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School to hold budget hearing

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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.

tact 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 Cen-

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.

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One of the great things about being a Christian and an American is the privilege of disagree-

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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

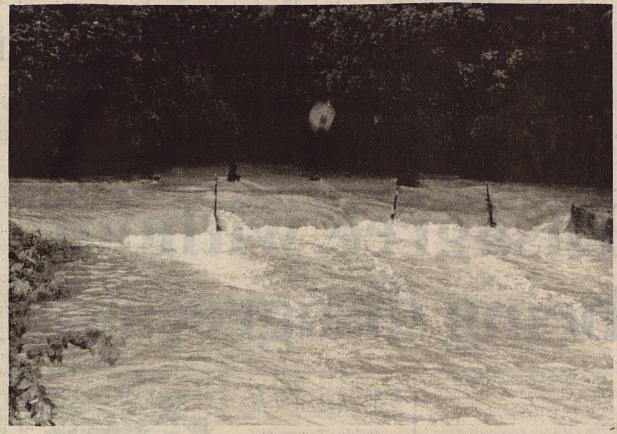
■ Tigers scrimmage

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

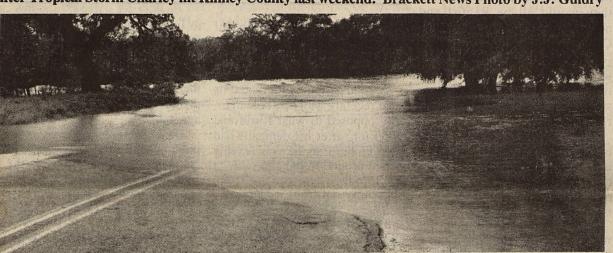
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Briefs ... Floods swamp South Texas



Persons interested in donating The Las Moras Creek flows over the bridge on Fritter Street, between the County Jail and City Hall to either of these funds can con- 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 trol trainee who drowned while eral government can assist in this Brackett News Photo by Jewel Robinson trying to rescue his mother-in-law. disaster," he said. this week.

Over 90 forced to evacuate

See story below

Over 90 people were forced to evacuate their homes after Tropithan 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 the extent of the destruction. comfortable as possible," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. for about a 24 hour period, ac-

Brackettville sustained major dam- Luna. ages, according to "very preliminary" American Red Cross fig-

trained Red Cross teams fanned kettville and Del Rio. out across the area to catalogue See FLOODS/Page 4

"We brought in buses cal Storm Charley dropped more and helped displaced residents get as comfortable as possible."

Taylor Stephenson

Brackettville was without gas As of Tuesday, 24 homes in cording to City Secretary David

West Texas Gas, which provides gas to the city, shut down its system between 7 and 8 a.m. The damage assessment was Tuesday after discovering a maabout 60 percent complete, as jor break in a line between Brac-

Rising waters claim 15 lives

this week in South Texas and northern Mexico because of the flooding caused by Tropical Storm scheduled to fly over Del Rio yes-Charley

In Del Rio, officials used boats Sunday night.

The flooding took seven lives Rio Grande in Ciudad Acuna, at as possible. least three died and more than to officials there.

David Paytte, a U.S. Border Pa-

At least 15 people have died Paytte had been with the Border Patrol less than a year.

> Gov. George W. Bush was terday to survey the devastation. He was to be accompanied by

and helicopters to search for more U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-San than 40 missing after more than a Antonio; state Sen. Frank Madla, foot of rain dropped on the area D-San Antonio; and state Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine.

Bonilla said he is making an in Del Rio and forced 750 to effort to get federal emergency evacuate their homes. Across the assistance to the victims as quickly

'My office has been in touch 2,500 were evacuated, according with Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Texas Divi-Among those who died was sion of Emergency Management to determine how quickly the fed-

School district's budget up 16 percent Stephenson said the construction of the The major increase in the general fund

The Brackett School District's proposed

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

uled to hold a public hearing this week, are 616, up from last year's total of 594. 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 Stephenson.

includes \$587,711 in Tier II funding.

"Tier II is an equalization fund," budget for the upcoming fiscal year is up Stephenson said. "The funds are based on academic wing will be paid for with re- is salary hikes. Teachers received an av-

The district's assessed valuation is up

proximately \$40,000 in the general fund is that we've been saving. 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 behikes, according to Superintendent Taylor cause of the new building, which will be The school district is expecting to re- the budget will look much larger, but most time, we're still seeking some grant help. We take an average midpoint salary for ceive \$2,937,977 in state funding, which of the payments for the new building will to help us complete some of the details of that particular work category and we raise come out of our fund balance."

the local tax effort, the number of kids enserve funds, but will be reflected in the erage increase of 3.58 percent. new budget.

cheaper if it comes out of the fund bal- it. The proposed budget will increase ap- ance. One of the things that helped us here

> "Any time you can pay as you go, it's cheaper because you don't have to pay all paraprofessionals are "primarily the the interest that goes with it.

"I'm not saying that our district will alabout \$1.25 million, "Stephenson said. "So ways be able to do that. But at the present said. "Everyone gets the same basic raise. the building." he added.

"Teachers salaries are basically con-"For several years, we've been work- trolled at the state level," Stephenson said. 2.8 percent, from \$88,805,120 to ing, knowing we needed a building "They set a minimum salary level and they The Brackett School Board was sched- \$91,320,755. Projected enrollment figures project," he said. "We can pay for it much supposedly give you the money to pay for

"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

"Our raises are on the midpoint," he that salary 3.58 percent."

Deregulation is a hot topic in government

By Frances McMaster Contributing Writer

Deregulation is a wide-spread topic of government these days. at last Thursday's Brackettville tric business come together. Rotary Club meeting when Joe

resentative for Central Power and into supplying the product have based pricing. dustry

The generators, the lines, the

Light of Del Rio, talked about debeen owned by one company. regulation of the electric utility in- Plans are that these parts will become available for others to buy. This is a restructuring of the The buyers then become respon-It was also the topic of discussion way the different parts of the elec- sible for finding their own cus-

meter reading would be done by on their energy bill. some company that bid for the job.

This restructuring will allow dividual consumers are to be given lowed by the law would be valid. Hardin, a customer service rep- billing -- all the needs that come retail competition and market- the right to choose the company - See HARDIN/Page 3

that will supply their source of Regulation would be left up to energy. The end users and retail the community. For instance, consumers should be able to save

Pricing is to be determined by Billing would be done by another. the actual cost associated with the One important factor is that in- manufacture. Only expenses al-

Officials to enlarge jail for new 911 equipment

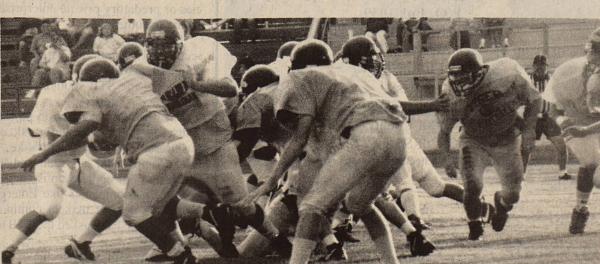
the dispatch area of the County Jail to accommodate new 911 equipment Monday during a spe- hall, from my office to the secure ial meeting.

struction agreement for \$6,169.43 visitors room as we know. from Mike Bizzell Construction. The work will cost the county complete the project," he said. \$4,300. The remainder of the "We hope that services will not costs will be paid for by the be disrupted."

The Kinney County Commis- Middle Rio Grande Development sioners Court agreed to enlarge Council, which is supplying the 911 equipment.

"There will only be one long jail door," Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" The court also approved a con- Burgess said. "There will be no

"It shouldn't take very long to



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

Letter to the Editor

Prisons are not a bad thing

security for a 220 inmate factory tance himself from the prison area. unit, shook-down 80 inmates a day, did lock-down cell searches. ots, and went on "chases" after in your county. escaped convicts.

are relevant primarily inside the burglary. First sentence - 5 years, prison. Also working in a prison second - 10, third - 18, total - 33 is a nasty job someone has to do. years, and at age 25 he was about Likewise, prisons need to be lo- to be released from his third incated somewhere and desolate ar- carceration. eas like South Texas are prime locations.

ready spreading messages of para-shortage of prison beds. noia, which are unjustified.

formed, a perimeter established, deterrent. and the area is saturated with state

I've worked in three prisons, and local lawmen, Texas Rangtwo medium and one maximum ers, and corrections officers. Dogs are brought in and a thorough The last prison I worked was search follows. An escaped con-Brisco, in Dilley, Texas. I ran vict will attempt to quickly dis-

Burying your head in the sand worked with gang intelligence, won't make problems go away. worked thousands of inmates on Prisons are good, resisting them work details, wrote and investi- is bad. Shortages of prison beds gated thousands of cases, and tes- equal more early releases and tified at hearings. I've been spit more criminals on the streets, at, threatened, had a variety of liq- which is clearly a bigger threat to uids thrown my way, worked ri- public safety than having a prison

One inmate that worked on my The point is, safety concerns detail was on his third term for

He told me he's quitting the crime business cause lockup time The biggest public concern is was getting longer and becoming usually the possibility of escapes. a deterrent. This is the "revolv-Some in the community are al- ing door system" created by a

Lets build the prisons we need When an inmate escapes, the so we can take the criminals off prison is immediately under "lock- the streets and put them where down." A command post is they belong, long enough to be a

David Reinhold

Lodge request not answered

ever written to the editor and will tee to meet with the Kinney probably be the last, but I feel I County Appraisal District board have to respond to an article in at their convenience. Apparently The Brackett News, dated Aug. it has not been convenient for them 13, concerning the Kinney County to meet with us, for as of this date, Appraisal District, in which it Aug. 19, we have not heard from states the Masonic Lodge has not them. taken action on their request to terminate the lease agreement. This is not so.

Dec. 31, 2000.

the Kinney County Appraisal Dis- matter. trict telling them that the Masonic

This is the first letter I have Lodge had appointed a commit-

Twice before articles have appeared in The Brackett News in On July 7, the Las Moras Ma- which it was stated they did not sonic Lodge received a letter re- think the Masonic Lodge would questing termination of the lease let them out of the lease agreeagreement which runs through ment. This is assuming a lot since they have not granted us a date to On July 15, I wrote a letter to meet with them to discuss the

Bruce Clements

Unsung Hero By Joe Townsend

in this area is Bud Breen. He first many years.

started. Some of his early paint- a fair. Thus began the Kinney ings are to be seen at Alamo Vil- County Fair. lage even now.

recent works to truly realize how been a devoted husband. he has developed as a great artist. each painting. No one can paint an exceptional individual. more action on a canvas than Bud.

to community organizations to Surely, Bud Breen is an Unsung benefit many different causes. He Hero.

NAME

One of the most undersung men has done his work in his home for

came to Brackettville to work on Bud Breen was responsible for the set for filming the Alamo. . the start of the fair. He was on When that was finished, Bud the board of the Chamber of Comhad designs on being an artist. merce. We decided we needed Happy Shahan set him up a stu- some annual event to promote dio in the Alamo and Bud got Brackettville and Bud suggested

Bud is the father of an excep-One needs to see these and his tionally fine family and has always

Bud is quiet and unassuming, From his earliest works, Bud has but when Bud smiles the world been able to send a message with lights up. He is in every respect

Brackettville is signally blessed He has given many paintings by having Bud Breen in our midst.

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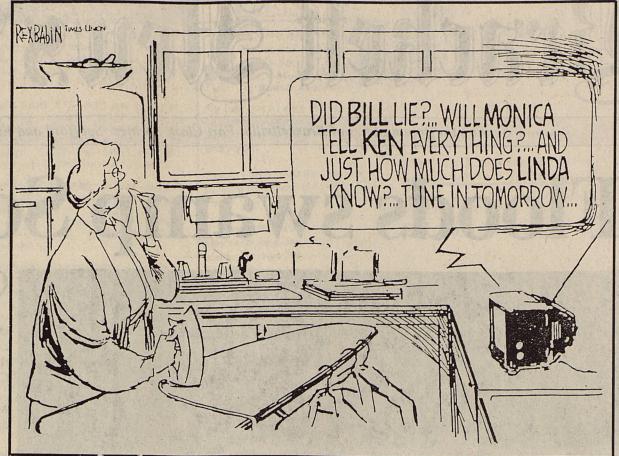
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Disagree without being disagreeable

One of the great things about being a Christian and an American is the privilege of disagree-

Many people do not agree with me. If everyone agreed with me, they would all be Baptist and members of Frontier Baptist cool and say things in the heat of to irritate. If the individual only

There can scarcely be a subject broached but what there are two sides. Usually there are three sides -- your side, my side and the right side.

they disagree with me does not but you're not from Texas." mean we are enemies.

I cherish the right to think for myself and form my own opin- and, aside from some time spent son to enjoy that right.

corollary to this right that seems Brackettville. to make it impossible to disagree

By Joe Townsend

Between Us

to dissention. A good case in point reared its head recently with me. A man totally opposed to what I said and Some of my dearest friends at stood for, after his demands had times disagree with me. And this been ignored, as he was leaving is fine. They have a God given turned around to me and said, "I right to feel as they do. Because don't know where you are from,

In reality, I was born in Texas no.

usually causes a person to lose his It was a salacious remark intended 19.

disagreement that are meant to be knew how little his caustic remark vindictive and not at all germane disturbed me, he would be even more upset. The whole point is, there is lots of room for disagreement, but no space for being disagreeable.

Being disagreeable even to the point of back biting reveals a deep character flaw which prevents the penalty each year. Both spouses individual from being happy and knowing the full joy of living.

Disagree, yes. Be disagreeable,

P.S. To the cowardly writer ions. In fact, I cherish that right as a missionary to China and a few who lacked the honesty and integso much I want every other per-years as pastor in a pioneer area, rity to sign his name, I base my I've spent my entire life in Texas. entire life, belief and messages on Too often there is a despicable The last 32 years I've spent in the Bible. I cannot abide, accept or give credibility to the fraudu-The point is where I came from lent heresy you accept and spread. without being disagreeable. This had no bearing at all on the issue. Read John 3:16 and Rev. 22:18-

Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Tax on love and marriage

If you're looking for romance, the tax code is not the place to start. Love may be blind, but the IRS isn't.

Our current federal tax code penalizes those who are married by requiring hard-working married couples to pay higher taxes on the same combined income than would two unmarried persons. In fact, in 1996 the law pushed 42 percent of married couples in America into a higher tax bracket. This is the so-called marriage tax penalty.

For example, take a couple in which the husband is a new Houston police officer and his wife is a teacher for the Houston Independent School District.

The husband's adjusted gross income is \$33,500, his wife's is \$28,200. Combined, their incomes total \$61,700. Filing jointly, their tax liability is \$8,504. If they were allowed to file singly, their liability would be \$6,481.50. That's a difference of \$1,022.50 -- enough to make several car payments.

Because American families increasingly have two breadwinners, instead of one, more Americans feel the pinch of the marriage worked outside the home in 48 percent of American families in 1969. Today that figure is 72 per-

The marriage tax penalty goes against the American grain. Under current law, the only way to avoid the marriage penalty is not to marry. Dollars and cents aside, this is inappropriate tax treatment for an institution that is one of the bedrocks of our society.

Right now, Congress' top priority is to eliminate this unfair burden imposed by the tax code, and to give families a fighting chance in their battle of the bud-

The congressional debate now about remedying the problem.

One proposal would be to allow a husband and a wife each the flexibility to file single returns or a joint return, depending on which would be right for them.

A second proposal, "income splitting," also would allow couples to file as singles. But before calculating their taxes as singles, they would be permitted to add their incomes and divide the total in two for tax purposes.

Such an approach, included in has the advantage of helping famiconsiderably less than another or who may earn no wages at all betake care of the family

The third way Congress could double the amount of income at which married couples would be thrown into a higher tax bracket.

Bottom line here -- and it is the can couples -- is that I'm for any shouldn't have to choose between love and money.

Courage is grace under

pressure.

Competition key to ending Texas rail crisis

By Carole Keeton Rylander

Chairman, Texas Railroad Commission

On July 31, the Surface Transportation Board to the recent STB ruling. abdicated its responsibility to the people of Texas result of a merger of UP and Southern Pacific rail-

low SP and all of Texas has been choking on the

The STB says the Texas rail crisis is over. I say in the key transportation hub of Houston. But that rail merger.

While maintaining the crisis is over, the STB has only made spot checks in Texas, and has not gone Department of Highways saying that we don't need out in the field to see the problems firsthand. Also, to build new highways in Texas because we can the STB has never seriously attempted to provide a now travel speedily from midnight to six in the cause that spouse stays home to permanent fix to a problem that will not go away.

The root of the problem on Texas railways is the lack of competition. Union Pacific operates as a to the status quo and Union Pacific will become less remedy the tax code would be to whelming power to dictate price and service condiments in Texas. tions. As years of experience has taught us -- expetal to consumers.

competition that creates value for consumers. That's who are monopolized by Union Pacific. the model the STB should adopt, and compel appropriate changes.

But it refuses to do so in part because the STB refuses to listen to the very real concerns of Texas businesses, large and small alike. The Texas Railroad Commission has seen and heard those con-

cerns, and our conclusion is very different:

continue to condemn UP's service.

Cemex (à cement maker) continue to experience cause of the STB's complicity in UP's meltdown. problems and have asked the STB to intervene. The They should have never approved the merger in the ■ Dozens of shippers have told me about the der when progress is just beginning to be seen. enormous costs they have incurred in additional

■ The Society of the Plastics Industry, which represents our Gulf Coast petrochemical companies, said "our worst fears are actualized," in response is focused on the best way to go Texas does not need the federal government to

to provide long-term relief to the disastrous safety run the railroads. That's unworkable. Texas needs and service record of Union Pacific Railroad, the competition on the rails which only the STB can ensure. The Texas Railroad Commission has offered a

On my motion, the Texas Railroad Commission plan to bring competition. Parts of that plan, inhas vigorously opposed this merger, and continues cluding giving trackage rights to alternate carriers, to do so. Federal bureaucrats allowed UP to swal- were adopted by the STB during its temporary emergency oversight of Union Pacific. And its working. The STB is right to say there is less congestion

shippers, particularly farmers and ranchers already relief is fleeting because competition is not a persuffering one of the worst droughts in Texas his- manent feature of the future of rail in Texas. Theretory, continue to be punished by an ill-conceived fore, I believe service and safety could deteriorate a bill I introduced earlier this year, once again. The STB's ruling was tantamount to the Texas lies in which one spouse earns

Once the oversight is discontinued, we'll return

monopoly in many parts of Texas with the over- vigilant in applying its resources to make improve-The STB ruling comes at the wrong time and

rience the STB refuses to acknowledge -- monopo- ignores the ultimate value competition can bring to lies, whether in the form of government bureaucra- end the Texas rail crisis. Federal regulators have bottom line for 21 million Americies or predatory private enterprises, are detrimen- refused to take immediate and meaningful action to give TexMex Railroad permanent access to the effective way to eliminate the The vitality of the oil and gas industry, high tech Houston/Gulf coast market and also to expand neumarriage tax penalty. Americans sector and telecommunications is driven by intense tral switching to hundreds of large captive shippers

As I said 18 months ago, this rail merger is bad for Texas. It's cost the Texas economy more than \$1.5 billion, our shippers and manufacturers continue to suffer, and there is no lasting progress toward rail competition in Texas.

The result is that Texas consumers, especially in small town Texas, are paying more for everything ■ Large companies like Entergy (a utility) and from cooling the home to feeding the family befirst place, and it is irresponsible to now lift an or-

I intend to continue to hold STB's feet to the transportation costs and lost opportunities. They fire, and I call on our elected representatives of both parties in Congress to do the same.





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

■ Continued from Page 1

and the owners would be al- isolated customers, such as lowed a fair margin of profit. ranches, could be put in disad-

There must be no discrimi- vantageous positions because the nation. The actual plan will be cost of serving such customers decided by the state or the gov- will be more expensive. ernment.

customers wanting to cut costs will be cheaper in densely popuand self generate. Large oil and lated areas. gas companies also want to find new markets for their gas.

about the effects on individual tic. When given a choice of long buyers, such as the AARP distance phone service, they lobby, are watching this venture carefully.

If the plan isn't carefully designed, small communities and

Hardin said there was a pos-Pressure for this change has sibility that cooperatives could come from the large industrial be exempt. Naturally, service

He said the response from people with whom he has talked People who are concerned have largely been unenthusiastended to avoid it because it's hard to make comparisons.

Hay network launched

Dolores E. Kosecki, acting county executive director of Val ers having hay surpluses.

"Some hay areas have surtouch with each other."

Hay Net is a national clearingages or surpluses of hay. Farmers and ranchers are encouraged to sign up and register their hay situation at the Val Verde-Kinney-

FSA will use its nation-wide computer network to share the Verde-Kinney-Maverick County information. Producers in need of Farm Service Agency (FSA), to- hay will be provided with lists of day announced a new effort to the closest producers with hay to match hay shortages with produc- spare, and vice versa, allowing them to contact each other and make arrangements.

"I'm very pleased to be a part pluses, and some have severe of this effort," Kosecki said. "It's shortages," Kosecki said. "This is a great tool for getting badly a new and exciting way to get the needed hay to people who need it producers in both situations in as quickly and efficiently as possible.

"I encourage everybody to parhouse for producers with short- ticipate 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 opera-Maverick County FSA office, lo- tion for six months. For more incated at 1100 Bedell Ave. in Del formation, call the local FSA office at (830) 775-3442.

Obituary

Aurora Ortega

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 Escia Pena and husband Hector of tion of Don's Funeral Chapels.

Aurora Ortega, 73, of Brackett- Brackettville, and Diana Hernanville passed away Thursday, Aug. dez and husband Gilbert of 20, 1998 at Val Verde Regional Uvalde. She is also survived by Medical Center in Del Rio. She 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. ter, Richard Ortega and wife 25, and burial followed at St. Blanca, and Nick Ortega, all of Mary Magdalene Cemetery. Ar-Brackettville; daughters: Horten- rangements were under the direc-

John R. "Speedy" Williams, on Lake Nasworthy.

Williams was born Nov. 12, Mary Ella May, whose families the Veribest area. were early settlers in Victoria and Lavaca counties.

School where he was a football Jr. and wife Mary Margaret of player. He later attended Texas Marfa, Texas, Betsy Himmel and A&M University.

Mildred Elizabeth Norris, who Corie of San Angelo; a sister: preceded him in death on March Elaine Wagner of Edna, Texas; a 13, 1998.

der Patrol on Feb. 3, 1940, and dren and six great-grandchildren. was stationed in Laredo, Cotulla, Zapata, San Ignacio, Spofford, a member of the national cham- Museum in El Paso. pion Border Patrol pistol team.

Laredo sector, where he helped Garden of Memories in Kerrville. organize Los Dos Laredos international law enforcement associa- der the direction of Grimes Fu-

Williams was a charter memage 83, of San Angelo died Tues- ber and director of the Fraternal day, Aug. 25, 1998 at his home Order of Retired Border Patrol

Following his retirement, he 1914 to Samuel John Williams and was engaged in family farming in

He is survived by four children: Mary Sam York and husband Joe He graduated from Tivy High of Brackettville, John R. Williams husband Ed of Fort Worth, and On Dec. 31, 1934, he married Thomas Tot Williams and wife, brother: Kemper Williams of Williams joined the U.S. Bor- Victoria, Texas; seven grandchil-

The family suggests that me-Brackettville and Eagle Pass. morials be made to Hospice of San From 1946 through 1954, he was Angelo or to the Border Patrol

Services will be held on Satur-He served as chief of the day, Aug. 29, 1998 at 11 a.m. at Havre, Montana sector; chief of Grimes Funeral Chapels in the Livermore, California sector; Kerrville with Rev. Paul Terry ofand retired as the chief of the ficiating. Burial will follow in

Funeral arrangements are unneral Chapels of Kerrville.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, Aug. 18

10:16 p.m., The Del Rio Fire Deputy Karl Chism and DPS ville was notified of the situation. 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 same day after posting a \$1,000 was released the same day. He cash bond. was credited time served and sentenced to community service.

scene.

2:51 a.m., Seth Kaplan, 33, of 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

Department reported a car fire on woman reported an emu in her Highway 277, approximately 15 yard at her residence on E. Thomiles south of Del Rio. Sheriff's mas Street. The City of Brackett-

Saturday, Aug. 22

12:19 a.m., Juan Mendoza 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

1:26 a.m., Miguel Nolazco Calvillo, 44, of Del Rio was ar-2:45 a.m., An anonymous rested by Trooper Lozano and caller reported a domestic distur- charged with driving while intoxibance on Fort Street. Deputy cated, first offense. He was Chism was dispatched to the booked into the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held.

7:47 a.m., A motorist reported him. Brackettville was arrested by an accident near the REA build-Deputy Chism and charged with ing on Highway 90. She said some family violence. He was booked highway signs had been knocked into the Kinney County Jail. 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.

12:55 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported a fight in nel to the scene. progress at the corner of Second and Pafford Street. Deputy Guidry

9:32 p.m., An anonomous time served Dominguez, 25, of Brackettville caller reported loud music near the scene. The music was turned

scene

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 quested that the Sheriff's Departscene. He could not locate the ment notify the Texas Department

Pico's reported that a customer ville. Department officials were had called him and threatened notified.

Sunday, Aug. 23

Uvalde reported water on High- she left her residence at the Seway 90, east of Brackettville. nior Apartments and headed to-Trooper Slubar was notified of the wards downtown on foot. Deputy situation, along with officials from Chism was notified he arrived at the Texas Department of Trans- the scene at 10:16. He requested portation.

7:08 p.m., A Brackettville patched troopers and EMS person-

10:00 p.m., Patrick William Kinkennon, 24, of Brackettville was dispatched to the scene. He was arrested for disordlerly confound two people that were argu- duct by Deputy Chism. He was ing. Both individuals left the booked into the Kinney County Jail. Kinkennon was released for

11:25 p.m., Kerrville DPS of-Beaumont and Thorn Street. ficials requested information about Deputy Chism was dispatched to 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 reof Transportation to close off 10:18 p.m., An employee at Highway 90, west of Brackett-

10:11 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that a woman 5:15 a.m., DPS officials from wanted to commit suicide. He said assistance and Reserve Deputy 7:30 a.m., A motorist called Ron Ring was dispatched to the 911 to report a wreck 34 miles scene. The woman was transout of Del Rio towards Sonora. ported to the Sheriff's Office. Del Rio DPS officials were noti- Chism took the woman back to her

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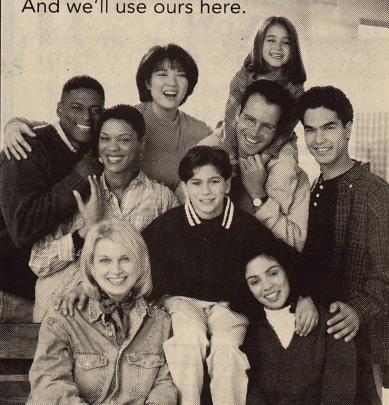
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Thursday, August 27 12:00 p.m., The Brackettville

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 Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Thursday, September 3 Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry taurant on Fort Clark Springs.

6:30 p.m., The Lions Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Springs Community Council 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.

Society meets at the Adult Center on Ann Street.

on Fort Clark Springs.

Tuesday, September 8 7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark City Council meets at the City Duplicate Bridge Club meets in Annex on Highway 90 West. the Gorgas Room at the Adult

Center on Fort Clark Springs. Masonic Lodge No. 444 meets at Center on Fort Clark Springs.

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 Duplicate Bridge Club meets in Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry the Gorgas Room at the Adult Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

6:30 p.m., The Kinney County 12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Chamber of Commmerce meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Ballroom at the Las Moras Res- Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

Saturday, September 12 10:00 a.m., The Fort Club

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 5:00 p.m., The Old Quarry district's Administration Building

Tuesday, September 15 6:00 p.m., The Brackettville

7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets in 7:00 p.m., The Las Moras the Gorgas Room at the Adult

fied, and they had already dis-residence at 12:16 a.m.

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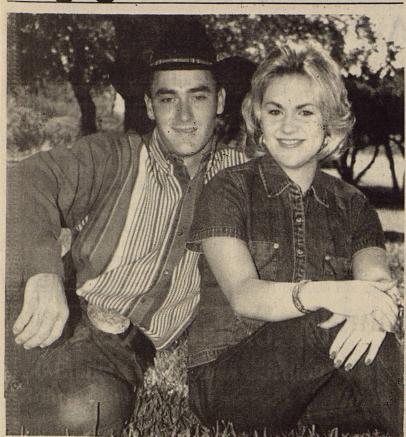
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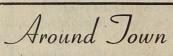
Wilson, Shannon engaged

nounce the engagement of their Alpharetta, Ga. daughter, Leilani, to Brad Shanannon of Del Rio.

Living Heritage Academy in Texas.

Don and Linda Wilson of Fort Dallas, and is employed by Clark Springs are proud to an- American Co-Ed Pageants of

The couple will be married non, son of Troy and Paula Sh- Oct. 17 at the First Baptist Church of Brackettville with the Brad is a 1995 graduate of reception held at the Old Quarry Del Rio High School and is em- Amphitheatre on Fort Clark ployed by the U.S. Postal Ser- Springs. They will honeymoon in Florida before returning to Leilani is a 1998 graduate of their home in Richland Springs,



By Woodie Hornburg



Clean-up of Las Moras Creek delayed

volunteers ready to spruce her up provement program. on Saturday, another postponement is necessary.

tance, the environmentalists are patible.

Sometimes beautiful and placid persistent and patiently await for Las Moras Creek can be cantan- the creek to calm down, so that eventually they can take the Las With approximately 40 willing Moras through a cosmetically im-

To state the situation briefly, the creek clean-up, sponsored by When the Las Moras throws a the Fort Clark Community Countantrum, she kicks up waves and cil, has been postponed until fur- jor repairs because we thrashes out of her bank with wild ther notice to a kinder, gentler have to wait for the time when the volunteers and However, with stubborn resis- weather conditions are more com-

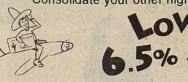
Auditions set for Monday

Auditions for the upcoming melodrama, presented by the Old Ouarry Society, will be held on Monday at 7 p.m. at Post Theatre. The melodrama will be performed in conjunction with Fort Clark ing town 30 miles west.

The cast calls for three women and four men, plus numerous cowboys, Indians (male and female), and barroom hostesses. People are also needed to help with sound, lights, set building, etc. For more information, call 563-9229.

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Community pulls together during flood

Making a Difference

By Taylor Stephenson, BISD Superintenden

Can you remember ever having rains like Tropical Storm

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

of us blamed El Nino for the markable day. drought. So, came the rain.

inches of rain in one week. Oth- nitely out for the day. ers had about 20 inches. There were bigger numbers than that in Kinney County.

The rain was wonderful. The Las Moras Creek swelled to look like a mighty river. Water from Brackettville and the rainfall that fell on the fort was enough to turn the creek into a huge river. As the river flowed through Fort Clark, its banks swelled beyond belief.

line in case it kept raining.

many of the adults got into boats and toured up and down the is-:

It was our time for rain. Most land all day long. It was a re- that included the Fire Depart-

We began to see that there were great problems in Brackettville where some 90 people needed to be evacuated from their homes in low lying areas of Brackettville.

The school opened its gym, library and cafeteria. We brought in buses and helped disable as possible.

Richard Terrazas helped with The Oaks became an island buses and cars to take care of that was completely surrounded our visitors. Stoney Burks was logged. there helping much of the day, Dusty Brotherton ran a tour Monica White, Johnny and Sue this effort. service on the right side of the Castro, HoneyBee Gomez, and The high school kids and also was helping with transpor-

ment. I know that the sheriff and At school, Michael Schooler his deputies and many of the city scenes working.

Our prayers are with Del Rio. and we need to do all we can to help ease their pain. Ciudad Acuna is also part of our life.

The devastation from the rains was huge. For those who lost lives, we offer our prayers.

We're trying to help with placed residents get as comfort- some of the little things, such as a practice field for the Del Rio

Del Rio football is coming to It was fun to watch Mike as was Tommy Castillo, Joel Brackettville to work out on the Bizzell bring a boat and tie a life- Delbosque, Ruben Buantello, Tiger Field. Our football coach, Juanita Lopez, Adela Avila, David Yeager, is coordinating

Kathy Bader. Beverly Wright provide showers for about 120 operation is centered out of doing it! I noticed emergency vehicles A&M. They came in a hurry.

There is little running water in Del Rio. These men and women are coming to Brackettville to our gym for showers. It'll be cold showers because there is no gas in Brackettville as I write this article. But they are being bused from Del Rio and back this Tuesday to just get into a cold shower. Joel At my home, we measured 17 called early. School was defi- employees were behind the Delbosque has also helped with these arrangements.

There is so much more. We It's a sister city to Brackettville, were close to being a disaster area ourselves. We didn't get hit as hard as Del Rio or Acuna. We did work together as a team.

> Our community has many stories like those that I am telling. These are the strengths of our town and county.

It's not condemning our neighbors that makes life good football team. There are no here. It's when we forget who showers, and the field is water gets the credit and get in there to help solve the problem. It's when we decide that our individual needs are secondary to the need for community.

Brackettville, Fort Clark and Kinney County, I am proud of We also have been asked to your spirit. I pray that we will continue to see that together we volunteers whose emergency can solve problems. Let's keep

Floods cause damage to Brackettville streets It's wet

■ Continued from Page 1

At 3 p.m. Tuesday, U.S. Air Force officials discovered the break was near Sycamore Creek.

"At about 7:45 this morning, West Texas Gas notified us that we could turn on our main valves and start lighting our pilots," Luna said Wednesday afternoon. "So that's what we're doing right

"We still don't know enough about the mawater to go down.

David Luna

While the gas was being turned on in Brackettville, the problem was not yet solved for Del Rio citizens. Public water supplies also are not operating at the neighbor-

two from Corpus Christi were filled in Brackettville to help provide relief in Del Rio. Luna said that Laughlin Air Force Base has also requested to fill tankers here.

Members of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department are preparing the city's fire hydrants to accommodate the tankers.



Four tankers from La Porte and Brackettville City Secretary David Luna said the recent floods have caused between \$10,000 and \$15,000 in damages to city Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

> caused between \$10,000 and estimated yet. \$15,000 in damages to city streets.

suffered major damages, but Luna go down," he said

Luna said the floods have said those damages could not be

"We still don't know enough In addition, low water cross- about the major repairs because ings from the dam to Highway 90 we have to wait for the water to Have a great week!

But, I could be wrong

out there!

I got stuck the other day. It's easy to do right now. And if you must know, yes, I did something stupid. I drove off into a gravel crossing where I knew I couldn't

I knew I would not make it to the other side when I started. So why didn't I just turn back?

I'm really not sure. It must be a man thing. It must have been the adventurous spirit in me.

It had to have been that part of me that just cried out "Damn the torpedoes! Full speed ahead!" Or maybe it was just plain ignorance.

Who says a good friend is hard to find?

Anyway, after a nice, refreshing four-mile walk in the rain, and a return trip at midnight, with some much needed assistance, I finally got my truck, and myself, safely home.

A special thanks goes out this week to a pair of great friends, Mike Woodson and Mike Harrel.

Who says a good friend is hard to find? A friend in need is a friend indeed. But, I could be wrong.

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

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

Monday, Aug. 23 to Monday, Sept. 6, 1886

Have allowed my diary to get so far behind that it is impossible

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

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

Courtesy of his decendants

took me out for a ride one evening the remainder of my claim under occurrences of the interim and try hand. Aunt Eliza and Aunt Mary to keep up better in the future. For took Lula, baby and self out to about a week Father has been sick my land across the railroad. Think and I took his place at the factory the parties next to me are enhelping to put up blankets for ship-croaching a little on my land. ment. Father is gaining in health Must have a survey and stakes esall right. Dr. Laubach took me out been put up on the adjoining land

when we called on Mr. the Morton decision and settled A.P.Edgerton who was very af- my insurance at once. Hope they fable and pleasant even if he is wont send me notice of stoppage Chief of the U.S. Civil Service on account of the decision in re-Commission. We also called on gard to our graduating leave. Mecca Hoagland and found her Lizzie T. Hoagland has been staythe same earnest, christian young ing out at Grandmother's for over woman that she has always been. a week past and John came down Since my last visit her father has last Friday night. They took dindied and Emma has been married ner with us yesterday. Mr. to Will Fleming. Met the Rev. Hoagland left them some money to catch up in regular order, so Mr. Mendenhall there, whom ru- and they are now building quite a will write a brief synopsis of the mor reports is an applicant for her nice home in Chicago. Consequently both of them are very cheerful and happy. Went through our new church and find it a very handsome building, by all odds the finest in town. Had service in it yesterday for the first time this and I earnestly hope will soon be tablished. New buildings have summer; but did not like Mr. Moffat's sermon as much as forto New Haven for a ride which and another is in process of con-merly. The music was very fine was very enjoyable as his team in struction, all of which adds to the and the new organ is a magnifian excellent one. Spent one morn-value of my land. Have had a cent one. Henry took me out to McConomy and to Harry Rhoads.



more in keeping with a large city. Paid a visit to Mattie Withers at her studio and am glad to note that she is doing very well. But Ed & Marnie are two very hard cases. dressing like tramps so that one is ashamed to recognize them on the street. Have written to Aunt an excellent one. Spent one morning up at Howard McCullough's tussle with a cold but am getting Bass' farm and through the cemiliary Knoads.

Bass' farm and through the cemiliary Knoads.

Have also written to Homer Lee renewing old acquaintance. He rid of it now. Received \$126.68 etery this afternoon. Find more to order Lula's wedding cards.

at Luby's tournament

15-10, 15-9 victory over the Del and four blocks. Rio Queens Saturday in the third place final of the Luby's vol- Tigerettes topped Crystal City, leyball tournament.

ment honors at the two-day Uvalde, 15-4, 13-15. event in Del Rio as Brackett improved to 2-1 on the season.

times, but that is to be expected at home. at this time of the year," Brotherton said.

Lindsey Brotherton finished eight. the third place game with 17 service points and 12 assists.

Michelle Melancon finished with 14 points in the contest, while Jennifer Ashabranner had nine kills and Stephanie Terrazas picked up three digs.

In the semifinals, Brackett lost to Uvalde in three games, 15-13, 14-16, 15-9.

Melancon was the Tigerettes' points and Hilda Aguirre had set for 11 a.m.

Ashabranner converted five Tuesday

Lindsey Brotherton strung to- kills, while Brotherton gether 10-straight service points Melancon, Erika Garcia and as the Tigerettes jumped out to Patty Lopez all had two apiece. a 13-3 lead en route to a 14-16, Brotherton also had 13 assists

In pool play on Friday, the 15-5, 15-13, and Del Rio, 15-Brotherton earned all-tourna- 8, 15-5, while they split with

Brackett opened its season last Thursday with a 15-11, 12-"We played inconsistent at 15, 15-11 victory over LaPryor

Melancon paced the Tigerettes coach Dusty Tigerettes with 10 points, while Aguirre and Garcia each had

Brotherton finished with 16 assists, Ashabranner had seven kills, and Garcia picked up three

Brackett opens play in the Hondo Invitational tournament tomorrow. The Tigerettes will play Del Rio at 9:45 a.m., Marion at 11:15, and Medina Valley at 12:45 in pool play.

Saturday's matches begin at high scorer with 13 service 8 a.m. with the championship

Brackett travels to Leakey on

Tigerettes finish third Tigers scrimmage Eagles today Brackett's defense shines against Crystal City

By J.J. Guidry Sports Editor

Brackett head football coach David Yeager will continue to evaluate personnel during tonight's scrimmage against Leakey as the Tigers prepare for their season opener on Sept. 4 against Sabinal.

"We're still just trying to get ready for the first game," Yeager said after Wednesday's practice. "We're trying to find the right combinations. We're still working on blocking and tackling -- the fundamentals of football.

Today's action will begin with the junior varsities at 6 p.m. The varsities are expected to take the field between 7 and 7:15

The Tigers scrimmaged Class 3A Crystal City last week. Each team's offense picked up four first downs and neither crossed the goal line.

turnovers. Zach Davis, Brandon as we could have for our first including seven offensive and six Moore and Tommy Sandoval each intercepted a pass, and Wes Baker



Brackett defensive end Coty Williams brings down a Crystal City runner for a loss of yards during Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry last week's scrimmage. Williams also recovered a fumble.

Brackett's defense created four said. "I thought we played as well scrimmage.

and Coty Williams both recovered good moments. At times, we "I was real pleased with our and that hurt us. But that's to be season, while split end Shane petitive scrimmage."

The Eagles return 11 lettermen, receiving

effort and enthusiasm," Yeager expected this early in the year." Scott, also a senior, had 272 yards

"I think Leakey, in contrast to defensive starters, from last year's Crystal City, will be smaller and Offensively, we had some ball club that posted a 3-7 record. quicker," Yeager said. "They will Leakey senior quarterback Mo be aggressive, which is something missed some blocking assignments Medina passed for 185 yards last we need to see. It should be a com-

Culverhouse wins iunior state championship

Christina Culverhouse picked up her fourth win on the Alaska Junior Golf Tour by claiming the Alaska Junior Girls Golf State Championship.

Prior to moving to Alaska, the 15-year-old played on the South Texas Junior Golf Tour during

Although she was not here to compete, she qualified for the area championship tournament by placing first at Pecan Valley in San Antonio and at Rockport Country Club, second at Onion Creek in Austin, and fourth at Georgetown-Pflugerville.

At competitions with international fields, she placed sixth at the Harlingen Junior Golf Classic and 10th at the Texas-Oklahoma Junior Golf Classic in Witchita Falls. She also placed second at the Alaska Junior Masters Invita-

Culverhouse is the granddaughter of Pat and Clemmy McKelvy of Fort Clark Springs.



CHRISTINA CULVERHOUSE

J.V. takes second, frosh win title

Brackett took second place in the Del Rio junthe freshmen Tigerettes won their division.

Brackett's junior varsity (3-3) beat Carrizo Springs and Leakey before falling to Del Rio in the championship match.

"The kids did a great job," Tigerettes coach Julie Bruce said. "They held their ground. It was

tournament Saturday. Brackett opens play at 11 a.m. against Bandera. The Tigerettes will face either Boerne or La Vernia in a 2:00 match in the

The Tigerettes freshmen team improved to 4-0 ior varsity volleyball tournament Saturday, while on the season after winning three games at the Del Rio tournament last weekend.

Brackett opened the tournament with a 2-15, 15-13, 15-12 win over Uvalde. The Tigerettes then defeated Del Rio 15-6, 15-0 in the semifinals before picking up a 15-8, 2-15, 15-4 victory over Carrizo Springs in the championship.

"The girls played great," Brackett freshmen a good way to begin the year. It was really a team coach Gregg Nowlin said. "Michelle Bizzell and Erica Meyer both had good tournaments. We're The J.V. Tigerettes will compete in the Hondo looking forward to good things from this group of players.'

The freshmen team is open until Sept. 8, when the Tigerettes will face the Utopia Lady Buffaloes in a 4:30 road game.

OUTDOORS

Dove season is just around the corner

This week, we will take a look at some hunting dates for dove season, which is just around the corner.

Dove season runs Sept. 1 through Oct. 30 in the North Zone, Sept. 1 through Oct. 18 and Dec. 26 through Jan. 6 in the Central Zone, and Sept. 25 through Nov. 8 and Dec. 26 through Jan. 9 in the South Zone (the season ends Jan. 4 in the special whitewinged dove area).

The daily bag limit is 15 mourning, white-winged and white-tipped doves in aggregate, including no more than two whitetipped doves. Possession limit is twice the daily bag and hunters are reminded that they cannot legally take more than one daily bag limit in one day.

The white-winged dove season is Sept. 5, 6, and 13 in the special white-winged dove area of South

Bag and possessing limits are 10 white-winged, mourning and white-tipped doves in the aggregate, including no more than five mourning doves and two whitetipped doves per day. Shooting hours will be noon to sunset.

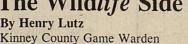
The white-winged dove sanctuaries that have alternated closure could generate additional oppor- buying process are Harvest Inforfrom year to year within the spetunity this season, according to mation Program (HIP) questions cial white-winged dove hunting area have been eliminated.

Texas boasts a dove population of which are produced annually. Biologists suggest the population can handle the drought.

is down somewhat due to dry con- open ground near tanks and lakes hunt migratory birds.



A Little On The Wildlife Side By Henry Lutz





ditions, there's still a very hardy population out there and we also get millions of migrant birds passing through Texas that were produced in states to our north," said Parks and Wildlife (TPW).

states where these migrants originate, primarily Oklahoma and Kansas, and biologists predict Texas hunters could see an earlier arrival of out-of-state mourn- taking any chances by purchasing ing doves this fall.

The drought has impacted

'We could start seeing northern birds by the end of Septem- a Super Combo, which includes ber in the northern part of the state and maybe by the second or third try," Roberson said.

Mourning doves can travel upwards of 20 miles per day during ing and feeding in relatively dry

Bird movement and activity Ron George, TPW wildlife divi- that must be answered by anyone sion director.

"If there is seed on the ground, in excess of 40 million birds, half c.y weather usually makes it license at the time of purchase afeasier for doves to feed," he said. "They prefer feeding on open have been answered. ground where they can get to the "Even if statewide production seeds and they like to land on dry, also be HIP-certified in order to

when watering."

Whitewing hunters are reminded that a \$7 white-winged dove stamp is required to hunt whitewings anywhere in Texas Vernon Bevill, migratory game and that whitewing populations are bird program director at Texas expanding throughout much of the Central and South Zones, particularly near urban areas.

> Many dove hunters who traditionally haven't had a need to purchase the whitewing stamp but might need one now can avoid the Super Combo.

For \$49, hunters can purchase resident hunting and fishing licenses, plus all seven special week in October in the Hill Coun- stamps. Purchased separately, the package would cost \$82.

Hunters are also reminded to nesting season and prefer water- renew their hunting licenses, which expire Aug. 31, before heading out on opening day.

New this year to the license who plans to hunt migratory birds. HIP certification will print on the ter the brief series of questions

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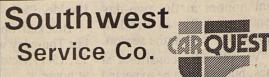
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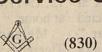
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Your Horoscove by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Some feel unappreciated by a higherup, 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

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

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Faith brings blessings from God

By Rev. Joe Townsend Frontier Baptist Church

There are a great many calls on each of us. Some call for money to be given, some call exercise of our expertise.

There is one call that should challenge every Christian. From the pits of hell come calls to us to warn others "lest they come to this place of torment."

Dives the rich man cries, "My benevolence, my compassion, my leadership, my wealth, my success, all are of no avail. Tell them to heed the word of God and put their faith in

Jezebel cries out to us, "My power, my beauty, my personal exaltation all are not enough." She would say to us, "Tell all to captivity of Job when he prayed for his friends. trust only in God," these are to no avail. The Job regained his lands, his herds, his flocks rich young rules would say, "having much pos- and twice as many sons and daughters as besessions is not enough, turn rather to faith in Christ and follow him."

Judas Iscariot would say to us, "Money, prestige, greed for fame and power simply lead to hell -- rather follow Jesus Christ."

On the other hand, if we tune into heaven we hear messages of encouragement. Abraham was called a friend of God because of his faith. Offering to make his son a blood sacrifice was for time to be spent, and some call for the a result of that faith. God's blessings came not because of his works but because of faith that produced works.

Job had a wonderful productive life until God allowed Satan to try to turn him against God. He lost everything, farm, livestock, family -- all -- and sat at the city gate in sack cloth and ashes, his body covered in sores.

His wife and friends challenged him to turn against God. His friends tried to pray and God refused to hear their prayers but told them if Job prayed, he would hear and answer.

They called upon Job and "God turned the fore. The works of Job counted for naught but trauma but his faith brought the blessings and rewards from God.

Nicodemus sends the message he learned God.

from Jesus, "Ye must be born again" an act of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior.

James who was beheaded by Herod would say, "Who needs a head? My faith in Jesus Christ brought me here."

There is only one heaven and this is where God reigns supreme with Jesus Christ at his right hand. It is where there is no "marriage or giving in marriage" but where all adoration and love toward God, the Father, is the theme of every heart. This will be the final destiny of all who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ.

If one knows Jesus as a personal savior his works will be tried before God. If they are unworthy, they will be burned but the person will be saved, says the Bible.

The challenge is to every Christian to teach the unvarnished truth as taught in the Bible. All else is a pathway to destruction. The Bible is the only authentic authority.

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

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"Father, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive every one who is indebted to us; and lead us not into temptation."

- Luke 11:2-4



Those words given to His disciples by Jesus when they asked Him to teach them how to pray are both simple and majestic, containing as they do the basic daily needs of everyone. Food, forgiveness and freedom from evil are everyday concerns for all. Jesus recognized that, and He framed His prayer accordingly, giving His followers, and in turn us, a guide by which to shape their daily lives. The words have the proper touch of reverence as well as a plea for God's ever-care. What better way to chart our waking hours?

Readings from book of Pslams

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

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, Bless his holy name.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

"Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases,

"Who redeemeth thy life from destruction, who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies.

"Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's." Psalms 103: 1-5

Praise the Lord!

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

Things happen when you pray.

Local youth group performs

By Pastor Charolette Corey Gateway Ministries

Last Sunday evening, the W.W.J.D. Performers of Gateway Ministries Inc., performed at St. John's Missionary Church of Brackettville.

The eight young performers consisted of Lilly and Diana Hernandez, Tommy, David and Timmy Garcia, Betty Rose Lattimer, Jesse Carson-Schiede, and Victor Robledo. Adam Kelly was unfortunately unable to attend.

The children, who range in age from 5 to 15 years, the majority being nine years old, "rocked the house" with selections from "Good News," "Time," "Jesus in the Neighborhood," "Sailing," "Don't Be Afraid," and "Holy Ghost Fire."

Afterward, Rev. William Adams, pastor of St. John's Missionary Church, led a ceremony in which Pastors Robert W. and Charolette Corey, who have been licensed ministers since 1994, were officially ordained as pastors and ministers of the

Ordination certificates were presented to the Corevs at the end of the ceremony

The W.W.J.D. Performers meet at 5:30 on Wednesday evenings at Gateway Ministries. All children are invited to join.

Refreshments were served in the Charles Wilson Fellowship Hall at the end of the program.

The W.W.J.D. Performers are available to perform at any church or group function. For more information, you may contact Charolette Corey, the youth group leader, at (830) 563-2121

The W.W.J.D. Performers meet at 5:30 on Wednesday evenings at Gateway Ministries, located at 301 E. Spring Street, during which time they practice songs and skits to be performed. All children are invited to join. Even Jesus himself said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me.

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Helping Hands Committee

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6. Want to be on a prayer list?

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medical facility?

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Church offers suggestions for those who struggle with contentment

Submitted by St. Mary Magdalene Church

"But godliness with content-6: 6-8

If you struggle with contentment (and we all do sometimes), that might help:

morning's newspaper and be brought you and rejoice in that.

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Labor Day

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grateful for what didn't happen to in a new light.

2. Look around and consider ment is great gain. For we brought what you already have. Is there nothing into the world, and we can music you can hear, books you take nothing out of it. But if we want to read, projects you want to have food and clothing, we will complete, letters you would enjoy be content with that." I Timothy writing, friends you want to call? Do that today, instead of going out "in search of."

3. Look around and consider yourself, you'll never have it. here are some simple suggestions how far you've come. Remember the days when you didn't know the Mary Magdalene Catholic Church 1. Look around and consider Lord, when you were at ground to welcome home our priest, Fayour blessings. Read this zero. Think of how far he's ther James Cashin, who has been

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The key to contentment is "to you. Think about what you do have consider." Consider who you are and be satisfied with that. Consider what you have and be satisfied with that. Consider what God's doing and be satisfied with that. You will be amazed at how much more comfortable you'll feel with yourself.

Finally, consider this: If contentment cannot be found within

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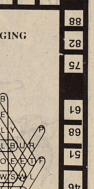


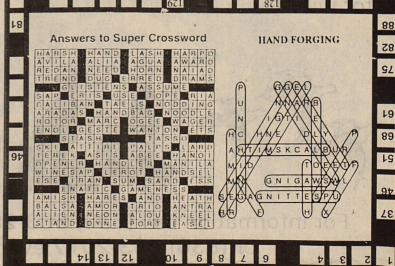
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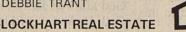
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