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# Berlanga holds on to mayor's post



Carmen Berlanga

By J.J. GUIDRY Editor

Despite a verbal resignation decreased by 97 percent. last week, Carmen Berlanga has no intentions of relinquishing her post as mayor of Brackett-

but offered no further comment. The mayor verbally resigned express dissatisfaction with the said during the meeting. city's financial woes.

The community has been in mayor's resignation must have

in debt and that cash assets had fective.

will continue to serve as mayor, sponsible for the city's financial utes don't support the claim.

from her position during the City resignation and for me to step would be legal for the city to be week after citizens continued to has served as mayor for 11 years, ager.

that the city was over \$200,000 by Berlanga before it became ef- son said. "The question every-

The City Council fired David who has been running the daymonth, but citizens argued that argued that the city operates un-Berlanga, as the city's mayor and der a city manager form of gov-

If the argument is true, citi-"I'm out. You asked for my zens asked the mayor how it

"The mayor mentioned that According to state law, the the city was not financially stable money. - everybody here knows that,"

body wants to know is who is ing for somebody? In recent weeks, the mayor, ultimately responsible for that.

> underneath the city manager right now.' form of government?"

Council's monthly meeting last down. I'm gone," Berlanga, who operating without a city man-city was going to hire another decision it was to decide when administrator, and the mayor replied, "as soon as we have some one

an uproar since learning in May been be in writing and signed local businessman Wes Robin- pay one more person," Tipps said. "Why can't you start look-

Berlanga responded: "We will "You maintain that we're un- as soon as we get our fiscal re-Luna as city manager last to-day operations of the city, has derneath the city manager form ports in and know how much of government and that you're money we don't have and how just a figure-head that runs the much potential we may have. Berlanga said Tuesday she chief executive officer, was re- ernment, even though local stat- meetings. How is what you're We're working on our budget. doing right now legal if we're We just can't pick someone up

> Freshman council member Lydia Tipps asked when the Bonnie Wardlaw asked whose it would be time to hire some-

"The five people on the coun-"You have enough money to cil decide that," Robinson an-

# Newman named Brackett High's new counselor

By J.J. GUIDRY Editor

Ken Newman of El Dorado has been named the new high school counselor at Brackett

"Ken is going to be great," Brackett Superintendent Bobby Templeton said. "He has a lot of experience. He has been a principal and counselor. He has done great everywhere he has been, and hopefully he will do great here, too. I think he will as Brackett's high school counfit in well with the community."

Newman began his career in education as an elementary physical education teacher at San Angelo ISD in 1971. He has also worked as a principal and counselor at Schleicher County ISD, and was most recently a guidance counselor at Irion County

status and a mentor school in Region XV," said Steve Peters, Irion County ISD superintendent. "He is dedicated to student progress and success. Mr. Newman is a collector and disaggregator of student assessments and has the knack to provide guidance to each student based on his or her needs.

'Ken is self-motivated and self-directed, which is one of the reasons we hired him. He has provided our kids with a fresh outlook, organized the financial aid parent workshop for parents, and he has had the opportunity to visit our secondary students regularly," Peters added.

Newman and his wife, Kathy Jo, have two children: Gentry, 18, and Emily, 15.

He succeeds Michelle Frerich ded.

"Ken is going to be great. He has a lot of experience. He has been a principal and counselor. He has done great everywhere he has been, and hopefully he will do great here, too." **Bobby Templeton** 

Frerich will now serve as the counselor at Jones Elementary School. She replaces Kay Qualia, who retired in May after five years with the school dis-

"Michelle is looking forward to a new challenge," Templeton Finalizing the paperwork said. "I've only been here a short time, but from what I can see, she is definitely a solid person. We're lucky to have her.'

Junior high teacher Angie Meeks also retired in May, and elementary school teachers Janna Bowlin and Kimberli By J.J. Gudry Cummings, both resigned. Editor Those teaching positions will not

rollment this year and because County for over five years. of that, we had to restructure going to be filled at this time." The superintendent said the

district is fully-staffed. "We are lucky. Most schools

for people, sometimes frantically. We're in good shape. We're fully staffed and ready to



Photo by J.J. Guidry

Kinney County Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess (from left) signs the paperwork finalizing the new detention

# etention Center finally a reality

"There was a decline in en- detention center in Kinney

The negotiations finally some of the staff," Templeton ended this month as county ofsaid. "Those positions are not ficials set the wheels in motion erate the detention center. for the new 320-bed facility which will house federal prison-

in the state of Texas are looking cooking now," County Judge it started today and ended to-Herb Senne said.

Five years ago, county offi- ligation." cials began exploring the feasiter with tax-based financing. The eral construction and built-in

a privately-funded facility.

There has been talk of a new but the project is finally put to-ment and project administration 90 intersection.

Riata Texas of Midland will

start the year," Templeton ad- bility of running a detention cen- includes \$7.2 million for gen- come together.

\$543,548 for architectural engi- Highway 131, approximately "It's been a frustrating drive, neering, construction, manage- 1.3 miles south of the Highway gether," said Bob Prince, the re- fees; \$399,400 for development gional director of marketing for and interim finance costs to Riata based company which will op- and \$50,000 for a betterment allowance and contingency fund. months.

"This is a big deal for us and fund the \$8.43 million facility. a big deal for Kinney County," "There is zero financial risk said Mike Patton, a marketing "The fire is lit and we're for the county," Senne said. "If specialist with CiviGenics. "We've all faced a lot of diffimorrow, the county has zero ob- culties over the last several

commissioners opted to pursue furnishings and equipment; on 60 acres of land, located on

Senne said construction on the facility will begin immedi-CiviGenics, a Massachusetts- Texas; \$238,000 for land costs; ately. Officials expect the facility to be completed in nine

Prince expects to hire approximately 60 employees to

operate the detention center. 'We will want to hire local personnel, as much as we can," he said. "We think there is a years, but we have been con- good labor pool here and in the The total cost of the project stantly working and it has all surrounding counties. We will

The detention center will be See CONSTRUCTION/Page 7

# INSIDE

# **Wes Robinson**

I guess there are drawbacks to starting a column. The worst is everyone with a complaint thinks it should be the subject of your next column. Opinion/Page 2

# Bobby Templeton

In any school and most public institutions, there are always people who are out on the front lines, meeting, leading and directing. Opinion/Page 2

# Roger Baker

Any preacher will tell you that people sleep in church. Lots of people do it, and if the truth be known, once or twice I've taken a brief nap. Religion/Page 7

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Shopping spree winner

Robert Smith of Fort Clark Springs walked away with \$775.55 in meat products last Thursday morning after winning a 60-second shopping spree at Super S Foods. Smith was one of 47 lucky shoppers to win Super S Foods' 30 Year Anniversary Shopping Spree at each of the stores in South and Central Texas.

# Water board set to discuss new budget this afternoon By J.J. GUIDRY

Editor

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District businessman Wes Robinson Board of Directors will meet this asked the board: "I would like afternoon at 1 for a workshop to know if the \$17,500 that to begin preparing a new bud-

of its first-ever fiscal year, but included in the financial stateits financial status is unknown. ments. According to Chapter 36, At the board's regular meeting any gifts are supposed to be acearlier this month, directors re- cepted by the district publicly, fused to release copies of its fi- and I don't recall you ever do-

The directors voted to table was approved by the board.

The Brackett News has requested a copy of the document under the Open Records Act.

The directors did, however, vote to consolidate the line items for legal fees and professional records requests and adjusted 'privileged.'"

the line item for collection fees from the Appraisal District.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, local Brian Sledge testified before the Senate sub-committee that he The district is nearing the end had received for his services is ing that in a meeting.'

The directors declined to rethe financial report presented by spond. The board also refused Darlene Shahan, the board sec- to release its proposed manageretary. She said the document ment plan. Director Bob Young would not be released until it reviewed the document during the meeting.

Zach Davis, a former board member, asked if copies of the plan would be made available.

"It's termed personal and confidential by our attorney," Shahan said. "That's what the atfees into one line item for pro- torney put on the top of the fessional fees, which includes the document. When our attorney district's attorney, auditor and says it's OK to release it, we will consultant. The board also release it, but we can't release added a \$500 line item for open something they've marked

# Don't forget the Alamo!

Did you know that Texas is the second-most popular travel destination in the United States?

With summer upon us, Texans are busy mapping out their vacations. The good news is that an exciting vacation doesn't have to include travel agents and complex flight arrangements. Texans can find some of mystery this Labor Day weekthe country's greatest destina- end ... go West! tions right here in the 23rd Congressional District.

our state. The opportunities are endless! I have created a list of hot spots and summer events that of the year except Christmas Eve 10 acres of awe inspiring are sure to provide an exciting and Christmas Day. Visitation riverfront. and meaningful vacation.

#### **Big Bend National Park**

You can enjoy sightseeing by personal car, backpacking, jeep touring, camping, fishing, float trips, hiking and wildlife viewing just to name a few of the the state! many activities. Commercial float trips on the Rio Grande are riety of attractions and activities Park" has introduced a new proavailable through outfitters just including riverboat rides, live gram called "Cowboy Sunset outside the park.

### Alpine/Marfa

The two cities host a Labor rants. Day weekend that features the Big Bend Balloon Bash and the Marfa Lights Festival.

sights than the contrast of colorful hot air balloons in the morning West Texas sky above marily for excellent water rec- ner or call (830) 232-6132 the Alpine Valley against the reation including: boating, fish-Davis Mountains, except per- ing, swimming, scuba diving to make Texas your vacation haps for the mysterious and unexplained Marfa Lights, seen by wide open spaces and a touch of

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Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

### San Antonio

Take a stroll down the River the Alamo and the River Walk will discover within this intrigu-Walk in San Antonio, explore I am proud that more than 2.5 out west or set up camp at one million people visit San Antoof the many recreational spots nio each year to see the 4.2 acre in the southwestern region of complex known worldwide as County. Located 30 miles north The Alamo."

hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday.

The jewel of San Antonio is the River Walk. After the Alamo, it's the most visited attraction in cessions building, and bike

The River Walk offers a vamusic, art galleries, great shop-

#### Del Rio

The Lake Amistad National Recreation Area is situated on morial Day weekend through There are few more amazing the U.S.-Mexico Border and Labor Day weekend. near the city of Del Rio.

Lake Amistad is known pri-

motorists almost every night of provide opportunities for pic- wonder of our state and invite a the year. If you're looking for nicking, camping and hunting. friend "down" to share in the Ciudad Acuna is just a short fun.

Don't put things off

until the time seems

right, start now.

drive from the lake where visitors can cross the border for an afternoon of shopping and authentic Mexican cuisine.

For more information on the lake and the recreation area, visit www.nps.gov/amis or call (830)

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The park offers camping, hiking, picnicking, canoeing, fishing, swimming in the Frio River, miniature golf, paddle boat rentals, juke box dancing at the con-

"Friends of Garner State Serenade." This program gives ping, and world class restau- an overview of the history of the American Cowboy through songs and cowboy poetry. These performances are held from Me-

> For more information visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/gar-

There are hundreds of ways destination this summer. Take Areas surrounding the lake joy in the natural beauty and

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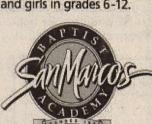
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# SMOKING I'M SURE GLAD IS SUCH A R.J. REYNOLDS ISN'T BAD HABIT. SPONSORING NASCAR ANYMORE

# **BISD** will miss Brown

In any school and most public institutions, there are always people who are out on the front lines, meeting, leading, directing and being the official, and sometimes unofficial, standard bearer for the organization they belong to.

These are the people that others recognize at restaurants. These individuals may or may not be talented, but they do stand out. They may or may not be just as indispensable. hard workers, but they are recognized. Competent? Maybe. Noticed? You bet.

To borrow a sports analogy, lywood actor paid millions to be all balanced? the pitch man.

to success, but it makes me think up everyday. They ask for noth-



Difference

Bobby Templeton

about all of the others on the team and in the company who get little or no credit, but are

What would the team be without the other coaches, cooks, drivers and equipment managers? What would the company this would be the coach and the be without the factory workers star quarterback. In business, it who keep the products flowing would be the CEO and the Hol- or the accountants who keep it

These people are an organi-To be sure, they are integral zations true heroes. They show staff were lucky to have her.

ing but what they earn, and they flat out get the job done. They take pride in their work and find triumph in that. Any leader will tell you these people are rare.

Brackett ISD is losing one such person. Her name is Dixie Brown. She has been the business manager at BISD for many years and is now in the fledgling stages of her retirement.

From the first moment I came to work here, she really impressed me. She looked after the schools money like it was her own and was not afraid to give her opinion.

This is a major reason why schools all over the state are nearly broke, but BISD is in fine shape. She cared and took care of business. Our kids and our Good luck Dixie.

# Some local citizens may have choice for free mail delivery

I guess there are drawbacks to starting a column like this. The worst, so far, is everyone with a complaint thinks it should be the subject of your next col-

I have enjoyed talking to everyone who has approached me and I don't want to hurt anyone's needs to realize this column will 674. not fix your problems or change ness to the issue. Only you, the 'to charge certain citizens and springs. citizens, have the power to change things.

The most recent issue to catch one had to pay for their Post option other than paying for Office box.

Subsequently, the United Brackettville, everybody got the city's right of ways. their box for free.



Between

Wes Robinson

feelings. However, everyone mail to residence along F.M.

businesses for their Post Office

boxes. Essentially, if you are located my eye concerns our local postal within one block of the rural service. As many of you know, route and within the city limits a number of years ago, every- of Brackettville, you have no

your box. According to our postmaster, States Postal Service was re- through no fault of the Post Ofquired to provide one free form fice, this is due to the fact that of delivery. Because there was the city has no ordinance allowno free form of delivery in ing mail boxes to be placed in plain later.

Several years ago, a rural agenda, but was tabled because given the option. route was established between the council wanted to notify the the Rocksprings' Post Office and citizens that it would affect. In Brackettville's. I assume this was my opinion, this was a very wise of the convenience, I don't be-

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provide proof of identity. The Brackett News will not publish letters sent via e-mail. Letters published and viewpoints of columnists do not necessarily reflect the editorial beliefs of this newspaper.

So for those of you located within one block of the rural route, who would desire the option of not paying for a Post Office box, now is your chance. Write a letter to the City Council or attend the next meeting and let your voices be heard.

The rural route runs from our Post Office to the intersection of It also gave our local Post Spring and Ann Street, and then things. It will only bring aware- Office a loop hole, allowing it north, all the way to Rock-

There are some conditions. You will only receive mail on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. You will also have to erect a mail box according to U.S.

Postal Service regulations. I also encourage those of you who believe rural boxes would detract from the looks of our city to speak up. If you don't speak your mind now, you really don't have the right to com-

Personally, I think this is an This item was on the last city easy decision. Citizens should be

While my business will continue to pay for its box because for the purpose of delivering and considerate decision by the lieve everyone should have too.

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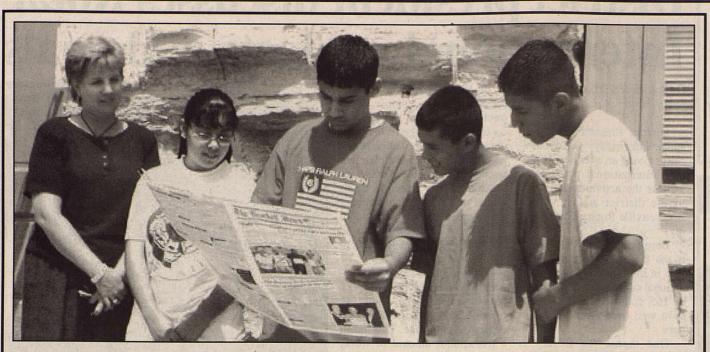


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Job Shadowing

Sponsor Jennifer Harris (from left), Marisela Talamantes. Jose Castillo, Ivan Pinales and Cesar Ortiz recently visited The Brackett News office as a part of the Middle Rio Grande Job Shadow Program.

# City Council rejects proposal recognizing Mexican ID cards

# U.S. House passes legislation regulating cards

cil rejected a resolution last fore the City Council. week that would recognize working in the city.

with us and brought a brochure," Mayor Carmen Berlanga said. "All they're asking for is is a green card." support in accepting this as an identification card for Mexican citizens. Some of them only have that as an identification card."

Council members Mary Flores, Francisca "Chica" Garall opposed the resolution.

tion elsewhere besides the Mexi- consular IDs. can consulate ID cards. I don't

The Brackettville City Coun- not have even been brought be- taining computer databases to has been trying to work out com-

"The first question I had Mexican consular ID cards as an when I read this was, we don't cipients to notify the consulate official form of identification for have a police force, how are we of address changes; and sharing Antonio Democrat who chairs Mexican nationals residing and going to enforce this? It's up to cardholders' identities with the the Congressional Hispanic Cauthe United States government State Department. "About two months ago, the what they will accept as ID and Mexican consular came to visit what they won't," she said. "I mittee Chairman John Hostetttalked to the Border Patrol, and ler, R-Ind., the bill's author, de- clarified in their muddy argu-

popular with Mexicans living in pose a national security risk. the United States, particularly illegally, could face U.S. regulations under a measure endorsed the acceptance of these docuby the House.

za, Tomas Gomez Jr., Johnny a 226-198 vote last week with so long as the foreign mission Samaniego and Bonnie Wardlaw near-solid Republican support complies with the requirements describes its matricula program and Democratic opposition, di- in the amendment," Hostettler as a way of identifying and reg-"I think, given the problems rects the State Department to told the Dallas Morning News. the city of Brackettville has, we develop regulations governing need to be focusing our atten- foreign consulates' issuance of to take a stance on the cards, ing them. Though new fraud-re-

prevent duplicate or fraudulent peting views between various issuance of cards; requiring re-

House immigration subcomof the FBI's concerns that the cannot use matriculas to obtain

this amendment does not address ments in the United States, nor The amendment, approved on does it prohibit their issuance,

federal agencies.

Rep. Ciro Rodriguez, the San County." cus, denounced the provision as "anti-Hispanic."

"One thing that needs to be vote, to obtain public benefits, ate form of legalization status," he said.

The Mexican government, which has issued more than 1.4 million of the cards since 2002, istering Mexicans who live The U.S. government has yet abroad in hopes of better servwhich bearers use to open bank sistant features have been added The amendment would im- accounts, get driver's licenses in to the card, which has been in see where that would benefit pose penalties for foreign gov- the 13 states that recognize the existance since the 1870s, Brackettville," Wardlaw said. ernments that don't meet U.S. matricula, and access other ser- Mexico has yet to set up a com-Garza said the issue should regulations, including: Main- vices. A task force for months puter database of all recipients.

### **OBITUARY**

# Alfred G. Melancon

away in Houston on July 21, daughters: Monique Mascio and 2003, at the age of 74.

death by his son, John Jacques, and daughter, Denise Sanchez- 14 grandchildren.

Melancon of Pleak and Pat Cemetery.

Alfred G. Melancon passed Melancon of Brackettville; Jackie Melancon of Houston, Melancon was preceded in Celeste Bahar of Galveston and Danielle Plaza of Uvalde; and

Services will be held at St. He is survived by his wife: Francis DeSales Catholic Jackie Veltmann Melancon of Church in Houston and intern-Houston; his sons: Michael ment will follow at the Veterans

#### **BRIEFS**

# Luna attends fire training school

COLLEGE STATION - Leo Luna, a fireman with the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department in Brackettville, Texas is attending the 74th Annual Municipal Fire Training School July 20-25. The school, attended by nearly 2,000 students representing about 750 cities from more than 25 states, is being held on the Texas A&M University campus this week.

Fireman can choose a course at the school from a list including: fire fighting, fire prevention, fire department officer development, fire service rescue practices, specialized fire protection and public safety emergency service dispatcher.

Luna is being sponsored by Val Verde/Kinney County Farm Bureau and Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies by contributing towards the cost of the school. Since volunteer firemen are interested in attending this school to help do a better job for fire fighting and fire prevention, 125 County Farm Bureaus and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies in the statewide program have sponsored 125 fireman at the school.

"Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies believe volunteer fire departments have been very effective in reducing the amount of loss involved by fire in rural areas," said Kenneth Dierschke of San Angelo, Texas Farm Bureau president. "It is our hope in sponsoring this program that the fireman will help the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department to better serve the residents of Kinney

# Breast cancer program is Saturday

Dorothy Phillips, a breast cancer educator, will be providing an inservice on the latest self exams, breast cancer prevention and detection information on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall in Brackettville. The prothe only acceptable form of ID scribes it as necessary in light ment is the fact that immigrants gram will be followed by a Longerberger Basket party, featuring the annual Breast Cancer Awareness basket. Proceeds of the sale The ID card that's proving cards are vulnerable to fraud and work authorizations, the right to of this special collector's item basket go to the American Cancer Society. All women are invited to attend. No child care available. "It is important to note that nor do they provide an immedi- Please bring a dessert or treat to share. Drinks will be provided.

# **Booster Club hosts golf tournament**

The Brackett Athletic Booster Club is hosting a golf tournament on Aug. 2 at Fort Clark Springs. The entry fee is \$30 each for a four-person scramble, mulligans are \$5 each with a maximum of two. Lunch, beverages and door prizes are included. Carts will be available. For more information or to register for the tournament, call Candy Hobbs at 563-2591 or 563-5236.

# Drawing for painting is set for Aug. 1

The winner of a Bud Breen painting being raffled off to raise funds for the Southwest Twisters' trip to the NSA World Series in Beaumont on July 19-27 will be announced Aug. 1 at 1 p.m. at the Bank & Trust.

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# Annual Angora goat sale successful Encouraging signs for the helping with the goats. Connie Pam and Cal Hengst of San 17 head for \$10,725; the Balch

mohair industry where seen in and Lewis Bratton have their Angelo bought the second-high Ranch of Sonora, 10 head for the strong demand for fine, high- own flocks now and are active buck bred by the Speck family \$5,050; and Stephanie Ayers of yielding, uniform fleeced bucks in the Mohair Council. Johnny for \$1,900. Dee Hadorn of Uvalde, eight head for \$3,850. and does at the 16th Annual Haby, Lockhart, Ross, Speck meat goats. Delores and Dr. buck for \$1,600. Angora goat production sale.

The sale was held July 19 at transfers. the Hill country Youth Exhibit Center in Kerrville.

This year's catalog was dedi-

Dittmar has been active in the averaged \$615. Angora goat business for over Louise's three children are still Holman of Sonora for \$2,600.

keeps up with the Angoras and Castleberry still do embryo

averaged \$502 and 63 bucks that

The high-selling buck was a 50 years. John and Mary Speck buck purchased by Jimmy

Harrah, Okla., took home a Ross

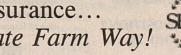
Officials reported that 87 lots of Boerne for \$1,200. Larry of yearling bucks and does Jennings of Sonora bought the Corpus Christi, Allen Stieler of grossed \$50,825 for an average second-high doe for \$950. cated to the John Dittmar fam- of \$584, including 24 does that Chuck Violet of California paid of California. \$825 for the third-high doe. The by the Specks.

and Cal Hengst of San Angelo,

Other volume buyers were Denny Ray Speck of San The high-selling doe was pur- Angelo, Scott Mitchell of chased by the Paul Grafe family Sanderson, William Whitworth of Boerne, Russa McSwain of Rocksprings, and Chuck Violet

"The partnership sincerely top three selling does were bred appreciates the buyer's faith in the mohair industry and their Volume buyers included Pam faith in HLRS fine haired Angoras," Doris Haby said.

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# KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

# Monday, July 14

12:07 p.m., A Border Patrol Agent reported a one-vehicle accident on Highway 334, about 14 miles outside of Brackettville. Deputy Michael Schaefer reported that the subject involved in the accident was found three to four miles south of where the accident occurred. He requested EMS assistance.

3:40 p.m., A man requested cause he was having problems with his son.

in a license plate that she had

sign at the intersection of Fulton and Brown Street.

7:41 p.m., A woman said a car. Grey Matrix ran through the stop sign on Pafford Street.

7:59 p.m., Deputy James Blankenship said he was unable to catch up to a white pickup truck driving at a high rate of speed through Brackettville. Officials at the Cline checkpoint were notified.

9:25 p.m., Sergio De Paz Toledo, 23, of Nacogdoches was outstanding warrants. He was at Kickapoo Trailer Park. booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time.

9:50 p.m., A jailer reported manager was notified. that two prisoners at the Kinney County Jail were fighting.

Garcia took care of the situation.

Tuesday, July 15 7:50 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs woman reported two

dogs that got out of their fence. caller reported a loose cow on Highway 90, near the A.J. Foyt

10:50 a.m., A woman reit was parked in front of her Street. 4:40 p.m., A woman turned mother's residence on E. Veltman Street. She said the windows of the vehicle were down 7 p.m., A man said a maroon and the doors were unlocked. Grand Am twice ran the stop The woman said the subject also took a bite of a piece of barbecue chicken that was inside the

> 3 p.m., A U.S. Border Patrol agent reported a traffic accident at the intersection of Highway 90 and Spring Street.

9:05 p.m., A woman reported kids playing on her fence and trying to pull the posts down at her residence on Pafford and First Street.

Wednesday, July 16

5:20 a.m., A man reported arrested by Trooper Ashley on that a roof had blown off a trailer

5:40 a.m., A man reported that part of the Super S Foods roof had blown off. The store

that a telephone pole was about said he had been hitch-hiking were reported.

Trooper Ashley, Deputy to fall down on Ann Street, next from New Mexico and was very Blankenship and Capt. Jesse to The Brackett News. from New Mexico and was very tired and perhaps a little dehy-

Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department reported a meter loop down at the Kickapoo Trailer Park on Fulton Street. He said a 9:55 a.m., An anonymous hot wire was laying on the dogs barking near his residence ground. Central Power and on W. Fulton Street. The dis-Light officials were notified.

1:10 p.m., A man and a woman reported two people assistance at his residence be- ported that her purse had been fighting in a small white truck a one-vehicle rollover about 14 stolen out of her vehicle, while at the corner of Fort and Gove miles east of Brackettville on

Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Manny Pena for public intoxication, resisting arrest and was booked into the Kinney County Jail, where he was still being held at press-time.

gun fire in Unit 31 on Fort Clark cials.

6:05 p.m., A Stop N Shop employee reported that an individual driving a white Pontiac LaMans pumped \$15 worth of points. City officials were notigas and drove off without pay- fied of the situation.

8:20 p.m., A 911 caller re-Creek. Deputy Ron Ring was quested EMS assistance. dispatched to the scene. He found the man, Brian Bentz of ported a two-vehicle rollover on South Carolina, walking on the Highway 90, about 10 miles east 5:43 a.m., A man reported shoulder of the road. The man of Brackettville. No injuries

7 a.m., A member of the drated. Ring gave the man some water to drink and a ride into Brackettville.

Thursday, July 17

11:04 p.m., A man reported patcher was unable to reach the city employee that was on call. 11:07 p.m., A man reported

Highway 90. Deputy Ring was 1:32 p.m., Ben Tovar, 45, of dispatched to the scene where he found a white 1995 Chevrolet Tahoe lying on its top. Five females were travelling in the veassaulting a police officer. He hicle. The driver and front-seat passenger both suffered minor injuries and were transported to Val Verde Hospital in Del Rio 4:55 p.m., A woman reported by Kinney County EMS offi-

Saturday, July 19

9:16 p.m., Deputy Cody Shannon reported that a dog was hurt near the apple trees at five

Sunday, July 20

7:20 a.m., A man reported ported an individual lying on the that he had been stung by bees ground near Highway 90, about at his residence about 3 miles five miles east of Sycamore east of Brackettville. He re-

10:45 a.m., A woman re-

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# District president discusses Rotary International projects and goals

Contributing Writer

District President Jim Berg spoke informally, yet dynamically, giving an overview of Rotary International projects as well as the activities and goals Brackettville Rotary Club meet-

is the largest service organiza- get things started. tion in the world. Rotary International consists of 33,000 clubs

One theme for Rotary is "Lend a Hand," and Berg said he believed one way he could be of help to local clubs was to share his experiences in Rotary. He began by telling something of his own life.

Berg served five years with the U.S. Marine Corp in Vietnam before entering the business world. After being discharged, he became administrative manager of a company that built drilling rigs. Then, he went to Glasgow, Scotland, and became 2,000 Scots in a company that built ships.

One night his father called tary meeting and wanted to tell him about an opportunity to buy a newspaper business. However, could manage to do so. Berg had to act within 30 minutes if he wanted it.

Berg said he moved quickly and purchased a business that opportunity to belong to the ers where needs exist. West San Antonio Rotary Club."

He sold the business 21 years

In 1981 Berg transferred his membership to the 700-member Club where his father belonged. he later bought it.

president. Then, another unexpected call from his father brought a challenge to be acted upon quickly. He was asked if he could put together a plan that would convince the Rotary International Site Selection Comof the district at last week's mittee to hold the International Convention in San Antonio in five years. The plan had to be Berg pointed out that Rotary accompanied with \$300,000 to

The call came three days before Christmas, and the plan in 165 countries. These clubs would have to be ready to have well over 2 million mem- present 20 days later. Berg accepted the challenge. This meant a tremendous amount of work, but the plan was created and the money raised.

The Site Selection Committee arrived in January. Berg said that God blessed San Antonio with three days of sunshine. Members met for lunch on the River Walk in short-sleeve weather. Despite stiff competition with several other cities, San Antonio won and hosted last year's International Convention, and Berg was the leader of the committee that staged it. The one of five Americans among city prospered from having 24,900 people from 134 countries come to town.

Berg spoke about how interfrom the U.S. He had just re- esting it is to meet people from turned from a San Antonio Ro- all over the world and encouraged local members to attend an International Conference if they

He also stressed the importance of Rotary's objectives to offer opportunities for business people to meet and get to "fostered four children, his wife know one another as well as (Ruth) and provided him with the working together to serve oth-

Rotary also stresses the usefulness of all occupations. Berg, himself, is an example of such opportunities. While he was working on the conference, he Downtown San Antonio Rotary used a multi-media business, and

District president visits

District President Jim Berg (left) and his wife, Ruth, visited the Brackettville Rotary Club last Thursday.

trict president is to raise awareness of the work of the Rotary Foundation in international humanitarian service.

The foundation is funded mainly through awarding Paul Harris Fellowships to worthy members. To receive a fellowship, a club donates \$1,000 in the recipient's name.

The foundation funds go directly to its charitable endeavors around the world. One such students. project is the 20-year effort to eradicate polio in which Rotary has played a major role. No matter how remote the area, Rotarians pay their own way to administer preventive injections, and Polio is now almost non-existent.

The district Berg heads is involved in projects such as giving surplus goods such as food, Sweden in April. Consult a Roclothing and school supplies to tary member for more informapeople in impoverished areas. tion. One such area is across the borficult to reach. Obsolete text- of the goals for the year is to books are being sent to Africa increase membership.

One of Berg's goals as dis- in containers that will remain and be converted to classrooms once

The Berg's time here was limited, but they were given a tour of Fort Clark by Bill Haenn, past president of the local club. Berg thanked him and expressed appreciation for getting to know about the fort. He praised the Brackettville club for its achievements and particularly for sponsoring Rotary exchange

One of the Rotary International projects is a Group Study Exchange that sends a group of business and professional people to some part of the world with food and lodging paid. Anyone from 25 to 40 years of age who is not a Rotarian or a relative can apply to become a candidate. A group will be sent to

If you would like to become der in Mexico, nearby, but dif- a Rotarian, ask a member. One



Goodies From G.G.

Vada Baldree

# **PUBLIC NOTICE** BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION **SEPTEMBER 13, 2003** 

#### **PROPOSITION 1** (HJR 68, Section 1)

HJR 68. Section 1 would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use excess receipts in the Veterans' Land and Veterans' Housing Assistance funds for payment of revenue bonds, and use excess assets in those funds to provide veterans homes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make princinal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds."

#### **PROPOSITION 2** (HJR 51)

HJR 51 would expand from six months to two years the period in which the former owner of a mineral interest that was sold for unpaid property taxes may buy back the mineral interest.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes

#### **PROPOSITION 3** (HJR 55)

HJR 55 would authorize the legislature to exempt from taxation land owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that will be used to expand or construct a place of religious worship that yields no revenue.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility."

#### **PROPOSITION 4** (SJR 30)

SJR 30 would authorize the legislature to allow conservation and reclamation districts to use taxes to develop and finance certain parks and recreation facilities. Also, the amendment would authorize the legislature to allow local elections for the issuance of bonds to improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities in the Tarrant Regional Water District or a conservation and reclamation district located in whole or in part in Bastrop, Bexar, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant, Travis, Waller or Williamson County

The proposition will appear on the ballot

as follows: "The constitutional amendand recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts."

#### **PROPOSITION 5** (SJR 25)

SJR 25 would authorize the legislature to exempt from all property taxes certain tangible personal property, which could include a travel trailer not substantially affixed to real estate and not used as a residen-

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income."

#### **PROPOSITION 6** (HJR 23)

HJR 23 would authorize a qualified homeowner to refinance a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment nermitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage."

#### **PROPOSITION 7** (HJR 44)

HJR 44 would reduce the number of persons who make up the jury in a district court criminal misdemeanor case from

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial.

#### **PROPOSITION 8** (HJR 62)

HJR 62 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies to state and local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 18 applies only to local political subdivisions

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that

#### **PROPOSITION 9** (HJR 68, Section 2)

HJR 68, Section 2 would redefine the composition of the permanent and available

school funds by requiring during the next ment of Transportation to issue notes or two fiscal years, and authorizing thereafter, annual distributions to the available school fund of a percentage of any increase in the value of the permanent school fund's total investment assets.

The proposed amendment will appear on the

#### **PROPOSITION 10** (HJR 61)

HJR 61 would authorize municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment, supplies, or materials to the Texas Forest Service, which would be authorized to distribute based on need the equipment to rural volunteer fire departments.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire de-

#### **PROPOSITION 11** (HJR 85)

HJR 85 would authorize the legislature to regulate the operation of wineries in Texas, regardless of whether a winery is located in an area in which the sale of wine has been authorized by local option election.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "A constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state.'

#### **PROPOSITION 12** (HJR 3)

HJR 3 would immediately authorize the Legislature to limit non-economic damages assessed against a provider of medical or health care and, after January 1, 2005, to limit awards in all other types of cases.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on noneconomic damages."

#### **PROPOSITION 13** (HJR 16)

HJR 16 would authorize a county, city, town, and junior college district to freeze property taxes on a residential homestead of a person who is disabled or aged 65 or older.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses."

#### **PROPOSITION 14** (HJR 28)

HJR 28 would authorize the Texas Depart-

ment projects. The terms of the notes or loans may not exceed two years.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for authorization of the issuballot as follows: "The constitutional ing of notes or the borrowing of money amendment relating to the use of income on a short-term basis by a state transporand appreciation of the permanent school tation agency for transportation related other public securities secured by the state of rural fire prevention districts." highway fund."

#### **PROPOSITION 15** (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would prohibit a local retirement system and the political subdivision that finances the retirement system from reducing or otherwise impairing certain accrued benefits under the local retirement system.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The Constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or im-

#### **PROPOSITION 16** (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow home equity lines of credit and allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans."

#### **PROPOSITION 17** (HJR 21)

HJR 21 would prohibit an increase in school property taxes on residence homesteads of disabled persons.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person."

#### **PROPOSITION 18** (HJR 59)

HJR 59 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies only to local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 8 applies to state and local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

#### **PROPOSITION 19** (SJR 45)

SJR 45 would repeal the legislature's au thority to create rural fire prevention districts. Effective September 1, 2003, all existing rural fire prevention districts will convert to emergency services districts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to repeal the authority of projects, and the issuance of bonds and the legislature to provide for the creation

#### **PROPOSITION 20** (SJR 55)

SJR 55 would authorize the issuance o general obligation bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$250 million that will be used to provide loans for economic development projects that benefit defense-related communities in Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear or the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installa-

#### **PROPOSITION 21** (SJR 19)

SJR 19 would authorize current and re tired faculty members of a public institu tion of higher education to receive compensation for service as a member of the governing body of a water district.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water

#### **PROPOSITION 22** (HJR 84)

HJR 84 would authorize the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to serve on behalf of a state, district, or local public officer who is called into active military duty for longer than 30 days.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States

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(or the cheese of your choice), cut into 1/4-inch cubes, and one package of won ton wrappers. Put one cube of cheese in the center of a won ton wrapper, fold in half to form a triangle, seal edges with water, fold the remaining edges together and seal.

You may twist them together if

desired. Repeat with remaining

wrappers and cheese. Heat 3 to 4 cups of vegetable oil in a deep skillet or deep fry to 375 degrees. Fry six to eight at a time until golden brown, for about four minutes. Drain on a paper towel that you've placed

on wire rack. For the dip, combine one eight-ounce package of softened cream cheese and a 1/2 cup of bottled sweet and sour sauce. Stir or process until smooth. Serve with won tons. Preparation time is approximately 20

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In a deep pan, skillet or deep fryer, heat oil (vegetable pre-ferred) to 375 degrees and fry one to two minutes or until lightly browned. Preparation time is about 20 minutes.



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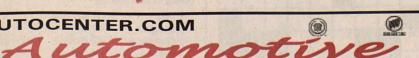
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by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) LIBRA (September 23 to Oc-It's a great week to track down tober 22) This week, you alold friends and catch up with low personal problems to take current events. The same holds center stage. As a result, imtrue for family members who portant work could get nelive at a distance. This weekend, glected. Try to separate the two a home improvement project for more effective results. beckons.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You need to get out of that rut comes your way via the mail. and find some intellectual stimulation. Go to a museum or at- tion you've been anticipating. tend a lecture at a local college. In any event, you're pleased. You'll be surprised how much this revs your creative juices.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're the calm in the middle of that storm at home. Fortunately, you feel comfortable this time being the peacemaker. baseless. Later in the week, seek out feedback on a work project.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A little pampering will go a long your mate. Holding in resentway with your mate. You rekindle that warmth and passion. Later in the week, your stress Over the weekend, window is eased. shopping delights you both.

slight financial misunderstand- news takes you completely by ing can easily be straightened surprise. However, there could out. Perhaps the bank is at fault. be an opportunity for you as Later, some surprising informa- well. Talk this over in detail. tion proves beneficial.

ber 22) There's usually a good frugal person. However, don't reason for most things. This is let this descend into cheapness. especially true where your Once in a while, you have to mate's mood is concerned. A open that wallet! heart-to-heart chat clears the air.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A surprise Perhaps it's that special invita-

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It seems others have more faith in you this week than you have in yourself. Dispel those selfdoubts. They're ultimately

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) It's best to get everything out in the open with ment is bad for the relationship.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to LEO (July 23 to August 22) A February 18) A friend's career

PISCES (February 19 to VIRGO (August 23 to Septem- March 20) You're generally a

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20. Wine

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# Awake to a new life in Christ The fear of God is a

Any preacher will tell you what's going on around them. that people sleep in church. Lots of people do it, and if the truth ding-off in church is a very big be known, once or twice I've problem, but falling asleep the taken a brief nap between the rest of the week can be deadly scripture reading and the offer- dangerous. tory myself.

was upset when I saw people to stay awake, but how often do asleep in church. I replied that you hear Christians remind each on television, profanity on the right through prayer time — no of course I wasn't offended, God other to "wake up" and to "stay radio, denial of the right of inneed to pray for our law enspoke to a great many people alert?" during their dreams - Jacob's ladder, Joseph's dreams of the stalks of grain, the Revelation their job is to keep you awake! local and national political isof John — all cases of God moving when people were asleep.

My hope is that those I occa- of Monday through Saturday. sionally see sleeping in the pews are ready with fresh insights directly gleaned from their Cre- moment of encounter with God ator! I sometimes laughingly ask early on Sunday to insulate our- people fail to treat people with- up" call of your own, come worbleary-eyed parishioners things selves from evil for the remain- out "white" skin as brothers and ship with us this Sunday. The like, "What part of the sermon ing week. really spoke to you today?"

I don't think occasional nod-

We see commercials warning Someone once asked me if I us not to drive if we're unable

Sleep in church if you must But the big challenge is not the sues. naps on Sunday but the malaise

I'll accept your nodding as



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and exclusion of the Christian preachers know that part of perspective from discussion of vice members in harm's way.

Get a bit dozy and you'll never notice that you've failed We cannot be complacent be- to study your Bible or pray with lievers, content with only a brief your children. Go right to sleep and you'll never notice that some

Sleep too long and you won't hear the cries of the needy. Catch a really long nap and you won't need to visit the sick. Stretch out for a really good rest and you won't have to go out and visit those in jail.

You can probably even sleep dividual prayer in the classroom, forcement officers, no reason to stay up and remember those ser-

Jesus calls us to wake-up to a new life in Him. Just as he described Jairus' daughter as "only sleeping" (Mark 5:39), perhaps we too need to be awakened to a new life in Christ.

If you're discovering a "wake pews are padded, the AC works Keep sleeping and you'll miss fine, and we sing familiar Most people that sleep in agreement on Sunday, but nod- the suffering of Christians try- hymns, all starting at 10:45. church do so because they are off during the week and you'll ing to escape poverty through That's late enough to sleep in truly comfortable, but sometimes discover that you've agreed to ill-conceived activities, such as just a little bit ... and if you need because they're not engaged in permissive displays of sexuality illegal immigration and vice it, we'll find some coffee, too!

# paradise of blessings

Marta tried to be firm with her daughter: "You may not hang that poster in your room, Colleen.

"But Mom, Princess Di was a great person. It's not her fault that this man wrote a book about his love affair with

her thoughts.

"Well," Colleen answered, "Princess Di supported a lot of worthy causes and helped on one side, there was immoa lot of people. And she was rality and dishonesty on the

beautiful.' "Yes," Marta answered. 'The princess made many appearances, and her appearpearances on behalf of worthy mous." causes."

"I still want to put the poster up in my room, Mom!" Colleen said with certainty.

'You must remember, Colyourself to others by those you honor and by those who become your idols," Marta said.

good works and to great St. Henry deOsso Family beauty and even wealth. Cer- Project, working in Bracketttainly the princess achieved ville to strengthen family, those things. But even for the faith, and education.

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Colleen's assessment of the rich and beautiful, there can British princess was not in be a dark side that people agreement with her mother's. don't know or choose to ig-Marta paused collecting nore. The princess carried on affairs with men other than "Just what is it that makes her husband even while she someone great, Colleen?" she was married and raising two beautiful children.

"While there was great wealth and charity and beauty other side. When you approve of one, you approve of the other," Marta said.

"I guess you're right," Colances helped many charities leen sighed. "It seems like evto raise money. But it remains erywhere you look, you see to be seen whether her good the good side and then the works go much beyond ap- dark side of the rich and fa-

Long ago, a very wise man said that things such as charm, beauty, wealth and vigor bring delight to the eye, but it is the fear of God that leaves leen, you reveal something of nothing wanting and is a paradise of blessings. (Sirach 40:11-27)

■ Editor's note: This col-"It's worthy to aspire to umn is brought to you by the

# God's holiness helps you overcome temptations He tells us to "put on the new

Pray for God's spirit of holiness to be upon you that you may have the power to be obedient in faith to perform his works. Being filled with God's holiness strengthens you to overcome the temptations of the

Before you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you were God." a servant of sin, but afterward

therefore reign in your mortal your members servants to unbody, that ye should obey it in cleanness and to iniquity unto the lusts thereof. Neither yield iniquity; even so now yield your your choices, even more, your one another, tenderhearted, forye your members as instruments members servants to righteousof unrighteousness unto sin: but ness unto holiness. For when ye wrong habits and choosing right yield yourselves unto God, as were the servants of sin, ye were habits draws you into that realm you." (Ephe-sians 4: 24-32) those that are alive from the free from righteousness. What of holiness by using the power dead, and your members as in- fruit had ye thine in those things of his Holy Spirit to accomplish in your soul. Stand in faith, rest struments of righteousness unto whereof ye are now ashamed? it.



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The apostle Paul continues to you became obedient to righ- say, "I speak after the manner by grace, but you have to keep whereby you are sealed unto the God's word says: "Let not sin your flesh: for as ye have yielded

For the end of those things is death. But now being made free man," "putting away lying, an-

(mind, will and emotions).

habitual choices. Changing

from sin, and become servants ger and sin not, do not give place to God, ye have your fruit unto to the devil, quit stealing, labor holiness, and the end everlast- with your hands, let no corrupt ing life. For the wages of sin is communication proceed out of death; but the gift of God is eter- your mouth, but that which is nal life through Jesus Christ our good to the use of edifying Lord." (Romans 6:12-13, 10-23) (building up), that it may minis-God began the good work in ter grace unto the hearers, grieve you when your spirit was saved not the Holy Spirit of God, of men because the infirmity of choosing that which is holy to day of redemption, let all bitbecome perfected in your soul terness, wrath, anger, clamor, evil speaking and malice be put Your soul is controlled by away from you and be kind to

> Choose holiness and prosper in hope, walk in love.

giving one another, even as God

# Keep the Lord's presence with you at all times

cup and bread to His disciples just during communion on Sunand asking them to eat and drink day, but every day. in remembrance of Him. Go out and do some tangible But as the rest of the song act of love in remembrance of unfolds, the vision of remember- Him, it suggests. Feed a hungry ing Christ begins to expand.

your brother in."

As I think about these words, presence to me. However, the of remembrance.

Some times at Mass we sing song also suggests there is an-"In Remembrance," a song that other special way to bring begins with Jesus offering the Christ's presence to my life, not

"In remembrance of Me, heal card, cry with a friend, give a the sick. In remembrance of me, gift, say "I'm sorry," visit a shutfeed the poor. In remembrance in, hug a child. But pause and of Me, open the door and let do them deliberately in the run through my days, through some loving act every day, esname of Jesus.

That is what sets them apart a sense of communion. I think about how receiving the and makes them special. That is cup and bread bring Christ's what transforms them into acts Office one day, I saw an elderly Mary Magdalene Catholic



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spilled from her full hands and rolled under her car. "Let me get them for you," I said.

It's a small thing, Lord, but I ing for the keys became an ex- life, and that ye may believe on John 5:12-15) erience of presence, as full as bread and wine

Lord, help me keep Your presbe chain links of presence that ence ever with me, by doing memory. You are welcome to While coming out of the Post worship with us anytime at St.

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Orthopaedic Surgeon

# The Lord is righteous in all ways

The Lord is righteous in all for Christ's sake hath forgiven his ways, and holy in all his works. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

> He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him; he also will hear their cry, and will save them. (Psalm 145:17-19)

He that hath the Son hath; and he that hath not the son of we have in him, that if we ask God hath not life.

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anything according to his will, These things have I written he heareth us: and we know that do this in memory of You, I unto you that believe on the he hears us, whatsoever we ask thought. And somehow the mere name of the Son of God; that ye we know that we have the petiact of kneeling down and grop- may know that ye have eternal tion that we desired of him. (1

And this is the confidence that

# Construction set to begin run through my days, through some loving act every day, esall our days, binding them with pecially in Your name and on new detention center

■ Continued from Page 1 competitive wages."

In addition to housing federal

will include office space and an

"The detention center will help us tremendously," Sheriff us," Senne said. L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said. of putting them in Wackenhut cal jail. (Detention Center in Del Rio), and maybe get a cheaper rate."

ing female prisoners in the new

detention center. "The financers and the operainmates, the detention facility tor are both very sensitive to county needs. If we feel like we evidence storage facility for the need those accommodations Kinney County Sheriff's Office. made available, I'm positive they will make accommodations for

The sheriff said the county "We're hoping we can get some plans to continue to house fedfemale prisoners in there instead eral prisoners in the 28-bed lo-

"My intention is to house federal prisoners here to offset the Female prisoners cannot be expense of the dispatchers behoused in the local county jail, cause we'll still have to have disbut officials have discussed hold- patchers anyway," Burgess said.

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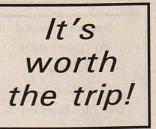


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### Public Notice PUBLIC WORKSHOP

TOPIC: Discussion of Public Transportation Section 5310 Grants: Elderly and Disabled Grant

WHEN: Thursday, August 28, 2003, in Laredo Wednesday, September 10, 2003 in Laredo

WHERE: Laredo, TX: Texas Department of Transportation, District Office District Meeting Room 1817 Bob Bullock Loop

Laredo, TX, 78043

TIMES: Both Meetings begin at 2:00 pm in Laredo

The Texas Department of Transportation is holding this workshop to discuss the Public Transportation Section 5310 Grants. This grant is for the provision of transportation services meeting the special needs of the elderly and persons with disabilites. TxDOT's goal is to promote the availability of professional, cost-effective, efficient, and coordinated passenger transportation services to elderly and disabled persons using the most efficient combination of financial and other resources. Interested candidates for this grant in Val Verde, Dimmit, Maverick, Kinney, Zavala, La Salle, Duval and Webb County should contact Mr. Omar Cantu, Public Transportation Coordinator, by telephone at 956-712-7438, by E-Mail at ocantu1@dot.state.tx.us or in writing at Texas Department of Transportation, Public Transportation, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas 78043. Applications will be made available at TxDOT's Laredo District Office, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas 78043. Applications will be accepted beginning July 15, 2003 through August

If you have any questions or comments please contact Omar Cantu, District Public Transportation Coordinator at (956) 712-7438.

**AVISO PUBLICO** TEMA: Para hablar de la concesion de fondos de transportation publica Seccion 5310

DIAS: Jueves, el 28 de Agosto ano 2003 en Lared Miercoles, el 10 de Septiembre ano 2003 en Laredo

LUGAR: Laredo, TX:

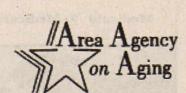
Departamento de Transportacion de Texas District Engineer Conference Room 1817 Bob Bullock Loop

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TIEMPO: Las dos juntas en Laredo comienza ha las 2:00pm El Departamento de Transportacion de Texas (TxDOT) esta organizando una reunion para discutir acerca de la concesion de fondos de Transportacion Publica Seccion 5310. Esta concesion economica es para proveer servicios de Transportacion necesarias para personas de edad avanzada asi como tambien para personas desabilitadas. El objetivo de TxDOT es promover la disponibilidad de servicios profesionales, eficientes, economicos y organizados de servicios de transportacion de pasajeros de edad avanzada y personas desabilitadas usando la mas eficiente combinacion de recursos y financiera. Candidatos interesados para fondes en los condados de Val Verde, Dimmit, Maverick, Kinney, Zavala, La Salle, Duval y Webb deben de llamar al 956-712-7438 con el Sr. Omar Cantu, Coordinador de Transporte Publico, para mayor informacion o por E-Mail al ocantul@dot.state.tx.us, o en escrito al: Departamendo de Transporte de Texas, Transporte Publico, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas 78043, Attn: Sr. Omar Cantu. Se puede obtener la aplicacion en la oficina del Departamento del Transportes de Laredo, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas 78043. Las solicitueds seran

aceptada empezando el dia 15 de Julio ano 2003 hasta el dia 22 de Agisti del ano 2003. Si usted tiene cualquier pregunta o comentario por favor llama a Omar Cantu, Cordinador de Transportes Publico a (956) 712-7438.

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