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#### BRIEFS

#### Las Moras AA forms 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 in-person interviews in Kinney 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.

#### Chamber Logo Contest

The Kinney County Chamber locally. of Commerce invites residents to All submissions must be a freehand drawing from county residents only. Requirements: Color: two; Form: circle shape; Size: 8½ x 11. Deadline for Submissions are Dec. 1. Mail drawings to: Kinney County Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 386, Brackettville, Texas 78832.

#### **Red Hatters** meet for lunch

The Red Hatters will be meeting for lunch the first Wednesday of each month at Julie's on Hwy 90 at noon.

#### 4H in search of volunteers

The Kinney County 4H will be hosting its first annual Pumpkin Patch Oct. 15 - 31 in the parking lot of the Burger & Shake-on Hwy 90 from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Hundreds of pumpkins and gords of all shapes and sizes will be for sale. Field Trips are welcome and volunteers from the community are needed to sing, read stories and help operate the patch. The 4H will also be hosting its second annual Halloween Carnival Oct. 29 at 5 p.m. at the Kinney County Civic Center. The night will feature great food, more than 25 games, a talent show, costume contest for all ages and a cake baking contest. Contact the Extension office at 830-563-2442 or Project Leader at 830-776-3180 for more information.

#### Project 4-H Meetings set

There will be a Lamb and Goat project clinic Sun., Sept. 25, at 5 p.m. at Donna Schuster's pens. Topics will include feeding, diseases, and selection. There will also be a Rabbit project meeting Wed., Sept. 28 at 3:45 p.m. in Mrs. Melancon's classroom. If you have any questions please call the Extension Office at 563-

#### INSIDE

#### Rev. Reardon

Suppose you prepared for party or for houseguests and then no one came? What would you do? Grumble? Complain?

Invite your neighbors to share the feast you had prepared? Our entire community is in much the same situation.

When Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, we, as residents of this rather isolated community, wondered what we could do.

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# Local welfare "Operation Linebacker" offices to close ok'd by sheriff coalition

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) announced recently that it will close 99 offices including the one in Brackettville.

The local office is expected to close in July 2006.

HHSC will no longer conduct County, but instead residents will have the choice of applying for Medicaid, food stamps and other state programs over the Internet, by telephone or through the mail.

The upcoming changes to the system are expected to save the state \$646 million over the next five years and reduce the number of state eligibility workers from statewide including one position them," said Samaniego.

create a new logo and win cash! employee at the Brackettville office.

> Samaniego plans to stay in her position and work until the office closes next year, but worries about how the changes will affect the elderly in the community.

> Some of our elderly come in bring letters from the Social Security Administration. They ask me to help them translate what the letters mean and put it understand.

out money orders to pay their free assistance hotline.

Pictured from left are Miss

Charles Emily Wilson,

Seminole matriarch; Phil

Coburn, president of the

Fort Clark Historical Society, Lieutenant Albert O. Bly, age 87, who served in

the 27th Cavalry, 2nd Cav-

alry Division at Fort Clark

1943-44 (returning for the

first time since 1944); Wil-

liam Warrior, president

Seminole Scout Cemetery

Association; and his sister

Izola Warrior Raspberry of

St Louis, Mo. They were on

hand for the commemora-

tion of a plaque honoring

the Seminole Negro Indian



Paula Samaniego

5800 to 2900; a loss of 2900 bills and I do what I can to help

Brackettville is not the only Paula Samaniego is the only small town that will be affected by the closures. Cotulla, Dilley, also see their local offices closing over the next year.

to conduct their requests for yards rushing and four touch-Medicaid, food stamps, Children's health Insurance at the beginning of the month and Program (CHIP) and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) will have to drive at least 32 miles to get assistance.

More information about into a language they can eligibility can be obtained by visiting www.hhs.state.tx.us or "They also need help filling by calling 2-1-1, the state's toll- yards and three touchdowns.

to help one another deal with

Coalition was formed in May ment is the "First Line of De- ics of funding this initiative and 2005. Since then, counties along fense" on the war on terrorism. work with congressional staff to the Texas/Mexico border have executed a joint effort. The Coa- Congressmen representing bor- as possible," Samaniego added.

lition gave the go-ahead on Sept. ernment to pay for this special legislation to fund this proven 15, to what members have billed task force. The task force will initiative," said Sheriff Leo as "Operation Linebacker," a augment and mirror a national Samaniego, El Paso County special task force. It will be a border security strategic plan. Texas. Sheriff Samaniego hosted mutual aid agreement designed This task force will serve as the the latest in a series of coalition "Second Line of Defense," much like a "Linebacker" on a foot-The Texas Border Sheriff's ball team. The Federal Govern-

Texas Border Sheriff's Coallition has asked the Federal Govder areas have agreed to draft meetings.

> "The next step is for the Coalition to formulate the mechan-"We are happy to say that get this up and running as soon

#### Tigers now 3-1; ready for Rocksprings

The Tigers were gracious hosts Friday night and allowed one touchdown by the visiting Leakey Eagles.

The Tigers ended up with a lopsided victory 61-7 for their Homecoming performance.

According to Head Coach and Athletic Director Greg Voyles, Campwood and Crystal City will the best play of the game was a 92-yard touchdown run by Brand Wylie. Wylie was also named as Local residents that still prefer the MVP of the game for his 141 downs.

> "We started off a little slow, but once we got it together we played very well," Voyles said.

Wylie had 7 carries for 141 yards and four touchdowns. Ivan Pinales had 9 carries for 119 yards and one touchdown. Robert Davis had six carries for 60



Brackett News photo by Pam Hale

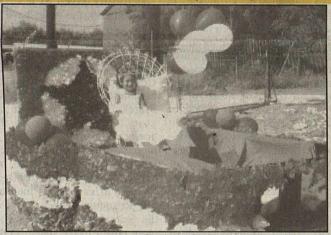
Brand Wylie, 14, was named MVP by Coach Greg Voyles. Wylie had 141 yards and 4 touchdowns

a road trip Friday night to visit D'Hanis Cowboys on Oct. 15, the Rocksprings Angoras. The which is a Saturday night. Tigers are now 5-1 in regular sea-

But in between that time, the son play and have two weeks Tigers visit Blanco on Sept. 30 The Tigers are gearing up for before they go up against the and have an open date Oct. 8.

# Celebrating Heritage

Association hosts 133rd annual celebration honoring Seminole Indian Scouts' ancestors and heritage



Nicole Mestas won first place in the annual parade honoring the Seminole Indian Scouts. The parade was a part of the 133rd celebration hosted by the eminole Indian Scout Cemetery Association. Mestas is the reigning Little Miss Texas Latia for the state of Texas.





Brackett News photo by Leigh Volcsko

The Brackett High School student body voted for their Homecoming Queen last week. Winning the title was Tanya Molinar, center. Also nominated were Dana Bonner, left and Jessi Crane, right. For more photos see page 3.

# Easy steps on how to tell Hollywood is in town

# town?

Dead Giveaways: No. 1: The wearing exotic skin boots with a high gloss

No. 2 The men wore Levi Alamo Village. brand jeans with a too-short hem

and no crease. blinding white smiles and sported small hair.

At a recent "wrap party", the cast and crew from the movie "Blue Eyes", celebrated the end a meal at Mimi's Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

The independent film was written and directed by Chuck Brackettville.' Walker of Conroe, Texas.

"It's a traditional high-noon, good guys versus the bad guys Webber" on the afternoon soap, visit to the area and enjoyed lookfilm," said Walker, a former General Hospital, lives in Studio ing out beyond the set at the boxer and member of the 1976 City, Calif. U.S. Olympic Boxing Team,

How did everyone in Kinney and executive producer, Sam not ready for the 109 degree tem-County know that there was a Cable, were at the film's closing group of Hollywood strangers in ceremonies and excited about completing their second film

> The pair stated they have plans to return to the area in six months to film a third movie at ever think of living here.

No. 3 The women flashed gether with one rising star. Each complimented the locals he en-

Corbin Timbrook, former of their local eight-day shoot with soap opera star on The Bold & the Beautiful, has 40 movie credhe "had a great experience in

Michael Gregory, best known lice Academy" for being the first "Dr. Rick

perature," but then added "at least it's a dry heat.'

Gregory was warmed by the friendliness of the townspeople, but remarked that it might just be a little too quiet for him to

Another well-known soap The cast consisted of five opera star, John Castellanos, of Hollywood favorites mixed to- the Young and the Restless, enjoyed meeting local residents countered at the Krazy Chicken and took advantage of the slower and the ladies working the front paced atmosphere in Kinney desk at Fort Clark Springs by calling them, "grounded" and "lovely human beings full of true-hearted hospitality.

The most recognizable actress its under his name and stated that in the cast was Leslie Easterbrook. She is best known for her roles in movie series "Po-

This was Easterbrook's first Alamo Village because there was When asked about his expe- no smog to obscure her view. "I



The cast of "Blue Eyes" at the "Hollywood" wrap party.

Angeles, Calif.

Funny man, Burton "Bubba" Gilliam can currently be seen on Dairy Queen Restaurant television commercials, but is probably known best for his, "made in New York City", line from cast and crew of almost 100 supthe Pace Picante commercials broadcast in the 1990's.

smile and commented on how leased the Alamo Village facilimuch he enjoyed his third visit ties, rented 38 rooms and ate dinto the area and especially the ner at Mimi's Restaurant. swimming pool at the Fort.

film industry and to Brackettville tion, Super S grocery store and was Hallie Pierce, a 10th grader the El Paso Street Bar. when he described his film. rience in Kinney County, Gre- would come here just for the air from Woodlands, Texas. "Blue Walker and his long time friend gory laughed and said, "I was quality," said Easterbrook as she Eyes" was the biggest productronized than others.

compared Brackettville to Los tion that she has ever participated in and enjoyed the experience, "more than anything.

> Not only did the locals get to see a few Hollywood stars, but local merchants benefited from the boost to the economy that the

According to Cable, for eight Gilliam smiled his incredible days, his production company

The cast members were also The only newcomer to the seen shopping at the Pico gas sta-

Some were more heavily pa-

# There are many scholastic opportunities for Texans

Each year thousands of Texas high school seniors apply to institutions of higher learning. Students and parents alike are shocked at the price of higher education. What many don't know is that there are billions of dollars worth of scholarship opportunities available to them.

those that have straight-A is finding the one that best apto start early. I'd recommend ships that are available. You'll Giving yourself time will also are very interested and respon- are hundreds of other scholarand prompt during the applicato see what your community has ticular, college-help websites. tion process. You want to make to offer. While you should con- Also consider visiting the U.S. the application asks you to write athletic accomplishments, extra-arship opportunities that it's about your favorite cartoon curricular activities, and reli- definitely worth the time to recharacter, write about your fa- gion, there are a few national search your options. Don't forlowing directions is that impor- almost everyone. The National research. With diligence you tant. Would you hire someone Merit Scholarship is one of the may just find some funding that for a job without a reference? most well known national com- you never knew existed.



Weekly Report

> Henry Bonilla

Scholarships are available to so important during the scholevery type of individual, not just arship process. Companies and organizations are giving-away grades, 1600 SATs, or amazing millions of dollars each year for athletic skills. Scholarships are scholarships. They want to make testing/psat/about/ offered at the national, regional, sure the people receiving the scholarships.html Two other state and local levels. The trick scholarships are good candinational awards are the Siemens dates. I recommend that you Awards for Advanced Placeplies to you. The first step to have people you know write let-ment, which grants scholarships take in the scholarship hunt is ters of recommendation. Con- based on students Advanced sider an employer at a part-time Placement scores in science and starting as early as your junior job, teacher or advisory to write math exams, and the Siemens year in high school. The sooner a letter. Personalized recommenyou start, the more time you have dations give scholarship organi- nology Award, which offers a to research the various scholar- zations a better insight into who scholarship competition for stuyou are. Finally, meet every dents conducting independent want plenty of time to narrow scholarship deadline. The earlier science research projects. To down the best scholarships for you deliver the application, the find out more visit http:// your skill set and to fill-out the better. It tells the people evalutime consuming applications. ating your application that you scholarship/default.html There help improve your application, sible. A good place to start look- ships offered, ranging from miliwhich gives you a better chance ing for scholarships is in your tary ROTC scholarships to of success. Once you've selected local community. Many busi- AmeriCorps scholarships. One of the scholarships you wish to nesses and organizations offer the most effective wavs to reapply for, it is essential that you scholarships to citizens in the search the various opportunities are very thorough, professional area. Research and ask around is to use the internet and in parsure that you follow the appli- sider finding a scholarship that Department of Education website cation directions, no matter what applies to your individual back- for more scholarship informathe requirements might be. If ground, such as academic and tion. There are so many scholvorite cartoon character. Fol- scholarships that are available to Probably not. That's why refer- petitions. Every high school junences and recommendations are ior who takes the Preliminary

SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) with their high school is entered. Thousands of awards are given out every year. To learn more visit www.nationalmerit.org

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#### Arts council meets, readies for new season

Want to do something worthwhile and pepper up your life? Join the Kinney County Arts Council membership requires no

Kinney County Arts Council met Monday at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs to discuss their plans for the 2005-06 season. Rozetta Pingenot, presient of the council presided over the meeting with eleven members in attendance.

The Council's goal is to promote culturally enriching programs for the school children of this area.

The organization works closely with the Texas Commission on the Arts and because of its non-profit status, it is eligible to receive matching funds for its performances.

The Council reminds prospective members that there are no membership dues.

The council is planning a membership drive social and will announce the date and time in the near future.

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# Reflections on a man of restraint and pragmatism

A 74-year-old man stood tall and steady with an imposing presence before us. Over the black leather Bible held by Senator Strom Thurmond, he swore that he would be impartial as the trial's presiding officer. Then he turned to us: "Do you solemnly swear that in all things appertaining to the trial of the impeachment of William Jefferson Clinton, president of the United States, now pending, you will do impartial justice according to help you God?" The other Senators and I replied, "I do," and walked to the well of the Senate to it. to sign our names in the Senate's marble-green oath book. When we resumed, this man of great dignity, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, pronounced, "the Constitution, by design, left to Senate will convene as a court the states.

of impeachment." Over the course of the next five weeks, I began to see, in person, who this giant of jurisspoke loudly by speaking softly. He was patient, fair, and unobways fair, he was also practical at one point forgiving small deviations from the strict rules indicated by the Senate parliamentarian, explaining with a laugh, "the parliamentarian says that all of this is out of order." This man, one of the most powerful men in the country, stood be-

that power. When some people do not exercise power, it is because they do not know exactly what to do. However, Chief Justice Rehnquist knew precisely what he was doing.

fore us, day after day, and de-

When he decided not to exercise power, he was doing something of vital importance to and hard about the way in which a chief justice should conduct an impeachment trial. He was not only a judge, but a historian who wrote several books on the history of the Supreme Court and addition to his vast general knowledge of the Court, he had researched and written in detail on impeachments, writing a book that examined the two most prominent impeachment trials in the history of the country: Grand and President Andrew Johnson.

Capitol Comment

Kay Bailey Hutchison

This account of Chief Justice Rehnquist before the Senate reveals more than his conduct in one trial. It reflects his impact on the Court and the law generthe Constitution and laws, so ally. Time and again, he insisted that power be exercised only by those who had the proper right

Chief Justice Rehnquist recognized the need for the federal government to refrain from interfering in affairs which the

In our country, the federal government only has powers specifically given to it by the years later, he upheld the deci-Constitution; the states have the sion, explaining that "Miranda prudence was. He was a man who other powers of government. For example, in what has become known as the "commerce where the warnings have become trusive. He conducted proceed- clause," the Constitution gives part of our national culture.' ings in an orderly manner with- Congress the power to regulate Chief Justice Rehnquist believed out ever revealing a hint of his commerce, "among the several that practical circumstances own thoughts on the outcome of States." However, over the called for restraint because of the the trial. And while he was al- years, Congress had used this multitude of negative practical more and more of the business which previously had been left been relying on the Court's to each state to decide for itself.

Early in his career, Chief Justice Rehnquist had a vision of the federal government leaving more power to the states, as the Framers intended. Later, in United States v.

liberately exercised very little of Lopez, he delivered the opinion justices who often disagreed with sion. Congress had passed a law prohibiting people from possessing firearms in specific areas.

Lawyers for the federal government argued that Congress had the power to make that law merce among states, despite the fact that the prohibited areas lay the nation. He had thought long entirely within individual states and the regulation had no direct ing for the majority of the Court, Chief Justice Rehnquist diswere to accept the Government's the American legal system. In arguments, we are hard-pressed to posit any activity by an individual that Congress is without power to regulate."

The issue before the Court was not whether the law was a good law or a bad one, but whether the power to make such Inquests: The Historic Impeach- a law belonged to the federal ments of Justice Samuel Chase government or the states them-

The Constitution had left it to the states, so Chief Justice Rehnquist rightly restrained the federal government from meddling in their affairs.

He was also a pragmatist who recognized times when he should refrain from exercising his power, even though he stood on solid legal ground. Following the legal doctrine of stare decisis, he saw that there were times when the need for legal precision was outweighed by the country's need for legal stability. He had argued early in his career that the Supreme Court was wrong in 1966 when it decided that the Constitution required police to read Miranda rights to suspects. The Constitution did not actually indicate that police had to give those warnings so many of us have heard on television. Yet, when the issue came before him 34 has become embedded in routine police practice to the point power to justify interfering in consequences such a decision would have after the country had prior ruling for well over three decades.

Finally, Chief Justice Rehnquist also showed his character by the even-handedness with which he, as chief justice, ran the Supreme Court. Even of the Court realizing that vi- him recognized his great fairness and impartiality. Justice William Brennen, Jr. stated that, "he's meticulously fair in assigning opinions. I can't begin to tell you how much better all of us feel...and how fond all of us are under its power to regulate com- of him personally." Justice Lewis Powell Jr. described him as both "very generous," and "principled." And Justice Thurgood Marshall declared connection to commerce. Speak- simply that he was "a great chief justice."

When Chief Justice Rehnquist agreed, pointing out that, "if we left the Senate at the end of the impeachment trial, all 100 of us applauded for him.

He responded with great humility, suggesting that he had learned something from us by observing the Senate in action: "I leave you now a wiser, but not a sadder man." When he died, leaving our country on September 3, 2005, it saddened us; but he left us a wiser and better nation.

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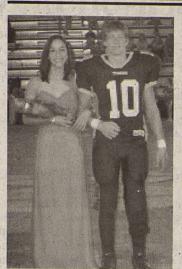
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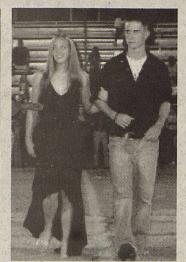
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#### Rachel Swinson and Brand Wylie

Sunday, Sept. 11

2:16 p.m., Jose Luis Talamantez, 43, of Brackettville,

was arrested by Reserve Deputy

Manuel Pena for failure to pay

child support. Talamantez was

Monday, Sept. 12

without permission. Deputy

Ramon Gutierrez was informed

Tuesday, Sept. 13

report that some young men

coming bonfire. Deputy

19; Ryan Eddie Garcia, 19 of Brackettville; Noe Talamantez, 19; Rolando Ortiz, 19 and Raul

Escamilla, 19, were arrested by Deputy Gutierrez for criminal trespassing and criminal mis-

chief. All were released after

securing a \$1000 bond for crimi-

nal trespassing and a \$1000

torcycle had run out of gas on Hwy 334. Deputy Gutierrez was advised of the situation and

4:49 p.m., A security guard at Fort Clark Springs called to

report a trespasser. Deputy

Gutierrez was advised of the situation and enroute to the loca-

called to report an unwanted man on school property. The man was smoking and has been

warned to leave the premises. 7:45 p.m., A 911 caller reported a man or a woman lying

on the side of the Hwy 90. Deputy Kenneth Freitag was informed of the situation.

9:39 p.m., A woman called to report that her car was egged by the Catholic Cemetery.

Deputy Freitag was informed of

the situation and enroute to the

4:59 p.m., Two women from the BISD administration office

bond for criminal mischief. 4:10 p.m., A 911 caller reported that a couple on a mo-

enroute to the location.

ment be dispatched.

complainant.

paying a \$500 cash bond.

# Cassandra Gomez and Charlie Rose Laura Meyer and Justin Calk Science Club Laura Meyer and Justin Calk Figer Office Club Laura Meyer and Justin Calk Office Coviling Office Club Laura Meyer and Justin Calk

#### KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Wednesday, Sept. 14 1:00 a.m., A man called to broken into and the inside had informed of the situation and ation. released later the same day after enroute to the location.

10:40 p.m., A woman called 5:59 p.m., A man called to head on by a black truck and speak to a deputy in reference the occupants threw eggs all over to a woman taking his child her car.

Thursday, Sept. 15

12:30 p.m., A principal from of the situation and spoke to BISD called to report that a student was dropped off at the 1:38 a.m., a woman called to building. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was advised of the situawere going to light up the home- tion.

requested that the Fire Depart-3:35 a.m., Charlie Slaughter,

the situation. 10:32 p.m., A caller reported

that the egging had gotten out quested an ambulance on El Paso of hand. The caller also reported report that his house had been that cars and trucks were racing the location and Reserve Deputy up and down the streets. Deputy Pena was advised of the situabeen egged. Deputy Freitag was Freitag was informed of the situ-tion.

10:54 p.m., A woman called to report that some young men that three illegal aliens were to report that she almost got hit, were calling and threatening another woman's residence over an north. The US Border Patrol was egging incident. Deputy Freitag was informed of the situation.

Friday, Sept. 16

report that a friend of his on Springs. Deputy Gutierrez was Beaumont Street had taken a advised of the situation and school, but did not go in the bunch of pills. EMS was dis- enroute to the location. patched and Deputy Freitag was informed of the situation.

4:15 p.m., A woman called 10:30 p.m., A 911 caller re- to report that a light blue jeep Gutierrez was advised of the situ- ported that he had been threat- was driving recklessly on Hwy ation and requested assistance ened by an unknown male, but 90 towards Brackettville. The from the U.S. Border Patrol and the guard at the Fort Clark woman later reported the jeep Springs gate knew his identity. entering Fort Clark Springs. Re-Deputy Freitag was informed of serve Deputy Pena was advised of the situation.

6:37 p.m., A 911 caller re-

Street. EMS was dispatched to

Sunday, Sept. 18

3:25 p.m., A deputy reported walking on Hwy 55, 10 miles advised of the situation.

7:55 p.m., A man called to report some graffiti at the swim-12:39 a.m., A man called to ming pool on Fort Clark

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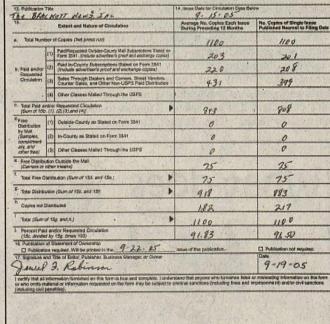
# **Notice** of Vote on Tax Rate

The Brackettville City Council

conducted public hearings on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the City of Brackettville from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.99 percent on September 12, 2005 and September 19, 2005. The Brackettville City Council is scheduled to vote

will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on Monday, September 26, 2005, at 6:00 PM at the City Hall Annex.

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#### **SPORTS ROUNDUP**

#### JV, Freshmen **Defeat Carrizo**

Brackett JV Volleyball team lost on the road against Uvalde on Saturday, Sept. 10. "Our team had trouble getting the ball to the setter and returning (Uvalde's) serves," said Coach Bonnie Brotherton about the Tigerettes loss to Lobos.

The Freshman girls team defeated Carrizo Springs 25-12, 25-16; away last Tuesday, Sept. 13. The JV girls also defeated their Carrizo Team 25-14, 25-

#### **Eighth Grade Wins**

The Eighth grade girls volleyball team defeated LaPryor Monday, Sept. 12, 25-10, 16-25, 25-23. The young Tigerettes put a leash on the Bullpups with the help from three of the nights MVP's: Ivy Garcia, Elena Improving Molinar and Amanda DelBosque.

Coach Candi Voyles has high expectations for the girls and feels that the team has made improvements in their passing and serving abilities, but still needs to work on "focusing under

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pressure". The girls have a game and this will help them at the tournament Saturday in Eagle Pass and at their next home last Saturday, Sept. 10. game Sept. 19 against Comstock.

## Seventh Graders

The Brackett seventh grade girls' volleyball team fell to the LaPryor Bulldogs at home Monday, Sept. 12, 20-25, 17-25. The game standouts were Bianca Cruz and Ann da Sandoval. The young girls have improved on their passing, but serving over the net remains a problem.

The 7th grade girls' were again defeated by Comstock Monday, 27-25, 17-25, 20-25, but "this was definitely our best game to date," said Coach Belinda Schroeder. "Rachel Nash showed that she had what it took to get the ball over the net." Both Kelsey Bruce and Nash's leadership skills were "evident" on the court, according to Schroeder. "We are improving with each game we play," concluded Schroeder.

The girls will play their first district game away on Mon., Sept. 26. against Sabinal. Their next home game is Oct. 3 against D'Hanis at 5 p.m.

#### Cubs now 2-0

The Brackett Cubs are now 2-0 after their most recent win on the road against Leaky last Thursday. The Cubs defeated the Eagles 32-0. The team's strengths were their strong defense and running game. The defensive line held the Eagles back time and time again, while the offense players blazed down the field to score one touchdown after another. Some of the best plays of the night were, "Cody Clark's 40 yard pass to Chris Blake and long runs by Gerardo Pacheco and Sam Stewart," said Coach Steve Hutcherson, but the game's most valuable players were, "all defensive players" because they did not allow any touchdowns." The boys first game ended in victory after the Cubs put down the Panthers from Nueces Canyon on Sept. 3. Though the Cubs were weakened by a number of penalties, they road by relying on their strong unning game. Sam Stewart and Gerardo Pacheco each scored a Bird Pageant, the newest book touchdown in the equally matched game.

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HJR 54 would create a Texas rail relocation and improvement fund in the state treasury and would authorize grants of state revenue and issuance of public debt to relocate, rehabilitate, and expand privately and publicly owned passenger and freight rail facilities and to construct railroad underpasses and

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of rail facilities."

#### PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

#### PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 80)

HJR 80 would provide that local economic development program loans or grants (other than debts secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes or financed by the issuance of any bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes) do not constitute or create debt. Any provision of state constitutional law that may prohibit or limit the authority of a political subdivision of the state to incur debt does not apply to those loans or grants.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying that certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt."

#### PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 17)

SJR 17 would authorize a district judge to deny reinstatement of bail or new bail to a person accused of a felony, if the person's bail had been revoked or forfeited as a result of the person's violation of a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the communi-

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

#### PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 21)

SJR 21 would authorize the Legislature to exempt commercial loans from state usury laws that set maximum interest rates. "Commercial loans" are loans made primarily for business, commercial, investment, agricultural, or similar purposes and not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans."

#### PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 would increase the size of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct from eleven to thirteen members by increasing from four to five the number of public members and by adding a constitutional county court judge. The additions would ensure that the commission has an odd number of members, which is required by another provision of the state constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

#### PROPOSITION 7 (SJR 7)

SJR 7 would authorize new options for reverse mortgage agreements for senior homeowners allowing them to draw advances at unscheduled intervals, if and when needed, and only in the

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The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing line-of-credit advances under a reverse mort-

#### PROPOSITION 8 (SJR 40)

SJR 40 would clear individual land titles by relinquishing and releasing all claims of state ownership interests, including mineral interests, in two local areas, namely, a roughly 4,600 acre area located roughly 14 miles southeast of Gilmer, Texas, and a separate 900 acre area located north of Tyler, Texas.

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#### PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 79)

HJR 79 would authorize the Legislature to provide staggered six year terms of office for board members serving on regional mobility authorities, with no more than one-third of the board positions being appointed every two years.

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## Tigerettes 23-1 in season play

strong understanding of the ball team, now halfway through their regular season, took the top slot at the Utopia Tournament 6; Simmons: 5; Meyer: 5; night with a serving percentage

> Brackett defeated San Antonio Cole 25-22, 25-10 in the preliminary round on Saturday.

The Tigerettes caged the Cougars with Emily Valenzuela leading the team with a total of 9 kills; Brandy Smith: 5; Timmeka Stewart: 1. Simmons: 3; Ashley Castillo: 2 and Bailee Allen: 1. Valenzuela, Simmons and Jesse Crane all served up one ace a piece. at the right time with 11 assists. Castillo blocked 3 times; Valenzuela: 2; Brandy Smith: 1 and Bianca Stewart 1. Castillo also led the team with 9 digs; Laura Meyer: 5; Crane: 4; Smith: 3; Simmons: 2; Lola Cano:1 and Valenzuela 1.

Brackett defeated Utopia 25-22, 25-16, 25-19 in the championship game.

Valenzuela: 2 and Allen: 2. 1. Cano passed on 13 digs; Crane: Castillo: 4; Tanya Molinar: 4; Valenzuela: 3; Stewart: 1 and Allen: 1. Molinar served up 6 ended play with 7 kills; Smith: Leakey Eagles 25-20, 25-17, 25-3; Allen: 2 and Castillo: 1. 12. Simmons assisted 5 times;

On Sept. 13, Brackett defeated Carrizo Springs 25-19,

25-27, 25-18, 25-14. The Wildcats were no match Simmons was in the right place for the mighty Tigerettes with 14 kills from Castillo; Valenzuela: 10; Allen: 8; Smith: 6; Stewart: 4 and Simmons: 2. Simmons was as helpful as ever with 33 assists. Crane led with 3 aces while Smith and Meyer both had 1 each. Crane led with 3 digs; Smith: 1 and Meyer:1. Castillo also led in digs with 15; Smith: 8; Simmons: 6; Meyer: Pass last month. 4; Crane: 3; Cano: 3; the Buffaloes with five blocks Stewart: 2. Castillo blocked 3 urday.

The Brackett Varsity Volley- from Castillo; Smith: 3; times; Smith: 1 and Valenzuela:

The girls had a remarkable

On Friday, Sept. 16, the Tigerettes celebrated "Dies y Seis" aces; Meyer: 1. Valenzuela by plucking the feathers of the

> Castillo ended play with 8 spiked kills; Smith: 6; Valenzuela: 6; Simmons: 5; Allen: 3; Stewart: 3 and Crane: 1. Valenzuela and Crane led in aces with 4 each; Castillo: 2; Smith: 2 and Meyer: 2. Simmons set up the ball 20 times. Allen blocked once. Crane hurt the Eagle offense with 12 digs; Simmons: 8; Castillo: 5; Molinar: 5; Smith: 3; Valenzuela: 2; Meyer: 2; Allen: 2; Stewart: 1 and Cano:1.

The Varsity Tigerettes are now 23-1, losing only to Eagle

The girls will play their first The Tigerettes slaughtered Valenzuela: 2; Molinar: 2 and district game in Sabinal on Sat-



Brackett High School's junior varsity and varsity girls cross country teams include from left, Heather Baggett (JV), Elva Garcia, Lauren Cornelius, Ivory Perez, Anolda Watkins, Daphne Hunt, Harmony Pettett and Gabby Schroeder.

## XC girls take first at Pearsall meet

another first place title for a to- minutes, 12 seconds. tal of three so far this season. Daphne Hunt finished the girls two-mile in first place with a time of 13 minutes, 20 seconds.

The other Tigerettes in the pack finished the race as follows: Gabby Schroeder: 2nd, 13:56; Harmony Pettett: 3rd, 14:10; Anolda Watkins: 5th, 14:50; Ivory Perez: 14th, 16:23; Elva Garcia: 16th, 16:37 and Lauren Cornelius: 18th, 18:07.

girls Junior Varsity runner 26:03 and Izzy Muniz: 31st, Edwards: 37th, 17:23.

The Varsity Girls team took placed 12th with a time of 16 27:52

The Brackett Varsity Boys Cross Country team placed fourth overall at the meet Saturindividual standings for the boys three-mile, Justin Calk finished

The Junior High Harriers were competitive and completed their two-mile course as follows: Seventh grade girls: Kelsey day, Sept. 17, in Pearsall. In the Bruce: 2nd, 13:48; Bianca Cruz: 17th, 17:41; Ericka Villanueva: 25th, 18:09; Courtney Kirkland; 12th with a time of 19 minutes, 41st, 20:49 and Marisol Aguirre: 44th, 21:32. Eighth grade girls: Other Tiger runners placed as Brianna Escamilla: 15th, 16:43 follows: Manny Rosas: 14th, and Salina Flores: 24th, 18:27. 20:31; Clint Conrad: 20th, Seventh grade boys: Josh Smith: 22:15; Cullen Duncan: 21st, 22nd, 15:56, Steven Rodriguez: Heather Baggett, the only 22:47; Stanford Conoly: 30th, 26th, 16:17 and Bradley

#### Texas State Bird Pageant evokes still managed to win 16-6 on the read by solving and their strong and old

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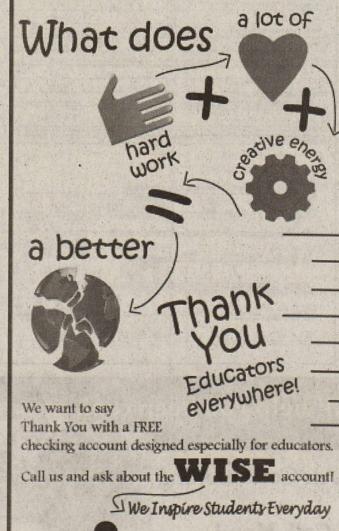
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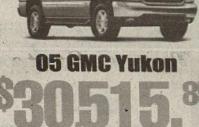


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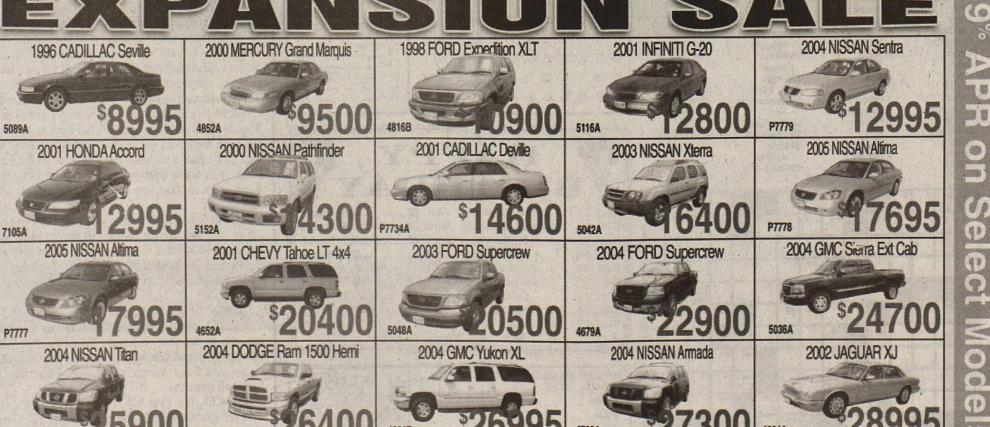
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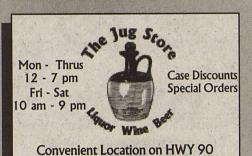
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by Charles Cooper

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A close look at your budget has you a bit worried. It seems there's more going out than coming in. Look for ways to improve this. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

You're a bit bogged down on the job early in the week. It seems there are so many details to attend to. By week's end, though, you have it all sorted out. CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

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LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're a ball of energy this week. While there's a lot on your plate, you're able to tackle things with enthusiasm. Spend the weekend relaxing after this whirlwind of

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Nothing of import goes on this week. This suits you just fine. It's a good idea to focus on home and family instead. LIBRA (September 23 to Oc-

tober 22) You're not in the mood this week to be very open about what you're doing. While you have good reason for this, it won't be to your advantage in the long run. Come clean with loved ones.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You hear some chatter about a friend which surprises you. However, examine this closely. You'll find much of what's being said isn't true.

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#### Memories don't One more job I know him and keep his saying Yet ye have not known him but I know him: and if I should St. John's Missionary go away, do they? Years ago a young man and his family moved to our town.

with him.

children's sake.

(Psalm 70:4,91:4,105:4).

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The walk back to the cellblock with Donovan seemed long. In his mind Rick was trying to make sense of what happened.

He was feeling moments of joy over his son's healing. He felt moments of overwhelming peace from his experience with the white-robed figure.

with questions he couldn't answer.

Old habits of anger intruded into the mix of feelings. Donovan wisely kept silent during the walk knowing Rick had a lot to internalize.

When they reached the cell door, Donovan put his hand gently on Rick's shoulder. "See ya later Brother," was all he said. The door closed with a loud

Old Joe looked up from the didn't mean ta disturb ya." book he was reading. "Brothah Rick," was all he said.

Rick smiled and climbed into on yo mahnd." his bunk. He closed his eyes. His mind drifted peacefully on a sea away do they?" Rick asked. of memories.

grandmother was holding him. a da Lawd. Ma brothah, very He heard her words.

"Rick, yore mom has made some bad decisions. Those decisions have brought a lot of place. But," Joe looked straight pain to yore life." She stroked into Ricks eyes. "But, ever so his head. "Rick, don't take it out offen, da ole devil gonna drag residents of this rather isolated on the rest of the world. Jesus em out and thow em up in yo will guide you through yore face." pain.

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husband Terry Stephenson.

be with the Lord Monday, Sept.

Regional Medical Center in Del

She was born September 29,

She was preceded in death by

1932, in El Dorado, Texas, to

Arch Shields and Lucille

her father, Arch Shields; her sis-

ter, Mary Alice Mitchell; and by

her stepfather, Herbert Mitchell,

12, 2005.

Mitchell.

1931 in Brackettville, Texas.

He was born November 28, ettville, Texas.

Then Rick heard his mom scream. He saw a man throwing was a crucifix.

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Those moments alternated something at the wall. A door slammed. A little boy cried. Fear gripped his heart

The scene shifted and he heard another woman scream. This time it was Amy. Something hit the wall. A door slammed. Three children were crying. Rick shot straight up in the bed. "My God!" he exclaimed. "What have I done?"

Rick threw his feet over the side of the bed and looked down at old Joe. "Sorry old man,

Joe answered thoughtfully. "Da's ok Rick boy. Yo got lots

"The memories don't go

'Dos mem'ries keeps us A little boy was crying. His r'mahnded of da mahv'lus grace soon da Lawd's agonna heal dat pain in yo haht. Yo'll be able ta put dos mem'ries away in a safe

"Whatta I do?" Rick asked Joe held out his hand. In it

Visitation was Friday, Sept.

Rosary was recited at 7 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial

Funeral arrangements were

Herbert Mitchell, Jr. of River-

Hawkins and daughter-in-law,

Bonnie Hawkins both of Odessa,

Texas; special cousins, Audrie,

Clarence and Tiara Ward of

Brackettville, Texas; aunt,

Annie Shields of Brackettville,

Texas; and a host of nieces and

**OBITUARIES** 

Alfredo Martinez

Nov. 28, 1931 - Sept. 14, 2005

tered into rest Wednesday, Sept. 16 Sunset Memorial Oaks

14, 2005 in San Antonio, Texas. Chapel, 114 North St., Brack-

his son, Mario Alfredo Martinez; was Saturday, Sept. 17, 2005 at

brothers, Eulalio (Lalo) at St. Mary Magdalene Catho-

Martinez, Juan Martinez, Wallo lic Church in Brackettville,

He is survived by his daugh- Mary Magdalene Catholic Cem-

Brother, Raul Martinez and wife entrusted to Sunset Memorial

Luise; Sisters, Feliz Beloz, Oaks Funeral Home, 114 North

Erminia Diaz. Four Grandchil- St., Brackettville, Texas 78832

Georgia Mae Shields

Sept. 29, 1932 - Sept. 12, 2005

Georgia Mae Shields went to mother, Lucille Mitchell of Los

She passed away at Val Verde side, California; her son Randy

nephews.

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#### He got a job in one of our local businesses and I would go by every now and then and visit I started talking to him about

RELIGION

Jerry Davenport

Brother

5:11,12) and he said he didn't have one, but was interested, cause I don't want anything with-(Matthew 6:33, Hebrews 11:6). out God. About a month later I I encouraged him to take his famhappened to be in town and ily to Church just for his there was a lot of activity.

The night before the young Later on he told me had taken man went berserk and drove his another job because of car prob- car through a lot of yards and lems and medical bills and he tore down fences. The police fididn't have time for Church or nally captured him and put him the things of God. I told him that in a straight jacket and took him God would and could help him, to the county jail.

Later he was committed to a He said no and that he could mental institution and he lost evhandle the situation by himself, erything including his family. It (without God's help)(Proverbs is a dangerous thing to leave God out of your life. See you in That statement scared me be- Church next.

# Unfulfilled expections

Suppose you prepared for a party or for houseguests and then no one came? What would you do? Grumble? Complain?

Invite your neighbors to share the feast you had prepared? Our entire community is in much the same situation.

When Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, we, as community, wondered what we could do.

We went to work gathering. up furnishings for the 7 or so families that we were told would be coming when our housing authority administrator was told by the higher-ups to get all vacant units ready and furnished for evacuees. We have believed, us work to do.

I don't know about you, but toward a new vision? expected that those families would be here within a few days. I expected that the generosity of this community would be appre- evacuees in another location?

Now, as the days pass, it ap- who donated it? pears less and less likely that Katrina evacuees will come here. Although it is still possible, it appears less and less Interment followed at St. likely that the wonderful things gathered will grace the homes of what was donated? of evacuees here in Brack-

And I have grumbled about my disappointment.

I find I am in good company. The Bible is full of stories of folks who grumbled when God and the City Council). did not act according to their expectations.

provisions that far outweighed Angeles, California; a brother, our expectations.

intended recipients did not meet our expectations, but that does not lessen the value of the gift. ers.

I believe that God will give us a new vision. There are still many in need-many with far less than many of us have.

aware of God's provision for us. a new vision for that abundance. Funeral arrangements were A few weeks ago we may have Please join me in watching and under the direction of Don's Fu- viewed that provision as merely praying for an indication of the neral Chapels in Brackettville, adequate, but as we have new vision which God has for watched the devastation of us.

First United Methodist Church

> Rev. Jean Reardon

Katrina and the revelation of the abject poverty that existed even before she struck, we now see God's provision for us here in this place as abundance.

Our minds are filled right now with more questions than an-

Why have evacuees not chosen to come to Brackettville?

Does the lack of available iobs in this community or the and I still believe, that God gave need for transportation to jobs in Del Rio or Uvalde point us

> What should be done with all that stuff if no one comes? Should it be transported to

Should it be returned to those Should there be a huge "ga-

rage sale" with money donated to hurricane relief? Are there people in our own community who truly need some

I am glad the decision does of rest on my shoulders!

I pray God's guidance for those who may have to wrestle with such a decision. (The Housing Authority of Brackettville

I don't know the answers to any of the questions that I have In the community's response raised, but I do know that I have to Katrina, God has provided learned much about the gener-

osity of this community. I do know that Christian ac-The anticipated arrival of the tion has been highly visible as people have come forth in unity to help meet the needs of oth-

I do know that God has supplied our needs, even given us

abundance. I watch prayerfully and pray We have all become more watchfully for an indication of

but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him and keep his saying. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day; and he saw it and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou are not yet fifty years verily, I say unto you before old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Abraham was, I am. John 8: 55



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#### She is survived by her Texas. John Arthur Martinez returns to Uvalde

The Uvalde Arts Council, Inc., announces the return of John Arthur Martinez to the Janey Slaughter Briscoe Grand Opera House on Saturday, September 24, 2005. The concert starts at 8 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at the Opera House box office. Tickets are \$10 each and all seats are reserved seating.

"John Arthur performed here last year and the audience loved his songs and music.

His songs have a Southwestern flair with occasional touches of Texas swing and a few of his songs include one or two verses and chorus sung in Spanish.

John Arthur really enjoyed performing at the Opera House in a concert atmosphere," said Esther Trevino, UAC board member and Managing Director of the Grand Opera House.

Martinez grew up listening to both traditional country and vin-

tage Mexican music. By mixing country with Mexican music, and by singing in English and Spanish, the Austin-born artist follows Freddy Fender and Johnny Rodriguez as trailblazers who showcase their Mexican-American heritage in their country songs.



John Arthur Martinez

John Arthur not only sings country-western music, he obtained an English degree from Southwest Texas State University, which he attended on a tennis scholarship, and began his teaching career at Marble Falls High School.

He became the school's tennis team coach but he didn't give

ning Our Wheels and Stand Your able television exposure and a Ground.

the Marble Falls and Austin CDs. Area, Martinez thought about becoming a full-time musican. Nashville Star prompted him

to make the decision after they urged him to audition for their

After being chosen a runnerand Texas regionals, he was rec- am - 2 pm Saturdays.

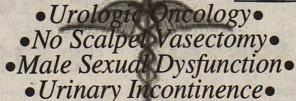
ommended for the program's fi-He continued to play on the nal line-up of competitors. side, releasing two CDs, Spin- Martinez ended up with invalusecond place standing. Lone After building a fan base in Starry Night is among his latest

To purchase tickets or to make reservations please call 830-278-4184 or come by the Opera House at 104 W. North St. across from the downtown plaza.

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