

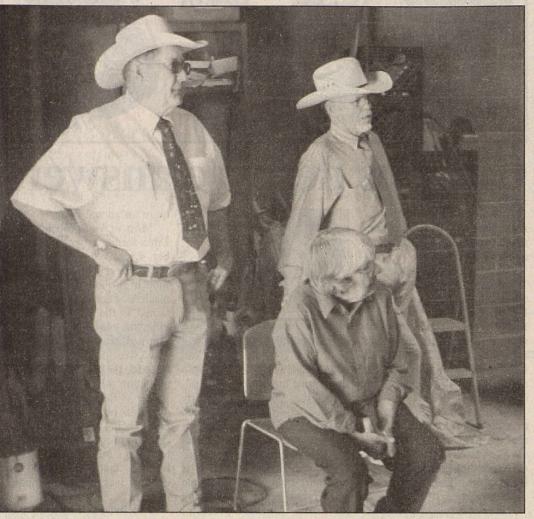
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City continues cost-cutting discussions



A pool of financial trouble

County Judge Herb Senne (standing, left), County Attorney Tully Shahan to hire contract labor for up- than to allow the city to termi-(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.

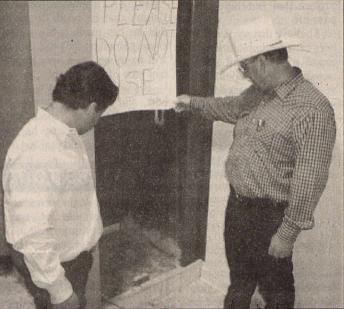
Total cash assets of the city have decreased \$572,583 or 97 percent over the last five years, according to Mayor Carmen

Berlanga 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 have any alternative other



Nowhere to swim

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

equipment and machinery nance is not in proper working

The commissioners discussed the swimming pool lease Mon- but the reality of it is we have day, but took no action.

keep and maintenance, and nate the contract," Senne said. we have good law enforcement.

The judge said it was doubtneeded for upkeep and mainte- ful the county would open the pool any time soon.

"It would be nice and wonderful to have a swimming pool, to set priorities," he said. "We "We're probably not going have to make sure we have a good health system in place with EMS and we have to make sure

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

Jerrell D. Adams, Alfonso Alcala, Alfredo Alcala, Gerald L Anderson, Arnold G. Baldwin, Roland J. Boysen, Howard Braughman Jr., Louis D. Bell, Tellis Boutwell, Bill S. Bray, John H. Carson, Alfredo M. Castro, Jose N. Castro, Frank H. Cheaney Jr., B. B. Cox, Jose J. Cruz, Richard E. Dana, Everett S. Eckersley, George A. Espinola, Henry C. Flowers, Venancio M. "Ben" Fuentes, Henry Fuentes, Alfred C. Garcia, Albert G. Garcia, Thomas A. Godfrey, Felix Gonzales, Gilberto R. Hernandez, Jack Huey, Paul D. Jones, Alex Longoria, Martin T. Luna Jr., Gordon F. Lundquist, Clyde L. Markham, Simon Marion, Alfred C. Martinez, David Martinez Sr., Tim E. Meridith, Robert W. Nelson, Don Nance, Richard Olvera, Alfred T. Pena, Pedro Richard Pena, Candelario Reyna, Juan H. San Miguel, Emil Schafer, Richard W. Schafer, Charles B. Shipman, Joseph D. Shipman, Wylie M. Simmons, Leroy Slubar, Cecil Y. Smith, Robert L. South, Ruben Talamantez, Marcus E. Tidwell, Ralph J. Viestenz, Howard B. Wakefield, Gerald M. Weber, Robert L. Windle, Harlan R. Wright, Robert L. Yastic.

subjugation of a free people by year's parade are: "Rememberarmed aggression. And in that ing the Forgotten Victory - No they succeeded. They are no Longer the Forgotten War: Honlonger forgotten! By your ser- oring Kinney County's 'Honor vice and sacrifice you made us Roll' of Korean War Veterans"

aware that freedom is not free!" and "School Spirit: Reunion of The dual themes for this BISD From 1970-79."



Roping for Christ

Photo Special to The Brackett News

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 ney County.

Haenn's design incorporates sence of Kinney County's heri-

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



symbol which illustrates the long resents the cool waters of Las and distinguished history of Kin- Moras Spring, the source and lifeblood of the community.

A stagecoach facing west images which capture the es- 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 geographic shape in the world. their four Congressional Medal ■ The blue background rep- of Honor recipients buried here.

INSIDE

Wes Robinson

I've been threatening to start writing a column. With the blessings of Joe Townsend's family, I decided to title the column "Between Us." Opinion/Page 2

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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. Community/Page 3

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As we thank our veterans, it is easy to criticize young people today and think that perhaps our country's prosperity might be in danger. Religion/Page 7

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Local news staff lauded

Congratulations to The Brackett News and staff members on their recent

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

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Brackett will miss Stephenson

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essarily reflect the editorial beliefs of this newspaper.

about many changes at Brackett kids. He always had their best ISD. The Class of 2003 is be- interest in mind! ginning their adult life. Some may go to college, some will will join the workforce.

ing of superintendent. Mr.

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 wrote "I didn't write about many adults." That's because he was too busy writing and praising our Honey Bee Gomez and Family

Donna Saylor: 563-3382

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The month of June brings kids. He was always about our

He also praised the staff at Brackett ISD and said that withserve in the military and others out fine educators and support staff we could not achieve the Another change is the chang- results that our students needed.

What Mr. Stephenson did not Stephenson will be greatly 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 best, and in his last edition he but will greatly miss Mr. Stephenson. So long Bubba, we love you!

Mary Dixon: 563-2747

Read for

fun as

well as for

information.

tizens 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 a DPS Special Crimes Unit inrecent articles in the San Anto- vestigator putting together a renio Express-News and The Brackett News, concerning the city of nal activity has occurred. It is Brackettville, finally pushed me my understanding that the same 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.

cerning the situation, I believe those comments are a clear indication that nothing substantial will be done.

Most of you are unaware that gation for over a year. The initial investigation centered around the city withholding money from employees paychecks for health insurance. Brackett News. Apparently, the city withheld the did not pay the health insurance crepancies between the annual

premiums. this would be fairly easy to determine. The city has already is no big secret.

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? volving 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.

YA'LL COME JOIN US

Us Wes

Robinson

Between

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 port to determine if any crimiofficer 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 re-Due to other information con- ceive 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 the city has been under investi- an advance without a budget amendment?

The city's cash flow problems were first reported by me in the happened to the city. We are also March 14, 2002 edition of The partially responsible for elected

Several things should be conaudits and the city's financial period that story covered. The audits for both the general and publicly admitted not paying the utility funds reflected deficits of health insurance premiums. This \$303,245. The city's financial statements reflected a decrease Simply examining the payroll in cash assets of \$530,278. stubs would indicate if the city 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 it, mail them certified. assets. However, none of the city It reminds me of a case in- budgets during that time period reflected this possibility.

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

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 officials getting away with it.

The sad thing is it doesn't funds from the employees, but sidered when looking at the dis- have to be this way. I know, you're saying, "What can I do?"

Here's what you can do: Call Maybe I'm naive, but it seems statements during the four-year 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

Give your elected officials this choice: "Do something about this or you'll have to deal Second, fraud or embezzle- with us every day until this is ment could account for the dif- resolved."

My grandmother used to say, Thirdly, money was spent that "The squeaky wheel gets the was not budgeted. But if this was oil." Now's your chance, start legal, why would Section 102 of squeaking Brackettville and That case has yet to be re- the local government code re- don't stop until you get the oil.



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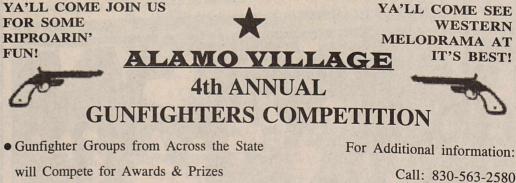


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Do you have something to say about a local issue? Write a letter to the editor today!

OBITUARIES

George J. Clark Sr.

George J. Clark Sr. passed Clark was an avid golfer and away Tuesday, June 24, 2003, pool player. He was a gentle at the VA Hospital in Kerrville man, always ready to help othafter a courageous battle with ers, always with a quip of some

Clark was born in Lakeville, Clark. He grew up in Lakeville, along with his older 12 siblings.

nance for 17 years, designing Sommerset Rice. some of Princeton's prestigious was a military police veteran of World War II and Korea.

A burial ceremony for Katherine Marie Clapp, 52, will band: Kenneth James Clapp of question. be held at the Northeast Bible Brackettville; daughters: Vir-Church in San Antonio this ginia Lee Pina of Springfield, She died May 28 in Brack- Kerrville and Jenny Rebecca ettville. Clapp was born July 23, Butler of Canyon Lake; son: ior high school in Corpus importantly serving those that the other and have not encoun-

with her parents, Georgia Lee of New Mexico; eight grandchiland Bob Thompsen. She was cre- dren and numerous nieces and mated May 30.

1950, in Austin.

Clark was preceded in death Conn., on Feb. 12, 1928, to Jo- by his parents and numerous sibseph Clark and Margaret Carney lings, as well as his first wife, Constance Bailey Clark, in 1982. He is survived by his be-Clark retired from Princeton loved wife of 18 years, Barbara University where he was admin- Rice-Clark, his step-son, John istrator of grounds and mainte- Rice, and his wife, Gigi

George and Barbara were gardens. Horticulture was his former residents of Fort Clark first love and remained so. He and members of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. They moved to Kerrville in March 1999.

Katherine Marie (Thompson) Clapp

She is survived by her hus-Mo., Sherry Marie Baldwin of Michael Ford of Morgantown, Christi. In the past 11 years, I teach them. She grew up in Brackettville W.V.; brother: Gary Albertson

nephews.

BRIEFS Clapp nominated for poetry honor

the Year. He will be formally inducted as an International Poet of Merit and 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 be the 11 and 12 year old team ball team will host the Little 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.

New superintendent excited about future of local schools

As this is the first time I have newspaper.

During the course of my I stand for. quest for fitting material, I asked initial thoughts of Brackett."

Never being one to turn down a stab at answering both of those people and that educators have

have also been a special education teacher, a math teacher and a coach.

I am a native Texan and son ever written anything for publi- of a farmer. The Texas mystique cation, I have been somewhat at and the small town values I a loss to come up with anything learned growing up on an alfalfa worthy of the state's best small farm in Dell City have contributed much to who I am and what

My wife's name is Monica some of my new friends here in and she amazes me every day Brackettville for advice on what with her determined spirit and to write about. By far, the two her gentleness. Seeing her with most frequent responses seemed our son, Clay, is one of the great- crossed my mind. I feel that the about you" and "tell about your get to see that every day. I'm that I am where I am meant to

I believe that the future of this high-quality advice, I will take country lies in our young on Brackettville - it's hot.

> Even though I have had several recent opportunities to get pastor outside the Krazy ing on in the community and the out of the school business and Chicken who told me "some- school. Thanks again.

Making A Difference

Bobby Templeton

go into the private sector, the thought never really seriously

As far as my initial thoughts

The area is tough, but really tremendous responsibilities striking. The people are tough Well, here's a little about me. placed upon them in this regard. too and there is an honesty in Prior to accepting the position This is the reason I have dedi- the folks here that is not com- of the community and my felof superintendent at Brackett cated a large portion of my life mon. I have literally traveled low BISD teammates as the sum-ISD, I was a principal at the junto serving students, and just as from one end of this nation to mer draws to a close. tered a heartier community.

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 to be "tell everyone a little est experiences of my life and I world is turning as it should and 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

I am very excited about being here and hope to be a part A few days ago, I met a local of some of the great things go-

SPORTS

Kenneth Clapp of Brackettville has been nominated as Poet of Little League all-stars open tournament play this week

The Kinney County Little Robert Salmon, Joe Anthony Brooklyn Gose, Lauren Tom and Anita Ertle of South-League has announced its all-star Sanchez, Issac Talamantez, man-Hernandez, Blanca Martinez, west Service, Bubba's, Alamo selections. Tournament play be- ager Robert Salmon and coaches Elena Molinar, Elidia Molinar, Saddlery, Krazy Chicken, the

The 9 and 10 year olds will play in Eagle Pass. The team is advanced to the sectional tourmade up of Keith Castillo, nament in San Antonio. The Michael Flores, Jeffery Herrera, team consists of Kevin Bonner, Dido Garcia. Andrew Martinez, Avian Travis Bonner, Sam Childres, Pacheco, Ervey Rodriguez, Salvador Sanchez, Josh Smith, Dalton Woodson and Alex Villenuella, Justin Ward, Zamora, manager Mark Frerich Roland Zamora, manager Vance and coaches Mike Flores and Bonner and coaches Vic Bonner

Playing in Crystal City will Steven Rivera, Jesus Rodriguez, Ivy Garcia, Roxanne Gomez,

Roy Harris and Jeff Luna.

The junior league team has Robert Davis, Alex Gonzales, Evan Pinales, Adam Sandoval, Reese Smith, Jorge Villarreal, Mike Stephenson, Fermia and Larry Grayson.

The 11 and 12 year old softof Chris Blake, Sergio Calvia, League all-star tournament here Cody Clark, Ramon Gutierrez, in Brackettville. The team is Jared Harris, Jessie Martinez, made up of Marisol Aguirre, Danny Molinor, Adam Pinales, Natalie Aguirre, Amanda Flores,

Salmon, Cheyenne Smith, Katie Cattle Company, Super S Foods, Yeager, manager Gregg Nowlin The Brackettville Volunteer Fire and coaches Martin Flores and Department, the Brackettville

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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

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 rhine-stones. 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.

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Thank You

We would like to thank each and everyone for the tremendous success of the Laura Lawson Benefit - Our very special thanks goes to the Shahan Family and all the Businesses of Kinney County. May God Bless each of you and yours.

Laura Lawson Family & Herndon Family

Renken installed as Rotary president

Paula Renken took over as the new president of the Brack- through Rotary in coordinating ettville Rotary Club last week.

members for their support over McMaster. the past year.

Example to Youth!"

ing in the community.

Retired BISD superintendent perintendent of schools, as a Restaurant.

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

Haenn has worked tirelessly the exchange students who have Renken, president-elect Lynn been hosted by the local Rotary McCarson and secretary-treasure Club. Other local Paul Harris Ella Chambers were installed by Fellows include Stephenson, out-going president Dave Frank Cheaney, Stan Conoly, Alexander, who thanked the Tino Guzman and Frances

Cheaney was also honored Renken called the club to for his years of service to Rowork together for the youth of tary International. Cheaney and the community. Her slogan for his wife, Ruby, will be moving the year is "Every Rotarian an to San Antonio this week. The local club presented Cheaney She plans to organize a Ro- with a plaque in recognition for tary Youth Club, which will his service to Rotary and the have fun while learning and serv- community. He is a past president and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Cheaney presented a pro-Taylor Stephenson installed gram on the history and signifi-Bobby Templeton, the new su- cance of Rotary's "Four Way Test." The test is recited at evnew Rotary member during the ery meeting and is the guiding evening banquet at Las Moras ethic for Rotary International and individual Rotarians. It asks:

"Is it the truth? Is it fair to Paul Harris Fellow. Paul Harris all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all con-

Currently, Rotary Internaprevention, childhood immuni- and the activities of each club. at each meeting.

New officers

Photo by Baill Haenn

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

zation and helping the young and the elderly.

Cheaney also presented the club with a beautiful new Four The Four Way Test is the fil- Way Test banner. The new bantional is encouraging clubs to ter through which Rotarians ner is blue with gold lettering Harris, who founded Rotary in focus on illiteracy, drug abuse judge their personal activities and will be proudly displayed

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

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.

official reported an individual had minor head injuries after a roll-over on Highway 2523. 4:20 p.m., Aurora Ayala time.

Ramos, 45, of Kerrville was ar-12:30 p.m., Norma Linda rested by Trooper Morales for Council member Mary Flores Gallegos, 39, of Del Rio was driving with a suspended li-reported a water problem and re-Del Rio.

Sunday, June 22

22, of Brackettville, was arrested 2:20 p.m., A Del Rio DPS by Deputy Pena for public intoxication. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where E. Third Street. She said she he was still being held at press-

9:27 a.m., Brackettville City cense. She was transported to the quested assistance from a city Wackenhut Detention Center in employee. Sheriff's Office personnel notified a city employee.

12:29 p.m., A woman re-12:35 a.m., Jesse Sanchez, ported that a main water line busted on W. Thorn Street.

11:16 p.m., A woman reported a family disturbance on caught her husband with another woman for the second time.

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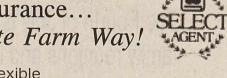
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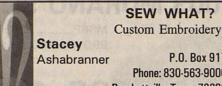
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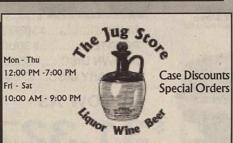
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by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) LIBRA (September 23 to Oc-Don't allow an unexpected event to throw you off course. You'll where communication is condeal 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

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 down time.

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tober 22) It's not a good week cerned. 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

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 creativ-

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 un-

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

Blended families can bring

'You can't tell me what to

Her tone of voice was hos-

tile. Turning to her mom, she

continued, "Why do I have to

do as he says, Mom? I don't

like him. I wish he would go

John responded calmly and

with loving concern. John and

and had reached some conclu-

Joan, and then with a pleas-

John looked at his wife,

"Yvette, your feelings

do," said 13-year-old Yvette to her stepfather. "You're not

my father."

away."

Remember our young warriors in prayer this holiday weekend

As we thank our veterans this people marching in precision think that perhaps our country's will assume. prosperity might be in danger.

acute for the more mature mem- even had me a little misty-eyed. bers of our community.

triotic day of flags and picnics, at prayer. True, they don't use I am happy to report that the quite the same words that I youth of our country take its defense quite seriously.

Air Force Base and visited new recruit airmen and observed heart cries out to God. their training. I saw young

We seem to be living in a

The Supreme Court says that

to abolish pornography and

make it illegal would also open

the door to all kinds of censor-

ship, which would ultimately

destroy the First Amendment

and none of us want that, right?

nography article. This past week

the U.S. Supreme Court threw

(Lawrence vs. Texas) involving

Americans have the right to con-

the privacy of their own homes.

to adultery and making it right

to almost anything, including

sexual article. But I believe that

this will have a far reaching im-

pact and ramification on the

As a society we are, sex-

ploiting our children and that is

This is not another antihomo-

same-sex marriages.

is unthinkable.

unthinkable as well.

right to incest, making it right male youth.

This is not another antipor- America's children were just that

The Supreme Court says that nocence accompanied talks sex

sensual homosexual sex within nately, those days are long gone.

it right to bigamy, making it emphasized the sexuality of fe-

That opens the doors to make America has increasingly over

our children to a godless culture people will notice them, the more women."

There was a time when phasize their sexuality, it is also themes.

world of legal absolutes.

July 4 weekend, it is easy to criti- drill, preparing for inspection, cize young people today and and learning the new duties they

These recruits were not in-The tattoos, the body pierc- timidated by the recent threats ing, the "gangster" music, the to our citizens at home and dancing — all of these seem a abroad. Rather, they were both far cry from the America many inspired by the past heroes who of us grew up with. I'm in my had gone before them and moti-40s and it seems distant for me vated by an intense pride in their — I am sure it seems even more nation that overwhelmed me and

On previous visits, I've ob-But as we approach our pa- served recruits at worship and would use, and their choice of fense worship music strikes me as odd. I recently toured Lackland But I don't think it matters what July 4 weekend, please rememis the reason we can worship so the words sound like when the

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out Texas's controversial law and impressionable. Their ents of sexual favors from girls. porn

worlds were dominated by child-

about birds and bees. Unfortu-

Over the past 50 years,

Young girls are being en-

Living in an increasingly

couraged to find their value in

their bodies and make it a focal

sexually-charged atmosphere,

the message is clear: the racier

American family. Surrendering the clothes girls wear, the more offers lessons on "how to seduce

popular they will be and the

Not only is our culture train-

ing pre-teen girls to dress to em-

more fun they will have.

point of their expression.

They were young, innocent should expect to be the recipi-

ish dreams. Their blushing in- be willing to supply boys with all of this?



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As we give thanks to God this More than a few of them were should our nation need them on ans!

encouraging them to think sexu-

tematically indoctrinated girls to

become sensual and seductive in

their thinking, dress and behav-

encing the "thrills" of sex with

no apparent side affects. In ef-

fect, teaching boys that they

Teaching girls that they should

Look at what popular televi-

sion shows, such as "Friends,"
"Dawson's Creek," "Boston

Public" and many others, are

feeding our children. A steady

to associate free sexual expres-

sion with success, happiness,

Television and other medi-

Boy viewers are taught that

women exist for a male's sexual

with commercials with sexual

ums strengthens this message and

They are teaching our kids

All things of sex.

diet of promiscuous sex.

joy, power and love.

Movies show teens experi-

These young women and men will continue to amaze us as they protect us and shield us from war's desolation. They defend our cherished freedom of worship and freedom of speech and freedom of association — all of which the Christian church depends on in America.

Those freedoms are well defended and will be defended en-

And as we worship this Sunday, please take a moment to thank the veteran sitting in the pew beside you.

ber in prayer the young warriors freely in this country. We do who are preparing themselves indeed thank God for our veter-

Is it any wonder that the in-

Millions of boys across

cidences of date rape have in-

creased dramatically among 10

to 14 year olds in recent years?

America enter adolescence with

their minds already polluted and

desensitized by raunchy Internet

What can we do to combat

Wise parents can and will set

Godly boundaries regarding the

consumption of television, mov-

ies, music and the Internet. Wise

parents will explain to their chil-

dren just why they should avoid

the dictates of a permissive cul-

ture when it comes to dress and

souls, all of our souls, young and

drives, one not easily brought

This is a calculated effort by

major battleground.

back under our control.

Wake up Americans!

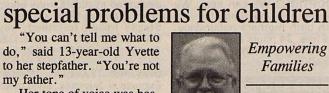
There is a war raging for our

their own struggles.

spoke. The sacrifice our vets made about me are normal for any

kid in your situation," John said. "You have a father who loves you and I know that. I can't and shouldn't ever try Court surrenders children to a godless culture to replace him in your life. I'll do everything in my power to see that your relationship In addition to all of this, girls with him is nurtured. have to endure intense pressure The music industry has sys- from boys, while dealing with

you and your dad, the best you and I can do is to learn to be great friends. You have five more years before you can leave home and live on your own. I'll do everything in my power to make these next five years as pleasant as possible for you," he said.



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Joan spoke: "Yvette, your dad and I and John have all agreed about the rules that Yvette's mother had talked at have to be followed. The rules length about step-parenting are exactly the same here as roles before their marriage they are at your dad's and must be followed."

Looking into Yvette's eyes, Joan continued: "As soon as you pick up the ant smile, he faced Yvette and clothes in your room, we can go to the mall as we had planned."

Blended families bring special problems for children. Step-parenting, even in good circumstances, is most difficult. Such relationships are born out of adult disagreement and conflict to begin with. The scars of those conflicts are slow to heal in the hearts of "Since I'm not a threat to children. All too often the adults do not give themselves time to heal before they enter into new relationships. ■ Editor's note: This col-

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Dwell together Behold, how good and how

pleasant it is for brethren to old alike, and our sexuality is a dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oint-

If Satan conquers us there, he ment upon the head, that ran captures one of our strongest down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments. As the dew of Hermon, and

pleasure and are bombarded Satan and his demons to make as the dew that descended upon us slaves to our sexual natures. the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore. (Psalm 133) Praise God!

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shield. For our heart shall re- on the Lord. joice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name. Let thy holy name to keep his word and offence unto me: for thou people will kill us and think they mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee." (Psalm 33:18-22)

for the right to have one nation in all your ways. under God. It is a slap in their to deny the principles of God in not offend God. Sanjiv R. Kumar, M.D., P.A.

Even greater is the slap in the whom he hath chosen for his face of our precious Lord Jesus Christ who shed his blood for all our sins and overcame death If you are experiencing a

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to keep watch over you. You savourest not the things that be are doing God a service. never need be afraid of the future when you keep your eyes Our ancestors before us fought on Him and seek to please Him We do not desire to offend

faces and the blood they gave man, yet it is more desirous to



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Even Jesus rebuked Peter when he turned to him and speaking through him, "Get thee You can always trust in his behind me, Satan: thou art an of God, but those that be of men." (Matthew 16:23)

> righteousness that keeps us from choosing to do and say things that offend God. It is only those who are without deep spiritual walk in love.

persecution for acting upon the word of God. (Mark 4:17) We should, like our forefa-

thers, be willing to die for our beliefs because we do not fear death, but have eternal life through Jesus Christ. (John In John 16:1-2, it warns us to not be offended or surprised

when we are shut out of churches

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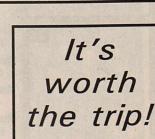
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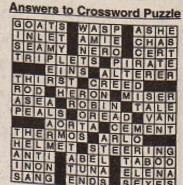
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