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## Briefs ...

### DeLeon, Meyer earn all-state honors, again

Brackett's Ramon DeLeon and Michael Meyer earned all-state baseball honors for the second time this year.

The two Tigers earned honors on the Texas Sports Writers Association all-state team, just a few weeks after making the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association's all-state team.

DeLeon, who graduated this spring, tied for first team honors at short stop with Patrick Colon of Weimar. Colon led Weimar to the state championship and was named the Player of the Year for Class 2A.

Meyer, who will be a senior this fall, earned second team honors as an outfielder.

Other players from District 30-2A earning honors on the TSWA all-state team are Luke Clark of Charlotte, first team catcher; Charlotte's Ruben Campos, second team short stop; Nick Mendez of Natalia, second team outfielder; and George Monreal, also of Natalia, third team pitcher.

### Council to distribute commodities July 29

The Community Council of Southwest Texas will be distributing commodities allotted from the San Antonio food bank to participants of the emergency food assistance program (TEFAP) on Tuesday, July 29, at the Brackettville office, located at 516 E. Military Dr. (Highway 90 East).

Elderly and disabled persons will be served from 9 a.m. through 10 a.m. All others, under 59 years of age, will be served after 10 a.m.

Rules for participation in the program are the same for everyone, without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, handicap, national origin or political belief.

Please bring your own bag for pickup the day of distribution.



Roy Martin, above center, of Alamo Saddlery demonstrates his saddle making abilities at last week's Kinney County Heritage Day Fest. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

## New contract to cut city's gas expenses

The city of Brackettville will save about 30 percent on gas purchases after the city council approved a three-year contract Tuesday night.

The city agreed to a deal with West Texas Gas of Midland, which will provide gas to the city at a cost of \$2.89 per one million British Thermal Units (BTUs). Over the last year, the city had been paying an average rate of \$4.12. In May, the city's rate was \$4.81.

"The purpose of submitting a new contract proposal is to offer the city of Brackettville a service that we are offering other cities to fix gas prices so that they're not fluctuating with the winter," said David Freeman of West Texas Gas.

"I guess the purpose is to add a little security to the smaller cities that use lower volumes. It gives you a little security knowing what the price is going to be for an extended period of time."

When the contract ends, unless agreed upon otherwise, the city's rate will be set at 65 cents above the FERC Index.

Freeman said the FERC Index for June was \$2.23 per million BTUs, adding that it was over \$4 in January. He said it fluctuates monthly.

"At the end of the contract, just to make sure that service has a method of continuing, we've allowed the contract to go month to month under a market-sensitive price," Freeman told the council. "At the end of the three years, or shortly there before, if you want to look at another fixed price arrangement, then we can do that and replace the contract."

Councilman J.J. Guidry made the motion to approve the contract and Alderwoman Mary Flores seconded the motion. The action was approved unanimously with council members Tino Gomez, Tencha Pena and Wes Robinson also voting in favor of the contract.

## Sheriff urges officials to consider pay increase for county employees

Kinney County Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess urged the commissioners court to give county employees a sizeable raise at Monday's regular meeting.

The sheriff said the county is in good financial condition and officials should consider generous pay increases.

"The county is in a lot better shape right now than it has been in a long time," Burgess said.

"In June of last year, we were not paying bills. I believe the county is in good financial shape and I would hope that there is some way employees could get a raise. I'm not only talking about my department, but all of them.

"If you look at the books, I think this would be the year to give them a substantial raise because I don't think they've had a raise in five years. They're all living well below the poverty level and this is the only income that they got.

"I told you last year, I thought things would get better and they did," he said. "Everybody's working, everybody's holding expenses down as best as they can, but after a while you get discouraged when you see no rewards coming back for it.

"I think the employees, all of them in the county, have been doing a good job. I think they should be benefited by a substantial raise this year myself. That's just my opinion."

Burgess also said the county should evaluate its sick leave policy. Under the current policy, employees can carry only five sick leave days over to the next fiscal year. Any additional days not used are lost.

"The most you can ever have is 15 days sick leave," Burgess said. "You can only carry five days over by policy. Of course, this encourages you to use it because you're going to lose it.

"I always bring up an agency that I used to work for," he said, referring to the Texas Department of Public Safety. "When I retired, I had over a year of sick leave. That sick leave was tacked on to my retirement.

"You get 10 days a year of sick leave, that's not a whole lot of time if a boy works 30 years.

"You have some people out there that are going to misuse sick leave, it's going to happen. But you have some people out there that show up half sick, they work and they never take sick leave.

"Over at the jail, we very seldom have sick leave. But they lose their five days every year if they don't take them. I can't understand why it can't keep going. If you get bad sickness, then at least you have sick leave to live by."

"No more than we pay them in this county, and they get very few benefits," Burgess said. "I don't see why we keep cutting off sick leave. This would discourage sick leave."

## Officials change voting site

The Kinney County Commissioners Court unanimously agreed to change the polling place for Precinct 4 for the August special election.

The Civic Center was the original location for voting in Precinct 4. The Civic Center was leased for the day of the election, so the polling place has been moved to the Kinney County Library Annex.

### Pay Periods

The commissioners unanimously voted to continue paying on the 1st and 15th days of the month, and having employees turn in time sheets two days prior to pay day.

### Risk Management

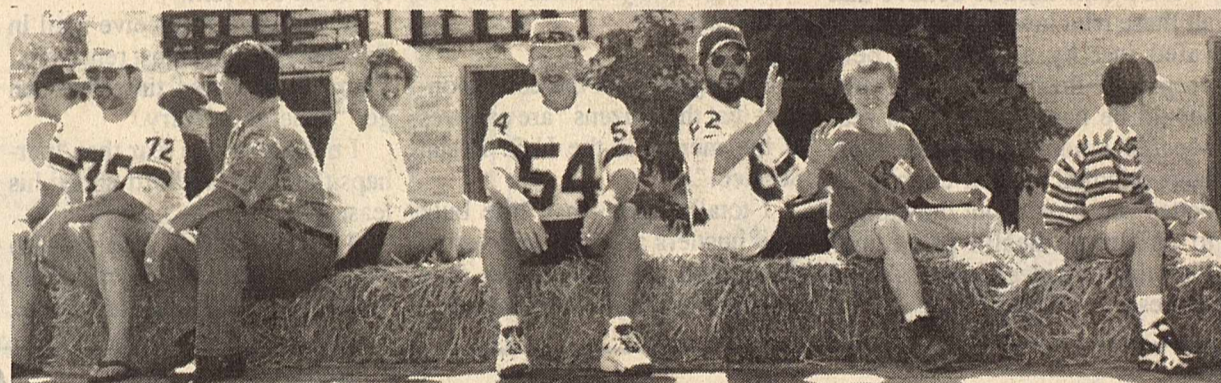
The court approved risk management and property casualty funds. Judge Seargeant was named the coordinator of the program.

### Court Cost Agreement

The commissioners approved a court cost agreement with the attorney general's office.

The county will receive 66 percent of the court costs in all cases filed by the attorney general's office.

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Members of Brackett High School's classes of 1970 and 1971 and their families were all smiles at a recent parade honoring all of the graduates from the 1970s. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

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## Alamo Village celebrates 40th year

Alamo Village Movie Location, the world's largest and most complete outdoor movie set, is celebrating its 40th year of operation this year.

In the last 40 years, Alamo Village has played host to more than 100 major feature films, television movies, mini-series, commercials and music videos.

Billed as "The Movie Capital of Texas," the historic movie set was originally built for John Wayne's epic film "The Alamo."

The set boasts a complete Old West town, including a bank, jail, church, saloon, hotel, stagecoach, and livery stables, as well as the only accurate 1836 replica of the Alamo mission in the world.

More than a million hand-formed adobe bricks were used in the construction of the movie set, spread out over 400 acres, as well as 12 miles of water pipe, 30,000 square feet of imported Spanish tile roofing and a million square feet of concrete flooring. Thousands of dollars in nails, wiring,

lath and plaster also went into the Alamo building project, making it the most expensive movie set ever constructed at that time.

Construction on the "Alamo" movie set started on James T. "Happy" Shahan's HV Ranch, seven miles north of Brackettville, in September of 1957 and filming was begun in late August 1959.

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It took a lot of convincing on the part of Shahan to even get the movie made in Texas, much less the United States, recalled Shahan's widow, Virginia.

"Wayne and Happy argued for two and one-half years before Duke agreed to make his movie in this country," Virginia Shahan said.

"He wanted to do it in Mexico. But Happy told him if he did it outside the United States, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (caretakers of the real

Alamo in San Antonio) would never allow it to be shown in this country," Mrs. Shahan explained.

"That got Wayne mad and he told Happy that the daughters could go to h--- because he was going to make his movie any blankety-blank place I want to."

No one is quite sure exactly what made Wayne change his mind, but "The Alamo" was eventually made in the U.S., more specifically Texas, where the actual battle took place.

Filming concluded the third week of December 1959 and the large cast and crew flew back to Hollywood.

So what do you do with the largest movie set in the world once the actors and crew have packed up and gone?

For Happy Shahan, the answer was simple: You open it to the public.

"He had to," Mrs. Shahan said. "Our fence was cut three times in one week by people wanting to see where John Wayne made the Alamo movie.

"He hired a gateman, and Alamo Village was in business. We've been at it ever since," she said with a chuckle.

In the 40 years since the set was built, more than a million people from throughout the world have visited Alamo Village.

And Hollywood hasn't forgotten the historic Texas movie location, which incidentally is the largest and most complete outdoor movie set in the world.

"Jimmy Stewart, Dean Martin, Burt Reynolds, Robert Duvall, Tommy Lee Jones, Kenny Rogers, Sissy Spacek, Andie MacDowell, Brooks & Dunn and even Drew Barrymore have all filmed projects here," Mrs. Shahan added.

Earlier this year, Alamo Village played host to the multi-million dollar Kung Fu Western "Once Upon A Time In China And America," starring Jet Lei and Rosamund Kwan and directed by Sammo Hung.

"We are in negotiations with three other production companies who want to film projects here later this year," Mrs. Shahan said.

Asked if Alamo Village closes to the public when a movie is filming there, Mrs. Shahan said "Absolutely not!"

"We've never locked our gates when a movie is here filming. The public is always welcome."

When movies aren't being filmed at the village, visitors can leisurely browse through 18 different walk-in displays, including a bank, jail, church, blacksmith shop, Chinese acupuncture clinic, movie prop room, two wagon museums, three gift shops and a full-service restaurant.

AlamoVillage also pays homage to the "Duke" with the John Wayne Museum, which includes historic pictures and memorabilia detailing the filming of "The Alamo" as well as other films made at the village during the four decades.

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**Congress should take a good look before sealing deal**

By Henry Bonilla  
Congressman, 23rd District

No matter what you think about the recent tobacco settlement, you may find something unsettling about it.

While several of the state attorneys general - elected officials - publicly proclaimed victory, the hundreds of unelected trial attorneys they worked with were looking forward to a big payoff. The trial lawyers had set themselves up with a pretty sweet deal to the tune of billions of dollars.

Not surprisingly, the trial lawyers aren't talking too loudly about the details. We don't know exactly how many trial attorneys were involved behind the scenes or how much their windfall will be, but up to 165 separate law firms stand to clear between \$1 billion to \$14 billion in profit from the tobacco settlement. That's right, it's billions with a "b." These trial lawyers could stand to make up to \$50 million each.

Even the president's brother-in-law was invited into the deal by his friends, even though he reportedly has little experience in these cases.

Now Congress is supposed to seal this deal. The trial lawyers are clearly worried about seeing their fat award shrivel after Congress takes action.

Why should the people's house say 'OK' to an agreement that funds these lawyers' get-rich-quick scheme? What have they done to show why they deserve such a massive payoff?

Where is the victory for the public health when the trial lawyers are walking away from the table with their pockets stuffed?

The questions go on: What happened to the people who filed the lawsuits in the first place? What happened to the concerns over children's health?

Again, we all may have different opinions about whether this agreement is the right thing or not. But why should the people of the country, through their Congress, endorse this deal? And if Congress gives the seal of approval to this agreement, what will it start in motion? Who will be the next target of this greed?

It's a little hard to believe that all these trial lawyers were motivated just by a desire to help people. If they were, then they should be happy to make a reasonable amount and give their huge windfall to their clients. Or better yet, how about donating it to children's health programs? Now that's an idea Congress could address.

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**USPS needs to get priorities straight**

Ordinarily, when I receive anything that is not signed, I file it in File 13 immediately. I'm making an exception this time because I feel there should be reaction and concern for the causes mentioned.

I do want to point out that when this writer said, "Uvalde, Spofford and Del Rio receive neighborhood mail delivery at no extra charge" he is slightly in error.

Spofford does not now, nor never has had neighborhood delivery. In fact, for several years now there is not even a Post Office in Spofford.

Del Rio and Uvalde both have house-to-house delivery because of the sheer numbers of postal patrons.

At times, Brackettville patrons have approached the USPS about having house-to-house delivery. The verdict has always been that there are not enough mail drops to meet the guide lines.

I'm sure going to the Post Office to get mail is a problem for some. Personally, I look forward to going to the P.O. because it gives me an opportunity to see and visit with many friends I see no place else.

I do agree with the correspondent that the citizens "are captives at the mercy of the U.S. Postal Service."

I totally agree that "the bulk mail hustlers are enjoying vested discounted postage rates as they bombard us with worthless junk."

*Between Us*

By Joe Townsend



I would also point out that the new first class postage stamp rate increase hits patrons with every letter mailed and yet will decrease the cost to large businesses sending out thousands of bills. This certainly is the reverse of common sense.

The complaint of box rent increases is well made. I rent two drawers; one is for me and the other for Frontier Baptist Church.

In 1977, the cost was \$6 each. That price jumped to \$11 each in 1984, to \$21.50 each in 1994, and to \$24 each in 1996.

This year, the cost was \$36 each. This adds to a 600 percent increase in 20 years. More significantly, it shows a 50 percent increase in one year.

This is only two boxes. Make a wild stab at the total increase for local box rent.

If you want to receive mail in Brackettville, you must rent a box. There is a limited time one can get "general delivery."

I must allay the fear that "perhaps the local landlord upped his lease price."

The USPS has a long-term agreement with the owner, Tim Ward, that locks in the lease cost.

There is no relation between the cost of the lease and the increase in box rent. The policy of cost is set by an all powerful board that follow the whims of the national director.

My biggest beef is with the poor quality of service rendered by USPS. It takes five to six days to get a letter to Phoenix Ariz., This is ridiculous when it takes six days to get a letter from Clarksville, Miss.

The postal service seems to be more interested in printing stamps for Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, etc. They're not concentrating on their real responsibility of mail delivery. They spend large amounts on television commercials (many which spread totally false claims) but forget their responsibilities to deliver mail.

To the man who passed this memo to me, I must say his major complaint is certainly well placed. However, to fight against the tyranny of the USPS is like a flea biting an elephant.

Thank God we still live in America where we can voice our feelings with impunity. Thanks for your contributions to a needful discussion.

**Letters to the Editor**  
**Leakey officials weren't presented all of the facts**

On behalf of the citizens of Spofford, I want to register our extreme disappointment at an action taken by the Leakey City Council on June 9.

Following a presentation by Ann Vaughn, a resolution of support for the proposed Adobe Eco-Systems' dump at Spofford was passed, and was sent to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

We know Vaughn, and know that she is now attempting to capitalize on contacts cultivated while she was employed at the Middle Rio Grande Development Council at Uvalde.

We believe that the action by the Leakey City Council is the first success she has had in several years of attempting to persuade various city, county and regional officials to support Adobe.

Among entities that have resolved against the Adobe dump scheme are Spofford, Brackettville and Del Rio city governments, the United States Air Force at Laughlin AFB, Kinney and Val Verde counties, Fort Clark Springs, and many officials on both sides of the Rio Grande international border.

If the Leakey officials had asked us, we would have been glad to appear at the June meeting to furnish information and reasons why the proposed dump is bad for Spofford, Kinney County, the entire Rio Grande region, the state of Texas, and Northern Mexico.

You see, we fought a long and successful battle against the Texcor waste dump at the same site. We consequently have amassed a great many facts about geological structure, water and air quality, social impact, and economic damage that Adobe doesn't want audiences like Leakey's City Council to consider.

We don't know what Vaughn told the Leakey City Council, but

it's a safe bet that she didn't mention the Adobe proposal to import industrial waste from Mexico and other foreign countries by the shipload through Texas gulf ports.

I'm quite sure she didn't cite a Texas Department of Transportation opinion that the roads leading to Spofford are totally incapable of supporting the hundreds of truckloads of waste per day that Adobe intends to import. She wouldn't tell about the cost to Texas' taxpayers when those roads must be replaced.

She wouldn't talk about the inevitable accidents, spills, contaminations, injuries and other costly problems which will directly result from Adobe dump transportation and which might even spread pollution on Leakey.

She wouldn't have discussed the probability that some of the hundreds of Adobe customers will successfully sneak poisonous, corrosive, radioactive, or otherwise forbidden materials past a tragically ineffective inspection system and into the dump.

Lastly, I doubt that she said anything about the very satisfactory and economical service presently used by Brackettville, Fort Clark, and other locales which have been forced to close their own landfills.

Had we been asked, we could have furnished facts about these and many other matters to inform Leakey officials.

Vaughn finally succeeded in selling the Adobe scheme to people who haven't had years of bitter experience with a similar proposal designed to enrich a few wealthy investors who live a thousand miles away and who care nothing about Texas or Texans.

Well, we do care, and that's the reason for this letter. We will continue to fight by telling the truth about Adobe and the terrible project they are attempting to inflict on Texas.

Tootsie Herndon

**Extension Agent retires**

I would like to let the community know that I have officially retired from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and from the position of County Extension Agent in Kinney County.

Due to a back injury and the medical advise from a physician, I can no longer carry out most of the responsibilities and roles associated with this position and feel that the community's best interests would be better served if I stepped down and let someone else fill this position. Let me stress that this decision was made in my best interest by the doctors that have been continually treating me for the past three years.

I have enjoyed serving this county since 1989 and have always considered Brackettville to be home, since I was raised in Del

Rio and have grown up in this area.

I am certainly going to miss my work as an Extension Agent and the work that I have done through the adult committees and the 4-H Club program in the county. It is through those efforts that I have made some very good friends.

This community has been kind to me and my family over the years and we intend to stay here and remain a part of it.

By the way, I have had several calls from friends that saw a report in the sheriff's blotter about a DWI arrest of a person with a similar name to mine and, for those of you who were wondering, that was not me. Contrary to some of the comments, that is not how I am spending my retirement.

Alan McWilliams

**Fort Clark's restaurant continues to lose money**

Open letter to the Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors:

There are four privately owned restaurants in Brackettville, all are making a profit. The crown jewel, the Las Moras Restaurant, lost \$32,000 in the last eight months, which equals to \$4,000 per month.

If this was your money that was being lost, you would not wait eight months to put a stop to it. This is not your money, so you do nothing.

This is another example of our

elected officials thinking that there are more important issues than the best interests of the community.

In May, Mona Miller was given a letter by a family in Brackettville that would run the restaurant for little or no cost to the association. We want something done now.

There is a board meeting on Saturday morning, July 19. We need your support.

Roger Perez  
Eagle Pass

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# Legislature attempts to close government to public

By Dolph Tillotson and Roy McQueen  
Legislative Advisory Committee

Among more than 5,000 bills filed during the 75th session of the Texas Legislature, about 200 attempted to close some aspect of government to public access.

Sadly, this effort is not unusual. Virtually every session of the Legislature produces scores of bills that would close various records and meetings.

Just as sadly, the perennial enemies of open government are tax-supported groups set up to serve the public. Most notable among them in 1997 were the Texas Municipal League, the University of Texas Board of Regents, the Texas Association of School Boards and the Texas District and County Attorneys Association.

Obviously, both the public and press have an interlocking and compelling interest in keeping government open.

That is why last November, the Texas Daily Newspaper Association and the Texas Press Association formed a joint

Legislative Advisory Committee.

The committee's purpose was to identify and fight any bill that keeps Texans out of state and local government meetings or restricts access to public records.

Over the past several legislative sessions, the Texas Municipal League has established itself as the most active opponent of open government in Texas.

In the 1995 session, TML opposed the Public Information Act (HB 1718) by Sylvester Turner, D-Houston. This session, it opposed "staff briefings" bill (SB 308) by Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio. On March 10, TML sent out a memo to members urging opposition to SB 308.

TML also fought for one of the worst open records bills of the session - HB 960 by Will Hartnett, R-Irving. It would have removed some computer-generated information and records from the state's cost-copy guidelines. The bill failed.

In addition, TML supported what was perhaps the worst threat to open government - HB 399 by Toby Goodman, R-Arlington, a bill which removes accident reports from police logs.

Gov. George W. Bush vetoed one version of the bill in stand-alone form, but it was attached as an amendment to another bill and became law.

HB 399 illustrates the problem of attempting to track the open-government impact of some 5,000 bills as they are debated, amended and re-amended in a short time-frame. Almost every session, some damaging legislation slips through.

Here is a summary of the fate of a few key open government bills:

SB 308, by Wentworth, died on point of order. The bill's intent was to close a loophole in the Texas Open Meetings Act that allows staff members to brief government bodies behind closed doors. Opponents of this open government measure in its original form included the UT regents, TML and the Texas Association of School Boards.

Before the bill died, both UT and the TASB attached amendments to exempt them from the bill.

SB 1101, the Holmes vs. Morales bill, by Wentworth. This bill was a response to a 1996 Texas Supreme Court ruling,

and it would have reopened access to some investigative files. The bill died in its original form and was later attached as an amendment to HB 951 and passed, but in a much diluted form. Now, the public may see only information Texas district attorneys deem to be open, a small improvement.

SB 1850, the privatization bill, by Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria. It would have provided at least some accountability for public dollars spent on former state functions that are privatized. Unfortunately, the bill died in the House Calendars Committee.

HB 531, by John Shields, R-San Antonio. This bill would have permitted the Texas Department of Insurance to expunge records of violations committed by an insurance agent if the agent remained clean for six years. The bill was attached as an amendment to another bill in the House and Craig Eiland, D-Galveston, wisely killed the amendment in committee.

HB 3162, by Kim Brimer, R-Arlington. This bill filed on behalf of the Texas

Railroad Commission, would have allowed the RRC to ignore copy cost guidelines on requests for oil and gas log information. The bill died after newspapers ran stories and editorials explaining it.

HB 951, by Sylvester Turner, D-Houston. This bill was passed and recently was signed by Gov. Bush. The bill allows for e-mail and facsimile requests for information from public bodies. The bill also contains language seeking to correct the Holmes vs. Morales problems.

During the recently ended session, newspapers succeeded in passing some good legislation and in defeating some terrible bills that would have made officials less accountable to the people they serve.

Much work remains, however. As each new session of the legislature proves, maintaining open government in Texas requires constant vigilance.

The enemies of open government are strong, well organized, patient and persistent. Those who favor open government must be equally committed.

## Texas adopts radical new strategy for enforcing its environmental regulations

Over the past 10 years, the number of environmental regulations on our books has increased dramatically.

Few states, and not even the federal government, have the resources to enforce those laws thoroughly and evenhandedly. In fact, so difficult has this task become that a survey of corporate attorneys found 70 percent don't believe compliance with the laws is even achievable.

So two years ago, the state of Texas adopted a radical new strategy for enforcing its environmental laws: let the vast majority of responsible businesses audit their own operations and concentrate enforcement efforts on the really bad offenders.

The key to make this system work is that the Texas law assumes most businesses are acting in good faith, want to comply with the law and shouldn't be penalized for taking steps on their own initiative to see that they do.

Case in point: A Houston-based manufacturer wanted to conduct an audit of its own compliance efforts, but was reluctant to do so for fear that if it found violations the information could result in legal proceedings and fines.

Because it is a small company with fewer than 50 employees, committing resources to an audit was difficult - until the threat that the information gathered could be used against the company was removed by state law.

Once the Texas law was enacted, the firm examined its own operations, determined it had miscalculated its emissions and corrected the problem. This is a win/win situation for cleaner air - and for the company trying to comply with the law.

I have introduced legislation on the federal level to expand this voluntary system nationwide. Unfortunately, companies in states without this law don't perform voluntary self-audits because the data gathered can be used by gov-



Capitol Comment  
U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

ernment regulators, prosecutors or advocacy groups to sue them. Under those circumstances, documentation serves as a roadmap for lawsuits, even if a problem has been corrected and no harm occurred.

It just makes sense to pass legislation that encourages businesses to comply with the law rather than raise the ante in the adversarial climate that has grown up around our complex compliance system.

A total of 21 states, including Texas, have enacted laws similar to the Environmental Protection Partnership Act that I have introduced. These states understand that to truly protect the environment, everyone must participate.

We now have cleaner air and water in America than we've had in 30 years. To consolidate and build on these gains, we need to prevent pollution rather than react only after problems occur. All too often our approach to environmental challenges has been arbitrary and penalty-driven, rather than incentive-oriented.

But this doesn't mean companies that pollute will go scot free. My bill in no way protects willful violators and those that do not promptly address violations. All of us want a cleaner environment, all of us want pure water and clear skies.

The law will allow us to engage every business voluntarily in working toward those goals. This will free the EPA to target enforcement dollars on the real offenders - those who deliberately and intentionally pollute.

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# Toy discusses Northern Ireland's educational system

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

John Toy discussed the educational system of Northern Ireland at last week's Rotary Club meeting.

Toy, who was introduced by Program Chairman J.J. Guidry, has been involved in education for 27 years, including 21 years as a principal. He is also a lieutenant commander in the Royal Naval Reserve and spent three weeks last year on an exercise in Sydney, Australia.

Toy prefaced his remarks by explaining that Northern Ireland is part of the United Kingdom, but added that the educational system is not standardized. However, all children of the United Kingdom from 5 to 16 are required to attend school.

Children from 5 to 11 years of age attend primary school in state institutions. They are tested at Key Stage I, age 7-8, and at Key Stage II, which is age 10-11. Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) are used

in English, math and science.

The first of a student's important crossroads is reached when a child becomes 11. A student may choose to take an exam called the 11-plus, which tests them in English, math and science. Those scoring high enough are permitted to enter grammar school, which is preparatory for university. Those less academically inclined attend high school. Grammar school in the United Kingdom is secondary school, along with high school.

At the age of 14-15, youngsters are given further SATs for Key Stage III. At 16, they take the General Certificate of Secondary Education exams, in up to 10 subjects, to determine future schooling. At 18, Advanced Level Exams determine whether a student will qualify for university.

Tertiary schools, or those for students age 16 and over, consist of two types. One is a technical school, provided for those biased towards the vocational end of education. The second is the univer-

sities. There are two in Northern Ireland: Queen's University in Belfast and the University of Ulster in Belfast, Coleraine and Londonderry.

State schools are fully funded. Non-state schools receive full funding for teachers and 80 percent of the upkeep of their buildings. Private schools are not funded by the state.

Primary education is free to students, generally speaking, as are secondary schools. The good news for parents is that all fees for university are paid by the state for first-time students. Grants are available, these being allocated according to an income means test.

Toy made the trip from Northern Ireland with his wife, Ruth.

He presented a plaque from the Right Honorable Lord Mayor of Belfast to the Brackettville club. The plaque conveyed greetings and good wishes to the group from the city of Belfast. Rotary Club President John Ford was presented a letter from the Lord Mayor which wished him well. This is the Toys' fourth visit with Fort Clark Springs residents Eric and Frances McMaster. Ruth



Rotary Club Program Chairman J.J. Guidry (from left) welcomes John and Ruth Toy of Northern Ireland to last week's meeting. The Toys presented the group a plaque from the Right Honorable Lord Mayor of Belfast. Photo by Eric McMaster

Toy is Eric McMasters' niece. The Toys are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary, and July 12 marked the 50th anniversary of Eric McMaster's arrival in America.

The couple lives in Bangor, Northern Ireland. Their two children did not accompany them on their trip.

The Toys' 22-year-old daughter, Heather, recently graduated from university and will enter the teaching profession. Their son, Michael, age 19, has just completed his first year in university.

John Toy is principal of a school in an urban housing estate in Belfast, where Ruth is also a teacher.

## Health and nutrition

By June Kaminski

### Ode to Food

Oh food, you foul devil. It has been my ill fate to be seduced for a lifetime by your cookies and cake.

You have been my best friend, my soul conspirator. Together we've blazed trails to the refrigerator

I've eaten, I've dieted, but I've answered your call. After 55 diets, I'm still in one size fits all!

You demon of weight, you have caused my demise. Whenever I deny you, there's another yummy surprise.

The butter, the bread, the beef - all of that I've relented and consumed them in spite of the fat.

I've sought within you the answers to depression. You've comforted me with sweet treat of confection.

I love you, I hate you, I don't know what to do. My coronary arteries are clogged because of you.

My blood pressure reads high and so does my scale. If this trend continues, I'll resemble a whale.

The diets, the pills, the complete self denial have only been frustrated as the pounds compile.

My mouth and desires are going full throttle. Oh Lord, why can't I look like a high fashion model?

Oh food, you demon, I can see no sign of hope. I have no willpower, no sign I can cope.

I'll give in to you whenever you beckon, knowing that soon my waistline will reckon.

My pants are so tight, they are all poor fitting. I've given up breathing, there is no chance of sitting.

I keep yielding to you, for God knows what reason. Just when I get a grip, here comes the holiday season.

The chocolates, the tortes fit into your evil plan to wage complete havoc on my salivary glands.

But I know I can beat you on this go around. I will laugh in your face with each passing pound.

I'll go to the doctor, get diets and pills. He'll give them out gladly with a great big fat bill.

I will beat you, I'll win against overwhelming odds. I will finally attain my thin fantasy bod.

I'll be free from your grasp, there is so much at stake. I will start my new diet after that one last piece of cake.

### But, I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall



### The saga continues

I was looking at my lawn the other day. I really hate to mow the yard. But it needed mowing. Needed it bad!

If you don't believe me, just ask my wife. Why are such things more important to women than men? Could be material for a later column.

However, I began to study the grass, searching for some way out of this terrible dilemma. Did I mention that I hate to mow the yard?

It suddenly came to me. Don't mow it! I looked carefully at the height of the grass. Any scientist worthy of the title could plainly understand that more grass produces more oxygen!

We need oxygen to survive! Why should I work against nature?

Then I saw the weeds. I mean really saw them. Broad leaves, taller than the tallest grass, green, even if you never water 'em, able to survive hoes and chemicals with names created to strike terror into the hearts of young and old alike. They were beautiful! I tell you, I will never pull another weed again!

But, I could be wrong!

# Lawn mowers should be considered serious tools

Have you ever lived through or witnessed the results of a hurricane or tornado?

The high winds can be extremely frightening and dangerous, reaching speeds of 150 to 180 miles per hour. The destruction these storms leave behind can be devastating. No one would argue that tornadoes and hurricanes should not be taken seriously.

Well, did you realize that the tip of your mower's cutting blade can average speeds of 200 miles per hour? That's faster than a typical tropical storm.

That's why mowers should be considered serious cutting tools that should be treated with respect. And regardless of how long you've been mowing, it's important to consciously think about measures you can take to ensure your safety.

Safety measures and mowing techniques vary depending on the type of mower you have, but there are some things that always remain the same. Like proper clothing - always wear long slacks, sturdy shoes with traction soles

## Green and Growing

By Dr. Ellen Henke

John Deere Lawn & Garden Expert

and tucked-in shirttails.

Walk the lawn before mowing and remove any yard debris or toys that could be thrown by that speeding cutter blade.

If twigs or other yard debris clog your mower's discharge chute, John Deere recommends that you turn off the mower.

With a walk-behind mower, disconnect the spark plug wire. This will prevent the engine from restarting if you accidentally turn the blade while examining the mower chamber.

Never place your hands or feet near the blade; use a stick or tool to dislodge any clogs. Avoid touching hot engine or exhaust surfaces.

Mow across slopes with a walk-behind mower. That way, if you slip and fall, the mower will be

less likely to tumble on top of you.

Mow up and down slopes with a riding mower for greatest stability.

Hills too steep to mow safely shouldn't be mowed at all. Add a decorative ground-cover or plant the area in native wildflowers.

Steer clear of embankments and dropoffs. Level with soil any low spots or depressions that could cause you to turn an ankle or make a bumpy ride for a lawn tractor.

Regardless of the type of terrain you negotiate, be sure that children and pets are far away from the area you're mowing to protect them from flying debris. Be particularly careful to check behind you when backing up.

Remember, even if you move in slow motion, your mower's cutting blade is operating at hurricane speed. Take it seriously.

# McDaniel wins essay contest

Kelly McDaniel of Dell City, Texas, was chosen by Rio Grande Electric Cooperative (RGEN) to participate in a 13-day, all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. last month.

She submitted the winning essay in a contest sponsored by RGEN to choose a student delegate for the trip on June 5-17.

McDaniel, 17, is among 102 students from Texas and New Mexico who participated in the 1997 Rural Electric Youth Tour. They traveled to Washington, D.C., by bus where they joined several hundred students from across the nation.

Each delegate was sponsored by an electric cooperative. This is the second year that RGEN has sponsored a student for the Government-in-Action Tour.

The Dell City High junior is involved in the school's Gifted and Talented Program and serves as a class officer and cheerleader. She also has lettered in volleyball, basketball and tennis. The daughter of Pam McDaniel, she plans to attend Texas Tech University following graduation in 1998.

Following is McDaniel's winning essay, "What Rio Grande Electric Cooperative Means to Me."

I have always known that Rio Grande Electric Cooperative has provided me with electricity, giving me a very comfortable lifestyle. Although I knew this, I never fully realized how much I



KELLY McDANIEL

depend on Rio Grande Electric Cooperative in my everyday routine. Just the other day, I was wakened not by my alarm clock, but by my mother telling me that I had to hurry if I was going to make it to school on time.

I slowly climbed out of bed and made my way to the bathroom to take a shower. As I walked in to the bathroom it hit me that it was going to be a very unpleasant morning. Not only did I have to take a shower in the dark, unheated room, but there was no way for me to dry or curl my hair, which I do every morning. I went through the morning in complete silence, which is very unusual for me because I am always listening to music. While putting on my makeup, I could only pray that my eyeliner was not too crooked; for it was kind of hard to see in the unlit room.

When I finally made it to school I remembered that I had a research paper to type because it was due in my second period class. I quickly ran to the computer lab to get started. When I entered the dark room, I remembered that there wasn't any electricity. Just as I was about to leave the room the lights came on.

Now of course, I was a little upset that my hair was wet and cold and that my makeup was a little messed up, but I remembered that there was no way I could have typed my research paper if it hadn't been for the hard work of Rio Grande Electric Cooperative that quickly fixed the unknown problem and allowed me to regain my pampered lifestyle.

That was the day I came to realize exactly what Rio Grande Electric Cooperative means to me.

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## Sales tax rebates up from last year in Kinney County

AUSTIN - State Comptroller John Sharp delivered a total of \$153.7 million in monthly sales tax payments Friday to 1,086 Texas cities and 117 counties.

"Consumers continue to show confidence in the rising employment numbers and robust rate of growth of the Texas economy," Sharp said. "So far this year, sales tax rebates to cities and counties are running 5.7 percent ahead of the same period last year."

Sharp delivered sales tax rebates totaling \$140 million to Texas cities, 7.4 percent higher than last July's payments of \$130.3 million. Rebates of \$13.6 million to Texas counties were 7.6 percent higher than allocations of \$12.6 million to counties in July 1996. Another \$4.1 million went to 26 special purpose districts around the state.

This month's sales tax rebates include local taxes collected on May sales and reported to the comptroller in June by businesses filing monthly returns.

The city of Brackettville received a sales tax rebate of \$2,947.88 in July, 4.9 percent higher than last year's \$2,809.77 payment for the month. Year-to-date payments to the city of Brackettville are \$29,245.57, up 7.0 percent from last year's total of \$27,327.39 for the same period in 1996.

The \$2,016.72 local sales tax allocation to Kinney County for July reflects a 9.2 percent increase from the \$1,847.50 in sales tax rebate for the same month last year. Year-to-date payments for Kinney County total \$18,954.96, which is 8.6 percent ahead of the \$17,455.84 total for the first seven months of 1996.

Kinney County Health Services' tax allocation for July was \$1,986.38, which is 7.1 percent higher than the July 1996 payment of \$1,855.50. Year-to-date, Kinney County Health Services has received \$18,726.91, which is a 9.8 percent increase from last year's total of \$17,050.72 for the same period last year.

The comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Aug. 8.

## Grants help lead BISD into the 21st Century

Brackett ISD has been a leader in technology. For the past three years, we have had two file servers with networked computers for business and instructional use.

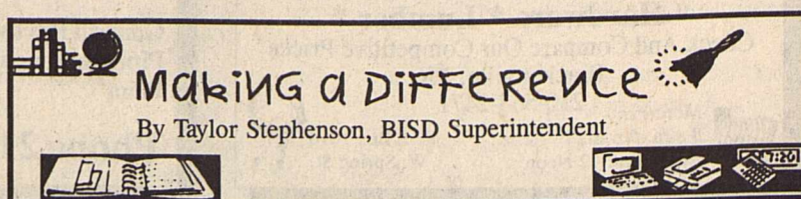
One of the servers connects every classroom and office in the school district. We are able to access curriculum objectives, use electronic mail from any classroom or office to any other classroom or office, and monitor the educational progress of each student taught at BISD.

We're doing more in 1997-98! First, we will have a T1 line that will allow internet access from every classroom and office at Brackett ISD.

Students will learn to do research on computers. We will be able to learn about countries, Mars explorations and history, for instance, through internet research. We live in exciting times!

The world of learning and teaching has expanded beyond the textbook to the internet and CD Rom. Teachers are no longer just dispensers of knowledge and of material. Our new role is to guide students to reach instructional goals through the use of a multitude of sources.

Knowledge changes so rapidly that memorization of a few pages of a textbook will no longer prepare our young charges for the real world. Our kids will need to compete with the best prepared youngsters from Texas, the USA and yes,



indeed, from the world.

We're getting our kids ready for the 21st century and the most modern technology is there to help us get there!

We're proud of the Hillcrest Foundation Grant for \$60,000 which will insure that in each classroom we have at least one computer that will access the information that is available on the world wide web.

Oh, you can be certain that we will provide safeguards against some of the negative subjects that are there. But, we will look to enhance learning and to stimulate a renewed interest in learning at BISD. We'll talk about the use of this grant in future articles.

This week, we have been notified that we are the recipient of a Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Grant for updating our Jostens Lab and for insuring that each language arts class at BISD has at least five computers. There's much more. The grant total exceeded \$250,000.

We're excited about the next school year. Lots of folks deserve credit for spending time studying and writing these grants. Michael Schooler, Frank Taylor and Chuck

Hall have spent many hours working on the success of these projects. We are also indebted to the support staff for assisting in the project.

**Visit to New Mexico**  
This past week, I did get to visit New Mexico going through Artesia, Roswell and on to Ruidoso for my son's wedding.

The folks in Roswell are still making big bucks off of the 50th anniversary of the crash landing of the "space visitors."

I watched videos and studied writings on the 1947 incident, and still have lots of questions about what really happened.

Nestled in the mountains of New Mexico is the beautiful town of Ruidoso. The pine trees stand 100 feet tall above cabins that lure you into seeking refuge from the busy life of another world. The early morning temperature drops to the point that you need a fireplace or heater.

It was a nice, fast trip. New Mexico is a special state to visit.

That's about it. We're working hard on budgeting and handbooks this week. We're burning the midnight oil and will be for some time. Have a good week!

## Walker is a vital part of county's EMS program

This week, we would like to recognize an individual who has proven himself to be a very valuable asset to our service.

This individual has volunteered his time as a driver for Kinney County EMS for the past three years and is still going strong. He checks the radio transmissions in both units; and inspects them (the ambulances) for leaks and other mechanical malfunctions that would require repair servicing.

This caring individual also helps us out with fund raising for our EMS. He states that he is, "happy just to drive and help with getting the equipment that we may need from the ambulance while out on a call."

Larry Walker, a retired Air Force Paramedic who flew air rescue helicopters, is our valued asset. He has 27 years of military service experience, 20 years as a Civil Service Medic, 16 years as

### Kinney County EMS Pulse

By Ruby Meyer, EMT

The Superintendent of Aeromedical Services, and he has spent the last four years of his Civil Service career in the position of Director of Quality Assurance for a hospital in Lubbock.

Walker has now retired to Fort Clark Springs with his wife, Diane.

"I believe in the much-needed service, and helping the community by volunteering to the Kinney County EMS," Walker said.

Walker suggests that, "Anyone who is looking for a self rewarding position by helping others should consider joining Kinney County EMS."

We appreciate your service, Larry, and look forward to working with you in the years to come.

For the public, we would like to elaborate on the duties that Larry and other volunteer drivers do.

The "driver" does not only drive the ambulance, he or she also assists with retrieving various pieces of equipment needed while on a call, and loading patients onto the ambulance.

Although universal precautions are used in the handling and lifting of patients, back strain and injuries may occur. We ask that you use your best judgement in volunteering for this position.

## Council sets dates for budget workshops

The Brackettville City Council will begin preparing next year's budget, after setting workshop dates at Tuesday's meeting.

The council set its first workshop on June 22 to begin preparing the budget for the new fiscal year. The workshops will continue throughout next week if necessary.

**Appraisal District Budget**  
The city council discussed the annual budget for the Kinney County Appraisal District. No action was taken.

**Alegre Acres Subdivision**  
The council approved the final division of Alegre Acres Subdivision, owned by Tim Ward, on the recommendation of the city's planning committee.

**Fire Marshal's Report**  
Fire Marshal Faustino Sandoval

Jr. presented a report. He said that he had spent the month inspecting meter loops in the city.

Sandoval said there were two grass fires during the last month.

**Monthly Activity Report**  
Carol Sandoval informed the council that city crews had completed 216 work orders during the last month.

**City Secretary's Update**  
David Luna presented the city secretary's update to the council.

Luna said the city crews had made a lot of progress in constructing the walking path at the baseball complex.

Luna also discussed a coalition that is working to get the county pool open and officials discussed the city's involvement in the project.

**Volunteer Fire Department**  
Pete Bland presented a report for the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department.

Bland said the department currently has 14 members with three applications pending.

The group recently held two fundraisers and has two more scheduled for August.

Bland said the department received a donation from Blake Williams.

The department's new brush truck arrived July 2. Officials are currently busy building a cover for another unit, which will be housed at the City Annex.

**Financial Reports**  
The council approved the July financial report and the minutes of the June 10 meeting.

## Brackettville movie set celebrates 40 years

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"Four times a day, seven days a week during the summer we put on a show called 'A Musical Tribute to The American Cowboy' in the saloon followed by Old West gun fights out on our main street," Mrs. Shahan said, adding that visi-

tors can stay all day long and not see the same music show or gunfight twice.

"Our saloon, which has fed the likes of James Stewart, Dean Martin, Tommy Lee Jones, Burt Reynolds, James Garner and numerous state and foreign dignitaries, serves up some of the best

barbecue and Mexican food in Texas," Mrs. Shahan said.

At the close of each summer, Alamo Village plays host to its annual Labor Day Horse Races. Cowboys and cowgirls are welcome to enter the races. The event has been known to attract some of Nashville and Hollywood's finest.

## Community Calendar

**Thursday, July 17**  
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.  
6:30 p.m., The Brackettville Lions Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.  
**Saturday, July 19**  
10:00 a.m., The Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors meets at the Board Room on Fort Clark Springs.  
**Thursday, July 24**  
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets at the Las

Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.  
**Monday, July 28**  
6:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Springs VFW meets at the Service Club on Fort Clark Springs.  
**Wednesday, July 30**  
7:00 p.m., The Brackett Band Booster Club will host a special meeting at the Band Hall to elect officers for the upcoming year.  
**Thursday, July 31**  
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.  
**Sunday, August 3**

9:00 a.m., The Knights of Columbus meet at Parish Hall.  
**Monday, August 4**  
1:00 p.m., The Fort Springs Art Club meets at the Art Studio on Fort Clark Springs.

### Sheriff's Report

The incident reports and arrests from the Kinney County Sheriff's Department were not available at press-time. These reports will appear in next week's edition of The Brackett News.



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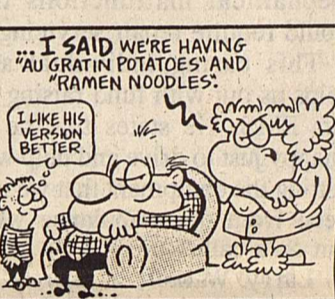
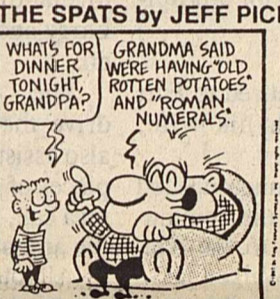
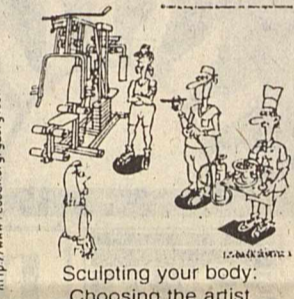
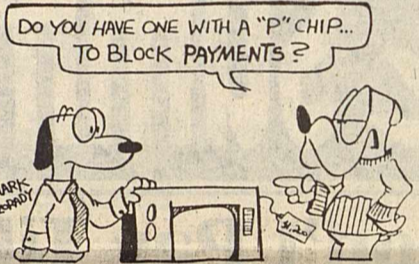
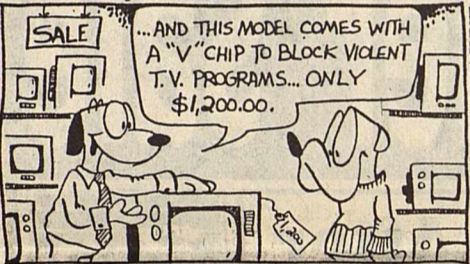
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ACROSS	56 Courage	Heights"	9 Start to cry?	45 German poet	88 Director
1 Crowning points	59 Soprano	101 Ladd or Lane	10 Proposition	46 San --, Calif.	Hooper
6 Snatch	61 Kind of quartz	103 "Peanuts"	11 Ointment	47 Part of Q.E.D.	91 Ciceronian speech
10 Mao --tung	63 Bar supply	104 Worry	12 Czech river	50 Child welfare org.	92 Play girl?
13 Bag material	64 Trio trio	105 Mobile home?	13 Fido's foot	54 Hiawatha's transport	93 Jogger's gait
18 Consecrate	65 "Bat	106 Pianist Jorge	14 Side by side	56 Lightweight fabric	94 Medical grp.
19 Clinton Cabinet member	67 Part 3 of remark	108 Gibbon or gorilla	15 Forms puddles	57 Computes	95 124 Across author's monogram
20 Director Ashby	71 Egyptian queen	109 TV's "I've -- a Secret"	16 Call to mind	58 --di-dah	97 Cathedral feature
21 Superior to remark	72 Patron	112 Sworn statement	17 San --, Italy	60 Haulage device	100 Verdi work
22 Start of a remark	73 Guitarist	114 End of remark	18 Rock band's need	62 "Porgy and Bess"	101 Put off
24 Ample space	74 Runway figure	119 Anderson or Neiman	23 Private reply?	63 Read quickly	102 Red head?
26 Cough up the cash	76 Blows one's stack	120 Deed	25 Canada's capital	65 Crain T. Nelson sitcom	104 Bath or Baden-Baden
27 Sty guy	77 Huxley's "The Trees of Thika"	121 Last name in limericks	28 Fountain order	66 Wrath	105 Soft mineral
28 Hunger for Nevada city	79 Bee flat?	122 Continental quarts	30 Wheel part	68 Literary collection	107 Face shape
30 Successor	80 Cravings	123 Stick one's neck out	31 Sonny Shroyer sitcom	69 100 Down rule	108 Out of line
32 Massenat's "Le Roi de --"	84 Master	124 "Annabel --"	32 Smallest	70 English port	109 Actress Verdon
35 Flirt	85 Pika kin	125 Child's mount	33 Irving or Vanderbilt	72 "Confound it!"	110 Paddles
37 Terra firma	87 Pick out	DOWN	34 Crone	75 Winter mo.	111 Cobb and Hardin
40 Hen or pan	89 Saluki specialist, for short	1 Novelist Selton	35 Fame	77 Ukulele feature	113 Stain
41 Highland hats	90 Part 4 of remark	2 "Wild West" showman	37 Schwarzenegger's birthplace	78 Luau neck-wear	114 Mont Blanc, for one
42 Stialone role	96 "Lakme" or "Louise"	3 Farrow of "Alice"	38 Sitarist Shankar	79 Exhilarating at any time	115 Word form for "recent"
43 Part 2 of remark	98 Rock group, Quiet --	4 Finale "Somethin' --" (67 hit)	39 Gulf State	82 "Quo Vadis?" character	116 Rocker Fogelberg
48 Palindromic name	99 Fleet	5 "Somethin' --" (67 hit)	40 Pops one's pecs	83 Mikita of hockey	117 Kipling character
49 Boris and Natasha	100 Merle of "Wuthering	6 A Brady kid	41 Kaiser's counterpart	86 It multiplies by dividing	118 Enjoyed Thanksgiving
51 James of "Rollerball"		7 Basketball's Auerbach	43 Michelangelo masterpiece		
52 Stirrup site?		8 Tiny colonist	44 Author Umberto		
53 Dietary need					
55 Wording					

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Your Horoscope by Natasha

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)  
 Don't overreact to a real or imagined slight. It's a great week for getting your thoughts across to others. Entertain at home this weekend without going overboard.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20)  
 This is a most fortunate week for you in business. Be sure to capitalize on the opportunities that arise now. Try not to go overboard in spending this weekend.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)  
 The coming weeks will bring important career discussions. You may face extra home duties later in the week. It's a good time for shopping. A friend may be feeling blue this weekend.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)  
 A new mental interest will captivate you in the weeks ahead. You'll patch up a difficult situation with a friend. This weekend, couples will share happy times together.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22)  
 The week brings mental accomplishments and opportunities through friendship. You may be invited to a special get-together later in the week. Accent diplomacy in career dealings.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22)  
 A career matter that had you concerned turns for the better this week. New reading material will fascinate you in the weeks ahead. The weekend brings festive times.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22)  
 Couples will be making major investment and financial decisions in the coming weeks. Positive career developments this week are of a behind-the-scenes nature.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21)  
 You may be disap-

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21)  
 Couples will be enjoying an especially meaningful rapport in the weeks ahead. This week will be a busy and a happy one for you socially. You're popular over the weekend.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19)  
 Buying and selling will be especially favored in the weeks ahead. A work colleague may be touchy, but otherwise, it's smooth sailing with career interests this week.

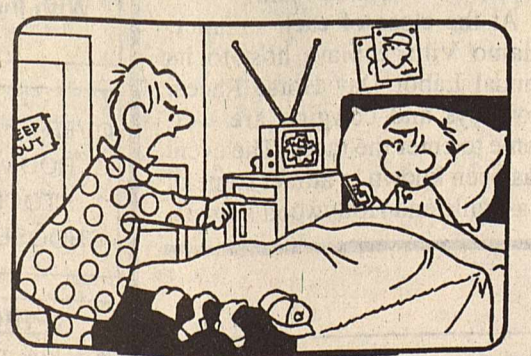
**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18)  
 Your communicative skills will be at a peak in the coming weeks. This week, there's a decided accent on happy romance and the enjoyment of leisure interests.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20)  
 A research project will be a priority in the weeks ahead. You'll find a solution to a troublesome work concern by week's end. Enjoy social visits this weekend.

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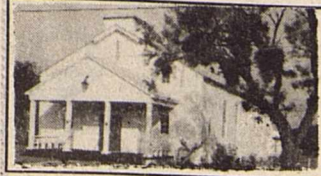


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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

July 17	Opal Groce	July 21	Floy Brown
July 17	Maria Elena Pena	July 21	Juanita Garcia
July 17	Pat Mc Kelvy	July 21	Matthew Rocha
July 17	Mike Bowlin	July 21	Katherina Pena
July 18	Louise M. Reese	July 22	Elvira Morin
July 18	Antonio Pena	July 22	Ernesto Ortiz Jr.
July 18	Rosalie Boysen	July 22	Betty Tidwell
July 19	Vella Gumm	July 22	Jeff Russell
July 19	Doc Cruse	July 23	Tina Lumberas
July 20	Ruth Dennis	July 23	Amy Walker
July 21	Danie Arroyas	July 23	Joseph D. Shipman
July 21	Martha Hooten	July 23	Luzgarda Fuentes
July 21	Ada J. Fletcher	July 23	Jennifer Ashabraner





**First Baptist Church**  
Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor  
"The Pastor's Pen"

Youth camp was a total blessing! Over and over again, God shows me that blessings come from the most unexpected places.

I really did not care much for the idea of being the only male counselor to be coming from the First Baptist Church of Brackettville.

I had no idea of how I was supposed to maintain control over seven teenage guys. I thought that it was going to be a week of total frustration. God proved otherwise.

Not only was I not frustrated, but actually enjoyed myself! Imagine that!

All of the youth were great! I feel like I learned more from them than they did from me. I admire the youth group a lot and I think that they are all cool people. Thank you for making a week of possible frustration a week of total enjoyment.

The decisions made during this week are indeed life changing ones. Stick to them closely and always follow Gods will for your life, and you can never go wrong.

Youth camp was indeed a total blessing, and the youth are a total blessing to me!

Michael Sperry



**Frontier Baptist Church**  
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

There are many blessings that those who have trusted Jesus Christ as a personal Savior possess automatically. There is a righteousness that comes from God, the scripture says, "There in is the righteousness of God revealed, the just shall live by faith."

There is a pardon from sin that cannot be reversed. When one accepts Christ there is nothing that can ever separate him from that relationship. There comes a peace that can never be disturbed. "He is our peace" says the scripture. There comes a strength that can never be enfeebled. We are "strengthened by his might." We have a refuge that can never be moved. "God is our refuge and

strength; a very present help." There comes a joy that can never be destroyed. We "rejoice with joy unspeakable." We have a hope that can never be destroyed. "The Lord Jesus -- is our hope." We have available a supply that can never be exhausted. "My God will supply all your need." We have an inheritance that can never be touched, "An inheritance uncorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you."

These are not "pie in the sky" but rather realities guaranteed by God and penned in the Bible. There will be another message from the Bible at Frontier Baptist Church next Sunday at 11:00. Come and see.

**Vacation Bible School**

Lift off on a high-flying adventure! Sunrise Balloon adventure is a hot air balloon journey filled with Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks, songs and skits. Your faith will grow as you learn about Bible characters who had courage be-

cause they trusted God. Kids crusade, July 21-25, 7-8:30 P.M., at First Baptist Church. Fun for kids, Pre-K thru 6th grades.

Bring a friend, make a new friend.

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**

Pastor Nathan Lafrenz

An elderly lady called her pastor to come and see her and announced to him she was dying of cancer. She asked him to help her plan her funeral. They prayed, and shared time together, tears were shed and songs were sung. She identified several hymns she wanted sung and scripture passages to be read. Then she said to her pastor with a twinkle in her eye, "One more thing pastor, when they bury me, I want my old Bible in one hand and a fork in the other." The pastor in surprise asked, "Why do you want to be buried with a fork? The old lady replied, "I've been

thinking about all the church banquets I've attended throughout the years. Remember what they say when they pick up the plates, 'keep your fork!' The best was yet to come, dessert was coming! I want people when they see me with a fork to ask why, and I want you to tell them that I kept my fork because the

best is yet to come." As christians we know that God has a more bountiful abundant eternal life awaiting those who have loved him. Let us all take heart, let us all hope, that no matter what joys or heartaches we experience, the best is yet to come.



**St. John's Baptist Church**  
Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.  
210-563-2582

Praise the Lord! Surely he (Jesus) hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he (Jesus) was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes are healed.

Isaiah 53: 4-5 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying himself (Jesus) took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

Matthew 8:17 Who his (Jesus) own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed.

He (Jesus) sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

Psalms 107:20 Is any sick among you? Let him

call to the elders of the Church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord;

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

James 5:14, 15 And there came a leper to him (Jesus), beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched, and said unto him, I will; be thou clean.

And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

Mark 1: 40-42

Praise the Lord! The Prayer Line at St. John's Baptist Church is (830) 563-3032.

Jesus said I will to the leper, he is saying I will to you. Believe in Him (Jesus).

**Gateway Ministries**  
Pastor Charolette Corey

Weeds are almost impossible to pull in hard caliche soil. The roots are left broken off in the ground, ready to grow back more weeds than were there before. But, if you saturate the ground with water, then pull the weeds out, you can get the roots and all.

The same is with people. It is very difficult to rid yourself of the "weeds" in your life, if you are tugging on a "hardened" heart, a heart that has become desensitized by continually performing the habit which you are trying to get rid of.

The only way to truly free yourself of residual pieces of the "root" of the problem is to saturate yourself in the living water of God, that is, the living word of God.

John 4:14 says, "...whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I

give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (New International Version)

Again, when you saturate yourself with the word of God, it is far easier for him to make the necessary changes in your life. Feed your parched soul with the living Word of God that does not return to him without accomplishing what he sends it out to do.

Once you have done this, then, let go and let God make the changes in your life. You will prosper even as your soul prospers.

Read God's word, listen to it on tapes, radio, videos, speakers...do what it takes to saturate your soul with God's healing word. It will change your life!

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

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**Church Directory**



- St. Andrews Episcopal Church: Henderson & Fort Sunday Church Service 10:45 a.m. on Sunday. Rev. Mike Davis 563-2929.
- Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): Sunday Services 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Joe Townsend, Pastor, 563-2158.
- First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m., Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m., Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.
- Baptist Hispanic Mission: 307 N. Ann Street, Sunday 9:45 a.m.; Wednesday 5:30 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 p.m., Eugenio Duran, Pastor.
- Church of Christ: N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study Sunday 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
- St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church: Sun. Masses at 8:00 A.M. (Spanish) and 10:30 A.M. (English); Mon., Thurs. and Fri. Mass at 7:00 AM; Wed. Mass 12:00 noon, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until (9:00 P.M.) Sat. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 - 6:00p.m. Mass 6:30 PM. Rev. James Cashin Pastor 563-2487.
- St. Blaise Catholic Church: (Spofford) Sun. Mass 5:00 P.M. Rev. James Cashin Pastor 563-2487.
- First United Methodist Church: "Celebrate and Witness" Fellowship 9:30 a.m., Church School Classes 9:45 a.m., Service of Worship 11:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 p.m., Sherree Harris, Pastor.
- St. John's Baptist Church: Crockett at Keene St., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Worship Service Thursday 7:00 p.m., William P. Adams, Sr., Pastor, 563-2582.
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Church E.L.C.A Services: 9:00 A.M. Corner of Fort & Henderson in Brackettville. Bible study; Monday morning at the parish hall - 10 A.M., also at the corner of Fort & Henderson, Streets Reverend Nathan Lafrenz, 563-2047.
- Templo Elim Asambea de Dios: North Street, Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 p.m., Rev. Abundio Mancha, Pastor, 563-9237.
- Gateway Ministries (Non-Denominational): 301 E. Spring St. (across from post office), Praise & Worship Fellowship Sunday 10:30 a.m., Bible Study Wed. 6:30 p.m., Ladies Prayer meeting Thurs. 6:30, Robert W. Corey, Pastor, Charolette Corey, Associate Pastor, 563-9331.
- New Jerusalem Temple Apostolic Church: 514 E. Louise St, Sunday School 10:30, Church 11:30, Bible Study: Wed. 7 p.m., Mission: 3rd Thurs. of each month 6 p.m. Pastor Rudy Goodloe (563-9468)

**Thank You!**

To all my friends and relatives who called, visited, sent cards, flowers and brought food while I was in the hospital and during my recovery at home. Thanks also to my Eastern Star sisters and brothers.

**Bobbie Schafer**

**Unsung Hero**  
By Joe Townsend

Among the many outstanding students at Brackett High is a stellar athlete.

He has been recognized statewide for his actions. He has been a very important part of the accomplishments in the field of sports of his school.

He is outstanding as a student and well liked by his fellow students. He is a tribute to good parentage. He is morally a fine person.

To watch him on the field of various sports is to admire not only his expertise but his dedication.

Surely, Ramon De Leon is an unsung hero.

**Officials discuss proposed budget for appraisal district**

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The commissioners discussed the proposed budget for the Kinney County Appraisal District but took no action.

**Grave Diggings**

The court agreed to have all graves dug by city employees only.

**Sheriff's Department**

Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess informed the commissioners that Vito La Gioia resigned as a sheriff's deputy on July 1.

Burgess said that only one person has applied for the position. The applicant, who is from Del Rio, is a certified peace officer and works as a deputy constable in Val Verde County.

Burgess said that the DEA will fund an additional deputy's position in October.

**Road and Bridge Department**

Administrator Cliff Fritter presented a report on the county's Road and Bridge Report.

Fritter said the department worked on the Anacacho, Standard Lane and Tularosa Road, and at the Veltman and Grandstaff crossings. The crew also hauled and spread caliche at the Task Force yard.

**Executive Session**

The commissioners met in executive session for 26 minutes to discuss personnel and pending litigation. No action was taken.

**Budget Amendments**

The court also approved budget amendments, department reports, bills, and minutes from meetings on June 9, June 16 and June 30.

**AMENDED NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (A VISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)**

To the registered voters of the County of Brackettville, Texas: (a los votantes registrados del Condado de Brackettville, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on August 9, 1997, for voting in a special election to The Constitutional Amendments.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abiran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 9 Agos de 1997 para votar en la Eleccion Especial para La Anmienda Consitucional.)

**LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)**

- Pct. 1 Slator Hall
- Pct. 2 High School Auditorium
- Pct. 3 Baptist Church Annex
- Pct. 4 Kinney County Library Annex

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: Kinney County Clerks Office (La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en: La Casa de Corte)

If the county clerk is not the early voting clerk, the information in the block is required. between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on July 21, 1997. Closed from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

(entre las 7:00 de la manana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el Julio 21, 1997) cerrado a 12:00 medio dia asta la 1:00 p.m.

and ending on August 5, 1997. (y terminando el Agosto 5, 1997.) Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:) Dora Elia Sandoval, County Clerk (Name of Early Voting Clerk) (Nombre del Secretario de la Votacion Adelantada)

P.O. Box 9 (Address) (Direccion) Brackettville, Texas 78832 (City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on: August 1, 1997

(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el:) Agosto 1, 1997

Dated: July 11, 1997 Issued this the 11th day of July, 1997. Emitada este dia 11th de July, 1997.

Tommy Seargeant County Judge (Juez del Condado) Applications for Early Voting may be acquired at the County Clerk's Office.



**AUCTIONS**

**SOUTH BEND RIVER** Ranch 07-26-97 sales event of the year! Daughters of Mister Joes Song, Mr. Baron Red, Watch Joe Jack, Shinning Spark, Two Eyed Jack, Smart Chick Olena, 175 all performance horses. 801-544-1998.

**BIDS**

**INVITATION TO BID** - By sealed bid, Brackett ISD is selling the following house located on the Bobby Guidry property now owned by BIRD at 300 Ann Street. Bid specifications on this house can be picked up at the School District Office at 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, TX 78832. For information call 830-563-2491. The house will be sold on an "as is basis". The successful bidder will be responsible for moving the house and for site clean up. Sealed bids will be accepted until Monday, July 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the superintendent of schools. At this time, the bids will be opened and read aloud. Brackett ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**

**LOCAL CANDY ROUTE.** 30 vending machines. Earn apx. \$800/day. All for \$9,995. Call 1-800-998-988-988.

**SEEKING INDEPENDENT REPRESENTATIVES** for nutritional supplement manufacturer. Use products, share results, earn income. No contracts, inventory, retailing. Products satisfaction guaranteed. Distributorship free with products. 1-888-507-5363.

**WORK AT HOME \$1000 to \$5000** PT/FT. Paid Vacation 210-737-1998

**DRIVERS WANTED**

**DRIVE FOR A premier flatbed** or van carrier. Independent contractors company drivers. Call SMX; Birmingham, AL 1-800-445-6916; Fort Dodge, IA 1-800-247-8040; Joplin, MO 1-800-568-6828; Oklahoma City, OK 1-800-769-9339; Stockton, CA 1-800-978-8848; Youngstown, OH 1-800-769-8522; Yankton, SD 1-800-235-9826. Specialized flatbed division.

**DRIVER - DALLAS/FORT WORTH** area. More experience means more money with our new pay scale, and new grads get tuition reimbursement! Call Gaine Transportation Services now! 1-800-376-4144.

**DRIVER - JTI, INC.** is hiring OTR professionals now! Competitive pay, late-model conventionals, executive-style benefits, quarterly bonuses, rider program. Call for details 1-800-850-9905.

**DRIVER - NEW PAY** raise. New Century-Class condos! Up to 31¢/mile, with pay for experience. Higher compensation for O/Os, too! Call Ark International. 1-888-4CALARK.EOE.

**DRIVER OTR DON'T** just dream about more money .33 cpm (including tarp pay), drive '94-97 Kenworths, average 10,000/month. Trainees now accepted. Trainees start at .28 cpm after 4 weeks. Call 1-800-635-8669, Ext. T2107

**DRIVER...TEAMS OR solos** willing to team. New pay increase! Great equipment, bonuses, medical & dental insurance & more. Experienced drivers call Danny Herman today 1-800-331-3725.

**DRIVER TOP 3** reasons to choose Covenant Transport! 1. Leader in miles 2. Top teams earn \$128,000 - ran 319,000 miles last year. 3. Top line equipment. Experience drivers and owner operator teams 1-800-441-4394, 1-888-MORE-PAY, graduate students 1-800-338-6428.

**DRIVERS/ARROW TRUCKING Co.** \$1,000 sign-on bonus, free CDL training available, classes start bi-weekly, Dallas/Houston terminal-expd. drivers & owner operators; regional flatbed operation; regional pays 25% gross revenue, long haul flatbed-dry van. Call recruiting; 1-888-277-6937. EOE.

**REAL ESTATE**

**O'Rourke Realty**  
Elsa & Paul O'Rourke  
210-563-2713  
F C S Memberships  
& Rentals Available

3 bed, 1 bath home centrally located. Appliances, new roof, maint. free small yard.

New listing - Unit 15, 2 bed, 2 bath, Roman tub, mobile home, large storage bldg. carport, screened porch, located on corner next to large green area.

RV with adjacent 2 room small Apt. 2 baths. All under one cover with breeze-way.

**DRIVERS WANTED**

**DRIVERS: OWNER OPERATOR** & company driver, the word's out. Dalworth/Arnold is looking for top qualified drivers in your area. Great package! Call 1-800-333-3064

**DRIVERS - OTR RUN** with the best - Dallas Carriers Corp \*good benefits\* \*sign-on bonus\* liberal time off \*23 yrs old \*needed 6 months\* experience. 1-800-727-4374. EOE

**DRIVERS! TRIAD TRANSPORT, Inc.** now hiring OTR drivers \*great pay\* \*401K\* paid medical & dental \*insurance & paid vacation, must have CDL with 3 years OTR experience, with HazMat endorsement, 1-800-364-1139 Ext. 119 or 117.

**HAROLD IVES TRUCKING** needs motivated individuals to enter our training program. Call 1-888-270-1676 for complete information. Now taking owner operators \$.80 empty/loaded call: 1-888-367-4837.

**OTR TRUCK DRIVERS** wanted! Experienced or non-experienced-free training and 1st year income \$30K Stevens Transport 1-800-333-8595 EOE.

**RAPID FREIGHT IS** currently hiring OTR drivers. Minimum 1 yr. verifiable experience class A CDL with HazMat. Call recruiting 1-800-607-5695.

**EMPLOYMENT**

**FOOD SERVICE WORKER** - positions to be filled for 1997/98 school year. Application procedures: Applications will be accepted until July 21, 1997, at 5:00 p.m. Applications are available at the Brackett ISD Central Office or may be requested by contacting: Taylor Stephenson, Supt. Brackett Independent School District, P.O. Box 586--400 Ann Street Brackettville, TX 78832, (830) 563-2491, ext. 100. The Brackett Independent School District is an equal opportunity employer.

**SALES PERSON NEEDED!** No experience necessary! Will train! THE BRACKETT NEWS is accepting applications for the position of Advertising Salesperson. Must be self motivated, people person with good communication skills and have own vehicle. Come by the Brackett News office to apply.

**FINANCIAL SERVICES**

**\$\$\$BAD CREDIT? OVER** due bills? You can consolidate your bills! Have one low monthly payment! Same day approval available! Call now! 1-800-366-9698 Extension 119.

**DEBT CONSOLIDATIONS. CUT** monthly payments up to 30-50%. Reduce interest. Stop collection calls. Avoid bankruptcy free confidential help NCCS non-profit, licensed/bonded. 1-800-955-0412. (TPP)

**FOR SALE**

**TWO BUILDINGS, PUBLIC** liquidation. 40X25 was \$5,850 now \$2,940, 40X51 was \$9,280 now \$5,160. Must sell, can deliver, blueprints included. 1-800-292-0111.

**KINNEY COUNTY LAND CO**  
P.O. Box 1035  
Brackettville, TX 78832  
210-563-2446  
Molly Ardrey - Broker

Beautiful home on specialty lot 2000 + square feet, with screened in porch in back, with golf cart parking.

2 bedroom, 1 bath on 3 lots in Unit 31, very nice with hot tub.

Established and profitable business in Brackettville.

Unit 14, cute rock house 1 bedroom, 1 bath.

Small and large acreage available.

**DEBBIE TRANT** LOCKHART REAL ESTATE  
210-563-2997/210-563-2007

You'll enjoy peaceful country living in this lovely 1995 palm harbor manufactured home on 5 acres. Improvements include 2 wells, perimeter fencing + traps, barn, workshop, greenhouse, pistol range & more.

14 commercial/residential lots, some fronting Spring & RR 2804. Attractively priced as a package or available in groups. Call for details!

Choice lot in "The Oaks", unit 25, one of the few lots remaining. \$11,500.

**FOR SALE**

**GOT ROACHES? BUY** Enforcer® Terminator plus, 20 second ant & roach killer concentrate! This pro formula dissolving pack is guaranteed or your money back! Available only at The Home Depot.

**OWN FOR THE** price of renting! Build your home now, without the downpayment banks demand. Complete construction & permanent financing if qualified. DeGeorge Home Alliance, 1-800-343-2884.

**GARAGE SALES**

**GARAGE SALE** - Saturday July 19, 8AM-? 2531 Oak Lane F.C.S. appliances, furniture, toys exercise bike, T.V.

**YARD SALE** - Saturday July 19, 8:30 AM-1:00PM 112 West Spring St.

**HEALTH**

**IT'S TRULY REMARKABLE.** I've lost 26 pounds and 54 inches in only 8 weeks! First call 1-800-680-0304 then call 1-800-685-0090.

**LOSE WEIGHT** fast, safe, simple and keep it off. All Natural. 210-737-7878.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**POOL CITY'S KAYAK** Pools, demo homesites wanted to display new maintenance free pool. Save thousands w/this unique opportunity! 100% financing...call 1-800-338-9919.

**MOBILE HOMES**

**CLEARANCE SALE,** new 28X60 Stonebrook double wide 3 bedroom, 2 bath with parents retreat. \$499.00, ready to move into for \$416.00 mo. (360 mo. loan, 9.5% APR) 1-800-756-7711.

**FIRST TIME BUYER PROGRAM,** your job is your credit. Apply by phone, 1-800-756-7711

**1998 MODEL 16X80** Redman 3 br. 2 bath, free washer and dryer, air conditioning, plywood floors. Only \$199.00 mo. (10% down, 360 mo. loan, 9.0% APR subject to increase or decrease.) 1-800-756-7711.

**1ST TIME HOMEBUYER** financing now available for a limited time. Qualify by phone 1-800-760-7711

**2ND CHANCE FINANCING!** Buy a repo single or doublewide, just like new, mobile homes. Reestablish your credit. For details call 1-800-760-7711.

**BANK MUST SELL** Repo's, like new, low down payment's, low monthly payments. Easy qualifying. Call 1-800-760-7711.

**ABANDONED** 3 brm - 2 bth DBL-WIDE. Make up back payments. 210-591-2727.

**MOBILE HOMES**

**SLIGHT DAMAGE** 3 brm - 2 bth. Loaded. Possible work for down payment. Hurry! 210-591-2727.

**MOBILE HOME** For Sale. In park. Ask for John. Financing available. 210-591-2727.

**Q & S HOMES SALES OF UVALDE** Special built Schult Factory Purchase. Loaded! 97 3 brm - 2 bth 16x80 Vinyl siding, Shingle roof, Plywood floors, Dishwasher, 5 year warranty, 2 months free park rent! Only 265.27 a mo. 11% APR 360 Mo. 10% down. 210-591-2727.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE** is hereby given this 10th day of July, A.D. 1997, in compliance with Chapter 116.022, Local Government Code, by Kinney County Commissioners' Court, that said Court will accept applications from any banking corporation, association or individual bank in Kinney County for depositing of the public funds of such county, in such bank or banks. Contract will be awarded at the regular meeting of Kinney County Commissioners' Court August 11, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner's Court of Kinney County, Texas /s/ Tommy Seargeant County Judge

**REAL ESTATE**

**GOT A CAMPGROUND** membership or timeshare? We'll take it. America's most successful resort resale clearinghouse. Call Resort Sales information toll free hotline 1-800-423-5967.

**HOME IN THE OAKS** - Spanish style home, enclosed patio & yard, hot tub, 2400 sq ft. Open House Sunday July 19, 1-5pm, 2530 Oak Lane 563-9550

**HOUSE FOR SALE** Fireplace-jacuzzi-shop-R.V. shelter. #8 Bowlegs F.C.S. 563-2047.

**IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY!** \$59,900. New 3br/2ba home w/central air & lots of storage. Nestled on beautifully wooded, fully landscaped 1 acre lot. \$341.75/month own w/5% down, 6% ARM, 30 yrs. Call now 281-252-0010.

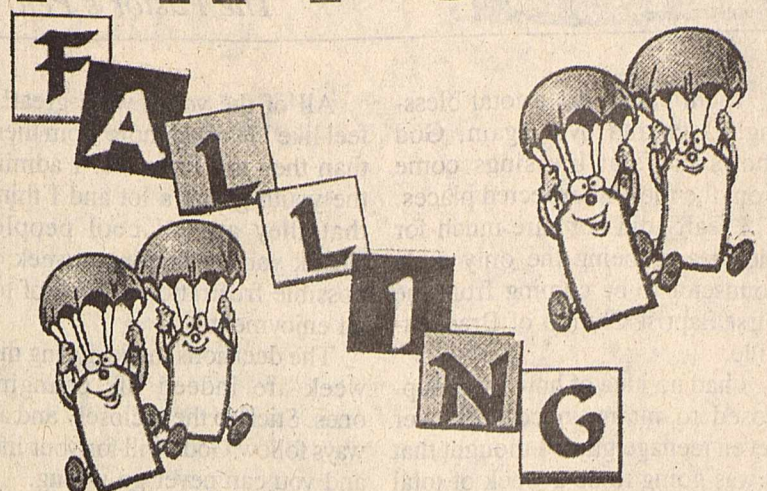
**NEW CONSTRUCTION 5BR/2BA** home reduced for fast sale! Over 2000 sqft home on 1+ acre! Big home - big yard - ideal for large family! Restricted community. Was \$81,900, now \$75,500. Won't last! Call now 281-252-0010.

**THE BEST HUNTING** in the Hill Country! \$295.00-\$595.00/AC. Owner financed with very affordable down, monthly payments. Texas Vet financing available. 830-257-5614.

**WANTED**

**WANTED:DEER LEASE,** 6 to 8 guns, water and electricity a must, campohouse preferred. Prefer to deal with landowner 409-826-6621 leave message.

**PRICES**



**1993 CHEVROLET CAVALIER**  
**\$4,995.00**  
Automatic, A/C, AM/FM, Cassette Stereo  
742918C

**1990 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS**  
**\$6,495.00**  
Power Windows, Power Locks, Power Seat, Tilt Cruise, AM/FM Cassette, Aluminum Wheels 48,000 Miles  
743238A

**1991 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER**  
**\$7,495.00**  
Automatic Air, AM/FM Stereo, Bucket Seats  
742714A

**1992 GMC 1500**  
**\$8,995.00**  
6-cyl. 5-speed, A/C sportside  
743226C

**1992 OLDSMOBILE BRAVADA**  
**\$8,995.00**  
Leather Seats, Loaded  
74011A

**1995 FORD CONTOUR**  
**\$10,495.00**  
Power Windows, Power Locks, Tilt, Cruise, Cassette, Low Miles  
742947A

**1992 GMC 1500**  
**\$10,895.00**  
Loaded  
743114B

**1993 CHEVROLET ASTRO**  
**\$11,995.00**  
Loaded  
743116A

**1994 MERCURY COUGAR XR7**  
**\$11,995.00**  
Power Seat, Power Windows, Power Locks, Tilt, Cruise, Cassette, Aluminum Wheels  
74270C

**1995 HONDA ACCORD EX**  
**\$14,995.00**  
4 Door, 5 Speed, Hard Loaded, 29,000 Miles

**1996 NISSAN EXT. CAB 4X4**  
**\$15,995.00**  
Power Windows, Power Locks, Tilt, Cruise, Cassette, 5 Speed, Low Miles  
740617B

**94 CHEV. 1500 EXT. CAB SILVERADO**  
**\$15,995.00**  
Loaded  
20073A

**HOWARD CHEVROLET** Del Rio, Tx  
2300 HWY 90W 775-0566

**BUSINESS**

**Coop appoints engineering manager**

Rio Grande Electric Cooperative recently announced the appointment of Michael L. Wade to the position of engineering manager.

The cooperative, which provides electric service to 27,000 square miles of rural Southwest and West Texas, is headquartered in Brackettville.

In addition to the headquarters office, the cooperative has four remote service centers located in Carrizo Springs, Fort Stockton, Marfa and Dell City.

Wade, a graduate of Texas Tech University, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1987 and began his career with Rio Grande in 1989. He has held positions as staff assistant and computer support supervisor during his tenure with the coop-

erative. "I'm extremely happy to have this opportunity to expand my skills and welcome the increased responsibility," Wade said of his recent appointment.

Making their home in Uvalde, Wade and his wife, Joyce Hayes, recently became first-time parents. Davis Banning Wade was born on May 28 at Uvalde Memorial Hospital.

"We feel that this region of the state is an excellent area in which to raise a family," Wade said.

Both Mike and Joyce have already become active in a local theater group in Uvalde and held prominent roles in the production, "Mary, Mary."

"Mike is a solid employee with a strong work ethic," said

Dan Laws, president and CEO of Rio Grande.

"Mike brings three very important skills to the table; communications, organization and team building.

"In addition, Mike has taken us through two data processing software conversions during his tenure. This process has allowed him to become very familiar with every facet of Rio Grande's business.

"I am very pleased to have Mike here and in this position," Laws said. "Our membership will benefit greatly from his work."

The cooperative is currently searching for an engineer who will work under Wade's supervision. During the interim, engineering work is being handled



**MICHAEL L. WADE**

by consulting firms so the membership does not see a lag in projects underway at this time.