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### BRIEFS

## Seminole Indian **Celebration set**

The public is invited to attend and participate in the 133rd annual celebration honoring Seminole Indian Scouts' ancestors and heritage on Sept. 17-18. The traditional parade will start on Saturday at 10 a.m. by the high school and end at the Carver School Grounds on Beaumont Street. The festivities will continue with the Buffalo Soldiers Program at 11 a.m. followed by a BBQ plate sale at noon. Sunday's services will be at the Seminole Cemetery at 11 a.m. Please contact Beverly Wright at beverly-wright52@yahoo.com or Augusta Pine and Willie Warrior at 830-775-7079 or ww78840@aol.com.

## Las Moras AA meets locally

The Las Moras group of Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) meets each Monday and Friday at Slator Hall, across the street from the First Methodist Church on James Street at 7 p.m. AA Is not a religious program, although spiritual in nature.

If you have a family member or friend that you think may have a problem with alcohol or other drugs, this is the place to seek help. There are no dues or fees for membership. It is a simple program that will help your life become what you deserve. If you have further questions please call Tom at 563-6206

## 4-H welcomes new members

The Kinney County 4-H ofat the 4-H meeting being held this Sunday at the Fort Clark Springs "I am thrilled to be a sunday at the Fort Clark Springs" and Val Verde. Service Club from 5:00-6:00 portunity to work for the people p.m. Officers meet at 4:30. of this great part of Texas," The Food and Nutrition group Casteel said. "The challenges for will also be meeting at 3:30 p.m. transportation due to trade are returned to the Wichita Falls Dis- he graduated from the Govat the same location. If you have great, and it is exciting to be able trict as assistant area engineer in ernor's Executive Development any questions please call the Ex- to help address them. tension Office at 563-2442.

## Castro readies for 90th birthday

90th birthday. She

was born in Brackettville on Sept. 24, 1915. She celebrates with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends at a special

luncheon in her honor in Huntington Beach, Calif. on Sunday, Sept. 25. Mercy married Rudolph "Nino" Castro (deceased), also from Brackettville. They had five children: Rudolph Ojeda. She graduated from 1934. Mail birthday wishes to to her daughter, Diane Mitchell,

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## Bro J

California 94559.

We couldn't believe as we watched the pictures on the weather channel where the hurricane was building up speed and was heading for the Gulf

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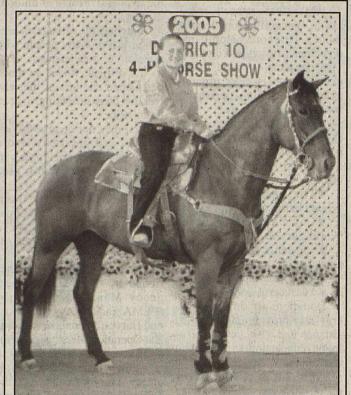
## Vada

Continuing on Vada's words of wisdom, The Brackett News also encourages everyone to eat their vegetables. And, not wanting to leave out a few good recipes, we decided to add a couple more recipes. Community/Page 4

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STATE QUALIFER

Courtesy photo

Summer Allen and her registered quarter horse, Flam Pet Dream - "Dreamer", recently returned home from the 43rd Annual State 4-H Horse Show held at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene. There were more than 900 4-Her's from across the state competing in the week long event. To advance to the state competition, Summer had to compete and qualify along with 139 other 4-Her's at the District 10 4H Horse Show in Sequin. She placed 4th in the Stake Race with a time of 8.732 securing her a spot on the district 10 Team.

# Citizens open hearts to Katrina victims

Staff Writer

In response to the incredible hardships now being faced by the victims of Hurricane Katrina the done what they are known to do ing, toiletries and animal goods.

Every Brackett ISD student is "Kids Helping Kids" campaign.

Is it Katrina, corporate greed prices, this time it was the powor just the way it is? Gas prices erful hurricane Katrina that in-

are soaring to all time highs and terrupted the extraction of crude Kinney County residents are from deep under the ocean floors starting to feel the pain at the off the Gulf Coast and forced the pump. Prices are changing daily; federal government to tap into its at press time, the price at the fiercely protected fuel reserves. pump is about \$2.90 in Brackettville, dropping from its high- affecting you? "I recently sent est of about \$3.09 for regular unout a memo stating that we would SUV for a smaller, more fuel leaded last week. Though "big have to cut down on miles trav- efficient car. "The price of gas oil" companies are normally eled, work more stationary ra- is just too high to drive our Seblamed for the increase in the gas dar points," L.K. "Buddy" Bur- quoia. " she said

Before appointment to San

Antonio, Casteel had been dis-

Christi District, a post he held

degree in civil engineering from

Texas A&M University in 1984,

Casteel graduated from the uni-

versity with his master's degree

sional engineer in 1989. In 1998,

Program at the Lyndon B.

Casteel is married to the

He became a licensed profes-

After earning his bachelor's

bage cans with lids, extension church officials were informed cords, tarps, fans and towels.

According to June Kaminski, Brackettville Housing Authority, citizens of Kinney County have part of The Department of Housing and Urban Development best - rally the troops and come (HUD), she had to report the out giving! The Fellowship of number of unoccupied housing Christian Athletes (FCA) imme- units to the San Antonio field diately got into the giving spirit office for HUD Tuesday mornand started collecting items to ing and was then later told to be unteers sorted and labeled the give to the storm survivors in San prepared to receive evacuees that Antonio. Their goal is to fill up were left homeless by Katrina. an entire school bus with cloth- the hurricane that hit the three Gulf Coast states Aug 29.

encouraged to participate in the of the available spaces here in tions in order to better meet their Brackettville and provided the needs. The FCA is collecting clothes necessary transportation to get (all ages), new undergarments here if they decide to relocate to (all ages), toiletries, diapers, the area. Jean Reardon, pastor able to pick up any items that you books, games, dog/cat food, food of the First United Methodist are unable to transport to the bowls for animals, plastic gar- church explained that local civic center personally.

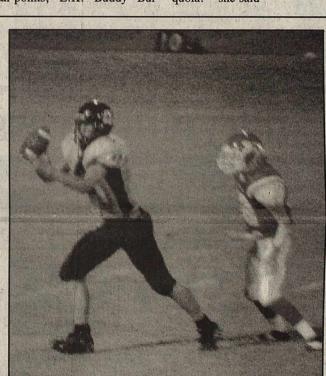
about the possible arrival of evacuees in an emergency meetlocal executive director for ing on Saturday night and quickly sprang into action on Sunday morning. The west side of the Civic Center was designated as a collection site and by Sunday afternoon it was overflowing with clothing, furniture, household items and dry foods. Voldonations stacked two feet high on the rows of tables. Church leaders are also discussing the "adoption" of the displaced fami-The evacuees will be notified lies by the different congrega-

To donate call 830-563-7147 or 7149. Volunteers will be avail-

## Skyrocketing prices taking toll on citizens

How is the high price of fuel

gess Kinney County Sheriff said. "I've started to carpool over the last three to four weeks and I know several others who are doing the same,"David Alexander, PAIC (Patrol Agent In Charge) U.S. Border Patrol Brackett Station said. Dee Dee Paxton is considering trading-in her luxury



TIGER TOUCHDOWN Brackett News photo by Pam Hale

The Tigers' Leon Woolsey takes the catch for a Tiger touchdown Friday night against Sonora. The Broncos held the Tigers to a score of 35-19 in Bronco field. "We got beat by a very good Sonora team.," Athletic Director Greg Voyles said "We need to do a better job executing. If we expect to beat good teams. The Tigers host the Nueces Canyon Panthers Friday

### **TxDOT Laredo District welcomes interim engineer** Participating district engineer for the Childress

in TxDOT's

Master of Sci-

ence in Civil

Program,

District.

Engineering trict engineer of the Corpus

since August 2001.

The Texas Department of Transportation's Laredo District today welcomed its Interim District Engineer, David Casteel,

Also the District Engineer for the San Antonio District, Casteel will oversee the district's eight counties: Webb, Duval, Dimmit, ficers would like you to join them La Salle, Maverick, Zavala, Kin-

"I am thrilled to have the op-

Casteel joined TxDOT's a summer hire in the Graham Big Spring Area Office. Pro- Austin.

Area Office.

Castro is ready to celebrate her later returned to Graham in 1987.

Casteel moved to College Station in 1990. There he worked as an associate research engineer on construction work-zone safety for the Texas Transportation Institute. From 1991 to 1993, Casteel

the Vernon Area Office. In 1993 he became area en- Johnson School of Public Affairs

Wichita Falls District in 1983 as gineer in the Abilene District's at the University of Texas at moted in 1994, Casteel was the He moved to Bowie in 1985 district's director of transporta- former Betsy Hart of Graham. Mercedes "Mercy" Luna as an engineer-in-training and tion planning and programming. They have a daughter, Katie, and

In April 1997 he was named a son, Louie.

# Homecoming activities set for next week

cent to the Tiger Track Field, on there will be a varsity volleyball The Tigers host the Leakey Texas Highway Eagles for their homecoming The traditional homecoming pa- against Leakey. game, set for Friday, Sept. 16 rade is at 2 p.m. Friday with the

Homecoming activities are set 8 p.m. at the bonfire site, adja- Before the Tiger footballg ame, 334. game at 4:30 p.m in Tiger gym

The homecoming court will pep rally in downtown Brack- be presented at half-time during Bonfire Thursday, Sept. 15 at ettville at Five-Points. the Friday night Football game.

# night at 7:30 in Tiger Stadium. Brackettville's Meyer to be honored

# Castro; Jr. (deceased), Enedina "Dina" Gonzalez; Ernest Castro; Diane Mitchell, and Rosemary Castro; Diane Mitchell, and Diane Mitchell Mitche

Brackett High School, Class of Floresville hospital director to promote transplant donation awareness in honor of Meyer

Barry Wall, a director at 1000 Terra Verde Drive, Napa, Connally Memorial Medical Center (CMMC) in Floresville, will be joining the 12-member team of the Lone Star Circle of Life Bike Tour (LSCOL) on September 11.

> The Tour is an annual event that covers approximately 700 miles in 6 days, bringing a message of life saving organ, tissue, blood, and bone marrow donation to the public.

Wall, who is a Certified Tissue Bank Specialist, a Board Member of the Lisa Landry Childress Foundation, and on the National Marrow Donor Pro- tember 16, 2005. gram (NMDP) registry, will be riding in his fourth LSCOL Tour.

"Debbie Mabry and I founded this tour in 1998 because of the try", said Wall. "With the number of patients that are added to the transplant list on a daily bato go around" he said.

on Sunday Sept. 11 and proceed. in a "Circle" of the state going man who was attending school through Crockett, Houston, LaGrange, San Antonio, Austin, Temple, Waco, Fort Worth, and ending in Dallas on Friday Sep-



of the 12-member cycle team will ride in honor of Texans who have donor." Wall said. either been a donor, a recipient, short-fall of donation in the coun- or a family member who has been touched by transplant.

This year, as the team rides from LaGrange to San Antonio sis, there is just not enough do- on Sept.r 13, Wall will be riding nations of these life saving gifts for a very special young man and go around" he said. his family from Brackettville, The Tour will start in Tyler Michael "Mike" Meyer.

"Mike was a bright young "when he suffered an unexpected



and Josie Meyer of Brackettville, Each day of the Tour, each that if the time were ever to came, he wanted to be an organ

That time came on March 23,

"Even though we had had sevin San Antonio", said Wall, support an organ donor. This Meyer. young man from Brackettville

with a new state-of-the-art hospital in March of 2005.

new CMMC", Wall said.

his Mom, Dad, and sister, Kristin cornea transplant, a Physician at the event in San Antonio on Sept. 13.

Mike also has a brother, Gregory (Greg) serving our country in the Air Force, stationed in Portugal. The cycling team is scheduled

to arrive, from LaGrange, in San Antonio around 3 p.m. at Saturn of San Antonio (I-35 N in Selma) where they will introduce the honorees and their families and speak about donation.

Mike's mom said, "Michael had the most beautiful soul and spirit. It was almost impossible 2005 in Floresville where Mike to not see what a kind and caring was living and working while at- young man he was. Michael had tending school. Mike became the a smile that was as big and grand first-ever "organ" donor at as his heart. He was dedicated to Connally Memorial Medical his family, friends, his writing, and especially devoted to God. Michael was brave, a fighter of eral tissue donors at the old Wil- human rights, human dignity, son County Memorial Hospital, and defender of the weak. He we never had the equipment to was 25 years old." Said Mrs.

He had told his parents, David donor in the county and at the some special way" says Wall.

There is a member who was The old hospital was replaced cured of his leukemia with a bone morrow transplant, another who is a multi-gallon blood donor and Mike will be represented by has a brother who received a who works in rehab with recipients, a member who received a kidney transplant, and besides his professional connection, Wall has two cousins who are heart recipients.

"This year's Team Captain's son received a life saving heart transplant", Wall said. There will be events open to

the public at each stop along the way of the tour where interested people will be able to meet the tour riders, talk with professionals in the different fields of donation, give blood, sign-up on the NMDP registry, and visit with the honorees and their family members.

"A few miles on a bike is nothing compared to what these real-life heroes and their families have gone through. It is our honor to ride for them and with them", Mr. Wall said.

For additional information on the LSCOL Tour and to read one "The team members have also of Mike Meyer's poems, visit was our very first solid organ been touched by donation in their web site at http:// Capitol

Comment

Kay Bailey

Hutchison

# Texan virtue in response to natural disasters

Texas is a state affected by many natural disasters.

hurricanes and flash floods to draughts and tornadoes.

and destroy property. They also reveal something about who we really are down deep.

Whenever natural disasters found them unharmed. are looming, our first effort is do whatever we can to protect the people they threaten.

After the event, we try to help those affected recover and move tornado in Jarrell. on with their lives.

We need to examine the from similar events in the fu-

Texas has been hit by some flung about in the air. powerful hurricanes such as Bret in 1999, Alicia in 1983, and Allen in 1980; but the most powerful hurricane to hit the state in the twentieth century was the one that slammed into Galveston

According to some estimates, that storm had winds of 100 mph that peaked as high as 150 mph.

It killed more than 8,000 people, 25 percent of the popu-3,600 homes on Galveston Is- compassionate. land.

Some Texans displayed remarkable courage: four men make a decision about how to spent hours in a row boat pulling people from debris-filled water saving as many as 200 lives. After the storm, the city built a six-mile-long seawall that was later extended.

County, I lived through Carla survive. and other hurricanes.

experience of driving to my par- bravery and risked their lives to ents' house because we had not save the lives of others.

regarding relief efforts in Texas

Telephone service was out, so we packed our car with water We have everything from and other supplies and drove to their home.

As we approached, we saw Natural disasters kill people more and more of the hurricane's destruction.

Finally, we reached their battered house, and fortunately

Texas has also had to deal with some devastating torna-

Back in 1997, we had a fierce

The funnel cloud was as big We also want to take a step as three-quarters of a mile wide back and see what lessons we can and had winds of well over 200

It killed 27 people in a town event and determine what mea- of just 700, destroyed at least people suddenly found themsures will minimize the harm 50 homes, including one entire subdivision.

People described cars being

One place the tornado crossed the road it ripped off 500 feet of asphalt.

Before dissipating, the tornado had caused \$20 million in damage.

Our countrymen showed us their generosity, sending \$1.3 million and over 400 volunteers from 15 states to help Jarrell recover.

Dealing with these disasters lation, and destroyed more than has made Texans both tough and

Whenever people encounter adversity, they are forced to respond.

So often, Texans have stood tall, displaying virtue in the heat of the moment.

When battered by a hurricane, Texans have increased their re-Growing up in Galveston solve, battling the elements to

When threatened by funnel I have never forgotten the clouds, they have reacted with

resses Katrina relief efforts WASHINGTON-U.S. Sen. highlighted the need to continue pressing the nation's condo- are being met.

other senators, it is not unusual ment officials, especially their for me to look over and see a warnings to evacuate when nec-

ergy also provide important assistance and give you a meanfood, shelter, and money for ingful connection to those you are helping. As of this date, three of our major cities are setting up huge

American Red Cross

www.redcross.org

the chips are down, they have a

can help our neighbors who

have been hurt by hurricane

ciated, generally donations of

donations of food and clothing.

most. Some reliable charities in-

• The Salvation Army

•USNSAHome Church

www.churchworldservice.org/

Donations of time and en-

While all assistance is appre-

There are still ways that you

true friend in Texas.

food and medicine.

salvationarmyusa.org

news/katrina/), and;

World Service

sites for hurricane evacuees. To Finally, do not forget to be

prepared for a natural disaster vourself. Be sure you have survival

kits in your home and car, and you refresh them from time to time with new food and batter-For specific suggestions on

working in Washington, you re- what to put in survival kits, go to http://www.fema.gov/rrr/ emprep.shtm.

Also, be sure that you follow

## When disaster strikes, **Americans show support** because they know that, when

When Hurricane Katrina blew through the Gulf Coast it destroyed more than property; the devastating storm tore apart the lives and dreams of millions of people.

Watching the carnage on television leaves many people with a feeling of hopelessness.

Money can be used to buy It's difficult to see so much exactly what is most urgently destruction and loss of life, and needed, including perishable feel that there is nothing you can do to help. Donations of money also

You may not be able to visit save the costs of transporting the area and physically lend a goods to where they are needed hand, but there are dozens of support organizations that need your help.

If you'd like to donate financially, the American Red Cross (www.redcross.org) has a website set-up to accept your secure donation.

Other organizations sanctioned by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) include America's Second Harvest (secondharvest.org) and Operation Blessing (ob.org).

If you have the flexibility to take time off from work and volunteer, consider contacting the organizations that are looking via in-store kiosks. for assistance.

state of Texas.

Governor Perry has made Kelly USA, Lackland Air Force affected by this disaster. Base and MacArthur High



Weekly Report

Henry Bonilla

After learning from President Bush that FEMA was running low on funds, the House of Representatives called an Emergency Session last week to approve \$10.5 billion in funding for disaster relief.

I'm also proud to tell you of the hundreds of companies who have shown their support and given to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Kimberly-Clark Corp of Dallas donated \$250,000 and more than \$300,000 in bathroom tissue, diapers and other products. Pharmaceutical companies including Merck, Johnson & Johnson, Wyeth, AstraZeneca and Eli Lilly have donated supplies that include toiletry kits, antibiotics and insulin.

In addition to donating \$2 National Voluntary Organiza- million to the American Red tions Active in Disaster Cross, Wal-Mart has created an (NVOAD) at www.nvoad.org. online message board for people NVOAD has a complete list of to post notes to family members

Volunteers from the Papa There is a great need for as- Johns Pizza franchisees have sistance throughout the Gulf made more than 10,000 hot in-Coast, but there are also volundividual pizzas to feed the teer opportunities in our home Katrina refugees their first day in Houston.

Just like in other disasters, space available in Texas for more our country has come together than 70,000 refugees of the to show support for people in storm. In San Antonio alone, need. The thoughts and prayers space is being made available at of our nation are with everyone

The people of America are School. Your U.S. Congress is sending a message to victims of also working to assist the vic- Hurricane Katrina: you are not

### ger has passed, they have money are more helpful than showed kindness and generosity in helping neighbors get back

on their feet. Recently, hurricane Katrina barreled up the Gulf Coast, strik-

ing our neighbors, and dealing them a powerful blow. Approximately 80 percent of the city of New Orleans was covered in water, and thousands of

selves homeless and with no one In the midst of this great misfortune, my heart was warmed by the many Texans who opened their arms and their homes to

their fellow Americans. Public institutions, many churches and charities, and numerous individuals provided those escaping the hurricane's

devastation.

In one story that was particularly touching, a Texas couple who had just moved into their volunteer, call your local Red new home took their old home Cross office. off the market in order to provide shelter to a family of nine in the months ahead.

In another part of Texas, one company offered about 40 vacant apartments in a retirement community, plus food, transportation, and housekeeping for no ies charge. Know that when I am peatedly make me proud to be from the Lone Star State.

I am honored be your senator. When I am working with the directions of local govern-And after the moment of dan- confident gleam in their eyes essary.

an expression of sympathy to the than a million pounds of mate- sicians are taking extra precaurial to help repair the breach in

Even as Texas leaders have notified FEMA and Louisiana officials that we are nearing cathousands of people throughout pacity, people across the State continue to open their homes to cover from one of this Nation's their neighbors in need and to sociated with this disaster. reach out to help them in any

In the shelters, one of the With the public health issues, the most important ongoing efforts is to locate a place for displaced the needs that need to be met on residents to actually live on a a daily basis; this disaster, the temporary basis. The Red Cross full extent of it, is not yet even in Dallas is doing everything it can to register evacuees or those who have been victimized by Katrina. This will help facilitate the reuniting of these victims with their families and loved ones. This effort is being dupli-

for victims.

taken full responsibility for this situation and is managing these shelters in an efficient and professional manner.

In Houston, 20,000 people are being housed and cared for at the Astrodome. Another 4,000 are being sheltered at the Reliant Center. And 3,000 more are being housed at the George R. Brown Convention Center. It is estimated that up to 100,000 more are in hotels and shelters throughout the greater Houston area, with around 200,000 to 250,000 victims of Katrina in Texas.

the enormous manpower requirements to put all of these efforts in place.

A lot of credit is due not only at the highest levels of State govchurches, synagogues, mosques, ernment, to Governor Perry and other faith-based organizations, his team, but also to local leaders such as Harris County Judge Robert Eckels and Mayor Bill White of Houston who have to ensure our neighbors' needs done an excellent job working

aviation has moved more than make sure the medical needs of would respond. 6,650 people, distributed 20,000 these evacuees are being met. tions to prevent the outbreak of shelters. The Mental Health and Mental Retardation Department has deployed social workers and deal with the mental trauma as-

But in addition to the immediate needs for food, clothing, from Louisiana was so appreciawater, and medical care, there tive of the warm welcome they are long-term needs that need to be addressed as well. We must also ensure that these long-term needs are met by this same team effort of Federal, State, and local officials, as well as nongovernmental and faith-based organizations. Federal agencies have stepped up and have given information to evacuees on how to receive Social Security and other Government benefits while they are temporarily displaced.

The Post Office has stopped mail according to ZIP Codes so trict clerks have given informachild support payments. And I tin, TX. recently was in communication Bacarisse of Harris County, who is working with attorney general Gregg Abbott to make sure child support payments are delivered on time to those who are entitled to them.

Congress is also considering waivers so the Department of Housing and Urban Development can give out vouchers for

My office has joined with the Mr. President, 20,000 volun- rest of the congressional delegaevacuees' immediate needs, oth- teers in Houston alone have tion to facilitate the Federal been working to accommodate Emergency Management Agvices and assisting HUD to provide housing as quickly as possible to such an enormous number of people.

Likewise, communities have joined together, and many good people are personally even housing in their home those who have nowhere else to turn.

So I am gratified, but not sur- couldn't believe it.

to mobilize the major county prised, by the big heart of the On the ground, nearly 2,000 and city efforts to offer immedi- people in the State of Texas tosoldiers and airmen from the ate shelter to these victims. Both ward those who are in need. We Texas Air National Guard are the judge and the mayor have know there are stories that are lief and recovery efforts. The and security efforts. An addi- area to ask for immediate help as to the way people are reresolution also recognizes that tional 350 members of the Texas and have been met with gener-sponding, which is in a way that Texas has welcomed tens of thou- State Guard have also joined ous offers of assistance. Shelter we would all hope that if the sands of victims and other states them. Texas National Guard volunteers are working, also, to shoe were on the other foot we

While we have heard there meals, and almost 40,000 bottles Dallas County Health and Hu- have been episodes of lawlessness, looting, and other acts of desperation, it is important to remember there have been innucommunicable diseases at the merable acts of kindness from those expressing charity and goodwill which I believe truly embodies the American spirit psychiatrists to shelters to help and the Texas spirit. These are some of the stories on which I would like to close.

I was told an expectant couple received when they arrived in Dallas that they named their newest arrival, their baby girl, "Dallas," after our fine city.

After a 23-hour drive to Texas, one woman gave birth to her new son and named him after the hospital where he was born in gratitude for the money, gift certificates, clothes, and other necessities that the hospital staff collected for her.

Louisiana resident Bernell Royal was rescued from his rooftop with nothing more than mail will not be lost and can ul- a bag of clothes - no identifitimately be delivered. Local dis- cation, no wallet, no personal documents or effects. He is now tion regarding how to apply for being housed at a shelter in Aus-

Although he believes everywith district clerk Charles thing he owned is now gone, he told one reporter: I feel like in Austin I've found a new sense of respect, dignity and honor. I would love to stay in Austin, get a job, and start a new life. We hope he will.

In Duncanville, Darwin German II and his family wanted to help hurricane victims, so they decided to give away what they had - free apartments at the Candlelight Park Apartments. Move-in costs will be covered, as well as 4 months of free rent.

Dallas school officials over ency's ability to provide ser- the weekend prepared to enroll approximately 500 student evacuees who were expected to start school today. The Dallas Morning News reports that Melissa Farria said when her children were registered for school:

> These people are amazing.... When they were saying they were registering students, I

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a keen sense of humor.

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John Cornyn delivered remarks strong relief efforts while find-lences to the victims of Katrina, on the Senate Floor on Tuesday ing solutions to the long-term commending the resiliency of impacts the disaster may have in the people in Louisiana, Missisin response to the Hurricane Texas. The Senate passed a reso-sippi, and Alabama and commit-continuing to provide assistance been going to Fortune 500 com-heartwarming on a personal Katrina disaster. Sen. Cornyn lution Tuesday afternoon ex- ting to stand by them in the re- with Hurricane Katrina relief panies in the greater Houston level as well as on a larger level

are following its lead. Below is the text of Sen.

Cornyn's remarks as delivered: Mr. President, I, too, rise in victims of Hurricane Katrina and to convey my deep gratitude to New Orleans' levees. the many people who are work-

ing in ongoing relief efforts. As we gather here today, the South are struggling to regreatest natural disasters. Really, if you think about it, it is a disaster that continues to unfold. sustenance-of-human-life issues,

As we all know, Hurricane Katrina hit the gulf coast on Monday, August 29, leaving in its wake destruction and devastation. The loss of life is incalculable at this time. The city of New Orleans lies in ruin, and residents of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida are struggling today to meet their most basic needs - shelter, food, clean water, and medical

This Congress has appropriated, on an emergency basis, more than \$10 billion to help meet the most immediate needs of these victims of this disaster. But, obviously, there is more that needs to be done.

Thousands of Americans now

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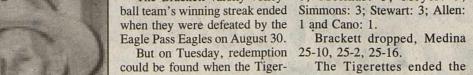
Paul Timothy "Bud" Breen, 78, passed away, Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005 at his home in Brackettville.

He was born Aug. 6, 1927 in Swampscott, MA. He married Ida Mae "Nakai" Hobbs in Eagle Pass, on June 6, 1949.

Bud is survived by his wife, Nakai, children, John Breen of Phoenix, AZ.: Larry Breen and wife Jackie of Bartlesville, OK.; of Houston; adopted children Eli Paul Breen and wife, Min of Casarez of Austin, Steve Burch Arcatia, CA; Marjorie Hermann of Brackettville; and Jerry and husband, Rick of Fairbanks of Shreveport, LA.; Bartlesville, OK., Nacona Breen 21 grandchildren and two great- home all scratched up. and wife Kathy of Arlington, TX; grandchildren. Nakai Hatch and husband Andy of Orion, MI.; Walela Gum and 3, at the Breen residence with husband, Eric of Brackettville; burial following at St. Mary Kakine Breen of Brackettville Magdalene Catholic Cemetery and Jim E. Breen and wife, Anna Brackettville.



Services were Saturday, Sept.



the Medina Panthers, winning both games. Brackett defeated. Junction

25-19, 25-20, 18-25, 25-15 The Junction Eagles faced off with the Tigerettes for the third time and have thrice been sent

Brandy Smith led in kills with 11; Ashley Castillo; 9; Bianca Stewart: 4; Timmeka Simmons: 3; Emily Valenzuela: 3 and Bailee Allen: 2. Laura Meyer had 9 aces up her sleeve; Castillo: 1; 1 and ranked number one by Simmons: 1; Smith: 1.

Simmons led in assists with digs with 15; Smith: 9; Crane: Tuesday playing at 7:47 p.m.

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Tigerettes remain on top Harriers take second

Brackett dropped, Medina points.

The Tigerettes ended the ettes played a double header catfight with the Medina Pan- 78. against the Junction Eagles and thers, marking their 18th victory. Aces were led by Molinar with 11; Crane: 6; Meyer: 2 and Simmons: 2.

Smith led with 4 kills; Castillo: 3; Allen: 2; Stewart: 2 and Crane: 1. Simmons led in assists with 10; Stewart: 3 and Castillo: 1. Castillo had 1 block. Simmons also led in digs with 4; Smith: 3; Stewart; 2; Molinar: 1 and Cano: 1.

The Tigerettes are now 18 sasports.com.

The Varsity girls will travel 28 and Meyer: 1. Allen blocked to Utopia today to participate in twice; Smith: 1; Valenzuela: 1 a three day tournament. They and Stewart: 1. Castillo led in will travel to Carrizo Springs on

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at Crystal City meet The Brackett Cross Country Baggett 30th with a time of team traveled to Crystal City Sat- 14:28. urday and as a team, placed second overall with a total of 51

Hondo placed first with 41 points; Cotulla: 71 and Uvalde:

and held at Crystal City's Juan a time of 13.08. Garcia city park.

In the individual girls' standings, Daphne Hunt placed first with a time of 12:00; Gabby with a time of 12:48; Anolda with a time of 14:11 and Heather 20:26.

The only junior varsity participant from Brackett, Lauren Cornelius, completed the run in 14:39 and placed 14th overall.

In the standings for the 7th Grade Girls, Kelsey Bruce ran The course was two miles long through the 2 mile course with

The junior varsity boys placed 5th overall. Manny Rosas finished 14th with a time of 16:28; Travis Nowlin: 19th with a time Schroeder: 3rd with a time of of 17:47; Cullen Duncan: 21st 12:17; Harmony Pettett: 10th with a time of 17:53; Clint Conrad: 29th with a time of Watkins:12th with a time of 18:47; Izzy Muniz: 35th with a 12:51; Ivory Perez: 25th with a time of 20:18 and Stanford 2; Castillo: 1; Crane: 1; Allen; time of 13:44; Elva Garcia: 29th Conoly: 36th with a time of



Brackett News photo by Leigh Volcscko The 7th grade volleyball team dropped two games against Medina and Sabinal. Now they face LaPryor Monday at 5 p.m.

7th grade fall to Bobcats; Sabinal

volleyball team opened their seacats 20-25, 10-25.

tice before their first game, "It 2 defeated Brackett-2 in the "old was tough going, but it was a gym" good learning experience for the girls who have never had the opportunity to participate in an actual game," said Coach Bee and Ana Sandoval showing their Schroeder.

On Monday, the Cubettes were stung twice by the Sabinal

The Brackett 7th grade girls' Yellow Jackets at home when both schools split their teams in son Aug. 29, with a loss to the half and played two games siwell disciplined Batesville Bob- multaneously. Sabinal-1 defeated Brackett-1 25-18, 12-25, 23-25 With only one week of prac- in the "new gym" and Sabinal-

> The Tigerettes fought hard for their first win of the season with serving strengths.

After a loss in the second game the girls rallied several times in the third, but were not able to overcome even as Clarissa Garcia brought the team back within one. "The girls continue to show improvement with every game they play." concluded Coach Schroeder.

Their next game is Monday at home against the LaPryor Bulldogs at 5 p.m.

## JV girls drop Junction, freshmen bow to Eagles

Brackett JV Volleyball defeated Junction on Aug. 23 at home 25-6, 25-10. On Aug. 30 the JV and Freshman girls traveled to Eagle Pass, but the Eagles soared over the Tigerettes. Eagle Pass defeated Brackett Freshman 25-16, 21-25. Eagle Pass defeated Brackett JV 26-24, 25-22.

## Congratulations!

Miss Kinney Co. Latina Kristina M. Flores as a candidate in the Miss Lone Star Latina pageant. The City of **Brackettville** wishes Kristina good luck during the Sept. 18 competition

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The Amistad Bowhunters Association held its monthly archery shoot on Aug. 20. There were 11 shooters this month with a couple from Brackettville. The shoot was at the club range on Hwy 277 north. It consisted of two rounds of 15 targets with a highest possible score of 330. Winners included: Unlimited: Mike Reppert 283, Vance Bonner 247, Mike Villareal 227, Womens: Bonnie Reppert 134, Traditional: Tony Vangoetham, Bowhunter: Chuck Booth 202, Joe Robinette 183. The next shoot is on Sept. 17. Also be looking for our promotional video at Russells Hardware and Wal-Mart. Stop by and have a look and see how much fun it can be. For information on joining the club call Mike at 775-6584 or

# Dove hunters get expanded Whitewing Zone, required stamp

AUSTIN, Texas - Depending upon where you plan to hunt, daily bag. the upcoming Texas dove season could be hit or miss, but it will have more opportunities in won't be for a lack of birds. early September, thanks to an Those areas of the state that got expanded Special South Texas hit with recent rain showers Whitewing Zone, which now encould pose a challenge, while compasses land west of I-35 and drier environs should be prom- south of U. S. Highway 90. ising, according to wildlife biologists with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Field reports in mid-August suggest above-average dove populations and continued dry conditions throughout much of South Texas, and despite crease from 10 to 12 birds, alrecent rains, in the Panhandle lowing not more than four (4) and West Texas as well. If cur- mourning doves. rent range conditions persist, say pect to find doves concentrating near watering holes and preannual weeds and agricultural the Highway 90 corridor. seed crops

except for only a recent flurry of rainfall events," says biologist Joe Herrera, TPWD's wildlife district leader for South tor. Texas. "Weather conditions in South Texas had been excellent with above-average rainfall for nearly three straight years until about early March of 2005. Dry

with little or no rainfall." tions, Herrera and his staff of biologists report excellent stands of annual weeds like croton, sunflower, and ragweed and some farm crops left standing due to crucial food sources for doves.

"These food sources along with available watering holes or stock tanks will concentrate the birds and might allow hunters bird stamps. to more accurately predict where to hunt doves this coming hunting season," he notes.

Conversely, the Hill Country and many counties to the north have received abundant rainfall in recent weeks, which likely will disperse doves and make locating large flights of birds more difficult for hunters, biologists suggest.

Dove season in the Central Zone (North of US 90) runs Sept. 1-Oct. 30 and reopens birds. As part of a research ef-Dec. 26-Jan. 4, with a 12-bird bag; and the South Zone is set for Sept. 23-Nov. 10, reopening Dec. 26-Jan. 15 with a 12. bird bag.

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Dove hunters in South Texas This means a 20 percent increase in the size of the special zone that is open to white-winged dove afternoon-only (noon to sunset) hunting the first two Saturdays and Sundays in September. Also new is a bag limit in-

Although the change drops biologists, hunters should ex- the mourning dove bag limit from five birds to four during the special season, it does mean ferred food sources such as more hunting opportunity along note they may only use

"The good news is people "The majority of the area has who've traditionally hunted bebeen in a state of drought tween I 35 and Highway 87 throughout spring and summer south of 90 now have the op- nual Public Hunting Permit from tion of hunting the first two weekends," says Jay Roberson, TPWD dove program coordina-

"Those folks in the Special Whitewing Zone also have a 12 bird limit compared to 10 last year; the only downside is the rily for hunting dove and other mourning dove limit had to be small game. conditions have persisted since dropped from five to four so hunters have to be more vigi- gram leased the land using Despite dry range condi- lant about shot selection par- money generated by permit ticularly in more rural areas sales. where more of the birds are mourning doves."

Sportsmen are reminded that a new Migratory Game Bird drought, which are providing Stamp to help fund mourning dove conservation is now required of all Texas dove hunters. Senate Bill 1192 this year consolidated the state's game

The white-winged dove stamp and the waterfowl stamp are now combined into a single Migratory Game Bird Stamp (\$7), which will be required to hunt all migratory game birds, including ducks, geese, white-winged doves, mourning doves, whitetipped doves, sandhill cranes, woodcock, snipe, rails, and gall-

Hunters are also reminded to be on the lookout for banded fort to monitor movements of mourning doves, some birds have been marked with metal leg bands containing a unique number and a toll free telephone

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Editor's Note: Continuing on Vada's words of wisdom, The Brackett News also encourages everyone to eat their vegetables. And, not wanting to leave out a few good recipes, we decided to add a couple more of Vada's Very Vegetable Recipes. Enjoy!

Caliente Green Beans

½ green pepper, chopped, 1 medium onion, chopped, 1 can (2 oz.) green chilies, minced, 1 tbsp. vegetable oil or margarine, 1 can (16 oz.) cut green beans, drained, 1 can (16 oz.) whole tomatoes, 1 can (4¾ oz.) tomato puree, salt and cayenne pepper to taste.

1 cup grated cheddar cheese Saute green pepper, onion and green chilies in oil until tender. Add green beans, tomatoes, tomato puree, salt and cayenne. Cook slowly for 1 hour until almost dry. Pour into a buttered 11/2 qt. casserole and top with cheese. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until 2263) that hunters can call to cheese melts. Serves 8.

> Easy Zucchini Casserole 1 small onion, chopped

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1 tbsp. oil

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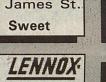
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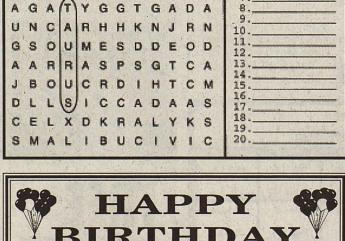
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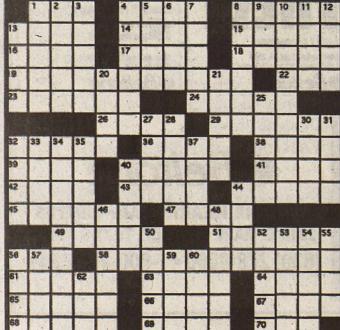
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## by Charles Cooper

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You chafe a bit at a Try not to push a romantic intercorrect to feel that you can't always be the one riding to the rescue. However, you can point this person in the right direction.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) In general, it's a good week for you, both personally and professionally. Your energy is high and your outlook optimistic. Over the weekend, a home repair needs your attention.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's a week of mixed news for you. Some of it is good concerning finances. Personally, though, you have issues to sort out with loved

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Listen closely to what others are telling you. You need to discern who's telling the truth and who isn't. Those being deceptive have a hidden agenda. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

While money matters seem to be picking up, not all the news is favorable. Identify those problem areas so you can address them properly. Over the weekend, sharing with family members is the key to happiness.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You need some direction on a complicated work project. Don't hesitate to seek help and ask questions. It won't weaken your standing with those in authority.

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LEO (July 23 to August 22) close friend's neediness. You are est too hard. This person doesn't deal well with pressure. If you back off, you'll achieve the end result you really desire.

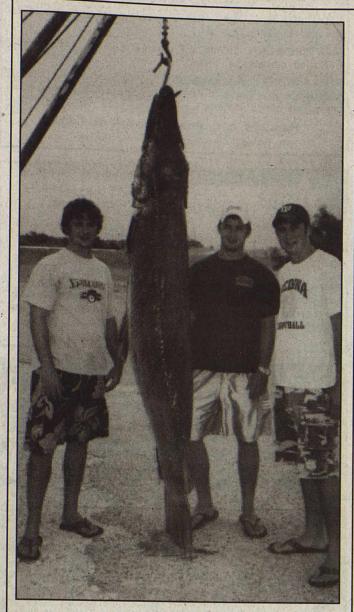
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You're on the same wavelength with loved ones. As a result, communication goes well. At work, though, you're getting mixed messages which you'll have to straighten out.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Someone you're trying to reach proves to be quite elusive this week. Be persistent. You won't succeed at work unless you can get this person's input.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Avoid making impulsive decisions this week. While you're generally a person of action, sometimes, you just need to lay back and think things over. This weekend, you're in tune with what people want.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Try not to be so suspicious of others' motives, particularly where romance is concerned. Not everyone has an angle. Once you learn this, your love life improves.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Seize the opportunity which arises this week at work. Since you're in bigwigs' good graces, you'll be able to make the changes you want in the workplace. Later, a personal decision needs to be made.



THE ONE THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY

Courtesy photo

Three fisherman brought in a new Lake Amistad record Alligator Gar, weighing in 214.5 pounds, measuring 7'5.5". The gar was caught Aug. 11. The fishermen include Clint Neal, Shane Neal and Cinco Coates. The Neal brothers are the sons of H. Doak Neal, owner of One Stop Food Stores.

brethren shall praise; thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children shall bow down before thee.

Judah is a lion's whelp; from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he crouched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a law giver Genesis 49: 8-10 from between his feet, until



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Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

# Five to three

watched the pictures on the weather channel where the hurricane was building up speed and was heading for the Gulf Coast.

As it intensified and finally grew to a category five hurricane with winds of 160 miles per hour, the meteorologists were vors predicting that it was going to hit New Orleans.

Something happened and at the last moment it turned eastward and the winds started drop-

No one knows for sure but if it hadn't of changed course and dropped from a category five to a category three with winds of 130 miles per hour there is no telling what the destruction could have been.

it could have left nothing standing with very few or no survi- day.



Davenport

Brother

I know people were praying, (Psalm 86:5 & 6) and it just may be that those prayers were heard by God and the low-lying areas were shown some mercy.

I heard one man say as he was interviewed that they had lost all of their material possessions but thank God that their lives had been spared, (Psalm 86:7 & 8: Psalm145:18 & 19) and they would start over.

We need to continue to pray Yes, it did a lot of damage for them, (1 Timothy 2:1 & 8) and yes, there were lost lives but and find a ways that we can help. See you in Church next Sun-

## Texas Cattle Tuberculosis testing passes 'midway' mark; additional \$500k committed to TB effort The Texas Animal Health livestock and poultry regulatory of the year, so we can reapply and require yearly TB tests on

Commission has secured another \$500,000 from the United ture (USDA) to support Texas' quest to regain cattle tubercu-

The state is addressing cattle penses. TB with a five-pronged program that has included testing of a time-consuming and expensive conducted on more than 1,300 of the 2,400 targeted purebred and seed stock herds in Texas.

"We've completed the dairy herd testing and have passed the halfway point for testing purebred and seed stock herds. More than 750 of these have been mal species, and humans. tested since late April, when herds were randomly selected the cattle industry to develop for the disease surveillance.

We plan to complete the remainder of the testing of the randomly selected herds before the end of the year.

Volunteers still are welcome to have their purebred or seed stock herds tested," said Dr. Dee Ellis, who heads up field opera-

"Accredited private veteri-States Department of Agricul- narians who are TB-certified conduct the testing on a "fee-basis" reimbursement, which covers losis (TB) -free status, lost in the cost of the test, so ranchers do not have out-of-pocket ex-

dairy, purebred and seed stock endeavor, but after fighting this not allow this di and is a major concern to the U.S. cattle industry.

The contagious, infectious and communicable disease can affect not only cattle, but bison, deer, elk, goats and other ani-

"We've worked closely with and follow this five-point plan, in order to ensure all TB infection has been detected.

Fortunately, we have been able to work with the USDA funding through TB cooperative agreements to assist with program funding.

"We anticipate completing tions for the Texas Animal this last leg of the TB plan-the

for TB free status."

Dr. Ellis said testing dairies, purebred and seed stock herds so far has resulted in finding and depopulating only one infected herd, a dairy, in 2003.

"We cannot tell by 'looking,' if a herd is infected, so we free status in July 2005, with the "Regaining TB-free status is have selected herds for testing, based on statistics and science.

herds. More than 335,000 cattle disease since 1917, the U.S. can-about 2,400 purebred or seed still is being conducted. stock herds, for testing, because completed last year. As of late a foothold," said Ellis. Tuber- in the past two decades, TB has aspects of Texas' TB plan in-August, TB tests also have been culosis (TB) is caused by the been detected in 15 Texas dair-Mycobacterium bovis bacteria ies and six purebred cattle herds in nine counties, including El Paso, Karnes, Comanche, Pecos, Uvalde, Fayette, Culberson, Grayson, Zavala and Hamilton counties."

Only Texas and Michigan currently do not have the coveted TB-free status.

Texas earned TB-free status in 2000, with the exception of can states on TB control and dairies in the El Paso Milk eradication. Shed, which have been purchased by the USDA and are ing TB testing of purebred and being depopulated.

after two TB-infected cattle herds office or the TAHC headquarplained, is coping with cattle TB 8242. Information also is availinfection in wildlife, and offi- able on the TAHC website at Health Commission, the state's targeted herd testing—by the end cials examine hunter-killed deer http://www.tahc.state.tx.us.

cattle herds in affected areas.

California, which lost TBfree status in 2003, tested nearly a million cattle in a three-county dairy area, prior to regaining free status in April 2005, said Ellis. New Mexico regained TBexception of Roosevelt and Curry Counties along the state's "We targeted all dairies and eastern border, where testing

> Dr. Ellis noted that the other volve ongoing disease surveillance, including:

 testing dairy and breeding cattle being moved from Texas • improved slaughter inspection by the USDA's Food Safety

Inspection Service (FSIS) • required yearly TB tests on roping steers imported from Mexico

· continued work with Mexi-

For more information regardbeef seed stock herds in Texas, In 2002, Texas lost its status please contact your TAHC area were detected. Michigan, he ex- ters in Austin at 1-800-550-

# God works miracles

Rick couldn't understand how he ended up on the floor with old Joe praying over him. He knew Joe hadn't hit him. He knew he wasn't under the influence of any drugs. He knew what those things felt like. This was different. He had an overwhelming feeling of peace. "Maybe God really does talk to people," worst. He again let himself feel der. It was calm and reassuring like Joe's. Chaplain's door was open. The voice inside invited

people praying for your son." Rick looked at Donovan who was smiling, then back at the his head. At about one thirty this Chaplain. "Your wife Amy morning, he opened his eyes and called this morning with a mes- calmly asked his mom where he sage," Chaplain continued. "She was and said that he was huntold me last night they weren't gry. The doctors came in this expecting your son to live. The morning and examined him. He doctors had given them no is completely normal in every hope." Rick's mind was racing. way. They'll dismiss him from The pit of his stomach felt like the hospital today.' God has somebody had filled it with boil- worked a miracle, Rick."



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ing acid. He opened his mouth he thought. Nevertheless as he but couldn't speak. Then he reand Donovan walked to the membered what Joe had said ear-Chaplain's office, the old habits lier, "Yo gonna git a message of negative thinking took over. dis monin from Amy." Tears His mind was expecting the welled up in his eyes. The Chaplain continued. "Last night there angry and helpless. Then he felt was no hope but Amy wouldn't Donovan's hand on his shoul- allow the machines to be turned off. When she called this morning she was crying so hard that I couldn't understand what she them in. Motioning to the two was saying so I asked to talk to chairs, Chaplain invited them to the nurse. Here's exactly what sit. He looked directly at Rick she said. 'It was about one and smiled. "You know," he o'clock this morning when she began, "That there have been noticed a small light that began to hover over the boy. The light got bigger and rested directly on

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Gasoline remains in short supply after Hurricane Katrina shut down nine Gulf Coast refineries, tral source of information on disrupted gasoline pipelines to

the Midwestern and Eastern U.S. and stopped 90 percent of the oil production in the Gulf of Mexico. The area

affected by Hurricane Katrina is responsible for around 30

percent of U.S. crude produc- gasoline: tion and a quarter of the natural gas. A large portion of U.S. oil imports also arrive at Gulf Coast

Hurricane Katrina disrupted about 10 percent of the nation's daily gasoline consumption, with 2 million barrels a day of refining capacity shut in or reduced and 1 million barrels a more economically and add day of gasoline not being pro-

are reports of gas stations run- ciency, as do clogged oil, gas,

Energy Information Administra-

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should check local media sites Web prior to travel to determine levels of gasoline availabil-

> TXDOT suggests that motorists consider a few tips that will help conserve

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horsepower. • Change oil and filters -All around the country there Dirty oil reduces engine effi-

• Check tire pressure regu- grade. averages, according to the U.S. larly - Under inflated or over inflated tire pressure can prevent transportation - Reductions in a vehicle from moving as quickly or smoothly as it ists on the road means less fuel

• Buy cheap - if your vehicle owner's manual indicates pre- to save a few pennies - That mium or mid-grade fuel is not could cost more in the end.

needed, use the less expensive • Car pool or use public

the number of individual motorconsumption overall.

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