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"If a man had half as much insight, as he has hindsight, he would have twice as much foresight"

Sgt. Mariano Hernandez

On Monday, Tim Ward called *The Brackett News* to report that an impressive young man was visiting in Kinney County. Shortly thereafter Charlie Ward escorted this same fellow into the office, and immediately a new friend was gained.

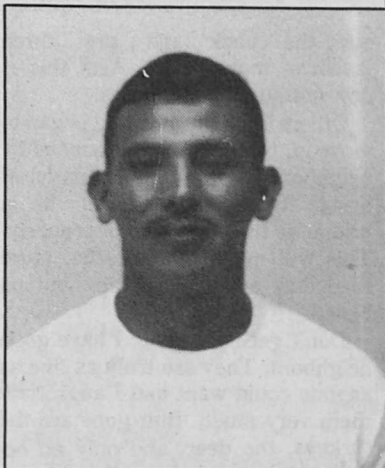
Marine Sargeant Mariano Hernandez with his wife, Mayra, and children Laura and Pedro, are spending part of a 21-day furlough with his parents, Pedro and Maria Hernandez, of Brackettville, and other relatives in the area. The last part of his leave will be spent with Mayra's family in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Sgt. Hernandez is with the 2nd Force Renaissance Company stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He has been in the Marine Corps for nine years and plans to make a 20-year career of it. He expressed pride in the Corps and pride in what he does. He has seen overseas duty in Occupied Japan and his company was the first to arrive at the American Embassy in Kuwait City and was in Saudi Arabia for both Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Currently Sgt. Hernandez is serving in a support side position as an administrative chief and supervises six personnel. He is responsible for payroll and service records, award presentations, and other special operations. His unit is one that exemplifies the Marine Corp and they excel in physical fitness and overall "sharpness."

Mariano, as a ten year old youngster, was brought to the United States along with the rest of his family from Mexico by their father in 1972. Mr. Hernandez was working for Charlie Ward who encouraged the family to become American citizens and to get an education.

The children could not speak English but they started to school that fall and with support, encouragement, and high expectations from the parents, they soon learned and became strong students. Mariano graduated from Brackett High School in 1983. Ms. Charles Wilson was his first grade teacher and he has only positive statements to make about her influence in his life. He also speaks respectfully of numerous other Brackett teachers



who taught him, not only "book stuff" but instilled a desire for learning.

Immediately after high school graduation he attended Southwest Texas Junior College for one semester. He was not as successful as he thought he should be because he worked full time while attending classes. At that point he decided to enlist in the Marine Corp. Now, he has almost completed requirements for an Associate Degree in Electronic Engineering.

When he has completed twenty years in service he plans to retire and make room for others to move up in rank. He believes strongly that this is the ethical thing to do. Patriotic pride in serving his country dominates his conversation. He strongly asserts that being a Marine is exactly what he wants and needs, and he feels secure about his future. Without hesitation, he advises other young men to join. The Marine Corps is privileged to have Sgt. Mariano Hernandez in the ranks.

Pride in his family is very evident. Respect and affection for his friends, especially Charlie and Tim Ward, are very sincere.

When Charlie Ward retired from the active management of his farming operation, Mariano's father, Pedro Hernandez, went to work for Tim Ward as ranch foreman, a position he still holds. It is to this ranch, this family, and these friends that Sgt. Hernandez has chosen to bring his wife and children for a short time so they may gain first hand knowledge of what his life was like, and that he might renew his own ties with his community.

Library Construction Gets Go Ahead

The Kinney County Commissioners Court met in special session Monday afternoon, July 27, 1992. Judge Tim Ward presided with Commissioners Plunker Sheedy, Alvin McClure, and Freddie Frerich present.

The court passed a resolution designating Kinney County as the general contractor for the construction of the addition to the Kinney County Library; affirming that the county shall pave the roads under the current Texas Community Development Grant using force account labor and rented equipment; and approving the employment by the county of a construction supervisor for the library addition construction.

The County has repeatedly requested bids or proposals for the construction project of the library addition, and on each occasion all of the bids have been for a cost greater than can be paid using only grant funds; the County has successfully, on a previous grant project, constructed a building with the County serving as general contractor; and

the County employees, using such rented equipment and operators as necessary to supplement present employees and available equipment, can pave the roads called for in the grant program so as to stay within the grant budget for the paving.

The court also approved hiring Tom Smith as Library Construction Superintendent at minimum wage not to exceed \$500 per month.

Mr. Smith will be paid from county funds which will be fully re-imbursed from grant funds. Construction is expected to take about two months after the job actually gets started.

Rockwork on the library project is now completed so within the next week additional construction should be underway.

Commissioner McClure made note that Mr. Smith had, on a volunteer basis, been supervising the replacement of windows at the court house, and has assisted Judge Ward in doing some of the detail work on the grant, again without charge.

The commissioners then spent a couple of hours in budget workshops.



9-1-1 Day In Kinney County

Joining in the symbolic ceremony to implement 9-1-1 in Kinney County on Wednesday, July 29, 1992, were from left, Spofford Mayor J.B. Herndon, 9-1-1 Coordinator Berta Rocha, Brackettville Mayor Carmen Berlanga, Kinney County Judge Tim Ward, Tax Assessor Martha Hooten, Sheriff Norman Hooten, Fire Chief Ronnie Dunnam, EMS Director Kay Smith, and 9-1-1 Coordinator Forrest Anderson.

Mr. Parry Will Be 97



VFW Post #8360 and the Ladies Auxiliary honored Farrest Parry Wednesday night, July 22, 1992, at Fort Clark's NCO Club with a dinner. The occasion was a salute to his 97th birthday on August 9, but the celebration was early as the Parrys will be vacationing and visiting family in August.

Mr. Parry is the only World War I veteran in Post #8360.

Mr. Parry and his wife, Margaret, are shown with the money tree he received from the post and auxiliary.



Kellars 50th Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth G. Kellar celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 19, at a reception given by the Adult III Sunday School Class of Northside Baptist Church, Del Rio, together with the Kellar's children.

The reception was held in the Fellowship Hall of Northside Baptist Church. A floral arrangement of yellow roses, golden lilies and gladiolus centered the table set with golden tableware and crystal. Mrs. Wayne Hyde served the beautifully decorated 3-tiered cake and Mrs. John Becker served the delicious punch from a golden bowl. Others assisting at the reception were Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Storts, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Monty Shahan, & Mr. & Mrs. Tony Sesso. Many friends and the family attended.

The Kellars were married in Wichita, Kans. on July 17, 1942 by Rev. Glen H. Bowlby. They are the parents of four sons, Kenneth G. Kellar, Jr. of Boston, Mass., J. Wayne Kellar of Jewett, Tex., Richard L. Kellar of Palisades, Colo., and Stephen A. Kellar of Houston, Tex. They have 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Ken retired from Atlantic Richfield Refinery Company in 1985 after 35 years of service, working first in the Houston refinery, then transferred to the Cherry Point refinery in Ferndale, Wash. During World War II he was trained as a fighter pilot by the U.S. Army Air Corps, attending cadet training in several Texas air bases. He received his silver wings at Aloe Army Air Field in Victoria, Texas on Sept. 8, 1944.

Doraline remained at home with their children until they were all in school. She was then employed by Galena Park Schools for many years, also the Houston-Harris County Dept. of Education. Later, after graduating from Lee College School of Nursing in Baytown, Tex., she was office nurse for Doctors Eugene A. Degner & Calvin J. Lyons respectively, of Houston.

The Kellars recently moved from Del Rio to Fort Clark Springs where the family gathered for lots of visiting.

Out of town guests were Kenneth G. Kellar, Jr., J. Wayne Kellar & wife, Faith; Richard L. Kellar and son Richard, Jr.; Stephen A. Kellar & wife Teri, and their daughters Stephanie, Hillary & Emily; Amber Remington (great grand-daughter); and Mr. & Mrs. Jim Brasher of San Angelo.

Variety Show Of Texas

Hee! Hee! Hee! Ha! Ha! Ha...laughter and fun will find Brackettville at the Fort Clark outdoor amphitheater August 8 at 8:30 p.m. as the Variety Night of Texas gets underway. Talent across the state will be performing comedy, music, and dance acts for this star-lit night of entertainment.

Fort Clark and Alamo Village have combined their efforts to entertain area folks like never before. Proceeds from the unmatched two hour show will benefit the non-profit Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts.

Headlining the event will be Nashville's soon to be newest star, Sergio Salinas, and his band "Strait-jacket."

Natalie Evetts from Dallas who has opened for stars such as George Burns will be performing her big band, and gospel songs.

Comedian Dr. Jim Lane of Houston who will be featured recently stated that he enjoys golfing, fishing, and dressing up like the Queen of England. He will probably have plenty of golfing and fishing to enjoy at Fort Clark, but the attire may be a little too much!

Consumed with artistic ability, a huge voice, and pure humor, Debbie Daws will thrill the audience with her own version of *Amazing Grace*.



Left to right, *The Alamo Village Originals*, Daniel Hobbs of Wichita Falls, Brackettville's own David Seargeant, Jr., Amber Leigh of Edna, Steve Dansby of Waco, Bob Macon of Syracuse, New York (no, don't get a rope...he's turning into a Texan) and Blake Lewis of Premont.

Her daughter, Vivian Daws, and friend, Tony Dudik will also help Daws with the Johnny Carson Puppet Show.

The Alamo Village Original Band will perform their very best, the Fiddlin' Hughes Sisters will keep everybody wanting more.

Surprise! Surprise! Brackettville's own "It's Not Over Til The Fat Lady Sings" act is back...plus much much more!

You are invited to be a part of this sensational evening of fun. Pre-sale adult tickets are \$8.00, purchased at

the gate they will be \$10.00.

Children under five are free, and ages 11 and under will be \$5.00. Tickets are available at the Fort Clark Members Service Office.

For more information, call 563-2494, or 563-2580

County Agent News

By Allan McWilliams



Surefire, a new fall tomato variety named for its reliability and rapid ripening qualities is being introduced by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. With the introduction of this new variety, you may be able to eat vine-ripened tomatoes for Thanksgiving. Reliability of Surefire really is the key. It has a good flavor, stores well, ripens quickly and never misses a crop when planted and cared for properly.

July, August and September actually comprises a second summer season in Texas. This is the ideal period for planting most fall vegetables and several annual flowers as well.

Selecting the right tomato variety is also important in the spring but it is critical in the fall. One mistake in the fall will totally wipe out a crop of tomatoes with a little freeze.

Transplants of Surefire should be available in our area at the present time. I have not specifically heard of any place so you will have to check around.

Surefire's most significant feature is the short time required from planting to first harvest. Only 65 days are required from transplanting to the first ripe fruit, and only 30 more days to the end of harvest. It has a relatively small vine which makes it well-suited to planting in patio containers.

When shopping for Surefire transplants, select dark green plants, six to eight inches tall, with stocky stems and well developed root systems. Transplants under stress can be identified by their light green color with purplish veins on the underside of leaves, small narrow leaves and spindly stems.

When planting transplants, set

them slightly deeper than they originally grew so lower leaves are close to the ground. If only leggy plants are available, lay them down in a shallow trench long enough to leave only the top six inches of the plant exposed after covering the root ball and lower stem. Plant transplants or sow seeds as soon as possible.

Surefire is also the first vegetable to be designated as "Earth-Kind" by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. When this system is followed for fall tomato production, Surefire produces abundant yields with a minimum or even total elimination of pesticides.

Surefire was developed by private industry and field tested by the Extension Service. It is a firm, meaty, round-fruited hybrid that produces fruit very early. Its flavorful medium-sized fruit resists radical cracking and the vine itself is genetically resistant to two wilt fungi.

The most common problem plaguing fall tomatoes is that nighttime temperatures do not cool soon enough for the timely fruit set that ensures vine-ripened tomatoes before the first frost of freeze. Surefire is a heat-setting tomato. In tests done, Surefire actually ripened more fruit earlier than fall-planted cherry tomatoes. It also ripens its fruit simultaneously, a great benefit when frost is in the forecast.

If anyone in Brackettville happens to try some Surefire tomatoes, I would be interested in knowing how they do. If you cannot locate seed or transplant, small quantities of seed are available from Porter & Son Seedsmen, P.O. Box 104, Stephenville TX 76401-0104. (Packet of 40 seeds sells for \$1.00, postage paid).

Texas Forest Service

Preventative Seminars

Keeping limbs away from utility lines will help protect essential services.

Officials also advise that smokers properly dispose of all smoking materials. Firebreaks along fields bordering roads can help prevent grass fires caused by smoking materials carelessly discarded from cars by unthinking or inconsiderate motorists.

Cut a line down to bare mineral soil around brush piles and other debris to be burned. Don't leave fires unattended, and make certain they are completely out before leaving. Keep hand tools and water handy in case your fire should threaten to escape from your control.

Post fire department and other emergency response service phone numbers near your telephone. Keep written directions to your property near your phone so that during the excitement of a wildfire, you won't get the directions confused. Protect your property and that of your neighbors by practicing good fire safety.

Texas A&M University System
Mahlon Hammetter, I&E Specialist, Information & Education Section of the Texas Forest Service, has been conducting seminars on outdoor fire prevention throughout the Middle Rio Grande Development Council region this month. The seminars are primarily for firefighters and are as a result of very dry range conditions that have only been briefly alleviated with the past week's rains.

Mr. Hammetter was in *The Brackett News* office this past week as he traveled from a seminar in Uvalde to conduct a similar one in Del Rio.

Of primary concern to him was a cautious warning to area ranchers and other residents to take outdoor fire safety precautions this year as abundant rainfall during the early portion of the year promoted lush grass growth across the state. For the most part that vegetation now lies dormant and is a potential powder keg firefighters fear could be touched off by a careless match or cigarette.

It is also recommended that homeowners keep their roofs free of debris and remove tree limbs that extend over roofs or near chimneys.

1992 Wool-Mohair Support Prices

Jerry D. Harris, Chairman of the Texas State ASC Committee, announced that support prices for wool and mohair for 1992 marketings will be \$1.97 per pound for shorn wool, and \$4.613 per pound for mohair.

Mohair is being supported at 85% of the percentage of parity at which shorn wool is being supported.

Wool on unshorn lambs will be supported, as in the past, at a level determined by a formula based on the hundredweight of live, unshorn lambs marketed.

If anyone has a question about filing for the wool or mohair program, they can contact the Val Verde-Kinney County ASCS Office at 1100 Bedell, Del Rio, or call 775-3442.

Make tracks to the nearest recycling center!

Reddy's Recipe for

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

America's Night Out Against Crime

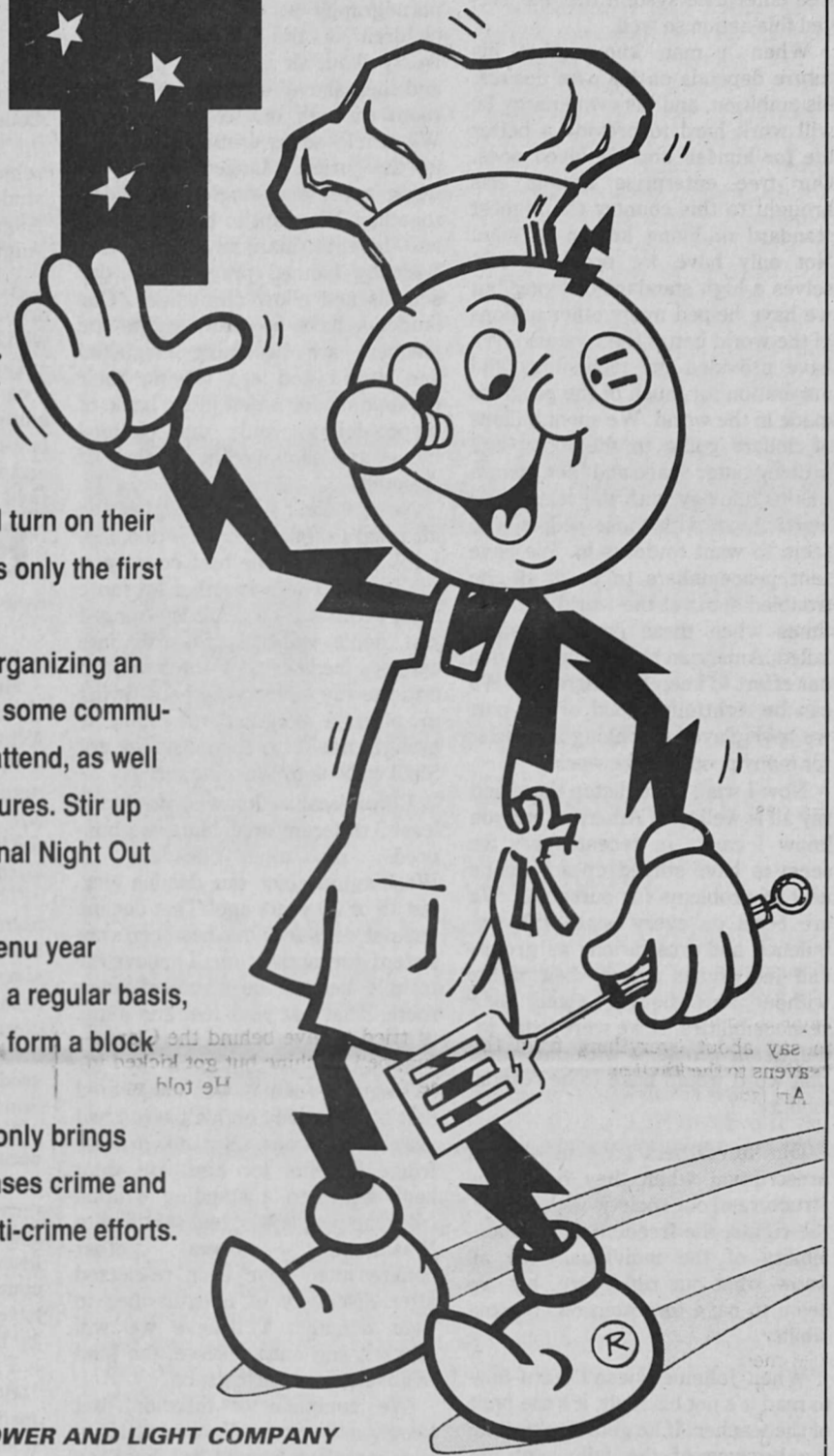
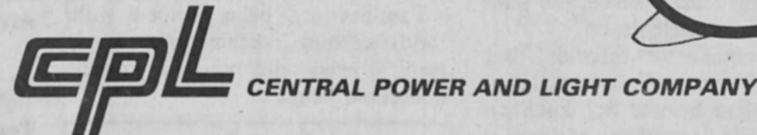
On Tuesday, August 4, millions of Americans will turn on their porch lights in honor of National Night Out. But that's only the first ingredient in a proven recipe against crime.

You can take the lead in your neighborhood by organizing an outdoor block party or barbecue that evening. Mix in some community involvement by encouraging your neighbors to attend, as well as local police officers to demonstrate safety procedures. Stir up your children's interest by having them design National Night Out posters, yard signs and name tags.

In fact, you can keep community safety on the menu year 'round by continuing to meet with your neighbors on a regular basis, long after National Night Out is over. You might even form a block watch club for extra seasoning.

When properly prepared, National Night Out not only brings your neighborhood closer together, but it also increases crime and drug prevention awareness while promoting local anti-crime efforts.

And that's one recipe criminals just can't stand.



NNO-72

Fire Department ECA Course

The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department is spending each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evening in special Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) classes.

This special course is being taught by Kay Smith, Emergency

Medical Coordinator at the Brackettville Fire Station.

The classes will continue until mid-September. Upon successful completion, the firefighters will be qualified as "first responders," and also will qualify to serve as ambulance attendants.



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Meditations

George Washington Carver, a Black scientist, once was invited to testify before a Senate committee. His report concerned his laboratory research about peanuts. When the U.S. Senators asked Mr. Carver where he had learned all the things he talked about, he answered, "From an old book." One Senator asked, "What book?" Carver said, "The Bible."

Another Senator asked, "Does the Bible tell about peanuts?" Mr. Carver said, "No, Mr. Senator, but it does tell about the God who made the peanut. I asked

Him to show me what to do with the peanut and He did!"

George Washington said, "It is impossible to govern a nation aright without God and the Bible." Unless we come back to God and His Eternal Book, we never are going to find our way out of the moral chaos and disintegration that we're in today.

Do you know of anyone who needs a Bible today? The local First Baptist Church will be glad to furnish you one free. Come by any Sunday and make your wish known. You'll receive a gift of the greatest Book that has ever been printed.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church

On Wednesday, July 22, Fr. Armando, guest priest during Fr. David's vacation, received a surprise phone call from Fr. Michael Slattery, former pastor of St. Mary Magdalene, extending best regards to his former parish on the church's feast day.

There is still room on the teaching staff of the Religion Education program. If you are interested, please contact Dorothy Roberts, Director of Religious Education, or Gus Garcia, Administrator of Religious Education.

Knights of the Altar serving this week, July 26 - August 1, are the St. Dymphna Group: Nacho Aguirre, Mike Aguirre, J. Wayne Ballew, Zachary Davis, and David Foster.

Obituary



Virginia Nelson

Memorial services for Virginia Nelson will be held Friday, July 31, 1992, 10:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Brackettville, Texas.

Mrs. Nelson died at her home on Airport Road, Fort Clark Springs, Friday, July 24, 1992.

Born August 11, 1920, in Bentonville, Arkansas, Virginia was married to Ben A. Nelson in Bentonville on February 2, 1951. They raised three children, one of which, Shirley, preceded them in death on December 31, 1988. Mr. Nelson passed away September 6, 1991.

Hurst, Texas; two grandsons, two granddaughters, two great grandsons, and a sister, Elizabeth Cowley of Vandalia, Missouri.

Mrs. Nelson was active in the First Baptist Church where she was serving as Woman's Missionary Union president at the time of her death. She was a long-time member of the Del Rio Chapter #204, Order of the Eastern Star in Del Rio, Fort Clark Springs singing group *The Voices*, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, and other community activities.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the First Baptist Church of Brackettville.

Josie Mae Hamilton

Josie Mae Hamilton passed away at her home at 413 East Losoya, Del Rio, on Monday, July 20, 1992, at age seventy-eight.

Services were held Saturday, July 25, 1992, 10:00 a.m. at G. W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Col. Ernest Worley and Elder Robert Benson officiating. She was interred at Westlawn Cemetery with graveside services by Heroines of Jericho Waterloo Court #59.

Ms. Hamilton was born in Del Rio, Texas, on November 12, 1913, and was a member of the USO, Grace United Methodist Church,

and Heroines of Jericho Waterloo Court #59 for over 50 years. She had worked at the Del Rio Country Club for twenty years and at the San Felipe Country Club for twenty-two years.

Survivors include a sister, Gladys Grant of Del Rio, several nieces, cousins, other relatives and a host of friends.

Pallbearers were Bill Haynes, Willie Warrior, James Bass, George White, Leroy Jones, and Tim Tremper. Honorary pallbearers were Lewis Mathews, George Haynes, Lewis Medlock and Ernest Young.

Ash Receives Full Scholarship

Annie Ash of Brackettville has received a full scholarship to the Howard School Of Nursing, Del Rio, for the fall and spring semesters.

Mrs. Ash has attended the summer session on a scholarship from the Rotary Club of Del Rio.

She has been an LVN for a number of years and has both clinical experience and school nurse experience at Del Rio High School.

Mrs. Ash moved to Brackettville in June when her husband, Gil, accepted a call as pastor of the First Baptist Church.

At the end of the spring semester, 1993, Mrs. Ash will be eligible to take the licensing exam for an RN.

First Baptist Church

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Graduation Ceremonies - Open House
Friday, August 7, 7:00 P.M.

It's A Girl! **Katarina Ann Pena**

Katarina Ann Pena was born Tuesday, July 21, 1992, at 7:55 p.m. in Bay City, Texas. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20½ inches long.

The proud parents are Cecilia and Reggie Pena of Bay City.

Katarina is being welcomed by her sister, Regina Ann, and her brother, Andres Lorenzo.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Angel Rodriguez of San Antonio. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pedro R. Pena of Brackettville.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Lee West of Cotulla, Mrs. Atanacio Pena of Brackettville, and Mr. and Mrs. Serapio T. Cardenas of Del Rio.

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Frontier Baptist Church
by Joe Townsend

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Following the pattern established by Jesus the elements symbolizing the body and the shed blood of Jesus will be served the congregation. This observance was decreed by Jesus himself to be observed until He comes back.

It is a time when Christians remind themselves that Christ came, lived, and died on the cross, paying the penalty for sin and bringing salvation to all who put their faith in Him.

Following the Lord's Supper the congregation will enjoy a covered dish Fellowship Dinner. Any who would like the blessings of worship and fellowship are cordially invited to attend Frontier Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11:00. Come and See.

The Bible Says

"The wicked flee when no man pursueth."

A guilty conscience makes for misery. No greater truth is stated in the Bible. There is no more miserable living than looking over the shoulder to see if one is coming to claim the penalty for wrong doing.

When a person does wrong he may be the only one who knows but the knowledge eats at the soul and makes one wary of the inevitable cost.

A constant fear of being "found out" or caught makes the errant soul miserable. He comes to be afraid of his very shadow, to have a nervous tic in his heart when the telephone rings and wants to hide when there's a knock at the door.

Though no one knows and no one pursues the perpetrator of wrong nevertheless is driven by fear of consequences of his wrong.

"The wicked flee when no man pursueth." Aaron 28:1

Brackett News Wins TPA Recognition

The Brackett News has been recognized by the Texas Press Association Messenger with the following evaluation of the paper's coverage of the Library Fund Raising campaign: "Congratulations to a newspaper serving its readers in a way that affects the entire community. A job well done. Honorable mention. Very tough competition."

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