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## Arson fire destroys decade long restoration

Suspected arson fire destroyed the James Street home of Thomas and Francie Wylie and ended the decade long restoration project on Aug. 19.

The fire, called in by a neighbor at 11:44 p.m., completely consumed the structure within four hours and continued to smolder even late in the afternoon on Sunday.

First to arrive on the scene was Kinney County Sheriff's Deputy James Blankenship.

Blankenship stated that he was surprised by the aggressive nature of the fire, but quickly moved to evacuate the area and have nearby residents move their vehicles.

The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) also arrived on the scene within minutes, but immediately faced several difficult situations.

The homeowner had a 250 gallon liquid propane tank just a mere 70 feet from the fire's suspected point origin and the property was encircled by the county's only medical facility and two prominent churches.

No damages were reported by United Medical Center or St. Mary Magdalene's Catholic Church, but the windows of the parish hall at the First United Methodist Church (FUMC) suffered heat damage.

Inadequate protective gear and faulty equipment also added to the fire department's woes, as some were treated for burns and smoke inhalation.

"Young boys helped put this fire out, not grown men like me," said Kinney County Sheriff L.K. Buddy Burgess of the ordinary citizens that stepped up to the challenge of fighting the fire.

Blake Ward, Ryan Frerich, Seth Frerich, Chestin Clark, Whitney Massingill and Wacy Taylor reportedly assisted Rich-

ard Slubar in fighting the fire on the front side of the house, while the BVFD maintained a position in the rear alley.

State Fire Officials were on the scene with an accelerator sniffing K-9 early Monday and confirmed that arson was the probable cause of the fire.

"It is definitely an arson and it's under investigation by the State Fire Marshal's Office. I am assisting the sheriff's office in the investigation," said Deputy State Fire Marshal Janine M. Mather, CFI in an interview with *The Brackett News*.

"Arson can be determined by

ruling out accidental sources of ignition," Mather continued.

The State Fire Marshal's office is offering up to a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest in this case.

Persons having information are asked to call 1-877-434-7345.

Since the fire, one suspect

has been questioned multiple times and polygraphed by a sheriff from a surrounding county; but no arrest has been made.

Property stolen from the Wylie residence last week has steered the investigators to seek a possible link between the bur-

glary on Friday and the fire on Saturday.

The Wylie's purchased the dilapidated property in 1996 and have spent over nine years restoring it.

The Wylie's were near the completion of the project and planned to move in later this year.

"It's like nine years were wasted. How could someone be so cruel?" said homeowner Francie Wylie.

"Everyone has been so sweet and supportive, but my house is gone. I cannot say who did this, but I want the sheriff's office to figure out who did," concluded Wylie.

As the Wylie Family and the community contend with a possible arsonist still at large, words from FUMC Pastor Jean Reardon are offered to stimulate healing, "My office window looks on what was the Wylie's beautiful home. Like all who have witnessed the "birthing" of this Brackettville showplace, my heart is grieved. In the fifteen months that I have been here, I have watched the family work together to craft a thing of beauty that graced Brackettville with stately charm and reflected the early history of our community. It stood as an example of what was possible for this town. It represented beauty, yes, but also a strong work ethic that can turn a veritable "sow's ear" into a "silk purse". The fire destroyed the building, but I know that it cannot destroy the close bond that this family has developed as they have worked together. I pray that the belief that positive changes can be made here will not smolder away in the ashes."

More photos of the James Street blaze can be viewed at [www.thebrackettnews.com](http://www.thebrackettnews.com).

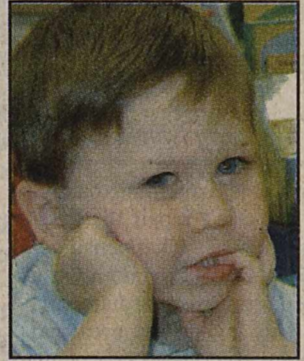


**James Street Fire**  
Restoration project and future home of Thomas and Francie Wylie was destroyed in a suspected arson fire on Aug. 19. Law enforcement officials have question one suspect, but have made no arrest to date.  
Courtesy Photo by Genie Robinson

### First Day Jitters



Standing from left: Kindergarten Teacher Christy Price gives parents David Cook and Stacey Flores information about the new school year. Sitting from left: Tanner Slubar, Savannah Brandt and Kristal Cook ready for their first day of Kindergarten. Below: On his first day of pre-kinder, Christopher Creel wonders what time recess will start.



### Bonilla receives support of local farmers and ranchers

United States Congressman Henry Bonilla, chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee and candidate for reelection in Congressional District 23, is proud to announce the strong support of several agricultural organizations during visits to four agricultural counties in his district.

The Texas Farm Bureau, The Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Texas And Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts, The Texas Produce Association and the Texas Wildlife Association are the first of several groups in the agricultural community to step forward and show their strong

support for Congressman Bonilla by attending announcements in Medina, Uvalde, Kinney and Val Verde Counties.

"I am honored that so many agricultural industry associations and groups who work hard to represent their memberships living throughout Kinney County have joined my campaign for reelection," said Bonilla.

As Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, Congressman Bonilla has the immediate pleasure to work hand-in-hand with all of the organizations represented, on a host of issues important to families who depend on the solid foundation of agriculture throughout the 23rd District.

"Whether we are working on disaster assistance, country of origin labeling or increased funding for the National Sheep Center to support goat meat and wool research, range improvement, predator control and so many other important agriculture issues, I rely on the outstanding leadership of the agricultural industry to keep me informed so that together we can continue to meet problems had on and find solutions to them," said Bonilla.

"I met Henry Bonilla 14 years ago under the pecan tree out here in front of the Kinney County Courthouse," said Joe York of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association. "He has always been a good friend to agriculture."

### News BRIEFS

#### Class Reunion

The BHS Classes of 91 and 92 are having a Reunion Sept. 1-3. For more information call Clay Hunt III at 830-563-2103 or 210-488-4134.

#### Labor Day Celebration

Alamo Village will host their 46th Annual Labor Day Celebration on Monday, Sept. 4 from 9am to 5pm. The day will include horse races, live music, games & contests for all ages, gunslinging exhibitions and a homemade apple pie contest. Educational demonstrations will include sheep shearing and cattle branding. Admission will be \$9.75 for adults, \$4.75 for children 6-11 and FREE to children under five. For more information, please contact the Village at 830-563-2580.

#### LEPC Meeting

Local Emergency Planning Committee will be meeting on Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. at the EMS Building. Radio Club Members and interested "techies" are invited to attend. LEPC is getting state of the art communications equipment and needs help operating it in an emergency situation.

#### Trophy Photos

Do you have a trophy hunting photo that you would like to be included in this year's Hunter's Guide. Call 563-2852.

#### Photo Contest

Submit a photo of someone holding The Brackett News and Win Cash! Individual(s) or (things) in photo must be holding The Brackett News and the banner (title) must be clearly displayed. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners of the most original photo, most comical photo and for the photo taken the furthest distance from Brackettville. All submissions will be printed in TBN as space will allow and the winners will be chosen by a panel including TBN staff. Photos submitted are subject to unlimited use by TBN. Staff members (and/or their immediate family members) can submit photos, but are not eligible to win the cash prizes. The deadline for submission will be September 29, 2006. Prizes and winners will be announced in the October 29, 2006, edition of TBN. Name, Address and Phone number must be included on each submission. No limit per person on submissions. Have Fun!

#### Parenting Classes para Workshops

La crianza de los hijos no es facil... permitanos brindarle apoyo. Familias Para un Futuro ofrece a la comunidad clases para padres sin costo alguno. Clases seran ofrecidas en Brackettville iniciando en Septiembre 2006. La primera clase sera ofrecida en La Biblioteca Publica de Brackettville. Para mas informacion o reservar su lugar, favor de comunicarse con Raquel Frausto 830-768-2755 o 877-441-4188 o Sara Terrazas.

#### Weekend WEATHER

<b>Friday</b>	Mostly Sunny High: 100 Low: 78
<b>Saturday</b>	Mostly Sunny High: 96 Low: 76
<b>Sunday</b>	Partly Cloudy High: 96 Low: 76

#### Tiger Boosters

Brackett Tiger Athletic Booster Club will meet Monday, Aug. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Gym. We will be making plans for the new year and electing officers. Help support the Tigers and Tigerettes.

#### City Council

City Council will meet tonight at 7 p.m. at the annex on Hwy. 90.

#### Hunter's Guide

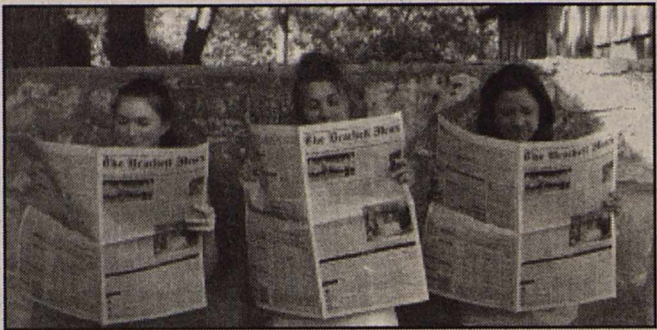
Don't miss your opportunity to reach out to area hunters!

**Editors Weekly PLOG**

The Wylie Family lost their house this past weekend and arson is suspected. We must ask ourselves what we can do to help? We can call them up and tell them how sorry we are, but what good is that? I would encourage every reader to start calling your city, county and state officials right now and ask them to help you NOT become the next victim of arson in Brackett. Arson is not new here. There have been at least a half dozen suspected arsons in Brackettville over the last five or six years. The Wylie's put heart, soul and HARD-EARNED money into restoring that building and it took one spark to bring it down. Many may say "oh they're rich and they can afford to replace it all" - but I beg you to find a rich person around here that is SUPPORTING and putting some of their six children through college. Someone took what they WORKED FOR and now someone needs to be held accountable. Bust out your cell phone, make a call today. And if you know anything or hear of anything - you should be the first one on the line to the Sheriff. Keep your words and let your actions speak out loud.

Leigh V.

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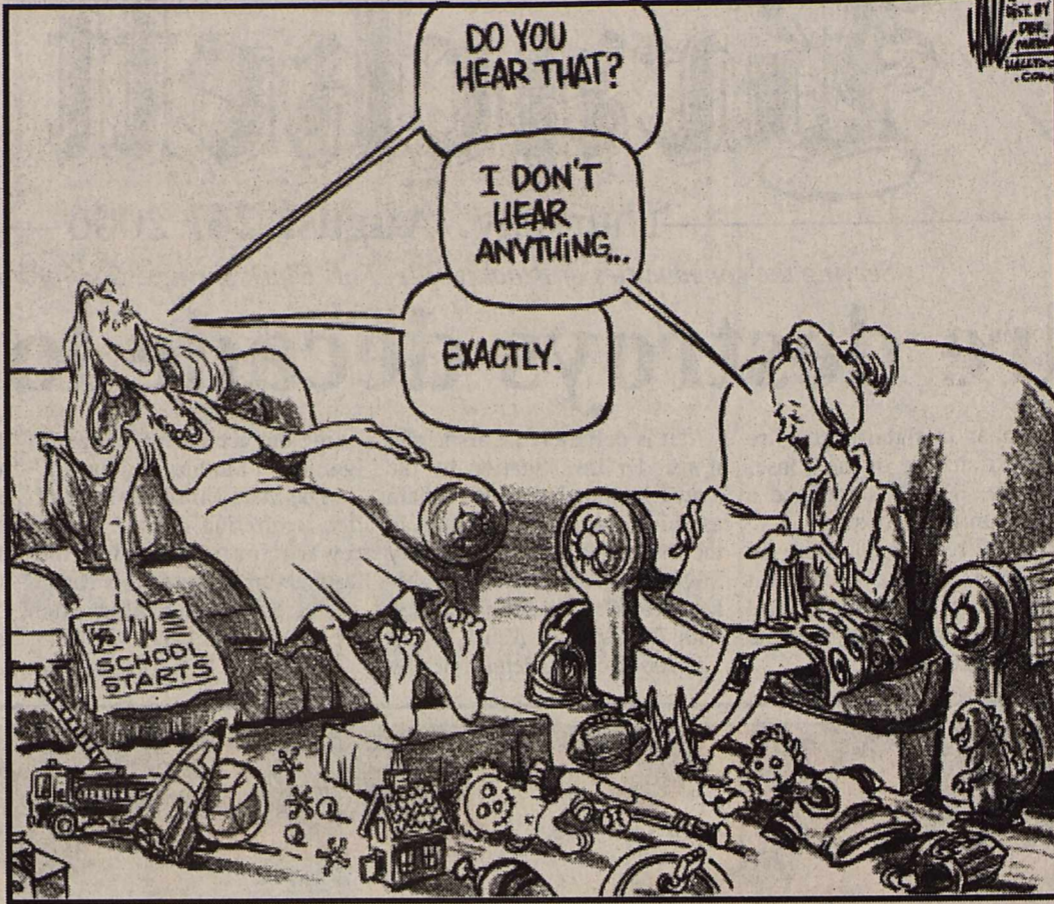
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**Teach kids early about saving and investing**



Emily Cooper

Bad habits are hard to break. But good habits also tend to stick around for a long time.

And that's why you will want to teach young children about the importance of saving and investing. It's almost never too early to start - and your efforts can provide a lifetime of benefits.

By the time most children reach age five, they have more than enough cognitive skills to understand the basics of saving money.

Of course, the older they get, the better equipped they will be to handle more sophisticated concepts of investing.

In any case, when your children are young, start them off on the right financial path by taking these steps:

Set attainable goals - Kids will be more motivated to save money if they can see themselves achieving goals.

And that's why you don't

want to burden them too soon by trying to get them to save for a long-term objective such as college.

Such a goal may well be appropriate - and even desirable - when children are a bit older, but when they are quite young, have them put money in a simple savings account for things like toys, video games, CDs, etc.

By putting away money regularly and seeing how their efforts are rewarded, children will learn something about financial discipline and delayed gratification - and they're likely to be more appreciative of their possessions. Reward children's efforts. To help children learn to save and invest, you may want to offer a helping hand.

Specifically, consider partially "matching" children's deposits into their savings accounts.

If you were to put in a quarter or fifty cents for every dollar they deposit, their savings will have an opportunity to grow faster and they will feel they are getting "bonus" payments.

Make investing fun - Try to get your children or grandchildren involved in picking and following a stock for fun.

So, if your children are in-

terested in athletic shoes, for example, take a "research trip" to the nearest sporting goods store and study which shoes seem to be most popular.

Also, ask your children what types of shoes their friends are wearing. If your children are old enough, you may also want to go over annual reports and other financial information about the stock, but don't get too bogged down with numbers, especially if you see your child's eyes glaze over.

Do, however, follow the stock's price and discuss the factors that may or may not be causing this price to rise or fall.

Stress long-term nature of investing. Stress that a stock is not the same as a bank account, and educate them to let them know this type of investment is not for impulse purchases or to meet short-term goals.

Instead, tell your children that stocks are for the long term.

You might want to share with them some of your brokerage statements that show how many years you've owned some of your investments.

By following these suggestions, you can help your kids develop good savings and investment habits.

Talk to them soon.

**Soledad cross stays**



Gina Parker

On August 14, President Bush signed legislation that resulted in a huge victory for the residents of San Diego, California, as well as Christians everywhere.

The bill may seem insignificant viewed apart from the history that helped shape it, since it simply guarantees transfer of ownership of the Soledad Veterans Memorial from the local to the federal government.

The history, however, is undeniably momentous.

For seventeen years, an intense legal battle has raged between the City of San Diego and the ACLU, representing atheist Philip Paulson. At the center of this battle is the Mt. Soledad Cross, a 39-foot-high marker standing as the focal point of the Soledad Veterans Memorial - a monument honoring those who served in the Korean War.

Receiving its most recent update in the mid-fifties when the memorial park was erected, the cross has existed in various forms since 1913.

Paulson, a Vietnam vet, claiming that the Cross "excludes veterans who are not Christian," and the ACLU with the help of the ultra liberal Federal Ninth Circuit Court have made the passing of this latest bill crucial to the longevity of the Cross.

On more than one occasion, the courts have ordered the demolition of the Cross - each time forcing the citizens of San Diego to seek new forms of political action to save their hillside guardian.

In an impressive show of unity in support of the values our nation once thrived upon, both Houses of Congress stood resoundingly in favor of this bill with the Senate unanimously approving and the House overwhelmingly approving it (349-74), and sent it to the President for his signature.

Several prominent Republicans who sponsored the bill were present during Monday's signing, including Rep. Brian Bilbray (R-CA), who precisely stated the appropriate constitutional and moral stance on this issue:

"Just because something may have a religious connotation doesn't mean you destroy it and tear it down."

Unfortunately, those who support the Soledad Cross have not quite yet won the final battle to preserve the memorial.

The ACLU has already filed suit in an attempt to block the sale of the land to the federal government, as they did when the city tried to sell the land to a private non-profit organization.

This latest suit has the potential to reach the hallowed halls of the U.S. Supreme Court, and if it does, I urge you to pray that every Justice on the Court is led to make the right decision in protecting the Soledad Cross and all that it embodies.

In the immortal words of former President Ronald Reagan, "The First Amendment of the Constitution was not written to protect the people of this country from religious values; it was written to protect religious values from government tyranny."

May President Reagan's words stay engraved in our hearts and minds as we continue to elect and pray for officials who will use his words and vision as a guideline for their platforms and policies.

**Broken window syndrome**



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Now all of a sudden you have found this Fly Lady person in the newspaper and she is telling you to clean up this mess.

The trouble is you don't think you made the mess and therefore it is not your responsibility to clean it up.

You begin to spout out orders and the family is looking at you like you are crazy.

Why is Mom being such a pain??? She has never acted like she cared before. Why Now?

It is time that we stopped fussing about a job that isn't getting done by your family.

Do you want to know why they are not much help?

Well you better sit down for this one!

They are not lazy, no good, mean, or even disrespectful.

They are living in a house with a broken window. I can hear you now. We don't have broken windows. Yes you do.

My Sweet Darling gave me this analogy.

Your family has the broken window syndrome. In some cities, if a window is broken on an abandoned home in the neigh-

borhood, it is fixed immediately!

If you don't repair the damage as soon as it happens, before you know it the community will begin to fall into disrepair, crime will invade the area and all the other houses will begin to fall apart.

This is what happens in your home. The place is a disaster. Tables are piled high, clothes are on the floor, and dishes are in the sink and on the counters.

No one seems to notice, it has always been like this: At least to them and their short memories.

What does it matter if you add one more pair of socks to the pile or the newspaper on top of everything else on the table?

No one can tell that you just dumped something else on the floor or didn't put away the dish you had ice cream in.

It was already a mess and this isn't going to change its looks much. Messy is still messy.

It all boils down to the broken window syndrome. When the house is clean, one thing out of place shows up.

But when it is trashed, WHO CARES ANYWAY? No one! including you.

Now set the example by shutting your mouth. This means no more fussing! In the time that it takes to bless someone out for not doing the job, you could have it done. At that point you can say, "Johnny this is your hat, put it in the closet!" There will only be one hat on the table. Not 15 other items.

Your change in attitude is enough to show them that you are doing something different this time.

You can do this. It is easier than you think. Attitude is everything.

When this attitude adjustment occurs then you can bless your home with everything you do. Not curse it.

Love your family and show them, before long it will all come back to you in more blessing than you can count.

Your example will get the help you want but only if you do it in love.

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# Tigers sharpen their claws in first preseason scrimmage



**Tiger Gridiron**  
Thomas Hurney

Findlay Field in Menard, Texas is home to the Menard Yellow Jackets. First built in 1934, it is an impressive football stadium, with big concrete bleachers on the home side and fold-down theater-style seats in (what one imagines) is the VIP section, just beneath the press box.

A low, white wall hugs a hill behind one goal post. On it are painted outsized footballs, fifteen in all, and beneath each football elegant script denoting the year and that teams accomplishments, including district titles, area championships and the like.

The Menard football program then, like that of the Brackett Tigers, is rich in tradition. In recent times the team has had an enviable playoff run, with consecutive post-season appearances every year between 1992 and 1999, and again in 2001 and 2003. They have won over sixty-six percent of their games since 1995, and are projected to finish

second in District 12-1A this year.

Fitting then, that they would host the Brackett Tigers who in recent years have constructed their own gaudy resume' made up also of district titles and playoff trips, in a scrimmage in the simmering heat at Menard this past Saturday.

Oh, and the Leakey Eagles were there, too. I introduce the Eagles to the reader in this manner not to diminish them or the town of Leakey. Just the opposite.

As Leakey is a small town, they have fewer kids on their team. Maybe twenty or so made the trip to Menard, and so the heat and the rigors of a full-speed scrimmage would have affected them all the more. My hat's off to them for bearing up, and I wish them luck this season.

On either side of the press box at Findlay Field, are two walls, each emblazoned with a big bold "M".

One would rightly conclude that the "M" is for Menard, but it could just as easily stand for "marathon", as that is what we had this past Saturday - a marathon practice, in which each team scrimmaged the other two, beneath a sun that seemed to find you wherever you went.

"Yeah, they were ready, they

knew what was going on, they did the same thing last year so they knew what to expect" said Coach Greg Voyles of his Tigers. "We just need to condition more".

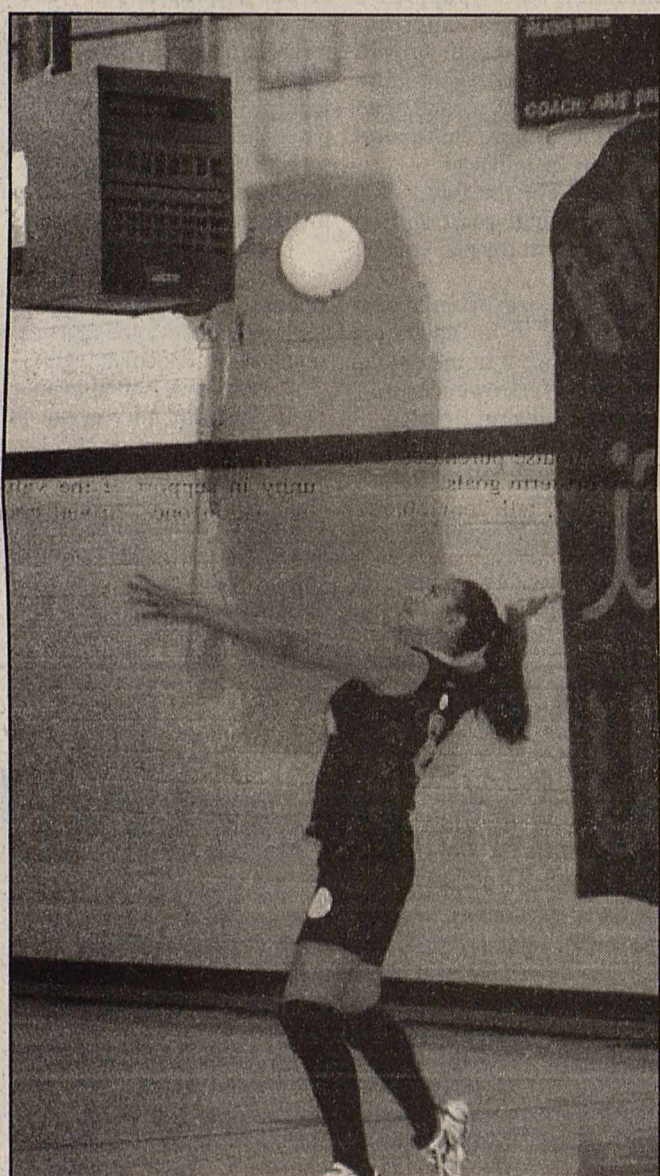
The Tiger defense got burned on a few big plays, but played well for the most part, and it seemed that for every defensive breakdown there were two or more plays that ended on the line of scrimmage or in the backfield.

On offense, the Brackett ground attack started slowly but then gained momentum as it began to show flashes of last years' versatility-lateral quickness and between the tackles power running. "They're right where I want them right now" said Voyles. "A few busts here and there, but overall, not bad".

Voyles had high praise for his junior varsity squad. "JV made a lot of progress today. At first I think some of them were kind of timid because they hadn't seen anything full speed like that (the scrimmage) yet, but after that they realized that hey, we belong out here too, so I think they did a very good job".

The Brackettville squad returns home on August 24, for a 5 p.m. scrimmage against last years' first-round playoff opponent, the Falls City Beavers, one more opportunity for these young Tigers to hone their on-field abilities before the season opener at home September 1, against Dilley.

"Overall, I thought we executed pretty good, but we've got some things to work on", which after all, is why we have the preseason. If only it wasn't so hot," concluded Voyles.



**Break Serve!** Photo by Allison Taylor  
Senior, Emily Valenzuela serves for the Brackett Tigerettes in one of the beginning games of the season.

## Brackett Volleyball update

Submitted by Coach Rhonda Marquardt

Brackett played Del Rio and Carrizo Springs in volleyball on Saturday, Aug. 12, official scores were not kept.

Brackett defeated Del Rio with Laura Meyer and Bailee Allen having three aces both. Emily Valenzuela had two aces and Julie Castillo had one ace.

### Freshmen

Submitted by Coach Bonnie Brotherton

The Freshmen Volleyball team played Laredo and Del Rio on Aug. 15 in Brackett and won both matches. On Saturday, Aug. 17, they played in the Uvalde Freshmen tournament. They defeated Hondo and Bandera but lost to Uvalde for third place honors.

Valenzuela also had two kills and two digs. Meyer also had five digs. Allen also had one kill, one block and two digs. Bianca Stewart had one kill, one block and one dig. Bianca Terrazas had three assists and three digs. Castillo also had two assists and four digs. Lola Cano had eight digs and Daphne Hunt had one dig.

Brackett also defeated Carrizo Springs with Castillo having seven

aces, one kill and nine assists.

Meyer had four aces. Valenzuela had two aces, four kills four blocks and one dig. Hunt had two aces three kills, two blocks and two digs. Allen had one ace, six kills, five blocks and one dig. Stewart had three kills, two blocks and four assists, Rebecca Mann had three kills and one dig. Terrazas had one kill, six assists and one dig.

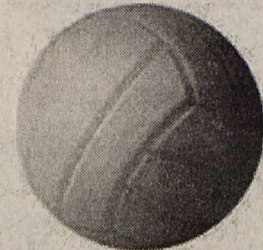
### Junior Varsity

Submitted by Coach Bonnie Brotherton

The JV split matches losing to Laredo in 3 games, 25-14, 14-25, 25-27 and then defeated Del Rio 25-17, 25-12.

At the Uvalde JV tournament against fifteen teams Brackett beat 3A Crystal City, 2A Comfort before losing to Leakey's Varsity and then to 5A Eagle

Pass for third place. Chaita Sanchez was selected to the all tournament team.



## 2006 Brackett High School Volleyball Schedule

Aug. 26	Sabinal Tournament	Sabinal	TBA	JV
Aug. 29	Pearsall	Brackett	5/6:30/7:15	F/JV/V
Sept. 1-2	Bronte Tournament	Bronte	TBA	V
Sept. 5	Comfort	Comfort	5/6/7:15	F/JV/V
Sept 7 & 9	Utopia Tournament	Utopia	TBA	V
Sept. 12	Carrizo Springs	Brackett	5/6/7:15	F/JV/V
Sept. 15	Utopia	Brackett	4:30/5:30	V/JV
Sept. 19	Comstock	Comstock	5/6	JV/V
Sept. 22	Tafolla	Brackett	5/6	F/JV
Sept. 26	D'Hanis	D'Hanis	5/6	JV/V
Sept. 30	Sabinal	Sabinal	5/6	JV/V
Oct. 3	LaPryor	Brackett	5/6/7	F/JV/V
Oct. 7	Comstock	Brackett	5/6	JV/V
Oct. 10	Tafolla	Uvalde	5/6	F/JV
Oct. 13	D'Hanis	Brackett 2 gyms	4:30/4:30	JV/V
Oct. 17	Sabinal	Brackett	5/6	JV/V
Oct. 21	LaPryor	La Pryor	5/6/7	F/JV/V
Oct. 24	Play-off or warm-up game			
Oct. 28	Wimberley Play-off Challenge			

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## Pena's celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Alfred and Josie Pena celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 11, 2006. They were married in the St. Mary Magdalene Church (old church) in Brackettville on August 11, 1956. They have three children, Oscar Pena, Alfred Pena Jr. and Michail Pena.

The couple were blessed Sunday, August 13 in front of the altar by Father Quang D. Van. Alfred Pena Jr. and Susan Sandlin from Dallas were here to help celebrate the happy occasion. Alfred served in the military for 7 years and then retired from the Texas Highway Department. Josie retired from Brackett I.S.D.



**August Yard of the Month** Courtesy Photo  
Ginger McWilliams of 158 Airport Road was chosen for the Mountain Laurel Garden Club Yard of the Month for August. The meetings will resume September 14, 2006.



**BISD Welcomes New Staff**  
New members of the BISD staff are, Kathy Calk, Library Aid, Elizabeth Jaso, Secondary English, Kitten Fohn, Special Education, Sherry Hall, Educational Aid, John McKaskle, Intermediate Teacher, Jason Gridley, Intermediate Teacher, Lisa Otsby, School Nurse, Amy Gomez, Elementary/Intermediate Secretary, Rosa Cantu, Secondary Secretary, Amanda Edgar, Elementary Teacher, Charlie Goodson, Band Director, Nadalee Allen, Educational Aid, Marilyn Faulkner, Sixth Grade Math Teacher, Aracelle Wiebush, Elementary Teacher.  
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## Learning new tricks for fast cooking



Vada Baldree

Have you heard the saying "You can't teach an old dog new tricks"? Ain't always so! This is an old dog, despite all odds, is learning new tricks. Yep, I am learning the "Fast cooking". Thought some of you young pups out there could put some of them to use too.

**Mush Free Squash**  
1 med. size yellow or zucchini squash  
1 small-medium size onion, yellow or red  
Diced, drained, tomatoes (optional)  
salt and pepper to taste  
Wash squash and julienne

(cut in long strips) peel and cut onion in quarters: slice 1/4 - 3/8 in. slices: separate. Spray teflon coated skillet with butter flavored spray, then heat to med. high to stir fry veggies. Cook until just tender, but still firm, about 4 min. Add seasoning to taste. If tomatoes are to be added, do so the last min., careful to not include any liquid.

**Fast and Yummy**  
Pre-cooked and breaded fish portions  
1 pkg. Hush Puppy Mix  
Canola Oil  
1 pkg. cole slaw mix  
1 can Pork and Beans (or bean of your choice)

Pre-heat oven and cook fish as directed. Mix hush puppy mix as directed, adding approximately 1/4 chopped onion (more if desired), green chilies or jalapeno if that is the way you like them. Pour oil into heavy medium size skillet, 1/2 to 3/4 full and heat until one drop of

water sizzles when dropped in. Drop hush puppy mix into oil by tsp., carefully, so as not to splash oil. Pan will hold approximately 4-5 "puppies". Cook on each side approximately 2 min. or until brown. Use large spoon or such to turn over in pan to fry second side. It's possible to have entire meal on table in 25 minutes!

**Hint For the Day**  
Have a small roast and no rack that will fit the pan you are using?  
Just take a strip of aluminium foil, "crunch" it up into a log shape and place it in the bottom of the pan. Works wonderful.

**"P.B." Peanut Brittle**  
1 cup sugar  
1/2 cup light corn syrup  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1 cup peanuts, cashews or mixed nuts  
1/2 cup creamy or crunchy peanut butter  
1 1/2 tsp. baking soda

Spray baking sheet and metal spatula with nonstick cooking spray: set aside. In 2 qt. microwave safe glass measuring cup or bowl, syrup is pale yellow, stir in peanuts and peanut butter. Microwave 1 minute. Immediately stir in baking soda until foamy. Quickly pour onto prepared baking sheet and evenly spread with spatula. Let cool, then break into pieces and put in tightly covered container).

**Nut Clusters**  
1/2 cup peanut Butter, smooth  
1 cup butterscotch morsels or semi-sweet chocolate chips  
1 cup whole salted peanuts  
In medium microwave safe bowl, microwave peanut butter and butterscotch morsels on "high", stirring occasionally, 1 1/2 min. or until melted. Stir in peanuts. Onto waxed paper lined baking sheet, drop mixture by teaspoonfuls. Cool 30 minutes or until set.

## SPIRITUAL LIVING

# God is always in control

A minister was very ill and was having a very difficult time getting well and his doctor advised him to take some time off and go to Florida and rest. He really wanted to keep preaching but he knew he needed to get well. He took his doctor's advice and went and spent some time at a Florida Bible College. His health improved as he was there.

Something also happened there. He met a wonderful Christian woman and they fell in love. They soon married and she was traveling with him as he

preached in various Churches throughout the country. The Lord used a difficult time in this man's life in order to point him towards a new direction and bless him. There is a glorious promise for Christians in Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

The Lord causes not some, not a few, but ALL things to work together for good to those who love God. When something bad happens to a Christian we usu-

ally look at the situation and just see so many impossibilities. But if they stand back and take their eyes off the situation and put them on the Lord, He will give them His peace and His joy. I believe He will also give them the faith to know that He is in control and that He has a wonderful purpose and plan. God will work it out.

A young Christian man by the name of Hudson Taylor was deeply in love with a Christian woman. Hudson was studying to be a doctor and then he was planning to go to the mission

field in China. His fiancé told him that she would not go and that he had to decide between her and China. Hudson chose to do God's will and go to China. He was heartbroken at first but knew he was doing what God wanted him to do. Years later in China, Hudson met a young Christian woman who also was a missionary. They fell in love and were married. God worked it all out in His on timing.

If you are a Christian, no matter what difficulties or problems you are facing, if you will take them to the Lord Jesus and lean on Him, He will give you the strength and encouragement that you need to overcome. Sometimes the Lord allows these difficulties in order to get you and I to trust and depend upon on Him more. If you are not a Christian, you can have this peace in the midst of the storm, if you will only surrender your heart and life to the Lord Jesus Christ, ask Him to forgive you, and invite Him into your life. Jesus is the bridge over troubled waters.

## A trip to the mountains



Brother J.

Last week I took my wife on a little trip to the Davis Mountains in West Texas. She wanted to attend a bird watching program. We had a great time and the scenery was so different from home. The first things we noticed were the vast beautiful green valleys. Then we were in the

mountains and we were awestruck by their size and beauty. Many times, we would just sit and look at them and as we did, we became so aware of the existence, presence and majesty of God.

It made me of aware how great and powerful God is and how little or small I am. The Bible says that God made the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1). It, (Nehemiah 9:6) says that He alone made it and, (Psalm 146:6) it says that He made it all or all of it. To be able to look around and be surrounded by seven or eight thousand foot mountains you become aware of the creative power of God, (Jeremiah 10:12). To look up

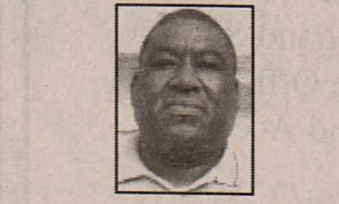
into the star filled sky at night will also make you aware of the greatness of God.

I think it is neat to know that the God who created the heavens and earth had us also in mind. (Psalm 139:13-18). He loves us very much, (John 3:16) and wants us to be close to Him, (Matthew 6:30-34).

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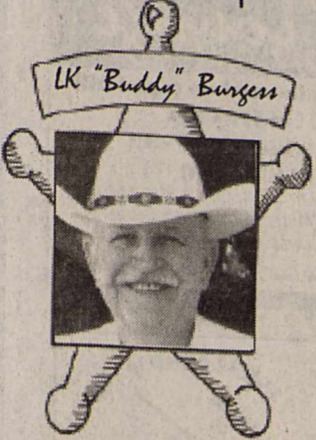


Rev. Bill Adams Sr.

8 He was not the light, but was sent to bear witness of the light  
9 That was the true light, which lighten every man that cometh into the world.  
10 He was the world, and the world was made by him, and the

world knew him not.  
11 He came unto his own, and his own recieved him not.  
12 But as many as recieved him, to them gave he power to become the son of God, even to them that believe on his name:  
13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.  
14 And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory as of the only begotten of the father,) full of grace and truth.  
Praise the Lord

### Kinney County Sheriff's Report



**Monday, August 14**  
 1:00 p.m. Mark Anthony Mira, 26, of San Antonio was arrested for possession of a controlled substance. Mira was released the same day on a \$2,500 bond.  
 1:00 p.m. Federico Rodriguez, Jr., 20, of Del Rio was arrested for possession of marijuana. Rodriguez was released the same day on a \$5,000 bond.  
 1:00 p.m. Moses Velasquez, 26, of San Antonio was arrested for possession on a controlled substance. Velasquez was released on a \$2,500 bond the same day.  
 1:55 p.m. Jake Ortiz, 18, of Uvalde was arrested on a warrant for assault family violence out of Real County. Ortiz was released the same day after posting a \$2,000 bond.

3:00 p.m. Laura Veronica Robles, 29, of Del Rio was arrested for possession of marijuana. Robles was released on a \$5,000 bond the following day.

4:45 p.m. Jesse Eads Smith III, 22, of Brackettville was arrested for theft and giving a false report to a peace officer. Smith is still being held as of press time.

6:00 p.m. Frank Fuentes, 33, of San Antonio was arrested on a warrant for assault out of Bexar County. Fuentes was released after posting \$25,000 in bonds.

**Wednesday, August 16**  
 11:52 a.m. Maria Chapa, 52, of Del Rio was arrested for driving with an invalid license. Chapa was released after posting an \$800 bond the same day.

1:45 p.m. An agent from the check point call into the KCSO stating that a man driving an 18 wheeler on HWY 90 was slumped over the steering wheel and was requesting a deputy to that location.

**Thursday, August 17**  
 9:00 a.m. Carlos Raul Vasquez, 41, of Eagle Pass was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Vasquez was released on a \$7,500 bond.

4:00 p.m. A radio transmission came in stating that an elderly woman was feeling ill and needed EMS at her residence. EMS was dispatched and enroute.

8:49 p.m. A man called

KCSO station he was at his neighbors residence and that the lady needed medical assistance.

**Friday, August 18**  
 8:16 a.m. Kelly Lee Border, Jr. 39, of Bandera was arrested for possession of a controlled substance. Border was released the same day on a \$1,000 bond.

4:45 p.m. A woman reported a suspicious vehicle on HWY 277 N.

8:52 p.m. A 911 caller reported she was sick and felt faint and weak. EMS was dispatched.

10:40 p.m. A woman reported her daughter had not yet arrived home. She was concerned. A deputy was notified of the situation.

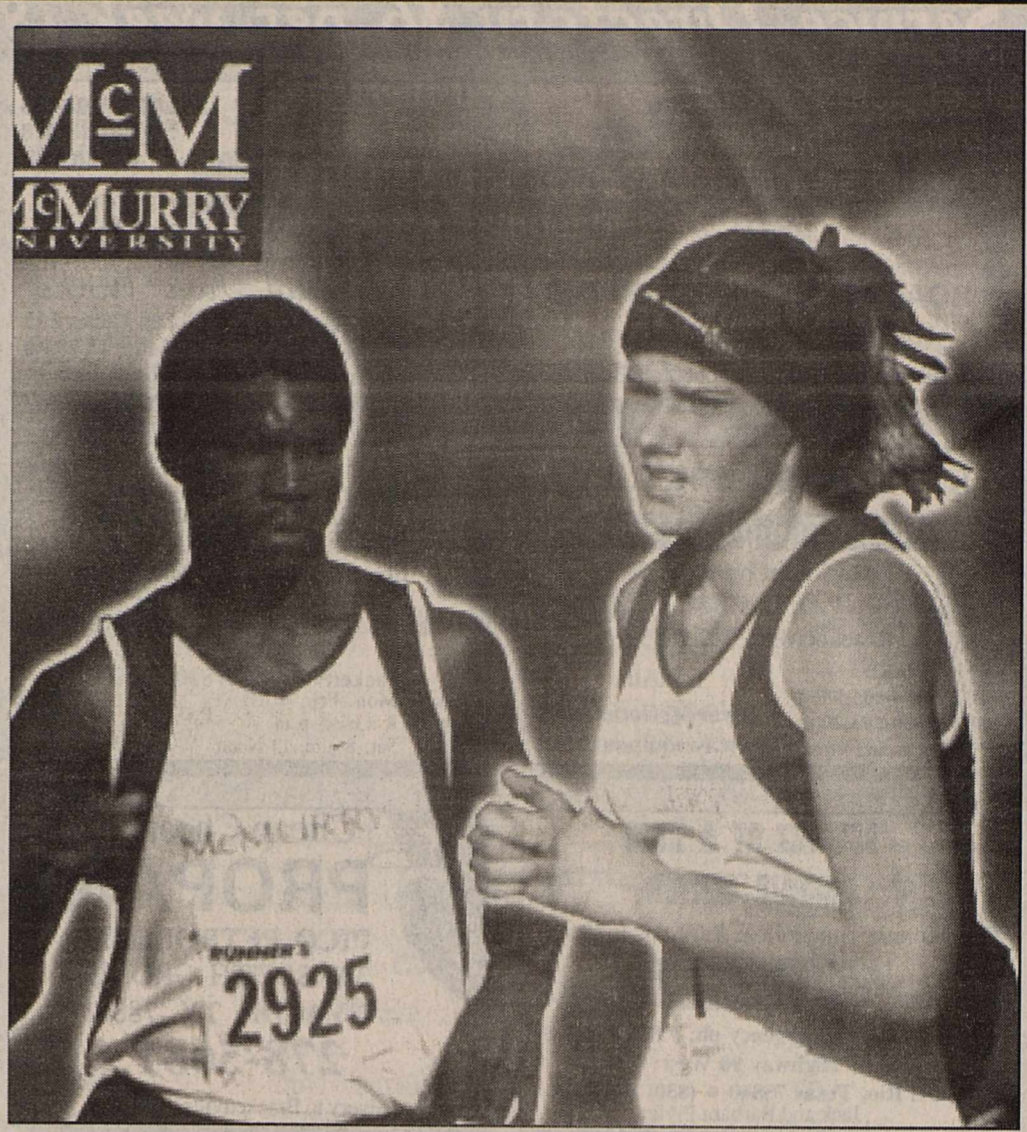
11:10 p.m. A caller reported a break in on Spring St. Deputies were advised.

11:13 p.m. A man reported an accident on HWY 2804. Deputies and EMS were dispatched to the location.

**Saturday, August 19**  
 1:25 a.m. Jose Antonio Mata, 39, of Brackettville was arrested for public intoxication and criminal mischief. Mata is still being held at press time.

**Sunday, August 20**  
 1:23 a.m. A woman reported an individual using her car without permission. Deputies were notified.

4:20 p.m. A man reported loud music and requested a deputy.



**Banner Day For Julie**  
 At Left: Julie Ashabrunner, BHS Graduate Class of 2005 and stand out cross country athlete, was selected by McMurry University to be featured on the fall sports banner. The full color banner spans a building as wide as the football field and denotes various sports schedules. Ashabrunner is the daughter of Ray and Stacey of Fort Clark Springs.

## August health news



Barbara Hogan  
Health News

DSHS - This is National Immunization Awareness month. The Texas Department of State Health Services works with National Center for Disease Control to provide vaccine to local clinics under the Vaccine for Children program. Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Polio, Hepatitis, Influenza, Measles, Mumps, Rubella.

Chicken Pox, Meningitis, Pneumonia illnesses have been reduced greatly in the last 15 years.

71% of Texas 2 year olds were fully immunized in 2005.

The state is working to see closer to 90% protected by 2 years of age.

School age children are required to get booster vaccine before admission.

New vaccines this year are a rotavirus for infants 6 weeks to 6 months to prevent certain diarrhea illnesses which cause 400,000 doctor visits for infants a year.

It is a vaccine taken by mouth.

Another new vaccine is Tdap booster for age 11-12.

An increase in pertussis illness

in recent years has caused CDC to recommend pertussis as well as tetanus and diphtheria booster at 11-12 years of age.

Also the HPV vaccine to prevent cervical cancer is given in 3 doses from age 9-26 years.

If you have questions about your child's vaccines talk to your family physician or call 1.800.41.SHOTS.

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 37 Nasty look

**DOWN**  
 1 Quit  
 2 Opening  
 3 Religious teacher  
 4 Letting  
 5 Accessories  
 6 Word which rhymes with 5 Down  
 7 Outlook  
 8 European river  
 9 Newsmen  
 10 Bracelet  
 11 Lined up  
 12 Moreno  
 13 Weaver's reed  
 21 Attached  
 22 Oddball: slang  
 25 on; encouraged  
 26 Incline  
 27 Become frightened

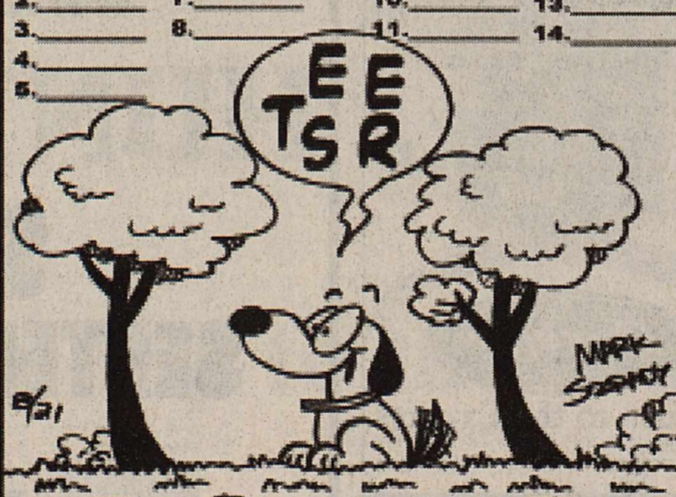
**38 Search for ore**  
**39 Prefix for center or gram**  
**40 Four-legged animal**  
**41 Divided like a freeway**  
**42 States**  
**44 Sets of cards**  
**45 Nickname for a philosopher?**  
**46 Singing group**  
**47 Shouting loudly**  
**54 Thanks**  
**55 Wall**  
**56 Palindromic time**  
**58 Lug**  
**59 Horned animal**  
**60 Biblical book**  
**61 Mining nail**

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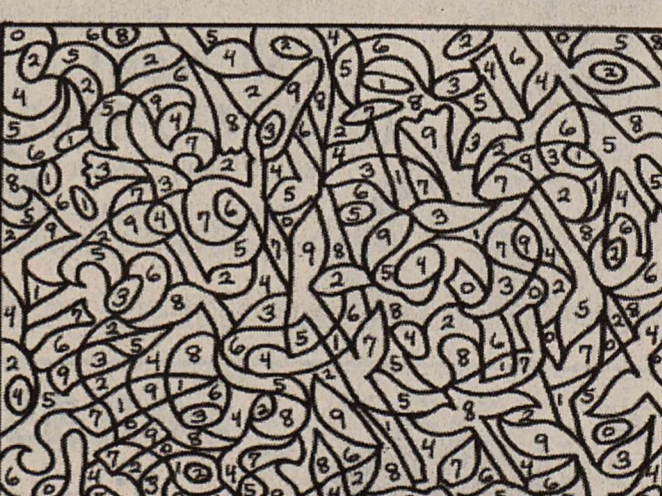
COMBINE THE LETTERS TO MAKE 14 WORDS. EACH WORD CONTAINS AT LEAST THREE LETTERS.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_ 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_  
 11. \_\_\_\_\_ 12. \_\_\_\_\_ 13. \_\_\_\_\_ 14. \_\_\_\_\_


  
 TRES  
 STEER, TEE, TEES, TERSE, TREE,  
 RESET, SEE, SEER, SERE, SET,  
 ANSWERS: ERE, ESTER, REST,

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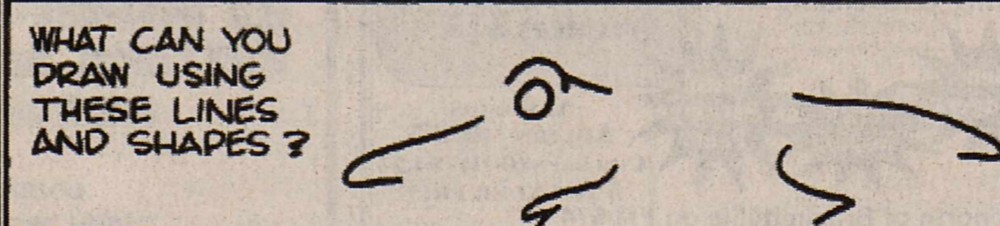


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