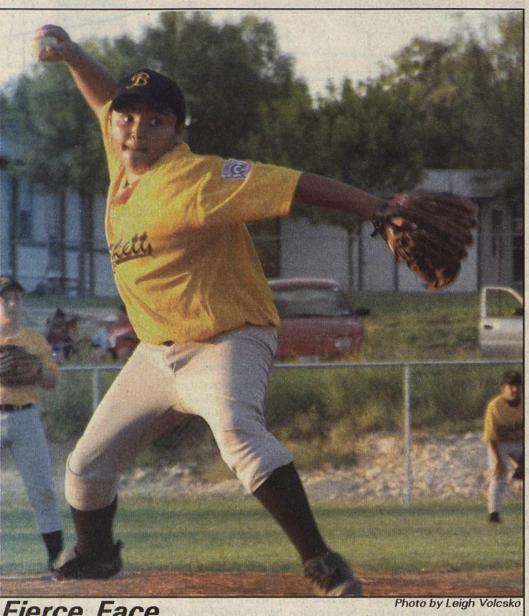
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# Thieves loot little league snack shack



Fierce Face

Austin Del Bosque pitches for the Kinney County Little League 12 year old All-Star Team at a recent tournament hosted locally.

concession stand the night of open June 3, and cleaned out more and candies.

nators, the snacks were pur- was dispatched to the scene. chased to sell and raise money

purchased and locked in the

Kinney County Little League door to the stand was standing boxes of bulk candy, as well as

Castillo reported the breakthan \$500, worth of sodas, chips in to Kinney County Sheriff's

for the local program at the first the children of our community District 35 baseball tourney held and the sad part is that they did in Brackettville in many years. this to our kids," said Susannah Hours after the supplies were Castillo about the break-in.

Susannah Castillo, another stand, league volunteer Thomas volunteer, said the thieves reported his office is actively in-Castillo passed by the youth com- cleaned out their entire inven- vestigating and have names of plex located on Louise and tory, including bags of chips, suspects.

Thieves broke into the Gove streets and noticed the cans of nacho cheese, several multiple cases of soda and bottled water.

The sheriff's department be-Department at 8:55 a.m. on July lieves the suspects are young According to league coordi- 4, and Deputy Ramon Gutierrez and gained entry to the stand by cutting the lock with bolt "The Little League is about cutters. Based on the amount of things taken from the stand, the suspects are also believed to have used a vehicle to haul away their loot.

Sheriff L.K. Buddy Burgess

# Coucilwoman Flores submits petition to fire city secretary

regular Brackettville City Coun- ernment Code 22.076. cil Meeting, Alderwoman Mary Flores, hand delivered a petition meeting about the petition, Flores to Bonnie Mayes calling for her was recorded saying she had nothquietly took her seat on July 10.

The petition, however, did not include any signatures and was judge Charles Feagley were cirfilled with grammatical and typo- culating it. graphical errors.

right dereliction of duties, incom- ing them. petence, improper conduct and

The petition did not detail ex-

When questioned after the revealed Brackett residents Ralph Gonzalez and former municipal

Flores also stated she did not "This petition also serves as a know how many signatures were formal complaint by the below on the petition, but Gonzalez and named signatures as to the out- Feagley were not finished collect-

Sources report about 100 siglack of communication skills re- natures from city and non-city quired for her position," read the residents combined have been obtained

Sources also report the petiamples of Mayes' alleged offenses, tioners have been soliciting sigbut did cite she had violated at natures from people during work council, not an employee."

Upon her late arrival to the least two parts of the Local Gov- hours in their offices at the county courthouse, as well as at the pumps at the Pico Gas Station.

Mayes made no comment on the matter, but Mayor Pro-Tem removal as City Secretary and then ing to do with the petition, but Matt Bland stated, "If the citizens of Brackettville have problem with the operations of the City then they need to come to the city council meetings so the problems can be publicly addressed. For people to blame an employee for the actions taken by the governing body is simply people blaming the messenger boy. The city secretary does what she is told to do by the council and it is her duty to uphold all city ordinances and policies. If people have a problem with the way city hall is being run then it is the fault of the

Military wives and mothers honored With other area cities can- its display in a home's front winceling July Fourth celebra- dow represents that a family

and socializing under partly demands much." sunny skies last Wednesday.

Street and ended with a con- while serving their country. cert and old fashioned, picnic

wives and mothers of service- killed in Anbar Province, Iraq. men and women make, especially during times of war.

then presented with an actual nacle Singers of Del Rio. flag to display on their front doors or windows.

According to the American Legion's website, the Blue Star Banner tradition was

tions due to inclement member is serving in the armed weather, Kinney County resi-forces, "and reminds others that dents spent the day parading preserving America's freedom

Only one mother at the event The large event began with was presented with a Gold Star a procession of floats and Banner. A gold banner symboldecorated golf carts down Ann izes an individual was killed

Shirley Holloway, a former plate lunch at the Fort Clark resident of Brackett, was presented with two banners. A Blue As each celebration honors Star for her son Micheal who is certain groups of heroes, this currently serving in the U.S. year's Gold Star/Blue Star Sa- Marine Corp and a Gold Star for lute observed the sacrifices the her son, Matthew, who was

The crowd was treated to poems, a moving speech by First Nearly twenty women were Baptist Church Minister Jeff given the history of the Gold Janca and special music by Star and Blue Star banners and Ruben Herrera and the Taber-

> The day was capped off with chili coated hotdogs, homemade potato salad and a kids bicycle

View photos from July 4th started in 1917 and today by on www.thebrackettnews.com.



News BRIEFS

# Brackett All-Stars Spaghetti Supper

Come support the 11 & 12 Softball Team Friday at 6 p.m. in Fredericksburg at the Sectional Tournament to play Dis-

# Weekend WEATHER

# Friday

High:95 Low:74

# Saturday



High:91 Low:73



High:90 Low:73

Seven Brackett High School students have been appointed to leadership positions in BHS's FCA (Fellowship of Christian Samantha Moore and Jeff Sitgreaves will serve FCA as Captain and Co-Captain, respectively. Sam Stewart, Charles Conoly, Arlene Roth, Becca Mann and Christy Gomez have also been appointed to servant leadership positions for the 2007-2008 school year. Students were appointed to their leadership roles by FCA Coach Sponsors Rhonda and Charlie Marquardt at an officer meeting/ cookout earlier this month. Student officers are also planning a Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser to be held on Sunday, July 22, from 11am til 1pm at Shahan Park. Student officers are selling tickets at \$5 a plate, which will include spaghetti, a green public that it does not charge salad, bread and desert. The pro- to print Birth Announcements,

mer, held in Abilene and Col-

lege Station.

County Commissioners Court meet on July 16 @ 9am in the First Floor Courtroom in the Courthouse. The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District meets on July 19 at

# **Community News**

ceeds will be used to offset next Obituaries, Engagement An-

Nearly 30 Brackett students at-nouncements or other like ticket for \$2 or 3 Tickets for \$5. ages the public to place their an-Athletes) Student Chapter. Local Gov't Meetings nouncements in the paper by Fire Chief Leo Luna @ 830contacting 830-563-2852, or 765-3001. tbnews@sbc global.net

# **Vacation Bible School**

First Baptist Church of Brack-School Board meets August 13 nut butter jars/lids and dis- selfl in the Central Office Board carded CD's for Vacation Bible Room at 6:30 p.m. Brack- School at First Baptist Church, 63rd District Court Docket ettville City Council meets on Brackettville. Just drop them by August 14 at the City Annex on the church office Mondaydoor knob anytime.

# TBN wishes to inform the BVFD Raffle

Look for the TRUCK! It's a

year's summer camp expenses. nouncements, Quinceanera Angas card to get you to S.A. 1 tended two FCA Camps this sum- events. Photos are encouraged! Want one? Contact or ask any Wedding Announcements are Brackettville Volunteer Fire De- Luna, subject to charge. TBN encour- partment member. Donations Luna Michael Reyes, Atty. are always welcome! Contact

# **Photos Online**

Check out our NEW photo ettville has scheduled Vacation slide shows on the web: the City Annex on Hwy 90 at Bible School for July 16-20, www.thebrackettnews.com. 5:30 p.m. Fort Clark Springs 2007. The theme is SonForce Click on Photos of the Week and Board Meeting July 21 in the Kids, A Spy Adventure. Please see all the photos we take! You Board Room at 9 a.m. The BISD save medium sized plastic pea- might even see a photo of your-

Cancel The Honorable District Judge Tom Lee will be hear-Thursday or hang them on a ing the following cases of interest: This case was reset for July 23, 2007: Petit Jury Trial with panel reporting at 9 a.m., The State of Texas vs. 2109CR-John Ford, III, 2110CR-John Ford, raffle!!! Splash Town Family III. Scott W. McCrum, Atty. Au-Season Pass for 3, plus a \$50 gust 20, 2007: Petit Jury Trial

with panel reporting at 9 a.m.. The State of Texas vs. 2106CR-David Luna, 2107-CR- David 2108CR-David

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# **Red Hatters**

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"Red Hatters Limited" will meet July 18th at 12:00 noon at Rose Jenkin's residence in The Oaks. Due to the overwhelming response, golf carts or car pooling is recommended.

I would like to thank each citizen of Kinney County for the cards, flowers donations and meals during the loss of our loved one J.B. Herndon. A special thank you to Brother Ray Melton who preached the memorial for J.B. Also, thanks to Stoney Burks, Sonny Tidwell and to the honorary Pallbearers, Don Nance, Joe Montalvo, Alex Solis, Joe York, Jr.,

Blackie Haby, Tully Shahan and Herb Senne.

We love you all and God bless each of you.

**Tootsie Herndon and Family** 

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# Declare your independence



The Fly Lady Marla Cilley

In the United States of America we celebrate the anniversary of our Independence Day each 4th of July. The other night a young new reporter said that this was the day we won the war for independence. I thought Robert and I were going to scream our heads off each other in shock.

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Just last night I was talking to Eric Dodge. He was telling In our perfectionism we just me how much having a before wand and have our houses in life. He said that he could no ment. order, but that is not the real longer go to bed without putruns smoothly.

Our routines free us from Independence Day was the day you decided to join us in our on your investment.) quest for Peace! Every day we to celebrate the victory of each day!

country was lost.

I looked it up and it is a full circle in our thoughts. Since Ben also signed the Declaration of Independence.

"For the want of a nail, the shoe was lost; for the want of a shoe the horse was lost; and for the want of a horse the rider was lost, being overtaken and slain by the enemy, all for the want of care about a horseshoe nail." Benjamin Franklin So you see even the simplest

of habits can make a difference in the way your day progresses. Every habit is a nail to hold your routines together to form the foundation for peace in your life! You can do this! You have

to start someplace! Go shine your sink! That can be your Declaration of Independence!

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Should you speed up mortgage payments or increase investments?



Emily Cooper

Most people who have mortgages dream of a day when they won't. In fact, many mortgageholders speed up their payments to make that day arrive sooner. Is that smart, from a financial standpoint? Not necessarily.

This point is highlighted by a 2006 study prepared by economists for the National Bureau of Economic Research. About 38 percent of U.S. households are making the wrong choice when they speed up their mortgage payments rather than use the extra money to save in tax-deferred accounts such as 401(k) plans or IRAs, according to the study. These households are giving up a yield of 11 to 17 cents for every dollar they spend on extra mortgage payments, depending on their choice of investments in a tax-

While these survey results We all have our own indepen- had not established the simple are certainly interesting, they don't tell the whole story on the issue of making extra mortgage of the stress that is holding us practice to establish these payments versus investing. If in bondage. We have to de- simple habits and string them you have a quantitative nature, clare at least to ourselves that into routines. The smallest hab- however, you can do a little we don't want to live this way its help us to win this battle on analysis on your own. For example, if you were to pay down a mortgage with a 5.5 percent rate, it would be essentially the same thing as earning 5.5 perat the TV. We just looked at want it to wave our magic bed routine had changed his cent on some type of invest-

But if you are in the 25 perworld. We have to go through ting his clothes out for the next cent tax bracket, and you dethe struggles to feel the value day and straightening up his ducted your mortgage interest in what we are doing. This is hot spots. I explained to him payments from your taxes, your why it is so important for us to that I felt that the Before Bed 5.5 percent mortgage would be a part of the independence Routine was the most impor- really "cost" you just 4.125 tant one of the day! He agreed percent. So, if you could find with me because if he only does an investment that paid more his Before Bed Routine his life than 4.125 percent, you'd come out ahead by investing, rather than paying down your mortthe bondage of CHAOS! Your gage. (Keep in mind, though, that you may have to pay taxes

It might not be that hard to have a choice! We can get up find an investment that pays and do our routines or we can more than your after-tax mortallow CHAOS to continue to gage rate. But that's not the reign in our lives! Every day only reason why it may make is a new day! We can jump in sense to choose investing over right where we are and take the mortgage reduction. Here are babysteps of our daily habits two other factors to consider:

Paying off your mortgage early won't boost your ultimate Now I am in tears. My sweet return. Obviously, you want darling told me a little prov- your house to appreciate in erb. For the want of a nail a value. But paying off your horseshoe was lost. For the mortgage early won't make want of a horseshoe, a horse your home worth more, though was lost. For the want of a it will enable you to pocket horse, a horseman was lost. more of the proceeds when you For the want of a horseman the sell. On the other hand, the more battle was lost and thus the shares you purchase of an investment, such as stock, the greater your potential for nursery rhyme and it was also boosting your net worth. Of quoted by Benjamin Franklin. course, investing also has its How appropriate that we come risks; when you sell your stocks, you could receive more or less than the original investment amount.

> Investing provides you with greater liquidity than paying down a mortgage. Once you make extra payments to your mortgage, you can't get at that money, except indirectly, through a second mortgage or home equity loan. But if you were to invest the money instead, you'd have access to it (though, again, you might have tax implications). This liquidity could be important if you lose your job or if you face an unexpected financial need, such as a major medical bill.

Still, there's another side to the mortgage/investment issue. If it just makes you feel better to whittle away your mortgage or possibly pay it off altogether - that's something to consider.

And if you're close to retirement, it may make particularly good sense, from both the psychological and cash flow perspectives, to get rid of that mortgage.

So, weigh all the factors carefully when deciding whether to pay down the mortgage or invest. Your choice can have big consequences for your future.

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# Moore and Schroeder attend GeoFORCE Academy

This summer, both Samantha Moore and Jacob Schroeder once again attended the GeoFORCE Academy. The trip this year was to Oregon and everyone had a fantastic time. Schroeder and Moore both said the trip was completely different form last year's because they saw different kinds of geology, much of which they did not see or study in the Southwest. The Northwest was simply amazing All of the stops along the trip the trip. They both received a and all of the students loved learning about coastal geology.

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Over the course of the trip, Samantha, Jacob, and the rest of their fellow GeoFORCE students their geology knowledge. In for her hard work and dedicavisited seven different cities in Oregon. Every day consisted of approximately five stops and A's, and 1B. All of the students ing a 100% on every quiz. some of these stops included: are eager and excited about their Newberry Caldera, Mount St. will be to Florida. Helens, Crown Point, Mount



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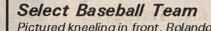
the time the trip had ended ev- best essay eryone had drastically increased fact, on the final test for the field course there were 16 100%, 39

Hood, and Timberline Lodge. were awarded three honors for received the M.V.P. award.

were astounding and interesting 100% on the final exam, and in their own different way. By they were also awarded with

Samantha also was rewarded tion throughout the trip. She was honored as quiz queen for scor-

Jacob was noticed for his Crater Lake, Cape Perpetua, GeoFORCE trip next year which compassion for others and his willingness to always help when-Both Jacob and Samantha ever it was needed. For this he



Talamantes, Danny Molinar, Jeffrey Herrera. Back, left to right, Coach Carlos De La Rosa, Cody Clark, Coach Andy Sitgreaves, Adam Pinales, Jeff Sitgreaves, Daulton Woodson, Joe Anthony Sanchez, Coach Tom Ball. The team competed in Boerne, Shiner, Houston, and Brenham Tournaments. The guys also qualified to go to the Super Series State Touranmanet. The team would like to thank all those who contributed to help get them



Pictured kneeling in front, Rolando Guiterrez. Middle, left to right, Ramon Guiterrez, Issac



### Rose named to Howard Payne's President's List

Brackettville native, Patrick Rose, received honors at Howard Payne University (HPU) in Brownwood. Rose, a senior at HPU, was named to the President's List for the spring semester of 2007. Students must earn a 3.65-3.99 grade point average to be named to the President's List.

Sixth Six Weeks Honor Roll High School All "A" Honor Roll

Freshmen Victor Cantu and Brooklyn

Sophomores Rebecca Mann, Samantha

Moore, Jacob Schroeder and Laura Swinson

Juniors Bailee Allen, Travis Bonner, Meghann Davis, Daphne Hunt, Stewart and Anolda Watkins

Seniors Justin Calk, Dolores Cano, Laura Meyer, Austin Shewbart and Brenda Tate

Junior High All "A" Honor

Roll 8th Grade

Brandon Allen, Kelsey Bruce, Michael Stephenson Bryan Calk, Hayley Hale, Joshua Smith

High School AB Honor Roll Freshmen

John Blake, Cynthia Bland, Charles Conoly, Shaun Davis, Brianna Escamilla, Aracely Martinez, Elena Molinar, Elidia Molinar, Adan Pinales, Jaleel

Proulx, Ashley Shadwick, Jeffrey Sitgreaves and Isaac Tala-

Sophomores

Laura Adams, Summer Allen, Amanda Braesicke, Emily Calk, Serenity Gammell, Veronica Garza, Jessica Gonzalez, Moises Gonzalez, Bianca Martinez, Maribel Rivas, Arlene Roth and Sandy Tate Juniors

Michael Bland, Cesar Cantu, Gabriella Schroeder, Bianca Julie Castillo, Lauren Cornelius, Doolie Fernandez, Joshua Kluzek and Ashley Stephenson Seniors

Clint Conrad, Robet Davis, Samantha Davis, Cullen Duncan, John Moore, Robin Pevehouse, Ivan Pinales, Jessica Siegel, Natasha Smith and

Junior High AB Honor Roll 7th Grade

Amanda Herrera, Yanira Perez and Joel Talamantes 8th Grade

Sarah Davis, Michael Flores, Valeria Garza, Stella Guajardo, Courtney Kirkland, Ayland Letsinger, Rachael Nash, Janine Rex, Sahara Rodriguez, Icela



Brackett All-Stars beat Crystal City 13-3

Coach Tommy Castillo, McKensie Castillo, Priscilla Aguirre, Vianey Flores, August **Terrazas Sisters Give Recognition** Rueda, Suzanna Seargeant, Travis Titchenell and Roberto Stephenson, Salina Gerardo, Coach Vanessa Castillo, Clarissa Cruz, Natasha Samaniego, Torres Soria Guartuche, Kali Campos. to their Hometown Educators





On May 10th Cecilia Terrazas received her Baccalaureate De- believing in her and helping her gree in Psychology from University of Texas in San Antonio where she resides with her husband Humberto Solis and her has started out her career as four year old son, LT. Two days Therapist at Nueva Vida Behavlater on May 12th her sister ioral Clinic, and Celina is work-Celina Terrazas received her Associates Degree in Biology from Veterinary Hospital. Celina plans Temple College in Temple, TX to continue her studies at Marywhere she resides.

Both girls are very proud of Belton this fall. their accomplishments and give thanks to their parents and family for their unconditional love adults alike to never underestiand support. However, they did not fail to mention the impact that words and actions. the teach and other members of the community made in their decisions and accomplishments. Celina contributes part of her success to her teachers Jamie Ballew, for believing in her even when she did believe in herself; to Karen Crumley, for encouraging her in the field of biology and to Angie Meek, for caring enough about her to bring out her full

potential. As for Cecilia, she contributes part of her success to her teacher and mentor Candy Bader, for being more than just a teacher, for being a trusted counselor with her kind and understanding words; to Jennifer McDaniel for her friendship, time and encour-



aging words; to Joy Ralston for get started with college

Both girls feel blessed to be living out their dreams, Cecilia ing as a Technician at the Temple Hardin Baylor University in

But most important, both girls want to remind teachers and mate the power of their caring



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A handsome bird with an unruly crest, the belted kingfisher is one of the most widespread birds in North America. Often spotted perching over open water as it spots for fish, the aggressive bird vigorously defends its fishing territory with aerial chases along the shorelines of rivers, lakes and seacoasts.

Kingfishers are solitary except in late spring and summer, when they pair up in cooperative teams to breed. Unlike many birds, kingfishers excavate a tunnel in a streambank to nest. Digging with their stout bills and pushing the soil out behind them with their feet, their burrows may reach 7 feet into the dark underground,

Photo by Jason Hahn www.jasonhahn.com

where the female lays her clutch of pure white eggs on bare ground. Both parents incubate the eggs until they hatch and the naked chicks begin choking down regurtitant provided by the father. Once they sprout a few feathers, mom joins in the ever-increasing demand of feeding the rapidly growing bottomless pits. But not until they're 5 weeks old do they exit to the outside world and learn to fish on their own and assume the purposeful, solitary life of an adult.

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# LOOK FOR

stout bird with ragged crest blue-gray above and on head white collar

thick bill

white belly with blue-gray breast band; females have additional rust-red belly band

irregular, rowing wingbeats

# LISTEN FOR

loud, harsh rattling call

# Belted kingfisher

11-14 inches

Habitat: streams, rivers, lagoons, wetlands

Range Key: Breeding Year-round Nonbreeding

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### A Local Husband is Serving His Country

PFC Christopher Gonzales is serving in the US Army and is stationed in Qatar. His wife, Jessica Gonzales, of Brackettville is pictured above. Gonzales will not return until May of 2008.

# A Patriot in America



Jeff Janca

What is a Patriot? Take a moment and ask yourself what is a patriot? Some may instantly think of the time during the Revolutionary War and the men who fought to win our country's freedom and liberty. Others may think of soldiers in previous battles and wars and even in peace time who served our coun-

A Patriot is a person who loves and is devoted to his country and its welfare. A Patriot canbe a man, woman, boy, or girl. A Patriot can be 6 or 96. He or she can be old or young. They can be either a soldier or civilian. Skin color does not determine who is or isn't a Patriot. What determines who is and who isn't a Patriot is whether they truly love their country and are devoted to its welfare. There are

many Patriots here today. John F. Kennedy said, "My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you...ask what can you do for your country." To me that is a wonderful definition of what a Patriot is. A Patriot looks for ways in which he or she can roll up their sleeves and help their country become a better place to live. They don't look for a handout, instead they offer themselves.

Patrick Henry said, "I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death." A Patriot is sac-rificial. They are willing to give their all, even their life for their country and their fellow countrymen. Even when they are facing overwhelming odds.

A Patriot is a person who stands by their country through thick or thin. In good times and in the bad times. A Patriot does not dishonor our Country's flag by burning in protest. A Patriot shows respect to others even to our elected officials, whether he or she agrees or disagrees with them. A Patriot honors and obeys the laws of the land. A Patriot realizes that with the privilege of citizenship comes responsibility and accountability.

I have had the privilege of going to both Arlington National Cemetery and the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor. Over 1100 Sailors are still entomb in that ship. As I first walked on that Memorial I felt like I was on holy ground. We must never forget all those men and women who have sacrificed so much in order for you and I to have freedom and liberty.

Theodore Roosevelt, who



served as the 26th President of the United States 100 years ago, said "The things that destroy America are prosperity at any price, peace at any price, safety first instead of duty first, and the love of soft living and the get-rich-quick theory of life." He said those words nearly 100 years ago and they sadly paint a very clear picture of what America has be-

It was 231 years ago that the Declaration of Independence was approved by the 13 colonies. Eleven years later in 1787, the Constitution of the United States was approved. But before it was approved the representatives to the Constitutional Congress came to an impasse. Seeing the problem, Benjamin Franklin said the following statements. "I have lived, Sir, a ling time and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings (Bible) that except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it. I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven and its blessings on our deliberations be held in this assembly every morning before we proceed to business and that one of the clergy in the city be requested to officiate that

In those words, Benjamin Franklin moved that they ask the Lord for help in making their

LK "Buddy" Burgess

Tuesday, July 3 9:45 am Edwards County re-

ported a vehicle had been swept away in the Nueces River crossing on 674. Units and departments responded and assisted in the situation.

7:22 pm A local woman reported kids setting off fireworks. A deputy was notified and enroute.

Wednesday, July 4

8:55 am A local woman reported someone had broken into the Little League concession stand. A deputy was notified and

4:01 pm A local woman reported she found a container of pills in her back yard that were not hers. A deputy was notified and spoke to the woman.

4:28 pm A local woman re- by his family. ported she had money stolen from

was informed. 10:52 pm A local man reported ing continuously at his door. A another \$1,200 for assault.

deputy was notified.

Thursday, July 5 Hwy 90 and had almost ran him \$1,200 bond. off the road. DPS was notified.

3:30 pm A local man requested a deputy. A deputy was enroute.

9:00 pm Homeland Security advised the Sheriff's office that an over from Mexico and about to a \$15,000 bond. land near Brackettville. Border Patrol as well as a deputy were enroute to the scene.

9:18 pm A man reported that his wife's purse was possibly stolen by an employee of a local business. A deputy was advised of the situation

Friday, July 6

white SUV full of kids were driv- the location. ing recklessly on Pear Alley. A deputy was notified.

2:40 pm Numerous callers had reported an elderly man walking cense. Padilla was released alongside Hwy 90 towards Brackettville. A deputy was notified. The man was taken to the hospital and was later picked up

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

9:00 pm Christopher Lee her earlier in the week and was Luna, 17, of Fort Clark Springs, requesting assistance. A deputy was arrested for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana. Luna was released on that a suspicious man was knock- \$1,200 bond for possession and

9:00 pm Justin Lee Luna, 19, of Fort Clark Springs, was ar-8:50 am A man reported that a rested for driving while intoxivan was driving recklessly on cated. Luna was released on a

Saturday, July 7

1:30 am Damian Toms, 23, of Fort Clark Springs, was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. unidentified aircraft had crossed Toms was released on July 9 on

1:30 am Everett Chambers, 18, of Fort Clark Springs, was arrested for consumption of alcohol by a minor. Chambers was released on July 10.

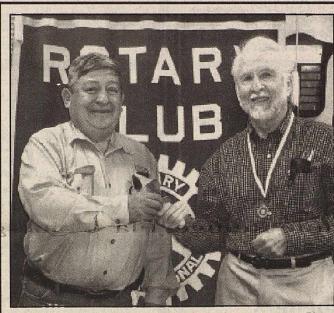
Sunday, July 8

7:21 pm A man reported his SUV was stuck under the bridge on Hwy 277. A deputy and a 2:00 pm A caller reported a wrecker truck were enroute to

6:00 pm Reymundo Padilla. 63, of San Antonio, was arrested for driving with an invalid li-

A local man reported someone had stolen his dads love birds. One was yellow, the other green. A deputy was notified of the situation.

# ROTARY UPDATE



Pena Discusses Wildlife in Courtesy Photo Kinney County

Rotarian, Dr. Charles Schmidt (right), presents a "Four Way Test" coin to program speaker, Manny Pena, at the regular Brackettville Rotary Club luncheon Thursday, July 5th. Mr. Pena, Deputy Sheriff and Wildlife Damage Technician related many aspects about wildlife in our area.



Chambers Receives Rotary Award

Courtesy Photo

Rotary President, Ella Chambers, presents Dr. Charles Schmidt with the "Paul Harris Fellowship Award" at the regular Rotary luncheon meeting July 5th. The Paul Harris Fellowship Award is a distinguished Rotarian service

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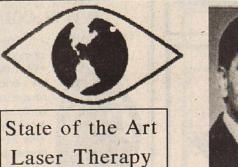
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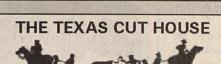
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until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read. CON-STRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/ FACILITIES

CONTRACT(S). Dist/Div Laredo Contract 6153-39-001 for IN-STALLATION OF PVT MARK-INGS AND PVT MARKERS in VAL VERDE County, etc will be opened on August 09, 2007 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$287,941.03. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from

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Unit 1 Lot 55 - Beautiful creek front townhouse. Lovely setting for this 3B, 2B unique in style...patio with screened porch. Must see to appreciate cozy home, park at your door \$95,000. Unit 3 Lot 34 - Manufactured home, 2B, 1B, 2nd roof, covered parking, storage shed, Great shape! Great find! E-Z to maintain \$28,000.

\$28,000.
Unit 3 Lot 54 - Cute, clean 2B, 1B, ceiling fans, low maint. yard, carport, great hunters lodge. \$22,000.
Unit 7 Lot 1 - Rustic, clean and comfortable 3B, 1B unit, with circle drive, picnic table, gas grill, washer and dryer, partially furnished, ready to sell \$47,000.
Unit 11 - Beautiful Historic Home...3, 3B, split level, approx. 3,068 sq. ft. FP, Ig. kitchen, DR, living room, office, wet bar, Ig. party/family room, sun room or extended BR, Ig. utility room, tile floors, storage and much more. This well loved, clean and spacious home is MUST SEE!
Unit 14 Lot 14 - RV lot approx. 30x60 corner lot. \$3,500.00 Great Deal.

Great Deal.
Unit 15 Lot 42 - 2B, 2B mobile home, 2 lots fenced, large master bedroom, partially furnished. Must see to appreciate

master bedrount, partially fall and seed yard, and lots of \$29,500.

Unit 15 Lot 44 - 3B, 2B mobile home, fenced yard, and lots of plants. Some recent remodeling and updates have been started on this home, handyman special with lots of potential. \$15,000.

Unit 27 - 3B, 2B, manufactured home with open floor plan, FP, deck, laundry room and island kitchen, fenced yard, garage, storage galore. Golf course across the street. Reduced \$77,700.00.

- 3B, 2B manufactured home with rustic feel and lawn sprinklers system, storage shed and carport.

Unit 27 - Golf course lots looking onto green or fairway with beautiful mature trees. Price starting at \$3,500.00. Unit 27 - Golf course lot with excellent access to golf course. \$7,500.00.

97,500.00.
Unit 15 - Lots 18 & 19 - 2/2 well maintained manufactured home with addition. Includes living area, den, hobby or additional BR and separate large workshop. Personal touches throughout. Covered porch, double carport & large yard.

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Unit 1 - For rent on an annual basis. Very nice and clean 2B, 2B townhouse located near the creek with a porch.

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www.brackettvillerealestate.com New Listing: Wonderful 3BR/2B w/detached guest house in great neighborhood, two car carport w/circle drive. New carpet, paint and blinds throughout. MUST •Ft. Clark: Gorgeous, new luxury home w/many custom features. 4BR/2.5B/2 with large covered veranda

on two lots overlooking golf course. Approx. 2,800 236 Oak Lane: Lovely 3BR/2B home w/approx 2,800 sq. ft. of living space. Features a separate 12x12 hobby room/office and a 12x12 sunroom. Beautiful tiles porch overlook manicured lawn and the green area beyond.

Great Location. Great Price. THE OAKS: Lovely, spacious rock home. 2,100 Sq. Ft. 4BR/2B/
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3BR/2B/2 with office (or 4th BR). Comfortable open floor plan. Tiled throughout.
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• 7 lots, Spring and Crockett \$31,500. 3BR/2B Older well maintained home w/fenced yard. Good location! listing pures \$88,000.
 A MUST \$22 201 N. Ann St. 3BR/2B stucco 'Hill

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 Commercial property on Hwy. 90 Carta Valley: Established Hunting Camp. 191 acres.
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# YOUR HOROSCOPE BY WANDA PERRY

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): This has the potential of turning into an emotionally satisfying

into an emotionally satisfying period. Spend as much time as possible with the people you enjoy the most.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): An easy-going attitude will win you instant popularity and acceptance among your siblings and peers. Go along with the program and form lasting bonds.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21): Take steps to improve your financial status. Investigate benancial status. Investigate be-fore investing your money in an unstable institution or an unreliable company fund. CANCER (June 22 - July 22):

Embrace an opportunity to make a new start in your personal af-fairs. Participate in activities tairs. Participate in activities that promote positive interactions and lead to success. LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22): Depart on a special journey with no particular end or destination in mind. Relax. follow your nose and watch carefully as your destiny unfolds. VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22):

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22): Strive to see eye to eye with a difficult friend or associate. Bring your differences to the table and work at eliminating them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23): Avoid tarnishing your professional reputation by putting your position at risk. Follow through and honor a recent business agreement. SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21):

You may find yourself in unfamiliar territory mentally, emotionally or physically. Do not hesitate to explore new horizons; stretch and grow.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): An active exchange of money will challenge your management skills. Concentrate on

agement skills. Concentrate on sticking to your budget and keeping an accurate account of your fiscal affairs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Spontaneity is the key to keeping a close, personal relationship lively and well. Go along with key suggestions made by your partner or mate and revel in harpartner or mate and revel in har

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Deal constructively with criticism from colleagues or coworkers. React with patience instead of anger and take steps to strengthen your weaknesses. PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Children or loved ones are counting on you for special guidance and support with an unconventional project. Take an active role and avoid letting them down.

If your birthday is this week, an exciting time is promised for you during the coming year. With domestic issues topping your list of concerns, you can expect there will never be a dull moment around your house. A major move or renovation project could be the obvious cause of such unrest. There are certain aspects, relationships, or projects in your life that have reached a peak and will soon fade. Go with the flow and willingly let go.



















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# FORD MODEL YEAR CLEARANCE SALE



















