

Mayor: City continues to cut costs

By J.J. GUIDRY Editor

langa.

that the city has only \$5,348.67 in cash assets, with outstanding count on a monthly basis. We debts of \$204,766.44.

us because of our indebtedness," Berlanga said. "We have real im- statement would be issued to you portant bills to pay."

The City Council hired

Hardin and Newsome, certified public accountants from Del The City of Brackettville is nancial services for the city at continuing to cut its costs, ac- \$50 an hour. The scope of the cording to Mayor Carmen Ber- services has not been defined. According to a letter from Total cash assets of the city Susan Newsome to the city, the for the service would range from have decreased \$572,583 or 97 accountants will "code and post \$500 to \$750 a month. percent over the last five years. through our accounting system Last month the mayor reported your operating account and a summary of your payroll ac-

would reconcile the bank state- the accountants could calculate to pot. Now we don't have to no longer going to have the high "There is a lot of pressure on ments and provide compiled financial statements, including a terly payroll tax reports and on a monthly basis." Newsome said her estimate

"We think we can year."

Carmen Berlanga

Berlanga said the city's financial reports have not been up to

date since Oct. 1 of last year. In addition, Newsome said payroll deposits, prepare quarannual W-2s for the employees issued by the city for approxi-

mately \$100 to \$200 a month. other girls that came and went. Rio, last month to perform fi- save \$145,694.48 a hire Hardin and Newsome will ing other staff reductions to cut save the city money.

> "If we're spending \$1,000 a to cope. We lost money with the save \$145,694.48 a year."

Berlanga said the decision to Berlanga said the city is makcosts.

"We're going to eliminate month on financial services, two people from the back," she that's \$12,000 a year versus pay- said. "The city manager would ing a salary. That position was be a chief clerk. We may elimi-\$35,000 when Ginger was nate one person from the front here," the mayor said. "Ginger and let the chief clerk handle the was here for 24 years and she over-seeing of the operations. deserved everything she got, but What we have now is a secreonce she left, everything went tary to the city manager. We're worry about training anybody. salary for the city manager, the In the last year that Ginger has high salary for the financial ofbeen gone, we've had three ficer or the high expenses on and any 1099s required to be people that have not been able contract labor. We think we can



Carmen Berlanga

Water board set to discuss status of management plan

Board of Directors will review the status of the preparation of eral manager, will report on ing motion for a rehearing on its management plan today at 4 pending permit applications and the district rules. at the District Courtroom in the the implementation of rules, re-County Courthouse as it meets view the district's enforcement months.

The directors will also ap-

cuss public relations.

prove financial reports, review board is set to discuss person- on rules May 9, May 12, May the annual budget and set a date nel and attorney-client matters, 13 and May 15.

The Kinney County Ground- for a budget workshop, and take including settlement agreement, water Conservation District action on a tax rate adjustment. potential enforcement for viola-Steve Walthour, interim gen- tion of district rules and a pend-

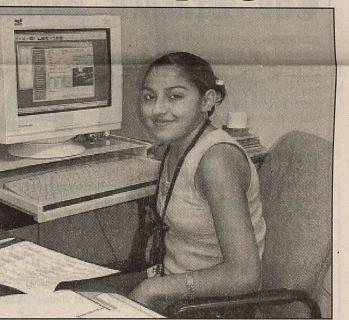
The agenda also includes approval of minutes from regular for the first time in almost two authority and program, and dis- meetings on April 21 and May 9, an April 29 special meeting In executive session, the and permit hearing, and hearings

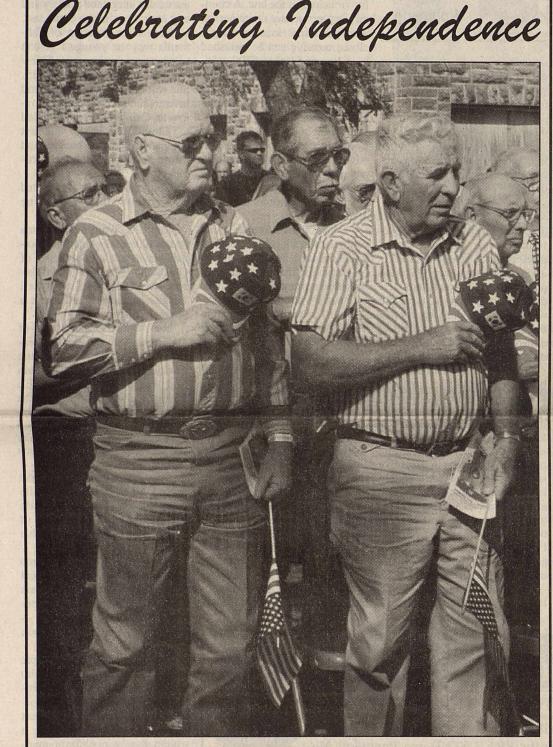
Appraisal District benefits from summer youth program

The Kinney County Appraisal District has benefited significantly from participating in the Middle Rio Grande Development Council's summer Youth Program Worksite, according to Bill Haenn, chief appraiser. Brackett High's Monica

Gonzalez has been working with the local Appraisal District as part of the program.

We not only got





Honoring our veterans

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Richard Schafer (from left), Gilbert Hernandez and Cecil Smith were among the local Korean War veterans honored during last week's Fourth of July celebration. See additional Independence Day photos, Page 5.

INSIDE

Wes Robinson

You know there really are enough governmental entities within this county that I should not have to write about the same one two weeks in a row. **Opinion/Page 2**

Bobby Templeton

We have a considerable collection of people who wear a variety of hats. We have railroad engineers who ranch, federal agents who farm. **Community/Page 3**

Chuck Hall

I have another helpful suggestion for all of you readers this week. It is so astounding that you'll be amazed. Well, it impressed me anyway. Lifestyles/Page 4

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history of Fourth of July By FRANCES MCMASTER Contributing Writer

Taylor Stephenson discussed the history of the Fourth of July at last week's Brackettville Ro-ISD superintendent added a personal account of past celebrahad taken part, painting a picture of small town parades, festivities, fireworks and fun.

In an overview of the history, he began with the battle cry of "taxation without representation" that arose from the 13 colonies in America because they were forced to pay taxes to England's George III with no representation in Parliament.

Stephenson summarized the process of the writing and adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, and read a paragraph that characterized the document.

the legalizing of the Fourth as a Club.

federal holiday always marked by picnics, parades, fireworks and the playing of John Phillip Sousa marches.

During this part of his talk, Stephenson played a recording tary Club meeting at Las Moras of the Sousa march, "Stars and Restaurant. The former Brackett Stripes Forever," in the background.

Rotarians enthusiastically tions of the Fourth in which he sang the trio using copies of the words provided by Stephenson.

He ended the discussion with a description of what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence. He made the point that each of these patriots made great personal sacrifices to gain the liberty many too often take for granted.

Newly-installed president, Paula Renken, presided over the meeting.

Pastor Roger Baker of the First United Methodist Church was inducted into Rotary membership in a ceremony conducted by Frank Cheaney.

It was the last meeting Stephenson described the cus- Cheaney would attend before toms that came to be associated moving to San Antonio. Memwith the celebration of Indepen- bers regretfully accepted his resdence Day. These emanated in ignation from the Brackettville

ence a very energetic young person, but we also got some serious work done," Haenn said. "Monica proved to be a fast" learner and quickly showed she could 'make a difference' just as Taylor Stephenson would expect her too."

Monica's major project was to assist in the Appraisal District's preparations for Appraisal Review Board hearings. Summer program Haenn said it involved not only using her computer skills, but also being able to use logical thinking, math skills and attention to detail to complete com-

Photo Special to The Brackett News

Monica Gonzalez (left) is working with the Appraisal District as part of a summer youth work program.

needed," Haenn said.

"This was no easy undertak-"She got the job done sooner ing and Monica did a notewor- chooses. I know I speak also for than we expected and once she thy job. Her enthusiasm and Gene (Slate) and Liz (Luna) had done a couple of properties, good humor is very infectious when I say we were proud to very little supervision was and I know Monica will be an work with her."

asset to any employer and a success no matter what career she

Agents apprehend 382 in Brackettville

DEL RIO - U.S. Border Patrol agents apprehended 382 illegal aliens in Brackettville during the month of June, officials announced.

There were 2,857 total apprehensions made in the Del Rio Sector, including 1,014 in Eagle Pass, 577 in Carrizo Springs, 316 in Del Rio, 154 in Uvalde, 122 in Abilene, 94 in Comstock, 83 in San Angelo, 71 in Llano and 44 in Rocksprings.

Agents in the Del Rio Sector seized 6,405.858 pounds of marijuana, valued at more than \$5.1 million.

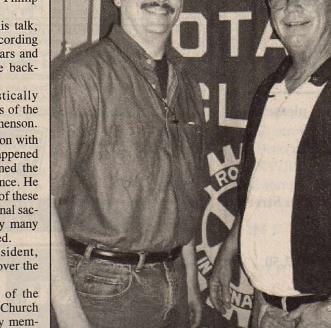
On June 29, Border Patrol agents from the Del Rio station assigned to the check point on Highway 2523 seized 553.75 pounds of marijuana being transported in a 1997 Ford F-150 pickup. The marijuana, valued at \$443,000, as well as the driver and the passenger, both U.S. citizens, were turned over to the DEA.

On June 28, agents from the Eagle Pass station working the check point on Highway 57 encountered an intoxicated U.S. citizen. The woman was turned over to a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper who had stopped at the check point.

Photo by Bill Haenn

Roger Baker (left) is welcomed to the Brackettville Rotary Club by Taylor Stepheons.





New member

The Brackell Mews

OPINION

Thursday, July 10, 2003

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fourth of July celebration was grand

of July celebration at Fort tion. They did a great job. Clark?

charge of the planning of all the

Were you one of the many events, but they certainly depeople who enjoyed the Fourth serve our thanks and apprecia-It has been many years since

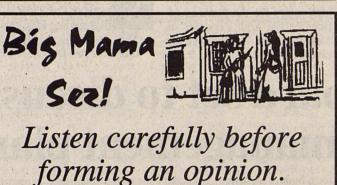
If not, you really missed a we have had such a grand celfantastic day. Starting with the ebration here at Fort Clark, and wonderful parade in the morn- it was a special day for all who ing and ending with the beauti- attended. I certainly hope we ful fireworks display, it could will make this an annual tradinot have been a more perfect day. tion. Again, many, many thanks I do not know who was in to all who made it possible.

Barbara King

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

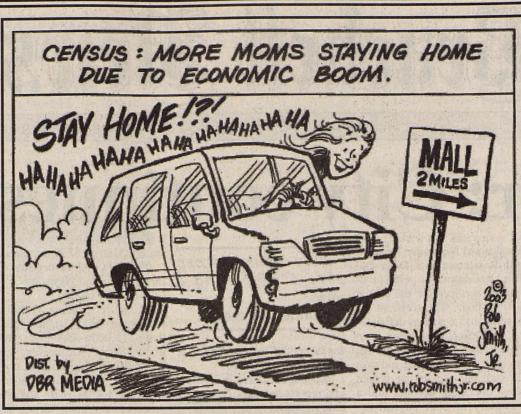
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Was council meeting legal?

You know there really are enough local politics and governmental entities within this county that I shouldn't have to do a column on the same one two weeks in a row. But if the City of Brackettville is going to continue to make itself the biggest target, why not take aim and fire?

On Tuesday, July 1, the City Council apparently held a meeting in violation of the open meetings act. According to the posted agenda, the City Council held an executive session for "personnel policy, financial problems, budget and holidays - Texas Government Code -Chapter 551."

Unfortunately, none of these items are allowed to be discussed during a closed meeting, according to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, Subchapter D, "Exceptions to Requirement that Meetings be Open."

These items are also not mentioned on Pages 27 and 28 of the Texas Municipal League Handbook for mayors and council members. Those pages of the handbook pertain to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

I have read Chapter 551, Subchapter D extensively, and I found several interesting things.



Robinson

or charge against an officer or employee, unless the officer or employee requests a public hearing

Section 551.073 does not require a governmental body to conduct an open meeting to deliberate the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices.

I think that's pretty cut and dry - you can't discuss the personnel policy during a closed meeting. What do you think? Secondly, you won't find the phrase "financial problem" either. As a matter of fact, the word financial only appears in Section 551.085, which has to do with the board of directors of a municipal hospital.

holidays is not found anywhere in that subchapter.

Maybe I expect too much, but ---- Citizens read that last sentence know if the council took action

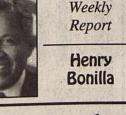
here's a little food for thought. I've put this in quotes because its verbatim from Page 28 of the

TML Handbook. Stiff penalties are provided for violations of the law. A council member or any other person who participates in an illegal closed meeting can be punished by a fine of \$100 to \$500, confinement in the county jail for one to six months, or both. The same penalty can be applied to a council member who circumvents the requirements of the law by using the telephone to poll other council members or who meets with them individually to deliberate over some matter of city business in order to arrive at a decision

"The actions taken by a city council in an illegal meeting are voidable, and a court may assess costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees incurred by a party who substantially prevails in an action brought under the open meeting law. It is an affirmative defense to prosecution that the mayor or coun-Thirdly, the word budget or cil member relied in good faith on the written advice of the city's attorney.

it seems to me anyone elected carefully. It's written advice, not ceptions in 1989. as mayor six times ought to be verbal. If the mayor or any coun-First, I didn't find the phrase fairly familiar with what can and cil member tells you they did this personnel policy" anywhere. I cannot be discussed in executive under the advice of their attordid find the word personnel in session. I think the public should ney, ask for a copy of the letter.

By the way, for those of you



The road to the Capitol

When I was attending South San Antonio High School, I never thought I would one day be representing you in Washington as a United States Congressman. It was something of a feat for a student there to graduate, let alone go on to college and beyond.

Most people assume congressmen have worn suits their whole lives, and that a law or business degree is a required ticket of admission. However, Congress is full of self-made men and women who came from every background imaginable. Let me share a few examples with you.

At the young age of 20, Rep. Bob Riley of Alabama began selling eggs door to door with his brother. The small operation grew to become one of the largest totally integrated poultry and egg operations in the Southeast.

Rep. Ellen Tauscher of California was the youngest person to win a seat on the coveted New York Stock Exchange at age 25. She worked as a stock trader and investment banker. After moving to California, she founded the ChildCare Registry, the first company to provide background information on child-care providers.

Congress has also attracted its share of athletes over the

Rep. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma was a college All-American football player at the University of Oklahoma. He went on to play for the Canadian Football League, and after that became a youth minister.

Rep. Steve Largent, also of Oklahoma, was also a professional athlete. He played for the Seattle Seahawks for 14 years and was inducted to the NFL Hall of Fame after retiring as the third all-time leader in pass re-

Congress is also honored by the service of true heroes - its war heroes.

Sen. Bob Kerry of Nebraska served his country in an elite

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executive session ended.

Mayor, council members,



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Section 551.074 pertains to after executive session on any who have to see it to believe it, Navy SEAL team in Vietnam personnel matters and does not of these items. Since the front copies of the Texas Government and was awarded the Medal of require a governmental body to door to City Hall was locked, Code and TML Handbook are Honor after losing part of his conduct an open meeting to de- I'm sure it was rather hard for available online at www liberate the appointment, em- anyone to determine when the .capitol.state.tx.us/statutes/ statutes.html and www.tml.org/ is a retired Air Force colonel Why was this meeting at City pub handbooks.htm, respec- who endured nearly seven years tively.

right leg in action.

Rep. Sam Johnson of Plano of brutality - half of that period in solitary confinement in a North Vietnamese prison camp.

Congress is full of people from all walks of life, many who never ran for office before coming to Washington. My colleagues have included a great songwriter (Sonny Bono), a winemaker, a restaurant manager and a self described "journeyman" carpenter, just to name a few.

As students across America graduate from high school and move on to college and other ambitions, I'd like to remind them that America is still a country where the American Dream can become a reality. It's a country where a child living in a public housing project can grow up to become whatever he or she dreams of becoming.



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

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COMMUNITY

One of my favorite quotes

He says: "A human being

comes from "The Notebook of

Lazarus Long" by Robert

should be able to change a dia-

per, plan an invasion, butcher a

hog, conn a ship, design a building, write a sonnet, balance ac-

counts, build a wall, set a bone,

comfort the dying, take orders,

give orders, cooperate, act

alone, pitch manure, solve equa-

program a computer, cook a

tasty meal, fight efficiently, die

gallantly. Specialization is for

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siderable collection of people

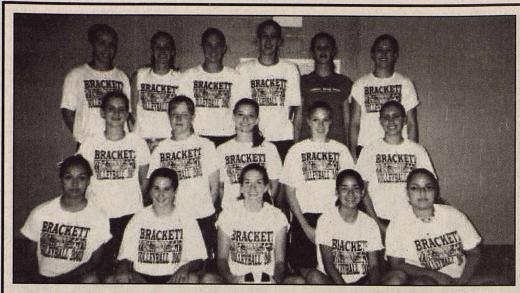
who wear a surprising variety of

This quote is so appropriate

Heinlein.

insects.

The Brackett Rews



Volleyball campers

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Attending the Brackett High School Volleyball Camp, led by Lindsey Brotherton were, top row (from left): Beth Ballew, Juliann Ashabranner, Stephanie Bonner, Courtney Frerich, Danika Schmidt and Brandy Smith. Middle row: Laura Meyer, Whitney Hobbs, Amanda Davis, Ashley Smith and Sarah Meyer. Bottom row: Vanessa Constancio, Emily Petrosky, Kara Yeager, Kristin Meyer and Rosa Ramos. Not pictured: Dana Bonner and Jessi Crane.

Davis, Hobbs attend Texas Farm Bureau seminar

SAN ANGELO - Tillman annual Citizenship Seminar.

Sponsored by the Val Verde Kinney County Farm Bureau, they were among approximately 350 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to John Paul Schuster, president of the Val Verde Kinney County Farm Bureau

"Farm Bureau — Your Host" TFB executive director, after the students were welcomed to Angelo State University.

Martin Lefevere, TFB field representative, and Maria accomplished musician, come-Sweringen, 2002 Miss TFB and TFB speech contest winner, presented "Farm Bureau Scholar- free enterprise projects on ship Opportunities.'

The students also participated Davis and Whitney Hobbs of in a program called "Congres-Brackettville recently attended sional Insights," which allowed the Texas Farm Bureau's 40th them to simulate a congressional office and election.

Other speakers at this year's seminar and their subjects included: David Vernon of Lubbock Christian University, "Basics of Free Enterprise," and Ronald Trowbridge of Hillsdale College, "The Constitution.

In addition, the students participated in a panel discussion led by Ron Trowbridge and David Vernon, followed by a question and answer session on "Our Rights, Our Freedom, Our Responsibility."

The students were entertained on Tuesday evening by Neal was presented by Vernie Glasson, Jeffrey of Dallas, a humorist and motivational speaker. Damon Whaley, former TFB Talent Find Contest winner, provided special entertainment. Whaley is an dian and impressionist.

After the presentation of their Wednesday evening, the stu- ship Seminar.

Clebe McClary, a motivation ice cream in celebration of the speaker, challenged the students 40th anniversary of the Citizen- to "Press on Regardless" at Thursday evening's banquet.

Photo Special to The Brackett News

Citizenship seminar Whitney Hobbs (left) and Tillman Davis recently attended the Texas Farm Bureau's 40th annual Citi-

Ila Navi

zenship Seminar in San Angelo. dents were treated to cake and

Making A Difference Ворра Templeton

Brackettville home to people

who wear a variety of hats

farm, ranchers who fly helicopters, Border Patrol officers who run dive shops and veterinarians who run hardware stores. We tions, analyze a new problem, also have a carpenter/coach and a teacher/hunting guide, not to mention an appraiser/historian and several part-time authors. In Uvalde, I even met a singing car salesman

This type of flexibility and who ranch, federal agents who cused training given in today's and to those that teach them.

gung-ho work environment. I think this malleability to life is a fantastic example for our young people, who will become what they repeatedly see and do. What better example for teaching them how to fine-tune their existence when life's unexpected curveballs are thrown their way?

Life has thrown us all a few zingers and, if you think about it, some of the most unexpected lessons turn out to be our most significant.

Margaret Mead said it takes a village to raise a child. I have thought about that often and, as of yet, have not settled on that statement's ultimate truth. If it is true, my son Clay is a blessed adaptability is not common in little boy and so are the 675 stutoday's world of ultra-mechani- dents of Brackett ISD. My hats hats. We have railroad engineers zation and the incredibly fo- off to the people of Brackettville

BRIEFS

Kinney County youth find success at this year's various livestock shows

The youth of Brackettville had an exceptionally successful major livestock show season with many animals placing at the top of the show or at the top of their class with a grand champion and reserve champion included.

The year began at the Odessa Stock Show in early January, followed by the Kinney County Stock Show. Some of the kids then traveled to Kerrville, Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, and finally to the Star of Texas State Fair in Austin at the end of March. Kinney county was represented with placings at each show. The youth were successful showing lambs, goats, and steers

Seniors participating included Boyd Brotherton, Jared Hobbs, Megan McWilliams and Elizabeth Threadgill. Also participating were Bailee Allen, Summer Allen, Beth Ballew, Ashley Castillo, Julie Castillo, Vanessa Castillo, Dietrich Davis, Robert Davis, Sarah Davis, Tillman Davis, Taylor Dunbar, Cassandra Gomez, Christi Gomez, Haley Harris, Jared Harris, Whitney Hobbs, Elizabeth Jennings, Whitney Massingill, Mason McWilliams, Clay Threadgill, Ashley Thurot and Scott Thurot.

The students served as ambassadors for Kinney County, demonstrating good sportsmanship, character, and courtesy to others. Allen, Dunbar qualify for state show

Taylor Dunbar and Bailee Allen both qualified for the state horse show after the District 10 4-H Horse Show held June 26 in Seguin. The state show is July 23-26 in Abilene.

Also competing in the district 4-H show from Brackettville were Summer Allen, Hayley Harris and Jared Harris. The events that were participated in were the clover-leaf barrels, pole bending and the stakes race.

Hunt named to Sul Ross Dean's List

ALPINE - Sam Hunt of Brackettville was one of 239 Sul Ross State University students named to the spring 2003 semester Dean's List, the honor roll of students who maintain a grade-point average of 3.3 or greater on a scale of 4.0.

Undergraduate students enrolled for 12 or more semester hours

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, June 23 on Highway 1572.

Flynn, 49, of Uvalde was ar- at Fort Clark Springs. Deputy 8:30 a.m., A man reported rested by Trooper Marcos Ron Ring was notified. that rocks had been thrown Hernandez for driving with a sonal recognizance bond.

9:24 p.m., A man reported through the kitchen windows at suspended license. She was re- that the doors were open and notified of the situation. his residence on a local ranch leased the same day on a per-lights were on at the Church of Christ on N Ann Street

7:01 p.m., Deputy Ring reported a mean dog chasing people. A city employee was

8:14 p.m., A man reported at his water was out at his resi-

4:29 p.m., A man reported a dog chasing workers at his residence at the Kinney County

Land Estates. 6:30 p.m., A woman reported two deer at the city pool, adding that the back door was open. City officials were notified.

10:17 p.m., A man reported that a woman was requesting that a deputy patrol near her residence at the Kickapoo Trailer Park. The man said that she was being harassed by an intoxicated man.

10:22 p.m., Alert Alarms reported movement in the family room at a local ranch on Highway 90, east of Brackettville.

10:40 p.m., A woman reported a prowler in her back yard looking through her window at her residence on E. Veltman Street.

Tuesday, June 24

10:20 a.m., Constable Bobby Guidry assisted an Oakwood Homes employee, who had a permit to repossess a trailer on Fort Clark Springs.

12:51 p.m., A man reported that while reading meters, a man walked over to him and became hysterical because he was walking through his grass at his residence on E. Bowie Street. He said the man punched him in the head and shoulders.

3:32 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs security employee reported a possible stolen golf cart at the Fort Clark pool.

Springs security employee requested assistance at Las Moras of a building. Restaurant. A group of individual were refusing to pay for their meals.

9:31 p.m., A man reported that his 1994 Ford F150 pickup had been stolen from the back gate of his ranch on Highway 1908, 8.6 miles from highway 131.

Wednesday, June 25

8:33 p.m., A 911 caller reported a one-vehicle accident on Highway 90, about 4 miles west of Brackettville. No injuries were reported.

Thursday, June 26

5:46 p.m., Onstar reported that they had lost contact with one of their customers and had

a possible emergency. The vehicle was last known to be at a local ranch on Standard Lane. Deputy Larry Robinson was notified of the situation and located the vehicle. He said the

individuals were safe. 11:48 p.m., A man reported that someone was driving by his residence on W. Edwards Street moved from the county because and throwing a bag of fireworks in his yard.

Friday, June 27

8:04 p.m., A woman reported a bunch of kids behind the baseball field on E. Spring Street, stuck in the mud and making a mess

Saturday, June 28

9:55 a.m., A man reported a minor car accident at Fort Clark Road and Fairway Circle.

3:30 p.m., A man reported that he had locked his keys in his vehicle on Ann Street.

4:50 p.m., A woman requested assistance with getting her vehicle.

8:26 p.m., A man reported that he had locked his keys in his vehicle behind the Civic Center.

8:43 p.m., A 911 caller reported a possible intoxicated motorist in a black Chevrolet pickup on Highway 90, headed eastbound.

9:27 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs security employee re-6:56 p.m., A Fort Clark quested assistance at the airport. Windows had been busted out

Sunday, June 29

12:45 p.m., A Fort Clark Pro Shop employee reported kids in a tan golf cart throwing rocks at the golfers and driving all over the golf course.

1:39 p.m., An anonymous in an SUV weaving all over the of Brackettville. road on Highway 90 East, just passed Pinto Creek.

ported that someone broke the fied of the situation.

windows on his vehicle at his residence on Brown Street.

11:45 a.m., Beverly Sue a welfare check on an individual

11 p.m., A man requested dence on Second Street. City assistance regarding a trailer officials were informed.

parked on his property. Monday, June 30

ported a disturbance in front of her house at the corner of Brown and Fulton.

Chief Appraiser Bill Haenn requested assistance in preventing a mobile home from being reof back taxes that were owed. Haenn said the mobile home was going out on Highway 90, east of Brackettville.

Tuesday, July 1

5:10 a.m., A 911 caller reported that his vehicle was broken down on Highway 277, south of Brackettville. Dispatchers contacted a wrecker service.

2:30 p.m., An anonymous caller reported animal abuse at Point reported a subject with a residence on E. Spring Street. City officials were notified of the notified of the situation. claim

Wednesday, July 2

8:30 a.m., Roland Wayne Killin, 27, of Del Rio was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley for driving with a suspended license. He was released later the same day on a personal recognizance bond.

9:21 a.m., A man reported a vehicle accident of the corner of El Paso and Ann Street. No injuries were reported.

2 p.m., An anonymous caller reported three illegal aliens on Highway 131. U.S. Border Patrol agents were notified.

2:20 p.m., A woman reported a one-vehicle rollover on Highway 674. Troopers Ashley and Hernandez, EMS personnel and notified. a wrecker service were all dispatched to the scene.

5:36 p.m., A man requested assistance in locating a man cutcaller reported a reckless driver ting grass on Highway 90, west

5:55 p.m., A woman reported that there was no running wa-5:39 p.m., A 911 caller re- ter. A city employee was noti- Airport.

6:20 p.m., A man reported a dog that was hit close to his Shannon reported a Great Dane 7:25 p.m., A man requested house. A city employee was disof Pafford and Veltman. patched to the residence.

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3:20 a.m., A man reported 1:13 a.m., A 911 caller re- suspicious trespassers trying to open the door to his house on W. Fulton Street.

8:05 a.m., Andrew Herbert 5:53 p.m., Kinney County Blevins, 18, Edward J. Rosemeir, 17, and Ruben J. Guerrero, 17, all of San Antonio, were arrested by Trooper Ashley for possession of marijuana. All three were released later the same day after each posted a \$1,200 bail bond.

2 p.m., A man reported family problems at his residence on First Street. He said he was having trouble with his son, who just returned from a juvenile detention center.

5:30 p.m., U.S. Border Patrol agents from the Cline Check marijuana. Trooper Ashley was

6:24 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a stranded motorist on Highway 90, about 12 miles west of Brackettville.

Friday, July 4 10:07 a.m., Clinton Isiah Taylor, 21, of Smithville was arrested by Trooper Salas for driving while intoxicated, first offense. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time. 3:13 p.m., The Uvalde Police Department reported a possible

drunk driver on Highway 90, west of the Cline Check Point. Saturday, July 5

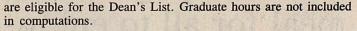
3:35 a.m., A woman reported that the water tower was overflowing. A city employee was

7:40 p.m., A woman reported a deceased animal hanging on a road sign on Highway 674. The Texas Department of Transpor-

tation was notified. 7:50 p.m., Deputy Robinson reported that a plane had been vandalized at the Fort Clark

Monday, July 7 12:28 a.m., Deputy Cody

dog running loose at the corner





The Brackell News

Household hint No. 37

I have another helpful suggestion for all of you readers this week. It is so astounding that you'll be amazed. Well, it impressed me anyway.

I have discovered a foolproof method for finding lost tools. Foolproof, I tell you. It can be used to find any misplaced item. It involves several steps so fol- there low closely.

First, make sure the tool is actually missing. I have found hammers in spots where they actually belonged. Somebody else put them up. So make sure it's really gone.

all of the places that you think that you might have left the item, sledgehammer. Look in the po-Stranger things have happened.

Still haven't located it?

Next, check your son-in-law's you're looking for, there's got while. to be something of yours in

But I Could Be Wrong Chuck

Hall

I wonder if my father-in-law

felt the same way about me that I do about my son-in-laws? Nah, he loved me.

Still missing? Then let's move on to the final, failure-free step. When all else fails, when all Then after you have ex- seems hopeless, try the last rehausted yourself by looking in sort. Go buy a replacement. I promise you that this will work. I've done it many times. Just last try looking in weird locations. week, I could not find a tool that Check the bathroom for that I knew I had several of. When I bought a new one, within hours, tato drawer for your belt. I had found three of the old ones. Oh, and by the way, if there

are any other perplexing problems out there that you find untoolbox for missing tools. Even solvable, call me. Even a blind if you don't find exactly what hog will find an acorn once in a

But I could be wrong.



Dona's Desparados win annual Gunfighter Competition

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Photo Special to The Brackett News

Dona's Desperados of Helotes won the best overall performance award Saturday at Alamo Village's Fourth Annual Gunfighter Competition, earning an invitation to perform at the Oct. 23 Fandango at the Alamo compound. Individual winners were: Dave Crowe of the Brackett City Gunfighters, best actor; Jan Pierce of the Texas Guns, best actress; David Pierce of the Brackett City Gunfighters, most talented male; Jewel Robinson of the Texas Guns, most talented female; Laura Cataldo of the Cowboy Capital Gunfighters, most beautiful, Mike Nelson of the Texas Guns, most handsome; Wayne Lehman of Dona's Desperados, most comical actor; Emily Petrosky of the Brackett City Gunfighters, most comical actress; Karl Meeks and Tina Meeks of the Texas Guns, most authentic costumes; and Hoot Gibson of the Cowboy Capital Gunfighters, Grubby Hat Award.



Passing the gavel Photo Special to The Brackett News Tom Saylor (right), past president of the Brackettville Lions Club, passes the gavel to incoming president Mary Dixon at the recent installation of officers at Las Moras Restaurant.

Chicken spaghetti is a The colony of Connecticut adopted on July 1, 1775, this motto, which was inscribed on which was inscribed on the different colonies. Through the years there were several changes but finally on Several changes but finally on Several changes and a descendant of the council will

DAR council celebrates Flag Day

It has stripes and bright stars flag with a crescent in one corand it's the United States' most ner. powerful symbol - the American flag! The Uvalde de las used by American cruisers was Encinas Chapter of the Daugh- adopted. It is described as a ters of the American Revolution white flag with a pine tree in the joined the other nine chapters center, and bearing the motto, in the Hill Country Council in celebrating Flag Day recently

Hills in Kerrville. and stirring incidents connected lic and the American colonies.

The colonies, up to the Revolution, in allegiance to the mother government, retained the with the addition of some local emblem which was thereon in-

For example, Massachusetts adopted the pine tree, which colony

The colony of Connecticut the different colonies.

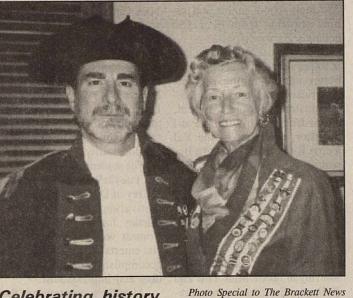
us.

In October 1775, a flag to be

"Appeal to Heaven.

However, on Feb. 6, 1776, with a luncheon at the Inn of the an elegant standard to be used by the commander-in-chief of The American standard, the the American navy was preemblem of the leading republic sented to Congress. This flag had of the world, has a history that a yellow field, with a lively repembraces many interesting facts resentation of a rattlesnake in the middle in the attitude of going with the early days of the repub- to strike, and the words underneath, "Don't tread on me."

Flag Day is celebrated June 14 each year to commemorate the formal adoption of the Stars standards of the old country, and Stripes in 1777 as a symbol of America's freedom and liberties. The original design of 13 scribed as a distinctive feature. white stars in a blue field and 13 stripes, alternately red and white, was adopted by the Secdevice was placed on the coins ond Continental Congress to as well as flags used by that replace the disparate array of flags that had been embracedby



Celebrating history

William Washington (left), the fifth great-nephew of George Washington, is welcomed to the Hill Country Council's Flag Day celebration by Pat McKelvy, regent of the Uvalde de las Encinas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The guest speaker at the meet- sored by the Hill County Coun-

ing was William Washington, cil on July 19 at the Buttsmotto, which was inscribed on several changes, but finally, on Washington and a descendant of On Sept. 20, the council will

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meal for all to enjoy

There's been good fun and activity this past month at G.G.'s house.

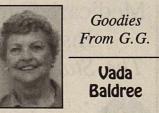
It was our pleasure to share small town living style and ranching with my husband's son and wife for five days, their two teen-agers the entire month, and my three daughters and two of their teen-agers for a little over a week.

All but the daughter have left, making it mighty quiet and dull now. I'm sure glad we don't have any more loans to make from Fort Knox in order to feed teenagers!

share their favorite casserole with you, so here it goes.

Chicken Spaghetti

chicken, 1 pound of spaghetti, utes.



1 pound of velvetta cheese, and one can of creamy chicken mushroom soup.

Boil the chicken and de-bone it, and then boil the spaghetti in the chicken broth.

Mix the chicken, spagetti and cubed velvetta and soup in a My daughters asked me to large casserole dish. If dry, add a little of the broth or milk to mixture. Stir over low-med heat until cheese is melted, or bake

Here's what we need: one at 350 degrees for about 20 min-

The Kinney County Red Hatters attended the regional Red Hatter's meeting last week at the Uvalde Country Club. The meeting was hosted by the group from Southwest Junior College.

13, 1775. This was a large blue mission.

Two of the loveliest parasols were from the Kinney County group, Lucy Shipman and her daughter, Charolette Corey. They were identical white-lace parasols decorated from the inside with flowers greenery and white fairy lights.

The Kinney County Red Hatters decided to have their own judging. Most beautiful, of course, went to Lucy and Charolette, "most clever" to Lynn McNew, who decorated her parasol with pictures of her grandchildren, "best use of purple" to Pat McKelvy and 'tackiest" to Patsy Callnan, who had been in Arizona for a week and decorated her's with a purple flower.

its standards and drums, "Qui April 4, 1818, it was decided transtulit sustinet," which was that the flag would never have construed as "God, who trans- more than 13 stripes and that a planted us thither, will support new star would be added to the 8,000 descendants of George public. Contact any chapter union of the flag upon admis-The first independence flag sion of a new state into the displayed in South Carolina was union, and that the addition that used at the taking of Fort would take effect on the fourth

although there are an estimated ington surname.

genealogical workshop spon- Woodie Frances Trotter.

Samuel Washington, George's celebrate Constitution Day with older brother. William said that a luncheon in Fredericksburg.

The events are open to the Washing-ton's siblings today, member for more information. fewer than 200 have the Wash- Brackettville members include Charolotte Corey, Woodie Following the luncheon, Hornburg, Marjorie Love, Pat Jackson on James Island on Sept. of July next succeeding such ad- members were reminded of the McKelvy, Louise Stone and

Local Red Hatters attend regional meeting in Uvalde

m.



A 'hat' show

Photo Special to The Brackett News

Attending the regional Red Hatter's meeting from Kinney County were, back row (from left): Lynn McNew, La Vera Clark, Mary Frances Partlow, Bobbie Waddell, Hawkins Huey and Charolette Corey. Front Row: Patsy Callnan, Pat McKelvy and Lucy Shipman.

Come have some Fun! **Now Open** Wonderland Slot Machines

We will be having a free raffle monthly. this month we will be having 19" inch TV, you have to be present to play. The raffle will be held Sat. July 26, 2003 at 10:00 p.m. Refreshments & Snacks will be served!!

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Thank You

We would like to thank Martha Pena Padron and the other volunteers that helped organize the 1970-1979 Class Reunion. It was a great success and enjoyed by all. Thursday's registration and mixer, Friday's parade, picnic and poolside dance, Saturday's memorial service, tour of all school facilities and the dinner and dance left us with unforgettable memories and proud to be former graduates of BHS. We would also like to thank and appreciate Tim Ward and Lloyd Lee Davis for the kind words spoken at the Memorial Service about our deceased classmates, school and community.

To Mr. Schuster for taking us down memory lane by touring our school complex, we also thank and appreciate. For those that did not attend we missed you and you missed a great time.

"Class of 74"

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Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board

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The Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board for 2003-04 consists of Oscar Gutierrez (from left), Jose Luis Balderas, Marga Lopez, Patricia Taylor, Pete Castillo and Juan Martinez Jr.

Workforce Board elects officers

ville was elected by acclamation Pizza, for the post. to chair the Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board for 2003-04 tary were Marga Lopez, execu- mentarian. In that race, Oscar during the recent annual meet- tive director of the Maverick Gutierrez, Texas Works proing held in Eagle Pass.

sources and diveresified services Macias, director of human re- Del Rio, and Ana P. Ramos vicefor Rio Grande Electric Co-op, sources for Lopez Health Sys- president and cashier of bank opmoves up from having served as tem of Crystal City. Lopez won erations for Eagle Pass' IBC the board's vice chair for the the post in a close election. past two years.

date nominated for chair, but Community Service Agency. that person's name had to be re- Ojeda did not seek re-election. moved from the ballot since the board chair must represent the surer, incumbent Pete Castillo of Benito Perez of the Crystal City private sector.

two-time board chair Juan Billy Joe Brice, chairman of Martinez Jr., owner of Uvalde's Leakey's Bank of Frio Canyon, Luis Balderas of Crystal City re-Townhouse Restaurant. Marti- and Maria Martinez, president mains on the board's Executive nez bested James "Skip" Baker, of Del Rio's Border Federal

Patricia Taylor of Brackett- owner of Del Rio's Mr. Gatti's Credit Union.

County Economic Development Taylor, director of human re- Corporation, and Laura Lopez

Lopez replaces David Ojeda There was one other candi- Jr., director of Carrizo Springs'

In a three way race for trea-Eagle Pass, representing the Lit- Independent School District did Elected vice chair was former eracy Council, bested opponents

The only race requiring a run-Nominated for board secre- off election was that of parliagram manager for the Texas Department of Human Resources in Bank, were forced into a run-off by Alicia Rendon, a counselor at Uvalde's Excel Academy. Gutierrez won the run-off election.

Long-time incumbent Dr. not seek re-election.

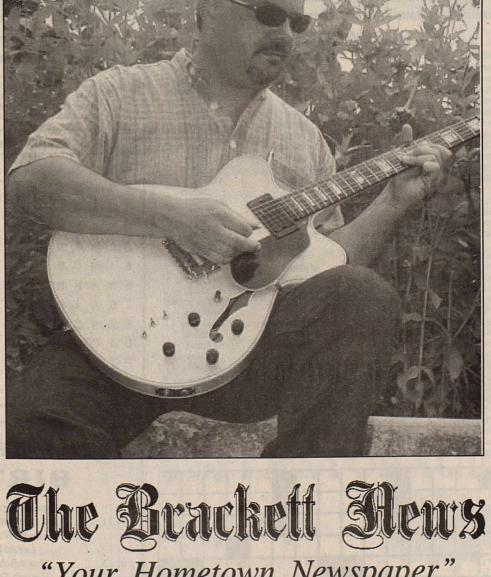
Immediate past chair Jose Committee.



Diaz announces retirement

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Joe Diaz (second from left), recently retired as transportation maintenance crew chief with the Texas Department of Transportation, just five months shy of contributing 40 years of service to the state. Presenting his retirement certificate is Luis Ramirez, Laredo District engineer (third from left), who is joined by Juan Hernandez, Brackettville maintenance supervisor (far left) and Rosa Treviño, Laredo District director of maintenance.







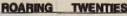
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In the grid below, twenty words can be found that lit the calegory for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space pro-vided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions-forwards, backwards, horizontally, verticely and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 worde?

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Stop By and See Our Friendly Staff

by Charles Cooper

You derive great satisfaction this week from cultural pursuits. A heightened this week. You're long-overdue trip to the museum is just the ticket. Later, concentrate on a new work project.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A tendency to be impulsive this week could lead to overspending. You don't always have to be the one footing the bill. Let others treat you instead.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good week to get involved in a community project. Perhaps you could volunteer at a local hospital or nursing home. Doing so boosts your spirits.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You gad about this week visiting friends you've neglected. Don't let this socializing distract you, though, from tasks at hand. This weekend, make peace with a contentious family member.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You have the opportunity this week to join a club that piques your interest. This could lead to romance for some. Later in the week, a minor spat flares up between you and a co-worker.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Something left unfinto it! Once you accomplish this some thorny issues. By week's task, you have more time for end, you sort it all out together.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your intuition is right to be suspicious of a friend's motives. This person isn't exactly sincere.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You lay out your case quite logically at work. Bigwigs are impressed and follow your suggestions. Over the weekend, creativity is sharp.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're taken aback at the precocious wisdom of a child. Avoid a tendency to dismiss this. What this child has to say is important in the long run.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's best to put aside some work worries. Fretting about them won't solve anything. Just take a break!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You seek out time alone this week. Read, relax and meditate. This recharges your creative juices.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Rapport with your mate is good this week. Take ished weighs heavily on you. Get advantage of this to tackle

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The Brackell Mews

The Lord's Supper is a grand family reunion

This Sunday past I shared the also brought a family photo of

commune with God at this memorial feast, we are seated at the table with every other Christian belief that the Lord's Supper is who has partaken that same more than just a memorial dinmeal

I was pleased to be able to serve his presence in a tangible way. my mother, father and wife. But we certainly weren't the only family present.

roots in Kinney County and was having a reunion over the Fourth of July weekend.

during that same service - Sarah Creager, Daniel Creager, Matthew Creager, Daylon Fohn and Campbell Hancock. The parents wanted their children bapchurch in view of their extended families.

Our church congregation made their way into our pews.

Lord's Supper with folks in loved ones who had already Brackettville for the first time. gone on to their reward in the It was a moving experience Lord. We set the picture down for me. I explained in my ser- on the altar rail and kept it there mon that I thought that the Lord's as a reminder that these children Supper was really sort of like a were being received into Christ's big family reunion - when we holy church and not just this congregation.

It was also a testimony to our ner. It's a grand family reunion During this particular supper where Jesus presides and offers

The wedding feast of the Lamb is more than a "one time" event - God isn't limited by His The Jones family has deep creation, and certainly God created time. The supper that Jesus started introduced his disciples to a new understanding of the Five children were baptized passover, of betrayal, and of selfless service.

In many ways, the "Last Supper" was a first supper, too. Jesus promised his presence where two or more were gathered in been celebrating the supper in one family! His presence ever since.

swelled as about 30 visitors the bread and the fruit of the but the Holy Spirit moved upon your photos of those who've algrapevine, we felt the presence us to remind us that God didn't Kitten Daly Fohn brought of Jesus - and remembered that more than her son Daylon - she somewhere outside of human

First United Methodist Church **Rev.** Roger Baker

time our loved ones were sharing that same meal with the same Lord Jesus in God's time.

In understanding that the meal is just as eternal as the One who is always present at the meal, we began to get a sense of the timelessness of God in Jesus Christ.

With a rush of emotion, many of us realized that it meant our loved ones separated from us by death aren't really absent at all - they are in the presence of Christ! So in a way, when we experience God's presence at the Lord's Supper, they are there right beside us, too, sharing the same table and the same meal. tized and received into the His name, and Christians have In Jesus we truly are united as the reunion of God's family at

> We shared the bread and Sunday every month. As we gathered to consume drank the cup in a physical sign, limit His love for us.

us. Outside of time, we can be in God's presence. By faith, many of us worship-

ping together Sunday made a leap from the concerns of this world to seeing the greater "family reunion" possible in Jesus Christ.

Having the photo of family members long gone served to remind us of the timelessness of God's love in Jesus Christ.

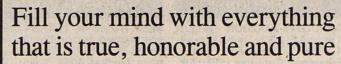
Having children present reminded us that nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus.

Having the table brought our minds and spirit's into God's presence in a tangible way.

Many of us cried, myself included, when we realized just how wonderful this family reunion is. The old song "I'm So Glad I'm a Part of the Family of God" keeps running through my mind.

I don't know how often the Jones family holds reunions, but at First Methodist we celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first

You're all welcome to bring ready gone on to the wedding feast of the Lamb before you. Throughout time, God is with We'll save you a space.



"Dad, why is there so much killing?" asked 8-year old Tony, questioning things he heard on television. "Do we know anybody that would do something like that? I mean, how could a man kill his own pregnant wife?"

Johnny was asking himself the same question.

"It all seems so senseless, son," he replied. "What do ents who care enough about you think?'

"Well, Dad, it just seems like everybody is mad at something or somebody. How can anybody get to the point you read and who your friends where they want to kill somebody?"

"Tony, little babies come will build character and into this world without hate, strength of spirit. anger and bitterness. In fact, lives depend upon the love of thinking that anger and selflive

"They think that others are 4:8) at fault for all their problems. When they get to be your age, they feed their minds on all the garbage they can find on television, on the Internet, in books and from their friends that reinforces their anger and nothing of killing.

But unto you that fear my

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"Son, you're very fortunate to have two loving paryou to set limits and enforce rules about things like the TV and the Internet," Johnny said. "We're concerned about what are. We want you to fill your mind with good things that

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"A couple of thousand they want to be loved and to years ago, a very wise man love in return. Their whole wrote to his friends from a prison cell, 'let your minds be others. But, if they're around filled with everything that is angry and selfish adults, then true, everything that is honthey never get all the love orable, everything that is upthey need. They grow up right and pure, everything that we love and admire ishness is the normal way to with whatever is good and praiseworthy." (Philippians

> "If you fill your mind with those good things Tony, then you won't ever want to kill anybody," he said.

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We are all special in the eyes of God

Max Lucado is one of America's favorite Christian authors, with millions of books in print. Max is consistently on the best-seller charts with his children's titles as well, including "The Crippled Lamb," "Just in Case You Ever Wonder," "Small Gifts in God's Hands" and "Jacob's Gift.'

Max and his wife are the parents of three daughters and live in San Antonio where he is the pastor of a dynamic and growing church.

Common Caterpillar." I have Wormie feel sad, because they also read several of his books don't feel special, but God reasfor adults.



cial they are.

pillar — he doesn't have stripes and he doesn't have spots, but Hermie talks to God. As Hermie Lucado's books. At our house, meet other animals who seem to

sures them that He loves them

soft bed made for him by Ritchie sang, which says in part, Wormie, he talks to God: "You "Don't go changing to try and a common caterpillar. You love me and that makes me special."

When Hermie awakes, he has turned into a beautiful butterfly wants us to be - not the person and he begins to understand the world wants us to be. what God had been telling him. He wasn't like any of the other try to improve-to be better? Of Hermie is just another cater- animals. He was Hermie, a beau- course not. But what it does mean tiful butterfly with a beautiful is that God made us in His im- ness arise with healing in his heart

"Just in Case You Ever Won- us special. and his friend Wormie travel der" says everything you want My grandchildren love Max through their daily lives, they to say to your children about me in Your image. Help me to how much you love them and we have "Just in Case You Ever have special powers given to how special they are to God. It cause I belong to You. Thank Wonder," and "Hermie, the them by God. Hermie and carries a warm message of love, You for all the special people in comfort and protection.

know, God, it's OK that I'm just please me ... I love you just the way you are.' This is what God tells us. Be

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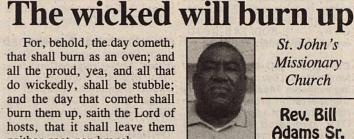
my life. And there is a message in this for all of us. We are all special, with us anytime at St. Mary

ourselves - the person He

neither root nor branch. Does this mean we shouldn't age and likeness and that makes

Lord, thank You for making remember that I am special be-

You are welcome to worship



name shall the Sun of righteous- the day that I shall do this, saith

the Lord of hosts. (Malachi 4:1wings; and ye shall go forth, and 3) grow up as calves of the stall.

Glory!

Let everything that hath wicked; for they shall be ashes breath praise the Lord. Praise ye under the soles of your feet in the Lord. (Psalm 150:6).

selfishness. Then, when ject, working in Brackettville they're adults, they think to strengthen family, faith and

books so great? He constantly not finished with them yet. reminds children how very spe-

us just the way we are. As Hermie falls asleep in a There is a song that Lionel cial!

What makes Max Lucado's the way they are and that He is because God made us. God loves Magdalene Catholic Church. God bless you! You are spe-

It is easier to give in to temptation in the heat

Hot summertime is here and choices. It is a lack of trust in it brings along with it the op- God. portunity to practice the godly trait of patience.

When you are physically hot, control and has your best interit is easier to give in to the temptation to be contentious, disobedient to the truth, obeying and a heart that puts up barriunrighteousness, and practicing ers, which even God has a hard indignation and wrath.

causes tribulation and anguish will. upon your soul, mind, will and emotions. (Romans 2)

is the symptom of wrong goodness. This only comes to us God."

It is a heart that does not believe that God is in complete

ests at heart. A hard heart is a selfish heart time penetrating since he does when we practice what we Giving in to impatience not tamper with your own free

God calls each of us to practice forbearance and long-suffer-A hard and impenitent heart ing. He calls us to the riches of

Bob & Charolette Corey

preach and forgive others their sins and trespasses.

No matter how others offend you, it is your calling of God to forgive them. "Let go, and let

It is your calling to be an "ambassador of peace." So, when you have an opportunity to let the "chili sauce" rise in your veins, take a moment to cool down by remembering who you are in Christ and that you can do all things (according to God's word) through his anointed power which gives you strength to be more than a conqueror, yes, even an overcomer.

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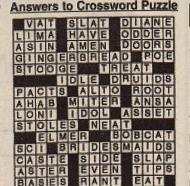
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