

The Brackett News



School to hold budget hearing
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Briefs ...

Automobile accident sends two to hospital

Two men were hospitalized Monday after an Army vehicle overturned on Highway 90, west of Sycamore Bridge.

The fuel truck was travelling to Del Rio when it overturned, according to the Kinney County Sheriff's Office.

A motorist notified the Sheriff's Office by cellular phone at 2:34 Monday afternoon.

Game Warden Henry Lutz was the first to arrive on the scene, followed by Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess and DPS Trooper Tom Wylie.

The Sheriff's Office dispatched the two ambulances and the Del Rio Fire Department to the scene.

Bank opens accounts to aid disaster victims

The Bank & Trust has opened two accounts to collect monetary donations. One is for the American Red Cross and the other is for Grace Community Church.

Persons interested in donating to either of these funds can contact The Bank & Trust at (830) 774-2555, or can come by the bank in person. Checks should be made out to Disaster Relief.

The Bank & Trust is also collecting donations for the following items: Food, clothing (all sizes), and toiletries. These items can be dropped off at the bank lobby from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or they can be taken to the American Red Cross at the Del Rio Civic Center.

Advisory Committee seeks representatives

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

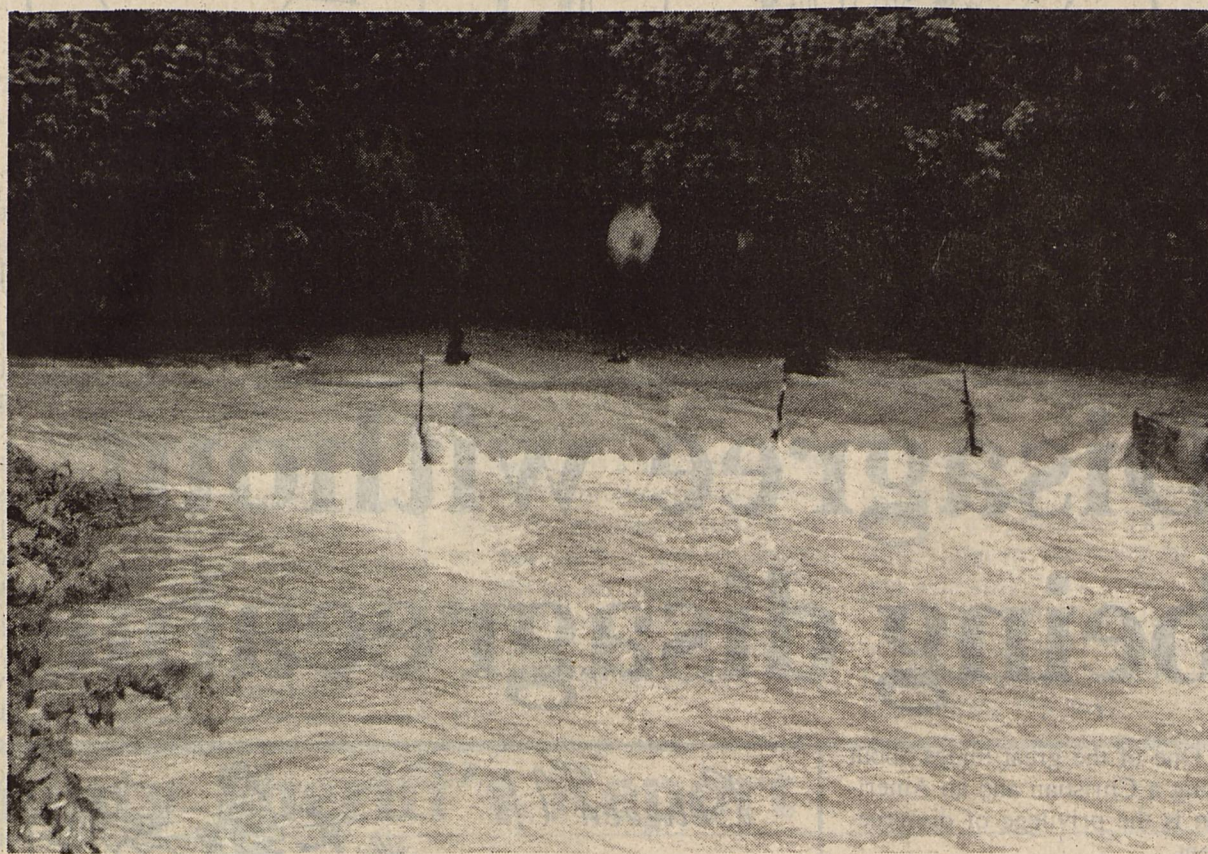
One business representative and one community representative will be selected to serve on the committee. Each representative will serve a two-year term.

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.

Genealogical Society hosts meeting Sept. 5

The Southwest Texas Genealogical Society will hold its regular quarterly meeting on Saturday, Sept. 5, at Hart's Texas Grill in Uvalde, beginning at 10 a.m. Registration and luncheon fees will be \$10 per person.

Floods swamp South Texas



The Las Moras Creek flows over the bridge on Fritter Street, between the County Jail and City Hall after Tropical Storm Charley hit Kinney County last weekend. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry



Water flows across the Pinto Creek bridge on R.R. 2804 after rains soaked Kinney County earlier this week. Brackett News Photo by Jewel Robinson

Over 90 forced to evacuate

Over 90 people were forced to evacuate their homes after Tropical Storm Charley dropped more than a foot of rain in Kinney County last weekend.

Those forced to evacuate spent Monday at Brackett ISD's library and gymnasium.

"We brought in buses and helped displaced residents get as comfortable as possible," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

As of Tuesday, 24 homes in Brackettville sustained major damages, according to "very preliminary" American Red Cross figures.

The damage assessment was about 60 percent complete, as trained Red Cross teams fanned out across the area to catalogue

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the extent of the destruction.

Brackettville was without gas for about a 24 hour period, according to City Secretary David Luna.

West Texas Gas, which provides gas to the city, shut down its system between 7 and 8 a.m. Tuesday after discovering a major break in a line between Brackettville and Del Rio.

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Rising waters claim 15 lives

At least 15 people have died this week in South Texas and northern Mexico because of the flooding caused by Tropical Storm Charley.

In Del Rio, officials used boats and helicopters to search for more than 40 missing after more than a foot of rain dropped on the area Sunday night.

The flooding took seven lives in Del Rio and forced 750 to evacuate their homes. Across the Rio Grande in Ciudad Acuna, at least three died and more than 2,500 were evacuated, according to officials there.

Among those who died was David Paytte, a U.S. Border Patrol trainee who drowned while trying to rescue his mother-in-law.

Paytte had been with the Border Patrol less than a year.

Gov. George W. Bush was scheduled to fly over Del Rio yesterday to survey the devastation.

He was to be accompanied by U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio; state Sen. Frank Madla, D-San Antonio; and state Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine.

Bonilla said he is making an effort to get federal emergency assistance to the victims as quickly as possible.

"My office has been in touch with Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Texas Division of Emergency Management to determine how quickly the federal government can assist in this disaster," he said.

School district's budget up 16 percent

The Brackett School District's proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year is up 16 percent.

The proposed budget totals \$6,163,529, which is up from the current budget of \$5,314,388.

The Brackett School Board was scheduled to hold a public hearing this week, but the meeting was delayed because of the flooding. The budget will be discussed Monday at a 6 p.m. hearing.

The increase in the budget can be credited to the new academic wing and pay hikes, according to Superintendent Taylor Stephenson.

The school district is expecting to receive \$2,937,977 in state funding, which includes \$587,711 in Tier II funding.

"Tier II is an equalization fund," Stephenson said. "The funds are based on the local tax effort, the number of kids enrolled and valuations."

The district's assessed valuation is up 2.8 percent, from \$88,805,120 to \$91,320,755. Projected enrollment figures are 616, up from last year's total of 594.

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.

"There is an increase in the budget because of the new building, which will be about \$1.25 million," Stephenson said. "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," he added.

The major increase in the general fund is salary hikes. 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."

"We've worked through every salary and every benefit to try to make sure everything's exactly right," he said.

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."

INSIDE

Joe Townsend

One of the great things about being a Christian and an American is the privilege of disagreement. **Opinion/Page 2**

Taylor Stephenson

Some prayed for rain. It worked. The moral of that story is to be careful of what you ask for, you might get it. **Lifestyles/Page 4**

Tigers scrimmage

The Tigerettes picked up a 14-16, 15-10, 15-9 victory over Del Rio in the third place final of the Luby's volleyball tournament. **Sports/Page 5**

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Deregulation is a hot topic in government

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Deregulation is a wide-spread topic of government these days. It was also the topic of discussion at last Thursday's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting when Joe Hardin, a customer service rep-

resentative for Central Power and Light of Del Rio, talked about deregulation of the electric utility industry.

This is a restructuring of the way the different parts of the electric business come together.

The generators, the lines, the billing -- all the needs that come

into supplying the product have been owned by one company. Plans are that these parts will become available for others to buy. The buyers then become responsible for finding their own customers.

This restructuring will allow retail competition and market-

based pricing.

Regulation would be left up to the community. For instance, meter reading would be done by some company that bid for the job. Billing would be done by another.

One important factor is that individual consumers are to be given the right to choose the company

that will supply their source of energy. The end users and retail consumers should be able to save on their energy bill.

Pricing is to be determined by the actual cost associated with the manufacture. Only expenses allowed by the law would be valid.

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Officials to enlarge jail for new 911 equipment

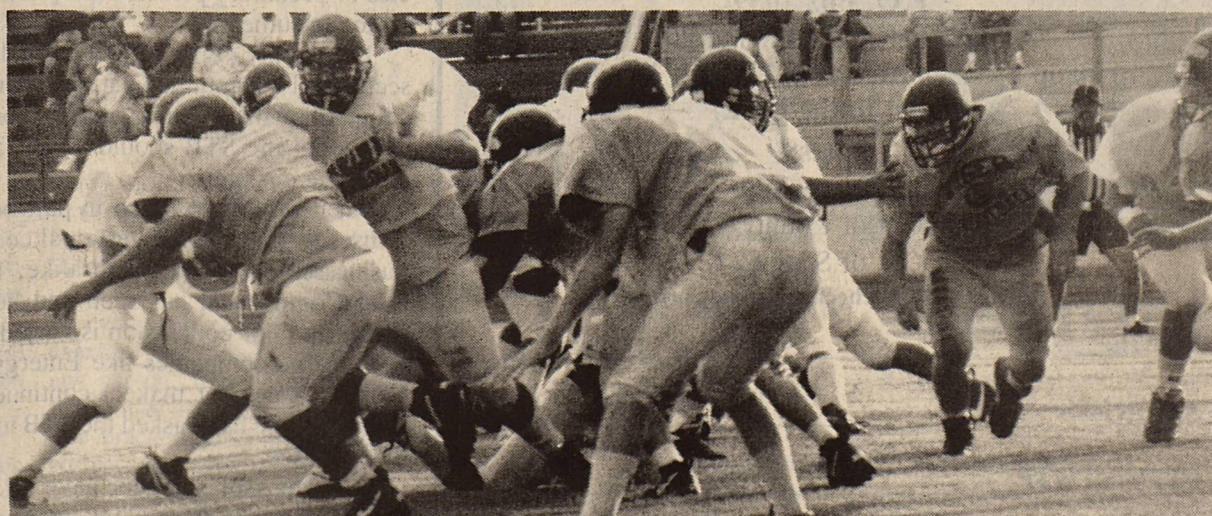
The Kinney County Commissioners Court agreed to enlarge the dispatch area of the County Jail to accommodate new 911 equipment Monday during a special meeting.

The court also approved a construction agreement for \$6,169.43 from Mike Bizzell Construction. The work will cost the county \$4,300. The remainder of the costs will be paid for by the

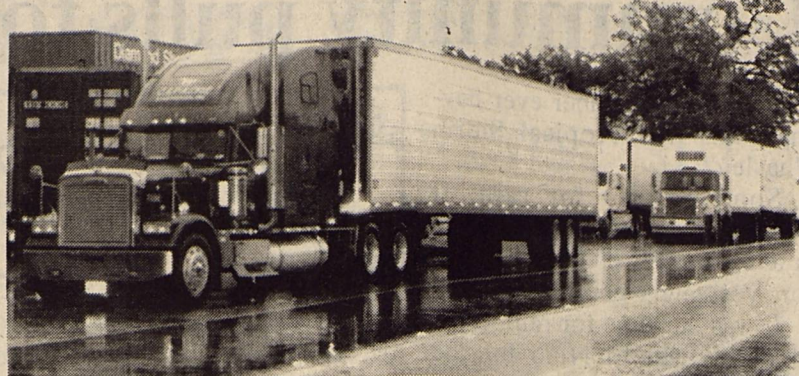
Middle Rio Grande Development Council, which is supplying the 911 equipment.

"There will only be one long hall, from my office to the secure jail door," Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said. "There will be no visitors room as we know."

"It shouldn't take very long to complete the project," he said. "We hope that services will not be disrupted."



The Tigers defense swarms Crystal City during a football scrimmage last week. Brackett will scrimmage Leakey today. See related story, Page 5. **Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry**



Highway 90 West was closed Monday (at left) after Tropical Storm Charley dropped more than a foot of rain in Kinney County last weekend. Many truck drivers were delayed in Brackettville (at right) until the highway opened. Brackett News Photos by J.J. Guidry

Hardin discusses utility deregulation

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If the plan isn't carefully designed, small communities and isolated customers, such as ranches, could be put in disadvantageous positions because the cost of serving such customers will be more expensive.
Hardin said there was a possibility that cooperatives could be exempt. Naturally, service will be cheaper in densely populated areas.
He said the response from people with whom he has talked have largely been unenthusiastic. When given a choice of long distance phone service, they tended to avoid it because it's hard to make comparisons.

Hay network launched

Dolores E. Kosecki, acting county executive director of Val Verde-Kinney-Maverick County Farm Service Agency (FSA), today announced a new effort to match hay shortages with producers having hay surpluses.
FSA will use its nation-wide computer network to share the information. Producers in need of hay will be provided with lists of the closest producers with hay to spare, and vice versa, allowing them to contact each other and make arrangements.
'I'm very pleased to be a part of this effort,' Kosecki said. 'It's a great tool for getting badly needed hay to people who need it as quickly and efficiently as possible.
'I encourage everybody to participate who can, and to come in as soon as possible. The more people sign up, the better the system will work,' she said.
Hay Net will remain in operation for six months. For more information, call the local FSA office at (830) 775-3442.

Obituary Aurora Ortega

Aurora Ortega, 73, of Brackettville passed away Thursday, Aug. 20, 1998 at Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio. She was born March 12, 1925.
Ortega is survived by her husband: Pedro Ortega Sr. of Brackettville; sons: Pedro Ortega Jr., Albert Ortega, Armando Ortega and wife Lori, all of Sweetwater, Texas; Mario Ortega and wife Ester, Richard Ortega and wife Blanca, and Nick Ortega, all of Brackettville; daughters: Hortencia Pena and husband Hector of Brackettville, and Diana Hernandez and husband Gilbert of Uvalde. She is also survived by 20 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; four brothers, two sisters, and numerous other relatives.
Visitation was held Saturday at Don's Funeral Chapels and Sunday at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville.
Mass was on Tuesday, Aug. 25, and burial followed at St. Mary Magdalene Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Don's Funeral Chapels.

John R. Williams

John R. "Speedy" Williams, age 83, of San Angelo died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 1998 at his home on Lake Nasworthy.
Williams was born Nov. 12, 1914 to Samuel John Williams and Mary Ella May, whose families were early settlers in Victoria and Lavaca counties.
He graduated from Tivy High School where he was a football player. He later attended Texas A&M University.
On Dec. 31, 1934, he married Mildred Elizabeth Norris, who preceded him in death on March 13, 1998.
Williams joined the U.S. Border Patrol on Feb. 3, 1940, and was stationed in Laredo, Cotulla, Zapata, San Ignacio, Spofford, Brackettville and Eagle Pass. From 1946 through 1954, he was a member of the national champion Border Patrol pistol team.
He served as chief of the Havre, Montana sector; chief of the Livermore, California sector; and retired as the chief of the Laredo sector, where he helped organize Los Dos Laredos international law enforcement association.
Williams was a charter member and director of the Fraternal Order of Retired Border Patrol Officers.
Following his retirement, he was engaged in family farming in the Veribest area.
He is survived by four children: Mary Sam York and husband Joe of Brackettville, John R. Williams Jr. and wife Mary Margaret of Marfa, Texas, Betsy Himmel and husband Ed of Fort Worth, and Thomas Tot Williams and wife, Corie of San Angelo; a sister: Elaine Wagner of Edna, Texas; a brother: Kemper Williams of Victoria, Texas; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.
The family suggests that memorials be made to Hospice of San Angelo or to the Border Patrol Museum in El Paso.
Services will be held on Saturday, Aug. 29, 1998 at 11 a.m. at Grimes Funeral Chapels in Kerrville with Rev. Paul Terry officiating. Burial will follow in Garden of Memories in Kerrville.
Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, Aug. 18
10:16 p.m., The Del Rio Fire Department reported a car fire on Highway 277, approximately 15 miles south of Del Rio. Sheriff's Deputy Karl Chism and DPS Troopers Richard Slubar and Juan Lozano were dispatched to the scene.
Wednesday, Aug. 19
2:40 a.m., Richard Rodriguez, 27, of Brackettville was arrested for public intoxication by Deputy Chism. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Rodriguez was released the same day. He was credited time served and sentenced to community service.
2:45 a.m., An anonymous caller reported a domestic disturbance on Fort Street. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.
2:51 a.m., Seth Kaplan, 33, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Chism and charged with family violence. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Kaplan was released the same day on a \$5,000 bail bond.
7:25 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that his sister's boyfriend was giving her trouble at a residence on Remote Alley. Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the scene and the problem was taken care of.
Friday, Aug. 21
12:55 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported an emu in her yard at her residence on E. Thomas Street. The City of Brackettville was notified of the situation.
Saturday, Aug. 22
12:19 a.m., Juan Mendoza Dominguez, 25, of Brackettville was arrested by Trooper Slubar and charged with driving while intoxicated, first offense. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Dominguez was released the same day after posting a \$1,000 cash bond.
1:26 a.m., Miguel Nolasco Calvillo, 44, of Del Rio was arrested by Trooper Lozano and charged with driving while intoxicated, first offense. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held.
7:47 a.m., A motorist reported an accident near the REA building on Highway 90. She said some highway signs had been knocked down. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was dispatched to the scene and the Texas Department of Transportation was notified about the accident.
5:51 p.m., Reserve Deputy Sheriff Manuel Pena reported that a residence in Spofford had been broken into. He notified the owner of the residence about the incident.
Sunday, Aug. 23
5:15 a.m., DPS officials from Uvalde reported water on Highway 90, east of Brackettville. Trooper Slubar was notified of the situation, along with officials from the Texas Department of Transportation.
7:30 a.m., A motorist called 911 to report a wreck 34 miles out of Del Rio towards Sonora. Del Rio DPS officials were notified, and they had already dis-

patched troopers and EMS personnel to the scene.
10:00 p.m., Patrick William Kinkennon, 24, of Brackettville was arrested for disorderly conduct by Deputy Chism. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Kinkennon was released for time served.
11:25 p.m., Kerrville DPS officials requested information about six people that were supposed to be on a ranch in Kinney County. Family members were trying to contact the individuals.
Monday, Aug. 24
2:10 a.m., DPS officials requested that the Sheriff's Department notify the Texas Department of Transportation to close off Highway 90, west of Brackettville. Department officials were notified.
10:11 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that a woman wanted to commit suicide. He said she left her residence at the Senior Apartments and headed towards downtown on foot. Deputy Chism was notified he arrived at the scene at 10:16. He requested assistance and Reserve Deputy Ron Ring was dispatched to the scene. The woman was transported to the Sheriff's Office. Chism took the woman back to her residence at 12:16 a.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 25
7:08 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported a fight in progress at the corner of Second and Pafford Street. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He found two people that were arguing. Both individuals left the scene.
9:32 p.m., An anonymous caller reported loud music near Beaumont and Thorn Street. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. The music was turned down.
10:08 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that a group of kids were driving recklessly with bottles in their hands. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. He could not locate the vehicle.
10:18 p.m., An employee at Pico's reported that a customer had called him and threatened him.
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Community Calendar

Thursday, August 27
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.
Tuesday, September 1
7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.
Thursday, September 3
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 meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.
Sunday, September 6
12:00 p.m., The Knights of Columbus meet at Parish Hall.
Monday, September 7
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, September 8
7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.
7:00 p.m., The Las Moras Masonic Lodge No. 444 meets at Lodge Hall on Ann Street.
Thursday, September 10
9:30 a.m., The Mountain Laurel Garden Club meets in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.
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 Kinney County Chamber of Commerce meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.
Saturday, September 12
10:00 a.m., The Fort Club Springs Community Council meets in Shafter Hall on Fort Clark Springs.
Monday, September 14
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, September 15
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 the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

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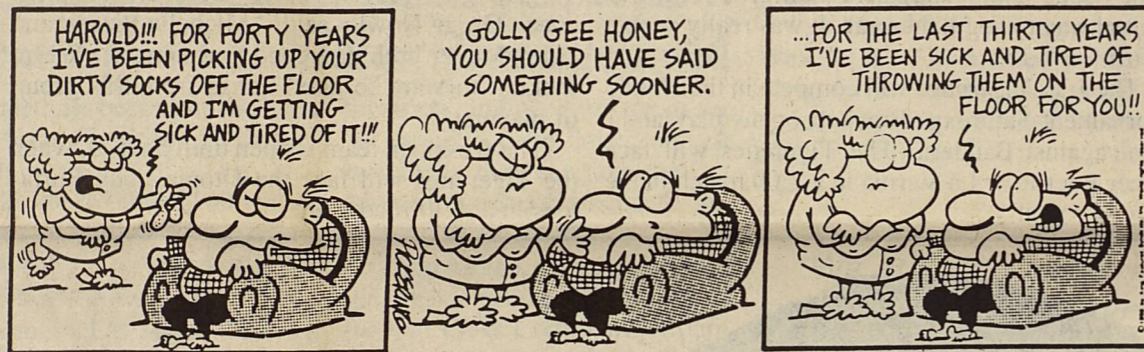
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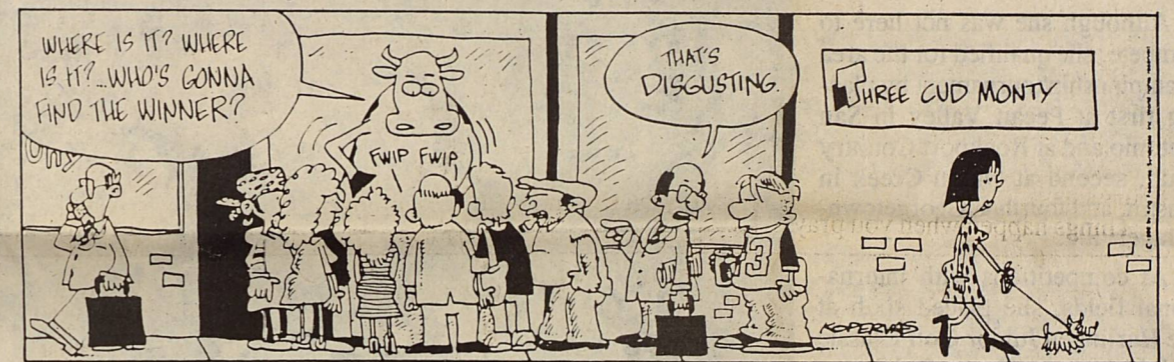
Bud Breen, cowboy, ranch foreman, western movie actor, then artist has been painting pictures that capture the beauty of the open country and ranch life that he loves so well. Bud's Brackettville home is his studio, the kitchen table is his easel and his experiences are his inspiration. Breen Gallery, 107 Spring Street, Brackettville, TX 78832. (830) 563-2961 (830) 563-2106

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OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



Super Crossword

Super Crossword grid with clues. ACROSS: 1 Grating to the ear, 6 Cool, Luke (movie), 10 Fasten with a rope, 14 Groucho's brother, 19 Spanish province, 20 Other, to Caesar, 21 Fria (river in Arizona), 22 Give by decision, 23 Military fortification, 24 Exigency, 25 Bill or pipe starter, 26 Fountain nymph, 27 Drift, 28 French nobleman, 29 Made a boo-boo, 30 Perfume measures, 31 Sparkles, 34 Take for granted, 36 Maple-syrup base, 39 Sister of Ares, 40 Constant practice, 42 Indulge in a drink, 43 Narrow inlet, 46 Prospero's slave, 48 Asian weights, 50 Yes-man's, chief, 52 Plowed lands, 53 Small valise, 55 Explore an idea, 56 Part of a dynamo, 57 Playwright, 58 Partner of substance, 60 Gambler's concern, 61 Chemical compound, 62 Medieval tale in verse, 63 Deliberately malicious, 65 Latin connections, 66 Hiding place, 68 Italian epic poet, 70 Enjoy the slopes, 73 Finery, 76 Sensory structures, 78 Embellish, 82 Old World sandpaper, 84 Sale condition, 85 in one's bonnet, 86 Asian capital city, 87 Kitchen gadget, 89 Boxer's trainer, 91 Type of hemp or paper, 92 Dark-red winter apple, 94 Dormouse, 95 Good luck present, 96 Japan follower, 97 Oil-producing country, 99 Partner of substance, 100 Orange-red chalcodony, 101 Dangerous curve, 102 Related on the mother's side, 104 Plucky quality, 107 "Witness" sect, 110 Lovers, 112 Bonnie-Glynn, 113 English moor, 117 Light, buoyant wood, 118 "vincit omnia", 119 Musical group, 120 Sinus cavities, 121 Strange, 122 Light of Broadway, 123 Baseball family, 124 Prepare to be knighted, 125 "and Deliver" (movie), 126 Unit of force, 127 It's opposed to starboard, 128 Atoll, feature DOWN: 1 Lorenz of songdom, 2 Allego crest, 3 Carnival attraction, 4 Informal language, 5 Curved mustache, 6 Sembits, as a test paper, 7 Certain, 8 Caroline, to Eunice, 9 TV's "Major", 10 Comedian, Bert, 11 Early Greek, 12 Most, confidant, 13 Passes along, 14 Second Hand Rose's wardrobe, 15 Informal control of, 16 Skate genus, 17 Baby carriage, 18 Race tracks into, 19 Ancient military caps, 20 Levin and Gershwin, 21 Shade of difference, 22 Word in a fairy tale, 23 Terrify, 24 Spelling or Copland, 25 Greek philosopher, 26 Nudge rudely, 27 Long, narrow crest, 28 Small bay, 29 Dyer's vats, 30 Baal, et al., 31 Small fruit pie, 32 Norse legend, 33 Edmund O'Brien, 34 Prepared suspense film, 35 Drug from Indian hemp, 36 More serene, 37 Hostess with the mostest, 38 Public warehouse, 39 Narrow ship channel, 40 Before the CIA, 41 Assumed control of, 42 He played Charlie Chan, 43 Author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin", 44 French military caps, 45 Duménil or Cara, 46 Coin of Iran, 47 Serfs, once, 48 One Picasso, 49 Inca, 50 Fragrant flavoring seed, 51 Rhett, Scarlett, et al., 52 Dashboard indicators, 53 Compass point, 54 Informal seal of agreement, 55 avis, 56 Some sedatives, 57 Dark area on Mars, 58 Poker player's dream, 59 Prepared news release, 60 Capital of Niger, 61 Upperclassman, 62 City in the Ruhr valley, 63 Sing like Bing, 64 Danny's daughter, 65 Plant of the legume family, 66 Desert garments, 67 Brewer's need, 68 Hip bones, 69 White-tailed eagle, 70 Sweet, pulpy fruit, 71 Arbutum attraction, 72 Arsenio or Monty, 73 Dance like Hines

MAGIC MAZE

HAND FORGING

Magic Maze grid with words: B D A X V S Q N K I F D A X V, T Q O M J H F C A Y W U R P N, L J P H F D G G E L B Z X V T, R A U Q O M N N A R B K I H F, D B N Z Y I G T I W E V T R Q, O H C V H N E N L D L Y K I P, H A H T I M S K C A L B U R F, D M I D C L A Z X T O E E T F, W M N V U G N I G A W S W L S, S E G A G N I T T E S P U R Q, B R O N F M K J I H H X F E D

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

- Bellows, Bending, Blacksmith, Fan, Flux, Hammer, Heat, Metal, Press, Punching, Smithing, Swaging, Tuyere, Upsetting, Welding

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Some feel unappreciated by a higher-up, but perhaps you're taking things too personally this week. Developments at a distance renew your faith in human nature. Weekend socializing is pleasant. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You can't expect a friend to give more than he or she is capable of. Concentrate on career interests for progress. Finances improve. However, still be sure to watch your budget when out shopping over the weekend. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Holding things in will only get you down more. Take advantage of those good friends who will hear you out. Then, you're in fine shape by week's end. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Though you're not getting your own way this week, try not to take out your disappointment on others. Home-based activities are best for you for the most part. However, you can feel free to kick up your heels over the weekend. LEO (July 23 to August 22) Though you might not have as much money at your disposal as you'd like, you still can have joyous times with others. By all means, go out for fun. Be aware, though, that a career matter needs tending to as well this week. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A task is not as fearsome as you imagined. Once you get started and become involved, things go smoothly for you. Rise above self-limitation. LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family problem could get you down. Sharing your thoughts with a romantic tie helps to alleviate the blues. Indulge your taste for the nice things in life over the weekend. SCORPIO (October 23 to



November 21) Be careful not to strain credit resources. Home-based fun seems preferable to outside activities this week. Some face a romantic disappointment. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A block on the job could mean you've been trying too hard and stifling the free flow of intuition. Some playtime gets you back in touch with your feelings. Later in the week, you achieve your goals. CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't let outside worries interfere with job efficiency. This week, you have a chance to better your position but it requires your full concentration. A friend has some interesting advice this weekend. AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Though social life is nicely highlighted, it's a poor time to ask others for favors, especially of a financial nature. Enjoy cultural amusements this weekend. Romance is positive for singles and married folks alike. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A tendency to be downcast needs to be overcome this week. Practice some self-analysis and get to the root of what is bothering you. Then, begin again.

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HOCUS-FOCUS. Two panels of a woman and children. FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS. Differences: 1. Box is larger, 2. Hedge is missing, 3. Panels are different, 4. Base is missing, 5. Arm is showing, 6. Fence is shorter.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY. Aug. 27 Gus Garcia, Mary D. Paz, Tom Erte, Elena Luna, Augustine Luz, Worth Mayfield, David Meyer, Edward Solis Jr., Mary Stephenson, Brianna Escamilla, Kristi Meyer, Richard A. Pena II, Billie J. Roberts, Vickie Mitchell, Ben Vasquez, Jane Young, Bill Herman, Tom McNew, Bea Porter, Genie Robinson, Charlie Rose, Murt Zimmerman, Jack Fielder.

