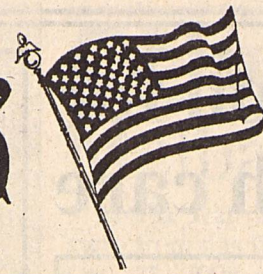


# The Brackett News



## Happy Halloween

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### Briefs ...

#### Officials try to bring college courses here

Brackett ISD is working with Southwest Texas Junior College to bring college courses to the local campus in January, school officials announced.

The courses will be open to any person in the community who can meet the requirements to enroll at the college. Course offering will depend on community interest and availability.

A fee will be charged for the courses that will include a registration fee and a textbook fee.

Persons who are interested should determine their first and second choices for courses and then contact Susan Veach at 563-2491, Ext. 100.

"You must call soon so we can make arrangements with the college," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

#### Arts Council to host wine and cheese party

The Kinney County Arts Council will host a wine and cheese party at the Breen Gallery on Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m. The local Arts Council sponsors cultural events for the citizens and school children of the area.

#### Hunter's Round-Up Nov. 13 in Uvalde

UVALDE - The Uvalde Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Hunter's Round-Up on Friday, Nov. 13.

The Round-Up starts at 6 p.m. at the Uvalde Civic Center, located at 100 East Main Street.

Admission is free if you have an out-of-town drivers license, or if you have a current hunting license. Otherwise, the price is \$5 per person.

The Round-Up will feature an assortment of wild game, and there will be a number of booths set up by vendors.

Throughout the night there will be door prizes and raffles, one being given away by the Uvalde Chamber. This package includes a chance to win one of the following three - the Deer Hunter's Special, an approximate value of \$1,800; the Upland Hunter's Special, an approximate value of \$1,800; and a recreational package, an approximate value of \$1,000.

Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. They will be available at the door or pre-sale at the Uvalde Chamber of Commerce, 300 E. Main Street. Winners do not have to be present.



Summer Allen (from left), Whitney Hobbs, Juliann Ashabranner, Bailee Allen and Allison LaMascus (not pictured) decorated the window at Davis Hardware as a part of National 4-H week.

## County receives FEMA funding

By J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

Kinney County officials have been awarded \$271,939.13 in federal funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in order to repair damages caused by severe flooding in late August.

County officials made the announcement during Monday morning's Commissioners Court meeting.

The county has to match 25 percent of the funds.

Officials have agreed to allow the Middle Rio Grande Development Council to administer a grant application to the Texas Disaster Recovery Fund in order to pay the matching funds.

FEMA officials approved the following projects: Las Moras Road, \$75,680; Standart Lane, \$46,670; R.R. 693 and Highway 131, \$26,400; Anacacho Road, \$63,650; Tularosa Road, \$22,880; Schubach Road, \$45,760; Chapman Road, \$44,429; and Kinney County Ranch Estates, \$26,400.

Two projects are pending additional approval.

## Governor's race heads Tuesday's general election

George W. Bush is attempting to become the first governor in Texas history elected to consecutive four-year terms.

The Republican incumbent faces Democrat Garry Mauro, Libertarian Lester Turlington Jr. and write-in candidate Susan Lee Solar in Tuesday's general election.

As of Wednesday, 208 Kinney County citizens had turned out for early voting, which ends tomorrow at the County Clerk's Office.

Polling sites for the Nov. 3 general election are Slaton Hall, Precinct 1; Brackett High School auditorium, Precinct 2; Brackettville Housing Authority No. 5, Precinct 3; and Kinney County Library Annex, Precinct 4.

Six local candidates are running unopposed on the ballot, including Herb Senne, county judge; Dora Elia Sandoval, district and county clerk; Janis J. Floyd, county treasurer; Joe Montalvo, Precinct 2 commissioner; Pat Melancon, Precinct 4 com-

### Polling sites

Precinct	.....	Polling sites
1	.....	Slaton Hall
2	.....	Brackett High School auditorium
3	.....	Housing Authority No. 5
4	.....	Kinney County Library Annex

missioner; and John Ford, justice of the peace.

The ballot features a race for the District 23 U.S. representative.

Republican incumbent Henry Bonilla is being challenged by Democrat Charlie Urbina Jones and Libertarian William A. (Bill) Stallknecht.

Lt. governor candidates include Anthony Garcia, Libertarian; Rick Perry, Republican; and John Sharp, Democrat.

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## TNRCC grants Spofford temporary water supply

### Officials attempt to come to terms

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) approved a petition from the city of Spofford last Friday and ordered the City of Brackettville to provide temporary water services to the small Kinney County community.

The City of Spofford has been receiving water from the Fort Clark Springs Municipal Utility District, which terminated the service last week because a water line had been installed to provide water from Brackettville to Spofford.

Under the TNRCC's emergency order, Spofford will pay a monthly charge of \$7.35, plus \$1.25 for each thousand gallons of water in excess of 3,000 gallons - Brackettville's rate for residential service.

Negotiations to provide water to the City of Spofford had stalled after a revised contract was rejected by the Brackettville City

Council during its regular meeting last week.

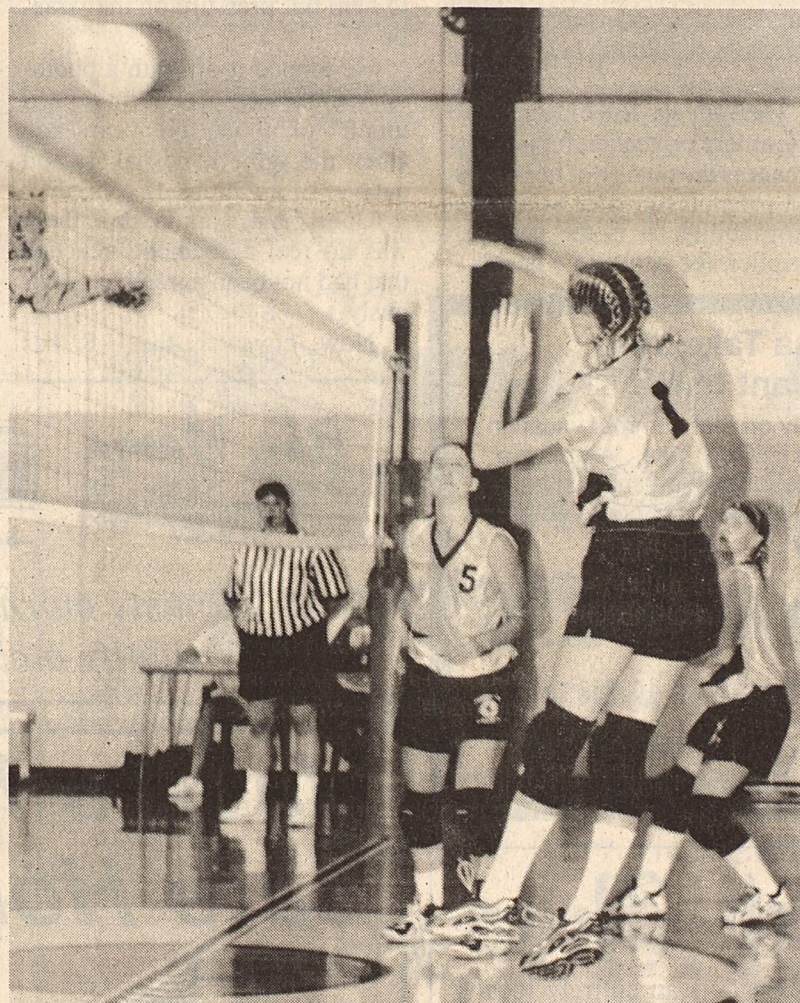
The city councils for both entities met in a workshop earlier this month to negotiate the terms of the contract. The revisions made during the workshop were rejected by the Brackettville council.

Under the emergency order, temporary water services will be provided for up to 90 days to allow Spofford and Brackettville officials to finalize a contract.

The Brackettville City Council discussed the matter during a special meeting Tuesday night.

After meeting over an hour in executive session, Brackettville officials suggested two additions to the revised contract concerning future state mandates to the water system and domestic usage.

Brackettville and Spofford lawyers are expected to discuss the additions prior to a TNRCC hearing set for Wednesday.



Jennifer Ashabranner (1) led the Tigerettes to a win over Natalia Tuesday. See story, Page 6. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

## Brothertons claim \$100 savings bonds

Brandy and Lindsey Brotherton each won a \$100 U.S. savings bond after winning a letter writing contest sponsored by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser's Auxiliary.

Lindsey, a senior at Brackett High School, placed fifth and Brandy, a junior at Texas A&M University, placed ninth.

The contest helps to encourage young people to take an interest in writing elected officials. The subject addressed was the effect of environmental regulations on private property rights in the United States.

Letters were judged by Ben Love, who is a leading private property rights advocate. He is a lawyer and rancher in the Big Bend area of Texas. Letters were judged on grammar, factual content, persuasiveness and form.



Brent Smith (2) and the Brackett Tigers will be looking for their first playoff berth since 1992 Friday when they travel to Natalia. See related story, Page 6. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

## HAPPY HALLOWEEN

### Safety tips for trick-or-treaters

Although "trick or treat" is the usual shout on Halloween night, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry says that "safety first" should be the watchword for parents and trick-or-treaters in rural communities this holiday.

"By taking a few simple precautions, we can decrease the number of unnecessary accidents to ensure that everyone has a good time," Perry said.

Houses are usually farther apart in rural areas, which means children may have to travel greater distances to go trick-or-treating. In addition, many streets and roads in rural areas are not well lit, so drivers should be extra cautious and watch out for costumed children Halloween evening.

Perry offered these additional Halloween safety tips:

- Adults should accompany younger children.
- Children should take a flash-

light with them.

- Wear costumes or clothing with reflective markings or tape.
- Make sure that costumes do not drag the floor and shoes fit properly.
- Make sure that masks don't obstruct a child's vision.
- Look for flame-retardant costumes.
- Children should bring all candy and treats home to be inspected by parents before eating.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is involved with safety education through exhibits at fairs, livestock shows and trade exhibitions.

"The safety of our children is a primary concern," Perry said. "They are the future farmers, ranchers and business leaders of agriculture."

Safety should also be on the minds of motorists during the

Halloween holiday, according to Toni Barcellona, state coordinator for the Coalition for Vehicle Choice.

With the majority of trick-or-treaters being out after dark, it makes it harder for motorists to see them, especially with dark costumes.

"Make sure you take your masks off when running from house to house-any kind of mask can make it harder for youngsters to see," Barcellona said.

Pedestrian deaths alone accounted for more than 13 percent of traffic fatalities in the United States last year, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Last year, 128 people were involved in traffic-related incidents on Halloween night. Of those, 35 individuals were injured fatally and 20 were categorized as pedestrians.

### INSIDE

#### ■ Kay Bailey Hutchison

The vast majority of us trust our doctors. We don't want an insurance company telling our doctors what kind of care to give us. **Opinion/Page 2**

#### ■ Taylor Stephenson

Have you noticed the increase in buildings in Brackettville? At Fort Clark Springs, new homes are going up all over the fort. **Community/Page 3**

#### ■ Runners prepare

Brackett's cross country teams, coming off a good performance at Uvalde, are gearing up for Saturday's district meet in Dilley. **Sports/Page 6**

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# Right prescription for affordable health care

Getting good medical care in our country has grown complicated. The vast majority of us like and trust our doctors. We don't want an insurance company telling our doctors what kind of care to give us.

After spending more than seven months examining the roadblocks to affordable, quality health care, Congress has come up with a health-care bill that will give new rights and remedies to the 172 million Americans covered by health insurance or health maintenance organizations.

The Patients' Bill of Rights, as it's been dubbed, is based on three primary principles:

First, all health plans in America should make an appeals process available to their customers so patients don't become victims of unfair decisions made by their HMOs or insurance companies.

Second, we believe the United States has developed a health-care standard that is the envy of the world. People from all around the globe come here when they want state-of-the-art care. We should establish a system for quality research that bridges the gap between what we know and what we do in health care today. Any changes we make in our system should build on our strengths.

Finally, we recognize that too many Americans do not have access to the best possible care because of high costs and plans that limit choices.

Our Patients' Bill of Rights holds health care plans accountable for their actions. This is the only way we can ensure that Americans receive medical care when they need it most. This is to be accomplished by setting up a cost-free, independent review process patients can use to challenge questionable decisions made by their health plans.

Most health plans in America



Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

are regulated at the state government level. But for patients in health plans not regulated by the state, we have provided some basic guarantees. These include:

- Guaranteed access to emergency room care.

- Ensuring patient care will continue uninterrupted if a doctor leaves a health plan.

- Banning so-called "gag-clauses" restricting doctors from discussing all treatment options with their patients.

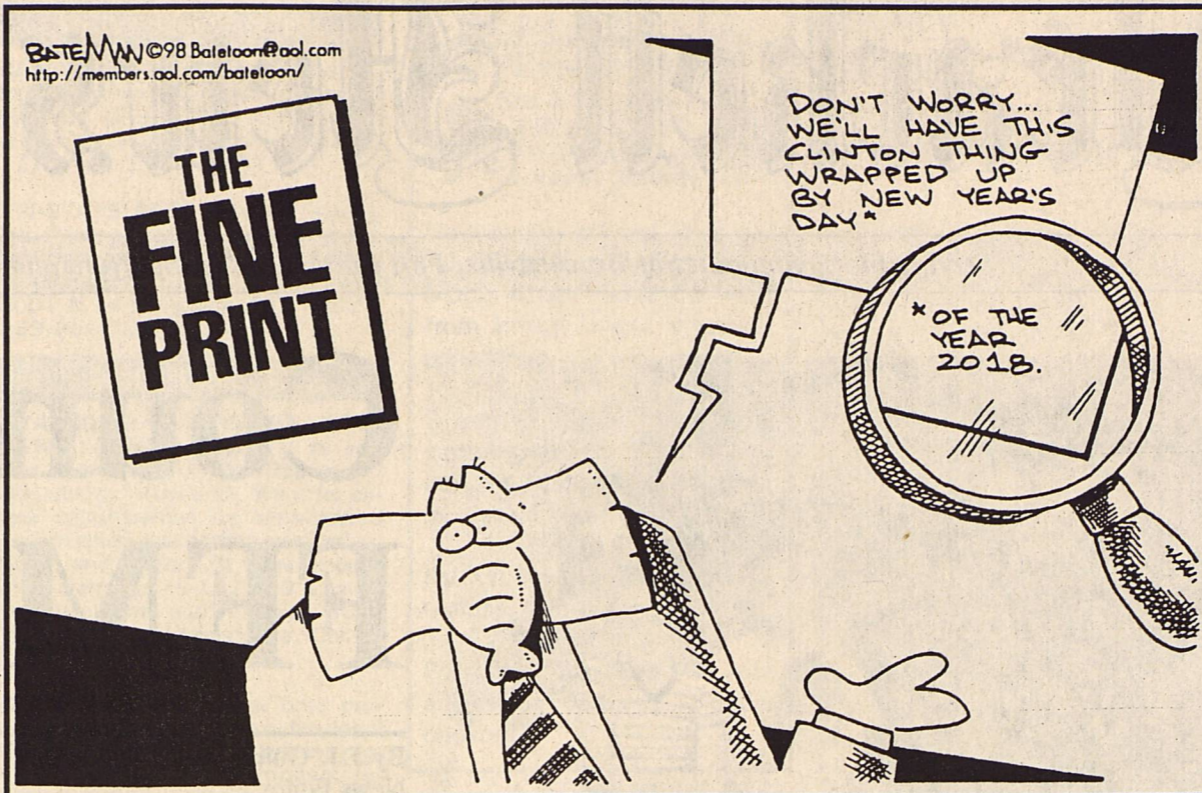
- Allowing direct access to pediatricians, obstetricians and gynecologists without first consulting a "gatekeeper."

Finally, this plan would improve the choice, access and power Americans have in purchasing health-care coverage. It would give every self-employed individual in America a 100 percent tax deduction for health-care costs - the same benefit enjoyed by corporate health plans.

Currently, 5.4 million Americans in households headed by a self-employed individual have no health insurance, including 1.2 million children.

And unlike other proposals now before Congress, our plan gives states the right to innovate and does not undermine existing state laws regulating health insurance.

The Patients' Bill of Rights provides more protection for patients, enhances the quality of health care and promotes greater access and affordability. It is the best prescription for America's health.



# Who is leading who?

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



There has never been a greater spin master than the wily Bill Clinton and his coterie.

The entire world got a good demonstration of the adolescent mind frame of Slick Willy when he came down from the helicopter at the great conference on the Israeli-Arab conflict being led by his dog.

It showed how serious he was. Trying to impress the world that he was a great arbiter, he had to have the support of a dog.

I'm sure this required the bringing of a handler for the dog and considerable expense footed by taxpayers.

To bolster his Arab bias he has demonstrated for years, he had to bring into the conference the most respected king of the Arab world to help put pressure on the Israelis.

He topped it off with a photo-op reminiscent of a former "triumph" of about five years ago when the same handshakers and palaver of a victorious conflag.

Upon close examination, there was no real agreement reached that had not been agreed to previously.

Now, however, the U.S. has

become much more involved. Failing to get a restoration of previous actions, Uncle Santa Claus comes loaded with taxpayers' dollars and dishes out \$1 billion plus.

In addition, the agency charged with secrecy and spying is committed 2,000 strong to "monitor" the situation. It comes out that the CIA has been involved in training "security" forces for the PIO for quite some time.

It is repulsive that Clinton has been a heavy-handed promoter of the Arab cause for years.

To commit American personnel to such a volatile situation is evidence of catering to a vindictive enemy people. Even as the conference was in progress, Arab terrorists bombed and killed innocent Israelis.

Arab Arafat is a perfect clone of Bill Clinton. Time and again, he has made promises and commitments only to forget about them and continue his nefarious

ways. Even \$1 billion and the support of the CIA of the U.S. won't change the character of a dedicated terrorism promoter.

Another shining example of political sleaze is the John Glenn joy ride into space. The startling exaltation of the affair by the media shows the lack of objective integrity.

Glenn, as a U.S. senator, put pressure on NASA to take him simply because he wanted to go. As a member of a committee to investigate illegal campaign contributions, he blocked real investigations by his offensive actions and stupidly abusive questions.

He deserves a kickback, and he got it. NASA should have deducted from its budget allocation the total cost of this escapade and Glenn should be sanctioned by withholding from his salary the cost of his time lost from his elected responsibilities.

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# There is help for Texas agriculture

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

Farmers and ranchers in Texas and across the country will be getting some much needed help.

Last week, Congress passed a bill that provides billions of dollars in emergency assistance to producers who have been hit hard. In some parts of the country it was floods, in other parts it was drought. In Texas it was both.

A devastating drought plagued southern states like Texas for most of the summer. Thirsty cattle stood in dried out fields with nothing to graze on. Corn, wheat and cotton crops withered in the fields. In many places, the soil got so dry the ground cracked.

Then the rains came. Too much, too late. Producers who had been praying for rain all summer were flooded to the point of disaster. The ground, which had been dry for so many months, was too hard to absorb the massive amounts of rain that came. The few crops that actually survived the drought were destroyed by the rain.

Legislation passed by Congress last week will make a big difference for farmers and ranchers left staggering from the devastating weather events of the past year.

Producers in areas which were declared federal disaster areas will get millions of dollars to help them recoup their losses. In addition, farmers and ranchers across Texas, and throughout the nation, will receive \$3.15 billion in additional Agricultural Market Transition Act payments. That's almost a 50 percent increase over the payments they received last year.

Livestock producers are getting some much needed help as well. This sweeping legislation provides \$200 million for an emergency livestock feed program. This program will be administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In order to get this money into the pockets of producers as soon as possible, regulations have been streamlined to speed up the process. That will save a lot of time and get producers the aid they need sooner than later.

The bill also includes many tax provisions that will help farmers and ranchers.

One tax provision that will greatly help producers and other small businesses, is the health insurance deductibility provision. By the year 2003, producers will be able to deduct 100 percent of their health insurance costs.

In addition, the legislation makes income averaging a permanent part of the tax code. This gives farmers and ranchers another tool to smooth out income spikes.

This past year has been a tough one for farmers and ranchers. This legislation reflects Congress' determination to help producers get through these tough times.

American agriculture is the best in the world. It provides the world's safest and cheapest food supply. This bill will make sure American producers have the tools they need to continue providing America and the world with inexpensive and abundant food.

# Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

Some time ago, a young man came to be a part of the community. He soon found a very important niche and because of his personality made many friends and accumulated a large following.

He is dedicated to his responsibilities and is not content to just do the ordinary, but his initiative leads him to seek opportunities to expand his services.

A major part of his work is with boys and girls. He quickly establishes rapport with them and finds in them support not easily earned.

He is a very likeable individual and most accommodating to any who can avail themselves of his expertise resources. He certainly is a wonderful addition to our community. Surely, Robert Elledge is an Unsung Hero.

# General election set for Tuesday

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The attorney general's race features Libertarian Mike Angwin, Republican John Cornyn, and Democrat Jim Mattox.

Candidates for comptroller of public accounts are Democrat Paul Hobby, Libertarian Alex Monchak, and Republican Carole Keeton Rylander.

Running for land commissioner are Republican David Dewhurst, Libertarian J. Manuel "Monte" Montez, and Democrat Richard Raymond.

The agriculture commissioner's race features Susan Combs, a Republican; Jimmy T. LaBaume, a Libertarian; and L.P. "Pete" Patterson, a Democrat.

Nov. 3 general election candidates			
Other independents and write-in candidates not included.			
	Republican Party	Democratic Party	Libertarian Party
U.S. Rep., District 23	Henry Bonilla (i)	Charlie Urbina Jones	William A. Stallknecht
Governor	George W. Bush (i)	Gary Mauro	Lester R. Turlington, Jr.
Lt. Governor	Rick Perry	John Sharp	Anthony Garcia
Attorney General	John Cornyn	Jim Mattox	Mike Angwin
Comptroller	Carole Keeton Rylander	Paul Hobby	Alex Monchak
Land Commissioner	David Dewhurst	Richard Raymond	J. Manuel Montez
Ag. Commissioner	Susan Combs	L.P. Patterson	Jimmy T. LaBaume
Railroad Commissioner	Tony Garza	Joe B. Henderson	Jim Spurlock
Supreme Court, Place 1	Craig T. Enoch (i)	Mike Westergran	
Supreme Court, Place 2	Harriet O'Neill	Rose Spector (i)	
Supreme Court, Place 3	Greg Abbott (i)	David Van Os	
Supreme Court, Place 4*	Deborah Hankinson (i)	Jerry Scarbrough	
Ct. Crim. Appis, Place 1	Mike Keaster	Charles F. Baird (i)	
Ct. Crim. Appis, Place 2	Cheryl Johnson	Winston Cochran	
Ct. Crim. Appis, Place 3	Lawrence Meyers (i)		Larry S. Perry
Board of Ed., District 1	Donna Ballard	René Nuñez (i)	
State Senator, District 19		Frank Madla (i)	
State Rep., District 74		Pete P. Gallego (i)	
4th Court, Place 1	Tom Rickhoff (i)		
4th Court, Place 2*	Karen Angalini (i)	Jim Branton	
County Judge		Herb Senne	
District, County Clerk		Dora Elia Sandoval (i)	
County Treasurer		Janis J. Floyd (i)	
Commissioner, Precinct 2		Joe Montalvo (i)	
Commissioner, Precinct 4		Pat Melancon	
Justice of the Peace		John Ford (i)	
* unexpired term	(i) incumbent		

## Obituary

### Melba Jean Foreman

Melba Jean Foreman passed away from this life on Thursday, Oct. 22, 1998 at the Methodist Hospital in San Antonio. She was born on March 4, 1938, in New Iberia, La.

Foreman was a long-time Brackettville resident. She was an employee of Rio Grande Electric Co-op for over 17 years.

She is survived by her daughters: Candy Tyer and husband Jim of Brackettville, and Terri O'Brien and husband Jim of Silverdale, Wash.; granddaughter: Shannon O'Brien of Silverdale, Wash.; grandson: Shawn O'Brien of Silverdale, Wash.; brothers: Dan Foreman and Roy Max Hensley, both of Brackettville; sisters: Bobbie Schafer and husband Richard, Jewel Robinson, Dimple Henry and husband Jerry, all of Brackettville, Jane Custard and husband Chuck, and Pat Bartkowiak and



MELBA JEAN FOREMAN

husband Raymond of Houston; and many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the charity or organization of your choice.

### Pablo H. Sandoval

Pablo H. Sandoval, 71, passed away Sunday, Oct. 25, at his residence in Plainview, Texas.

He was born June 30, 1927, in Brackettville. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jose and Victoria Hernandez Sandoval; a brother, two sisters, and his son, Matias Sandoval in 1996.

Sandoval is survived by his wife: Teresa Aguayo Sandoval of Plainview; sons: Raul Sandoval of Austin, Roy Sandoval of Lubbock, and Victor Sandoval of Plainview; daughters: Terri Sandoval of Laredo, Elda Terrazas of Brackettville, Elva Neff of California, Janie Crosby of Olton, Amy Waddell of Hart, and Frances Reynaja and Amparo Perez of Plainview; brothers: Jose Sandoval of Uvalde and Gregorio Sandoval of Brackettville; sisters: Martina Arellano of Victoria, Bertha Hernandez of San Antonio,

and Eleuteria Garcia, Paula Munoz and Agapa Morin of Brackettville; 18 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Wednesday. A mass is scheduled today at 11 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Burial will follow at the Kinney County Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Del Rio Funeral Home, dba Brackettville Funeral Home, 114 North Street.

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# Kinney County continues to grow

Have you noticed the increase in buildings in Brackettville? At Fort Clark Springs, new homes are going up all over the fort.

Folks anxiously await the completion of their homes and the great living that can be enjoyed in Kinney County. I believe we're in for a good increase in population in the area.

The new high school project has as many as 15 workers digging the footing for the foundation. I have been told that the foundation could be poured as early as Nov. 7.

Our school enrollment now stands at 645. We're proud to grow with Brackettville, Kinney County and Fort Clark Springs.

**Hillcrest Foundation Grant**  
 This week, we received word that Hillcrest Foundation has funded a \$100,000 grant payable in 1998 and 1999 for a new multimedia/exploratory science lab for the high school addition.

We'll have a formal announcement of the grant soon, but we

**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**  
 By Taylor Stephenson, BISD Superintendent

are elated to receive the news and the first \$50,000 installment.

The Hillcrest Foundation was founded by Mrs. W.W. Caruth Sr.

The foundation has been one of the reasons that our school district has been able to give BISD students the best education possible.

Chuck Hall should be given much of the credit for writing the grant.

**Brackett Athletics**  
 The volleyball team has made the playoffs. On Tuesday, we beat Natalia to earn a share of first place with Dilley.

Coaches Dusty Brotherton and Julie Bruce have done a great job with the volleyball team this year. Football season has two big

contests left. We play Natalia Friday night. A week from Friday, we'll be home to play Dilley. If we win, we'll be in the playoffs.

A huge crowd followed the Tigers to Comfort Friday night. It wasn't our night, but the Tigers will be back!

**Reading Grant**  
 The reading grant is expanding its outreach. We had a kick-off hotdog dinner Tuesday night, along with a parents' training session.

This grant will make a difference in the reading achievement for students at Jones Elementary School.

Principal Michael Schooler and his staff did much of the work on writing this grant. They did an outstanding job.

Students of Brackettville will achieve as a school district by learning to work as a team.

Our school system supports each child in the challenge of preparing for life after the public school years. We work every day to offer a quality education to each child regardless of race, color or creed.

I am thankful to live in the greatest nation that has ever existed. This nation will remain strong as long as we put our differences aside and work together for unity.

Our school district mirrors the nation. I am optimistic that today is better than yesterday. I am a believer in the future. Have a great week!

## Community Calendar

**Thursday, October 29**  
 12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

**Sunday, November 1**  
 12:00 p.m., The Knights of Columbus meet at Parish Hall.

**Monday, November 2**  
 1:00 p.m., The Fort Club Art Club meets at the Art Studio.

5:00 p.m., The Old Quarry Society meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

**Tuesday, November 3**  
 7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets in

the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

**Thursday, November 5**  
 12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

6:30 p.m., The Lions Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

**Monday, November 9**  
 9:00 a.m., The Kinney County Commissioners Court meets at the Court House on Ann Street.

6:30 p.m., The Brackett School Board of Trustees meet at the

district's Administration Building.

**Tuesday, November 10**  
 6:00 p.m., The Brackettville City Council meets at the City Annex on Highway 90 West.

7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

7:00 p.m., The Las Moras Masonic Lodge No. 444 meets at Lodge Hall on Ann Street.

**Thursday, November 12**  
 9:30 a.m., The Mountain Laurel Garden Club meets in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report

**Tuesday, Oct. 20**  
 10:31 p.m., A Border Patrol agent reported a stranded vehicle on F.M. 3008, off of U.S. Highway 90. Dispatcher's contacted two wrecker services in Del Rio, but neither was able to move the vehicle. Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess was notified of the situation and dispatched to the scene. He said the problem was taken care of.

**Thursday, Oct. 22**  
 8:33 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that her 11-year-old daughter did not come home. The woman was informed that she would have to wait 24 hours before her daughter could be entered as a missing person. Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was notified of the situation. The woman came into the Sheriff's Office at 8:50 p.m. and said she had found her daughter.

9:15 p.m., Border Patrol officials requested backup on Highway 334 in order to search for illegal aliens. Deputy Guidry was

dispatched to the scene.

**Saturday, Oct. 24**  
 12:15 a.m., A Brackettville man called 911 to report that a station wagon was spinning out near his residence on Rose Alley. He said the driver appeared to be drunk. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. He found the station wagon parked in the alley. The driver of the vehicle was talking to another man. Chism had the driver move the vehicle out of the alley.

**Sunday, Oct. 25**  
 9:47 a.m., A Brackettville woman called to complain about her neighbor's dog. She said every time someone would walk by her residence on Sweeney Street the dog would chase after them. She said she did not want to be responsible if someone gets bit. After several attempts, Sheriff's Department officials finally contacted a city animal control officer at 11:03 and informed him of the situation.

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### COME AND JOIN THE FUN!



A tour bus with 26 people from Kent, England, recently visited Kinney County. The group made stops at Fort Clark and Alamo Village.  
Photo Special to The Brackett News

## Around Town

By Woodie Hornburg



## Tour bus stops in Brackettville

When a big bus pulls into town and parks across from the bank, and 26 people pour out and cross Ann Street to enter the money house, that's news in Brackettville!

Who are they? Where are they from? And, where are they going?

The town observers were amazed to learn the group was from Kent, England and had been to the Texas CAF Air Show in Midland and had just visited Fort Clark. They were en route to Alamo Village to see the Alamo movie set prior to exploring the "sure 'nuff" Alamo in San Antonio.

Before returning to the "Land of the Union Jack," the itiner-

ary concluded with a tour of the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, better known as NASA.

Holt Tours showcased "Battlefields and History" with Capt. Paul Snook and Pauline Dale as guides. With a historical agenda, it was only natural for Fort Clark and Alamo Village to be included in the Texas "must see" sites.

Lest the English may tend to forget, the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce left the "90 Miles on Highway 90" book in the hands of the 26 that disembarked a tour bus and crossed Ann Street.

Now, we have the whole story! Who? From where? And, Where they went!

## Briefs ...

### Southwest Texas Junior College Drama Club features local performers this week in Uvalde

UVALDE - Three former Brackett High School students will be performing when the Southwest Texas Junior College (SWTJC) Drama Club presents "Murder by the Book," a comedic mystery written by Thomas Hschak.

Amanda and Christine Meek and Cherrise Ward will take the stage in the group's opening performance tonight at 7 p.m. Other performances are Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the SWTJC Tate Auditorium.

Admission is free to all SWTJC students and faculty, as well as children under 12 and senior citizens. For others, admission is \$1.

The play is centered around a book club that has met at a museum for their monthly meeting. Suddenly, a member is missing and is discovered to have been murdered. The murder begins to unravel, as members try to find out who murdered their friend.

### McNew hosts meeting for Beta Sigma Phi

The Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held its October meeting at the home of Lynn McNew. She served refreshments of vegetable and fruit trays with dips, banana and spice bread, cookies, chicken salad with nuts, and candy.

McNew, who was the director of the melodrama performed at the Amphitheater for Fort Clark Days, gave a program on the history and tradition of melodramas.

Secretary Marge Geeze led the opening ritual. The meeting was called to order with nine members present, including Geeze, McNew, Vicki Bell, Jan Chism, Nancy Frerich, Lou Green, Doralene Kellar, Pat McKelvy, and Bobbie Waddill.

A short business meeting was conducted. The meeting was adjourned with the closing ritual and mizpah.

### McKelvy represents local chapter at annual convention for Daughters of the Confederacy

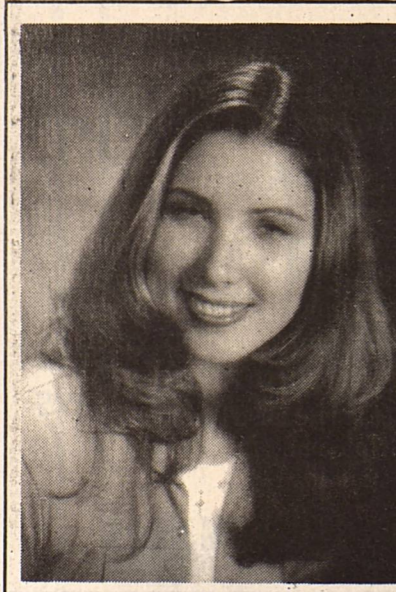
COLLEGE STATION, Texas - The Texas Division United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) held its 102nd Annual Conference earlier this month at the Hilton Conference Center here.

Members of the group have documented proof that their ancestors fought for the Confederacy during the Civil War. Their motto is "Live, pray, think, dare, love." The objectives of UDC are historical, educational, benevolent, memorial and patriotic.

Among the 273 members attending the convention were five delegates from the Albert Sidney Johnson Chapter No. 2060 of San Antonio, including Pat McKelvy of Brackettville.

### Strothers, Trautwein win at bridge meeting

Joan Strothers and Gertie Trautwein took first place Tuesday as the Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club met with four and a half tables playing the Howell movement. Bob Barnett and Doc Harbor tied Tina Bauguess and Rosetta Pingnot for second place.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Corey request the honor of the presence of family and friends at the marriage of their daughter Heather Ann Meri Corey to Mr. Matthew James Harkey son of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Harkey Sunday, the first of November at one o'clock p.m. First Baptist Church Brackettville, Tx. and afterward at the 2:00 p.m. reception First Baptist Fellowship Hall

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.

Friday, Oct. 29, 1886

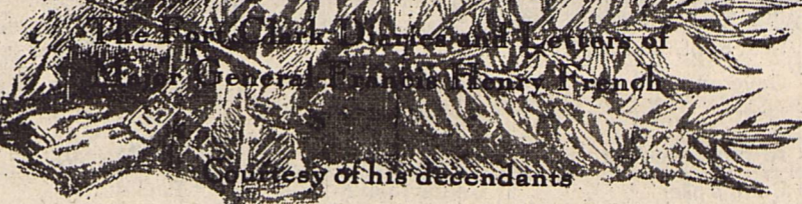
Did not wake until late and found that a freight wreck had delayed us until we were over an hour late. Got a paper and read it until we got to Crestline where we had breakfast. About noon in the vicinity of Monroeville encountered another wreck which detained us another hour or two, so that we were over two hours late in reaching Fort Wayne. Found Mother and Sue & baby alone in the house and gave them a long account of Lula's home and showed them the carpet & wallpaper. Then cleaned up. Aunt Eliza, Kate, Mary and Henry took tea with us and remained to spend the evening. Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Rowan and Mollie called this evening. We played cards after supper until time for the folks to go home. Found a letter here from Mr. Sweet enclosing a permit to buy a ticket from St. Louis to San Antonio for \$20 making the trip cost me \$25.25 a saving of \$12 on the regular rate. Was very glad to get it and must acknowledge receipt.

Saturday, Oct. 30, 1886

At last the day has come and soon I shall be on the way to Clark. Commenced to pack this morning, but stopped to go down to the factory for Aunt Mary's phaeton which was sent over for Mother & self. We rode out to my land where I had a long talk with the man & woman living next to my half acre. They could not speak English and we had to have a little boy translate for us, so that the talk was not as satisfactory as I would like but we agreed all right. They are to give me \$250 for my lot as it stands and we will not have to disturb anybody on account of short lines. The man is to pay for the land as he is able, with all the time he wants and 6% interest. Father will attend to this for me, and the man is to go to the factory in a week or ten days to make his first payment. Am very glad to dispose of this as it will help a great deal toward my insurance next year leaving me free to save up for Hewitt's note.

Drove Mother down town, stopping at Wabash station to engage berth where found Mr. Sweet and thanked him, and after leaving Mother at the Fruit House drove to the bank and drew a draft on Friedlander for \$50 which will carry me all right to Clark. Then rode down to the factory with Henry but as Father was busy returned home to pack. After dinner went to Uncle French's to say good-bye. Rather dreaded this visit as I have been at their house only a few times this Summer and expected to get a lecture from Aunt, but they were very pleasant. Then got the hack and went out to Grandmother's with Mother, Sue and the baby. We were delayed in starting by callers. The ride was quite pleasant and after spending an hour or so, bade good-bye and brought Grandmother over with us for tea. Took a bath, shaved and completed packing before supper. Mrs. Cash Miller came in to say good-bye and George brought his friend, Mr. Law up for tea. Henry, Kate and Maria came over to say good-bye. Dreaded saying good-bye to Grandmother for she feels that it is good-bye for all time on account of her advanced age.

## FOOTSTEPS ECHO



Bade Kate, Maria, Grandmother, Sue, and the baby good-bye at home, Mother, Father, Henry, George, and his friend going up to the station. Soon after we got there the train came in and in a short time I was on my way to St. Louis. Rode in a day coach to Peru where changed to a chair car. My visit this time has been more satisfactory than ever before as home matters seem to be more encouraging. Father & Mother seem younger and in better health and spirits, on account of George and the baby at home, and because we feel that Lula and Sue are well settled. Louise took several steps alone today, quite a feat for such a small baby.

Sunday, Oct. 31, 1886

Had a good rest in the chair car and after cleaning up went into the little drawing room and ate a hearty breakfast from the lunch Mother provided for me. Looked for Theodore Meyer on reaching St. Louis but he was not at the station. Purchased ticket, secured berth in sleeper, checked my trunk to San Antonio, left my valise & lunch box in the sleeper and then had shoes polished. Met Theodore after this and had a few minutes talk with him in the sleeper. He was late on account of oversleeping as he was up with a sick brother last night. Left on time in a fine buffet car with very civil porter and conductor. Few passengers and all have lower berths. Took dinner & supper from my lunch box with the addition of a cup of coffee from the porter. While the rest of the passengers were at dinner in Jefferson City walked up to see the penitentiary. The train waited three hours in Sedalia, during most of which time walked around the city which has a number of handsome residences and a fine court house. Supt. Herring of the Iron-Mountain road was on the train and told me a number of interesting stories of Army life during the war. The conductor chatted a while and gave me the impression that he was a Christian young man, speaking of praying every night. While talking with him and Supt. Herring when the porter was preparing the beds heard him use oaths several times and was inclined to doubt his christianity. Perhaps he feels that a man can swear without endangering his salvation.

Monday, Nov. 1, 1886

Enjoyed the night's sleep. Passed through some beautiful country in the lower part of the Indian Territory and northern Texas. My lunch box gave out last evening and thus compelled me to buy my meals. We were late and had a long time to wait before we got breakfast at Eufaula in the nation. Dined at Denison, the intervening time being spent in reading & talking with Mr. Herring and Mr. Ogden of San Antonio. We were late at Denison and yet had to wait there over half an hour for the engine for our train. Here changed to the sleeper for San Antonio, the one we left going to Galveston. At Whitesboro parted from Mr. Herring and Mr. Ogden, both very pleasant gentlemen who have invited me to call. Wonder if former would be so pleasant in case I called on him for a pass or reduced fare. His office is in St. Louis. Must stop to see him the first opportunity. The ride to Fort Worth was very tiresome on account of the delays caused by freight trains. Had miserable supper at Fort Worth the worst so far. Ate some cucumbers & hope they wont disturb my sleep tonight.

Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1886

Expected to be at Austin on waking this morning but the train was over an hour late and they did not seem to hurry to make up lost time. Could see only a portion of the derricks used in the construction of the capitol at Austin. The ride to San Antonio was spent in reading and dozing. Did not get in until after twelve o'clock. Sent baggage over to Sunset depot and then went up to a barber shop to have hair cut & be shaved. Visited Menger Hotel to send a telegram home and learned that Col. and Mrs. Lyster left yesterday for the North. Think we must have passed en route. Am sorry to miss them. Visited telephone office to telephone Vedder for an ambulance but found the wire was not working. Then went to Court House to enquire about taxes on our land but on account of the election could find nobody to give this information. Visited the office of Mr. Terrell who sold the land to Shunk but did not find him after repeated calls. While waiting in the vicinity of this office saw Slocum and Scriven & was invited with them to lunch at a restaurant but excused myself. Then took the street car and rode out to San Pedro Springs near which our land lies and looked over the adjoining ground from a hill, but could form no idea of it. Am very much disappointed for I was anxious to pay the taxes and to see the land. Made several endeavors to find Mr. Terrell and the County Treasurer without success. Visited one of the old mission churches, now used by the catholics and modernized in the interior somewhat. Purchased a lamp and a black necktie. While walking along met Mrs. Godwin and Miss Howard and had a short chat with them. Got some dinner at a restaurant about three o'clock. Went to the Alamo building, the famous structure to defend which Crockett, Bowie and other noted pioneers laid down their lives. Today it was used as a voting place. While standing near it was recognized and spoken to by a man named Granger who was a plebe during my last year at West Point, and is now in the wagon business in San Antonio. He was very civil & took me up to the club room where I had a refreshing lemonade. Met a clerk in the Adjutant General's office who said it was contemplated to bring some companies of the 19th up from Ringgold & Brown replacing them with the 16th and no move was thought of for "E" Co. Am glad of this. Walked around until 6-30 o'clock when got the lamp and started for the depot. On the street car met a man formerly of the 4th Cav'y. who was in my gun detachment out in Colorado. Was pleased to see him again and to learn that he was doing well. After securing ticket and check saw Capt. Lancaster who introduced me to his wife. She was accompanied by several ladies from the garrison and started tonight for California. Spent a short time chatting with Miss Howard, Gaston and wife, Mrs. Godwin and others and was introduced to Capt. Simpson A.Q.M. Over half the way to Spofford Junction talked with Mrs. Lancaster who is a pleasant companion. Met Capt. Simonds later on the car and renewed old acquaintance talking over events at Mayers Springs near where the Captain is in charge of a ranch. It was a great pleasure to meet him again.

Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1886

On reaching Spofford at 2-30 this A.M. found Black there waiting to start on a sick leave on ac-



count of his eyes. Hammond came over with him and brought a message from Capt. Vance for me to stop at his house. The ride to Clark was spent in talking about events that have taken place in the last three months. Capt. Vance came down to open the door himself and looks hearty as ever. Talked a little and then turned in, but had an attack of that pain in the back that prevented me from sleeping and made me sick at the stomach until it was necessary to go to the water closet. Put on a mustard plaster but did not get much relief. Must see the doctor about this. Had a good breakfast and then started down the line meeting a number of officers and ladies. Went to the office and was quite cordially greeted by the General. Found no mail and then came over to my former set of quarters and shall occupy them again as nobody has selected them. Went over to the company and down to the Q.M. building and to the Commissary. Had property brought over from the storehouse and unpacked almost all with George's help after he had cleaned out the rooms. Commenced at lunch at the mess today. Met Capt. Sprole & Walcutt of the Cavalry today and Dr. Harris. The cavalry troops have returned from New Mexico and now the garrison has 7 cos. of infantry and 5 troops. Wrote a short letter home and mailed it this evening. Shaved and cleaned up intending to go to the concert but fell asleep on the bed instead and slept there until near midnight.

Thursday, Nov. 4, 1886

Put on my uniform and attended company drill this morning. Capt. Vance was on guard, leaving Guard in command of the company. After breakfast completed unpacking. Found no moths in the clothing but found some indications among the books. Went over to the postoffice to get some stamps and got the fourth volume of the encyclopedia which has been awaiting my arrival. Made out pay accounts for October and sent them to the Chief Paymaster for payment. Also wrote to Helen to offer sympathy and condolence on account of her father's death. Should have done this sooner, but the hurry of leaving home prevented. Wrote to Chief Ordnance Officer in regard to buying a new sword and to Hatfield enclosing a check for \$15 to apply on account and enquired about price of overcoat. Will have to get one of the new regulation pattern. In the evening started to call at Gen. Smith's but met Mrs. Smith, Capt. Hall and Miss Coleman, the school teacher, walking and joined them. Miss Coleman is a bright lady, a good talker, and will make quite an addition to the society of the garrison. While walking saw Mrs. Guard at her front gate and shook hands with her. It is nearly three years since I last saw her. She is looking well after her sojourn in the north. Went up to Gen. Smith's & sat on the porch after our walk until tattoo. The General asked all about my trip. Took retreat & tattoo today and Guard is to take reveille. Played piquet with Hammond after tattoo.

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# Briefs ... Tigers eye first playoff berth in six years

## J.V., freshmen split volleyball matches

Brackett's sub-varsity volleyball teams split a double-header with the Natalia Lady Mustangs on Tuesday as they closed their seasons.

The Tigerettes' junior varsity battled Natalia for three games, but lost a 16-14, 10-15, 15-7 decision.

Freshman Michelle Bizzell paced the J.V. with 13 service points, while Laura Lee Ballew scored 10.

April Crumley added four points, Leslie Meyer and Savannah Massingill each had three, and Jamie Bader, Vanessa Garcia and Queta Garza all added one.

Erica Meyer scored 15-straight points to open the freshmen match as the ninth grade Tigerettes picked up a 15-0, 15-17, 15-2 victory.

Meyer finished the match with 16 points, Duquesa Hunt and Brandi Wilson each had nine, Stephanie Gomez scored five, Susannah Davis had three, Bizzell pitched in two, and Migdalia Gonzalez had one.

## Green claims second

Fort Clark Golf Club member Lou Green recently placed second in the championship flight of the Native American Senior Women's Golf Tournament, held at the Inn of the Mountain God Golf Club in Ruidosa, N.M.

Green also won first place in the closest to the pin competition.

Fort Clark's Luella Gilliland and Arlys Simpson teamed up for a two-lady scramble at the Flying L Golf Club near Bandera. Gilliland won a special award after chipping in on the 16th hole.



Brackett fullback Wes Baker (3) has rushed for 1,089 yards in eight games this season. The Tigers travel to Natalia tomorrow for a 7:30 contest. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

## Brackett battles Natalia

The Brackett Tigers will be looking for their first playoff berth since 1992 tomorrow night when they face the Natalia Mustangs on the road in a District 30-2A contest.

In other conference matchups tomorrow, Comfort travels to Center Point and Dilley hosts Jourdan.

For the first time in Class 2A, three teams will advance to the post-season this year.

Going into tomorrow night's contests, Comfort is leading the district race with a 3-0 record. Brackett and Dilley are both 2-1, while Center Point and Jourdan are 1-2.

If Brackett, Comfort and Dilley all win tomorrow night, the three teams will secure playoff berths.

The Tigers (6-2) are coming off of a 49-7 loss to Comfort.

"This is a big ball game for us," Brackett coach David Yeager said. "We have to lick our wounds and forget about last week. Natalia has a good ball club. They've played some tough games. We're not going to take them for granted."

The Mustangs (4-4) won four out of five non-district games, but have lost three in a row since beginning conference play.

"We haven't folded the tent," Natalia coach Chris Keller said. "We're going to show up. We're going to play to win. I think Brackett is the second best team in the district. They're real quick. Wes Baker and Brent Smith are both good running backs."

# Brackett, Dilley meet Saturday in district playoff

Brackett made quick work of the Natalia Lady Mustangs Tuesday and claimed a district co-championship.

The Tigerettes defeated Natalia 15-6, 15-4 and Dilley topped Jourdan 15-5, 15-11 in the final District 30-2A volleyball games Tuesday night.

Brackett and Dilley finished the season tied for first place in district. Both teams have 5-1 league records. They will meet Saturday at 5:30 p.m. at Uvalde High School in a playoff to determine who will represent the district as Jourdan, which finished 2-

4 in conference action, will advance to the post-season as the district's third place team.

Brackett will have a bye in the opening round of the playoffs, but Tigerettes coach Dusty Brotherton said he hopes to schedule a practice game for Tuesday.

The Tigerettes split this year's series with Dilley. They won 15-8, 10-15, 15-13 at home on Sept. 22, and then lost 15-8, 15-13 in a Oct. 13 road game.

"Dilley has a very good team," Brotherton said. "We beat them here and they beat us down there in two tough matches. They're one of the better teams in the

area." "They have a really good hitter," Brackett senior Jennifer Ashabranner said. "We have to play as a team and not be segregated. We all need to play together."

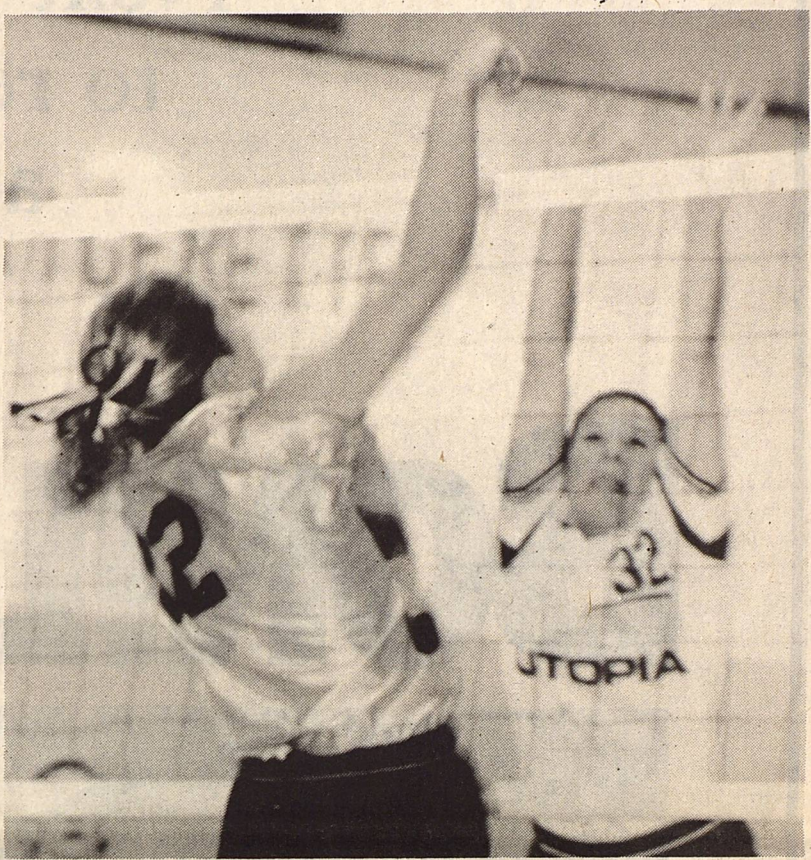
Ashabranner had nine service points, including four aces, five kills and a dig Tuesday as Brackett gave up only 10 points against Natalia.

"I think we played good," Brackett setter Lindsey Brotherton said. "We were up for it because it was our last home game ever for the seniors."

Brotherton, also a senior, finished with nine assists, seven points, including one ace, two kills and two blocks.

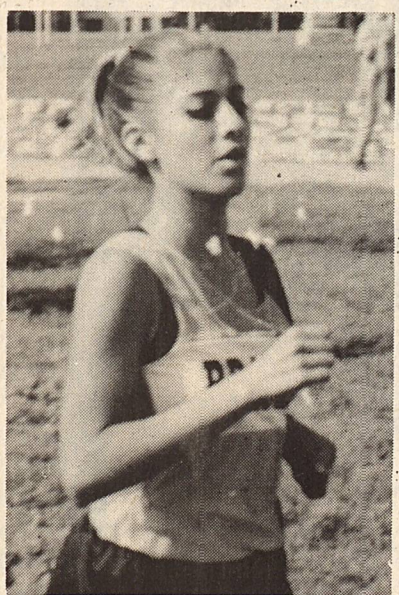
Erika Garcia served four aces, while Hilda Aguirre, Michelle Melancon and Amanda Petrosky each added one.

Aguirre, Petrosky and Stephanie Terrazas each picked up a dig, and Melancon, Tiffany Eckenrod and Patty Lopez all had one kill.



Tiffany Eckenrod (12) and the Brackett Tigerettes will face Dilley Saturday in Uvalde. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

## Runners gear up for conference meet



SONYA CORREA

Brackett's cross country teams are gearing up for Saturday's district meet in Dilley.

"The kids have been working real hard to prepare," Brackett coach Julie Bruce said. "We had a good performance at Uvalde and we're hoping that will carry over into the district meet."

The Tigerettes tallied 29 points to finish second in the small school division at the Uvalde Invitational. Dilley won first place with 26 points, setting the stage for Saturday's competition.

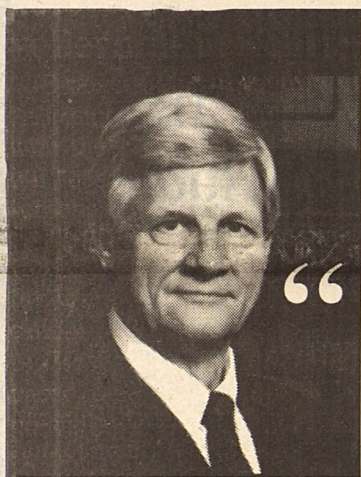
Sonya Correa paced the Tigerettes. The senior won first place honors after running the two-mile race in 12:50. Freshman Duquesa Hunt finished eighth after being clocked at 14:10.

Melinda Villarreal finished 13th with a time of 14:20, and Queta Garza was 16th with a 15:09.

Lindsey Brotherton took 20th after posting a 15:16, Gracie Terrazas was 23rd with a 15:44, Jamie Bader was 29th with a 16:30, and Cynthia Cruz placed 32nd with a 16:51.

James Burks was the Tigers' top runner at the Uvalde meet. He finished second after running three miles in 17:47.

Carlos Gomez ran a 19:12 to finish 12th, Tony Rubio was 20th with a time of 19:54, Isaac Gutierrez was 22nd after posting a 20:26, Tony Molinar finished 24th with a 20:37, and Chase Neuman was 32nd with a 23:56.



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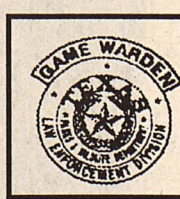
### Special hunting gives kids first shot

Young hunters will once again get the first shot at ducks, white-tailed deer, quail, and Rio Grande turkey in Texas, thanks to opportunities available during upcoming special youth-only hunting seasons.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted the early youth-only hunting opportunities last season and because of overwhelming positive response by adults mentoring young hunters, the seasons were approved again this year. Authority to establish a youth-only hunting season was given the commission by the 75th Legislature.

Youth will get first crack at white-tailed deer, quail and Rio Grande turkey on Saturday and Sunday.

TPW is expanding youth hunting opportunities on public lands and through sponsorship of organized hunts conducted by the Texas Youth Hunting Association. For the latest information on



**A Little On The Wildlife Side**  
By Henry Lutz  
Kinney County Game Warden



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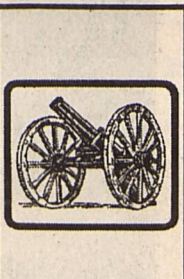




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# This week's Brackett News' Pigskin Picks

					
<b>J.J. Guidry The Brackett News</b>	<b>The Ladies of The Bank &amp; Trust</b>	<b>Fort Clark Springs</b>	<b>Tony Frerich Kinney County Wool and Mohair</b>	<b>Wes Robinson Leona Ranch</b>	<b>Freddie Frerich Stop N Shop</b>
Last week: 8-2 Overall: 59-21	Last week: 7-3 Overall: 46-34	Last week: 7-3 Overall: 54-26	Last week: 7-3 Overall: 60-20	Last week: 8-2 Overall: 57-23	Last week: 6-4 Overall: 55-25
Brackett at Natalia	Brackett	Brackett	Brackett	Brackett	Brackett
Comfort at Center Point	Comfort	Comfort	Comfort	Comfort	Comfort
Jourdanton at Dilley	Dilley	Dilley	Dilley	Dilley	Dilley
D'Hanis at La Pryor	La Pryor	D'Hanis	La Pryor	La Pryor	La Pryor
Leakey at Sabinal	Sabinal	Leakey	Sabinal	Sabinal	Sabinal
Texas at Nebraska	Nebraska	Texas	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska
Missouri at Texas Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Tech	Missouri
A&M at Oklahoma State	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M	A&M
Dallas at Philadelphia	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas
San Francisco at Green Bay	Packers	49ers	49ers	49ers	Packers

## Bobcats claim district lead with 49-7 win over Tigers

By J.J. Guidry  
Sports Editor

COMFORT - The Bobcats scored 28 points in the first quarter as Comfort kept its perfect record intact with a 49-7 victory over the Brackett Tigers.

The win gives the Bobcats (8-0) sole possession of first place in the District 30-2A gridiron race. Comfort is 3-0 in league play.

Brackett is tied for second with Dilley. Both teams are 2-1.

It was the first road loss of the season for the Tigers (6-2), who had given up only 42 points in their first seven games.

Both teams put together 2-play, 70-yard scoring drives to open the contest. Comfort scored first on a 64-yard run by James Allerkamp less than a minute into the contest, but Brackett's Wes Baker

raced 44 yards to tie the score at 7-all at the 10:36 mark.

Bobcats quarterback Chase Woerner scored on the next drive with a 45-yard run. A bad snap on a punt and a Brackett fumble led to two more Comfort touchdowns as the Bobcats jumped ahead 28-7.

"That's been our personality all year - to come out strong early," Comfort coach Paul Talbert said.

"We did that and just kind of rolled. I thought our kids really came out hard and made some big plays."

Comfort's average starting field position for the contest was the Tigers' 46-yard line. The Bobcats began 7 of their 11 drives inside Tiger territory. Brackett's average starting field position was its own 27-yard line.

"We put the ball on the ground and gave them a short field," Tigers coach David Yeager said. "Before you know it, it was 28-7. That's a hard hole to dig out of against a good ball club."

### Tigers-Bobcats game report

<b>Bobcats 49, Tigers 7</b>	<b>Brackett 7</b>	<b>FUMBLES-Lost.....6-2 2-0</b>
Brackett.....7 0 0 0 - 7	Comfort - Dereck Syfert 34 run (Umberto Lozano kick), 5:56. Drive: 72 yards, 6 plays, 2:05. Key plays: James Allerkamp 27 run, offside call against Brackett on 4th-and-4 gave Bobcats first down at the Tigers 34-yard line. Comfort 49, Brackett 7.	<b>TIME OF POSSESSION.....28:05 19:55</b>
Comfort.....28 7 14 0 - 49	<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS</b>
<b>First Quarter</b>	<b>FIRST DOWNS.....12 14</b>	<b>RUSHING</b>
Comfort - James Allerkamp 64 run (Umberto Lozano kick), 11:08. Drive: 70 yards, 2 plays, :52. Comfort 7, Brackett 0.	Rushing.....10 12	Brackett - Wes Baker 24-136, Brent Smith 18-75, Matthew Smallwood 2-7, Brandon Moore 1-4, Zach Davis 4(-13).
Brackett - Wes Baker 44 run (Jacob Mann kick), 10:36. Drive: 70 yards, 2 plays, :32. Key play: Brent Smith 26 run. Brackett 7, Comfort 7.	Passing.....1 1	Comfort - James Allerkamp 11-125, Dereck Syfert 10-81, Gary Boerner 5-46, Chase Woerner 5-37, Balarama Perkins 3-36, Kyle Pressler 2-2, Jerren Haufler 1(-1).
Comfort - Chase Woerner 45 run (kick failed), 8:18. Drive: 73 yards, 5 plays, 2:18. Comfort 13, Brackett 7.	PENALTY.....1 1	<b>PASSING</b>
Comfort - Balarama Perkins 15 run (Woerner run), 6:11. Drive: 22 yards, 3 plays, 1:17. Key play: Kenny Matthews recovered a Brackett fumble on the Tigers 22-yard line. Comfort 21, Brackett 7.	<b>THIRD DOWN EFF.....4-12 3-8</b>	Brackett - Zach Davis 2-9-1 23, Matthew Smallwood 0-1-0-0.
Comfort - James Allerkamp 4 run (Umberto Lozano kick), 2:50. Drive: 30 yards, 4 plays, 1:12. Comfort 28, Brackett 7.	<b>FOURTH DOWN EFF.....1-4 1-3</b>	Comfort - Chase Woerner 2-5-0 55.
<b>Second Quarter</b>	<b>TOTAL NET YARDS.....232 381</b>	<b>RECEIVING</b>
Comfort - James Allerkamp 7 run (Umberto Lozano kick), 4:50. Drive: 7 yards, 1 play, :09. Key play: Gabe Box recovered a Brackett fumble on the Tigers 7-yard line. Comfort 35, Brackett 7.	Total Plays.....59 42	Brackett - Wes Baker 2-23.
<b>Third Quarter</b>	Avg Gain.....3.9 9.1	Comfort - Gary Boerner 1-41, Phillip Randle 1-14.
Comfort - Gary Boerner 41 pass from Chase Woerner (Umberto Lozano kick), 9:44. Drive: 41 yards, 1 play, :11. Comfort 42,	<b>NET YARDS RUSHING.....209 326</b>	<b>PUNT RETURNS</b>
	Rushes.....49 37	Brackett - None.
	Avg per rush.....4.3 8.8	Comfort - Kyle Pressler 1-2.
	<b>NET YARDS PASSING.....23 55</b>	<b>KICKOFF RETURNS</b>
	Completed-Att.....2-10 2-5	Brackett - Brent Smith 3-46, Wes Baker 1-19, Brandon Moore 2-18.
	Yards-Pass Play.....2.3 11.0	Comfort - Kyle Pressler 2-21.
	Sacks-Yards lost.....0-0 1-7	<b>INTERCEPTION RETURNS</b>
	Had intercepted.....1 0	Brackett - None.
	<b>PUNTS-Avg.....3-10 2-36</b>	Comfort - Umberto Lozano 1-29.
	<b>TOTAL RETURN YARDS.....83 52</b>	<b>MISSED FIELD GOALS</b>
	Punt Returns.....0 2	Brackett - None.
	Kickoff returns.....83 21	Comfort - None.
	Interceptions.....0 29	
	<b>PENALTIES-Yards.....4-20 3-35</b>	

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# Big first quarter leads Comfort to win

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Allerkamp finished with 125 yards and three touchdowns on 11 carries.

"Jim ran tonight like he's capable of running," Talbert said. "That's the kind of night we expect from him every time."

Comfort fullback Dereck Syfer rushed for 81 yards on 10 attempts. He scored on a 34-yard run in the third period.

The Bobcats finished with 14 first downs and 381 yards in total offense, including 326 yards rushing.

"We gave up some big plays defensively," Yeager said. "But I am proud of the kids. They kept their character and played hard all the way until the end."

Woerner completed 2 of 5 passes for 55 yards, including a 41-yard scoring strike to Gary Boerner in the third quarter.

Brackett's offense tallied 12 first downs and

232 yards, including 209 yards on the ground, but was never able to find the end zone after its initial drive.

"We felt like we could run the ball and we did," Yeager said. "Our backs ran really hard. We just have to find a way to put the ball in the end zone now, once we get down there close to it."

"I'm disappointed in the fact that we didn't score more points, but I am pleased that we were able to move the ball in the second half, control the clock some, and keep our defense off the field."

Baker paced the Tigers' ground game with a game-high 136 yards rushing on 24 carries. Brent Smith added 75 yards on 18 totes.

"We ran really hard and made some real tough runs," Yeager said. "Brent ran real hard and almost broke one towards the end of the ball game."

"Our backs were running hard and our line was blocking hard all the way to the final whistle, which are characteristics you look for in a good team," he added.

Brackett quarterback Zach Davis was 2-of-9 passing for 23 yards. Both completions were to Baker.

"I can't say enough about Coach Yeager," Talbert said. "He gave us totally different looks than we had prepared for. He did a lot of good things. They kind of kept us on egg shells there for a while. We never really could get into the defense we wanted to run."

Despite the loss, the Tigers are trying to remain focused on advancing to the playoffs.

"I think everybody gave a good effort," Baker said. "Comfort has a good offense and we really didn't have a good night. But we gave it all we had until the end. We're trying to stay focused on making the playoffs."



Matthew Smallwood (5) gains a first down for Brackett last week against Comfort. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

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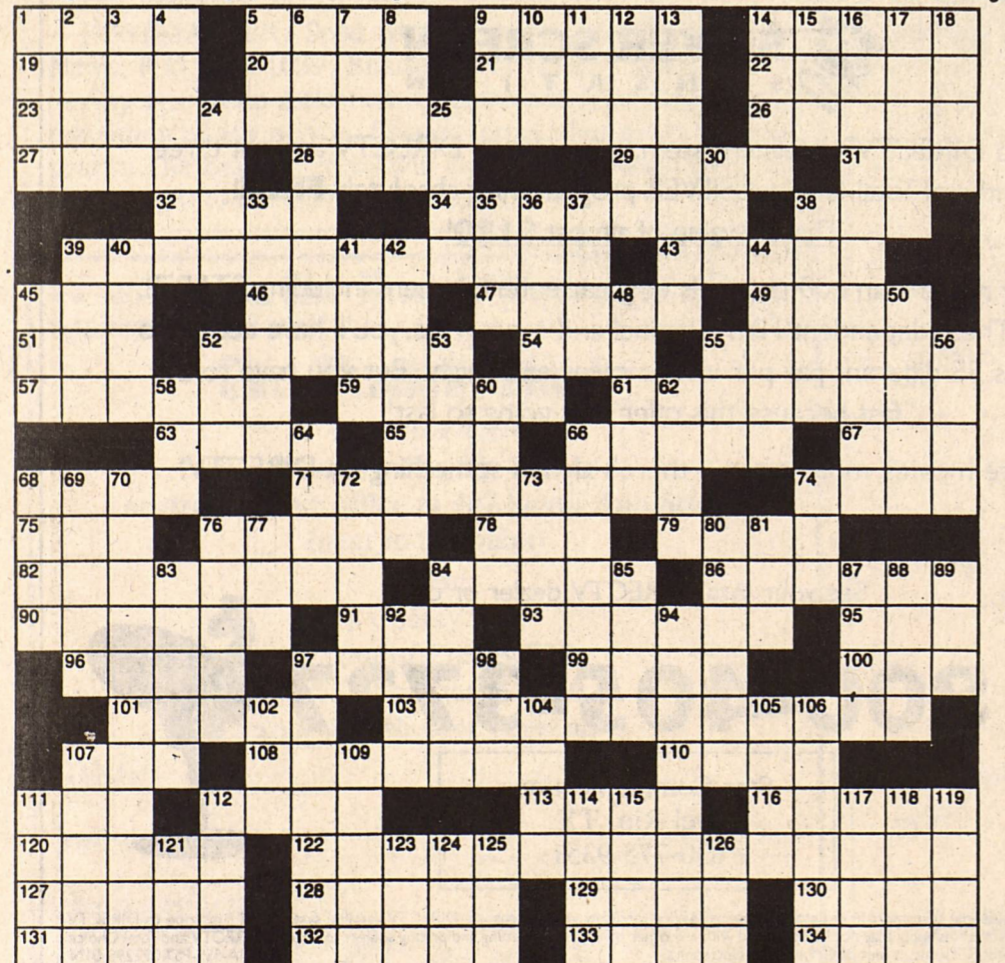
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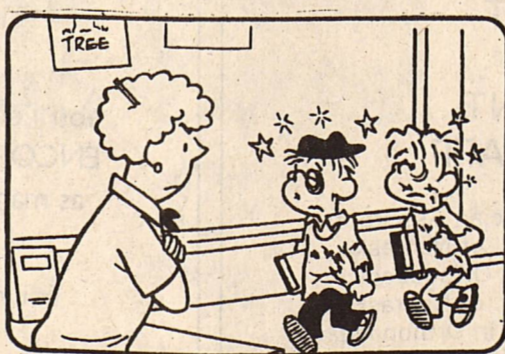
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**Your Horoscope by Natasha**



**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)**

Morning hours this week may bring a few antisocial feelings, but these quickly subside as you have exhilarating times in the company of your friends. Romance is a plus, particularly over the weekend.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)**  
Success comes in business by maintaining a low profile. Though it's not the best time for dealing with higher-ups, you nevertheless can get a lot of significant work done now.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)**  
This is a good week for getting together with your friends or for participation in a group activity. Try to guard against needless expenditures. The weekend is best for quiet pursuits.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)**  
Don't overreact to a callous remark you overhear. A certain element of secrecy is necessary to insure the success of a project. Your financial situation improves as the week winds down.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)**  
Be especially attentive to the feelings of a family member. You're bursting with creative energy this week and should begin new projects. Surprise news is welcome.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)**  
You could be a trifle extravagant, but money is well spent if it goes on the home this week. In romance, be sincere. You're inclined now to put too much emphasis on superficial things.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)**  
It may be hard to muster up enthusiasm for a current work assignment, but you're excited about a creative project or a new romantic interest. Surprise news arrives this weekend.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to**

November 21) Either you or a family member seems moody as the week begins, but you're on the right track regarding an innovative career move. Do-it-yourselfers begin new projects this weekend.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)**  
It's a wonderful week to do something new for entertainment, provided that you don't go wild in your spending. Loved ones tune into different facets of each other's personalities.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)**  
Try not to let the moods of others disrupt you, as you have important work to do this week. Ingenuity and intuition are your allies on the road to accomplishment.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)**  
The personal touch doesn't work very well for you on the job this week. Maintain a businesslike decorum to get ahead. Partners are on the same wave length.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)**  
An unusual suggestion is made to you in business this week. Tact and diplomacy are needed in dealing with a sensitive friend. Avoid spending money frivolously while shopping over the weekend.

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# MEN OF PEACE AND MEN OF WAR

## Hough calls military chaplain title an axymoron

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

What is a military chaplain, and how did men of the cloth ever become attached to the armed forces?

Men of peace and men of war. Lt. Col. James Hough, the wing chaplain at Laughlin Air Force Base, discussed this seeming improbability when he addressed the Brackettville Rotary Club at last Thursday's meeting.

He called the term "military chaplain" an oxymoron - two words with opposite meanings linked together to create a new meaning, different from either of the original two.

The word chaplain has evolved from a story similar to the good Samaritan parable of the bible. A man wounded and almost freezing was lying next to a road, ignored by passersby until one man took pity. He tore his own cape into halves to share with the unfortunate traveler. Later, the helper was honored and given the title of "Keeper of the Cloak."

Chaplains are men who dedicate their lives to helping their fellow man and who believe all men

are created by God. They are also officers in the Army.

The requirements to become a military chaplain are to have earned a bachelor's degree with seven years in the ministerial field or a master of divinity. The applicant must be an ordained Evangelical minister, which Hough is, or of some recognized denomination. He or she must also be able to pass the required physical.

Chaplains wear three hats, Hough said. They must be qualified to administer rites such as communion and baptism. They perform appropriate rites to individuals outside their own denomination. The chaplain is also an officer of the Army and is bound by the same responsibilities as any other officer.

In 1902, President Teddy Roosevelt recognized the need for ministers in the Air Force. He thought these ministers should deal with both officers and enlisted men.

Over the years, the ideas of the range of duties has fluctuated. Some of those officers in charge have felt the chaplains should not have to deal with secular roles. Some thought they should tend



Patsy Callman (right), program chairman, welcomes Lt. Col. James Hough (center), and his wife, Patty, to last week's local Rotary Club meeting. Photo by Frances McMaster

only to the needs of the men.

Gen. Robert Taylor, hero of Batan, volunteered in many ways. Taylor and 21 other chaplains volunteered to serve those who stayed behind and under siege in the fall of Corregidor.

Perhaps where the term "military chaplain" is most clear is when you consider that no one wants to go to war, and everyone needs to have spiritual strength.

Worship services are made available to anyone wishing to at-

tend. The denomination of the serving minister does not enter into this role. However, no minister is expected to do anything that goes against their own belief system. Also, other ministers are not qualified to administer communion to non-Catholics.

Of the ministers at Laughlin, three are Protestants and one is Jewish.

Hough and his wife, Patty, recently moved to Laughlin from Hawaii.

# The only way to God is through Jesus Christ

By Rev. Joe Townsend  
Frontier Baptist Church

In Hebrews 9:24, we are told of three appearances of Christ. The message is pointed to Christians, those who have been born again by their faith in Jesus Christ.

Those without faith in Christ lack the ability to understand fully these appearances.

These appearances picture what Jesus has done, what he is doing and what he will do. It speaks to his three fold office, sin bearer, high priest and king. Through him, we can be justified, sanctified and glorified.

Jesus died for all who will trust him and him alone. He lives for his own and he's coming back to claim his own.

He hath died to put away sin. Because he was sinless, when he died, he paid the price of sin for those who had sinned.

His appearing in heaven at the right hand of God is well documented. It is through him and him alone man can reach God, the Father. No other person, nor idol nor icon can put anyone in touch with God. He is our eternal advocate before God. He is our eternal high priest before

God.

The third appearance is when he comes back to claim his own. The Bible says he will come back as he went back to heaven. The Bible says the graves, even the seas, will give up their dead and those who are alive when he returns will be caught up to meet him in the air and thus ever be with the Lord.

The response on the part of man "look for him," to be prepared when he comes.

When anyone says he knows when Jesus is coming back, he is a fraud. Jesus said even he and the angels of heaven do not know when he's coming back.

There is one thing we do know, he is coming back. Maybe a thousand years or even more and maybe tomorrow. It will be a time of great rejoicing for all who have trusted Christ and a sad fearsome day for all who do not know him as Savior.

Sunday will be another great day at Frontier Baptist Church. As part of the worship service, the Lord's Supper will be served. This will be followed by a fellowship luncheon.

Everyone is cordially invited. Come and enjoy all the blessings of the day.

# Watch over the words you use

By Pastor Charolette Corey  
Gateway Ministries

While attending the 1998 South Texas Women's Conference in New Braunfels, Texas, last Friday, I was blessed by a story from Mrs. Shira Sorko-Ram, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lindsey of Christ For The Nations.

Shira, whose ministry is called "Maaz Israel" and ministers with her husband, Ari, shared with us about an incident that happened while their young son was attending a school in Israel.

She was called in for counseling concerning the "cursing" he had done in the classroom. As she spoke in his defense that they had not raised him to speak "bad" language, she was enlightened about the Israeli interpretation of "cursing." She was told he was caught "speaking evil against another person."

This story not only pointed out the differences in our culture, but also quickened my spirit to be more careful of the words I speak.

As I studied the scriptures about it, I found

that God feels the same way. In James 3:9-10, it says: "But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therefore bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren these things ought not so to be."

It would do well for us to understand what can be the recompense of those who "curse" others, such as is found in Psalms 109:6-20, 28-29.

David sang in this psalm that he who cursed him would have a wicked man set over him (with Satan as his right hand man), that he who cursed him (David) would be judged and condemned, the cursor's prayer to be counted as sin, his days be few and another take his place in office, his children to be fatherless and his wife a widow, his children be vagabonds and beggars, finding their food in desolate places, that he have no mercy extended him and no favor for his fatherless children, his wealth be cut off and the family name to

be blotted out, for God to remember the iniquities of the father and sins of the mother, for the extortioner to get all his things and strangers spoil his labor, for the curses spoken to fall upon himself (the cursor), for him to have diarrhea and have oil in his bones, for the curse to cover him like a garment that cannot be removed, that he arise ashamed, and that he be clothed with shame and confusion. This should cause anyone to think twice about "cursing" someone.

Isaiah 54:17 states, "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgement shalt thou condemn."

Luke 6:28 tells us how to respond to a curse: "Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefulness use you."

Yes, you can do this. Remember, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me," Philippians 4:13.

Let us all, including myself, remember to put a watch over our words so that we receive blessings and not curses. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

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## God created all creatures

Submitted by  
St. Mary Magdalene Church

"How many are your works. O Lord! In wisdom you made them all: the earth is full of your creatures," Psalm 104:24.

The past few weeks we could almost have used road signs that read: "Caution... butterfly zone." There are literally thousands of butterflies swarming across the roads on their way to their winter homes.

Creation is filled with stunning variety and exquisite beauty. The delicate, intricate and fragile as well as the strong, mighty and powerful testify sweetly to the richness of the Creator.

## Sweet spirits associated with small communities

By Rev. Ken F. Sellers Jr.  
First United Methodist Church

Since my arrival here on Oct. 1, I have been blessed with the graciousness of the people of Brackettville. I am reminded of a song we Methodists sing from time to time, "There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place."

The spirit I have found here is wonderful and speaks modestly of a small West Texas town steeped in history and faith. It is no wonder that Jesus spent most of his ministry in the small towns of Galilee and on the way to Jerusalem. There is a sweet and special spirit associated with neighborliness of small communities.

In towns not unlike our own Brackettville, Jesus reached out to those who were excluded and oppressed by his church, the Jewish faith of the 1st Century.

It is crucial that we attend not only to the needs of the human beings that inhabit this earth, but also to the preservation of the countless creatures that contribute to the beauty and balance of our God-given environment.

We need to be reminded that "in wisdom" he made them all, and a part of our reverencing him is our reverencing all the earth's creatures: humans, animals, flowers, trees, and yes, even those thousands of butterflies that mess up our windshields this time of year.

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

## Readings from Deuteronomy

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

"Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgements, which the Lord your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land to which ye go to possess it;

"That thou mightest fear the Lord thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

"Hear therefore, O Israel (Believer): The Lord our God is one Lord;

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart;

"And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

"And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

"And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates," Deuteronomy 6:1-9.

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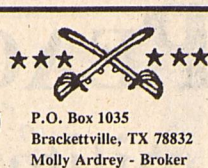
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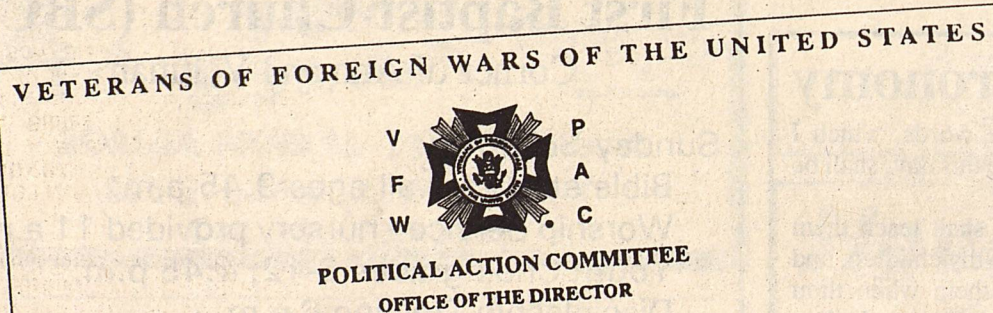
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**NOTICE TO PUBLIC** of no significant impact on the environment and notice of intent to request release of funds. To: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons: Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the County of Kinney, Texas intends to request the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for Project No. 718589. Project will consist of an 1875 sq. ft., one story concrete structure comprised of a concrete foundation, steel superstructure, split face concrete block exterior walls and a metal roof. One section of the facility will house two (2) fire trucks in a 24 ft. X 24 ft. Bay, while the balance of the building will include a training/conference room, office space, storage room, two complete bathrooms including showers for the men and women of the department, as well as a cleaning bay for fire trucks. Site will also include employee and visitor parking. Project will also consist of reconstructing 7,920 linear feet northeast of FM 2804. Project will consist of 16,000 sq. yd. of sub-grade preparation, additional caliche base material, and a two (2) course penetration surface treatment. Driving surface will be 18 ft. wide, with shoulders and bar ditches where needed. Road: Guajilla Road. Width: 18'. Length: 7,920. Type: Asphalt. Class: Collector. Project will benefit 3,119 persons within the community. Finding of No Significant Impact: It has been determined that such a request of release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the County of Kinney, has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision is to prepare such a Statement is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated. An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by the County of Kinney, Texas which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the Kinney County Courthouse, 501 S. Ann Street, Brackettville, Tx, and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Public Comments on Findings: All interested agencies, groups and persons, disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the County of Kinney to the address as set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the County of Kinney will not request the release of funds or take administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the proceeding sentence. Release of Funds: The County of Kinney will undertake the activities described above with Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I from its Program Year 1998 under grant numbered 718589 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The County of Kinney is certifying to TDHCA that Honorable Tommy Seargeant, in his official capacity as County Judge, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the County of Kinney, may use the Block Grant Funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. TDHCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, P.O. Box 13941 Austin, Texas 78711. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the TDHCA. No objections received later than thirty-three (33) days after this publication will be considered by TDHCA. Tommy Seargeant, Kinney County Judge, P.O. Box 348, Brackettville, Texas 78832.

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**WANTED TO BUY:** mobile home lot in Brackettville. Please call 563-2573.

**Veterans say "YES" to Congressman Henry Bonilla**



October 8, 1998

The Honorable Henry Bonilla  
1427 Longworth House Office Building  
US House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Bonilla:

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Political Action Committee (VFW-PAC) has endorsed you for re-election to the United States House of Representatives.

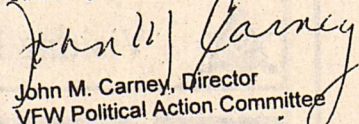
Your selection for endorsement was based on your support for veteran's rights and a strong national defense and your work on the Appropriations Committee.

The VFW-PAC is one of more than 4,000 political action committees registered with the Federal Election Commission, and it is the nation's only Veterans' PAC.

Organized in 1979, the VFW-PAC provides the VFW's 2.1 million members and their families an opportunity to collectively support candidates for federal office who promote and defend the rights of our nation's veterans.

Again, thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,

  
John M. Carney, Director  
VFW Political Action Committee

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cc State Commander  
State PAC Chairman

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**Don't forget to vote!**

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