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Matrix expands to Brackettville

Locally owned and operated Matrix Rehabilitation Center of Del Rio has expanded services to Brackettville.

Located at 707 E. 17th St., Matrix is currently the only licensed and certified outpatient rehabilitation facility in Del Rio and only one of two facilities that accepts assignment of benefits on Medicare and Medicaid.

On May 16, an official from the Texas Department of Health's Licensing and Compliance Division surveyed the new extension site at 503 S. Ann St. in Brackettville and certified it with a flawless score.

The Brackettville branch will provide physical therapy, speech and language therapy, and social and vocational counseling three days a week.

All Brackettville referrals should be directed to the Del Rio facility at (830) 768-2582 for scheduling.

Agents apprehend 163 in Brackettville

DEL RIO — U.S. Border Patrol agents made 163 apprehensions in Brackettville during the period of May 27 through June 2, officials announced.

There were 1,226 total apprehensions made in the Del Rio Sector, including 529 in Eagle Pass, 228 in Carrizo Springs, 101 in Del Rio, 75 in Comstock, 67 in Uvalde, 22 in Llano, 18 in Abilene, 14 in San Angelo and 9 in Rocksprings.

Agents in the Del Rio sector seized 1,303.2 pounds of marijuana, valued at \$1,042,560.

On Saturday, agents working at the checkpoint near Comstock arrested a national from the Czech Republic who had overstayed his student visa.

Skywarn training program scheduled

National Weather Service meteorologist Larry Eblen will speak at 7:30 Tuesday night, June 18, at a Kinney County Skywarn Spotter Training Program at Post Theater at Fort Clark Springs.

Eblen will discuss flooding and flash flooding, tornado and severe weather indications, and safety rules in flooding and severe weather.

For more information, call Walt Bauguess at 563-9360.

Ag producers fear water limits

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

Pumping limits being considered by the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District have local agriculture producers fearful of their livelihood.

The farmers and ranchers voiced their concerns during the district's board meeting Tuesday afternoon at the Courthouse.

One major concern is that the board look at scientific information concerning agricultural water usage in the county before imposing limits.

"Really, we don't know exactly what we have," said Cecil Smith, president of the board. "We're having to live off of information given to us by people sitting in Austin who may have went through Kinney County one or two times.

"I don't think there is a person on this board that has any intent to hurt anybody out here," he told the agricultural producers. "You're not going to be out of business."

County Agent Robert Elledge said much of the information the board has concerning water usage is not indicative of the needs of agriculture producers.

"I've been in farming for a lot of years," Elledge said. "The

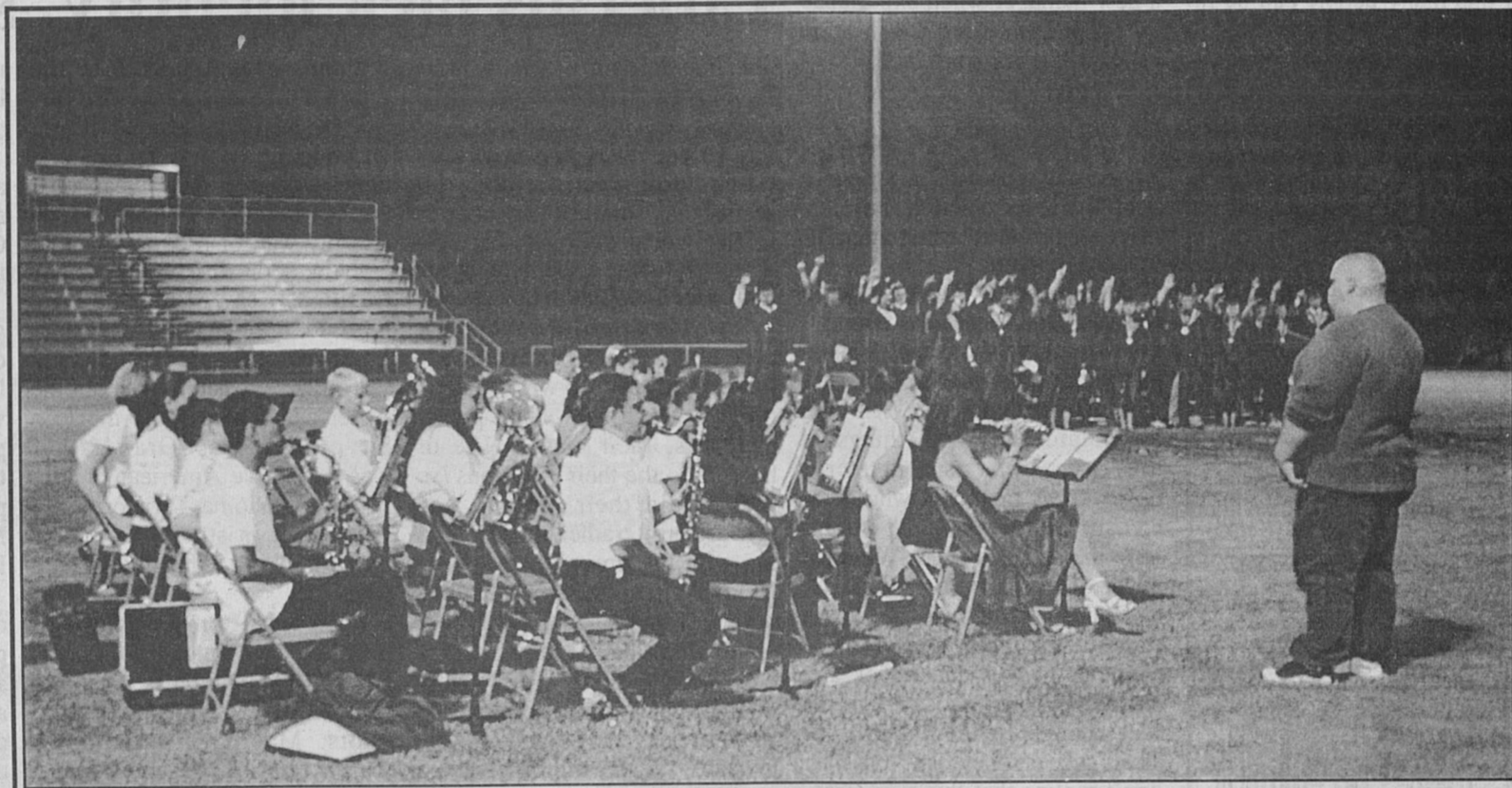
data that you're going to get in the research center is not all practical to what they are trying to do. A lot of stuff they do, those yields are not applicable to what they have to obtain to make a living."

James Crumley of the Soil Conservation Service said limiting agricultural producers was not the original intent in creating a ground water conservation district.

"I don't think it is y'all's intention to hurt ag producers, and that's my main concern," Crumley said. "I don't want to see something that will hurt our ag producers. That's not why we formed this board.

"We have some real concerns with some people who are coming in. The sale of water can be done if it is done correctly. Some of the agriculture people are

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Brackett High band director Jason Guidry (right) leads the Fighting Tiger Band in the school song as the Class of 2002 raises a hand one last time during commencement ceremonies Friday night at Tiger Stadium. The school district awarded 43 diplomas.

Davis, Duncan lead BHS Class of 2002

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

Lee Davis and Levi Duncan were announced as the valedictorian and salutatorian of Brackett High School's Class of 2002, which was honored Friday night during the school district's annual commencement ceremonies at Tiger Stadium. The school district presented diplomas to 37 graduates, and to six graduates of the Alternative School.

Davis and Duncan were two of the Class of 2002's 10 honor

graduates that graduated with grade-point averages of 4.0 or better. Other honor graduates include Duquesa Hunt, Susannah Davis, T.D. Smith, Michelle Bizzell, Erica Meyer, Rudy Ramirez, Amanda Ward and Sarah Gammill.

"This year's graduating class is a good group of kids," Brackett High School Principal John Paul Schuster said. "They are very competitive. I'm real fortunate to have such an elite group of kids my first year as principal. I've known them for the last nine years, and enjoyed

a lot of them in class and around campus at activities in school and stuff. There are a lot of bright futures ahead of them."

Lee Davis had the highest GPA of the class with a 4.420. He has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years and served as president this year. He also served as treasurer of the BHS Student Council for two years and has been a member of the History Club, Science Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the 4-H Club, where he served as reporter.

Davis, a member of St. Mary Magdalene Church, will attend Texas A&M in the fall and major in mechanical engineering.

Duncan graduated with a 4.380 GPA. He has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years and served as reporter this year. He has also been a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and was a recipient of the National Science Merit Award.

Duncan, a member of the Church of Christ, will attend Texas Tech in the fall and major in engineering.

City operating transfer station with variance from TNRCC

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

The Brackettville citizens' collection site is operating as a solid waste transfer station thanks to a 180-day variance granted by the state last month.

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) Regional Director Jerry Pinzon confirmed that the variance was granted to the city on April 25.

After the 180-day variance expires, Hipolito Cabrera of the

TNRCC said: "Our permit section of the solid waste division will take a look at the status of the project. Depending on what the city has done, they will decide if an extension of the variance should be granted."

Officials informed Brackettville businesses and trash haulers that the city would not accept their solid waste after the city was found in violation of the Texas Administrative Code in late March.

City officials requested the

180-day variance on March 26 and it was later granted by the TNRCC.

Texas law states a citizens' collection station is a facility established for the convenience and exclusive use of residents—not commercial or industrial users or collection vehicles. It also defines commercial solid waste as all types of solid waste generated by stores, offices, restaurants, warehouses and other non-manufacturing activities, excluding residential and industrial wastes.

The city has twice been in violation for accepting commercial and residential waste delivered by collection route operators, according to Pinzon. The first violation was issued on Feb. 25, 2000. Second violations may be turned over to the enforcement division, which can assess fines.

After an inspection on Jan. 13, 2000, TNRCC representatives told local officials the city was not operating as a citizens' collection site and would have

to register as a transfer station. The city filed its application on March 26, 2001 and received authorization to begin construction on Aug. 30, 2001.

City officials will have to notify TNRCC at the completion of construction for the transfer station. At that time, TNRCC will inspect the facility and may grant authorization provided it has been constructed according to the site plans. The deadline for completion of the site is Aug. 30, 2003.

Local students learn about electrical safety

Jones Elementary School students recently learned what real "power" is.

The students took part in an electrical safety demonstration presented by Rio Grande Electric Co-op.

The group of approximately 90 students listened intently as Danny Samaniego, area operations manager at Rio Grande Electric, explained what could happen to them if they are not careful around electricity.

Linemen Nacho Aguirre and David Campos presented an arcing demonstration, to the delight of the students.

"The kids asked some tough questions," Samaniego said. "It's good to know that they were paying attention."

With students soon to be out of school for summer vacation, electrical safety becomes an even more important issue.

Kite flying, yard work, and even listening to the stereo pose potentially dangerous situations if children are not taught the "dos and don'ts" of electrical safety.

Rio Grande ECI reminds parents to stress the importance of electrical safety at home, and to practice it, as well.



Nacho Aguirre of Rio Grande Electric Co-op presents an arcing demonstration to Jones Elementary School students.

County approves grant for \$4,421

Kinney County officials approved a \$4,421 EMS grant from the Southwest Texas Regional Advisory Council during a special Commissioners Court meeting Friday morning.

The commissioners approved County Auditor Sandy Watkins' request to adopt a special budget to receive and disburse the funds. The disbursements included in the special budget proposed by Watkins includes \$2,621 for EMS equipment, \$1,000 for supplies and \$800 for education and training.

Also on Friday, Paul Edwards presented information to the commissioners about starting a rural rail district.

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Letter to the Editor

Fort Clark board members have not learned from past mistakes

As many know, a petition is being circulated to recall certain members of the FCSA Board of Directors. I have not signed and don't intend to; recall will not solve the problem. Who would replace them and how would they be better?

In the 12 years my wife and I have owned property here, there have been many names on the board and many general managers. What fascinates me most is that each new board

seems committed to repeating the mistakes of its predecessors. Nobody learns from history.

The solution is simple and involves three steps. First, send the general manager to school to learn about employee relations. Second, bring all of our fine employees back. Third, appoint a negotiator, someone not an employee and not a board member, to negotiate a settlement. Perhaps a fourth step should be added: Elect nobody

to the board who has not lived here at least 10 years.

What is lacking in the present situation is wisdom. Unwise decisions once made, often lead to defending those decisions at all costs. Everything has probably been done legally, but not wisely. Of course, my judgment about this is based upon what I do not know. Secrecy has resulted in an awful darkness settling upon our community.

Donald E. Smith

It's not too late to speak out

Since 1990 the general management of Ft. Clark Springs has changed hands fifteen times. This includes nine new managers and the asst. manager stepping in six times in between. It

is ludicrous to cling to the belief that this many people can be incompetent; and continuing to change managers will solve our problems.

It is no wonder that our em-

ployees are reluctant to relate to a new manager when experience tells them that person will soon be gone. This does not, however, give them leave to defy authority.

We hire managers with experience and business acumen to operate our association, but they meet a brick wall when attempting any change.

It is generally understood in the business world that employees are leery of change. This is particularly true of long time, well established employees who are comfortable with things as they are. What is a mystery, however, is members who tenaciously cling to the past, and ignore the obvious - I.E. We must adapt to the times or perish.

For years it has been the practice of these conservative elements to viciously attack and slander anyone who tries to effect change in the status quo. Their success is evident, but they don't realize that this very practice is destroying our association.

In 1990 we were 6313 members strong. Today we have 3690 active members including FRM's. Attrition does not account for this loss. A healthy association would not only maintain its rolls, but gain new members.

We all know of members and potential members who have been driven away by our bickering.

It is high time that the "Silent" majority here find its voice, and stem this madness. Before it is too late to speak out.

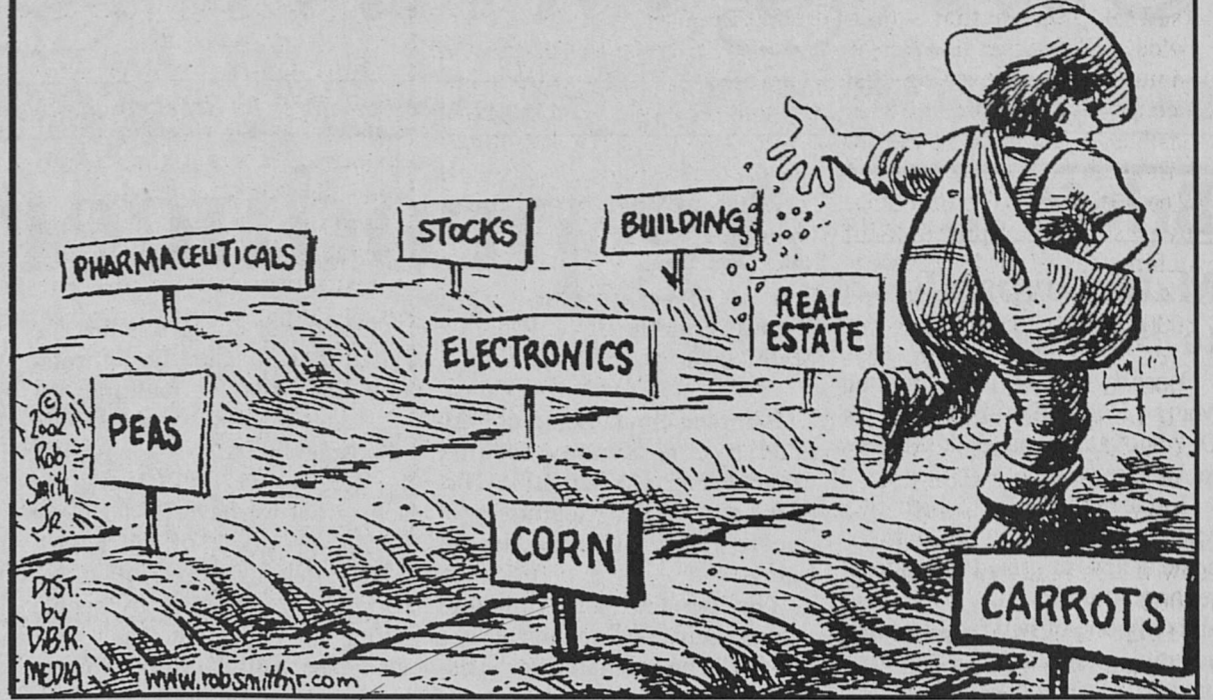
For heaven sake lets give our manager a chance to manage for a change.

It is wise to remember that in a democracy we always get the quality of leadership that we deserve.

These are my views as a charter member since 1972. And do not necessarily reflect the views of the board.

Glen White

HOW THE SMALL FARMER CAN SURVIVE...



Liberals lack identity, self-esteem

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

I've been getting some interesting correspondence lately. It seems that some of the liberals in the world do read this column, and don't seem to agree with me. Imagine that!

I was informed the other day that many conservatives "are just fearful people who want to protect their money, their power positions, their way of life or hold on to the their traditions (so they retain their identity and self-esteem), rather than changing with the times."

I must in fairness say that this person (who claims to be a moderate) also said, "I think the liberals he is bashing are probably in the vocal minority, just like the conservatives I bash are probably in the minority. Each are on the fringe and are wackos."

Well, maybe. But to address the aforementioned accusations: First, I have no money, so this person is obviously not talking about me. Next, I can't even make my daughter mind me, so a power position is obviously out of the question.

Way of life? Yeah, I think I do want to retain that. I am perfectly happy living in the best nation in the world, having personal freedom to travel, speak and write what I believe without fear of being sent to Siberia as an anti-social malcontent.

I rather like the fact that I can go to Idaho to visit my brother without having to obtain permission from the government. I like being able to go to the grocery store and buy a gallon of milk and a loaf of bread without having to reserve it a month in advance, and when I get there know that the milk and bread will not be a month old and spoiled. I like being able to go to church

without being reported to the secret police as a dangerous dissident. I like hunting, fishing, vacationing with my family, and being able to choose what job I take, or don't take. Yeah, I kinda like my way of life!

Now about holding on to my traditions I say: Why not? I am a proud and patriotic American. I served my country for 22 years. My ancestors were in the Americas before the American Revolution. My Grandfather was a "Native American," born in the Oklahoma Territory. My great aunt is still alive and is named in the Cherokee Head List.

I get tears in my eyes when I hear the Star Spangled Banner. I think Bill Clinton is not fit to lick Audie Murphy's combat boots. My other grandfather was a Baptist preacher, and I believe in God and Jesus Christ and that the Bible is the inspired word of God. What is wrong with tradition?

Do I do these things because I want to "retain their identity and self-esteem?" No, I don't! I do these things and believe these things because I have my own identity and self-esteem, not to acquire or retain them. If the truth were known, the reason the liberals hate conservatives so much is probably tied directly to that statement.

Liberals do not have their own identity and self-esteem so they have to use someone else's. They attack people that are comfortable with who they are because the liberals apparently hate their own identities. They try desperately to be identified with someone else - anyone else. Why else would they champion such causes as homosexuality and pornography? It isn't because they believe those things are necessary to the well being of the nation. Only a total idiot would believe that, and

there are, I suppose, one or two liberals out there who aren't total idiots - just misguided fools.

Protect my money? Just look at the richest people in Congress and tell me where the money is. Or does the name Kennedy not mean anything to you?

Power Position? Again, I give you Kennedy and several dozen more confirmed or closet liberals who are in public service for no reason other than the power it gives them. It gives them the power to prey on people like Chandra Levy and Mary Jo Kopeckni and Monica Lewinsky.

Liberals are one of four things. They are weak and misguided people who will believe anything the politicians tell them and totally ignore the lies and deceit of those they elect to high office. Or they are throwbacks to the '60s who have failed to realize that the peace movement didn't work because of humanity's basest weaknesses. Or they are power hungry illuminati who want to be the king at any cost and have found that lying to the weak-willed, blind-eyed, guilt-ridden segment of the population is a great way to get that power. Or they are the filthy rich and morally bankrupt, who got that way by no real sweat of their own and who feel guilty about it, but not guilty enough to give any of it back to the poor, but who think that we of the middle class should give for them. Think about this: John F. Kennedy would have been considered a conservative in today's political climate!

Proverbs 8:4-7 (NIV) says: "To you, O men, I call out; I raise my voice to all mankind. You who are simple, gain prudence; you who are foolish, gain understanding. Listen, for I have worthy things to say; I open my lips to speak what is right."

Environmental clean-up at Kelly must be finished

By Rep. Ciro D. Rodriguez
Special to The Brackett News

When Kelly Air Force Base was transformed from one of the nation's largest military commands to a civilian-run installation, I was joined by a chorus of area residents and community leaders in raising questions about pre-existing environmental and health-risks at the base.

The Air Force, on several occasions, reassured the San Antonio community that our concerns would be addressed, and contracted with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to conduct a public health assessment of contamination from East Kelly AFB. ATSDR completed this public health assessment in August 2001, and the University of Maryland's Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine completed a review of it in February 2002. A *San Antonio Express News* column, citing the February 2002 review, questioned whether the Air Force has adequately identified the contamination from East Kelly and its health consequences to residents in the sur-

rounding area.

After reviewing this information, I requested the Air Force examine the potential health consequences of the previously unidentified health risks identified in the study. In June 2001, the ATSDR issued its Public Health Assessment for Kelly AFB on East Kelly. During this assessment, it was revealed that contaminants from Kelly AFB had spread into the local community. Although this site was closed under the applicable law, it was cleaned up to industrial standards, an inadequate standard for a residential neighborhood. I share the University of Maryland's Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine's concerns that the Air Force does not know of the pre-cleanup risks posed by this contamination to the local community, and I have requested that the Air Force sample Six Mile Creek sediments to determine whether metals, dibenzodioxins and dibenzofurans from Kelly East have contaminated this waterway. If contamination from East Kelly is detected in Six Mile Creek, then I would further request that the Air Force conduct

a follow-up health assessment on the affected surrounding community. I have also requested that the Air Force calculate and assess the health risks to the community associated with the inhalation of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons from the soil at East Kelly. I have had a long-standing interest in the environmental issues at the former Kelly AFB, and am dedicated to ensuring that the Air Force continues to fulfill its obligations to clean up the environmental contamination there. There remain serious concerns to the environment and the health risks to people living in the areas immediately surrounding Kelly AFB.

For some time, current and past workers on the base and residents in the surrounding communities have been faced with various debilitating health risks and increased occurrences of ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) and the affects of beryllium contamination. I have urged the Air Force to fully investigate these health risks and, to the credit of the Air Force, they have cooperated with my requests and provided timely answers to questions regarding the identifica-

tion, treatment and compensation for affected individuals.

They have provided funding for health assessment reviews, granted \$5 million for research into health concerns of local residents, and looked into the serious issue of ALS.

The Air Force also worked with me and others to establish the Public Center for Environmental Health to help treat any health problems associated with contamination from Kelly.

I have requested that the proper authorities undertake this additional study to identify the risks from breathing wind-borne contaminants from East Kelly as well as the risk from exposure to contaminants from run-off from East Kelly to Six Mile creek.

The Air Force has an ongoing legal and moral obligation to clean-up contamination introduced into our neighborhoods and work with us to find solutions to the unusual health problems in the area. I feel confident that they will continue to do so.

■ **Editor's note:** For more information on Kelly's environmental clean-up, call (210) 925-0956.

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Officials lack funding required for Internet networking grant

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

Kinney County officials passed on a grant that would provide a T1 Internet line for the community after learning that the county would have to be responsible for the bulk of the local financing.

The \$16,000 TIF community networks grant required local matching funds of 10 percent. Rio Grande Electric committed \$5,000 and Brackett ISD committed \$3,000, which left \$8,000 unfunded.

"If we have to come up with \$8,000, I don't know where we're going to get it right now," County Commissioner Pat Melancon said. "I just don't know if I'm ready to commit to \$8,000."

"I don't think we're ready for it," Commissioner Nat Terrazas added.

Melancon, Terrazas and Commissioner Joe Montalvo took no action on the agenda item. County Judge Herb Senne and Commissioner Francie

Wylie were absent.

Officials discussed seeking funding from other entities, but no further commitments had been made.

"I had a very brief discussion with the city. They did not imply that they could commit right now," said Frank Taylor, director of technology at Brackett ISD. "Fort Clark said they might contribute \$1,000, but that is indefinite."

County Librarian Sara Terrazas said the grant would be beneficial to the community.

"The grant would provide a T1 line access that the school has at this time," Terrazas said. "It would give that kind of access to the rest of the community."

Sandy Watkins, the county auditor, said employees were limited with the current Internet access at the Courthouse.

"We have a problem now because we are limited in the number of phone lines that are available," she said. "The bottom line is most of the offices are going to have to go to Internet reporting."

Commissioners discuss opening a branch library at Fort Clark

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

Fort Clark Springs may soon have its own library if Kinney County officials decide to pursue a grant that would fund the project.

County Librarian Sara Terrazas informed the Commissioners Court about the grant during a special meeting on Friday morning.

The \$30,000 grant would fund a branch library at the fort, the librarian said.

"The grant is totally funded by the state," Terrazas said. "It would give the fort some access points over there."

"I haven't really met with

the whole Board of Directors, but the few that I talked to have implied that it would probably not be a problem. It is something that they would be able to take care of."

Commissioners Pat Melancon, Joe Montalvo and Nat Terrazas made no decision concerning the grant during the meeting. County Judge Herb Senne and Commissioner Francie Wylie were absent.

"If it's totally funded and there is nothing out of our pocket, that sounds great to me," Melancon said.

Terrazas said a branch library would allow citizens easier Internet access with computers in two different locations.

"A lot of the patrons that we have are people from the fort, so I'm thinking that might even take some of the load off if we can open a library there," she said.

"Right now, we're serving both Fort Clark Springs and the townspeople. In the afternoon, once the kids are out of school, we have a lot of the school kids that come in there and use the computers, and that's really hard for the Fort Clark people. When they come in the afternoons, the computers are not available to them. It would be kind of nice for them to have their own library up at the fort, and their computers over there."

Terrazas said the county would manage the branch library, but added that it would not require any additional employees.

"I have talked to some of the board members from the fort and they are all in favor of it," she said. "They said that they would provide the volunteers they already have and a part-time staff person that works at the Adult Center."

Terrazas told the commissioners that the county has until June 15 to submit a letter of intent to apply for the grant.

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Janice Floyd, county treasurer, said: "All of my state reports have to be over the Internet, plus our medical billing and all of our medical applications."

Taylor said the purpose of the

grant was not to improve Internet access for public officials.

"The grant will offer some benefits to the Courthouse, but the intent of the grant is to promote community access to com-

puters. That's where the focus is," he said.

Taylor said he believed other grant opportunities would surface in the future.

"This is probably not the last grant to come along. It's not the

only way the Courthouse office can get high-speed Internet. There are other options. It's possible that the next grant might be a little more lenient as far as the matching funds," Taylor added.

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Keeping promises *What time is it?* Volunteers needed

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"D-a-a-a-d," Steve yelled. "I can't, I just can't. It's not fair to make me."

"Look, son," Joe said calmly. "Hold your voice down. We can discuss this without yelling."

"I'm sorry, Dad," Steve said, lowering his voice. "But it's not fair. I shouldn't have to do something I don't want to do."

"Steve you're 12 years old. Between now and the time you're an adult you'll be doing a lot of things you don't want to do. Even at my age, I have to do things I don't want to do," Joe said.

"Look, Dad," Steve argued. "I really didn't promise Jimmy that I would help him with his homework tonight. What I meant was that I might help him."

"Son," Joe replied with a little laugh, "you said yesterday that Jimmy failed a math test and you had promised to help him study."

"Well that was before some of the guys decided to get together for a soccer game. David's mom is going to fix us some snacks and drinks. Its important Dad, really important."

"Is it more important than keeping a promise and helping your best friend to pass math?" Joe asked.

"Please Dad, just this one

time," Steve replied.

"Then you do realize that keeping your promises and commitments is important?" Joe asked.

"Yeah Dad, its important, but ..." Steve didn't get to finish his argument.

"Stop right there son. Enough arguing. Its important to learn how to set your priorities. Your word and your promises have to mean something in life. You can always play soccer but there's only one friend like Jimmy."

Long ago, a very wise man said that the breaking of promises is the making of enemies (Sirach 20:22). You must keep your promises and be honest with your friends and you will always come by what you need (Sirach 29:3). Like clouds and wind when no rain follows is the man who boastfully promises what he never gives (Proverbs 25:14).

This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project, working in Brackettville to strengthen family, faith and education.

Goodies from G.G.

Are you in the same rut that I'm in, "Haven't tried that - afraid to"! Well, I dove right in this week and added a spice I'd wanted to try and staked my entire meals success or failure

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

I have a clock in my home that is 15 minutes fast. It's in the living room on my wall close to the television set. It has been ahead of time for years. I don't know what, if anything, to do about it. I am used to it.

When I look at it, I automatically adjust my thought mode 15 minutes behind what my eyes read. If I decided now to correct the timepiece, would I find myself still seeing it as ahead of schedule? Or would I remember that now it is reflecting the right hour? I'm afraid to adjust that clock. I don't know how I would react when I saw it. I might never be on time for an appointment again. Ever. Is it the same with people? Do I treat those around me in much the same manner? If a person decides to change, will I see that individual as he or she has become or merely reflect on what once was? Am I open-minded enough to allow for transformation in my fellow man?

on the one dish. To everyone's pleasures, it was good! So here's a quick and delightful salad!

Light Crab Salad; 2 ribs celery, diced, 1/2 green bell pepper, chopped, 1 small onion, chopped, 1 pkg. imitation crab, mayonnaise or salad dressing to taste to bind, salt and pepper to taste, 2 tsp. lime juice and 1-1/2 tsp. dill weed.

Mix together gently; preferably chill 1-2 hours. Serve on lettuce leaves and to complete/compliment meal, slices of tomato 1/2 "thick and top with guacamole or avocado slice.

Fresh fruit, jello or sherbert complete the meal.

* I offer 2-4 different, shape/flavor crackers to accompany meat salads.

This is to serve notice that I am going to make a change in my personal life. When I was in college, I had an irrational fear of being late to class.

From this time on, I am going to schedule my life by my clock. Henceforth, I will always be 15 minutes late. But I could be wrong.

Law enforcement officer at school

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We don't have the magnitude of problems that other schools have, nor do I want to see them, that's why we're applying for the grant."

The county and the school district have applied for the grant the past two years, but were not awarded the funding.

The \$110,000 grant will provide the funding for a law enforcement officer at the school for three years. After that, the position would have to be funded through the local entities.

"At the end of this grant program, the school is going to be committed to finding the money to keep this going indefinitely," Hall said. "We will find a way to get the salary paid. We think it is that important."

Hall said the deputy sheriff assigned to the school district would be paid between \$30,000 and \$35,000 annually.

"We're going to try to use the same pay-scale that the Sheriff's Office currently uses," Hall said. "There is going to be a little bit more training. They're going to have to be familiar with national, state, local and school laws, rules and regulations. We're going to start off pretty high on the pay-scale. We're figuring a 4 to 5 percent increase

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every year."

The sheriff echoed Hall's comments.

"We went a little high because this man is going to be more specialized," Burgess said. "He is going to have to know all the juvenile laws and he is going to have to be able to communicate well with children. He is going to have a lot of responsibility."

"Nowadays, the way our children are, you don't know what's going to happen at school. We are very fortunate.

"We are getting a lot of people coming into this community that we know nothing about. Years ago, most of our children were born and raised here. You knew their good habits and their bad habits. Now we're getting kids from Del Rio ... and new kids from Fort Clark."

The grant requires that the officer spends at least 75 percent or more of his or her time at the school.

"This deputy will be at Sheriff Burgess' discretion," Hall said. "If he needs this deputy in an emergency situation, he can certainly utilize him or her. First thing is first, but 75 percent of time he has to be utilized for school functions."

"The police officer's duty would be to naturally be visible in and around our school grounds and at school functions, to counsel kids that have problems, to serve in some mentoring activities and to explain to kids the consequences of some bad judgements — what's going to happen to you if you get caught with drugs or what's going to happen to you when you get caught stealing hubcaps to pay for your drug habit," he said, adding that surveys do indicate drug usage in the local school system.

"I would like to put on blinders and I would like to tell you that we don't have any problems at school, but the simple truth is we do. And the simple truth is they're going to get worse unless we make a commitment to try to make them better," Hall added.

Officials said the school district will know if the grant has been approved before the start of the upcoming school year.

"As soon as we know whether or not it's approved, we will start the process of screening applicants," Hall said. "It will be a joint-hiring process between the county and the school. We don't have anybody in mind right now."

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, May 26

8:05 p.m., A woman reported a one vehicle accident on Hwy 131. EMS and Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. responded to the accident.

Tuesday, May 28

3:00 a.m., A woman requested a deputy at her residence. Deputy Karl Chism was advised.

8:00 p.m., Michaela Angelica Rivette, 27, from San Antonio, was arrested for driving while intoxicated by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie. Rivette was released on a PR Bond.

Thursday, May 30

2:23 a.m., A man requested an individual to leave his residence. Deputy Pena was notified.

10:23 a.m., A woman reported her black purse was lost at a local restaurant parking lot.

10:50 a.m., Fort Clark Security reported a sick deer. Game Warden Henry Lutz was advised.

11:55 a.m., A woman reported the laundry room at the motor pool was on fire. The Volunteer Fire Department was notified immediately.

Saturday, June 1

3:10 p.m., An employee

from a local store reported an individual driving a silver Honda Civic drove off without paying for gas on Hwy 90 west. Deputy Bobby Guidry and the Del Rio Police Station were advised.

3:45 p.m., Juan Jose Paez Jr., 44, from San Antonio was arrested by DPS Trooper Tully Welch for theft by check. Paez was released the same day on a PR Bond.

4:47 p.m., Sheriff Buddy Burgess reported a loose horse. Owners were advised.

7:57 p.m., A woman reported beer bottles had been thrown on her property. Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo responded to the call.

8:24 p.m., Chief Alonzo reported a broken water pipe on East Spring and Sheedy. A city employee was advised.

9:15 p.m., A woman reported that she had accidentally ran into a gas meter at West Pear Alley. A city employee was advised.

11:06 p.m., Deputy Chism responded to loud music.

Sunday, June 2

5:08 p.m., A dispatcher from the Val Verde Sheriff's Office reported a red 18 wheeler driving recklessly on Hwy 90. Trooper Wylie was advised.

Monday, June 3

12:55 a.m., A dispatcher from the Val Verde Sheriff's Office, reported a female in a brown Chevy van stranded on Hwy 90.

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Tigers have five earn honors on all-district baseball team

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

The Brackett Tigers had five players named to the 30-2A all-district baseball team.

The team, which was selected by the conference's coaches, was released earlier this week.

The Tigers finished the season with a 7-13 record, and posted a 3-7 mark in conference play.

"It was a disappointing season," said Tigers coach Ricky Creel. "I felt like we had a team that could compete, but it was a young team. I think next year we will have an opportunity to compete for the district title and go to the playoffs."

Poth senior Carl Weed was named the district's Most Valuable Player. Newcomers of the

Year were Daniel Gonzales of Three Rivers and Anthony Moy of Poth, both sophomores.

Junior pitcher Jared Hobbs represented Brackett on the first team, while sophomore pitcher Eli Woolsey, junior infielders Ryan Benton and Dietrich Davis and sophomore outfielder Tony Rosetti were named to the second team.

In addition, sophomore outfielder Glenn Morgan received honorable mention all-district honors.

"I was pleased with the all-district selections," Creel said. "I thought we deserved what we got."

"We have a good nucleus of players coming back. They are mostly sophomores and freshmen, so we have a lot to build on."

30-2A all-district baseball team

The 30-2A all-district baseball team, as selected by the conference's coaches:

■ **MVP:** Carl Weed, Poth, senior.
■ **Newcomers of the Year:** Daniel Gonzalez, Three Rivers, sophomore; Anthony Moy, Poth, sophomore.

■ **First team:** Jason Weed, Poth, pitcher, junior; Jared Hobbs, Brackett, pitcher, junior; Daniel Smith, Three Rivers, pitcher, senior; B.J. Rodriguez, Dilley, catcher, junior; Brad Lindsley, Three Rivers, infielder, senior; Ray Terry, Three Rivers, infielder, senior; Jonathon Guzman, Natalia, infielder, senior; Steve Gallegos, Natalia, infielder, senior; Matt Helford, Pettus, infielder, junior; Anthony Weed, Poth, infielder, junior; Samuel Garcia, Three Rivers, outfielder, junior; Philip Galvan, Three Rivers, outfielder, senior; Mitch Carroll, Dilley, outfielder, junior; Josh Balencia, Natalia, outfielder, senior; Ryan Molina, Poth, outfielder, junior; Andrew Monreal, Natalia, designated hitter, senior; Chase Helford, Pettus, utility, senior; Frank Rotter, Poth, utility, senior.

■ **Second team:** Brian Clark, Natalia, pitcher, sophomore; Eli Woolsey, Brackett, pitcher, sophomore; Cody Ruiz, Three Rivers, pitcher, junior; Daniel Fernandez, Three Rivers, catcher, junior; Ryan Benton, Brackett, infielder, junior; Dietrich Davis, Brackett, infielder, junior; Jacob Lumberas, Dilley, infielder, senior; Jose Garcia, Natalia, infielder, senior; John Chapa, Pettus, infielder, junior; Russell Jaskinia, Poth, infielder, junior; Justin Perez, Three Rivers, outfielder, junior; Jim Cabrera, Natalia, outfielder, senior; Tony Rosetti, Brackett, outfielder, sophomore; Douglas Brown, Dilley, outfielder, sophomore; Tony Ramirez, Poth, outfielder, junior; Zeke Escamill, Pettus, utility, sophomore.

Briefs ...

Brotherton makes President's List

KERRVILLE — Lindsey Brotherton of Brackettville has been named to the President's List for the spring 2002 term at Schreiner University.

To qualify for the President's List, full-time students must have passing grades in all classes and must earn at least a 3.7 grade point average.

Meyer named to ASU Dean's List

SAN ANGELO — Leslie Meyer, a business major from Brackettville, was named to Angelo State University's Dean's List for the 2002 spring semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.

Martinez wins competition

Brackett High's Maria Martinez is the 2001-2002 Regional Trig-Star winner. Maria is the daughter of Natividad and Maria Martinez and the student of Jamie Ballew. Her efforts earned her the right to compete at the state level for scholarships, a plaque and certificate.

Martinez competed in a mathematics competition with students from an 11 county area covered by the Chaparral Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Surveyors. The competition gives students an oppor-

tunity to work with their math skills on problems that surveyors often face and exposes them to surveying as a career option.

Stephanie Coronado, Jesse Davis, Jared Hobbs, Matthias Katzfuss, Megan McWilliams, Shena Meyer, Douglas Sanchez, Tammy Smith and Eliot Stone also participated in the competition.

For more information on surveying or Trig-Star competition, write Paula Burleson, Trig-Star liaison, P.O. Box 661, Pearsall, TX 78061.



Maria Martinez

County farmers, ranchers fear future water limits

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people that do have water for sale, but we don't want to throw the baby out of the bath water."

Local farmer Jim McDaniel asked that ag producers be exempt until the board has sufficient scientific data to determine appropriate limits.

"I don't see that we're harming the county," McDaniel said. "We're not considered a water-poor county. We're not considered to be in danger, so I don't see the necessity to impose permits and restrictions immediately for farmers."

Smith told McDaniel, "I'm sure that you won't be getting any restrictions real fast."

Longtime Kinney County rancher Charlie Foust echoed McDaniel's sentiments.

"I don't see any reason to regulate agriculture now under these conditions," Foust said. "I don't think we're hurting a thing, and until we do, I don't see any use in putting meters on at this time until we have the in-

formation to base our limits on. When the need is apparent, I think it ought to be regulated. Until then, I think you should exempt agriculture."

Crumley said some of the limits discussed by the board could effect the livelihood of the ag producers if imposed.

"Agriculture as it is, is pretty marginal," Crumley said. "Any infringements or any burdens on them, it is going to be pretty difficult for them to stay in business. We have lived with agriculture for long periods of time in this community and really have had no great water problems as a result of agricultural usage. I understand the irrigation farmers' concern when you start talking about (limits) that they cannot live with."

"Historically, (farmers and ranchers) have not been the problem. While you wait for this data to be accumulated, why put them in a position of economic disaster?" Crumley added.

Former board president Tom

Dorrell also expressed the concerns of the agricultural community.

"We have had — to my knowledge — no abrasive activity from anyone in the county towards the agricultural community because of their abuse of their water rights," Dorrell said. "I love Kinney County just like all of you do, and we have to have water to stay here. Water is a very valuable commodity."

Board member Bob Young reminded those in attendance that the district was regulated by state statutes.

"When we set forth the management plan, if the Texas Water Development Board finds that we're not doing things right, they can step in and make sure we do things correctly," he said. "We are not all omnipotent and powerful. We are regulated also. If we do things that are not consistent of what the state wants, they're going to step in there and say: 'Don't do that.'"

Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

Thursday, June 6
6:00 PM Board of Trustees Budget Workshop, Summer School 9-12:00 PM Children, 8:30-12:30 PM Teachers
Monday, June 10
6:00 PM Board of Trustees Mtg., Summer School 9-12:00 PM Children, 8:30-12:30 PM Teachers
Tuesday, June 11
Summer School 9-12 PM Children, 8:30-12:30 PM Teachers
Wednesday, June 12
Summer School 9-12:00 PM Children, 8:30-12:30 PM Teachers
HEAT ILLNESS PRECAUTIONS: Take 5 days to gradually build up time spent outdoors. Drink 16 ounces of water before starting work, 5 to 7 ounces every 15 to 20 minutes during work outdoors.

Pre-registration underway for kindergarten, pre-kindergarten

Brackett ISD announced that pre-registration for Kindergarten and Pre-kindergarten children begins today and will continue through June 13 at the Jones Elementary School Office from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The kindergarten program is open to all 5-year-old children whose birthdays fall before Sept. 1 and whose immunization records are current. In order to register your child, you will need to present proof of

birthdate, an immunization record and a Social Security card.

Pre-kindergarten is limited to 4-year-old children whose birth-

days fall before Sept. 1, whose immunization records are current, are limited in the English language or from families whose incomes qualify them for the

free or reduced lunch program. Proof of birthdate, immunization record, proof of family income and a Social Security card are required.

Brackett's graduation big success

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

School is out! Students and faculty had smiles on their faces Friday as they endured the last day of school for the year.

Commencement exercises for our eighth grade were Friday morning, followed by the graduation of the BHS Class of 2002.

Rachel Swinson, eighth grade class valedictorian, addressed classmates and friends. Lee Davis, Class of 2002 valedictorian, and Levi Duncan, salutatorian, gave commencement addresses.

Matthias Katzfuss, a Rotary exchange student from Germany, bid our community a fond farewell.

The students were magnificent in their messages. We're proud of these young folks and of their classmates.

Summer School
Summer school will begin on Tuesday for students who need additional work. Classes have been scheduled for elementary and junior high students.

Our summer session will be enhanced by food services in the cafeteria (breakfast and lunch) for all young children in Brackettville. You don't have to go to summer school to participate in the summer food program.

Summer School and cafeteria serving of food will be held Monday through Thursday through the month of June.

Building Repairs
This summer, we hope to get a major portion of roofs damaged by hail completed. New roofs will be put on Jones El-

ementary, both of our gyms, the High School Annex and auditorium, and the school administration building. We'll also re-roof the junior high dressing room at the stadium.

We will replace air conditioning units at the new high school (already done), junior high and gym dressing rooms as a result of the hail.

School staff will paint and clean up all buildings with emphasis on the fifth and sixth grade (Intermediate School Building).

We also hope to build a fitness center for students. It will be a busy summer.

New Band Director
A band director, Melvin Settemyre from Roby, Texas, has been hired for the school system.

Students who have met this young man were impressed by his enthusiasm for building a fine music program for Brackettville.

Mr. Guidry has done a fine job, but is leaving and we want to continue to improve.

Graduation Thanks
Thanks to Sondra Meil and her helpers for our beautiful commencement flowers, and also for the beautiful red roses.

The maintenance and custodial staff did a superb job getting the stadium ready for commencement.

John Paul Schuster, assisted by Gracie Mata and Michelle Frerich, had the ceremony organized. It was the best and quickest that I have seen in Brackettville in at least 10 years. Good job!

Have a great week!

Summer golf begins

The Southwest Texas Junior Golf Association is hosting eight tournaments for kids ages 6 thru 18.

The cost is \$6 per tournament and \$25 to join the tour. The price includes a T-shirt. Participants may pay at any tournament.

Tournaments are scheduled in Hondo on Tuesday, Carrizo

Springs on June 18, Brackettville on June 25, Utopia on July 9, Uvalde Memorial on July 16, Castroville on July 18, Lost Valley Bandera on July 22 and Eagle Pass on July 30.

Registration for each of the tournaments begins at 8:45 a.m., and events will begin at 9.

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In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions—forward, backward, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- Which of New York City's boroughs has a cocktail of whisky, vermouth and bitters named after it?
- Name the whirling, fast-moving cartoon character from Down Under.
- What Scottish city features in the title of a 1986 Paul Hogan film?
- On what famous train did a murder occur in an Agatha Christie novel?
- What is the currency of Ireland which shares its name with a type of boat?
- What is encephalitis?
- What did the Romans call a public square or marketplace?
- What type of painting shows a traditional view of a countryside?
- What was the name of the girl gang in "Grease"?
- What do you call the dish made of minced raw steak and onions?

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HOROSCOPES
by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Financial advice you receive this week is of some value. Pay close attention. Over the weekend, you're itching to get out and about.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) While you are able to articulate your plans well, you have to wait until midweek before bigwigs begin to listen. Later in the week, some shopping is in order. Pick up something nice to dress up your home.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're able to skillfully negotiate any purchases or sales this week. Take full advantage of this. For some, this could entail the sale of a house.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your judgment is right on the mark this week when it comes to domestic concerns. The same isn't true in the workplace. Keep a low profile while you work things through.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) In your haste to get your ideas across, you could come off too brusque. Temper your remarks and bide your time. By week's end, everyone's listening.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The financial backing you're looking for comes through this week. Study interest rates carefully, though. This weekend, couples reach an agreement concerning a child's welfare.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Tap into your organizational skills this week. You'll get more done if you do things in an efficient manner. By week's end, you're ready for some quality leisure time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're less than thrilled with an extra assignment you receive at work. Pace yourself, and you'll get everything done. Over the weekend, take a break from your usual routine.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Get out those vacation brochures and plan for a getaway. It's possible to find something both exciting and inexpensive. Later in the week, partnership interests are highlighted.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's fine for you to make plans for the future. Just don't neglect your day-to-day duties. This weekend, social interests are a priority.

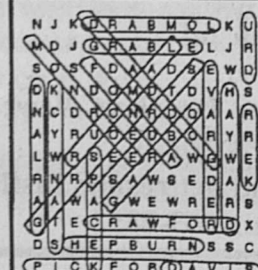
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A private talk with a big-wig imparts new insights. By midweek, your plans take solid shape. A confident, authoritative approach is best.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You are able to reach an agreement with a friend by being more understanding. You really did misread this person's actions. Later in the week, a moneymaking opportunity comes your way.

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Redemption of Jesus Christ Asking and receiving One Sun forgiveness from God

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charolette Corey

Rejoice for your redemption draweth nigh! Jesus hath redeemed you by his blood. Jesus has made you accepted in the beloved. Jesus has called you to be holy and without blame before him in love. Through his blood you have redemption and forgiveness for all your sins. Jesus had made known to you the mystery of his will and the pleasure of his will is this, that is, he has predestinated you unto

the adoption of children of God. (Ephesians, Chapter 1)

Jesus has done all this for you in abundance. It is simply up to you to accept it and receive it. Just like an inheritance received from a rich uncle, you can't get to it to use until you accept it and receive it. The inheritance could stay on the paper in the lawyer's office and you will never get to use it if you never accepted and received it.

The redemption of Jesus Christ does not end with the beautiful redemption of your

spirit unto eternal life, but it also includes redemption of your soul. Your mind, your will and your emotions continue to be redeemed by the Lord through the power of his Holy Spirit who he sends to comfort you, teach you, and guide you.

This means Jesus has provided for your redemption from sickness, from disease, from addictions of any kind. The blood of Jesus Christ is your legacy that covers it and provides healing for it.

Jesus has also provided redemption for your finances through his command to tithe the first fruit of your money and prosperity of goods. That first fruit is what protects you from many evil things as provided for in Malachi, Chapter 3. Jesus has purchased you and your entire life with the price of his blood, only to take great pleasure in giving you back an abundant life. You belong to Jesus. He loves you with all his life. Don't let the devil lie to you and steal your soul.

If you've heard it all before and walked in the truth in the past, then renew your relationship and start fresh from this day forward. Your redemption is nigh! Reach out for it and receive it.

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

Frontier Baptist Church
By Rev. Dave Crowe

Within the past couple of weeks, many many of God's children have acted irresponsibly.

So many people have viciously attacked their closest personal friends and family over the policies and procedures of Fort Clark Springs.

These folks are normally rational and sane, but for whatever the reasons, they became depraved and gave into an evil ugly disposition. Some even developed a violent temper, totally and perversely contrary to their nature. Those people who might be tempted to just blow it off and say, "I don't know what got into me? I guess that the devil made me do it," may be closer to the truth, than anyone realizes.

Affliction as the result of sin, causes a continuous pain of body and mind with all manner of distress, persecution, pain and sorrow.

What does God say to one who sends affliction to another? Today's scripture is found in Deuteronomy 28, "The Lord shall send upon thee cursing, vexation and rebuke, in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings."

What does God's word say to those who have been afflicted? 2 Corinthians 1:4 "Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble by the comfort where with we ourselves are comforted by God." 2 Corinthians 12:7 says, "And lest I should be exalted above measure through

the abundance of the revelations, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure."

So, tempers flared and things were said that everyone wishes could be taken back, but it's too late! They've been said.

Where do we go from here? How do we mend all those broken fences?

Friendships have been stretched to the breaking point, some have snapped and broken.

There are only two answers. One is prayer, the other is the asking and receiving of forgiveness. Colossians 3:13, "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man (or woman) have a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye."

Matthew 6:14-15 "For, if ye forgive men (and women) their trespasses, your heavenly father will also forgive you. But, if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your father forgive your trespasses."

Mutual forgiveness is commanded by God and this is what our God promises us in return.

2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." I will leave you today with something Paul wrote in Romans 15:5-7, "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

By Rev. Brother J.
Contributing Writer

It was late in the afternoon and I still had a two and half hour drive till I reached home.

I decided to buy a sack lunch so I could stop and eat it on the way home and enjoy the outdoor beauty of West Texas.

After driving northwest for an hour or so, I decided to stop and eat my sack lunch.

While eating, I noticed that the sun was setting and I was amazed at the beautiful colors, the light blues and different shades of pink.

It reminded me of a sunset I had witnessed a few weeks ago, half way around the world when my wife and I were on a mission trip near the Russian border.

The sunsets looked almost identical. I realized it was the same sun giving its light and beauty to us in Texas as in Russia.

That beautiful sunset reminded me of something in the Bible about God.

It says that God only has one Son and that he came into this world to give us life.

Jesus made many statements about himself. For example, in John 6:35 He said He was the bread of life.

In 8:12, He was the light of the world. In 10:9, He said He was the gate by which we must enter.

In 11:25, He said He was the life and resurrection. And finally, one of my favorites, verses John 14:6 where Jesus said He was the way, the truth and life.

Let's make sure Jesus is in our life and that we have put our faith in him.

See you in church on Sunday.

Up and down

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

My trash basket fills so fast. I empty it and yet the next day it is again overflowing. Sometimes I get tired of carrying old newspapers and bags of "stuff" out to the garbage can. In and out...up and down. If only I could empty it out once and for all. Have you noticed how life is like that, too? Each morning I pray, clearing my mind for the day. But all too soon the junk begins to pile up. My mind chatters away.

"They don't appreciate how hard I work." "What did she

mean by that remark?"

"Why is someone asking me to do one more job?" When evening comes, my head is overflowing with negative debris—and it is cleaning time once more. I must ask God to grant me His gifts of charity, patience and peace. In and out...up and down. Until at last my house, both inner and outer, is in order. How good that feels!

Until tomorrow...

Daily I must turn to You, Lord, and daily You bring me peace. You are welcome to worship with us anytime at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. God Bless You.

OUTDOORS

Dry conditions raise concern for wildfires

Abnormally dry conditions from the Hill Country south have fire officials concerned this year.

Rainfall has been sparse from Austin to Houston and south to Brownsville, with some areas falling 8 inches below the normal year-to-date precipitation. Firefighters in many counties have already responded to several grass and brush fires, four to six weeks earlier than normal.

The National Weather Service in New Braunfels said if Travis County does not receive rainfall this week, May 2002 will be the driest May since 1886, when only a trace of rain was recorded. This May, 4-one-hundredths of an inch is all that has been recorded at Bergstrom Airport, the official recording site for Travis County.

The Texas Forest Service offers the following tips to campers and outdoor enthusiasts:

- Before building a campfire, make sure there are no outdoor burning bans. Build campfires only in open, level spots away from trees and overhanging branches. Extinguish the campfires completely with water. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.

- When cooking outdoors, remember coals and ashes are still a fire hazard until they are cold to the touch. Make sure coals and ashes are removed from barbecue pits before towing them down the highway. Do not light the barbecue pit until it is parked in a safe location away from flammable vegetation.

- Check wheel bearings, tires and tow chains on recreational and boat trailers before using

them. Trailers that have not been used for a while often need wheel bearings repacked so they don't freeze up and throw sparks going down the highway. Also, make sure tires are in good conditions, since towing a trailer with a flat tire can start several roadside fires before the driver realizes there is a problem. Dragging tow chains also throw sparks that can ignite fires.

- Keep spark arrestors on recreational equipment in proper working order. The same holds true for agricultural equipment, chain saws and other internal combustion engines.

- Use an ashtray when smoking in a vehicle. When smoking outdoors, stay in areas free of dry vegetation nearby and dispose cigarette butts safely.

- Keep matches and lighters away from children.

Another effort made to catch striped bass

Austin - For the second time this month, Texas Parks and Wildlife went out for striped bass to produce and stock for recreational fishing.

This week, TPW Inland Fisheries staff tried to capture many of the highly-prized sport fish below Lake Livingston and Toledo Bend Reservoir as the fish swim upstream in an attempt to spawn.

Fisheries biologists used electro-fishing gear to capture the fish to identify their sexual maturity and eligibility for the state's stocking program, according to Gary Saul, Ph.D and director of inland hatcheries at TPW.

Fish captured this week were taken to state fish hatcheries at Possum Kingdom and Wichita Falls.

And earlier this month, staff collected 75 female and 85 male striped bass from Lake Livingston. It is estimated that there will be approximately four million fry produced from that collection. That wasn't as many as TPW hoped for.

Additional striped bass are needed because last year's production was completely destroyed by the Golden Alga that struck the Dundee State Fish Hatchery near Wichita Falls where all the production was being done due to renovations at the Possum Kingdom Hatchery.

Multiple locations are being used this year to ensure survival of some striped bass fry. Hatchery staff is currently treating active Golden Alga blooms at the hatchery at Dundee.

2002-2003 Hunting Season Dates

By Game Warden Henry Lutz
Contributing Writer

Dove: Central Zone (N. of US90) Sept.1-Oct.29, Dec.26-Jan.5, South Zone (S. of US90) Sept.20-Nov.3, Dec.21-Jan.10 and White-wing Area (S. of US90) Sept 7,8,14,15.

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General Season: Special Youth Weekend: Oct 26-27, North of US90: Nov.2-Jan.5, South of US90: Nov.2-Jan.19, Late Antlerless and Spike Season, North of US90: Jan. 6-19,

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