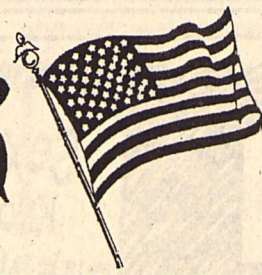


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Briefs ...

Alamo Village to host horse races Monday

Alamo Village will host its 38th Annual Labor Day Cowboy Horse Races on Monday.

Headlining the Labor Day festivities will be the Vision Quest Camel Corps. There will also be fast-drawing gunslingers, a trick roper, a quick-draw artist, educational demonstrations, contest for kids and lots of live music.

Anyone interested in participating in the horse races need only bring their horse and come on out to Alamo Village Monday.

The races will kick off at 1 p.m. A trophy and cash prize will be awarded to the winner with the fastest horse, with the final race beginning about 5 p.m. Stud horses are not allowed to compete.

Gates will open at 9 a.m. On Saturday, Alamo Village will host a Labor Day dance from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Music will be provided by "The Edge of Texas band. Tickets are \$6 per person.

Mayor proclaims square dance month

Brackettville Mayor Carmen Berlanga has proclaimed September as Square and Round Dance month in Brackettville.

Square dancing, one of the earliest American forms of dance, dates back to the frontier days of wagon trains.

In 1991, the Texas legislature designated square dancing as the official folk dance of Texas.

The Kinney County Kickers square dance club dance from October through April on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month in the Service Club at Fort Clark Springs.

Football passes on sale

Football passes for Brackett varsity home games are on sale at the BIRD Central Office and the High School. Passes are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.

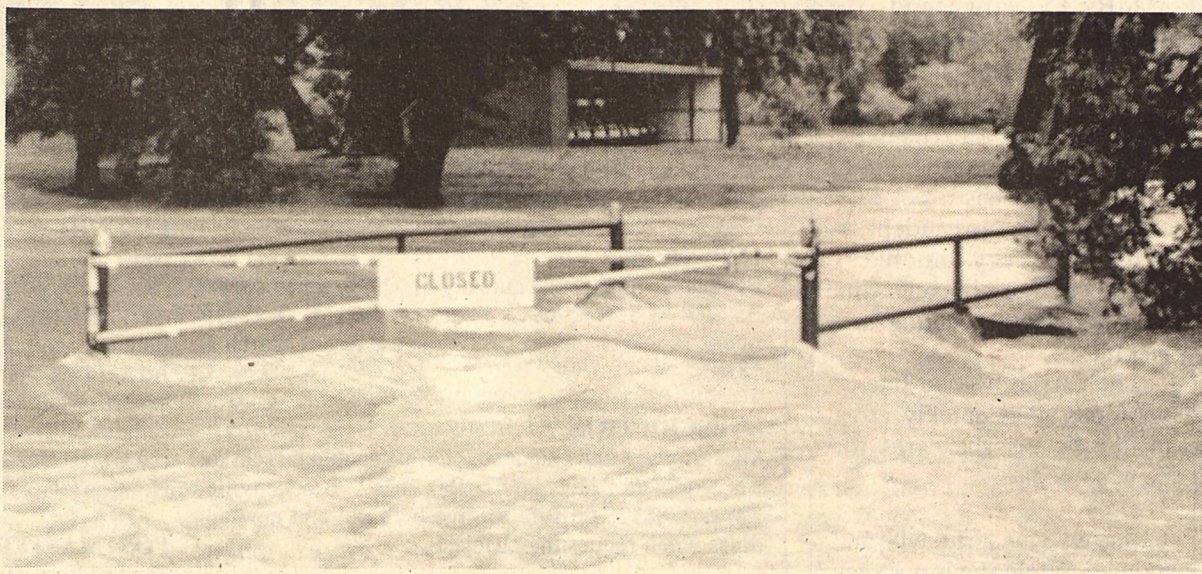
Bingo games cancelled

Due to flooding, there will be no bingo at the Del Rio Elks Lodge during September.



Flood damage in Kinney County could have been worse last week, but two dams north of Brackettville helped slow down the raging water, according to District Conservationist James Crumley. Brackett News Photo by Wes Robinson

Kinney County declared disaster area



The bridge at the Fort Clark Springs Golf Club was under water last week as Tropical Storm Charley flooded Kinney County. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Crumley: Dams slowed floods in Kinney County

Kinney County was one of four counties added to President Clinton's disaster declaration Monday, and local citizens are now eligible for federal disaster assistance following flooding that began Aug. 22.

Val Verde County was included in the initial declaration on Aug. 26 and Maverick County was added Aug. 30. On Monday, Kinney, Real, Uvalde and Webb counties were added.

The designation means individuals who suffered disaster-related losses may be eligible for temporary rental assistance, funds for minimal emergency repairs, low-interest loans and grants for serious needs and necessary expenses not covered by other federal, state or voluntary agency services.

"We already have 49 families approved for more than \$45,000 for temporary rental assistance or minor repairs to their homes," said Robert E. Hendrix, a federal coordinating officer of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Hendrix said he encourages anyone who suffered damages from the flood to apply for disaster assistance by calling FEMA's toll-free registration number at

(800) 462-9029, which is operational from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week.

Flood damage in Kinney County could have been worse, according to local officials, but two dams north of Brackettville helped slow down the raging water.

The dams were built in 1962 by the Soil Conservation Service as part of the Las Moras Creek Project, sponsored by the City of Brackettville, the Kinney County Commissioners Court, and the West Nueces-Las Moras Soil and Water Conservation District.

"Both structures caught an estimated 2,500 acre feet (more than 800 million gallons) of water last week and prevented hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages in the county," District Conservationist James Crumley said.

The dams hold back the floodwaters over a period of days, slowly letting the water out.

"The dam on the west side of F.M. 674 came close to flowing around the emergency spillway, but the principle spillway discharged enough water in time to keep the dams from overflowing around the emergency spillway," Crumley said.

City OKs budget by a 3-2 vote

Brackettville Mayor Carmen Berlanga was forced to vote to break a tie to pass the city's budget last Wednesday during a special City Council meeting.

The city's budget for the upcoming fiscal year, which includes a police department and raises for all city employees, is 7.3 percent higher than the current budget.

The proposed budget totals \$744,145.19, including \$402,949.74 in the utility fund and \$341,195.45 in the general fund. The current budget is \$693,713.44, and includes \$374,821.44 in the utility fund and \$318,892 in the general fund.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Gonzalez made the motion to adopt the budget, and his motion was seconded by Alderwoman Mary Flores. Gonzalez and Flores voted in favor of the motion and council

members J.J. Guidry and Wes Robinson were opposed. Alderwoman Tencha Pena was absent.

The new budget includes 3 percent raises for all of the city's employees. Salaries for elected officials remained the same. The mayor is paid \$350 a month and council members make \$175 per month.

The salary expenses for the upcoming year total \$348,129, which is a 10.4 percent increase over the current salary expense of \$315,394.80.

The new budget includes salaries for a chief of police and a municipal judge, and eliminates the position of a general laborer.

The City Council unanimously proposed to keep the city's tax rate at .7792 per \$100 valuation. The tax rate will be discussed during a 6:00 public hearing on Thursday, Sept. 10.

Singer released on reduced bond

Country singer Johnny Rodriguez was released from the Uvalde County Jail Wednesday after being arrested early Saturday morning and charged with murder in connection with the shooting death of a Sabinal man.

Rodriguez, 46, was being held on a \$250,000 bond. The amount was lowered to

\$50,000 Wednesday following a bond reduction hearing in Hondo, according to Uvalde County Sheriff Beau Watkins.

Rodriguez was released at about 5 p.m. yesterday after posting the \$50,000 surety bond, Watkins said in a telephone interview.

Alan Brown, Rodriguez's attorney, said

there is a possibility a Uvalde County grand jury will hear the case today during its regular meeting.

District Attorney Tony Hackebell confirmed earlier this week that he expects the

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Eugenio Lopez Orona Jr. died Monday morning after being thrown from his pickup Monday. The truck came to rest in a pasture off of U.S. Highway 90. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Uvalde man dies in accident

A 63-year-old Uvalde man died in a one-vehicle traffic accident Monday morning in Kinney County.

Eugenio Lopez Orona Jr. died after being thrown from his 1993 Chevrolet pickup truck. He was not wearing his seat belt, according to Texas Department of Public Safety officials.

The accident occurred at approximately 11:37 a.m., eight miles east of Brackettville.

Orona was travelling east on U.S. Highway 90 when he ran off the right side of the road, accord-

ing to reports. He overcorrected to the left and struck the guard rail on the opposite side of the highway.

The impact ejected Orona from the vehicle, which continued back across the highway, ran through a fence and came to rest in a pasture.

Orona's body has been transported to the Bexar County Medical Examiner's Office in San Antonio for an autopsy.

The case is still under investigation. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar is the investigating officer.

County proposes raises for all elected officials

All of Kinney County's elected officials will receive at least 5 percent raises if the proposed budget for the 1998-99 fiscal year is approved.

The Commissioners Court voted Monday morning to advertise the notice of salary increases in the newspaper as required by law during a special meeting.

The largest proposed increase is for the constable, whose salary will be raised 7 percent from \$3,879.60 to \$4,151.17 if the budget is approved.

The county judge's salary is expected to be raised 5.5 percent, from \$26,552.40 to \$28,000.00, while the proposed budget calls for 5 percent raises for all other elected positions.

The sheriff's salary is proposed at \$27,219.25, up from the current salary of \$25,923.10.

The salaries for the county at-

County officials salaries

The following are proposed salary increases for Kinney County's elected officials:

Position	Current Salary	Proposed	Increase
County Judge	\$26,552.40	\$28,000.00	5.5%
Sheriff	\$25,923.10	\$27,219.25	5%
County Attorney	\$24,744.85	\$25,982.09	5%
County/District Clerk	\$24,744.85	\$25,982.09	5%
Justice of the Peace	\$19,086.36	\$20,040.67	5%
Tax Assessor-Collector	\$16,978.14	\$17,827.04	5%
County Treasurer	\$16,978.14	\$17,827.04	5%
Commissioners (4)	\$9,025.78	\$9,477.07	5%
Constable	\$3,879.60	\$4,151.17	7%

torney and the county and district clerk are proposed to increase from \$24,744.85 to \$25,982.09.

The justice of the peace's salary is currently \$19,086.36. The proposed salary is \$20,040.67.

The salaries for the tax assessor-collector and the county treasurer are proposed to increase

from \$16,978.14 to \$17,827.04.

The salaries for the four county commissioners are currently \$36,103.11, and are proposed for the upcoming year at \$37,908.26.

If approved, the annual salary for each commissioner would increase from \$9,025.78 to \$9,477.07.

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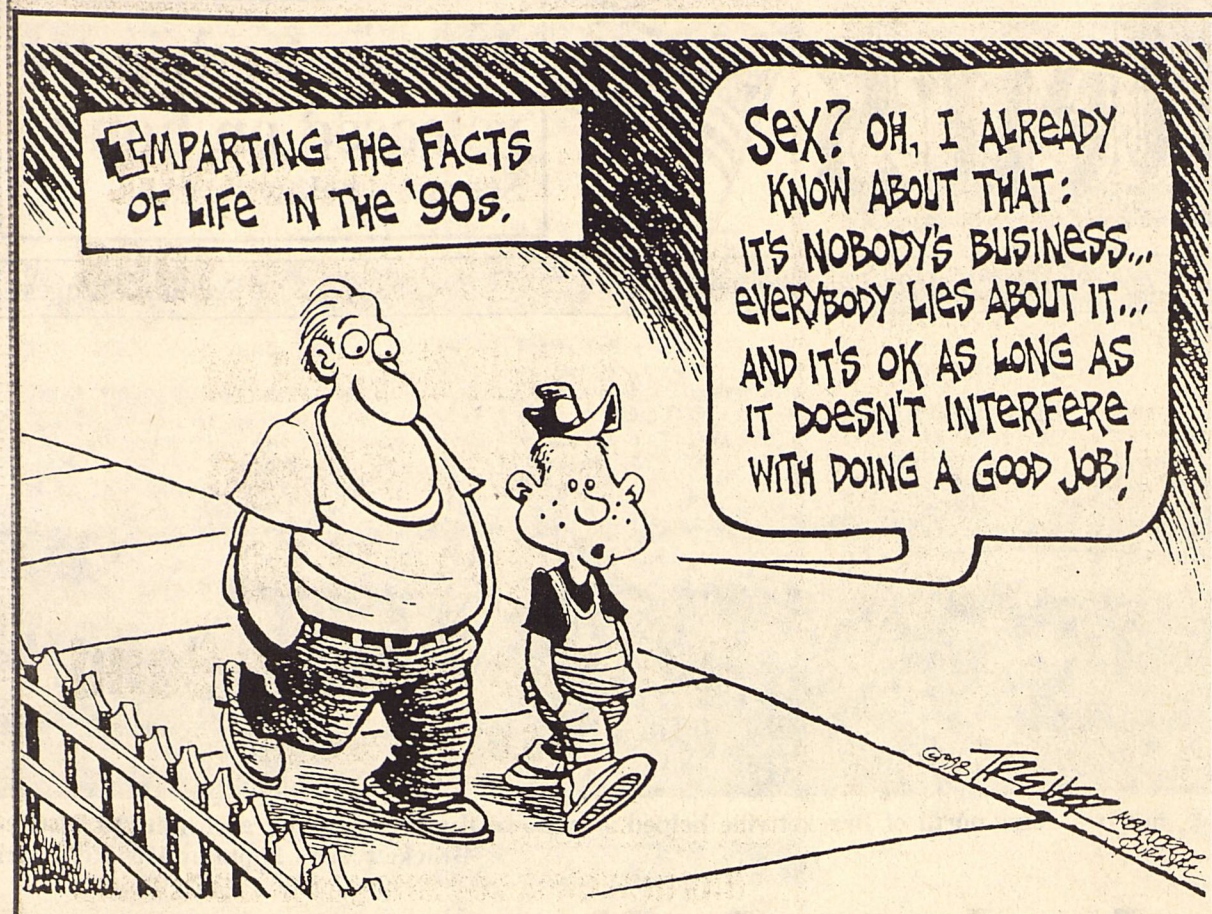
Trustees filled the district's educational staff by hiring two employees and accepted the resignation of another Monday. Community/Page 3

■ Tigers open season

The Brackett Tigers will open their 1998 football campaign tomorrow night as they host Sabinal in a 7:30 contest. Sports/Page 5

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Hillary's pay day has arrived

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



What goes around comes around. I get tickled about the sympathy and admiration poured out on Hillary Clinton. I guess you can chalk it up to ignorance.

All of their married life, Bill Clinton has been a womanizer. Indeed he was when in college. In those hippie days she lived with Clinton before they were married.

All of his days in Arkansas he chased one girl after another. She knew of his peccadillos at the time. She knew of Jennifer Flowers long before Bill admitted it (after denying it to the people for years) publicly.

She has known of many women he has seduced through the years. This one was more aggravating because it was proved and bode fair to destroy him as president. This would have her glory seat ripped out from under her and she could no longer be Mrs. President. Her ego could not abide that.

She dictated most of his speech

and his reference to her was to gain pity for her and himself. His spouted concern for her was as phony as the rest of his ego dictated message.

Were they as godly as he professes, they should not be surprised. God doesn't bow to hair splitting semantics and legalities. He knows the full truth and many times sets forth punishment for sins.

What goes around comes around. Hillary was the most critical and vengeful person on the number of lawyers drawing up the articles of impeachment against Nixon.

Nixon did nothing but try to cover up those who broke into a

hotel room. Hillary led the march to vilify him.

Little did she dream her delerious actions would someday come home. Now the pay day.

The difference: Bill Clinton committed adultery in the White House and many other places, and after lying about it was forced to admit it.

Hillary felt her victorious castigation of Nixon was a great accomplishment, never dreaming there would be pay day someday.

Sympathy for Hillary has to be based on ignorance and emotion. Her pay day has just arrived and there is forth coming the just deserts. What goes around comes around.

Victims of flood are not alone in recovery efforts

By Henry Bonilla
U.S. Congressman, 23rd District

For the last week, residents of Del Rio and other border communities have been dealing with the devastation of the recent flood.

It is important to remember that we are not alone in our recovery efforts. Governor Bush last week declared Del Rio a federal disaster area, which makes the city eligible for federal disaster relief.

Our first priority for the last week has been working with local, state and federal officials to get assistance to flood victims as fast as possible. The sooner this assistance is available, the sooner people can begin rebuilding their homes, businesses and community. This is the first step in helping flood victims along the border rebuild their lives.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has officials in Del Rio to establish a local central location for disaster relief applications. FEMA Human Assistance Services have been available for almost a week and continue through this time of crisis.

FEMA Human Assistance Services offers flood victims small business loans, individual grants, family grants, disaster unemployment, loans for farmers and ranchers, veterans assistance and social security assistance.

To apply for any of the assis-

tance services FEMA provides, call FEMA's Teleregistration number at 1-800-462-9029. FEMA officials at that number will ask a series of questions and fill out your emergency assistance application from the information you provide. Assistance is available in Spanish and English.

It is very important to be patient if you get put on hold. Stay on the line. Hanging up and calling again only ties up the phone lines and will make your wait longer.

If you have any questions about your application, you can call the FEMA Help Line at 1-800-525-0321. The TTD number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-462-7585.

In addition to the Human Services Assistance, FEMA has also declared Del Rio and Maverick County eligible for Public Assistance parts A and B.

Public Assistance Part A means that FEMA will provide debris removal, clean up of facilities, roads, bridges, environment, public park and recreational areas, debris disposal and building demolition.

Public Assistance Part B includes Emergency Public Measures. FEMA will provide the emergency pumping of water, safety sign barriers, temporary repair for public facilities, maintain water pumps, pay for personnel time and water control.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

Among the several "railroad" families that have moved here is a particularly fine family, the Cards.

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She is a wonderful wife and mother. While she is not very well known outside her business, she is a most enjoyable person to be around.

If you do not know her and want to meet a truly sweet person, stop by her shop and get acquainted. You'll be glad you did. Surely, Carolyn Card is an Unsung Hero.

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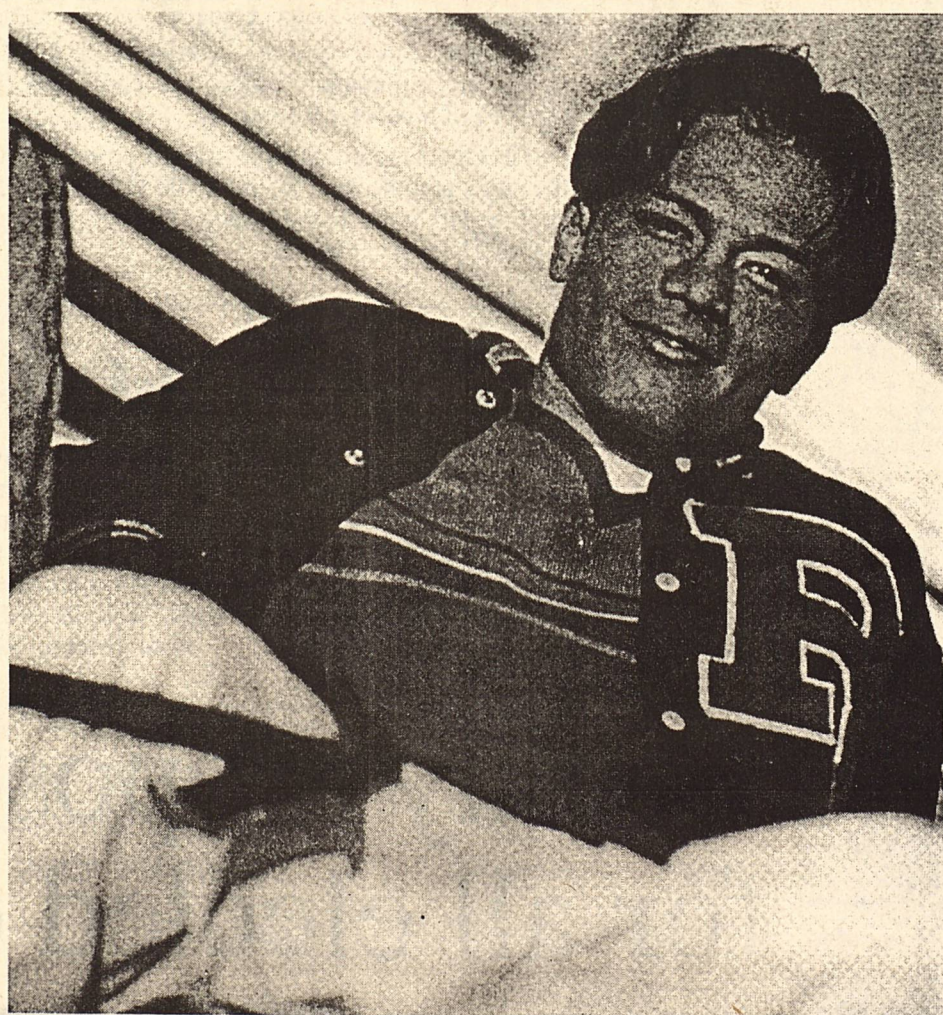
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Obituary

Hidalgo

Sam Wilson Hidalgo, 92, of Brackettville passed away Friday at his residence. He was born Sept. 16, 1905 in Brackettville.

He is survived by his daughter, Lucy Wilson of Brackettville, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Hidalgo spent many years in Mexico. He moved back and lived in Brackettville for the last 40 years.

No services are planned at this time. Funeral arrangements are with G.W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home of Del Rio.



Brackettville's Randy Castilla, on top of truck, and Carlos Alfaro of Pasadena, Texas, fill up with water to take to flood victims in Del Rio last week. Brackett News Photo by Jewel Robinson

Trustees adopt \$6.16 million budget

The Brackett School Board of Trustees unanimously voted to adopt a \$6,163,529 budget Monday night at a special meeting.

The school district's budget for the upcoming fiscal year is up 16 percent from the current budget of \$5,314,388, and includes a new academic wing and raises for all employees.

"I think the budget is a very conservative budget," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "Without the new building, the budget is up about 1.4 percent."

Stephenson said the construction of the academic wing will be paid for with reserve funds,

but will be reflected in the new budget.

"For several years, we've been working, knowing we needed a building project," he said. "We can pay for it much cheaper if it comes out of the fund balance. One of the things that helped us here is that we've been saving."

The general fund increased by approximately \$40,000, mostly due to salary hikes. Teachers received an average increase of 3.58 percent.

"Teachers salaries are basically controlled at the state level," Stephenson said. "They

set a minimum salary level and they supposedly give you the money to pay for it.

Stephenson said raises for the district's paraprofessionals are "primarily the same. Everyone gets the same basic raise."

Stephenson and members of the School Board commended Dixie Brown, BISD's business manager, for her work on the budget.

"Dixie is an outstanding business manager," Stephenson said. "She devotes the time and energy that it takes to get the job done right. She works hard. She is the best finance specialist that I've ever worked with."

School district hires two teachers, fills staff

The Brackett School Board filled the district's educational staff by hiring two employees and accepted the resignation of another Monday during a special meeting.

Diann Schooler was hired as an elementary special education teacher and Katherine Qualia filled the vacant elementary counselor's position.

Schooler was hired on a temporary basis prior to the start of the school year. She has four years of experience at San Marcos CISD

and Greenwood ISD. Schooler obtained a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas of Permian Basin and a law degree from Texas Tech University.

"Diann has a special touch with kids," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "She has a really good mind and she is well organized. She will do some outstanding work with the students. They're going to grow and get better under her leadership."

Qualia has been in education

for 26 years and has experience as a teacher, counselor and principal. The Del Rio native earned a bachelor's degree from Marygrove College in Detroit and a master's degree from Sul Ross State University.

Stephenson said Qualia will work four days a week.

"I think she will be a tremendous asset," he said. "With her experience, I think she can add a lot of depth to our staff. She has been in private business with her

husband and she is excited about getting back into public education."

The School Board accepted the resignation of Bill Fretwell during the special meeting. The Tanner, Ala. native was hired as a middle school social studies teacher on July 27, but resigned prior to the start of school.

Last month, the board hired Stephanie Nolen, a first-year teacher from Eldorado, to fill the social studies vacancy.

Country singer arrested for murder

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case to be presented to the grand jury, "unless something unusual happens."

Israel Borrego, 26, died Saturday morning after being shot once in the abdomen when Rodriguez went to check his mother's house in Sabinal.

Brown has said Rodriguez thought there was an intruder in the house. He said Borrego was an acquaintance of the singer's and had not been invited to the home.

Rodriguez fired a single shot with a .357-caliber Magnum pistol and then called law enforcement officers.

The singer grew up and lives in Sabinal, about 60 miles east of Brackettville.

As a teenager, Rodriguez was in the Uvalde County Jail on a goat-theft charge when Texas Ranger Joaquin Jackson paid his fine and took him to Alamo Village, where he met his eventual manager, Happy Shahan.

Rodriguez entertained tourists until a break took him to Nashville and a lucrative recording contract. More than a dozen of the singer's albums and singles landed in the Top 10.

Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, Aug. 25

10:25 p.m., A Kinney County woman reported that two men had gotten their vehicle stuck at Pinto Creek. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene. He said the vehicle was pulled out of the creek by family members and friends.

Wednesday, Aug. 26

10:15 a.m., Ramon Santos, 29, of Del Rio was arrested for driving while his license was suspended by Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Santos was released the same day for time served.

Thursday, Aug. 27

5:45 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that two people were harassing her in the parking lot at Super S Foods. She said the two individuals were both drunk.

Friday, Aug. 28

3:28 a.m., A Brackettville man said that a strong smell of gas awoke him at his residence on E. Veltman Street. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was dispatched to the scene. The City of Brackettville was notified and the situation was taken care of.

9:29 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported juveniles drinking alcohol at the projects by the cemetery, located on E. First Street. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. Upon arriv-

ing, he saw three individuals running south. Chism found a 17-year-old man standing at the rear of one of the buildings. The man said that the two other individuals were about to fight, but ran away after seeing the patrol car. Chism told the man to go home, and was unable to locate the two other subjects.

Saturday, Aug. 29

12:12 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported a family disturbance at a residence on E. El Paso Street. She said that a man and his wife were arguing in their house while their two children were outside in their car. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. He found the couple talking outside. He said everything was under control.

Sunday, Aug. 30

9:10 a.m., Martin Ervesto Guevara, 19, of Houston was arrested by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar on outstanding DPS warrants out of Montgomery County for no driver's license, no insurance and failure to appear. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Guevara was released the same day after paying a \$600 fine.

10:54 p.m., Two men came into the Sheriff's Office to report an automobile accident at the Uvalde County line. The Uvalde Sheriff's Office was notified of the situation.

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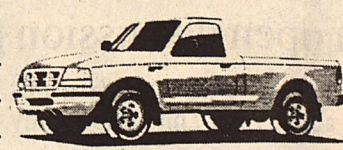
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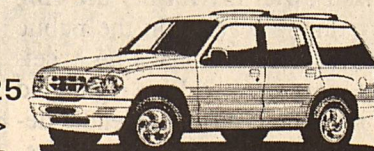
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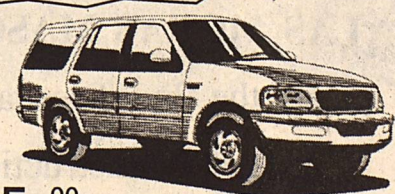
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MAKING A DIFFERENCE
By Taylor Stephenson, BISD Superintendent

Distance learning lab set up

Brackett ISD's distance learning lab is set up and is working in the old teachers' lounge, attached to the old gym.

I wish I had a more innovative name for the location, but that will work for now.

Distance learning involves a couple of TV sets and a camera, and a teacher who teaches from Hondo.

Students in Hondo and students in Brackettville can all learn from the same teacher. They can see and hear each other. In fact, they can hear the balls bouncing in the old gym, so we're working hard to try to soundproof the location. We'll see!

Next semester (in January), we should be able to offer a couple of college courses in English, history or math for adults at night through distance learning. We'll do a survey later in the fall.

School Budget

BISD has a budget that is conservatively made which includes less than a 2 percent increase other than fund balance to pay for the new building.

The project that we are currently working on, the Brackett High School Academic Wing, would have added about 20 cents to the tax rate for 15 to 20 years if we had paid for it from school bonds. Instead, we have managed to put back some money each year so that we would not have to zap local taxpayers with the 20 cent increase.

BISD needs to continue to operate that same way. We should spend money more conservatively, but maximize state and federal matching money and reduce the bite on local taxpayers.

This is a critical year for school boards in Texas. The state matching money is capped for the next three years by tax effort made in local districts this year.

The state match is about two-thirds state and one-third local. A minimal tax increase of say 3 cents might pay dividends by reducing the local tax bite for the next three years.

Now that we have a budget, the

School Board will have to wrestle with the funding of the budget.

Flooding

When I hear stories about the Del Rio flood, I am amazed that there was not more death and injury.

In our own town, I wonder about our warning system if we should get 12 inches of rain in the middle of the night. If one of the dams should have collapsed, how would we know what might be coming down the River?

This is the time to look at flood control and early warning systems. I challenge each of our governmental agencies to study these problems. Del Rio did well! Their crisis management team is to be commended.

New Curriculum

Our school system continues to operate extremely well. The teachers are working with a new curriculum that just took effect Tuesday called the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. This is the first major change in school curriculum in the past 15 years since Essential Elements became the Texas curriculum. As I talk to students, they seem very pleased with their school this year.

Wilkins Expecting

Our new advanced math teacher at BHS, Kimberly Wilkins, is expecting a baby any day.

Mrs. Wilkins is in San Angelo as I write this article checking to see when this young one will be born. Dave Wilkins, a special education teacher in grades 7-9 and an assistant coach, is minding the home-front while Kim is away.

Beth Ann Smith will be teaching Algebra I and Algebra II in Mrs. Wilkins' absence. Chuck Hall will be helping us with our advanced math. These folks are doing a great job helping out. Beth Ann finished the year last year for Coach Roy Rokovich.

Chuck responded, "Of course, I'll help," when I asked him for assistance. It is that type of cooperation that makes schools work. Thanks Beth Ann and Chuck for being there.

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

What do you do when you've locked yourself out of your car and have no extra key?

Rotarian Don Probasco of Uvalde's A-1 Lock and Key answered this and other questions for the Brackettville Rotary Club at last Thursday's luncheon meeting.

Probasco went into the lock and key business in 1980 and moved to Uvalde in 1986.

People had discouraged him from selecting this profession. From what they said, Probasco gathered it required a lot of patience and determination. He said he should be qualified because he had been a farmer, and it takes an extra amount of stubbornness to survive as a farmer. He disregarded the advice and became a locksmith.

He asked members, "Who has a key to your house? Do you have a special place to keep an extra key?" This can be an important question you hadn't asked yourself.

Perhaps you've lost a key. Could it have been stolen by someone with ulterior motives?

Perhaps you gave a key to someone and the situation, or



Dr. Charles Schmidt, right, welcomes Don Probasco to last week's Rotary Club meeting.
Photo by Eric McMaster

the relationship, has changed. Now, you don't want that person to have access to your home when you aren't there. If it can't be retrieved, you can have the lock repinned.

Probasco passed samples of different kinds of locks for members to examine while he spoke.

New cars usually have a couple of keys. A "key code" is printed on one of them, or on a metal tag attached to the key ring. Take this key code to the dealer to get additional keys

made. If you are a member of an auto club and have locked yourself out of your car, you can call an 800 number and an auto club will send someone to unlock it and will pay for the service.

Probasco said General Motors is very good to work with since they keep a record of the key code. Probasco carries 10 to 20 blanks with him that will usually open the car.

Probasco explained that there are all types and grades of locks.

There are some cheap locks that are good. Imported locks tend to be low quality.

Locksmiths speak of the "tolerance" of a lock. Low tolerance means that the lock doesn't provide much security. After a while, a cheap lock will start giving trouble. When this happens, you should replace it before you find it won't work at all.

The lock cylinder can be replaced to upgrade and make it more secure.

Safes offer high security. An open safe is relatively easy to service. However, if it is closed it can be very difficult.

A few safes are electronic at this time. In 10 years, Probasco expects all will be made that way. To open an electronic safe, one touches numbers shown rather than dialing.

Batteries operate an electronic safe, and when they start needing replacement, they beep. Probasco warned that you should get the new batteries before you remove the old ones. Memory is short lived. If you leave the safe without batteries, it may have a lapse of memory.

The Rotary Club is meeting at the Fort Clark Springs' Golf Club while the Las Moras Restaurant is closed for repairs.

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Major General Francis Henry French

Courtesy of his descendants

Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where he graduated 12th from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lt. of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas, where Lt. French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882, the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.

At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt. French began diaries, which he faithfully maintained for the next 30 years.

Monday, Sept. 6, 1886

Spent most of the morning at the factory but Father came down and is almost well again. Helped to pick out and prepare some goods for shipment. Came up home before Father, going through town to do some errands. In the afternoon intended to make some calls with Lula & Mother, but the hack man had another engagement. So went up with George to the shops and rode out on the front of a switch engine to the new shops where George is temporarily in charge and saw them building freight cars. George showed how thoroughly competent he is to manage this branch of the business. He stands high with his superiors and has just had his salary raised. Rode in on a passenger coach and went to the station where learned that excursion rates would be sold tomorrow to and from Chicago. After returning to the house wrote a while. Called in the evening with Lula on Mr. & Mrs. O.P. Morgan. When I was here in '83 she was Miss Fowler my former drawing & painting teacher in the public schools. She has made an excellent marriage and I am right glad of it as she is such a splendid deserving lady. Called also on Mrs. Hoffman and Bessie and Charlie Worden. Completed arrangements for Mother and self to start tomorrow morning at 1 o'clock for Chicago to spend the day there shopping.

Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1886

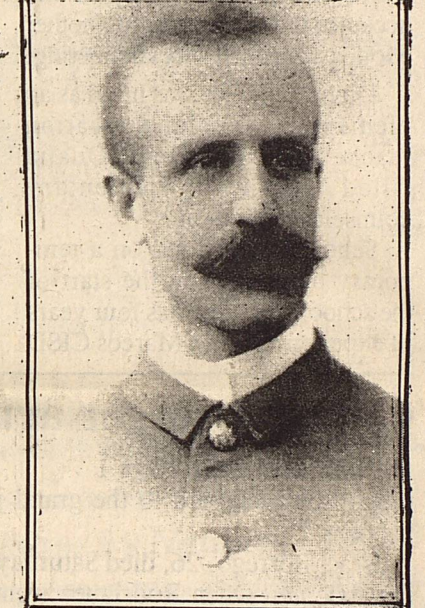
Was awakened at midnight by the alarm clock and soon Mother & I were on the way to the depot where we had to wait almost half an hour for the train. Slept most of the way up to Chicago where we arrived a little after six o'clock. Went up town to Vienna Bakery for breakfast and had a good meal at a low price. Then rode out to South Park. Instead of taking a park phaeton at the proper place we went out by dummy car. After arriving at the park I went to hunt a phaeton while Mother waited at the station, but could not find one. The

park is very extensive and beautiful and has very handsome floral decorations. Saw only a small part of it and was very much disappointed that Mother could not see more of it. Came back in a phaeton on its return trip down Drexel Boulevard and some very fine houses. This will be a most desirable place to live in a few years. Lizzie and John are putting up their house on the street that runs to the entrance to the park, but nearer to the lake. Went to Pullman Building and took Mother up to a restaurant near the top of the building, a magnificent 9 or 10 story structure that gives a beautiful outlook over the lake. While Mother stayed there, went down to 4th floor where headquarters of the Division of the Missouri are located calling first at the aides' room where was disappointed to find that Col. Towle had gone to Minnesota on account of hay fever. Met Lt. Johnson 7th Inf'y., an aide who took me over to the room to register and then to call on Gen. Bingham, the Chief Quartermaster whom I knew at Leavenworth. Was pleased to find him in such good health. He recognized me at once and was very pleasant, inviting me to call on Mrs. Bingham. Could not accept today. Went up stairs to call on Col. Lee who was formerly stationed in San Antonio, but he was not in his office. Then got Gen. Bingham to take me to Col. Smith's office, where I got pay for August and had a pleasant chat with the Colonel. Had a glimpse of Gen. Terry but did not meet him. He looks much older and is grayer than when I last saw him at West Point. Had a dish of ice cream at the restaurant and then went out to shop with Mother. Bought a set of chamber crockery and directed to have it sent by express to Clark the last of October. Priced some valises and trunks and find that a better arrangement can be made than Hewitt found in Paris. Must write him not to get me a toilet set there as they are too expensive. Bought a birthday present for Sue. Got in a milliner's shop where a confounded jewess almost insisted on Mother's buying a certain hat and made it hard work to get away. Shopped until almost three o'clock and then returned to the depot where found that we had just time to get our parcels from the office and to take the early train home

which would take us to Ft. Wayne by eight o'clock. So left without seeing John Hoagland at all. Regretted this especially as I wanted to take him to call on Gen. Bingham with whom I made a partial engagement for this afternoon. Am afraid John will not like it and must write him. The trip home was uninteresting. Celem Stapleford came in our car and we had quite a chat together. Have not seen him for a long time. Had supper after getting home and then tried to write and read but went to sleep in the chair. One month from today is Lula's wedding day.

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 1886

Went down to the factory this morning and helped pack some blankets. Father said that trade had been much better this year than ever and the orders larger. They shipped over 80 pair of blankets today to the Amana Society their best customer. Went up town to attend to some errands, got check cashed and had hair shampooed. Made enquiries about the price of a set of furniture but could find nothing to suit. Saw Mr. Bell but had no chance to speak about the suit. He politely invited me to his office sometime to talk the matter over. Returned to the factory and on the way up stopped at the tailor's but was disappointed to find that my overcoat has not been cut out yet. After dinner wrote to Hatfield enclosing check to apply on account and ordering a pair of trousers. Took a bath and then with Mother, Lula & Sue called on Mrs. John Shoaff, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Judge Hanna & Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. Judge Morris & daughters and Mrs. Charles Bond. Did not find the Morris girls nor Mrs. Bond at home. Mrs. Shoaff has a very pretty and convenient home, built near Grandmother's since my last visit. After supper, Sue, Mattie & I called on Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Eliza and Miss Maggie, but did not see former. Then we called on Kate and Jessie Hamilton and their mother, the latter being excused on account of a headache. Had a very pleasant time there, the young ladies being bright and pleasant. Went down to Detzer's drugstore for some soda water and had a talk with him about a toilet set for carrying in a valise. Think I can get just what I want from him. Wrote a letter to Hatfield to order some vest buttons and to



John Hoagland to explain about yesterday.

Thursday, Sept. 9, 1886

Did not go to the factory early this morning but stayed at home to write up diary and commenced a letter to Hewitt. Went down town before noon to attend to some orders for Mother & Sue and to see Detzer about my toilet case but he was too busy; so agreed to come in another time. Went down to the factory and walked up with Father. Tried on overcoat, which was partially made and found that it would make up quite well and would fit well. While writing after dinner Mecca Hoagland drove up with John Hill and sat for a while. Then she took him down town and returned to take me out for a long and very enjoyable ride. We went out past Grandmother's and across the river up to the vicinity of the paper mill, a ride that I had not taken for a long time. The golden rod was in bloom and in climbing a fence to get some had my trousers torn a little. Completed letter to Hewitt after returning. Received a telegram today that Lula's invitations would be expressed from New York on Friday sure. In the evening went down town with Lula, carried trousers to Mr. Fowles to be repaired and then went to Will Tigar's to call. He, Walter and Herbert have put up three very pretty cottages which add immensely to the appearance of that part of town. He was not at home, but we had a pleasant time with his mother and wife. That pain in my back came again, so that we came home. Found Mr. and Mrs. Chapman here. Sat down with them a while and then had to excuse myself. Got a mustard plaster to work after going to bed and soon had relief and was able to go to sleep. Confound this pain, it seems that I am developing into a fussy old invalid, with more aches and pains every day. Must see Dr. Laubach tomorrow in regard to this.

But, I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall

An open discussion that all parents dread

It's confession time. No, this isn't about Bill. This is about my kids.

We took a trip about three weeks ago and Charlie and Katie started talking about when they were little and growing up. Funny, I thought they were still little and growing up.

Regardless, we had one of those open discussions that all parents dread. Probably all kids have had them at one time or another with their parents. The ones where they tell all sorts of tales that the old folks really

don't want to hear.

This time it was my turn to be the parent -- to be the listener. They talked of a broken lamp (I always wondered how that happened!), juice spilled on the sofa, and numerous "missing" items.

At some point, I begged them to stop. What could I do? It was too late to punish them.

I guess this was the penalty I had to pay for my childhood pranks that mom and dad had to overlook. But, I could be wrong.


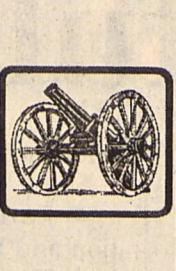




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Tigers open gridiron campaign
Brackett hosts Sabinal tomorrow night at 7:30



Brackett defensive end Coty Williams, right, puts pressure on Leakey's quarterback during last week's scrimmage. Williams and the Tigers will face Sabinal tomorrow in the season opener for both teams.
Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

The Brackett Tigers will open their 1998 football campaign tomorrow night as they host the Sabinal Yellowjackets in a 7:30 contest.

"We're ready to go," said David Yeager, who is in his first season as the Tigers head football coach. "I think our kids are excited and ready for the challenge of facing a good Sabinal team."

In last year's contest, the Yellowjackets edged the Tigers in overtime, 20-13.

"I think it will be a dog fight," Sabinal coach Doug Spring said of tomorrow's season opener. "Brackett has a young team, but they will get better each time they step on the field."

The Tigers' offense is powered by veteran running backs Wes Baker and Brent Smith.

"Their running backs are one of the strong points of their team," Spring said. "We will have to contain their running game."

The Yellowjackets return 18 lettermen from last year's 9-3 ball club that advanced to the area playoffs before falling to Granger, 29-14.

"Sabinal has a fine program," Yeager said. "They run a wide open offense that will exploit any weaknesses that you have. We will have to play sound defensively. It will be a good challenge for our kids, but I think they will respond and play a good football game."

Spring said the Tigers are always tough on the defensive side of the ball.

"They have a very aggressive group," he said. "Wes Baker, Brent Smith and Coty Williams are all good athletes. Brackett always plays good defense."

Tigerettes fall to Lady Eagles

LEAKEY -- The Tigerettes were overpowered by a tough Leakey team Tuesday as Brackett fell to the Lady Eagles 15-1, 15-7.

The Tigerettes, who dropped to 2-4 on the season, will host Sabinal tomorrow and then travel to Utopia on Tuesday. Both matches begin at 4:30 p.m.

Brackett scored five of its eight points on aces against Leakey. Erika Garcia served two aces, while Hilda Aguirre, Jennifer Ashabranner and Michelle Melancon all had one.

Ashabranner and Patty Lopez each had a kill. Lindsey Brotherton had two assists and a block, and Stephanie Terrazas picked up three digs.

The Tigerettes took fourth in the Hondo Invitational volleyball tournament on Saturday.

In the semifinals, Brackett lost to Hondo, a Class 3A school, 15-2, 15-12.

Ashabranner and Garcia each had two aces against Hondo, while Terrazas had two digs.

Ashabranner also had two kills and a block. Terrazas had two kills, and Melancon and Tiffany Eckenrod both pitched in one. Eckenrod also had a block. Brotherton finished with six assists.

In the third place final, the Tigerettes dropped a 15-8, 15-13 decision to Medina Valley.

Brackett's junior varsity finished third in the tournament.

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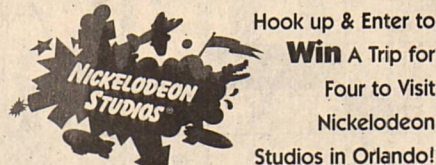
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Local state parks have full calendar

This week, we will take a look at some of the upcoming events at Texas State Parks during the month of September.

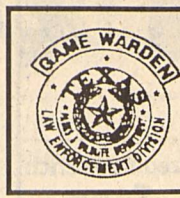
Fate Bell Cave Dwelling Tour, Seminole Canyon SHP, Comstock: Every Wednesday thru Sunday, go on a guided walking tour to one of North America's oldest cave dwellings whose wall are covered with Pecos River-style pictographs, some 4,000 years old. Tours are at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Fees are \$3 per person, and \$1

for children between the ages of 6 and 12. For more information, call (915) 292-4464.

Bird Banding, Davis Mountains SP, Fort Davis: Join us daily, from 8 to 11 a.m., as we identify and band birds that have been caught in the mist net.

Fees are \$2 for adults, and admission is free to children 12 and under. Reservations are required. For more information, call (915) 426-3897.

Green Cave Bat Flight Observation, Kickapoo Cavern



A Little On The Wildlife Side

By Henry Lutz
Kinney County Game Warden



SP, Brackettville: On Sept. 11 and Sept. 25, an evening interpretive program from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. will feature the emergence of the Brazillian freetail bats.

Fees are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Reservations are required. For more information, call (830) 563-2342.

Primitive Cave Tour, Kickapoo Cavern SP, Brackettville: On Sept. 11 and Sept. 25, join us on a flashlight tour of an undeveloped Hill Country cave, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Fees are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Reservations are required. For more

information, call (830) 563-2342.

Devil's Sinkhole Observation and Batflight, Devils Sinkhole SNA, Rocksprings: Observation and interpretation of the Devil's Sinkhole phenomenon and Brazillian freetail bat emergence on Sept. 12 and Sept. 26. Call for time.

Fees are \$4 for TCP members, \$8 for non-members, and \$4 for children 12 and under. Reservations are required. For more information, call (830) 563-2342.

Dinosaur Walk, San Angelo

SP, San Angelo: On Sept. 19, Hike back in time to tracks left over 200 million years ago by Permian vertebrates. The three-mile total hike is from 1 to 3 p.m.

In addition to the park entry fee, the tour fees are free to TCP members, \$2 for non-members, and \$1 for children 12 and under. Reservations are available, but are not required. For more information, call (915) 949-4757.

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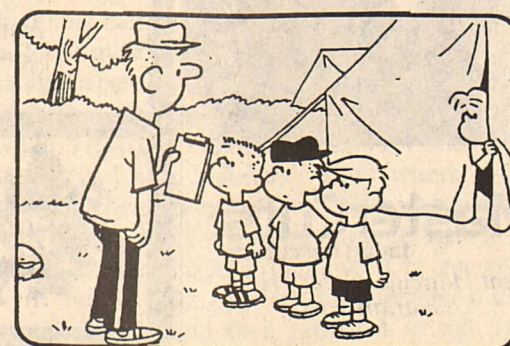
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Forks	Salt spoons	Soup spoon	Utensils
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FIND AT LEAST 9 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
Differences: 1. Stripe is added. 2. Fence is moved. 3. Tent is smaller.
4. Shorts are different. 5. Rock is moved. 6. Cap is reversed.
7. Hat is different. 8. Hat is moved. 9. Hat is smaller.

Your Horoscope by Natasha



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You may decide this week to make a change in residence or to spruce up the appearance of your living quarters. You have been wrestling with a problem within yourself for some time now. The answer comes to you this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It is important to be your own person, even if a relative may not go along with your plans. News by letter or phone delights you. Pay attention to details on the job.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Good news comes this week about a business matter. You will decide whether to finally clear up an old debt. Be alert also for new career opportunities afforded to you this weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) New business openings come your way. A work project seems at a dead end. Partnership interests are highlighted. Benefits come through friendship while socializing over the weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You may be faced with extra household repairs or a responsibility in connection with a relative. What a partner says midweek puts you in a delightful mood. This carries over to the weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Extra expenses may arise in connection with a family obligation. Singles will make a major decision about a relationship. Those who can get away may have the perfect trip this weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You will decide whether to continue with your present employment. New business leads arise. New chances for recognition and financial gain will come your way through an acquaintance.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Good news from a friend concerns a visit. Innovative ideas are on the money in business. A turning point, for better or worse, is reached in a relationship. This weekend, friends are very entertaining.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The week brings social successes and happiness with a loving tie. You may be concerned about bills or delays of monies owed you. It is a time when you accomplish much from behind-the-scenes.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Plans involving travel are subject to change this week. A brother or sister-in-law may face problems. It is a good time to go after personal goals. Things go your way!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Judgment is good about financial interests, and plans are in the works for travel. In business, you may meet with extra duties, a setback or a delay early on. This clears up by week's end.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You are on the right track regarding career interests as partners are a source of happiness. Your patience is at its limits concerning a friendship, though. Make peace during the weekend.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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True tears are expressive, and display emotion of the moment

By Rev. Joe Townsend
Frontier Baptist Church

"Tears" is mentioned 46 times in the Bible. This is enough to give significance. Tears are not necessarily a true measure of the character of an individual. Some can turn on the crocodile tears at any cue. Others have a difficult time crying at all. It used to be that boys were taught, "Men don't cry."

True tears are, however, very expressive. They may express sorrow. They may express concern. They may express anger. They may express joy. They are basically an expression of the emotion of the moment.

The Bible promises the blessings of God on tears shed on his behalf. Jesus wept over

the waywardness of Jerusalem. We can weep when one dies. However, we seldom weep when we know there are those who face an eternity in a horrendous hell because of their lack of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior.

We can cry when we plan some elaborate activity and no one comes. But we don't cry when people refuse to attend the worship of God.

We can cry when someone mistreats us or our loved ones, but we don't cry when someone mistreats Jesus Christ.

We cry about our physical conditions, but we seldom cry over our spiritual conditions. It's amazing how we can become deeply concerned about the things of this world which

will eventually pass away, but are little concerned about things that are eternal. If all people could be more concerned about their souls and their faith (or lack of it) in Jesus Christ, this world would become more like heaven.

As it is, the lack of concern about Jesus Christ and his importance is making our world more like hell.

Sunday is an all important day at Frontier Baptist Church. In the morning worship service, the Lord's Supper will be served. This will be followed by a fellowship luncheon. All are cordially invited to worship and be blessed by the activities of the day beginning at 11 a.m.

Joy is the experience of being welcomed, accepted, celebrated

Submitted by
St. Mary Magdalene Church

"When the Lord brought back the captives to Zion, we were like men who dreamed. Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.'" Psalm 126:1-3

What is joy? Is it happiness? No, happiness is more diffuse, more general than joy. Is it contentment? I don't think so. Contentment is so much tamer than joy. I would offer that joy is an

experience of being welcomed, of being accepted, of being celebrated and enjoyed without reservation, without condition.

Joy is the experience of being known completely, of being seen for who we are and being judged as good and worthy and pleasing.

Joy is the moment in which we come to know ourselves as God truly created us.

Joy is the moment in which we come to know another as sister or brother.

Joy is the moment in which we come to know God as a God of grace and love.

You are invited to worship with us at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

Readings from the book of Psalms

By Rev. William P. Adams Sr.
St. John's Missionary Church

"Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. "Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men. "For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past and as a watch in the night. "Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up. "In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth. "For we are consumed by thine

anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled. "Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance. "For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told. "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. "Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath. "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Psalms 90: 1-12

Praise God! The St. John's prayer lines, 563-3032 and 563-9228, are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

God's will is to give everyone rest

By Pastor Charolette Corey
Gateway Ministries

During the recent flooding of our area, there have been many people laboring around the clock to search for missing persons, tend to the dead, bring in fresh water, food, and clothing, restore utilities and homelife, and minister to the spiritual needs of the people who have survived.

Many are giving thanks to God for helping them get out of difficult places in time or sparing their homes and families altogether. They have known "in whom" their "help cometh."

Still others are crying out and shaking their fists at God, blaming him for what has happened, not realizing that he has had his ministering angels very busy trying to help people through all this.

Who knows how many angels spoke quiet words of warning into people's hearts that there was something "amiss" or that people should not be where they were at the time?

Who knows how many people did not heed the quickening of their spirits to do something other than what they did?

While others listened to God's gentle whispers to help others, even at the peril of their own lives.

The heroes are those who listened to the voice of God and did what he told them to do in spite of the lack of "logic" of the matter. God does not force people to make the right choices. He simply gives them the opportunity to do so.

Those that blame God do not realize he was always there to help, if one would heed him. When bad things happen, "good men"

(and women) rally together and do not place blame, but do what they can to help, forgiving what they do not understand, being vessels of God's unconditional love.

What Satan has meant for destruction, God can use for good as people draw to Jesus in their time of need.

God's will is to give everyone rest. His word says "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matt. 11:28-30

Let Jesus destroy your "yoke" and take your burdens from you as you place your trust in him. Rest in Jesus.

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

I have seen God's hand

By Rev. Sheree Harris
First United Methodist Church

Only on the occasion of the births of my children have I felt more blessed than I did on Monday morning, Aug. 24.

I awoke to no electricity, no water, and soggy carpets, but my husband and children were alive and well. And as the day wore on, I felt more and more grateful.

We stepped out onto our front porch and in unbelieving bewilderment viewed the damage surrounding our home. Parts of the once beautiful circle drive on which we live in Del Rio would later be condemned.

Later in the week I, along with my bishop and district superintendent and our conference and district disaster relief coordinators, went to the San Felipe section of Del Rio and saw the utter devastation there. Then I drove down Spring Street here in Brackettville.

The effects of recent rains are far reaching, but so are the sto-

ries of courage and compassion. From the moment we first stepped out onto our porch Monday morning, we heard story after story of people risking their lives to help save someone else. We saw neighbor helping neighbor and strangers banding together to help alleviate human suffering.

During this time of tragedy, the line between neighbor and stranger has grown mercifully dim.

My heart has been overwhelmed with grief for people who have lost so much. My heart has been overwhelmed by people who have given so much.

In and through all of this, I have seen God's hand. Beneath and around us, I have felt God's hand. In the wordless speech among victims and volunteers, I have heard God's voice.

I have seen nature gone awry. I have seen miracles. I do not know why such tragic things happen, but this I know and this is my witness: God is with us; thanks be to God.

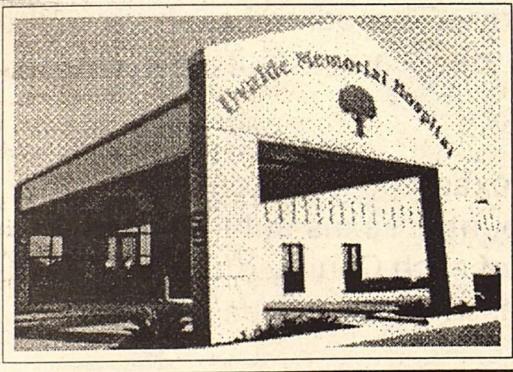
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS - The County of Kinney is now accepting bids for the construction of a bridge crossing Pinto Creek in southwestern Kinney County until 10:30 AM on Monday, September 15, 1998, at the office of the County Judge in the County Courthouse, City of Brackettville. Bids may be delivered to the office of the County Judge or mailed to the attention of the County Judge, P.O. Box 348, Brackettville, Texas 78832. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 17, 1998; in the County Commissioner's Courtroom in the County Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas. The project involves the construction of a bridge using 4-60' long X 9' wide railroad flat cars supported by 12" casing pipe columns on each end and concrete columns and a beam in the center. Plans and specifications may be picked up or requested from the office of Charles Rothe and Associates, Inc. Consulting Engineer, 1705 Avenue K, Hondo, Texas (Telephone - 830-426-3005). A \$25.00 deposit is required for each set of plans and specifications.

REAL ESTATE

100-300 ACRES 45 minutes west of Kerrville, trophy white tails, axis, fallows, hogs, turkey, quail and dove. Electricity, tanks, windmills, \$595 - \$695/Acre. Terms. 1-830-792-4953.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Brackettville will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1997 by .0313 or 3.13 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on September 10, 1998 at City Hall Annex, Highway 90 West at 6:00 P.M.

FOR the proposal: Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Gonzalez, Alderwoman Mary V. Flores, Alderman Jerry J. Guidry and Alderman Eric W. Robinson.

AGAINST the proposal: None.

PRESENT and not voting: None.

ABSENT: Alderwoman Hortencia Pena.

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
County Wide:		
Average home value	\$19,125	\$19,125
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Average taxable value	\$19,125	\$19,125
Tax rate	.7792 /\$100	.7792 /\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$149.02	\$149.02 (proposed)

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would remain the same by \$ -0- or -0- percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would remain the same by \$.00 per \$100 of taxable value or -0- percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

PUBLIC NOTICE: The City of Brackettville Tax Rate has not changed from last year.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 1998-1999 KINNEY COUNTY BUDGET AND NOTICE OF INCREASE OF OFFICERS' SALARIES

Pursuant to section 111.007 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners' Court of Kinney County, Texas gives notice that they will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed 1998-1999 Budget. The Proposed Budget is on file at the County Clerk's Office for public inspection. The Budget Hearing will be on Monday, September 14, 1998 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the County Courtroom in the Kinney County Courthouse, Brackettville, Texas. The commissioners invite the public to attend and participate in the Hearing as it will consider the proposed Budget on said date.

Pursuant to section 152.013 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners' Court of Kinney County, Texas publishes the proposed salaries, expenses, or allowances of each County official (elected) and the amount of the proposed increases. They are as follows:

OFFICIAL	CURRENT SALARY	PROPOSED SALARY
County Judge	26,552.40	28,000.00
County Attorney	24,744.85	25,982.09
County Clerk	24,744.85	25,982.09
Tax Assessor/Collector	16,978.14	17,827.04
County Treasurer	16,978.14	17,827.04
Justice of the Peace	19,086.36	20,040.67
County Sheriff	25,923.10	27,219.25
Constable	3,879.60	4,151.17
Commissioner Pct. 1	9,025.77	9,477.06
Commissioner Pct. 2	9,025.77	9,477.06
Commissioner Pct. 3	9,025.77	9,477.06
Commissioner Pct. 4	9,025.77	9,477.06

The increases as proposed will be discussed at our regular Budget Hearing that is set for Monday, September 14, 1998, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the County Courtroom in the Kinney County Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas. The Commissioners invite the public to attend and participate when the Public Officials' salaries, expenses, and allowances will be discussed and set on said date.