

# The Brackett News

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## Kinney County groundwater: How much is available to use?

How much water is available for use in Kinney County?

Right now there are only estimates, model figures and hard core beliefs - but the answer to this question could end the water war between the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District (KCGCD) and the marketers interested in the "liquid gold", flowing underneath the surface.

The KCGCD currently states that there is 8,725 acre feet of sustainable yield (available water to use) in the Edwards Balcones Fault Zone (BFZ) Aquifer and 22,432 acre feet of sustainable yield in the Edwards Trinity Aquifer.

Some landowners and known water marketers believe these figures are too low and want the board to increase them without haste.

Originally, John Ashworth, hydrogeologist and professional consultant for both the KCGCD and Plateau Water Planning Region J, determined, through the use of a groundwater availability model (GAM), that the Edwards BFZ has 29,083 acre feet of sustainable yield and the Edwards/Trinity Aquifer has 74,773 acre feet of sustainable yield, but the water district departed from these management plan figures and reduced their availability by 70% using a GAM showing potential draw downs of the Edwards Trinity Aquifer, assuming various conditions.

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in the *Aqui-*

*fers of the Edwards Plateau Report 360* by Robert Mace dated February 2004, Chapter 18, states there is 69,800 acre feet of average annual recharge in the combined Edwards BFZ and Edwards/Trinity Aquifers in Kinney County. This report also states, "In its groundwater management plan, the Kinney County GCD equates total usable amount of groundwater to recharge."

"I need to stress here that the district made the decision to base their total usable amount of groundwater on recharge. They could have decided on half of recharge or twice the recharge if they wanted to. The Texas Water Development Board made the estimate of recharge," said TWDB Director of Groundwater Resources Robert Mace.

When the *Report 360* estimates are used and allocated between the Edwards BFZ Aquifer and the Edwards/Trinity Aquifers in Kinney County, the results show 28,950 acre feet being recharge in the Edwards Trinity and 40,850 acre feet being the recharge to the Edwards BFZ.

These higher recharge figures are used by TWDB article, published in the August 2004, *Journal of American Water Resources Association* wherein an analysis of the *Report 360* shows 43,000 acre feet for the West Nueces River Basin (Edwards BFZ) in Kinney County.

KCGCD General Manager Darlene Shahan contends that the availability figures reserve

70% for exempt users, including the City of Brackettville and discharge for the springs. Shahan also stated that the information the water board used to develop their availability figures was provided by TWDB and the Plateau Water Planning Region J.

Many battles over property rights, including water, have been fought in Texas, but more recently, some Kinney County landowners have questioned the KCGCD's authority over these established rights and have since sought legal help to win their water war.

### Glossary:

**How much water has been permitted per year in Kinney County?** The amount of water currently permitted for agricultural use by the KCGCD in these aquifers is 33,215.36 acre feet, per year.

"Brackett Independent School District, Fort Clark Springs and Alamo Village are non-agriculture users and have been permitted 6.15, 603.58 and 32.26, acre feet, per year, respectively.

**How much of the permitted water is actually being used?** In 2005, the reported amount used by the permittees was 3,977.32 acre feet. In 2004, landowners reported 4,513.43 and in 2003, 9,868.82 acre feet.

**Recharge:** the amount of water that infiltrates from the land surface to the aquifer.

**Acre Foot:** One acre foot is enough water to cover one acre of land the depth of one foot, or 325,851 gallons.



## Pedro Pena to be awarded Bronze Star

Long time Brackettville resident and Korean War Veteran, Pedro R. Pee Wee Pena will be presented with the Bronze Star Medal with a "V" device for valor.

The presentation ceremony will take place at the Historic Kinney County Courthouse on Sept. 2 at 10 a.m. An invitation to attend the ceremony has been extended to the community by Pena's family and friends.

Jesus Limones of the

American Legion Post 595 in Del Rio will make the presentation.

The Bronze Star Medal is awarded to a member of the military who, while serving in or with the military of the United States after December 6, 1941, distinguished himself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service, not involving participation in aerial flight, while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States; while engaged in military

operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

Pena, also a candidate for the Medal Of Honor, is married to Maria Elena Cardenas Pena and is the son of the late Atanacio M. Pena and Roberta Flores Pena.



### News Travels Fast

Alicia and Gil Raymer, of Fort Clark Springs read The Brackett News with Lino Rodriguez in Pagosa Springs, Colorado. See page 2 for photo contest details.

Photo Submitted by Gil Raymer

## Uvalde Radio to blast into Brackett

Uvalde's Country KVOU 104.9 and Tejano KUVA 102.3 are set to blast into Brackettville after increasing station wattage from 3,000 to 25,000.

Technicians, still working on increasing the power, hope to be able to provide Kinney County residents with more

music choices by mid-September.

Coyote Country KVOU is owned and operated by Rhattigan Broadcasting covers all of Uvalde County and major portions of Edwards, Frio, Kinney, Medina, Real and Zavala counties.

Known for its mid-day news and Friday night football coverage, KVOU has been in operation since 1947.

Sister station "U102 Tejano Y Mas" takes a different approach to tejano radio, as the music is in spanish and the commentary is in English.



### On The Air

From left: General Station Manager Kevin Bonner and Program Director Mario Rangel, both pull double duty as radio personalities and administrators for Rhattigan Broadcasting.



Photos by Leigh Volcsko

## News BRIEFS

### Labor Day Closings:

The Brackett Independent School District, City of Brackettville, Kinney County Offices, the Brackettville branch of The Bank & Trust will all be closed in observance of Labor Day, Sept. 4.

### Weekend WEATHER

**Friday**  
Mostly Sunny  
High:99  
Low:74

**Saturday**  
Partly Cloudy  
High:97  
Low:74

**Sunday**  
Isolated TStorms  
High:93  
Low:72

### Livestock Scholarship Golf Tourney

5th Annual Kinney County Livestock Show Scholarship Golf Tournament Saturday, Sept. 2, 2006 Fort Clark Springs Four person scramble format. Cash prizes for each flight. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Entry includes green fees, lunch, refreshments, door prizes and two mulligans. For additional information please contact the Extension Office at 563-2442.

### Track Field Closed

The BISD Track Field on FM 674 will be closed for construction from September 1 until further notice.

### Wylie Fire Relief

Anyone wanting to contribute to the Wylie Fire Relief Fund can make a deposit at the Brackettville Bank & Trust.

### Register for College!

It is official. Registration at Sul Ross State University - Rio Grande College has been extended through September, 1 2006. Students may register or obtain a copy of the course schedule at any of the three locations in Del Rio, Eagle Pass or Uvalde. For more information contact the Office of Admissions at the campus nearest you. In Del Rio call 703-4808, in Eagle Pass call 758-5005 and in Uvalde call 279-3004. Students may also register online by accessing Web for Students on the Quick Links menu at www.sulross.edu. It is not too late. Register today! Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College is a Member of the Texas State University System.

### Class Reunion

The BHS Classes of 91 and 92 are having a Reunion Sept. 1-3. For more Information call Clay Hunt III at 830-563-2103 or 210-488-4134.

### Labor Day Celebration

Alamo Village will host their 46th Annual Labor Day Celebration on Monday, Sept. 4 from 9am to 5pm. The day will include horse races, live music, games & contests for all ages, gunslinging exhibitions and a homemade apple pie contest. Educational demonstrations will include sheep shearing and cattle branding. Admission will be \$9.75 for adults, \$4.75 for children 6-11 and FREE to children under five. For more information, please contact the Village at 830-563-2580.

### Trophy Photos

Do you have a trophy hunting photo that you would like to be included in this year's Hunter's Guide. Call 563-2852.

### Hunter's Guide

Don't miss your opportunity to reach out to area hunters! TBN

will be publishing their Hunter's Guide on Oct. 1. Deadline to submit an article or place an advertisement is Sep. 1. The 40-page magazine will be distributed via newsstands in the surrounding seven counties and be an informative guide to hunting, visiting and shopping in the area. Call Leigh at 563-2852, for more details.

### Photo Contest

Submit a photo of someone holding The Brackett News and Win Cash! Individual(s) or (things) in photo must be holding The Brackett News and the banner (title) must be clearly displayed. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners of the most original photo, most comical photo and for the photo taken the furthest distance from Brackettville. All submissions will be printed in TBN as space will allow and the winners will be chosen by a panel including TBN staff. Photos submitted are subject to unlimited use by TBN. Staff members (and/or

### Parenting Workshops

Families for a future is offering FREE parenting workshops to help parents learn to thrive on challenge and change. Meal and Childcare will be provided free of charge. Learn the building blocks for successful family function: Learn the building blocks: •Parent Modeling/Parent Teaching •Children and Adolescent Development •Parent/Child Relationships • Strong Ethnic and Cultural Roots • Link to Community Resources. Raquel Frausto 830-768-2755 or 877-441-4188 or Sara Terrazas from the Brackett Public Library.



Letter To The EDITOR

A friend passed along copies of your paper with stories concerning your "water war." I commend you for your 08/10/06 glossary of definitions. That's a first step in helping folks understand meanings of so many new words and acronyms.

I truly sympathize; we're in a water war, too. Briefly, the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) and San Antonio Water System (SAWS) are partners in a water project (LSWP) to take Colorado River water, store it in huge reservoirs and pipeline it to San Antonio. It involves Colorado, Wharton and Matagorda counties. A 6-year, \$42 million study is ongoing to satisfy criteria written into the project, thanks to various environmental groups. With no willing landowners, LCRA has eminent domain rights (condemnation). The start date was 2010; now they're talking a 5-year extension to 2015.

LSWP calls for drilling seventy (70) groundwater wells 24" diameter, 500-1800 feet deep, 2,500 gallons per minute (GPM) for "irrigation" purposes.

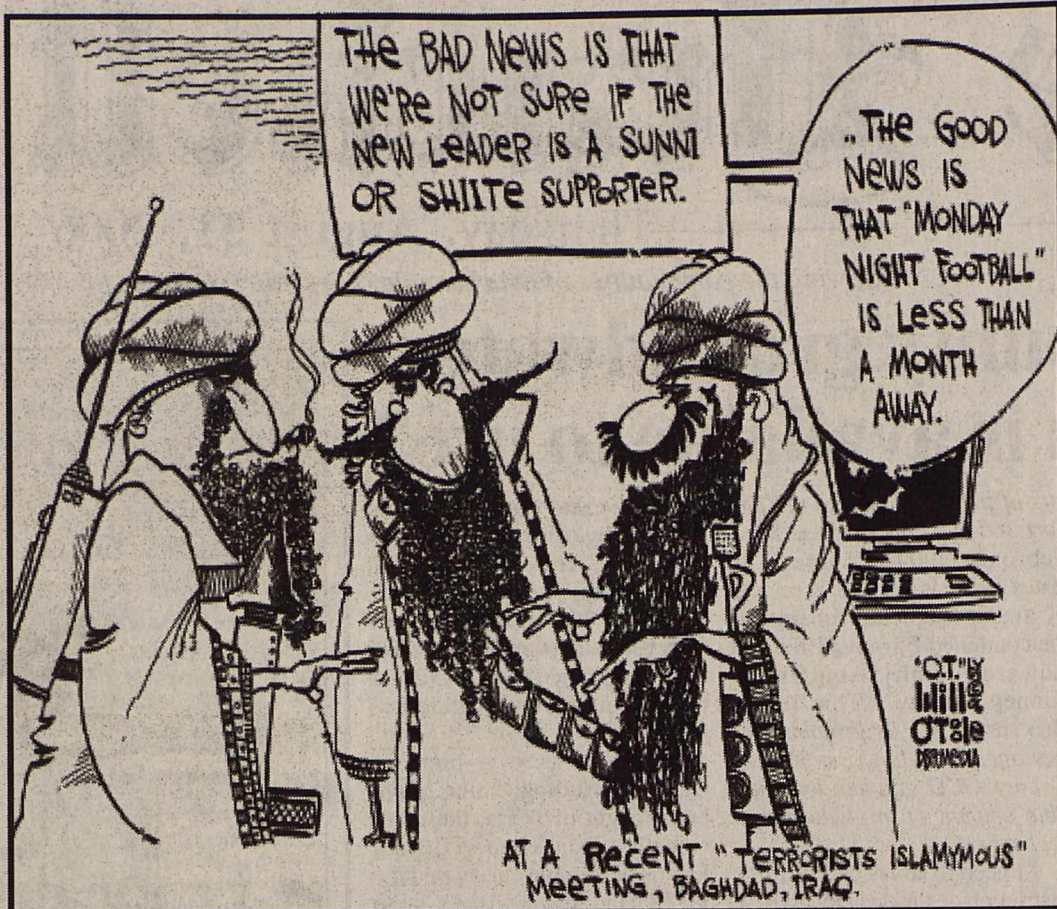
LCRA continually changes numbers, facts, etc. while answering questions with, "We're studying that;" or "We don't have answers yet!"

We're a tri-county effort with support from the Sierra Club, National Wildlife Federation, Coastal Conservation Association and Environmental Defense. We are working to stop this project entirely.

Landowner's lives in proposed reservoir sites are literally "on hold". Stress, strain and worry of losing land you have worked, sweated and bled on and/or has been in families for generations is hurting relationships of families and friends. This is a long term uphill battle, but someone has to do it.

I strongly urge ALL citizens to get involved in YOUR water war! NOW!!! Don't let one or two people do all the work. Help yourself; help your neighbors and friends. Everyone needs WATER!! But no one will win without the effort of everyone.

Judy Bishop Jurek  
Markham, Texas



Honor the Texas flag



Kay Bailey Hutchison

As students return from summer vacations, many will soon begin learning Texas history as part of their curriculum. Texas pride is instilled in us at an early age as we learn about our state's history in school. As we grow, so does our pride. This is evident by the fact that a Texan is never far from a Texas flag.

Whether flying above the Texas Capitol or hanging in the homes of displaced Texans around the world, our flag conveys how we feel about our state. Texas' identity as the Lone Star State is represented in our flag's design, which has always reflected our independence.

Our flag's history dates back to 1836, but it has not always looked as simple and classic as it does today. The original Texas flag featured a gold star in the middle of a blue field, while other early Texas flags contained a blue field featuring a white five-pointed star and the word "TEXAS" embroidered between the star's points.

The dimensions and colors of our current flag were adopted and specifically defined by the Texas Congress when Texas was a republic in 1839: a blue, vertical stripe on the left side of the flag comprises one-third of its width, red and white horizontal stripes are each equal to half of its length, and a white, five-pointed star is in the center of the blue stripe - the Lone Star. Folklore explains the red stripe as representing the bloodied ground in Texas' battle for independence from Mexico. State legislation passed in 1933 qualified the flag's colors as blood red, azure blue and white, representing bravery, loyalty and purity. In 1993, these colors were changed to "Old Glory Red" and "Old Glory Blue" to mimic the colors of the U.S. flag.

Because our current flag is such a recognizable image, many do not realize that it is only one in a line of six flags that have flown for our state. The "Six Flags Over Texas" - the Kingdom of France, the Kingdom of Spain, the Mexican Federal Republic, the Republic of Texas, the Confederate States of America, and the United States of America - all represent different eras, and the legacy of each flag contributes to our state's culture. This unique heritage resonates not only in our diversity but also in our varied styles of music, art, food and culture.

Texans take great pride in our flag - especially when they see one outside Texas. In the U.S. Senate building in Washington, D.C., a large Texas flag is displayed at the end of the hallway in front of my office, and few visitors leave without taking pictures with this flag. I regularly observe families crowding around the flag to recite the Texas pledge, "Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible."

The Texas flag has a special mystique. When I visit Texans serving abroad in the armed forces, I frequently notice the display of the Texas flag. Texas soldiers speak of the aura surrounding the flag and its ability to heighten morale and arouse camaraderie. This is the essence of our flag. Not long ago, I had the opportunity to tour Afghanistan and visit with soldiers bravely defending America in the War on Terror. Upon arriving, I was moved to see a Texas flag waving proudly in that war-torn country.

Our state flag has even been to space. In 1972, NASA astronaut Charlie Duke took a Texas flag to the moon. When he served as lunar module pilot of Apollo 16, the fifth manned lunar landing mission, a Texas flag was stowed behind his seat. This flag is currently on display at the Texas State History Museum in Austin as part of the "It Still Ain't Braggin' If It's True" exhibit. Our flag has a deep history and strength. It has a special place in our state's lore, and it represents the pride of Texas wherever it is displayed.

Harness the Power



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

Have you ever felt like the inside of your head was a bag full of ping pong balls bouncing around in several or maybe hundreds of directions at one time? I have called this running around like a chicken with its head cut off. In the past I have made reference to my hound dog chasing ten rabbits at once and how she would not be able to even catch one unless she focused on just a single rabbit.

We are just like this. Our minds start racing and we start on one thing and then another and before we know it we are trying to do ten things at once and the house gets pulled apart before our very eyes.

When we wake up from our tizzy and this is exactly what is happening; we find that we have accomplished absolutely nothing even though we have worked ourselves into a frenzy. We were just spinning our wheels and getting no place fast.

When our actions have us moving fast but not getting any place then we need to harness this energy. This energy is going to come out of us one way or another. We can practice using this energy for good or we can let it play havoc with your lives. You have a choice.

Your first choice is to step outside of yourself and see it happening when you start to feel like you are in a tizzy. Recognize your own signs. Get a friend to help you see this expending of energy. Some of us use the telephone and talking to defuse the clutter that is screaming in our heads to get out. Just last night I had this discussion with a dear dear friend.

For several years now I have thought that she had a lot of great ideas to help people with their parenting skills. She would call me on the phone and do a verbal brain dump and then call another person to explain her idea. Once she had processed the idea verbally she had nothing left to write.

The energy was gone! It had been unfocused, unharnessed and was like the air in a balloon that slips through your hands and buzzes all around the room. We have to figure out a way to capture this energy to help people; we discussed this for a little while.

Last night we came up with a plan. It was another one of our acronyms; WRITE. This is what I wanted her to do anyway. Many times in conversation and on instant message when she would have an idea; I would say WRITE to her in big letters. I told her when you have all these thoughts racing around your head you have to WAIT about calling someone.

Write it down and REASON through your idea on paper or computer. Use your INTELLECT to TEACH and EX-

POUND upon your idea.

When you feel yourself headed for this tizzy uneasy spinning around like an unharnessed balloon: I want you to stop and focus this energy to come out of your fingers too. A simple notepad that you keep in your special place will help you to jot down your ideas so you will not forget them. I even keep a pad in the bathroom for my midnight ideas. The reason we get in such a tizzy about something is that we need instant gratification. You know this feeling. We need someone to say Good Idea! But an idea is not good unless an action comes from it. It becomes that balloon buzzing around a room. Harness that balloon and fill it with your ideas and set it free to FLY and bless the world.

Use our little acronym WRITE to help you harness the power that is in you. Your home is holding you back. Your power may not be writing but you do have a power that is begging to be set free.

This is our passion. You may not even know what that passion is yet because your home and the chaos/tizzy in your head is holding you back.

Focus those energies on building a simple Control Journal to be your guild to getting the rid of that clutter and CHAOS in your life. This will free you to take your ideas from your head and set them free too.

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS; check out her website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net.

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Want to really retire when you retire? Work hard at investing



Emily Cooper

With Labor Day at hand, it's a good time to reflect on your work - specifically, how long do you plan to keep working? And when you retire, will you retire for good, or will you still work in some capacity?

These are important questions - and the answers can have a big impact on your savings and investment strategies. As you think about your retirement plans, you might be surprised at the expectations of many of your fellow workers.

Some 67 percent of employees anticipate working for pay during retirement, according to the 2006 Retirement Confidence Survey, issued by the Employee Benefit Research Institute. And many of these people undoubtedly think they will have to work.

How can you avoid becoming a working retiree? For one

thing, you can work at being a good investor - and you can make sure your investments are also working hard.

Work to become a good investor. What sort of work does it take to become a good investor? Here are some steps to consider: Work to identify your goals. It's important to identify and quantify your goals. For example, if your biggest goal is achieving a comfortable retirement, think about when you want to retire, where you want to live and what sort of lifestyle you desire.

Then, try to determine how much this type of retirement will cost. The answers will help you chart your investment course. Work to achieve investment discipline. Whenever the market is down, you may be tempted to take "timeouts" from investing.

But the best investors are the ones who continually invest, no matter what market conditions look like. Work with a professional. By working with a qualified financial professional - someone who knows your situation and has the skills and tools necessary to navigate the investment world - you can create an investment strategy that's right

for you.

Keep your investments working hard. To help attain your financial goals, you need to work at investing - but you also need your investments to work hard, too. That means you may not want to overload your portfolio with fixed-income vehicles, such as Treasury securities and certificates of deposit (CDs), if you are seeking growth.

While these investments typically offer stability of principal and regular interest checks, they can be "lazy" in the sense that they may not always keep up with inflation or provide the growth potential you are seeking to achieve your goals. To get those growth opportunities, include high-quality stocks in your diversified portfolio.

Historically, stocks have "outworked" and outperformed all other asset classes - and outpaced inflation. Of course, stock prices will always fluctuate, so there is the potential that you can lose some or all of your money, and, as you've probably heard, past performance does not guarantee future results.

But by investing in good companies and holding your stocks for the long term, you may be able to increase your chances for growth. (Keep in mind that the government guarantees payment of principal and interest on Treasury securities, and that CDs carry FDIC insurance. Stocks do not carry either of these benefits.)

Hard work can pay off. No matter what your plans are for retirement, you can help your cause by working hard at investing - and using investments that work hard for you.

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## Second Tiger scrimmage: A tale of the two halves

A week ago Thursday the Brackett Tigers played host to the Falls City Beavers in a pre-season scrimmage. It was the final tune-up before the season opener Sept. 1, at home against Dilley. Big things are expected of both teams this year.

The Tigers are pre-season favorites to repeat as district champions. The Beavers meanwhile, are picked by many to supplant traditional one-A power Shiner as top dogs, (or, uh, Beavers) in district 31.

The scrimmage could rightly be called a tale of two halves. Part one was ragged, uneven, as both teams played well at times, and at times there were lapses that took the form of turnovers, penalties and such. Both the Brackett and Falls City coaching staffs were present on the field, hovering behind the line of scrimmage, nearly as close to the players as the heat and the opposition.

It occurred to me that coaches are like the guys who provide color commentary during college and pro football games, except in reverse. That is, they comment on the play *before* it happens, as opposed to afterwards:

"What are you doing, Joey?!"

"If he pivots, go with it!"

"Goal line! Goal line!"

"HUDDLE UP AND CALL THE PLAY!!!" (that from Falls City head coach Mark Kirchoff, whose exasperation was evident as his offense had indeed seemed to have forgotten how to huddle, at least in that moment).

Part two of the scrimmage bore no resemblance to the first, as both teams seemed revitalized and eager to play football, that is, *their* brand of football. Falls City had the first possession, and, after an initial stop by the Tigers, marched right down the field, punctuating their drive with a touchdown on a nicely executed option play. Brackett fired right back with a long touchdown scamper by Ivan Pinales. Once again the Beavers took over and moved downfield as efficiently as before, but coughed up the football deep in Brackett territory.



Tiger Gridiron  
Thomas Hurney

The Tigers responded with a couple of tough runs by Pinales, a sweet screen from quarterback Robert Davis to tailback Travis Bonner, and a brilliant cutback run by Davis from about 25 yards out for their second touchdown.

The Brackett defense had been taking all of this in and decided to leave their imprint on Thursdays' scrimmage also, as Jacob Schroeder plucked an errant Falls City pass out of the

air on the very first play of the Beavers' next possession. The Tigers took over but couldn't move the ball, and one fizzled drive and a missed field goal later the Beavers had it back, but they couldn't move it either. Advantage Brackett, as the Tigers again had the football and momentum, electrifying the home faithful with a long pass to put themselves in scoring position near the Beaver goal line.

Then an ill-timed (is there any other kind?) fumble and the game was over, final tally Brackett 13, Falls City 7.

It's a shame that these two teams don't face each other in the regular season, because there was real excitement here today in spite of (or maybe in part, because of) all of the loose

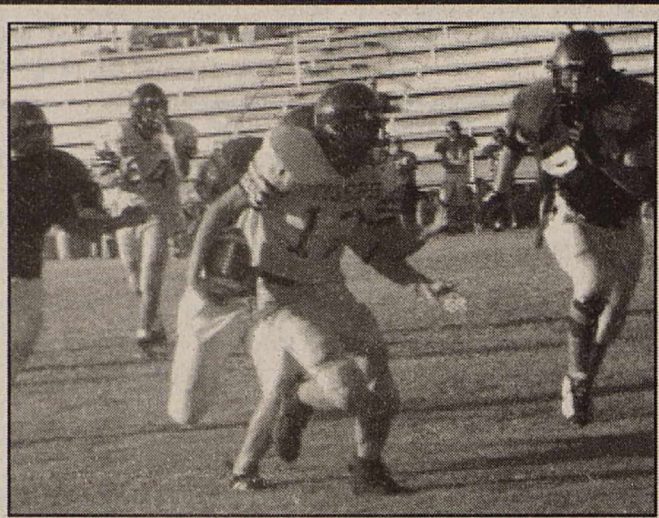


Photo by Leigh Volcsko

## Cross Country update

Submitted by Coach Dusty Brotherton

The Brackett Varsity girls team placed first in the Uvalde Cross Country meet on Saturday, August 26 with the score of 32.

Individually, Daphne Hunt placed second with a time of 13:20, Harmony Pettett placed third with a time of 13:22, Gabby Schroeder placed fourth

with a time of 13:38, Anolda Watkins placed tenth with a time of 14:23.

Katie Braesicke placed 16th with a time of 14:55. Brook Gose placed 21st with a time of 16:02 and Lauren Cornelius placed 24th with a time of 16:08.

Individually for the J.V. Briana Escamilla placed 29th with a time of 16:23.

Salina Flores placed 48th

with a time of 18:02 and Elva Garcia placed 51st with a time of 18:20.

In the Junior High division, Kelsey Bruce placed first with a time of 13:04, Courtney Kirkland placed fourth with a time of 15:29 and Bianca Cruz placed sixth with a time of 15:37.

The Varsity boys placed sixth. Individually, Justin Calk placed 11th with a time of 18:52, Cullen Duncan placed 27th with a time of 21:10.

Manny Rosas placed 32nd with a time of 22:22, Chris Blake placed 35th with a time of 24:05 and Izzy Munoz placed 36th with a time of 24:33.

Victor Cantu placed 46th for the J.V. with a time of 29:31.

## Volleyball update

Submitted by Coach Bonnie Brotherton

Freshmen volleyball played Crystal City Tuesday, Aug. 22 and won in two games with scores of 25-19 and 25-20.

Nydia Talamantes had two aces and one kill.

Bianca Martinez and Ivy Garcia each had one ace and two kills in the match. Lela Molinar had four assists and one ace.

J.V. volleyball played Crystal City Tuesday, Aug. 22 and won 25-12 and 25-20. Summer Allen had two aces and five assists. Cheyenne Billings had four assists.

Nena Molinar had five kills and one ace, Natalie Aguirre had four kills and three digs. Esna Herrera had two aces.

The J.V. won the Sabinal J.V. tournament, Saturday, August 26, by defeating D'Hanis, Sabinal and Leakey.

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State Financial Accountability Rating  
Brackett ISD will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m., September 18, 2006, Location: Central Office Board Room, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville

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# Easy Back to school treats



Vada Baldree

Can't believe school has begun.

This means many more events where youngsters need refreshments with in a week or so after the parents meeting are held planning them where you had to serve trays of goodies too!

Thank goodness all this requires a lot of activity so the calories are worked off. Just in case you'd like some new ideas, here's some treats that may interest you.

- Old henry bars**  
 1 cup melted margarine  
 1 cup packed dark brown sugar  
 4 cups quick-cooking oats  
 3/4 cup chunky peanut butter  
 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips  
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix margarine, brown sugar & oats in bowl. Press into 9x13 baking pan. Bake for 15 min. cool for 5 min.

Spread with peanut butter. Microwave chocolate chips in glass bowl until softened; spread over peanut butter.

Coll, cut into bars. Yield: 2 doz. cookies

- No-bake cookie bars**  
 1 cup melted butter or margarine  
 1/2 cup sugar  
 2 tsp. baking cocoa  
 1 egg, beaten  
 1/2 tsp. vanilla  
 2 cups graham cracker crumbs  
 1/2 cup shredded coconut  
 1/2 cup chopped nuts  
 1/4 cup milk  
 1/4 cup vanilla instant pudding mix  
 2 cups confectioners' sugar  
 2 tsp. butter or margarine  
 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips  
 Combine 1/2 cup melted butter, sugar, cocoa & egg in sauce-

pan. Cook over medium heat until bubbly, stirring constantly, remove from heat. Add next 4 ingredients; mix well. Pat into 9x13 nonstick baking pan. Mix milk, pudding mix, confectioners' sugar, & remaining 1/2 cup melted butter in bowl. Pour over prepared crust. Chill until firm. Melt 2 tsp. butter & chocolate chips in saucepan over low heat. Drizzle over top. Cool, cut into bars. Yield 4 doz.

**Lemon flavored crazy cookies**  
 1 two layer package lemon cake mix

8oz. whipped topping  
 Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine ingredients in large bowl, stirring gently. Drop by teaspoon onto greased cookie sheet. Bake for 10 to 12 min. or until light brown. Cool on cookie sheet for 1 min.; remove to wire rack to cool completely. Yield 4 doz cookies.

**Quick jelly rolls**  
 1 unbaked pie shell  
 2 or 3 tsp. any flavor jelly confectioners' sugar  
 Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place pie shell on non-stick baking sheet. Spread jelly over pastry; roll up as for jelly roll. Bake for 10 to 12 min. or until light brown. Cool, slice & sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Yield 1 doz.

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## The Wylie fire and the beautification of Brackettville



Pastor Jean Reardon

Do you like the way that Brackettville looks as you drive the streets? Now, I do not mean the streets themselves, but the way that property is kept.

Does our town generally look like a place where people are proud to live? Would you like for it to be different? If so, it is really up to each of us.

God place Adam and Eve on earth to tend to the rest of creation. We as humans are charged with caring for God's creation.

Tom and Francie Wylie spent nine years of their lives crafting the image of their dream, a beautifully restored and expanded Texas frontier home. It reflected our heritage and the craftsmanship of an earlier day.

This was not the popular "Extreme Makeover" where a group of people swoop in and build a lavishly extravagant, Disney-world type dwelling, that goes

beyond ones wildest imagination. No, this was home was built by a family, learning and working together to turn their property into a modern home where they could live comfortably. Yes, it was beautiful, beautiful in its handcrafted details and careful choice of colors and materials. Many of the materials used were recycled from other old buildings.

It was a project that had a positive impact on those around and on the environment. Few young trees died for this project, few (if any) "plastic" petroleum-based products were used. The Wylies may not have been intentionally building an environmentally friendly house, but by using old lumber, natural materials, their own labor, they were doing so. Yes, the Wylies invested their energy in the house of their dreams, but they also have invested in the community as a law enforcement officer, a holder of public office and parents highly interested in quality education. They have cared deeply about Brackettville, its schools, its community needs. Now they have suffered a tremendous loss.

The fire was a tragedy, not just for the Wylies, but for our community. That is, it will be a tragedy for our community if we LET it be. If we let it dampen our spirits, saying, "Nothing beautiful ever lasts in Brackettville." of "I am not going to do anything to my property, someone might destroy it. You can't trust anyone." I believe this fire is an opportunity for this community-an opportunity for us to come together and work together AS A COMMUNITY to make this a town where we are proud to live.

We do not need to wait for the government to assist us we can do it by helping ourselves and each other.

It starts by picking up our yards and sweeping off our porches and noticing what needs to be cleaned up or fixed up. It starts by noticing our neighbors and saying, "May I help you with that."

You don't know how to do any of those fix-up jobs you say? I haven't asked the Wylies this but I bet that they would share their knowledge with you-and their skills, if they had any tools left! Even if they are too de-

tated and disheartened by their loss, there is still plenty of knowledge and experience in this community to make this the most beautifully cared for town in South Texas. You don't have the money to do any of those things? I bet you have a broom and a rake and maybe a hose to wash things off. And my guess is that in many homes there is enough money for beer, cigarettes and satellite TV! Think about what you really want in life-pleasure and comfort of indulging desires right now, or a good stable life for you and your family in the future.

PLEASE, PLEASE let us pull together and use this tragedy as an opportunity for growth. I believe that a strong sense of community and caring is what God wants all for us. If you wish to personally help the Wylies, I understand that a fund has been set up at the Bank and Trust to assist them in replacing some of the material things they have lost.

If you do not like the way Brackettville is right now, please realize that the answer to "Who can fix it?" Is not THEY, but US.

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## Dreams can shatter in a moment

Growing up I knew a guy named Charlie. He was a senior in High School and worked at a local pizza parlor.

Charlie had dreams of going to Alaska after graduation. He and his best friend were making all these plans. About that same time, the age requirement for drinking was lowered to 18.

Charlie would go up to where he worked on his off days and drink beer after beer after beer. Charlie thought it was really cool to drink and to get drunk. One Friday night, after drinking too much, Charlie was driving his car with two of his friends. Charlie lost control of the vehicle around a corner, was thrown from the car and killed. It has been 30 years since Charlie died so tragically and so young.

He never got to go to Alaska, never married, never experienced what it was like to have a family of his own, and never really got to see what life was really all about. Charlie is forever 18, he threw his life away. Over the years I have seen other people do similar things just like that Charlie, either drinking alcohol or using drugs. They end up hurting themselves and also hurting others. I have seen many people loose their families, their jobs, their possessions, their dignity, and their freedom because they get drunk or get wasted on drugs. When I was growing up, there was a lot

of peer pressure to drink and do drugs. That was hard to deal with then. Later when I was grown up, I would have co-workers who would try to pressure me into going to the local bar. By this time I was a Christian and I would always say no to my co-worker's offer. I knew that Jesus would not want me to go with them and compromise my witness. I knew I would be considered a hypocrite if I went with them.

I also knew it would hurt my family. In the eyes of Jesus, what is really cool is saying no to peer pressure, friends, and co-workers who try to pressure you into drinking alcohol or using drugs. When friends want you to go party with them say no. If they persist, then you need to find some new friends. A true story about Bob Lilly, former Dallas Cowboy star comes to mind. After he retired from the Cowboys, Bob Lilly bought two Coors Beer Distributorships.

Some time afterwards, he came upon a car accident in which a number of high school students had died. All around the wreckage, he saw Coors Beer cans. The students had gotten drunk and had the accident. He realized by owning a beer distributorship that he was playing a part in people getting drunk and losing their lives, so he sold it. He no longer wanted to help people get drunk and hurt themselves.

When I became a Christian, I stopped drinking alcohol. I knew that if others saw me doing it, it would compromise my witness for Jesus. I also saw its devastating effects on the lives of others. That may not be cool in the eyes of the world, but it is very cool to the Lord Jesus.

Whether you are a teenager or adult if you are needing help with a problem with alcohol or drugs it is available. Not only can Jesus help you, but there are some really good programs available that can help you get free. Call me and I will be glad to give you those names of those groups.

## Roses of Jericho



Brother J.

I was given one for my birthday from a good friend. When I took it out of the small package I thought he was playing a trick on me.

I didn't say anything until one day he asked me how it was doing.

I sadly said it was dead. He started laughing and told me to go home and put it in a little water.

I did and to my amazement in a few days it had uncurled from a little dry brownish dead looking ball to a beautiful greenish, full of life plant. It is called the Rose of Jericho or the Resurrection Plant.

That little plant reminds me of a dynamic in the Christian life.

Our physical bodies are deteriorating, drying or getting older every day and it has a date with death, (Genesis 3:19, Ezekiel 18:4, Hebrews 9:27).

The great news is that even though our bodies are drying physically our spirits can be alive, (Romans 8:9-11).

When we ask God to forgive our sins and call upon, and put our faith in Jesus Christ, alone, (John 5:24-26) we get a new spirit. The same Spirit or power that resurrected Christ from the grave, (1 Corinthians 6:14).

And just as that little plant when exposed to water blossomed, so will every Christian when brought into the presence of the Christ Jesus, (1 Corinthians 15:52 & 57, Hebrews 9:28).  
 See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J



**OBITUARIES**

**Paul L. O'Rourke**

February 12, 1929 - August 21, 2006



Paul L. O'Rourke, age 77, passed away on August 21, 2006, in his home surrounded by his family. He was born on February 12, 1929, in Windber, Pennsylvania. Paul, at the age of one year, lost his father, Wilford O'Rourke. He is also preceded in death by his mother, Ethel O'Rourke-Ritchey, Vermont Ritchey and two brothers, Thomas E. and wife, Elsa Ponce O'Rourke. On November 23, 2006 the couple would have celebrated 55 years of marriage. One surviving sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Dale Varner, reside in Florida. Also left to cherish his memory are his children Paul O'Rourke and wife, Coquette; Sally Ponce-O'Rourke and husband Terry Root; Patrick O'Rourke and wife, Jaime; Michael O'Rourke and wife, Melissa. One great grandchild, Brennan, and numerous grandchildren bless the O'Rourke's: Zachary, Sarah, Nathan, Ryan, Kayla, Megan, Christian, Halle, and Sydney. He also leaves behind many cherished friends in the community. Paul proudly served his country, first in the United States Navy and then in the Air Force, before retiring after 25 years as a veteran of 2 tours in Vietnam. He settled his family at Fort Clark Springs, Brackettville in 1972. He worked as Consumer Accounting Supervisor for the Rio Grande Electric Cooperative (RGEN) and later as a Real Estate Broker for O'Rourke Realty. Paul found great fulfillment serving the place he called home. Dedicating his time over the last 33 years to a community he loved, he served on the FCSA Election Committee, Architecture Committee, Rules Committee, By-laws Committee, and Nominating Committee.

With a strong sense of civic duty, he was a Kinney County Commissioner, a member of the Kinney County Tax Board, as well as, a member of the Kinney County Public Library Advisory Board, since reading was one of his passions. After retiring from RGEN, Paul continued his involvement by serving on the RGEN Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee and the RGEN Advisory Committee. Not only was Paul an avid supporter of Brackett's sports team, often traveling to out-of-town games, but he also served on the Brackett Independent School District Board. Paul was raised as a good Irish Catholic who served as an altar boy in his youth and spent his final years as a devoted member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. The family wishes to express particular thanks for the excellent care, as well as, faithful and compassionate services rendered by physicians, Dr's. Mark Manning and Terry Lindsey, the nurses, staff, hospital chaplain, local Catholic priests and hospice team at Val Verde Regional Medical Center. Services: a Memorial Mass will be conducted by the Reverend Monsignor James Cashin on Sunday, September 3, 2006, beginning at Graveside services, with military honors, will follow at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery. Las Guadalupanas will host a community meal at the Parrish Hall when graveside ceremonies are concluded.

**Ronald Mellen**

On August 29, 2006 Ronald Mellen went to be with his heavenly father. After a long battle with cancer, he is survived by his wife Rochelle Mellen, one brother Beauford Mellen and his wife Doris, two daughters Judy Lacey and Jana Frazier all of Oregon. Five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Lucy and Guy Mellen. Mr. Mellen served in the Army in World War II. He loved to play golf and tinker around in his workshop. He was a member of the Frontier Baptist Church. There will be a memorial service at Frontier Baptist Church on Saturday, September 9th at 10:00 a.m.

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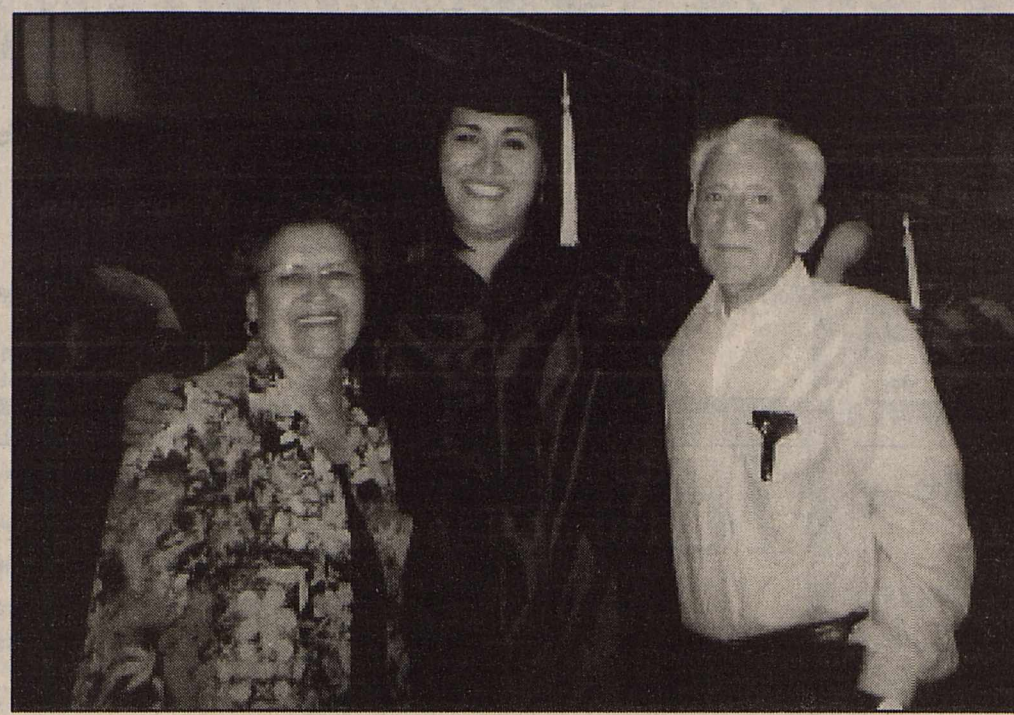


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**Moore Graduates with Associates**

Martha Marlena Moore, center, graduated on May 13, 2006 with an Associate of Arts degree from Southwest Texas Junior College. Martha is the daughter of Rebecca P. Moore and granddaughter of Pee Wee and Nena Pena. While attending S.W.T.J.C. she was involved with the Student Activities Board and the Cowgirls basketball team. She will be furthering her education at Texas State University.

Courtesy Photo

**Cavalry Brigade**

Submitted by Woodie Hornburg

Attention Community Council's Cavalry Brigade, FCS's volunteers are being recruited for "clean-up" activities with mustering time on Sept. 2nd, 9 a.m. at Shafter hall.

With troopers slowly dribbling into "winter quarters", civic minded volunteers will take up the slack until the "Fort" meets its full fall and winter constituency.

There is an assignment for each trooper, with the option to his/her ability.

This fact is not only one of the "perks", but many more are in store.

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**Caring For The Created** Photo by Allison Taylor

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- FOR** the proposal: Cecil Smith Don Hood  
 Duke Meek Christopher Ring  
 Beth Ann Smith

**AGAINST** the proposal:

**PRESENT** and not voting:

- ABSENT:** Chuck Hall Tootsie Herndon

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year	This Year
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	\$0.0606/\$100	\$0.0580/\$100
	Adopted	Proposed
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.0026/\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-4.29%
Average appraised value	\$43,256	\$44,889
General exemptions available	\$7,543	\$7,442
(excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)		
Average taxable value	\$35,713	\$37,447
Tax on average residence homestead	\$21.64	\$21.72
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if		
proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)		+\$0.08
and percentage of increase (+/-)		+0.37%

**NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION**

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.236(d), Water Code.




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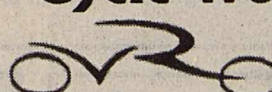
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**ACROSS**

1 Curvy character	41 General tendency	piece	33 Whirlpool
4 Tournament for Nicklaus: abbr.	43 Ending for musket or pamphlet	3 Sauce made from beans	34 Necessity
7 Part of a pedestal	44 Group of trees	4 Curly-tailed creature	35 Parhandle
11 Distribute	46 Impolite	5 Dress	37 Andrew & Anthony: abbr.
13 Greek letter	47 Periods	6 End in ___; have no winner	42 Untrust-worthy one
15 Muslim title	49 Lulus	7 Furnish the money	45 42 Down, for one
16 Living dangerously	51 Wooden peg	8 Ecole classmate	48 Dirty for flavoring
19 Deceased one's possessions	52 California's Fort	9 Dreadful	50 Cook's 53 Baseball stat.
20 Informative film	54 Tearful	10 City in Russia	55 Unwanted coating
21 Hooter	56 Domineer	11 Act like	56 Mr. Khayyam
23 Give ___ shot; make an attempt	61 Oil well	12 Late Communist leader	57 Beverage in Italia
24 Kitty	66 Managing the business	14 Spinning	58 Within: pref.
27 Singer long past	68 Prefix for freeze or toxin	17 Amphibian	59 Taj Mahal's site
34 Mongolian deputy	69 Christmastime purchase	18 DDE's predecessor	60 Hwys.
36 Symbols of approval	70 Fishes	22 Injury	62 Decorative nail
38 Bridge term	71 Crucifix	24 Carved gem	63 Sharpen
39 Ham it up	72 Foolish one: colloq.	25 End prematurely	64 Of an age
40 Like some verbs: abbr.	73 Blue Hen State: abbr.	26 Young one	65 Thing: Lat.
	<b>DOWN</b>	28 Boldness	67 "For ___ a jolly..."
	1 Building sections	29 Canoeists	
	2 Wooden	31 Fat	
		32 Wash	

**WORD PILE** By Mark Szorady

COMBINE THE LETTERS TO MAKE 17 WORDS. EACH WORD CONTAINS AT LEAST THREE LETTERS.


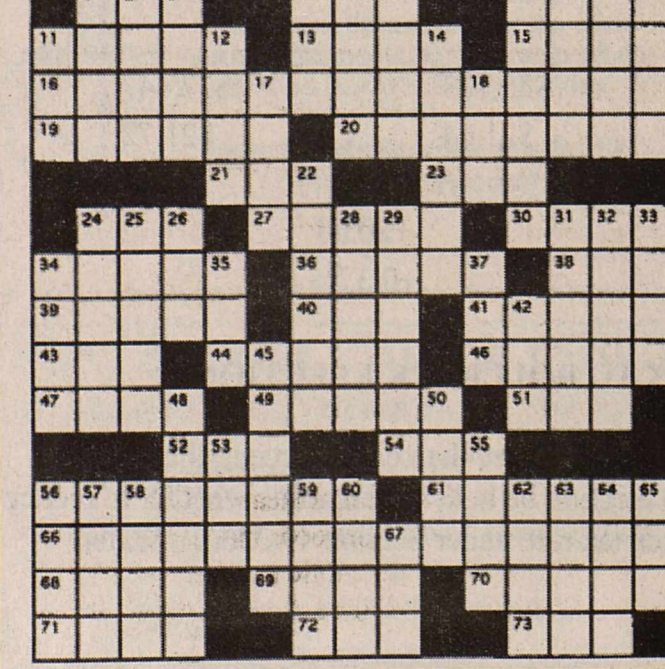
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**ANSWERS:** CRUSE, CURSE, CURE, CURS, CURSE, CUES, ECRU, RUE, RUES, RUSE, SUE, SURE, SUER, USE.



**Mystery Mosaic**

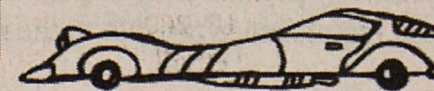

**DIRECTIONS:** TO REVEAL THE MYSTERY MOSAIC PICTURE, DARKEN ALL PIECES NUMBERED 2, 5, 6, and 8.

**CAN YOU SOLVE THIS PROBLEM?**

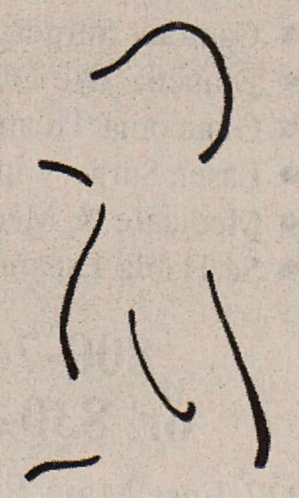
$TWO + 8 \div V + 13$   
 $\times 2 \div III - 3 + 18$   
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# About Texas Horned Lizards



Two other species of horned lizard, the Round-tailed Horned Lizard and the Short-horned Lizard, occur in the western half of the state.

On the Round-tailed Lizard, the tail is slender and rounded, but broadens abruptly near the base. Its four primary horns are of equal length and shorter than the Texas Horned Lizard. On the short-horned Lizard, all the horns are greatly reduced in size. Texas Horned Lizards usually inhabit flat, open terrain, with sparse plant cover, although in the eastern portion of its distribution, vegetation cover may be somewhat thicker.

They utilize mammal burrows, rock piles, or clumps of vegetation for cover and may scoop out a shallow depression in which to hide themselves.

Horned lizards can often be found at the beds of harvester ants, their primary food source. Harvester ants, a large red species, create a large, flat open bed of sand or pebbles, with a central entrance and exit hole.

The bed is usually devoid of vegetation due to the ants' feeding activities. In addition to harvester ants, horned lizards may also feed on other insects, spiders and sowbugs.

Horned lizards require warm temperatures to stimulate their appetite. They will often be seen in a flattened body posture sunning themselves at ant beds or on rocks. They are not active at night or when temperatures fall below 75 degrees F.

In general, they are seen only in late spring or summer and tend to hibernate underground

from September or October to late April or early May.

Mating occurs soon after emergence from hibernation. The female digs a hole and lays about 30 eggs which are incubated by the warmth of the soil.

Depending on ground temperatures, young horned lizards about 1 inch in length may begin to hatch about 5 1/2 to 7 weeks later. Horned lizards can live up to 10 years.

Although snakes, mammals, and birds may prey upon them, the Texas Horned Lizard has developed some unique defenses. The horny appearance and coloration helps it to blend into sparse vegetation. In addition to the deterrence that horns on the head may provide, the horned lizard can inflate itself to a larger apparent size.

Finally, the horned lizard is renowned for its ability under extreme stress to shoot a stream of blood from its eye (actually from ruptured blood vessels in the eyelid). It is believed that a chemical in the blood is especially distasteful to canid predators. Sometimes Texas horned lizard sign such as scat (or dung) is much more visible than the species itself. Texas horned lizard scat is an oblong pellet that is straight or slightly curved.

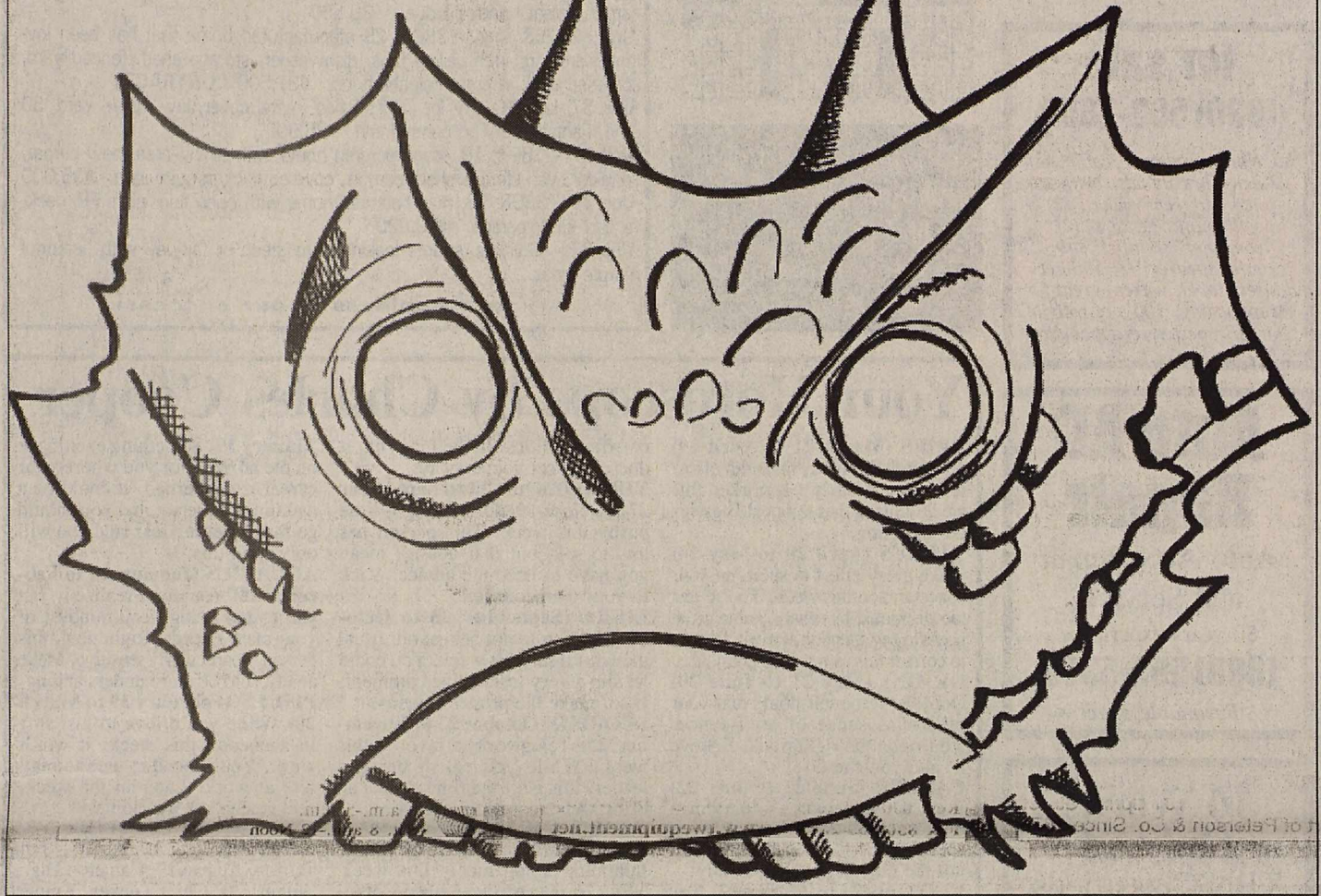
The whitish uric acid tip (the equivalent to urine) is very prominent. Harvester ant heads and other ant body parts are noticeable in the scat, especially when the scat is broken apart. The scat usually looks very large in relation to the lizard from which it came, ranging from 1/2 to 1 1/2 inches in length and

about 1/4 inches in diameter. Most other lizard scat is relatively small compared to horned lizard scat. Scat of other lizards have the uric acid tip; however, the shape of the scat is much less symmetrical.

More information about the Texas Horned Lizard may be found in *Horned Lizards* by Jane Manaster (UT Press) and *Horned Lizards: Unique Reptiles of North America* by Wade Sherbrook (Southwest Parks and Monuments Association). Various field guides can offer other useful identification hints.

More information about red imported fire ants, including their management, can be found at the following websites: [fireant.tamu.edu](http://fireant.tamu.edu) and [uts.cc.utexas.edu/~gilbert/research/fireants/faq.html](http://uts.cc.utexas.edu/~gilbert/research/fireants/faq.html)

Kids: color and cut out



## Accepting emergency farm loan applications

Submitted by USDA

Applications for emergency farm/ranch loans for damages and losses caused by drought on January 1, 2006 and continuing are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Uvalde, FSA Farm Loan Manager Sara K. Webb said today.

Atascosa, Dimmit, Edwards, Frio, Kinney, LaSalle, Maverick, Medina, Uvalde and Zavala Counties are 10 of the 35 counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Johanns, as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and physical losses resulting from drought on January 1, 2006 and continuing. Sara Webb said farmers/ranchers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operation loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers/ranchers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent. "As a general rule, a farmer/rancher must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for

an FSA emergency loan," Webb said. Farmers/ranchers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss. "Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until April 16, 2007, but farmers/ranchers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," Webb said. FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers/ranchers who work at and rely on farming/ranching for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers/ranchers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest. The FSA office in Uvalde is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The FSA office is located at 103 Weeping Willow.

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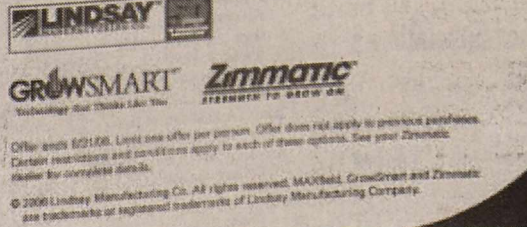
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY 2006-2007 KINNEY COUNTY BUDGET AND NOTICE OF PROPOSED OFFICERS' SALARIES

Pursuant to Section 111.007 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners Court of Kinney County, Texas gives notice that they will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2006-2007 Budget. The Proposed Budget is on file at the County Clerk's Office for public inspection. The Budget Hearing will be conducted Monday, September 18, 2006 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the County Courtroom in the Kinney County Courthouse located at 501 South Ann Street in Brackettville, Texas. The public is invited to attend and participate in the Hearing. The Commissioners Court will consider adoption of said budget following the Public Hearing.

Pursuant to 152.013 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners Court of Kinney County, Texas publishes the proposed salaries, expenses, and/or allowances of each elected County official as follows:

FY 2006-2007				
OFFICIAL	TOTAL AMOUNT	SALARY	OTHER ALLOWANCE	FOOTNOTES
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County Attorney	55,116.00	32,542.00	22,574.00	1,3
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Tax Assessor/Collector	26,780.00	25,400.00	1,380.00	3
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J.P.	30,523.00	28,765.00	1,758.00	3,4,5
County Sheriff	34,619.00	34,091.00	528.00	3
Constable	24,244.00	22,509.00	1,735.00	3,5,6
Commissioner Pct. 1	11,426.00	11,426.00	-	
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- \*3 Longevity Compensation
- \*4 Travel Allowance
- \*5 Cell Phone Allowance
- \*6 Reimburse Meals - Prisoner Transport

The salaries and allowances as proposed will be discussed at the regular Budget Hearing that is set for Monday, September 18, 2006, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. at the County Courtroom in the Kinney County Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas. The Commissioners invite the public to attend and participate when the Public Officials' salaries, expenses, and allowances will be discussed and set on said date.



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**Unit 32, 263 Sims** - 3BDR, 2B manufactured home that has been lovingly cared for with ceiling fans, dishwasher, storage shed, fenced yard, screened deck in great neighborhood. \$37,500 CONTRACT  
**Unit 37, Lot 29** - RV lot, 23X54 pad, metal cover, low maint. yard, 50 amp, Fantastic & Fun community! \$26,900  
**Unit 27** - 3BDR, 2B, manufactured home with dining area, new carpet, sprinkler sys., storage shed, carport, covered deck in quite area. \$35,000  
**Unit 27** - 3BDR, 2B, manufactured home with open floor plan, FP, deck, fenced yard, garage. \$79,900  
**Unit 27** - Golf course lots looking onto green or fairway with beautiful mature trees.

Your happiness is our success!

**Your Horoscope by Charles Cooper**

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Although difficult, make an effort to ignore a surly co-worker this week. Guard that temper! Bigwigs are watching.  
**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Make every effort to shore up your concentration this week. You're just too distracted by what's going on at home to pay attention at work. Be sure to correct this as much as possible.  
**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Don't let some self-doubt mar your otherwise sense of confidence. You're on the right track. Believe it, and you can do it.  
**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Look for some ways to cut down on costs. This will involve some sacrifice, but it's worth it. Now is not the time to spend foolishly.  
**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** You can't make much sense of what's going on at work this week. Because of this, it's best to steer clear of office politics. In the long run, it doesn't affect you anyway.  
**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** A close friend is being a little pushy this week. This person has lots to say, but that doesn't mean you have to heed the advice. Stick to your own counsel.  
**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** You're not being your usual thoughtful self this week. You could let slip a very insensitive comment. If so, make the proper amends.  
**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Teamwork is favored this week. While you relish being a leader, this isn't the time. Make an effort to be more cooperative.  
**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Your home life is humming along nicely this week. Work, however, is another matter. By week's end, you really need to catch up on some rest.  
**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Something exciting is on the horizon for you where your career is concerned. It could be a daunting challenge, but you should go for it. Letting fear rule you will only spoil this.  
**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** You don't realize it, but you're not being very mindful of your mate's needs. Right now, this person is particularly sensitive. Make an effort to be more understanding.  
**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** While you'd love to just stay in a cocoon this week, it won't work. You'll need to tend to matters at work. Later in the week, feel free to relax at home.  
**CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS:** LeAnn Rimes, August 28; Tim Burton, August 29; Cameron Diaz, August 30; Chris Tucker, August 31; Dr. Phil, September 1; Mark Harmon, September 2; Charlie Sheen, September 3.

**UVALDE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
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**REMEMBER GRANDPARENTS DAY**  
September 10

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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