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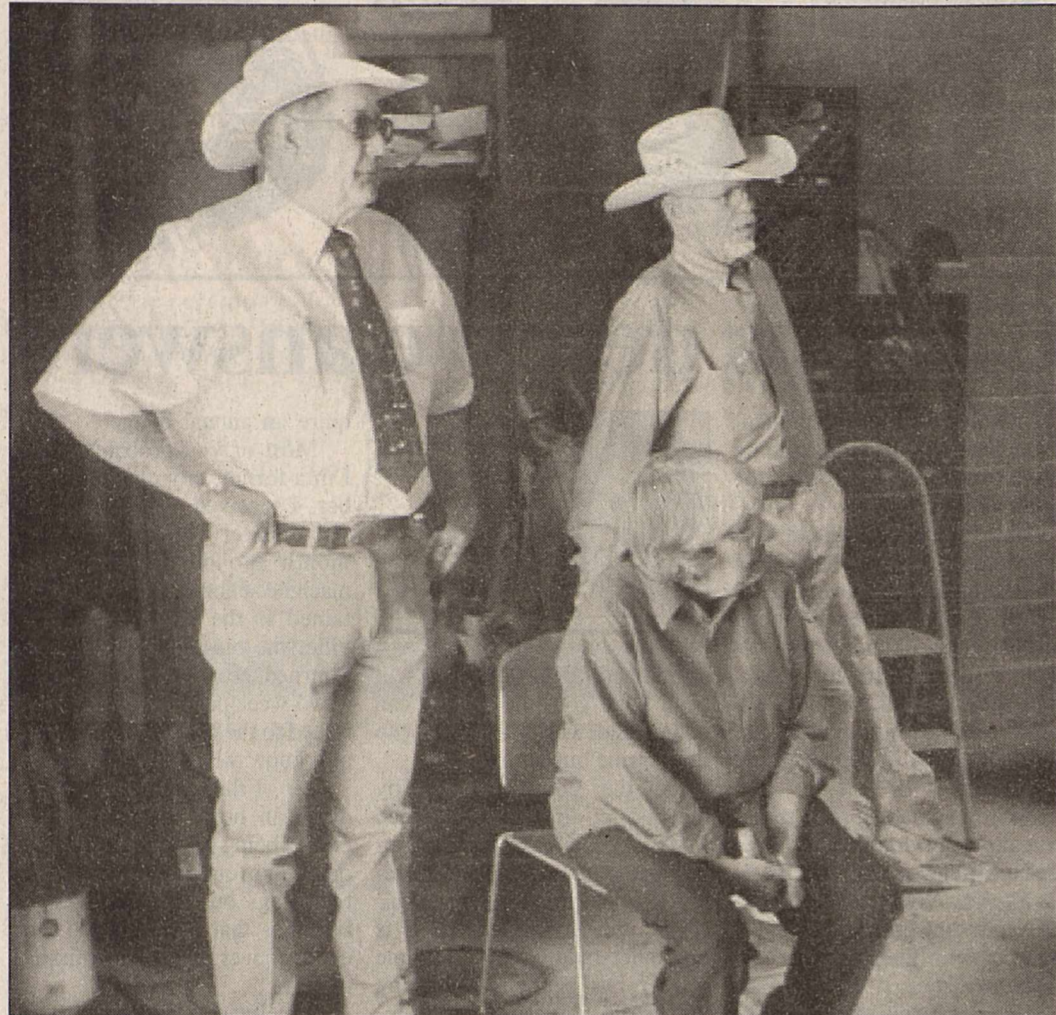
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## City continues cost-cutting discussions



**A pool of financial trouble**  
County Judge Herb Senne (standing, left), County Attorney Tully Shahan (standing, right) and Mayor Carmen Berlanga evaluate the condition of the pool.

## County considers assuming responsibility of pool

Brackettville officials are continuing to explore ways of cutting costs in the wake of its financial disaster.

The City Council met behind locked doors in executive session Tuesday to discuss its "personnel policy, financial problems, budget and holidays," according to the agenda.

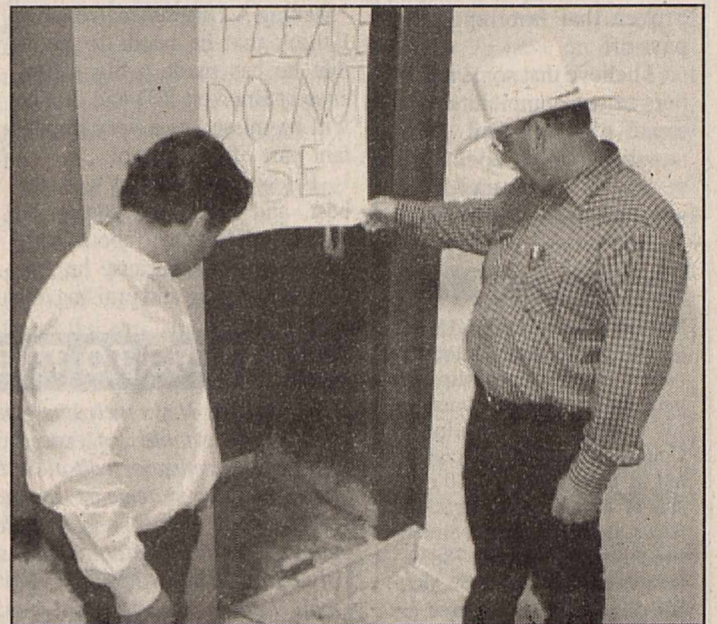
Total cash assets of the city have decreased \$572,583 or 97 percent over the last five years, according to Mayor Carmen Berlanga.

Berlanga said recently that the city has only \$5,348.67 in cash assets, with outstanding debts of \$204,766.44.

The mayor has asked the county to assume responsibility of the city swimming pool, releasing the city from a 25-year lease for the swim park and playground area that was expected to run through 2022.

In a letter to County Judge Herbe Senne and the Commissioners Court, Berlanga explained that the city staff was short by four employees.

"The manpower on staff is needed for day-to-day city functions and services," the mayor wrote. "The city is in dire financial straits where we are unable to hire contract labor for upkeep and maintenance, and



**Nowhere to swim**  
Commissioners Nat Terrazas (left) and Pat Melancon discuss the condition of the showers at the pool.

equipment and machinery needed for upkeep and maintenance is not in proper working condition."

The commissioners discussed the swimming pool lease Monday, but took no action.

"We're probably not going to have any alternative other than to allow the city to terminate the contract," Senne said.

The judge said it was doubtful the county would open the pool any time soon.

"It would be nice and wonderful to have a swimming pool, but the reality of it is we have to set priorities," he said. "We have to make sure we have a good health system in place with EMS and we have to make sure we have good law enforcement.

## Class reunion highlights Fourth of July celebration

A reunion of the Brackett High School classes of the 1970s is highlighting this year's Fourth of July celebration.

The Community Fourth of July Parade is set for Friday. The parade will form at 8 a.m. on Fulton Street in front of the new High School and begin at 9.

The parade will move south on Ann Street to Highway 90, turn east to the entrance of Fort Clark Springs and proceed on Fort Clark Road to the Post Theater. It will then turn right and finish at the main flagpole, concluding with a ceremony honoring the community's Korean War veterans. A coalition of community organizations and clubs will be honoring and paying tribute to all its veterans, men and women, who fought 50 years ago in a country they had never heard of and for a people they did not know.

"Now their fellow citizens are beginning to understand that the purpose for which they fought was achieved," said Bill Haenn, ceremony coordinator. "They went to prevent the

### COUNTY'S KOREAN WAR VETERANS

Following is the 'Honor Roll' of Kinney County Korean War veterans:

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subjugation of a free people by armed aggression. And in that they succeeded. They are no longer forgotten! By your service and sacrifice you made us aware that freedom is not free!

The dual themes for this year's parade are: "Remembering the Forgotten Victory — No Longer the Forgotten War: Honoring Kinney County's 'Honor Roll' of Korean War Veterans" and "School Spirit: Reunion of BISD From 1970-79."



**Roping for Christ**  
Winners of the Fourth Annual Roping For Christ at The Dust Bowl Arena Ranch were Rafaell Contreas of Del Rio and Bubba Lonam of Utopia, first place; Jeff Ellison of Kerrville and Chip Haby of Atascosa, second place; Albert Lopez of Devine and Jeff Luce of Austin, third place; and Ted Luce of Del Rio and Matt Muniz of Three Rivers, fourth place. Jeremiah Sandoval won the childrens' dummy roping.



**Grand Opening**  
KB Dollar Plus held its grand opening ceremonies Saturday. The new business is located at 103 W. Spring St. Ken Barnett, his wife Becky and granddaughter Brittany Sanchez were joined by family, friends and members of the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce at the ribbon cutting.

## Historical group adopts new logo

The Kinney County Historical Commission adopted a new logo at its quarterly meeting Tuesday, June 24th evening in the Filippone Building.

The logo design was submitted by Bill Haenn, Kinney County's chief appraiser.

Haenn stated in his letter to the commission that an organization of their stature, influence and importance to the community should have an exclusive symbol which illustrates the long and distinguished history of Kinney County.

Haenn's design incorporates images which capture the essence of Kinney County's heritage:

- The circular shape, lettering and map of Texas are in harmony with the logo of the Texas Historical Commission.
- "1850" identifies the year Kinney County was formed.
- The red star locates Kinney County on the Texas map — the single most recognizable geographic shape in the world.
- The blue background represents the cool waters of Las Moras Spring, the source and lifeblood of the community.



■ A stagecoach facing west across Texas evokes the origins of Brackettville as a stage stop on the "Lower Road" to California.

■ The "U.S.S." (1903 branch insignia for United States Scouts) singles out Kinney County's long and proud relationship with the United States Army and specifically the Seminole-Negro Indian Scouts, Fort Clark's most heroic unit, and their four Congressional Medal of Honor recipients buried here.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Local news staff lauded

Congratulations to *The Brackett News* and staff members on their recent wins.

I find it very rewarding that a small hometown newspaper that a year ago was being maligned, called a "rag" paper and even the "Brackett Inquirer" has proven that fair reporting pays off.

I believe that some members of our community owe these citizens and their newspaper a big apology.

Mona Miller

## Brackett will miss Stephenson

The month of June brings about many changes at Brackett ISD. The Class of 2003 is beginning their adult life. Some may go to college, some will serve in the military and others will join the workforce.

Another change is the changing of superintendent. Mr. Stephenson will be greatly missed.

For the past 11 years, Mr. Stephenson has written his "Making A Difference" column. I think that he needs to know that he has made a big difference at Brackett ISD and that he will be missed as a very important part of our school.

His weekly columns were the best, and in his last edition he wrote "I didn't write about many adults." That's because he was too busy writing and praising our

kids. He was always about our kids. He always had their best interest in mind!

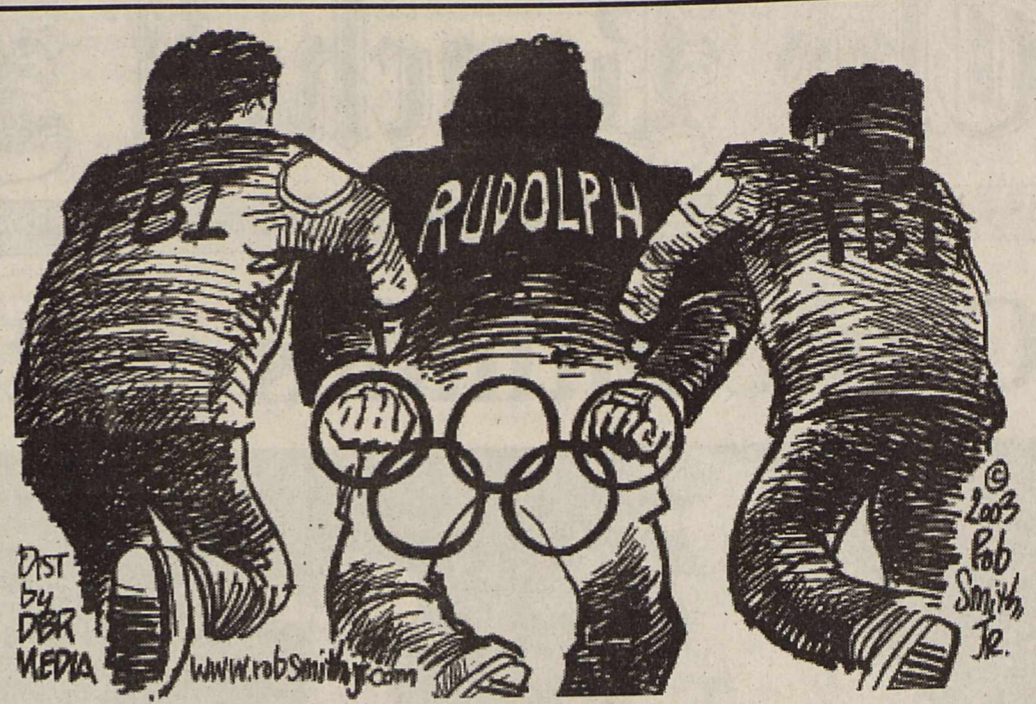
He also praised the staff at Brackett ISD and said that without fine educators and support staff we could not achieve the results that our students needed.

What Mr. Stephenson did not realize was that we were the best because he was our No. 1 team player who loved children and got along with his staff and always looked for ways to make things better.

Mr. Stephenson has made a difference in many lives, and I'm glad that my children and myself have been a part of it.

We welcome Mr. Templeton but will greatly miss Mr. Stephenson. So long Bubba, we love you!

Honey Bee Gomez and Family



## Citizens deserve answers

I've been threatening my family and friends that I was going to start writing a column for quite sometime now.

With the blessings of Joe Townsend's family, I decided to title the column "Between Us." I didn't always agree with Brother Joe's opinion, but I always respected him for speaking his mind. This will be a different column, my opinion, but much of the subject matter will be the same.

So what changed the threat to reality, you might ask. Some recent articles in the *San Antonio Express-News* and *The Brackett News*, concerning the city of Brackettville, finally pushed me over the edge.

Many of the citizens of Brackettville are upset over the recent realization that the city is broke. However, to me it's even more upsetting to read comments in newspapers by our district attorney that there is no time frame concerning the investigation.

Due to other information concerning the situation, I believe those comments are a clear indication that nothing substantial will be done.

Most of you are unaware that the city has been under investigation for over a year. The initial investigation centered around the city withholding money from employees paychecks for health insurance. Apparently, the city withheld the funds from the employees, but did not pay the health insurance premiums.

Maybe I'm naive, but it seems this would be fairly easy to determine. The city has already publicly admitted not paying the health insurance premiums. This is no big secret.

Simply examining the payroll stubs would indicate if the city was withholding from the employees while they were not paying the premiums. This isn't something the city could hide so why hasn't it been taken before the grand jury already? Is this somehow not illegal?

It reminds me of a case involving a couple of county officials several years ago. One was tried and found not guilty, the other's trial resulted in a hung jury. The second official has been elected twice while under indictment by the grand jury.

That case has yet to be re-



Between  
Us

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solved and I doubt if it ever will be. I hope you, the reader, can understand why the words "no time frame" upset me.

Another comment made by the district attorney concerned a DPS Special Crimes Unit investigator putting together a report to determine if any criminal activity has occurred. It is my understanding that the same officer has been investigating the health insurance problem. Sorry, but that doesn't instill me with confidence that anyone will be held answerable.

In my opinion, it's damned obvious criminal activity has occurred. For example, it is illegal for an elected official to receive a pay advance. I also don't believe it is legal for a city employee to receive a pay advance without the approval of a majority of the council.

How could the council grant an advance without a budget amendment?

The city's cash flow problems were first reported by me in the March 14, 2002 edition of *The Brackett News*.

Several things should be considered when looking at the discrepancies between the annual audits and the city's financial statements during the four-year period that story covered. The audits for both the general and utility funds reflected deficits of \$303,245. The city's financial statements reflected a decrease in cash assets of \$530,278. What happened to the other \$227,033?

As far as I know, there are only three ways this discrepancy could be explained.

First, the city could have budgeted to spend some of the cash assets. However, none of the city budgets during that time period reflected this possibility.

Second, fraud or embezzlement could account for the difference.

Thirdly, money was spent that was not budgeted. But if this was legal, why would Section 102 of the local government code re-

quire an annual budget?

Most of you probably know I'm a former city council member. I received a message from the district attorney about a month ago on my answering machine at home. I assume it pertained to the city of Brackettville, the message didn't say. I returned the call three times over a two-week period. I still haven't talked to the D.A., so I don't really know why he called me.

All of these things make me question how vigorously this case is being pursued. I do know one thing for certain, the longer this drags on, the less likely it becomes that Brackettville will ever recover any of the missing money.

I've lived in this town most of my adult life and anytime you get into a discussion about governmental entities, elected officials and the law, the phrase "but this is Brackettville" usually comes up. This is a great town full of wonderful people but that phrase embodies the one thing in it that I can't stand, apathy.

For those who may not know, Webster's defines apathy as a lack of emotion, lack of interest, indifference. Because of this lack of interest or indifference, we, as a community, are all partially responsible for what has happened to the city. We are also partially responsible for elected officials getting away with it.

The sad thing is it doesn't have to be this way. I know, you're saying, "What can I do?"

Here's what you can do: Call your elected officials. Ask them why there isn't an investigator with special training working the case. Demand that they get a Texas Ranger out here with experience in governmental fraud cases.

Write letters to your state officials telling them about the injustice in Kinney County and who you think is responsible. Letters carry more weight than a phone call. If you can afford it, mail them certified.

Give your elected officials this choice: "Do something about this or you'll have to deal with us every day until this is resolved."

My grandmother used to say, "The squeaky wheel gets the oil." Now's your chance, start squeaking Brackettville and don't stop until you get the oil.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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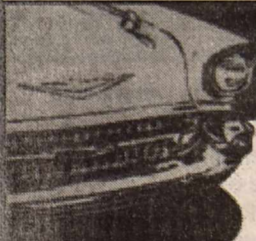
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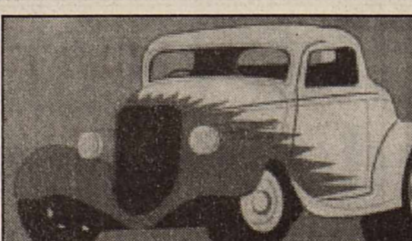
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OBITUARIES

**George J. Clark Sr.**

George J. Clark Sr. passed away Tuesday, June 24, 2003, at the VA Hospital in Kerrville after a courageous battle with cancer.

Clark was born in Lakeville, Conn., on Feb. 12, 1928, to Joseph Clark and Margaret Carney Clark. He grew up in Lakeville, along with his older 12 siblings.

Clark retired from Princeton University where he was administrator of grounds and maintenance for 17 years, designing some of Princeton's prestigious gardens. Horticulture was his first love and remained so. He was a military police veteran of World War II and Korea.

Clark was an avid golfer and pool player. He was a gentle man, always ready to help others, always with a quip of some sort.

Clark was preceded in death by his parents and numerous siblings, as well as his first wife, Constance Bailey Clark, in 1982. He is survived by his beloved wife of 18 years, Barbara Rice-Clark, his step-son, John Rice, and his wife, Gigi Sommerset Rice.

George and Barbara were former residents of Fort Clark and members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. They moved to Kerrville in March 1999.

**Katherine Marie (Thompson) Clapp**

A burial ceremony for Katherine Marie Clapp, 52, will be held at the Northeast Bible Church in San Antonio this month.

She died May 28 in Brackettville. Clapp was born July 23, 1950, in Austin.

She grew up in Brackettville with her parents, Georgia Lee and Bob Thompsen. She was cremated May 30.

She is survived by her husband: Kenneth James Clapp of Brackettville; daughters: Virginia Lee Pina of Springfield, Mo., Sherry Marie Baldwin of Kerrville and Jenny Rebecca Butler of Canyon Lake; son: Michael Ford of Morgantown, W.V.; brother: Gary Albertson of New Mexico; eight grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

**New superintendent excited about future of local schools**

As this is the first time I have ever written anything for publication, I have been somewhat at a loss to come up with anything worthy of the state's best small newspaper.

During the course of my quest for fitting material, I asked some of my new friends here in Brackettville for advice on what to write about. By far, the two most frequent responses seemed to be "tell everyone a little about you" and "tell about your initial thoughts of Brackett."

Never being one to turn down high-quality advice, I will take a stab at answering both of those questions.

Well, here's a little about me. Prior to accepting the position of superintendent at Brackett ISD, I was a principal at the junior high school in Corpus Christi. In the past 11 years, I have also been a special education teacher, a math teacher and a coach.

I am a native Texan and son of a farmer. The Texas mystique and the small town values I learned growing up on an alfalfa farm in Dell City have contributed much to who I am and what I stand for.

My wife's name is Monica and she amazes me every day with her determined spirit and her gentleness. Seeing her with our son, Clay, is one of the greatest experiences of my life and I get to see that every day. I'm lucky.

I believe that the future of this country lies in our young people and that educators have tremendous responsibilities placed upon them in this regard. This is the reason I have dedicated a large portion of my life to serving students, and just as importantly serving those that teach them.

Even though I have had several recent opportunities to get out of the school business and



Making A Difference

Bobby Templeton

go into the private sector, the thought never really seriously crossed my mind. I feel that the world is turning as it should and that I am where I am meant to be.

As far as my initial thoughts on Brackettville — it's hot.

The area is tough, but really striking. The people are tough too and there is an honesty in the folks here that is not common. I have literally traveled from one end of this nation to the other and have not encountered a heartier community.

A few days ago, I met a local pastor outside the Crazy Chicken who told me "some-

times the people here fight like cats and dogs, but in the end we always find a way to come together."

What a marvelous credo for a community: We always find a way. I have heard that over and over in the past few weeks. I believe it. We're lucky.

I also believe the people of Brackettville have an outstanding school system. I would not have moved here and, more importantly, brought my family here if that were not the case.

I thank everyone for the tremendous outpouring of support and welcoming I have received in the past few weeks and look forward to getting to know more of the community and my fellow BISD teammates as the summer draws to a close.

I am very excited about being here and hope to be a part of some of the great things going on in the community and the school. Thanks again.

BRIEFS

**Clapp nominated for poetry honor**

Kenneth Clapp of Brackettville has been nominated as Poet of the Year. He will be formally inducted as an International Poet of Merit and honored member of the International Society of Poets on Friday, Aug. 15, in Washington, D.C.

Clapp has dedicated the poem that won his nomination to his late wife, Katherine M. (Thompson) Clapp, who passed away on May 28 of this year. Katherine grew up in Brackettville with her parents, Bob and Georgia Lee Thompsen. She was disabled for the last 14 years and was paralyzed for the last three years. Here is Clapp's poem, "Stone Cold:"

I wish I were a rock in a river, rolling, flowing, being carried, down the river of life so silver, not feeling so buried. If I were a rock in a river, not hearing, not seeing, I would not be in such a fever, and I could be fleeing. But, I am not a rock in a river, dark and damp, hard and cold, so I will try to be a believer, and open my heart so bold.

**Athletic physicals set for July 16**

Athletic physicals for high school and junior high students will be on Wednesday, July 16, from 9 a.m. to noon for girls and from 1:30 to 4 p.m. for boys at United Medical Center.

**State steps up DWI enforcement**

Texas troopers and local patrol officers statewide will step up enforcement of the DWI laws between June 27 and July 13.

**Little League all-stars open tournament play this week**

The Kinney County Little League has announced its all-star selections. Tournament play begins this week.

The 9 and 10 year olds will play in Eagle Pass. The team is made up of Keith Castillo, Michael Flores, Jeffery Herrera, Andrew Martinez, Avian Pacheco, Ervey Rodriguez, Salvador Sanchez, Josh Smith, Reese Smith, Jorge Villarreal, Dalton Woodson and Alex Zamora, manager Mark Frerich and coaches Mike Flores and Star Smith.

Playing in Crystal City will be the 11 and 12 year old team of Chris Blake, Sergio Calvia, Cody Clark, Ramon Gutierrez, Jared Harris, Jessie Martinez, Danny Molinor, Adam Pinales, Steven Rivera, Jesus Rodriguez,

Robert Salmon, Joe Anthony Sanchez, Issac Talamantez, manager Robert Salmon and coaches Roy Harris and Jeff Luna.

The junior league team has advanced to the sectional tournament in San Antonio. The team consists of Kevin Bonner, Travis Bonner, Sam Childres, Robert Davis, Alex Gonzales, Evan Pinales, Adam Sandoval, Mike Stephenson, Fermia Villenuella, Justin Ward, Roland Zamora, manager Vance Bonner and coaches Vic Bonner and Larry Grayson.

The 11 and 12 year old softball team will host the Little League all-star tournament here in Brackettville. The team is made up of Marisol Aguirre, Natalie Aguirre, Amanda Flores, Ivy Garcia, Roxanne Gomez,

Brooklyn Gose, Lauren Hernandez, Blanca Martinez, Elena Molinar, Elidia Molinar, Ashley Resendez, Miranda Salmon, Cheyenne Smith, Katie Yeager, manager Gregg Nowlin and coaches Martin Flores and Dido Garcia.

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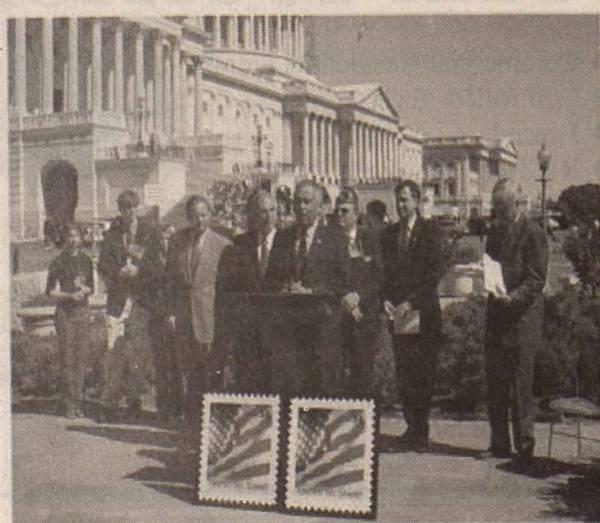
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On this July Fourth, as we stand on Main Street USA and watch the parades pass by, reflect on the hard earned freedom we cherish. Celebrate the Fourth of July not only as a family holiday but a community holiday. This day commemorates our freedom and our bonding as a nation.

Pass the brisket, slice a watermelon and draw your hand close to your heart when you see the banner of red, white and blue. I hope you and your family truly enjoy the birthday of our nation.

Have a safe weekend and a Happy Fourth of July!

Congressman Henry Bonilla

# Renken installed as Rotary president



**Mr. & Mrs. Robert Shackelford**

Devon Trotter and Robert Shackelford exchanged wedding vows in a wooded setting at the Shackelford homestead in Smithfield, Texas. Rev. Randy McReynolds officiated, Gwendolyn Watkins sang "How Great Thou Art." To the traditional wedding march, Devon was escorted by her mother, Woodie Frances Trotter. A three pronged archway was decorated with flowers in the bride's chosen colors of blue, white with a scattering of red. The theme was reflected in the bride's cascading bouquet of red gerber daisies, white orchids and blue larkspurs. Devon's antique white silk organza gown was a plain A-line design with spaghetti straps which criss crossed across the back. Her white flowered head piece supported the below the shoulder veil. Her mother's formal was red silk and Robert's mother, Edith Sunday, wore a flag blue sheath with a finger tipped jacket trimmed in rhinestones. Brittany and Taylor Shackelford were the only attendants. Their dresses were matching off-white brocaded bodices with full ankle length organza skirts. They carried white flower covered spheres hanging from white satin ribbons. After the ceremony an old plantation bell, mounted on the Shackelford gallery, rang during the wedding march recessional. Approximately one hundred and fifty guests enjoyed a barbeque and dance, after which the couple left for a cruise to Cozumel, Mexico.

Paula Renken took over as the new president of the Brackettville Rotary Club last week.

Renken, president-elect Lynn McCarron and secretary-treasurer Ella Chambers were installed by out-going president Dave Alexander, who thanked the members for their support over the past year.

Renken called the club to work together for the youth of the community. Her slogan for the year is "Every Rotarian an Example to Youth!"

She plans to organize a Rotary Youth Club, which will have fun while learning and serving in the community.

Retired BISD superintendent Taylor Stephenson installed Bobby Templeton, the new superintendent of schools, as a new Rotary member during the evening banquet at Las Moras Restaurant.

Bill Haenn was installed as a Paul Harris Fellow. Paul Harris Fellowship is an honor bestowed on Rotarians for outstanding contributions to the community through the work of Rotary. The fellowship is named for Paul Harris, who founded Rotary in February of 1905 in Chicago.

Haenn has worked tirelessly through Rotary in coordinating the exchange students who have been hosted by the local Rotary Club. Other local Paul Harris Fellows include Stephenson, Frank Cheaney, Stan Conoly, Tino Guzman and Frances McMaster.

Cheaney was also honored for his years of service to Rotary International. Cheaney and his wife, Ruby, will be moving to San Antonio this week. The local club presented Cheaney with a plaque in recognition for his service to Rotary and the community. He is a past president and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Cheaney presented a program on the history and significance of Rotary's "Four Way Test." The test is recited at every meeting and is the guiding ethic for Rotary International and individual Rotarians. It asks: "Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

Currently, Rotary International is encouraging clubs to focus on illiteracy, drug abuse prevention, childhood immuni-



Photo by Baill Haenn

### New officers

New officers for the Brackettville Rotary Club are Paula Renken (from left), president, Ella Chambers, secretary/treasurer, and Lynn McCarron, president-elect.

zation and helping the young and the elderly.

The Four Way Test is the filter through which Rotarians judge their personal activities and the activities of each club.

Cheaney also presented the club with a beautiful new Four Way Test banner. The new banner is blue with gold lettering and will be proudly displayed at each meeting.

### Find breaking news in The Brackett News!

## Thank You

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### KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

**Thursday, June 19**  
12:15 a.m., Arthur William Ellsworth, 37, of New Braunfels was arrested by Deputy Ron Ring for probation violation. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time.  
12:55 p.m., Jessica Rodrios Hernandez, 18, of Uvalde was arrested by Deputy Pena for possession of marijuana. She was released the next day after posting a \$2,000 bail bond.

**Saturday, June 21**  
12:30 p.m., Norma Linda Gallegos, 39, of Del Rio was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley for outstanding warrants out of Colorado for theft and probation violation. She was transported to the Wackenhut Detention Center in Del Rio.  
2:20 p.m., A Del Rio DPS official reported an individual had minor head injuries after a roll-over on Highway 2523.  
4:20 p.m., Aurora Ayala

Ramos, 45, of Kerrville was arrested by Trooper Morales for driving with a suspended license. She was transported to the Wackenhut Detention Center in Del Rio.  
**Sunday, June 22**  
12:35 a.m., Jesse Sanchez, 22, of Brackettville, was arrested by Deputy Pena for public intoxication. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time.  
9:27 a.m., Brackettville City Council member Mary Flores reported a water problem and requested assistance from a city employee. Sheriff's Office personnel notified a city employee.  
12:29 p.m., A woman reported that a main water line busted on W. Thorn Street.  
11:16 p.m., A woman reported a family disturbance on E. Third Street. She said she caught her husband with another woman for the second time.

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 20 Huey, Dewey and Louie  
 22 Robber afloat  
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**ROARING TWENTIES**

In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions—forward, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

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July 3.....Mary Hermanson	July 7.....Damien Falcon
July 4.....Tomas Castillo	July 8.....Norman Frost
July 4.....Cissy DeLeon	July 8.....Jackie Smith
July 4.....Adres Pena	July 8.....Jennifer Terrazas
July 4.....Barb Williams	July 9.....Theresa Davis
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2. Bee	12. Louse
3. Beetle	13. Mosquito
4. Cicada	14. Moth
5. Cricket	15. Roach
6. Earwig	16. Silverfish
7. Flea	17. Termite
8. Fly	18. Tick
9. Grat	19. Wasp
10. Hornet	20. Weevil

**ASTROSCOPES**  
 by Charles Cooper

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Don't allow an unexpected event to throw you off course. You'll deal with this swiftly. Later, domestic issues take precedence.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Be sure to persevere this week, despite any obstacles you face. Bigwigs are expecting results. Self-discipline is the key.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Travel plans could be made on the spur of the moment. Singles find romance in an unexpected setting. This weekend, a meddling in-law gets under your skin.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Instead of brooding and nursing a grudge, confront the offending party directly. A good heart-to-heart chat clears up matters. Ultimately, you're able to make peace.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You're not aware of it, but the work you're doing is appreciated. You don't necessarily need that slap on the back. Just know that you're being efficient and productive.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) It's best not to get involved in someone's personal problems. This co-worker needs to separate the professional from the personal. Later in the week, take advantage of some down time.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) It's not a good week where communication is concerned. For some reason, someone close to you is giving mixed signals. Let this person sort it out alone without your interference.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A family member wants to involve you in a financial venture. Steer clear of this. It's not a good time for you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You're unprepared for those extra responsibilities you're asked to assume. Don't be afraid to ask for help. You can't go it alone on this one.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your hard work is admired. However, don't neglect family life. You can balance both with a little creativity.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Everyone knows actions speak louder than words. In this case, your intentions are clear to family members. Fortunately, they're understanding.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You spend much of the week wrapped up in your own troubles. However, you fail to realize a close friend needs you. This weekend, your support gives this person what's necessary.

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SELL YOUR UNWANTED items in the classifieds!

FOR SALE

1600 SQUARE FEET, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2-screened porches, patio/laundry room, bay windows in bedroom and dining room.

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Will sell or rent 1 bed Townhouse.

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FLEETWOOD DOUBLE 4BR, 2 bath only \$22,450 call 1-800-448-7076.

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TROPHY WHITETAIL 100 AC - \$39,900 (5 deer limit). 1st class Texas whitetail area. This 100 acres is an ideal habitat.

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Answers to Crossword Puzzle

Small grid with crossword puzzle answers: GOATS, WASP, ASHE, INLET, AMIE, GHAS, SEAMY, NERO, CERT, TRIPLETS, PIRATE, EINS, ALTERER, THIRST, CREED, ROD, HERON, MISER, ASEA, ROBIN, TALE, PEALS, OREAD, VAN, AORTA, CEMENT, THERMOS, ARLO, HELMET, STEERING, ANTI, ABEL, TABOO, INON, TUNA, ELENA, SANG, ENDS, SEXES

