we had not planned," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

On Sunday, Kinney County received three to four inches of rain, and the storm caused some problems on the school campus.

"During the storm the power transmission line that went from the transformer to Jones Elementary shorted out," Stephenson said. "Basically, it was a wire that had been rubbing against a tree for some time that was grounded. The rain just compounded the problem. It fried a small section of the line."

School district officials discovered the problem at about 5 p.m. and tried to get the line operational

prior to the start of school the next day.

"CPL came that afternoon with a truck that was too big to get in and work on it," Stephenson said. "We contacted a private electrician out of Uvalde, who came in that night and worked until 1:00. He informed us that it would take quite a few hours the next day to get the line going again and that they needed to shut off the power early in the afternoon."

So it was at 1 a.m. on Monday when officials decided to end the first day of school at 1 p.m.

"We passed out notices that we were closing," the superintendent said. "We got a hold of all of our bus students."

But plans changed somewhat that day. Dan Laws, chairman and CEO at Rio Grande Electric, decided to donate the supplies and labor to fix the line.

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Students at Brackett ISD got out early on the first day of school Monday because of an electrical problem.

## Government to beef up Border Patrol forces in Brackettville

Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville sector of the U.S. Border Patrol will soon have more agents patrolling the border, according to Chief Patrol Agent Paul Berg of the Del Rio sector.

Berg led an informal discussion during last Thursday's Brackett-

ville Rotary Club meeting at Fort Clark Springs.

He reported that the Border Patrol is undergoing significant changes. When it began, around 250 men were hired as agents. Now, San Diego alone has 2,000 agents, 1,000 agents cover the 200 miles of the Rio Grande Valley, and Laredo has 180 agents.

The Brackettville area has around 40 agents now and will soon be growing to 80. According to Berg, this area is next in line for more resources.

Congress approved adding 10,000 more agents in 1990, and 8,700 have been hired. Putting more agents on duty has proven to be successful, he said, and now there is a bill in the House to hire a total of 20,000.

The increase in agents has resulted in many more apprehensions, according to Berg.

One important change is in the percentage of aliens who are "other than Mexican." Now, a newly named category is showing up.

For lack of a better designation, Berg said this category is called exotics. It contains people not seen crossing the United States-Mexican border until the past few years.

It is among these people that terrorists might be found, so the cost of handling them is higher than when the aliens were simply Mexicans looking for work to feed their families.

The local portion of the border

is the Rio Grande River. There is only one stretch of border with a fence. It is along Arizona and California. It was built in 1930 by the government to prevent the spread of hoof and mouth disease. A small portion of it is owned by an individual. All the Texas border is privately owned, except for the Big Bend area.

"Thank God for the river," Berg quipped. "Even the Berlin Wall was prettier than a fence."

He went on to recount some of his experiences when he first became an agent. The way they watched the border at night was to take a tin can and put a flashlight in it. Berg said he had to stare at the light all night, waiting for a break in the beam. That meant an alien was crossing the border.

Now newly designed, unique electronic equipment works day and night in the valley area and spots anyone trying to cross.

Having so many inexperienced agents has had inherent problems, he said. It takes time to train these men. However, they have done well.

Berg said one interesting prob-

lem has appeared. Many of the newly hired men come from the city. They are not familiar with the friendly atmosphere that has existed between landowners and the agents.

Complaints came in from landowners about the agents being unfriendly. Berg laughed and remarked, "Now we're teaching waving."

It is mutually beneficial to the agents and landowners to be in contact with and know one another. In the meetings, Berg said the agents were told to take time to visit with landowners when they see them.

It was suggested that if they find a fence down, fix it temporarily at least, then report the fence to the owner. This is working well, he said.

With the increase in agents, more aliens are being sent back, according to Berg. More aliens apprehended in the valley means they will move and cross where there are fewer agents, and that means our area, he said. However, with resources becoming available, Berg says they'll be on top of the situation soon.



Chief Patrol Agent Paul Berg of the U.S. Border Patrol, left, is welcomed to last week's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting by Vice President Dr. Charles Schmidt. Photo by Eric McMaster

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## Letter to the Editor

### Sweeping generalization labels profession as trash

In Joe Townsend's Aug. 13 column in The Brackett News, he describes counselors as "one of the damaging facets in society" who should be "relegated to the trash heap."

One sweeping generalization labels unique individuals and one profession (particularly the helping profession) as trash. This judgement astonishes me.

I am a retired psychotherapist with a master of science in social work from the University of Texas -- two years of study focused on human development and behavior. Religion is not part of the curriculum.

I worked for five years at the Houston Family Service Center and 17 years in private practice working with individuals, families, and couples. Continuing education is required for licensing.

Counseling requires trust, and

this evolves in an accepting, non-judgemental environment where the client can address his or her problems in safety.

Counselors work with those who seek our help, not just those who agree with us. Working with them does not mean condoning aberrant behavior.

Individuals struggling to cope often come from a dysfunctional or broken family. They grew up being labeled "bad, sick or crazy." Helping to repair an ego damaged by critical, insensitive people is difficult and time consuming.

To denigrate the mental health profession can cause people needing help to avoid it. Without help, they can remain feeling powerless and ineffective instead of capable. This decision is crucial. It will affect the rest of their lives.

Frances McMaster

## Demand the removal of Clinton from presidency

Mr. Clinton's defiant and unrepentant confession of wrongdoing indicates that he doesn't get it.

His "critical lapse in judgement" renders him unfit for public office. His outrageously abusive acts of engaging in illicit sex in the Oval Office -- the very office to which he was sent to do the work of the people -- over and again dishonor the institutions of the presidency, of the family and of common decency.

He persists in his immoral conduct by continuing to lie, to dissemble and to deceive. He uses his intellect and education to manipulate the general public by imposing legalistic interpretations on all communications ... namely draft avoidance, adultery, sex and smoking dope.

These things are not private matters. They are entirely public matters. He chose to lead a public life.

It is entirely evident that he cannot live his life with dignity. His repeated actions indicate total moral bankruptcy.

Mr. Clinton stated that he will do whatever it takes to set things right. This, too, is a lie for he will not resign.

What will set things right is his removal from the office of the presidency. We, the people, are powerless to accomplish this personally. This power has been delegated to our representatives and our senators. Contact them now and demand that they accomplish this for us.

Brenda Seastrunk Blackwood

## Criminals not wanted here

First "they" want to dump toxic waste on us, then it was garbage, now its criminals!

Think "positive." Find us a "they" to build a really nice nursing home or assisted living facility. Jobs? Of course! And a really neat place for family to stay while

visiting a loved one, being cared for, in a great setting.

This is a beautiful spot in Texas. Lets promote it instead of demoting it.

No, to criminals! Yes, to the elderly!

Ethel M. Schoolfield

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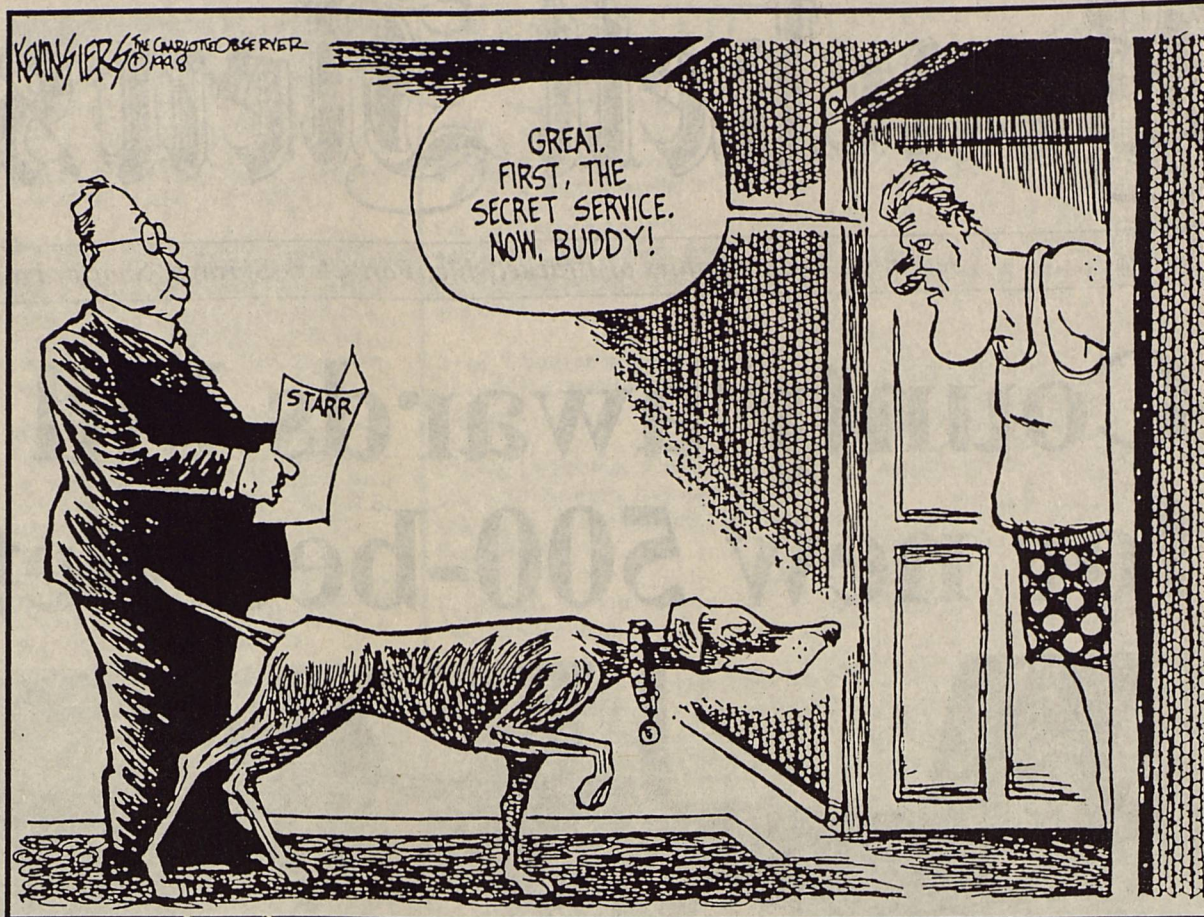
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## Local citizens ask for government handouts

I took time last week to attend a meeting with U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. She truly is a charming person.

With a strictly limited amount of time before she was to leave for another appointment, she wasted no time with idle palaver, but launched directly into her message.

The district court room was full with a wide representation from a broad spectrum of the county.

She pointed out some very important tax cuts that have already been accomplished and heralded, yet others in the works. She explained some initiatives dealing with Social Security which were the first common sense proposals I've heard. She pointed to some efforts to aid disaster areas of the state.

All in all, her message was clear, open and intellectually appealing, and dealt with fundamental issues.

The final few minutes she asked for questions from the audience. I guess I should not have been surprised, but I was.

Without exception, every person who responded wanted something from the government.

One lengthy presentation dealt with what was being done to aid that segment of the population and complained about the paperwork. It seems like he wanted low interest loans, free hay and feed, and felt like it was too big a chore to fill out the paperwork.

### Between Us

By Joe Townsend



Another wanted subsidies (giveaways) for a segment of the population restored.

Another complained that medical care for retired military veterans had been taken away. It seems she wanted veterans care to be delivered to her neighborhood rather than to have to go to a government facility.

Even the school was represented, wanting money for a questionable call. When I thought about the school having enough money to buy property they have no need for and can't figure a use for, and then wanting more taxpayer dollars, I am aghast.

As I sat and listened, I began to wonder what has happened to America?

Most feel taxes should be reduced and they really should. But to cry about high taxes and at the same time to want the government to hand out taxpayers' dollars as welfare is the epitome of hypocrisy.

This nation has become the greatest nation in the world because the people felt they were responsible for themselves and should earn what they got and make do with what they earned.

There were droughts, hot weather and all sorts of problems, but the farmers and ranchers never expected Uncle Santa Claus to hand them a bounty from Washington. They did not feel it was right for taxpayers to have their money taken to give to them.

It's hypocrisy to fuss about people getting food stamps and then expect the same government that gives the food stamps to hand them a check that in reality is not earned.

Politicians, beginning with F. D. Roosevelt, have drummed into the public mind that the "government" is for the purpose of giving a little of everything to everybody.

It's a terrible mountain to climb and it may be too late, but it must come if our nation is to continue in its greatness; that is, what Jack Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but rather what you can do for your country."

America needs to find the pride it once had and every person should earn everything he gets and not have his hand held out to Uncle Sam to give him what he has not earned.

## Drought leaves Texas high and dry

Drought is nothing new to Texans. As Junction native Rana Williamson points out in her wry little book, "When the Catfish Had Ticks," this summer's dry conditions are part of a "cyclical, meteorological struggle dating back to the 15th Century, when an early occurrence destroyed the Antelope Creek (community), a native culture on the Canadian River.

Her book is a charming compilation of home-spun humor related to the weather. It is a recommended read for anyone who finds consolation in Texas wit, such as: "It was so dry in Jones County, the trees started chasing the dogs."

But familiarity with drought doesn't make it any less painful for the farmers and ranchers who have been left high and dry.

The Texas Agriculture Extension Service estimates Texas' loss in hay production will cost \$175 million statewide this summer. The loss of direct income to agriculture producers totals \$517 million so far, with cotton producers having experienced an estimated loss of \$157 million.

On June 23, I alerted Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman to the extremely hazardous conditions that Texas is experiencing this summer, and asked that he release Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres to provide Texas farmers and ranchers with emergency drought assistance.

This drought is more than an agriculture disaster. Insufficient rainfall across Texas has resulted in extreme fire conditions in 207 of Texas' 254 counties.

We've all seen what this summer's horrendous wildfires have been doing to Florida. We don't want a repeat of that scenario in Texas.

Federal assistance is now making available several programs to help Texas fire-fighters, farmers and ranchers prevent conditions from deteriorating further. Emergency loans, CRP haying and grazing are some of the important tools that could do more to assist our producers.

### CAPITOL COMMENT



U.S. SENATOR  
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Earlier this summer, at my request, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency agreed to delay making some proposed changes in the way crop insurance policy claims are appraised on seed that fails to grow due to a lack of rain.

The original appraisal period, seven days, remains in effect. The agency's draft regulation would have deferred these appraisals to 25 days after the final plant date, a proposal that worried many growers.

As is the case during any drought, all Texans have a stake in its outcome. While farmers and ranchers are feeling the pinch now, over the long term everyone will suffer the consequences in the grocery store check-out line and elsewhere in our economy.

While the possibility of wildfire presents an immediate threat, over the long haul drought can depress property values, reducing the tax revenues on which school districts and local governments depend. And inevitably, drought increases the competition for scarce water resources among municipalities, agriculture and wildlife preservation efforts.

There's an old joke that says the success of a "Rainmaker" depends on his timing. We can't change the weather. But what we can do is work together, as Texans always have, to limit the damage wherever we can.

## Fighting for rights against bureaucrats

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

The federal government is at it once again -- working to place needless, bureaucratic restrictions on the private lives of Americans.

All too often these days, we're having to fight to keep the federal government from infringing on our private lives. It should be the other way around. The federal government should have to fight tooth and nail to impose its plans, especially when its bureaucratic agenda steps on our rights.

We have to fight to keep the federal bureaucrats from stepping in and dictating to us what we can do on our own land. We have to fight to keep the federal government from taking more and more of our hard earned money in taxes. And now we have to fight to keep the federal government from implementing a standardized national identification card.

The national ID card is a classic example of big government at its worst.

Under the guise of trying to make things easier and run more smoothly, the federal government is doing what it does best -- taking a simple plan and twisting it into a bureaucratic nightmare that is costly, intrusive and not needed. And we, the hard-working taxpayers of America, pay the price for our own government's brazen disrespect.

The federal government should be in the business of eliminating barriers, not creating new ones.

Federal bureaucrats are so gung-ho to force states into issuing the national ID card that they are prepared to step on the Constitutional rights of taxpayers in states that don't comply.

People who refuse to give the federal government their personal, private information would be restricted from basic Constitutional rights. Rights like voting, purchasing guns, driving cars, getting a job. The list of restrictions goes on and on.

The national identification card is a big-government, one-size-fits-all plan that places unnecessary burdens on the states and on taxpayers. The federal government has no business dictating plans to the states. One size does not fit all, and it's time the federal government learned that. What's good for Texans is not necessarily good for Virginians, and vice versa.

Congress is working on legislation that will get rid of the federal government's national ID card plan.

The national ID card is an intrusive, big-government, bureaucratic nightmare that is simply anti-American.

The role of government should be to remove restraints on individuals and eliminate barriers. This Congress is working to limit the power of the federal government so we can remain a nation of citizens controlling our own destiny. That is the American way.

## Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

The wife of one of our local politicians is truly a remarkable person.

She has done, and is doing an outstanding job as a mother. She quietly, but effectively, goes about motherhood, sometimes under trying circumstances. She is devoted to her husband and stands high as a help-mate.

She is outstanding as a school teacher and is dedicated to the task. She takes full advantage of every opportunity to improve her ability to do a good job. She wants to keep herself physically fit and works at it.

While not overly aggressive and outspoken, she nevertheless is gracious and friendly.

Those who do truly know her, respect and warmly welcome her friendship. Surely, Janelle Senne is an Unsung Hero.



# School hosts budget hearing Monday

The Brackett School Board will hold a public hearing Monday at 6:30 to discuss the district's proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

The proposed budget will increase approximately \$40,000 in the general fund because of pay hikes and will also include funding for the district's new high school academic wing.

"We have other federal funds that have to be added in and we're still working on those calculations," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

"There will also be an increase for the building, which will be about \$1.25 million. So the budget will look much larger, but most of the payments for the new building will come out of our fund balance."

Stephenson said the construction of the academic wing will be paid for with reserve funds, but will be reflected in the new budget.

"For several years, we've been working, knowing we needed a building project," he said. "We can pay for it much cheaper if it comes out of the fund balance. One of the things that helped us here is that we've been saving."

"Any time you can pay as you go, it's cheaper because you don't have to pay all the interest that goes with it. I'm not saying that our district will always be able to do that. But at the present time, we're still seeking some grant help to help us complete some of the details of the building."

The major increase in the general fund is salary increases. Teachers received an average

increase of 3.58 percent.

"Teachers salaries are basically controlled at the state level," Stephenson said. "They set a minimum salary level and they supposedly give you the money to pay for it."

"Our figures are still tentative and we're still refining those. We've worked through every salary and every benefit to try to make sure everything's exactly right before we release the figures."

Stephenson said raises for the district's paraprofessionals are "primarily the same."

"Our raises are on the midpoint," he said. "Everyone gets the same basic raise. We take an average midpoint salary for that particular work category and we raise that salary 3.58 percent."

# Board of Trustees OK out-of-district request

The Brackett School Board of Trustees approved another out-of-district enrollment request last week. The number of Laughlin Air Force Base children attending Brackett schools this fall is now seven.

"The board approved this request on the same basis as the students who were approved earlier in the summer," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said following this month's regular meeting.

The school district's policy says that out-of-district requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The School Board approved two previous out-of-district requests during a special meeting in late June. The request made Monday was by Edward and Dennette Conroy. Their son, Joshua, will be in the eighth grade this fall.

"We're excited to have them come here," Stephenson said. "We think they will be a good part of our community. But we realize that we have to have a minimum."

The district's policy also says that the board "shall establish fees as appropriate for non-resident students."

The trustees agreed in June not to charge tuition to the students after Quinton Etzel, the district's attorney, said the schools would receive additional funding from the state.

"There are two sections in the code," Etzel said. "One section deals with the transfer of state funds and the other deals with the transfer of funds where the military base pays in lieu of ad-valorem taxes. According to the state code, those funds should follow the children."

Stephenson said, "We have written to the commander at Laughlin and asked that the federal funds in lieu of taxation follow the students. They are pursuing that at the present time. They're checking out the legalities of it with our attorney."

Stephenson said the families making the out-of-district requests want their children to attend school in a smaller district.

"The families who have visited Brackettville like our standards, they like our personal attention, and they like the quality of education that's here," he said.



Above, Brackett ISD teachers enjoy the luncheon provided by the Lions Club last week. Below, Lions Club members Gladys Buscher (from left), Don Bond, Barbara Waddell and Lou Sofaly welcome Superintendent Taylor Stephenson to the luncheon.



# Kinney County Sheriff's Report

**Saturday, Aug. 8**  
1:25 a.m., Dolores Dominguez, 54, of Del Rio was arrested by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie and charged with driving while intoxicated, first offense. She was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Dominguez was released the same day on a \$1,000 bail bond.

5:29 a.m., A Brackettville woman called 911 to report that her air conditioner was not working in her public housing apartment. The Sheriff's Office later contacted the manager of the apartments and notified her of the situation.

11:35 a.m., A Del Rio woman came by the Sheriff's Office and reported that her daughter and son-in-law were not properly taking care of their children in Del Rio. The woman said that she had contacted Child Protective Services but they could not do anything about the situation. The woman was advised to contact the Val Verde Sheriff's Department, and she said she would.

**Sunday, Aug. 9**  
8:00 p.m., Seth Aaron Kaplan, 33, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry and charged with public intoxication and assault causing bodily injury, a Class A misdemeanor. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Kaplan was released the next day on a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond.

10:15 p.m., A motorist reported a car fire on Highway 90 W., one mile past the F.M. 3008

intersection. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism and members of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department were dispatched to the scene. Chism escorted three individuals to the county line. The individuals were turned over to Val Verde Sheriff's Department officials.

**Wednesday, Aug. 12**  
1:40 p.m., A Spofford woman used her cellular phone to report an illegal alien. Border Patrol officials were notified.

2:56 p.m., Border Patrol officials reported a traffic accident in front of the Crazy Chicken on Highway 90. Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess was dispatched to the scene.

**Thursday, Aug. 13**  
4:13 p.m., A Brackettville woman came into the Sheriff's Office and requested assistance in locating her husband in Mexico to inform him that their son had an accident. The woman said she would contact the Val Verde Sheriff's Department since it was closer to Mexico.

10:50 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that someone had tried to pry the front door open at her residence on E. Thorn Street when she wasn't home. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. Ford instructed the man to repair the vehicle there.

**Friday, Aug. 14**  
3:20 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported a child, approximately 4 years old, riding a small electronic car on Ann Street, near Fourth. She said she did not know who the child's parents were.

Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He met with the child's mother, who said she would not let the child get out of her sight again.

6:08 p.m., Marogaro Garcia, 18, of Guanajato, Mexico, was arrested by an INS officer on an outstanding theft warrant out of Dallas County. Garcia was booked into the Kinney County Jail and is still being held.

**Saturday, Aug. 15**  
1:47 a.m., Uvalde Police Department officials reported a drunk driver travelling west on Highway 90 towards Brackettville in a white Suburban. Trooper Ashley and Deputy Chism were dispatched to the scene. Kinney County officials were later notified that the vehicle had been stopped by a Uvalde Police Department officer.

9:30 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported that the owner of a recreational vehicle on her brother's lot on North Street wanted to remove the engine and rear end of the vehicle. She said that if he did, they would not be able to move the vehicle. Deputy Guidry and Justice of the Peace John Ford were dispatched to the scene. Ford instructed the man to repair the vehicle there.

11:51 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs woman reported that a teenage boy came into her house while she was there and that the boy was restricted from Fort Clark. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. He advised the woman to contact the Justice of the Peace's Office on Monday

if she wanted to file charges. Fort Clark Springs officials were notified of the situation.

**Sunday, Aug. 16**  
12:00 a.m., Jorge Alberto Sanchez, 41, of Brackettville was arrested by TABC Officer Robert Saenz for public intoxication. He was released the same day after paying a \$50 fine, plus time served.

4:23 a.m., Rafael Roberto Reyes, 18, of Uvalde was arrested for driving under the influence by Deputy Chism. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Reyes was released the same day after being sentenced to community service.

4:33 p.m., Border Patrol officials reported debris on Highway 693 and a lot of water on Highway 1572. Texas Department of Transportation officials were notified.

4:45 p.m., Border Patrol officials from Eagle Pass reported a stolen vehicle on Highway 277 at the rest area. Trooper Ashley was dispatched to the scene. He said the vehicle was going to be removed from the scene by a wrecker out of Del Rio.

5:56 p.m., Employees from Stop-N-Shop, Rory's Video and Pico's reported a traffic accident at the intersection of Highway 90 and Ann Street. Trooper Wylie and Kinney County EMS personnel were dispatched to the scene.

8:00 p.m., A Hondo man said he was travelling to Del Rio when he was sideswiped by a car that broke his mirror.

# Officials cut first day of school short

Continued from Page 1

"Rio Grande doesn't provide service to us, but Dan said let's get the school going," Stephenson said. "They arrived here at about 10:15 that morning. We had about a 30-minute shutdown of the campus. By 11:00, we were up and running and fixed with new wire. We are greatly indebted to

Dan and Rio Grande for taking care of us. We are just totally awed by that act of generosity."

By that time, Stephenson said it was too late to keep the school open for the remainder of the day.

"We had everything running and working, but we had already announced that we were turning out early and every parent had

made arrangements for the kids," he said. "We had already told 650 kids that they were going to get out early, so we decided to stay with our original plan."

Despite the electrical problems, Stephenson said it was a good first day of school.

"Our kids all came dressed up and shined up, and ready to learn. We had a good day," he added.

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# Brackett school district has its best start in years

This is the best start we have had in years! The staff is upbeat, the students are upbeat and the positives far outweigh the negatives!

Don Sims, Michael Schouler and Stoney Burks reported that the year had started out as a good one! We're pleased!

Please don't think that we haven't had our share of the challenges!

The electricity problem at Jones Elementary School Monday was a major problem.

Basically, the electrical service to Jones Elementary was stopped in its tracks Sunday evening.

## Birth

Jeff David Olesen

Joseph Aaron Haynes and Jodi Lynn Olesen proudly announce the birth of their son, Jeff David Olesen, born Saturday, Aug. 1, 1998, at 6:39 p.m. at Shannon's Women's and Children's Center in San Angelo, Texas.

His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dave Olesen and his paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Corey. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Shipman Jr.

## But, I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall

### First day of school

We started school this week. There was the usual confusion, several not sure where to go, not sure what to do, wishing to be somewhere else, anywhere else but here. And these are teachers I'm talking about!

But the students weren't much better. I encountered one young man who was particularly troubled. He was so distressed he was crying. He wanted to go back home.

Maybe tomorrow would be a better day. I knew the feeling. He had two teachers already trying to soothe his feelings, calm his fears, so I continued on my way. No sense making any more of a scene than necessary.

I knew he'd survive. He'd somehow get past this troublesome moment in his young life.

Later he will encounter larger problems. He'll look back on this day, hopefully, as a character building experience.

But, I could be wrong.

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

By Taylor Stephenson, BISD Superintendent

Monday, there was no air conditioning or lighting in the classrooms. You know that all students went home early Monday.

Rio Grande Electric to the rescue! Dan Laws, president and CEO of RGEC, arrived at work in Brackettville Monday morning. He said, "Go help the school kids!"

Here they came. In about an hour, four or five RGEC employees had service restored.

We are so thankful that this business is headquartered in Brackettville. They care about our kids.

To Dan Laws and his organization: we appreciate you!

Our elementary teachers were calm and collected (though hot and hampered by not having lights!). They got with the job, changed their lesson plans to fit the situation, and came through like troopers. I am very proud of the elementary faculty and Mr. Schouler.

Michael worked many hours trying to get this situation taken care of. His last call to me early Monday morning was at 1:15.

Tuesday, our challenge has been the flooding and rising of

creeks. Our weather phone is working now at 563-2491, Ext. 570. Check it out on weather days!

The rain has been wonderful. This is strange country. We watched the skies for any type of cloud all summer long. There was nothing.

Suddenly, Sunday night three or four inches of rain drops on Kinney County in an hour. Then, early Tuesday morning, there was more ... like another couple of inches. Parts of the county received as much as six inches on Tuesday with more expected into the evening. Rain does wonders. We're proud to get it in Kinney County.

**Athletic Teams**  
I have watched our football and volleyball teams. We are fortunate to have mature coaches leading us

-- David Yeager and Dusty Brotherton. There are some fine assistants this year also.

I know that you will be proud of our teams this year. Watch the schedules and come support the Tigers!

**Student Enrollment**  
The second day enrollment is about 662 students. By school, we're looking at 329 in Jones Elementary, 145 in middle school, 178 in high school and 10 in alternative school.

We continue to grow larger at Brackettville. In October of 1997, we had 650 students. We will get bigger! We'll gain a few more kids before October (in my opinion).

By the way, our new academic wing is under way! Drive by and take a look at the site. Have a great week!

# Achievement Banquet highlights 4-H year

Hello fellow 4-H'ers and welcome to a new year of fun and learning.

This year's officers are Lindsey Brotherton, president; Zachary Davis, vice president; Laura Lee Ballew, secretary; Michelle Melancon, treasurer; Jerritt Meeks, reporter; and Mistie Herndon and Susannah Davis, council delegates. Our club manager is Donna Schuster and County Extension Agent Mr. Robert Elledge Jr.

If you did not attend the

**4-H Club News**

By Jerritt Meeks  
Club Reporter

Achievement Banquet on Aug. 8, you missed out on the highlight of the year.

Several presentations were made to individuals who supported or excelled in our organization.

Awards presented included

foods and nutrition, shooting sports and livestock projects. Also the Friend of 4-H plaque was presented to Mr. Don Ralston for his support and leadership through the years, as well as being instrumental in starting our first rabbit project. 4-H'ers for the 1997-98 year were Mistie Herndon and Beth Ballew.

Our guest speaker was Bobby Kay Smithson of Knippa. She talked about what 4-H meant to her and how it inspired her life. It was very interesting and in-

spiring to learn how a person can better their lives by getting involved in 4-H activities that will affect their entire future.

After our banquet, Jarrett Harrison provided the music for the dance to finish off an exceptional evening.

Other announcements for all interested individuals and current club members, our annual enrollment will be at our first 4-H meetings on Monday at 7:30 p.m., upstairs in the Court-house. See you there!

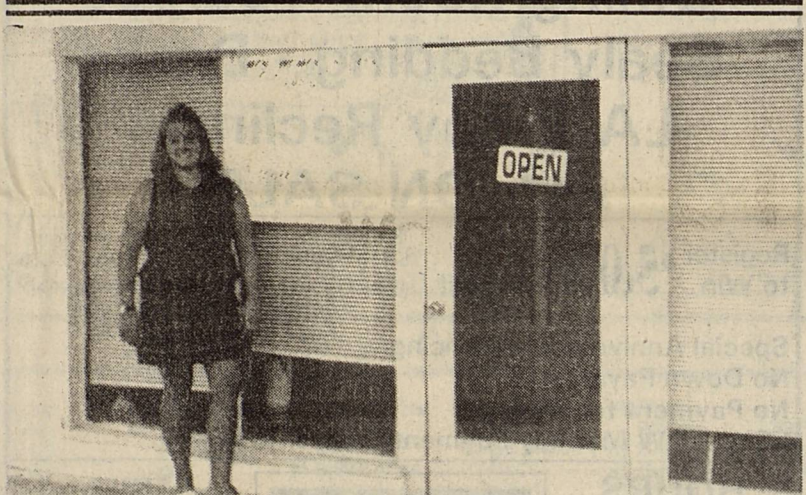
## Briefs ...

### Finkenbinder receives degree from Sul Ross

Mary Irene Finkenbinder received her master of education degree from Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College this summer.

Finkenbinder is the former counselor at Jones Elementary. She now holds a similar position in Cold Springs.

## BUSINESS



A Perfect Touch, owned and operated by Brannan Hatley, is located at 109 E. Military Highway, next to Stop -N- Shop.

## Local chamber welcomes Hatley, 'A Perfect Touch'

By Kathryn Letsinger  
Contributing Writer

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce welcomes Brannan Hatley, the owner and operator of A Perfect Touch, to Brackettville and the business community.

A Perfect Touch offers full salon services from pedicures, nails and waxing, to color, perms, hair cutting and styling for men, women and children.

Brannan received her full cosmetology license and graduated on the Dean's honor roll from Southwest Texas Beauty School in Uvalde. She has been in business six months and has been a member of the Chamber since opening.

A Perfect Touch is located at 109 E. Military Highway, next to Stop -N- Shop. Business hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. The shop is closed on Sunday and Monday. You can call 563-3003 for appointments and walk-ins are welcome.

Brannan says she loves Brackettville and appreciates the friends and family that worked so hard with her on her shop to make her dream of owning her own business come true.

The shop is bright, fully equipped and the service is professional and friendly. Stop in, see the shop, get your haircut, and wish Brannan well in her new business!

## Hill attends summer orchestra camp

Celeste Hill, a 12-year-old violinist, attended the 1998 Sam Houston State University Junior High Orchestra Camp.

The Brackett Middle School student excelled in the several orchestra groups offered at the camp, one of four orchestra camps held annually on the campus of SHSU.

Hill described the activities of the camp as a daily concentration, full of individualized and small group instruction and rehearsals with outstanding, experienced musical instructors and conductors, providing her with the best possible training and

musical experiences.

In addition to solo work, she participated in a chamber ensemble and qualified for the "Brahms Orchestra," which performed a symphonic "The Grand Concert" on the final evening of the camp.

Students were selected for the "Brahms Orchestra" by audition and individual evaluation. Hill placed third chair of the first violin section, a top rank.

"Playing in a large orchestra is really a thrilling and memorable experience," Hill said. "I loved it."

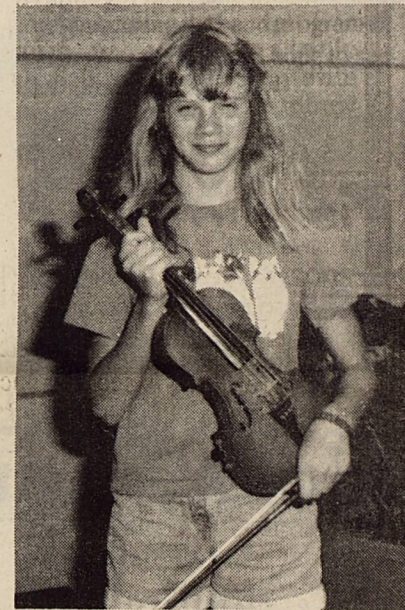
At camp, Hill made many new

musician friends her age as well as among her instructors, conductors and directors, all highly trained musicians of the music department staff of SHSU.

She added that there was some time for entertainment and recreation, but playing with the groups of students was lots of fun, too.

As a whole, Hill said that the progress in playing her violin gave her new understanding of the significance and possibilities that violin playing offers.

Hill is the daughter of Patsy Gillis Hill and Rocky Hill of Fort Clark Springs.



CELESTE HILL

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.

### Friday, Aug. 20, 1886

Went to the store as usual but did not stay long. Clothes came this morning just in time to be packed up to take home tonight. Put them on to make some calls with the girls. Col. Hambright returned my call and sat for some time talking. He was major of the 19th and retired just before I joined. A very tall erect figure, he does not look like a man who has gone through two wars. He seemed pleased to have a talk about the 19th. When he left Beckie, Mary & I went to call on Miss Sheaff where I met her mother, a sister of Lucy's mother and who sent many messages to Mother. Then went to Ambrose's to say good-bye. Lucy came over from Alice's where she is staying and she & Beckie rode down while Mary, Miss Sheaff & I walked to the photographer's. Lucy & Beckie brought in Ed. McGovern, brother of Peter's widow and we had some tinctures taken. After dinner walked up to Alice's to bid Lucy & Katie good-bye. Have been very highly impressed with Lucy; although all the cousins are very charming think most of her and believe if she were not engaged I would try to marry her.

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

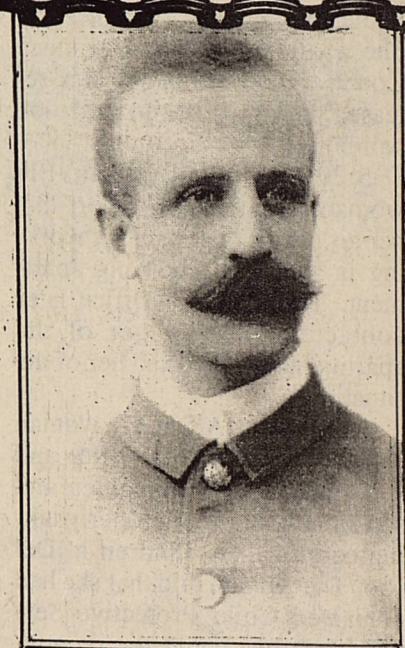
Courtesy of his descendants

Then called on Mrs. Foltz, Foltz's mother to bid her good-bye and on Mrs. Parry. Did not have time to go to Jessie Wickersham's and don't care much either as her husband did not call on me. Changed clothes and packed trunk and valise. Harry had some gentlemen up for supper and to spend the time until time to go to the depot. The meal was an excellent one and the company was very gay. Harry had some excellent wines and topped off with champagne in which he proposed my health. Had to make a speech and felt like a fool but managed to say a few words. After cigars joined the ladies in the parlor and had a short time for talk. Then bade Anna & the girls good-bye while Harry, Gottfried & the gentlemen all went to the station with me. Harry got my trunk checked while I was getting my ticket. Had barely time to say good-bye before train left. My stay here has been exceedingly pleasant; everybody has been so kind and thoughtful that I felt entirely at home and I am sorry that my time is so short. This afternoon called at Aunt McConomy's before supper and had a real pleasant talk with her and Beckie McConomy. Aunt gave me a very interesting relic, a penknife that had belonged to her grandmother, about 150 years old. Succeeded in getting a berth on the sleeper and turned in at once putting my basket of peaches which Harry gave me from his yard, in the charge of the porter as I felt sure that more would be

eaten if they were left in the car.

### Saturday, Aug. 21, 1886

Woke up early after a good sleep and was all dressed before we got to Pittsburgh. Looked all around the station but could not see anything of Mr. White. Soon after breakfast train pulled out for home. Stood on the platform as the train passed through Allegheny City but saw nobody in the house I took to be Mary's home. The train did not stop at Sewickley. The ride was warm and dusty today and there was only one passenger beside myself a lady who was too much interested in a poll parrot to notice anyone. Had lunch on the train. Near 5 o'clock this afternoon Fort Wayne was reached where I found Mother, Lula & George waiting for me, and mighty glad I was to see them. Riding down home got a glimpse of our new church but could not tell much about it from the hack. Sue with baby on her lap and Mattie were sitting by the front door and Father soon came in. All, I am thankful to write, look well & hearty. Mother has grown stouter and all seem in brighter spirits and more cheerful than in '83. Think this change is due to having George in the house and to the baby who is a very pretty, healthy and bright child. Sue and George are to be congratulated on Louise. They seem to be a very happy couple; hope Lula will do as well. Took a bath and felt much better. Spent the evening quietly at home.



Found a number of letters which will have to be answered. The change in the house is a great improvement and gives ever so much more room and comfort. Find all the family in ever so much better spirits than at any previous arrival.

### Sunday, Aug. 22, 1886

Had a good rest in my new room. After breakfast Fred Freeman and Ralph Hoagland came over. Both are growing to be strong healthy boys, manly little fellows. We had no service at our church and I did not care to go to any other one. In the afternoon the hack took Father, Mother and self out to Grandmother's and then returned to bring out the rest. Found all at Grandmother's including herself in excellent health, except Aunt Eliza, who is just recovering from a slight attack of facial paralysis, her face being still slightly drawn to the left. Spent the afternoon in chatting. Lula & I took tea with Grandmother, and George with Aunt Julia while the rest went home in the hack. Soon after tea the hack came back to take us home. Did not go out in the evening.

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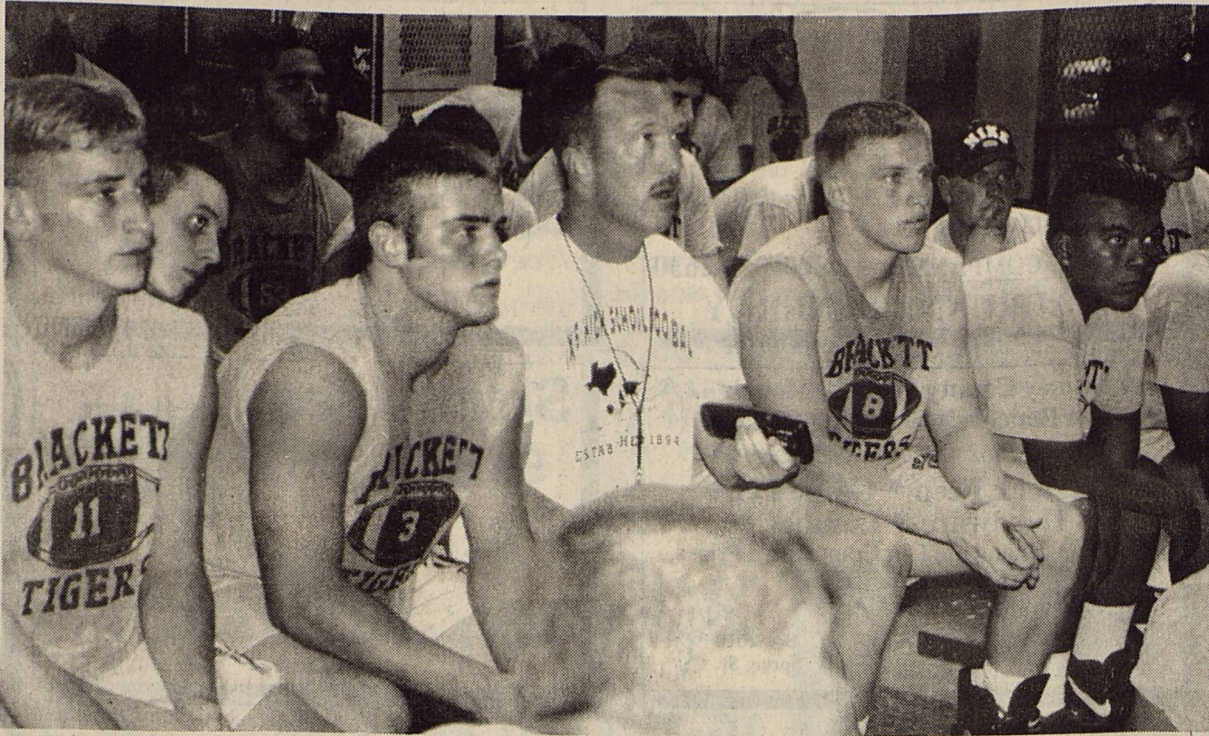
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# Tigers scrimmage Crystal City tomorrow



Coach David Yeager, center, and the Brackett Tigers watch film of practice as they prepare for tomorrow's scrimmage against the Crystal City Javelinas. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

By J.J. Guidry  
Sports Editor

Brackett head football coach David Yeager will get to see his Tigers in live action for the first time tomorrow as they travel to Crystal City for a controlled scrimmage with the Javelinas.

The junior varsity will open the scrimmage at 6 p.m., and the varsity is expected to take the field at 7:30.

"We're looking forward to getting to hit somebody else besides ourselves," Yeager said. "I think our kids are ready to go."

"It will be a good test for us to see what we need to improve on. I'm sure we're going to have lots of areas to improve on, but that's what a scrimmage is about -- it's just a practice against somebody else. It will be good for the kids to beat up on somebody else."

The Tigers played the Javelinas the last two regular seasons, and split the two-game series.

"I think Crystal City will be competitive," Yeager said. "I think we'll probably be equal as far as numbers. They're picked about the middle of the pack in their district in Dave Campbell's Texas Football."

Yeager said the scrimmage will give the coaching staff an opportunity to evaluate how the players are adapting to the new system.

"We want to see if we have a good picture of our overall offensive and defensive schemes," he said.

"Right now, in practice, the kids are getting better offensively. We're getting sharper with our blocking rules. Our backs are getting better at hitting the right hole and knowing who to block. We're getting better, but it will be good

to go against a live defense." Junior Zach Davis has taken over the starting job as Brackett's quarterback.

"The scrimmage will be good for Zach to get his feet wet and his confidence up," Yeager said.

"He has done a great job picking up our offense. He's a good leader."

"I think we have two of the best running backs in district (Wes Baker and Brent Smith), so right now we're trying to find some people that can give them a rest and not lose any quality on the field."

"We're going to look at the scrimmage not only as an opportunity to solidify our first units, but we're going to try to find some quality backups and some depth that we can put on the field. A key for us will be staying injury-free," he added.

## Briefs ...

### Hole in one helps lead Johnson to league win

Rosemary Johnson had a hole-in-one Tuesday as she posted the low gross score of 76 during Ladies Golf League action.

Johnson's hole-in-one came on No. 6, a par-3, 130-yard hole. She also had a chip-in birdie on No. 18.

Mary Stephenson won low net with a 64, while Johnson and Luella Gilliland won in the skins competition.

### Collins, Miller win

Gene Collins and Helen Miller won a two-person target scramble during Couples Golf League play last Thursday.

Three teams tied for second place, including Bob and Betty Lee, Don and Rosemary Johnson, and James and Flo Stafford.

### Frerich places second

Seth Frerich took second place in the 10-and-under division in the final tournament of the Southwest Texas Junior Golf Tour at the Alsatian Golf Course in Castroville.

It was Frerich's second time to finish as a runner-up during the tour. He also placed third in two other tournaments.

### Registration continues

Children between the ages of 6 and 12 years old who want to play flag football can register through Aug. 26. The fee is \$10 per child. For more information, contact Lawrence Ervin at 563-9090.

### Sub-varsities to play

Brackett's sub-varsity volleyball teams will compete in the Del Rio tournament on Saturday.

## Tigerettes open campaign with Del Rio tournament

By J.J. Guidry  
Sports Editor

The Tigerettes will open their volleyball season three days later than expected, but that doesn't bother coach Dusty Brotherton.

Brackett was scheduled to host LaPryor Tuesday in its season opener, but the game was cancelled because of bad weather. The Tigerettes will play their first game tomorrow as they open play in the Luby's tournament in Del Rio.

"It probably won't hurt us to have a day off," Brotherton said of Tuesday's contest. "The girls have been working pretty hard."

### Tigerettes Schedule '98

DATE	OPPONENT	TEAMS	TIME
Aug. 21	@ Del Rio Tourney	9/JV/V	TBA
Aug. 22	@ Del Rio Tourney	9/JV/V	TBA
Aug. 25	@ Comstock	V	5:00
Aug. 28	@ Hondo Tourney	JV/V	TBA
Aug. 29	@ Hondo Tourney	JV/V	TBA
Sept. 1	@ Leakey	JV/V	5:00
Sept. 4	Sabinal	V	4:30
Sept. 8	@ Utopia	9/JV/V	4:30
Sept. 12	@ Utopia Tourney	V	TBA
Sept. 12	@ Uvalde Tourney	JV	TBA
Sept. 12	@ Eagle Pass Tourney	9	TBA
Sept. 15	Medina	JV/V	5:00
Sept. 18	Comstock	V	5:00
Sept. 22	Dilley*	9/JV/V	5:00
Sept. 29	@ Jourdanton*	9/JV/V	5:00
Oct. 2	@ LaPryor	JV/V	4:30
Oct. 6	@ Natalia*	9/JV/V	5:00
Oct. 10	Utopia	9/JV/V	10:00
Oct. 13	@ Dilley*	9/JV/V	5:00
Oct. 17	Comfort @ Sabinal	9/JV/V	11:00
Oct. 17	Leakey JV Tourney	JV	TBA
Oct. 20	Jourdanton*	9/JV/V	5:00
Oct. 27	Natalia*	9/JV/V	5:00

\* District 29-2A game

Brackett plays three pool games tomorrow. The Tigerettes will face Crystal City at 4:30, Uvalde at 5:30, and Del Rio at 7:30. Teams in the second pool include Comstock, Eagle Pass and Leakey.

Saturday's games begin at 9 a.m. and the championship match is set for 2 p.m.

"It will be one of the better tournaments we play in with a lot of big schools," Brotherton said. "It should be pretty competitive."

The Tigerettes, who will face Comstock on the road Tuesday, saw their first competitive action last week as they participated in scrimmages in Uvalde and Sabinal.

"We did some good things, but we found out that we weren't quite as far along as we thought we would be," Brotherton said.

Brackett returns seven lettermen, including four starters, from last year's 14-10 ball club that won district and bi-district championships.

Lindsey Brotherton was the District 29-2A most valuable player last year. Hilda Aguirre, Jennifer Ashabanner and Stephanie Terrazas all earned second team all-district honors. All four seniors are returning starters.

Other returning lettermen are senior Patty Lopez, junior Michelle Melancon and sophomore Erika Garcia. Brotherton said all three will see action as starters this season.

"We should have a good defensive team," he said. "We're a little short on hitters because the three girls we lost last year were all hitters."

Rounding out this year's varsity team are seniors Darla Campos and Amanda Petrosky and juniors Jaime Bader, Laura Lee Ballew and Tiffany Eckenrod.

Brotherton is optimistic about the Tigerettes' chances in district this year, but said the conference will be more competitive with Jourdanton moving down from Class 3A.

"Jourdanton is pretty competitive in every sport, from what I hear," he said. "They'll be tough and Natalia will be better, but I think the team to beat will probably be Dilley."



Tigerettes coach Dusty Brotherton (from left) discusses this weekend's tournament with returning starters Jennifer Brotherton, Hilda Aguirre, Lindsey Brotherton and Stephanie Terrazas.

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## OUTDOORS

### Seventh Annual Texas Wildlife Expo set for Oct. 3-4

AUSTIN -- The Seventh Annual Texas Wildlife Expo, to be held here Oct. 3-4, will feature expanded versions of several popular activities to accommodate the growing number of Expo visitors.

Crowd favorites such as the climbing wall, the kayaking and canoeing "Wet Zone" and -- a new activity introduced last year -- mountain bike rides have been enhanced to offer more opportunities for visitors.

The 1998 Texas Wildlife Expo is free to the public, with on-site parking available at no charge. The event is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 3-4 at TPW headquarters, located at 4200 Smith School Road in southeast Austin. This year's event celebrates the 75th anniversary of Texas State Parks.

On the 35-acre site, visitors can catch fish, shoot at sporting clays, view birds of prey in flight, learn about wildlife and much more. Activities, demonstrations and workshops take place throughout the day.

Expo encompasses a wide variety of activities and sports, focusing on fun, hands-on learning experiences which acquaint visitors with Texas' outdoor recre-

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

ational opportunities while educating them about their responsibilities as users of the outdoors.

"This is an event for families where parents and children will find activities to enjoy together," said Andrew Sansom, TPW executive director.

"Expo is designed to provide access, especially for young people, to the great variety of outdoor opportunities. And, as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of Texas State Parks, Expo visitors will have the unique opportunity to learn about all 123 state parks, the cultural and natural jewels to be enjoyed and preserved for future generations," he added.

New to Expo this year are: a water trail demonstrating issues surrounding this vital resource; Beyond Texas Borders, highlighting national and international wildlife management programs; and a new birding area for devotees and newcomers to this growing pastime combining previous Expo birding activities with new activi-

ties such as the Junior Audubon Birdathon.

Expanded activities this year include: a children's climbing tower that will be added to the two three-story climbing towers; an additional "Wet Zone" to nearly double the capacity for kayaking and canoeing; more mountain bikes and volunteers for the children's mountain bike trail rides; and expanded archery activities.

"We invite everyone to come to Texas Wildlife Expo, especially those who haven't had much previous experience with the outdoors," said Mickey Burleson, TPW commissioner and chair of the 1998 Texas Wildlife Expo.

"The activities and demonstrations at Expo are for everyone from beginners to the experienced," Burleson said. "Every activity, from fishing to rock climbing and even camping, will have training and information for those who are interested but have not had a chance to learn how to get

started." In addition to the variety of hands-on activities, more than 200 exhibitors representing all facets of the outdoor recreation industry as well as conservation groups will have booths at this year's event.

Expo is a free, family-oriented event produced by Texas Parks and Wildlife in partnership with private industry and conservation groups. Last year, more than 40,000 visitors attended Expo.

Expo features interactive attractions, demonstrations, exhibits and workshops -- many designed especially for children and young people -- about hunting, fishing, wildlife management and conservation, birding, mountain biking, rock climbing, camping, state parks, Texas' cultural heritage, kayaking, canoeing and boating safety, habitat preservation, freshwater and marine life, game calling and more.

For more information about Texas Wildlife Expo, call (512) 389-4472 or the TPW toll-free information line at 1-800-792-1112. Another source of Expo information is TPW's website at www.tpwd.state.tx.us. This site will be expanded and updated throughout the summer.



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Bud Breen, cowboy, ranch foreman, western movie actor, then artist has been painting pictures that capture the beauty of the open country and ranch life that he loves so well.

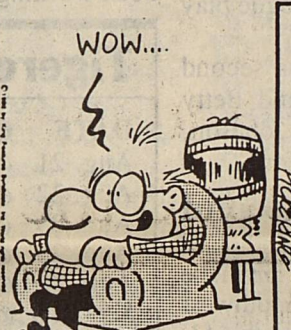
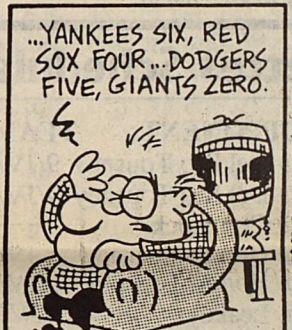
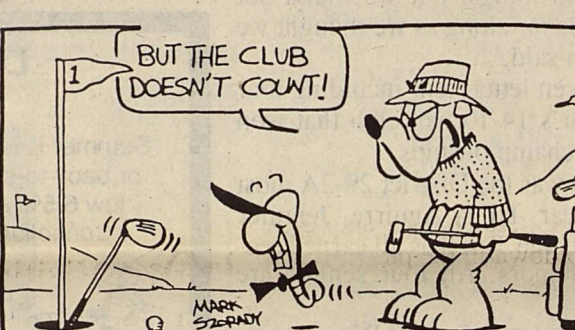
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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ACROSS                            | 44 Most obese                      | holding office                      | starter                        | 38 River in Belgium           | ones                     |
| 1 Cutting remark                  | 46 Did a journalist's job          | 90 Artificial waterway              | DOWN                           | 40 Green fodder               | 82 British noble         |
| 5 Theater souvenir?               | 50 Loafed                          | 91 British prime minister           | 1 Pack animal                  | 41 Garment trimmer            | 84 Wash yielding trees   |
| 9 Ironwood                        | 51 Mortarboard                     | 93 Relies                           | 2 French farewell              | 42 Brainstorm                 | 86 Rubber-bounding trees |
| 13 Colorful Cincinnati team       | 52 Dry and withered                | 96 Judith Krantz output             | 3 Judge's garb                 | 43 Expert's award in judo     | 88 Practice for the bout |
| 17 Style of architecture          | 54 Dudge                           | 97 City on the Oka                  | 4 Having a staked, tawny coat  | 44 Gambling game              | 90 Canning process       |
| 18 Yugoslav VIP                   | 55 Type of ball or loaf            | 99 Rajah's wife                     | 5 "Weather" (1933 song)        | 45 Very, in France            | 92 Architect Saarinen    |
| 19 Baby carriage                  | 56 Cherry-red                      | 100 Porter who carried a tune?      | 6 Novices                      | 47 Kind of mandarin orange    | 94 "Arden" (Tennyson)    |
| 20 Typewriter type                | 59 Fred Mertz's due                | 101 DDE's opponent                  | 7 Brain, in the Philippines    | 48 Anagram of vile            | 95 Town in Pennsylvania  |
| 22 Pygmy antelope                 | 61 Dye indigo                      | 104 Dies                            | 8 Plant used in folk medicine  | 49 Take out                   | 96 Words to Nanette      |
| 23 Colorful beverage              | 62 D.C. lobbying org.              | 106 Patty quarrel                   | 9 Primate                      | 51 Joins firmly               | 98 Enjoys a comedy       |
| 25 Enjoyed the blue-plate special | 63 Believer in evil spirits        | 107 Hourglass fill                  | 10 Sour-tempered one           | 53 Necessitates               | 100 New Jersey city      |
| 26 Colorful retailer              | 65 Wander from the group           | 111 U.S. sculptor                   | 11 Soup server                 | 56 Equatorial constellation   | 101 Turkish officials    |
| 28 Colorful murderer              | 67 Rockne, of Notre Dame fame      | 114 Yellowish-reddish plastid: Bot. | 12 Popular uprising, in France | 57 Emulate                    | 102 Potential energy     |
| 30 Old French coin                | 69 Toward the center               | 117 Gerontologist's topic           | 13 Scarlet tanagers            | 58 Prevent, in law            | 103 Paris flower?        |
| 31 Loses brightness               | 71 Evangelist McPherson            | 118 Gracelul racer                  | 14 Nobelist                    | 60 Threefold                  | 105 Heronlike bird       |
| 32 Rachel Carson subject          | 72 Rosy                            | 109 Main trunk artery               | 15 Monetary unit of Kuwait     | 63 Dijon                      | 107 Braga of films       |
| 34 Small reticule                 | 75 Certain tapesties               | 120 Christmas visitor               | 16 Cubic meter                 | 64 Social prohibition         | 108 Cut up the turkey    |
| 35 Classic car                    | 77 "Norma—" Arrow poison           | 121 Queen of the gods               | 17 Clothes                     | 66 Arts degrees               | 109 One of the Lauders   |
| 36 Actress Steady                 | 80 Arrow poison                    | 122 Movement in ballet              | 21 Root of the taro            | 68 Silver/sulfur alloy        | 110 State, in France     |
| 37 Available at once              | 81 Ladder or mother starter        | 123 Movement in ballet              | 24 Bear, Dane or Lakes starter | 70 Ridicule                   | 112 Grafted, in heraldry |
| 39 Makes a blunder                | 83 Prince's "Rain"                 | 124 Envy another's possessions      | 27 Overlaid with gold leaf     | 72 Capital of Latvia          | 113 Roll call reply      |
| 41 Expose to public scorn         | 84 Spend them in Venice            | 125 Trevino and "lungs"             | 29 River to the Seine          | 73 Distinct part              | 115 Trundle, as ore      |
|                                   | 87 "You care not who—your back..." | 126 Dam up, or check                | 33 Summer refreshers           | 74 Legal document they assist | 116 Diving bird          |
|                                   | 89 Those                           | 127 Verve                           | 36 Incite                      | 76 They assist                | 119 Sweet potato         |
|                                   |                                    | 128 Cap or pad                      | 37 Pillage or plunder          | 78 Inland sea of Asia         |                          |
|                                   |                                    |                                     |                                | 79 Slippery                   |                          |

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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|---------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| Butter knives | Ladle       | Silver     | Teaspoons |
| Fish knives   | Salad forks | Skewers    | Tongs     |
| Forks         | Salt spoons | Soup spoon | Utensils  |
| Fruit knives  | Servers     | Stainless  |           |

**Your Horoscope by Natasha**



**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)

Given enough time by yourself and there's no telling what you'll accomplish this week when you're the one pulling the strings from behind-the-scenes. A minor snag occurs later in the week, but you are able to rise above it. The weekend favors outdoor activities.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20)  
Slow down and do the job right. Both an old and a new friend are important to you at this time. Doors seem to open for you in your career. Good will toward others brings benefits this weekend.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)  
You may have a disagreement about a shopping matter, but overall, financial interests are favored this week. There's more than one iron in the fire. However, you must be sure to prioritize tasks so that each is performed correctly and to your satisfaction.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)  
Rough spots this week will be smoothed over fairly early. Some truly happy news comes your way. Mental work and collaborative efforts are favored. Travel is plus over the weekend.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22)  
Freelancers meet with new assignments. Shopping for the home is favored. Home-hunters meet with fortunate leads. Enjoy family interests this weekend.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22)  
Be careful how you say things this week in business. Partnership activities are highlighted but you must be able to compromise. Singles meet with romance from an unexpected source. Expect a pleasant surprise this weekend.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22)  
Early-week distractions may irritate you, but these are soon over. Chances arise to improve your overall position in life and success is within reach. However, you must be willing to roll up your sleeves and do some hard work.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21)

Partners work well together as a team, and you'll also have time for pleasant relaxation with each other. Go some place new and exciting. However, be sure you've tended to all necessary work chores. If not, you could lose some sleep worrying over a minor detail left hanging.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21)  
The hard work comes in the morning hours this week, soon to be followed by recognition and new chances for success. It's a good time for important financial decisions. Be sure to seek out the input of all family members involved in this.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19)  
First partners share a responsibility, then it's off together for wonderful times. Travel invitations arrive. Love is captivating. Some singles contemplate making a commitment. Married couples renew loving ties.

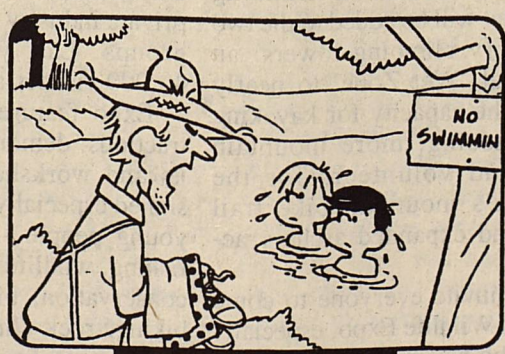
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18)  
You may be in too much of a rush this week. Slow down to assure progress. Some splendid career developments are in the works. Count on financial improvement.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20)  
A family member may not be in the mood for company, but social opportunities for you are glorious. Welcome new friends, new ideas. However, don't be so willing to throw away the tried and true.

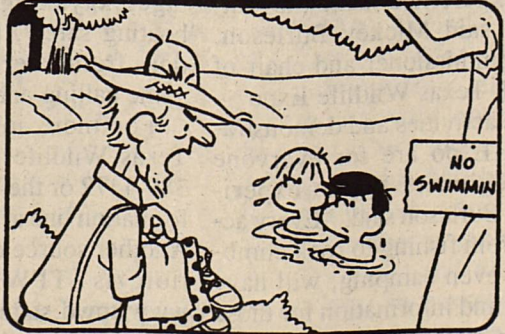
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| Aug. 20 .....Henly Cannon     | Aug. 24 .....Nakai Breen       |
| Aug. 20 .....Juan Garcia      | Aug. 24 .....Janet Gieseke     |
| Aug. 20 .....John Sell        | Aug. 24 .....Maggie Lee Lipich |
| Aug. 21 .....Vern Ebert       | Aug. 25 .....Maria Juarez      |
| Aug. 21 .....Irene Keddy      | Aug. 25 .....Genie Nixon       |
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FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.  
Differences: 1. Suspenders are different. 2. Shoelaces is missing. 3. Sign is lower. 4. Drop of water is missing. 5. Hand is showing. 6. Leaves are added.



# Husband, wife should commit themselves to the relationship

By Rev. Joe Townsend  
Frontier Baptist Church

Coming fresh from a wedding, it occurred to me to pass on some thoughts pointed up in the ceremony.  
God created the Garden of Eden. It was all perfect, no thorns, no thistles, no harmful or unsavory aspects to be found.  
God then created a man, a separate creation, in the very image of God himself. He saw that it was not good for man to be alone so he created a woman to be a helpmate.  
He took a rib from man and created woman. The rib is beneath the arm of man, indicating the man is the protector and provider for the woman. It is below the head

of man, indicating the man is the head of the family. Wherever the man is not the head, there is never a successful and happy family. The rib is above the feet of man, indicating the man is not to walk on and over the woman in any way.  
He is always to treat her with respect as a person in her own right and as an equal in the partnership.  
The rib is close to the heart of man. The heart is always thought of as the center of life, the hub of emotions and the very gist of living. Hence the woman is to be the very hub of the love, devotion and concern of the man. This love and devotion must be reflected by the woman to form a mutual relationship to be the very foundation of the successful future for the fam-

ily.  
The rings exchanged by the two are of outstanding significance. In earlier times, when two kings reached an agreement on any pact, sealing wax was placed on the scrolls or writing and each king impressed his personal signet on the agreement. It later came to be that the signet was made into a ring that the king wore at all times.  
From this practice came the idea of a ring to be exchanged to mark the agreement and commitment of the wedding vow. It's notable that the ring is round and has no end. It is intended of God that the wedding should never end.  
The metal used in the gold of the ring is of highest purity. There is in finality no purer relationship than the relationship between hus-

band and wife, and the ring is a reminder of a purity that is never to be defiled.  
While the words of commitment and the continual reminder of the rings of that commitment are significant beyond measure, they are not effective beyond the deep and lasting commitments of the mental and spiritual commitments of the individuals.  
Unless the man and the woman both truly commit themselves to the relationship from the time of the wedding "til death do we part" and make that commitment a basic tenet of life, the wedding has been a farce.  
There will be another message from the Bible at Frontier Baptist Church on Sunday at 11 a.m. Come and see.

## Most 'wonders' in the world are born one drop at a time

By Rev. Sheree Harris  
First United Methodist Church

About a month ago, I stood with my husband and our two sons, gazing at huge stalagmites and stalactites. We were in total awe at the wonders before us. We were deep in the Carlsbad Caverns in Carlsbad, N.M.  
The size of the formations, however, was not the most amazing thing about them to me. What struck me with the most force was that these huge stone columns were formed one drop at a time, and what we were looking at that day began eons

ago.  
We tend to think that most great things and monumental efforts happen all at once. They are the things that make the evening news. Some things do happen that way, but most achievements don't.  
As we stood watching the drops of water every so slowly fall from the ceiling, it occurred to me that most "wonders" in this world are born the same way, one drop at a time.  
Even the achievements that appear to occur overnight are preceded by hours or years of preparation.

## Equip children with prayer for the start of school

By Pastor Charolette Corey  
Gateway Ministries

Back to school activities include equipping children with new school supplies, new school clothes, etc., but the most important thing to equip the children with is prayer.  
Here are a few things to pray about:  
■ Pray over your children before sending them to school. "Plead the blood of Jesus" over them for safe keeping. Place their guardian angels on assignment to keep watch over them.  
■ Teach your children to use prayer not only at home, but at school or wherever the need may be.  
■ Teach your children the power of God's word, which spoken in faith through prayer

does not return to God void of having accomplished what he sent it out to do.  
■ Pray as a family for your children's teachers, teacher's aides, coaches, principal, counselors, superintendent, secretaries, janitors, cafeteria personnel and other employees.  
■ Pray over the buses and bus drivers.  
■ Pray over the routes which the children will walk, drive or be driven to school.  
■ Pray peace, joy and love over the children.  
When praying, pray that God will grant these people his wisdom, his knowledge with understanding, his discernment and that they will produce lessons which will promote the truth of God's living word. Pray for their health, safety and prosperity as well as for their salvation.

While you are at it, bind the devil from attacking your child and these people, as well as the other school children. Bind him from manifesting in any evil form that causes confusion, chaos, anger, hatred, unforgiveness, ungodly pride, shame, division, mischief, rebellion, or any other form that is opposed to God's law of unconditional "agape" love.  
Even as the prophet Hosea built a physical "hedge of thorns" around his straying wife, you can build a spiritual "hedge of thorns" around your children and the school grounds, which will make it very uncomfortable for anything not of God to try to penetrate.  
Even if you have no children attending school at this time, adopt the children of your community through prayer. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

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## Discover and use God's gifts to 'build the earth'

Submitted by  
St. Mary Magdalene Church

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)  
Somewhere I heard a story about Michelangelo's pushing a huge rock down a street. A curious neighbor sitting lazily on the porch of his house called out to him and inquired why he labored so over an old piece of stone.  
Michelangelo is reported to have answered, "Because there is an angel in that rock that wants to come out."

That story comes to mind when I think about the gifts or talents given to each of us. Every person has the task of releasing angels by shaping and transfiguring the raw materials that lie about him so that they become houses and machinery and pictures and bridges.  
How we do this -- how we "build the earth," to use Teilhard de Chardin's phrase -- is determined by the discovery and use of our gifts.  
You are invited to worship with us at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. The visiting priest for the weekend masses on Saturday and Sunday will be Father Theo Clerix.

## Readings from the book of Psalms

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

"Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications; in thy faithfulness answer me, and thy righteousness.  
"And enter not into judgement with thy servant; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.  
"For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground; he hath made me dwell in darkness, as those who have been long dead.  
"Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate.  
"I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy works; I muse on the work of thy hands.  
"I stretch forth my hands unto thee; my soul thirsteth after thee, like a thirsty land. Selah.

"Hear me speedily, O Lord; my spirit faileth. Hide not thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down in the pit.  
"Cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust. Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk for I lift up my soul unto thee.  
"Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies; I flee unto thee to hide me.  
"Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God. Thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.  
"Revive me, O Lord, for thy name's sake; for thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.  
"And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies, and destroy all them that afflict my soul; for I am thy servant." (Psalms 143)  
Praise the Lord!

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## Nobody is impossible to save

By Rev. Nathan Lafrenz  
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

A church member once asked their pastor, "How can God forgive sinners? Isn't God repulsed with all of the hatred and jealousy that fills people?"  
The pastor responded, "You are the third generation in a family of master furniture makers. Tell me, if a fine table that your grandfather made was scratched would you throw it away?"  
"Of course not," the man exclaimed. "A scratch can hardly alter the character of a fine piece of furniture."  
"And," the pastor continued, "if you nicked a well-crafted oak rocker would you toss it away?"  
"Throw it away? Heavens no!" exclaimed the church member. "Even with a few scratches quality furniture is sturdy and valuable."  
"You have spoken like a true craftsman," the pastor replied. "You share the spirit with our creator, God, who continues to find his human creation precious and valuable in spite of our obvious flaws."  
Being made in God's image certainly reminds us that in spite of our sinful human nature we are indeed precious and valuable to God. But all too often we write people off as no good, and impossible to value.  
Our Lord is not finished with us yet. Would we want someone to write us off as unlovable and impossible to save?  
Let us all look about ourselves and recognize all the people desperate for someone to reach out and tell them they are loved and cared for.  
We can and must forgive, and ask God to fill us with his spirit of mercy. To God there are no untouchables and unlovables.

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1998 Property Tax Rates in KINNEY COUNTY

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 734,215.	\$ 22,607.	\$ 0
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 80,092.	\$ 0.	\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 814,297.	\$ 22,607.	\$ 0
Last year's tax base	\$100,222,080.	\$100,014,794.	\$ 0
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.7275/\$100	\$0.225/\$100	\$ 0/\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$730,284.26	\$ 22,384.24	\$ 0
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 97,300,122	\$ 28,636,076	\$ 0
- This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$0.7512/\$100	\$ .0224/\$100	\$ 0/\$100
<b>Total effective tax rate</b>	<b>\$0.7728/\$100</b>		

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:  
- Sales tax adjustment rate \$ 0.030/\$100  
- Effective tax rate \$ 0.7428/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:  
Last year's adjusted operating taxes  
(after subtracting taxes on lost property  
and including taxes for state criminal  
justice mandate) \$ 647,787.705 \$ 22,384.24 \$ 0  
+ This year's adjusted tax base \$23200,122.00 \$28,636,076.05  
x This year's effective operating rate \$ 0.6657/\$100 \$ 0.0224/\$100 \$ 0 /\$100  
x 1.08 - this year's maximum operating rate \$ 0.7189/\$100 \$ 0.0244/\$100 \$ 0 /\$100  
+ This year's debt rate \$ 0.0628/\$100 \$ 0.0000/\$100 \$ 0 /\$100  
+ This year's rollback rate for each fund \$ 0.7818/\$100 \$ 0.0244/\$100 \$ 0 /\$100  
This year's total rollback rate \$ 0.8062/\$100

A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:  
- Sales tax adjustment rate \$ 0.030/\$100  
- Rollback tax rate \$ 0.7757/\$100

For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:  
+ Additional rate for pollution control \$ 0.0150/\$100  
- Rollback tax rate \$ 0.7607/\$100

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**Schedule A**  
**Unencumbered Fund Balances**  
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
0	0

**Schedule B**  
**1997 Debt Service**  
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
CERT. OF OBLIGATION (expand as needed)	\$ 60,000.	\$ 4,050.	\$ 350.	\$ 64,400.
Total required for 1997 debt service			\$ 64,400.	
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$ 0.	
- Excess collections last year			\$ 0.	
- Total to be paid from taxes in 1997			\$ 64,400.	
- State aid for facilities			\$ 64,400.	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only _____% of its taxes in 1997			\$ 0.	
- Total Debt Levy			\$ 64,400.	

**Schedule C**  
**Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax**  
(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)  
In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ 0.00 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from the amount of expected sales tax revenue.

**Schedule D**  
**State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)**  
The N/A County Auditor certifies that N/A County has spent \$ N/A in the previous 12 months beginning N/A, 19 N/A, for the maintenance and operations of a list of convicted inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. N/A County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

**Schedule E**  
**Transfer of Department, Function or Activity**  
The N/A spent \$ N/A from N/A to N/A on the N/A. The N/A operates this function in all or a majority of the N/A.  
[Second Year of Transfer: Modify schedule to show comparison of amount this year and preceding year by unit receiving the function.]

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DEPARTMENT.  
Name of person preparing this notice: LOUISE S. EDWARDS  
Title: ASSESSOR  
Date prepared: AUG. 5, 1998

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The St. John's Missionary Church's prayer lines, 563-3032 or 563-9228, are available 24 hours a day.



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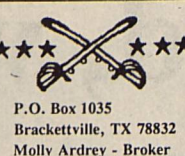
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