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Judge's case set for trial

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Kinney County Judge Tommy Seargeant is expected to go to court on Monday, Nov. 24, to face charges dealing with theft and misappropriation of highway guard rails, according to local officials.

Seargeant was originally scheduled to go to trial on Oct. 27, but the case was delayed because of a civil trial which lasted five days.

Seargeant and County Commissioner Joe Montalvo were indicted by the grand jury in July and were arrested on charges of abuse of official capacity.

"It has to do with some guard rails that came into the possession of the county and then ended up on the private property of Mr. Montalvo," District Attorney Tom Lee said.

District Judge George M. Thurmond ruled that the two county officials would be tried separately, at the request of Seargeant's attorney, Robert T. Bass of Austin.

Montalvo, who is represented by Rogelio F. Munoz of Uvalde, will be tried after Seargeant.

Seargeant was suspended with pay by the State Commission of Judicial Conduct shortly after being indicted. He is in his 11th year as county judge, serving in three stretches going back to 1971.

Herb Senne was appointed acting county judge by the Kinney County Commissioners Court during Seargeant's suspension.



Samantha Perez was the first of 154 runners to cross the finish line at the Region IV-2A cross country meet Saturday in San Antonio. She took the gold medal after running the two-mile course in 12:27. Not far behind Perez was teammate Sonya Correa, who took third place honors after being clocked at 13:06. Lionel Ramos was seventh in the boys' race. He ran the three-mile course in 16:30. The trio will represent Brackett at Saturday's state meet in Round Rock. This is Brackett's first year to compete in cross country. See related story, Page 5. Photo Courtesy of The Devine News

Trustees to consider new academic wing

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

The Brackett School District is considering adding a new academic wing to accommodate the growing number of students.

The district's Growth Committee, headed by Trustee Tim Ward, presented the idea at Monday's School Board meeting. The new academic wing would provide the district with 11 new classrooms.

"We are short of classrooms," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "Every classroom that we have is being utilized today."

Stephenson said the district has grown from 574 students in 1993 to 650 this fall.

"We project, at the same rate of growth, that we could have 744 kids in our system by the year 2000," he said.

Under the plan proposed by the Growth Committee:

- Jones Elementary would house pre-kindergarten, first, second and third grade students.

- Fourth, fifth and sixth grade students would form an "intermediate" school and be housed in the current high school building.

- Seventh and eighth grade students would remain in the middle school.

- High school students would be housed in the High School Annex and a new academic wing to be

built on the Guidry property, across the street from the annex.

"This would keep all of the campus centrally located in our town," Stephenson said. "If our town does grow, everything is here. As you can see, we've started purchasing a little bit of property around the area, thinking the day is going to come when that property is going to be needed for growth."

Stephenson said he believed the additional wing could be paid for from the district's cash reserves.

"We've built up our cash for several years," he said. "We feel, right now, that a bond issue would not be necessary. That way, we would be able to fund this with the school's cash reserves. We think this is a good use for the money. It keeps the taxpayers from having to foot the additional bill."

If the School Board agrees to the proposal, Stephenson said the new wing could be ready for the next school year.

"In visiting with different architects, it looks like the price of building is going to go sky-high, at least beginning in the summer, because everybody is going to be trying to build," he said. "We would really like to get the jump on them."

The plan will be presented to the District Committee, and then to each of the campus committees.

The School Board will consider the project at a work session on Monday, Nov. 24, at 6:30 p.m.

City approves CPL's rate to attract new businesses

An economic development rate filed by Central Power and Light (CPL) was approved by the Brackettville City Council on Monday night.

The company is providing rate decreases to new businesses in the area, based on the number of jobs that are made available.

City Councilman J.J. Guidry made the motion to approve the resolution accepting the economic development rate, which was seconded by Alderwoman Tencha

Pena. Guidry, Pena and Alderman Wes Robinson all voted for the measure. Council members Mary Flores and Tino Gomez were absent.

"It is an economic development tool to try to attract businesses in the area," said Marga Lopez-Baker, an area business manager with CPL.

"We offer a discount on rates for new businesses for four years on a declining

rate, depending on the number of jobs they create."

Lopez-Baker said the company was proposing the economic development rate to all of the cities in its 44-county area.

Transfer Bank Account

The council voted to transfer the bank account for a Texas Community Development Grant from the First State Bank of Uvalde to the First State Bank of Brackettville.

"At the last meeting, we took action to approve and appoint at that time the Uvalde bank," City Secretary David Luna said. "Since then, we have been furnished with other information."

Joe Cardenas of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council said: "I've talked to the bank here in Brackettville and they have waived some fees that they were in the past imposing on us."

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School Board accepts bid to resurface track

Brackett's track will get a new surface, after the Brackett School District accepted a bid of \$38,985 from Vibra Whirl of Panhandle, Texas at Monday's regular meeting.

A latex overlay will be added to the existing seven-lane track, Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

Work on the track is expected to begin within the next two weeks and will be completed within 60 days.

The Trustees also accepted a bid of \$30,695 from Jack Hill Construction of Del Rio to build new aluminum bleachers in the gymnasium.

Berry Construction of Uvalde presented a base bid of \$38,670 for the bleacher project.

Stephenson said work on the bleachers will begin within the next 10 days and will take about 30 days to complete.

The school district is currently seeking bids for new tennis courts.

AEIS Hearing

The School Board hosted a public hearing concerning the district's Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) results.

Information on the 1996-97 TAAS test results, attendance, dropout rates, and other AEIS indicators were discussed.

"Once a year, the state law requires public hearings on AEIS indicators and the accreditation of the school system," Stephenson said.

Annual Audit

The district's annual audit of financial records and federal compliance indicators was reviewed by the trustees.

The board voted to continue using the audit firm of Coleman, Horton and Company for the 1997-98 school year.

Local Policy Update

The board heard the first reading of Local Policy Update 57.

"This policy involves purchasing and discounts for taxes," Stephenson said. "It is based on legislative changes in the last legislative session."

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City leases county pool

The city of Brackettville has taken control of the Kinney County swimming pool after officials from both entities approved a lease agreement.

The parks and playgrounds lease is for 25 years and has a 25-year option.

"Due primarily to budget constraints, the county has not been able to do as complete a job in operating and maintaining the county swimming pool and ad-

jacent playing courts as they know has been needed," County Judge Herb Senne said.

"The Commissioners Court feels the city has been most gracious and helpful in stepping in to help resolve this issue."

"Problems of issues of this nature are often best solved or resolved by people working together to achieve a common goal or goals."

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State official gives analysis of local EMS Department

Lee Sweeten of the Texas Department of Health presented an analysis of Kinney County's EMS Department at Monday morning Commissioners Court meeting.

Sweeten discussed: location of the EMS office versus the location of the ambulances, outside billing, the department's obligation to indigent health care services, job descriptions, use of the United Medical Center clinic, medical director's responsibilities, improving the department's computer system, disaster plan and mutual aid, dispatching, base rates, and advanced life support training.

Computer Analysis

The commissioners voted to pay \$250 to local computer consultants for an analysis of the county's computer systems.

Health Insurance Bid

The court voted to continue purchasing the county's health insurance from Blue Cross, based on the recommendation of

Rustenberg, Jobst and Associates. "Even though it's not the cheapest, I think it's the best value for the money," Joe Jobst told local officials.

Foot Care for the Elderly

The commissioners discussed foot care services provided by Dr. Michael Roth and Dr. Anna Sanchez at the Nutrition Center.

Roth and Sanchez, both of Del Rio, previously told the court they had many patients from Kinney County and would like to come to Brackettville once a month to serve this community.

"I think it's good to have it here, but not at the Nutrition Center," Aging Services Director Marian McIntire said.

The commissioners agreed the service was needed in the community, but not at the Nutrition Center. They agreed to look at other locations and took no action.

Road Superintendent

The commissioners voted to pay Road and Bridge Superinten-

dent Cliff Fritter on an hourly wage, rather than a fixed salary. Fritter requested the change.

Cloud Seeding

The court discussed a cloud seeding program and a possible weather modification district.

County Judge Herb Senne and Precinct 4 Commissioner Paul O'Rourke were appointed to represent the county in further discussions concerning the program.

Support Agreement

The court approved a support agreement with the 47th Medical Group of Laughlin Air Force Base.

Special Election

The commissioners canvassed the ballots from the Nov. 4 constitutional amendment election.

In other action, the court approved hiring temporary help at minimum wage for the county clerk's office, agreed to have a surplus property sale at 9 a.m. on Dec. 13 at the Civic Center, and approved the payment of bills.



Michelle Melancon (9) hugs Katy Hagler as the Tigerettes celebrate their bi-district win over Benavides last Thursday. The victory marked Brackett's first-ever playoff win in volleyball. See related story, page 5. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Don't redefine Social Security

By Horace B. Deets
AARP Executive Director

The greatest danger facing Social Security today is the false notion that it is about to collapse and that the only way to save it is to re-create it.

This idea is being spread by people who want to redefine Social Security as simply an investment program for people when they retire.

I realize in this era of reinventing government, the urge to reinvent Social Security is irresistible. But let's be clear, Social Security is not now, nor was it ever meant to be, a 401(k) plan or an individual investment account.

Individual investments are important for income security, but in addition to — not in place of — Social Security.

Those who argue in favor of privatizing Social Security insist on comparing the system to private investments. They claim that if they invested the money that now goes to Social Security in the stock market or a 401(k) plan, they could get a much greater rate of return.

That's like comparing apples and oranges. Would these people also argue that if they invested the money they pay for life insurance or disability insurance in the stock market or a pension plan they would receive greater returns?

Probably not — they most likely recognize the differences.

Social Security is unique, providing lifetime income insurance that protects families against financial hardship resulting from the death, disability or retirement of the wage earner.

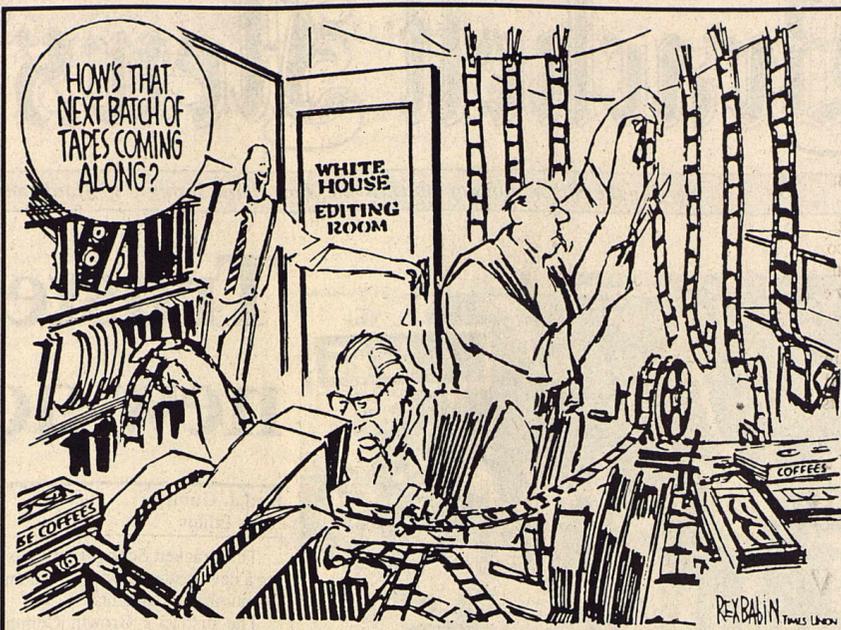
Social Security is the primary and only assured source of retirement income for most older Americans, and it guarantees life-long, inflation-adjusted income. In fact, it serves about 44 million people of all ages, including 5 million widows, 3.5 million children and 4 million workers who have become disabled.

For 62 years, Social Security has been a reliable program providing disability insurance and protection for family survivors, not simply an investment strategy that can be measured by rates of return.

When looking at the future of the Social Security system we should not ask the question, "Could people do better by investing on their own?"

Rather, we should ask, "Do we want our children's and grandchildren's futures to be built on the firm foundation that Social Security provides, or do we want to pull it out from under them, reducing their income insurance and forcing them to invest with no guarantees?"

To me, the answer is obvious. I hope it is to you, too. Let's not allow those who want to privatize Social Security to redefine its purpose to satisfy their own.



Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Environmental laws provide incentives

When it comes to the environment, an ounce of prevention turns out to be worth more than a pound of cure.

That's the message behind innovative laws that have been approved by Texas and 22 other states. These environmental audit laws encourage cooperation and incentives for business to protect the environment.

Under Texas' environmental audit law, companies are given incentives to assess their own environmental compliance and take corrective action. Rather than playing a waiting game for state regulators to find environmental violation, companies will find — and stop — violations.

This arrangement is based on the common sense assumption that everyone, including business and industry, has a vested interest in clear skies, clean water and a safe environment. Instead of a game of "gotcha," the private and public sectors in our state are working together to strengthen environmental protection efforts.

I have introduced legislation, the Environmental Protection Partnership Act, that will apply this environmental audit system to federal regulation efforts. Under my bill, if a company voluntarily completes an environmental audit — a thorough review of its compliance with environmental law — government may not turn around and use the audit report against that company in court.

In addition, if a company performs an audit, promptly corrects any violations and reports this to the Environmental Protection Agency, that company will not be penalized for its violations. By ensuring companies that they will not be dragged into court for being honest, the bill encourages both compliance and reporting.

Environmental audits do not mean companies that pollute will go scot-free. My bill in no way protects willful violators, those that do not promptly address violations or those trying to evade investigation. But the cooperative approach will free the EPA to target enforcement dollars on the "bad actors" — those who intentionally pollute.

The bill also directs federal agencies to assist small businesses (which typically have fewer resources) to develop in-house compliance systems for performing voluntary self evaluations.

Businesses need to play an active role in environmental protection. This legislation will make companies active partners with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in assuring compliance with the law.

The EPA itself has acknowledged the necessity of such an approach. In a recent policy statement, the EPA pointed out that "because government resources are limited, maximum compliance cannot be achieved without active efforts by the regulated community to police themselves."

Texas and the 22 other states which have passed environmental audit laws are encouraging companies to be "good actors" and play a positive role in environmental protection. In the Lone Star state, hundreds of companies have carried out voluntary environmental audits, correcting countless violations in the process. These are corrected violations that the EPA and state regulatory officials may or may not have discovered. Other states tell similar success stories.

We have made monumental strides in cleaning up the environment over the past 30 years. Our air, water, soil are far cleaner now than they were when we first rolled up our sleeves and went to work. The Environmental Protection Partnership Act will allow us to build on those gains, and engage industry more fully in protecting the environment.

The best a woman can be is a responsible mother

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



Several times I've heard a commercial on television where a woman closes the ad by saying, "Don't give your daughter a tea set, give her a chemistry set — help her to be the best she can be."

Every time I hear it, I cringe at the fanaticism of such unconscionable babble. The very best any woman can be is a wife and mother.

One of the devastating factors in American life is the choice of a "profession" over family responsibility. Any woman who lets anything interfere with her responsibility as a mother is errant.

The recent case in Massachusetts of a young nanny charged with the death of her young charge highlighted the fallacy of two professionals, both doctors, making a great deal of money refusing to take personal responsibility for raising their child. They wanted to have their cake and hire someone to "raise" the baby.

The nationwide demand for "day care" for "working moms" to leave their children for someone else to care for them through their most important years of the child's life is a call for someone else to bear the responsibility of

motherhood.

The cry always for Uncle Sam or for "big business" to assume the responsibility. Many "single moms" have to depend on child care services because they must work to make a living for the family.

It is true, however, that most "working moms" work not out of necessity, but out of desire for more money to enhance the desire for more or better "things" — an extra car, a fancier television, unnecessary optional telephone services, more fancy clothes, more prepared meals; the list is endless.

Many people count these as necessities and so must have a two income family.

As I grew up there was never a day when the children (five of them) came home from school that mother was not there. She nurtured and cared for her family because she loved the responsibility of motherhood. Her priorities

put motherhood at a AAA rating.

Sure, she had time for her church (Sunday School teacher, choir member, etc.), she had time for her lodge (even Worthy Matron), but everything took a back seat to her responsibility of motherhood.

She certainly was not the Lone Ranger of her generation. Most mothers were the same.

Strangely, teenage pregnancy, gang activities, teen burglaries, using dope were unknown in those days. School dropouts were a rare phenomenon.

When modern day women turn a deaf ear to the feminist and look to the bible for guidance, maybe the world will get back in sync.

Surely, we should want and encourage our girls to be the best they can be, but the best a girl can become is to prioritize her life in concert with the teaching of the Bible.

Secrets and good government don't mix

By Dan Morales
Texas Attorney General

When does a government employee or a public official have a right to keep secrets from the people who pay his or her salary? My answer is: "Almost never."

Most citizens understand there are times when government secrecy is required, such as in cases involving national security or investigations to determine criminal wrongdoing.

In fact, there are other reasonable "exceptions" to the requirement, such as the protection of personal records of children who attend public schools.

Nonetheless, most Texans also understand that the principle of open government is more than a good idea. It is a bedrock principle of our democracy.

Those of us who serve as public officials and government employees should never forget that we work for the public, to benefit the public, and we should expect our work to be subject to public scrutiny.

Last spring, the Texas Legislature passed a bill making public information about traffic accidents harder to get. The problem they were trying to fix was a legitimate one.

Many people felt that certain professionals were engaged in "ambulance chasing" by scrutinizing public accident reports and then calling people who had suffered severe injuries in these accidents in order to solicit their business. These victims were being harassed.

The effort to protect privacy was well intended, but it created a real obstacle to the public's right to know.

In one case, the mayor of a Texas city and his wife were involved in a car crash that involved a fatality. The Texas Department of Public Safety, in its effort to follow the new law, refused to release information regarding that accident.

Several Texas news organizations challenged the law, and for good reason. They understood that it interfered with their right to know, and consequently the public's right to know.

As Thomas Jefferson once wrote, "Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost."

The Texas Daily Newspaper Association and the Texas Press Association want the Texas Legislature

to revisit this issue and find a way to deal with the "ambulance chasing" without infringing on the public's right to know. We support that effort.

In another recent instance, our office was asked by a non-profit organization whether the phone records of the Texas Supreme Court were open to the public according to the Texas Public Information Act.

We drew on a number of court cases which made a distinction between the court records of the judiciary, which are excluded, and the administrative records of the judiciary, which are not, in our view, excluded from the Act.

We ruled that while judiciary was clearly granted an exemption under the Act, the telephone records that were subject to the request were administrative in nature, not judicial.

The state Supreme Court, in what we believe was a good faith disagreement, rejected our ruling, and reading the law very literally, said that all of their records were exempt and they had no intention of releasing any of them.

It will surprise no one that lawyers disagree. We interpret the law differently than the Supreme Court. But that disagreement can serve as an opportunity for all of us to look beyond differing interpretations of the law.

We must never lose sight of the law. We must never lose sight of the spirit of our open government laws which articulate a moral obligation for Texas government to operate openly in the light of day. We must never lose sight of the plain truth that darkness breeds secrets.

Honest, open government is the essential obligation of every person whose salary is paid by tax dollars. No one is excluded from that obligation, not presidents or governors or attorneys general or judges.

The preamble of the Open Records Act (since renamed the Public Information Act) says it best: "It is the policy of this state that each person is entitled, unless otherwise expressly provided by law, at all times to complete information about the affairs of government and the official acts of public officials and employees. The people, in delegating authority, do not give their public servants the right to decide what is good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know. The people insist on remaining informed so that they may retain control over the instruments they have created."

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Council transfers bank account

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"So, that being the reason, we're now asking the council to go ahead and transfer our account back to the First State Bank of Brackettville," Cardenas added.

Interlocal Agreement

The council voted to approve a corrected version of the interlocal agreement with the Kinney County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services within the city.

Rezoning Lots

Officials passed an ordinance to rezone lots in the Lorance Addition from residential to business for making custom furniture, cabinets and wood-working.

The property is owned by John R. Conlin.

Fire Marshal's Report

Fire Marshall Faustino Sandoval Jr. reported that there were no fires or new meter loops installed since the last meeting.

Activity Report

Carol Sandoval presented the monthly Activity Report. She said that city crews completed 98 work orders.

City Secretary's Update

Luna reported that the city and the county had been working to maintain the community's damn site. He said the city has spent \$630.70 from the flood control maintenance and operation fund, which approximately began with \$2,800.

In other action, the council approved financial reports and the minutes last month's council meeting.

Northerners welcome Fall weather in county

It's rainy and cooler in Kinney County this week. For those who come from the North Country, it's kind of nice to see the Fall weather.

We're but two weeks from Thanksgiving which is on Thursday, Nov. 27. The Advent Season will commence on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. It's the most exciting time of the year. Let's try to enjoy it.

Cross Country

I'm proud of the Cross Country qualifiers and their coach, Julie Bruce. They will represent us well at the state meet in Round Rock this weekend. This has been a fine new sport for BISD.

Volleyball

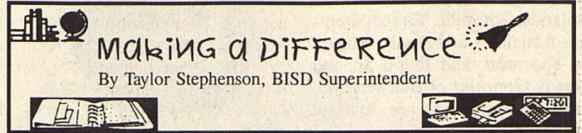
I'm also proud of the volleyball team. As I understand it, this is the first time (at least in recent history) that we won the bi-district volleyball game.

The girls played well at Tilden in the area game. Congratulations on a fine season.

Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day is one that I usually write about. It is a day that I take a few minutes to pause and give thanks for those who gave the gift of freedom to Americans.

Our veterans have been fighting for this one for a long time. I hope that we will always treat free-



dom as a precious gift from our founding fathers which has been guaranteed again and again by our veterans.

Even in times of peace, teach the children about Nov. 11 and what it means!

School Board

We had a great School Board meeting on Monday night. The additions to our school facilities of a latex track and permanent bleachers in the gym are impressive. We're also excited about the addition in the near future of tennis courts.

Tim Ward chaired our committee on enrollment, growth and school facilities. The recommendation is worthy of consideration -- to add on the BHS classroom space for the academics.

We're a growing school district and need to take care of classroom needs of Brackett's fine students.

Basketball

Basketball season has officially begun at BISD. There are kids everywhere bouncing roundballs. Our district prides itself in hav-

ing a balanced sports program. We play a sport hard until it's time to change the season. Then we move on to do our best in the new sports season.

It's time to start checking out the basketball schedules. We'll have some great games. Be there to watch them.

That's about it! I hope that life is filled with some happiness for you this week. There's a lot of good life out there that makes some of the bad times worth living.

Each day, we need to believe that life gets better. I do, and it carries me through some of the difficult times. We need to teach our children this by example.

This week, I learned of a young man in another state who lost his zest for living. He clings to life today, and perhaps there can be a second chance for him.

Negative thinking can destroy good folks. Let's cling to the idea that no matter how bad the problem is, by working together we can solve it. Have a great week.

Trustees approve plan for alternative school

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The trustees approved an accountability campus proposal for the district's alternative school.

"This is the data that the accreditation of alternative schools will be based on," Stephenson said.

Cluster 5

The trustees approved the Cluster 5 operational guidelines and the shared service arrangement contract with the Cluster 5 Special Education Cooperative.

The board approved shared service agreements with the Southwest Coop for students with visual impairments and with the Balcones Regional Day School for the Deaf.

"We have no students qualify-

ing now, so there is no cost to the district," Stephenson said. "But if we have students with visual impairments or if we have deaf children, this coop will serve the students."

Livestock Show Sponsor

The board appointed Jamie Ballew to assist as a sponsor for livestock shows in the event that agriculture teacher John Paul Schuster cannot attend.

Executive Session

The trustees met with the school district's attorney in executive session, but took no action in open session.

In other action, the board heard administrative reports, and approved budget amendments and the minutes of its previous meeting.

City leases county pool

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"Resolution of this case scenario involved not only city and county leaders working together, but several concerned citizens and community service groups," Senne said.

"I am confident that community residents will be able to enjoy the pool area for many years to come," he added.

Under the agreement, the city will pay the county \$10 annually for the use of the swim park and playground area.

Sheriff's Report

Monday, November 3

7:39 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported hearing gun shots being fired near North Street.

Tuesday, November 4

8:55 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported that someone had tried to break in to the Senior Apartments on Spring Street. Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess was dispatched to the scene and took pictures of the attempted break-in.

Wednesday, November 5

11:00 p.m., James Michael Tharp, 20, of Del Rio was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism on outstanding warrants. He is being held in the Kinney County Jail.

Thursday, November 6

9:22 a.m., A Brackettville man reported that there was a pit bull loose with a chain around his neck on Spring Street.

Friday, November 7

8:30 p.m., A Border Patrol Agent from the Cline checkpoint reported a vehicle driving west towards Brackettville that was all over the highway, going from one lane to another. Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter was notified of the situation.

Saturday, November 8

4:50 a.m., Robert Javier Alderete, 36, of San Antonio was arrested by Deputy Chism for driving while intoxicated and on an outstanding DPS warrant out of Bexar County. Alderete is being held on \$6,000 bond.

10:15 a.m., A Brackettville man reported that someone had removed three items from his tool shed, including an electric chain saw with an estimated value of \$50, an electric hand saw valued at \$30, and an electric belt sander valued at \$40. The man said he discovered the items were missing on Nov. 8, but added that they could have been taken anytime in the last two weeks. Deputy Fritter reported that there was no damage to the building.

Monday, November 10

2:55 p.m., A Kinney County man reported that someone had cut his fence line at his ranch, located east of Brackettville on Schubach Lane. The man believed hunters from a neighboring ranch caused the damage. Kinney County Game Warden Henry Lutz was notified of the situation.

Monday, November 10

2:40 p.m., David Davila, 17, of Del Rio was arrested by a DEA agent on charges of possession of marijuana, more than 50 and less than 2,000 pounds. Davila is being held in the Kinney County Jail on \$25,000 bond.

Tuesday, November 11

11:33 a.m., A Brackettville man reported that a transformer on an electric pole blew up at Mario's Bar, at the corner of Ross and Spring streets. Central Power and Light was notified.

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Birth

It's a girl!

Alejandra Olivia Gonzalez was born September 16, 1997. She is the daughter of Ralph Jr. and Yolanda Gonzalez. Grandparents are Alejandro and Bertha Pinedo of Thornton, and Ralph Sr. and Candy Gonzalez of Brackettville. Great-grandparents are Andrew and Flora Trujillo of Ceres, Calif., Filbert and Virginia Garcia of Commerce City, and Guadalupe Pinedo of Commerce City.



But, I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall



I'm getting rich!

I don't know which annoys me the most, stupid questions or stupid answers. I'm capable of both. The other day, a man asked me how much I got paid for writing my "cute little articles" for this paper. (For him, not me, but then I thought better of it.) "\$500," I quickly replied. "\$500?" he queried. "A week," I added. He then walked away feeling very contented with his newly acquired information. A little knowledge really is a

dangerous thing. He had totally accepted my answers. I remember thinking, "I should be selling used cars." Now, even those of you who are horribly weak in math can figure out that \$500 a week is about \$10 a word, or \$10,000 an idea. Bill Gates doesn't even make that much. Abe Lincoln said, "You can fool some of the people all of the time..." Those are the people I want to be around. But, I could be wrong.

Mathison hosts sorority meeting

The meeting, of Beta Epsilon Omicron was held at the home of Betty Mathison last Monday. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dee Curry. The opening ritual was said by all members. Roll call was taken and the following members and guest were present: Curry, Mathison, Helen Pack, Barbara Miller, Flo Stafford, Hazel Ivey, Opal Groce, Marla Madrid, and guest Doris Webber. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Madrid and approved as read. She also gave the treasurer's report. Curry explained to the members about the liability insurance offered through the international office. The cost per chapter is \$37.80. Ivey moved that the sorority purchase the insurance and the motion was seconded by Miller. The motion carried. A letter was received from the Fort Clark Days committee thanking the group for getting a booth and supporting Fort Clark Days. The members were reminded of the Bake Sale scheduled for Nov. 22 in the parking lot of the Service Center. The baked items should be in small portions if possible. The price of the raffle tickets

for either the Christmas wreath or tree are \$1 each or three for \$2. Members also discussed sharing a table with Barbara Hunter at the Arts and Crafts fair on Nov. 29 to sell more raffle tickets and then hold the drawing at 1 p.m. at the fair. Ivey reported on her findings about the touring of the Herb Garden/Bed and Breakfast in Fredricksburg. The owner needed a definite date and count. The tentative date set was for Saturday, Nov. 15. After taking a count of the members present, only four were still able to attend, so it was put on hold for a later date as a group tour, but the four that could go would make arrangements on their own. Miller discussed with the group about joining the Bosom Buddy program. She passed around a calendar she had received and said that she has ordered one for each member. Mathison read about the "Order of the Rose." The meeting was adjourned and the closing ritual and mitzpath was said by all. Following the program theme for the year, Mathison shared her life with her sorority sisters by telling her autobiography and passing around pictures.

Scouting program helps to build children's character

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Cub Scout Den 257 visited the Brackettville Rotary Club last Thursday at the invitation of Frank Cheaney, program chairman. The youngsters brought with them their latest project to show members after Cub Master Drew Duncan gave an overview of the scouting program.

Cub Scouting is a year-round program developed by the Boy Scouts of America to help young boys grow into responsible young adults. This is accomplished by calling on parents, leaders and organizations in a concerted effort to provide fun in an educational program for young boys.

The purpose of Cub Scouting is to provide a framework to achieve the overall aims of the Boy Scouts, one of which is to build character. This is easier to accomplish when a child is young. The same values that are taught at home, such as honesty, integrity and trustworthiness, are reinforced through the Scouting program.

The Cubs meet once a week. Duncan said their meetings begin in much the same way the Rotary meetings are opened, by repeating the pledge of allegiance. They learn how to handle the flag properly and are taught to have respect for it.

Cubs are taught to get involved in the community in a positive way. Good citizenship is stressed.

The boys are encouraged to develop a good attitude toward community and citizenship in general.

Being involved in Cub Scouting is often the first time these boys are involved in competition. As Cubs, they play games and learn to cooperate and to be involved in friendly competition.

The Cubs' most recent project is called the Pinewood Derby. They build small racing cars from kits, and later they will be racing them. Through activities they learn how to win and lose, and how to be a good sport.

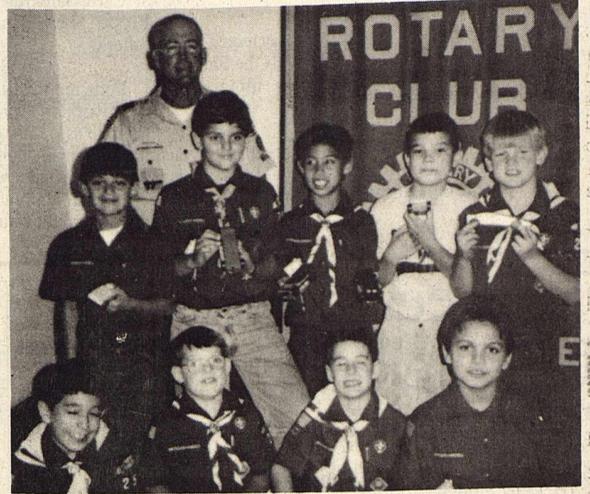
The family is involved with the Cub, and many of their projects take place in the home. The boys spend a lot of quality time with their father, mother, or both, to accomplish their projects.

Once a project is completed, they are called achievements. The parents then "sign off" the achievement which serves as a sign of the youngster's progress.

The Scouts also teach respect for elders, leaders, such as teachers, parents and respect for each other. They learn to help each other out and also to respect each other's feelings.

The Cub Scout program has an advancement program. Achievements are set out in the Scout manual. The more achievements, the more badges.

In each meeting, scouts are given a bead for every three achievements, and that represents progress toward rank. For in-



Cub Master Drew Duncan and Cub Scout Den 257 visited the Brackettville Rotary Club last week. Photo by Eric McMaster

stance, they are rewarded for performing such tasks as helping with the dishes, sweeping the car port, and helping one another.

Cub Scouting is designed as preparation for the Boy Scouts. The ages of Cubs are six through 10, or grades one through five. First graders are Tiger Cubs, second graders are Wolves, third graders are Bears. The fourth and fifth graders are Webelos, which is an acronym for "we be loyal Scouts."

The boys who visited Rotary are in one den. Dens make up a pack. Pack meetings take place

once a month and are a culmination of the activities during the month. The parents attend and the boys get a chance to show off the accomplishments of the month's activities.

The Cub Scouts present were from Brackettville Pack 257. It is sponsored by the Kinney County Volunteer Ambulance Organization, which provides financial support if needed and a place to meet.

The Cubs visited with each Rotary member and showed their racing cars. Each car was different in design reflecting their creativity.

FOOTSTEPS ECHO

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

Courtesy of his decendants

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

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

Friday, November 13, 1885

Mail brought a letter and bundle of papers from home, papers from Henry, and an O.B. from Brown. Signed the reports it contained and then went to office where met Col. Gibson, paymaster, whom I met up at Leavenworth. Kendall came back last night and seems the same as before, a bright intelligent fellow. Spent the morning reading papers from home, in the Library and at the pay table. Received pay and Commissary money getting checks, one being for Father's present for Christmas. After straightening out account and check books, went up to Hewitt's, settled with him and brought the note back to house where had much pleasure in watching it burn. Now this is off my mind and must save for insurance. Fortunately \$140 longevity pay is due me yet. Read papers from home until parade, after which went to Vernou's for dinner and had a good one. Dr. Black messes there. He is a very fresh young man and quite given to exaggeration. After dinner smoked a cigar and then accompanied Capt. Vance to Mrs. Gillmore's where arrangements were made to commence the French club next Tuesday. Am to see her tomorrow to decide upon books for reading. Then went to Hewitt's to a whist party, Vance, Vernou's friends, Vernou, Black, Ballance & Vedder being the other guests. Had a very enjoyable evening playing until midnight. Hewitt put up an excellent lunch. Ballance got into some trouble over in Brackett today and shot at a man. Will have a trial tomorrow. Offered this evening to accompany him over to town to the trial.

Saturday, November 14, 1885

Mail had nothing for me today. After guard mounting rode over

to town with Gen. Smith and Ballance and waited around the Justice's office for about half an hour when Ballance was informed that the matter against him was dropped. Gen. Smith gave some of them a good tongue lashing for trying to get Ballance into trouble. Read papers in Library and at quarters and went to store until afternoon when carried the French books to Miss Gillmore and decided with her about some plays to be read Tuesday evening. Then wrote to Duff at Del Rio for his set of French plays that we used at West Point. In the evening waited a while at Capt. Vance's as Hewitt went out hunting with him and others, and was surprised to find Hewitt had returned ahead of him and was waiting dinner for me. After dinner went to see Capt. Vance a while and then dozed in my chair until near tattoo when Cunningham called. He left after tattoo when dozed until bedtime.

Sunday, November 15, 1885

Mail brought a letter from home. After inspection put on dress uniform and marched on guard as Officer of the Guard. Stayed at guard house until everything was settled and then came up to quarters to change uniform. Wrote letter home and read "Confidence" until four o'clock when had dinner. Spent the evening in reading & dozing and also wrote to Mattie. Stupid work and tiresome.

Monday, November 16, 1885

The officer of the day inspected about 12-30 this morning. Cunningham relieved me at guard mounting. Mail brought invitation to a military ball at home, some papers from Lula and an advertising circular. The papers contained a notice of the death of Edith Harrison Worthington, the first break in the class of '74 of the Ft. Wayne High School. Went into Capt. Vance's and to the office a while after guard mounting and then shaved, and sponged my blouse with ammonia, improving its appearance very much. Cleaned out my desk and then read "Confidence" finishing it.

Was much disappointed. The conversation is too labored and pedantic. The analyses of character are poor. Mailed Mattie's letter to Lancaster and sent Capt. Bradford a copy of the last charges against Maj. Smith. Went to dress parade as usual. After it saw Mrs. Hammond and shook hands with her at the bandstand. She and husband have just returned to the post. In evening sat in Steele's a while and then Gillmore and King came in, but former soon left. Played cards with latter until near tattoo when went into Capt. Vance's. After roll call Hewitt & self returned to the Captain's and we all read the French lesson for tomorrow evening. Hope the club will be a success.

Tuesday, November 17, 1885

Drilled as usual but was a file closer; not as agreeable as commanding a company but one of the duties of my rank. Must get over the unsoldierly habit of always wanting to do the duty of higher rank. Sometimes I feel cross when called upon to do things that pertain to my position. No mail for me today. After guard mounting went to Library and then to office where saw Col. Towle who has just returned. He looks hale and hearty and is as fault finding as usual. Hammond came in for a while after we had looked through his things and found the old tennis set. He is quieter than formerly. In afternoon wrote for a copy of "L'Amour" to send to Mr. Preston as his book was injured in coming. Hammond came in later to play cribbage and piquet. After which went over to town to buy a postal note for \$1.20 to send for "L'Amour." Was alone at dinner as Hewitt was invited out. Read for a while in the evening, had a short call from Gillmore and then went to Mrs. Gillmore's with Capt. Vance, where Hewitt was, and spent a very instructive as well as pleasant evening reading and talking French. If tonight is a sample and the meetings are kept up, ought to be able to talk by the end of Winter.



Wednesday, November 18, 1885

Had usual drill this morning. Mail brought a letter from Gardener bringing little news. Lawn tennis set came this morning but is a poor one. Opened it and gave Steele his racket. Went over to Library to return a book and got two more and read the papers for a while. Hammond came to play piquet interrupting my letter home. Had to wait dinner on Hewitt who went out hunting and so completed letter home before eating. Went down to commissary this morning to get some things and to Q.M. to get a tape line with which measured off dimensions of tennis court in twine. It was warm work in the sun. Intended to make some calls in the evening, but King was in until tattoo to play cards and afterwards I read "L'Amour."

Thursday, November 19, 1885

Went out before guard mounting and marked out a tennis court. After breakfast put up the set and played several games in the morning with Steele, Vernou and Mr. Townsend. In the afternoon played with Vernou and his friends. The exercise was splendid but it made my back ache in the evening. Mail brought only O.B.'s from Brown. Took lunch at noon feeling hungry from the tennis. In the evening called to bid Vernou's friends good-bye as they left tonight for their homes in Philadelphia. They are pleasant gentlemen, ready for any amusement and I have enjoyed their society. Then went into Mrs. Hall's where Capt. Vance and Mrs. Hall were beaten at whist by Hewitt and myself. Of course the evening was very pleasantly spent. Potato salad helped to revive us at the conclusion of the games.

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Perez wins gold at regional meet

Brackett trio earns trip to state

Samantha Perez brought home first place honors from Saturday's Region IV-2A cross country meet at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Perez and teammates Sonya Correa and Lionel Ramos all qualified for the state meet, which is Saturday at Round Rock. This is Brackett's first year to compete in cross country.

The top three teams and top 10 individuals at regionals qualify for the state competition, which will be at Old Settlers Park. The 2A girls race is at 11:40, followed by the boys'

competition at noon. Perez came out on top of the field of 154 runners, winning the gold after running the two-mile race in 12:27. Correa finished the race in third place. She was clocked at 13:06.

The Tigerettes finished fourth overall, just missing the cutoff to qualify for state as a team. Brackett had 175 points.

Navarro won first place in the team division with 98 points, Early was second with 112 points, and Dilley finished third with 126.

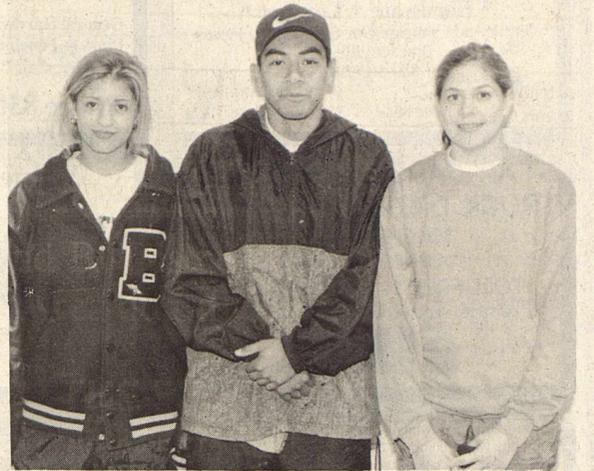
Jania Finkenbinder finished 23rd with a 13:56, Queta Garza was 56th with a 14:45,

Heather Martin ran a 15:49 to come in 112th, Liz Aguirre came in 127th with a 16:12, and April Crumley was 141st with a 16:56.

Ramos took sixth place out of 150 runners in the boys' three-mile run after posting a time of 16:30.

The Tigers finished seventh in the team standings after compiling 219 points.

James Burks came in 21st with a time of 17:36, David Honstein was 40th with an 18:20, Tony Rubio finished 64th with an 18:56, Isaac Gutierrez was 88th with a 19:38, and Schiller Hill ran a 23:56 for 134th place.



Sonya Correa (from left), Lionel Ramos and Samantha Perez will represent Brackett on Saturday at the Class 2A state cross country meet. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Briefs ...

Brackett begins hoop action tomorrow night

Brackett's basketball teams are scheduled to begin action tomorrow night with a controlled scrimmage against Comstock on the road.

The girls' scrimmage is tentative because the Lady Panthers were still alive in the high school volleyball playoffs as of Tuesday.

The varsity Tigerettes are scheduled to open their season on Friday, Nov. 21, as they host the Leakey Lady Eagles in a 6:30 contest.

The Tigers open their season on Tuesday, Nov. 25, with a 7:30 game against Eagle Pass at home.

Brackett's junior high teams will open their seasons on Monday as the Cubs and Cubettes host Comstock. Action begins at 5 p.m.

Cubs close out season

The Brackett Cubs closed their football season last Thursday, coming up short in a 34-20 loss to La Pryor. The Cubs finished their season with a 4-3 record.

Trio ties in scramble

Three teams tied for first place honors at the Nine Hole League's Florida Scramble last Tuesday.

The teams of Pat McKelvy, Norma Reivitt, Betty Mathison and Johnnie Fullenwider; Beth Waller, Melba Turner, Betty Schlatterer and Orlean Alves; and Gwen Ladd, Ruth Spencer, Clara McCord and Eileen Voracek finished on top after posting 31s.

There was a five-way tie for second with gross scores of 33 between the teams of Mary Stephenson, Joann Mayberry, Jean Land and Helen Miller; Kelly Dennis, Diane Daniels, Joyce Ambler and Doris Webber; Pat Nelson, Luella Gilliland, Jean Petaja and Betty Gibbs; Jane Young, Joyce Williamson, Dorothy Edwards and Nancy O'Brien; and Shirley Stephenson, Elizabeth Dillahunty, Leslie Houk and Mary Hermanson.

The team of Teresa Stephens, Barbara Miller, Molly Schroeder, Mylo Unruh and Bobbie Waddill took third place honors with a 34. Carol Benfield, Marge Madrich, Margo Kendrick and Jeanette Hinton finished fourth with a 35.

Waller had one chip-in and Ladd finished with two.

Tigerettes get first-ever playoff win in volleyball

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

The Brackett Tigerettes won their first volleyball playoff game in school history last week before losing in the area championship game Monday night.

The Riviera Lady Seahawks rallied from behind to top the Tigerettes 12-15, 15-8, 15-9 in the area playoff game at Tilden.

The loss eliminates Brackett from the state high school playoffs. The Tigerettes finish their campaign with a 14-10 record. Riviera, 27-4 on the season, advances to this weekend's regional tournament.

"At times, we played our best ball of the season," Tigerettes coach Dusty Brotherton said. "I am real proud of the girls. Riviera has a real good ball club."

Katy Hagler and Jennifer Ashabranner both had seven kills against the Lady Seahawks. Tina Meek finished with five, Lindsey Brotherton and Stephanie Terrazas had two apiece, and Hilda Aguirre added one.

Ashabranner had two blocks, and Hagler, Meek and Brotherton all had one. Brotherton also contributed 21 assists.

Patty Lopez was 19 of 19 serving. She finished with 16 points and three aces.

Brotherton and Aguirre each had four points, Ashabranner and Hagler scored three apiece, and Meek had two. Brotherton and Ashabranner each had one ace.

Terrazas and Aguirre paced the defense with six kills each. Brotherton picked up three digs, Hagler and Meek both had two, and Ashabranner, Lopez, Michelle Melancon and Crystal Juarez all had one.

Brackett has made several playoff appearances since the volleyball program started in 1986, but the Tigerettes 5-15, 15-7, 15-9 victory over Benavides in last Thursday's bi-district match was team's first-ever post-season victory.

Hagler paced the offensive attack against Benavides with five kills, while Ashabranner and Meek both had four and Brotherton added one. Brotherton finished with 12 assists and Hagler had one. Hagler and Meek pitched in one block apiece.

Hagler led the scoring with 10 points, Brotherton had eight, Ashabranner and Aguirre both scored six, Meek had three, and Lopez chipped in two. Brotherton served three aces, and Ashabranner, Hagler, Meek and Aguirre all had one.

Aguirre finished with five digs, Terrazas picked up four, Hagler had three, Ashabranner, Brotherton, Meek and Melancon all had two, and Juarez, Lopez and Erika Garcia each had one.

Wolves top Tigers, 43-0

DILLEY - The Dilley Wolves defeated the Brackett Tigers 43-0 Friday night in the final gridiron contest of the regular season.

Brackett finishes its season with a 2-8 overall mark. The Tigers went 1-4 in District 30-2A action.

With the win, Dilley clinched a playoff berth. The Wolves finished second in the conference

with a 4-1 league mark. Charlotte won the district with a 5-0 record.

Dilley finished Friday's game with 17 first downs and 255 yards in total offense. Brackett had 12 first downs and 201 yards.

Brent Smith led the ground game with 89 yards on 18 carries, while Wes Baker had 41 yards on 18 attempts.

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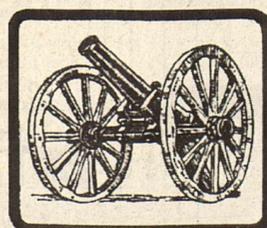
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Members of the Tigerettes volleyball team are, top row, from left: Coach Julie Bruce, Crystal Juarez, Tina Meek, Katy Hagler, Jennifer Ashabranner, Lindsey Brotherton and Coach Dusty Brotherton. Middle row: Hilda Aguirre, Stephanie Terrazas and Michelle Melancon. Bottom row: Patty Lopez and Erika Garcia.

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MAMA'S BOYZ by JERRY CRAFT
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 WOLF MAN? LOOKS MORE LIKE A BAD PERM!
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THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING
 HONEY, CAN YOU HELP ME WITH THIS CROSSWORD PUZZLE?
 HOW CAN I HELP?
 WHICH ONES ARE THE "ACROSS" AND WHICH ONES ARE THE "DOWNS"?
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Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | 42 "Anything —" (Cole Porter) | 85 Deck member | 124 Reminders | enthusiast | 32 007's school | 77 Buffalo's county |
| 1 Poisonous plant | 43 First zoo? | 86 Face lift? | 125 Conductor | 35 Steep | 33 Swung a sickle | 79 Shinbone |
| 6 Drained | 46 City on the Avon | 87 Viewpoints | Kostelanetz | 36 French friars | 37 No-ing person? | 80 UFO pilot |
| 10 Medieval menial | 48 Light tool | 89 Court case | 126 Shoe-box words | 38 Salon solution | 83 Part of SASE | 81 What you've gotta have |
| 14 Step to Sousa | 50 One of the Jacksons? | 92 Ingenu's affect | 127 "What's My Line?" host | 41 Repeat in brief | 86 Two-bit con | 88 Dele dele |
| 19 Caribbean isle | 52 Toe woe | 94 Prince of wit | 128 Work on a crossword? | 43 Kayak commander | 90 Careless superstar | 91 Soccer Thomas Gray, e.g. |
| 20 Richard of "Love Me Tender" | 53 Nantucket's neighbor | 95 Rather wary | DOWN | 44 A Beatle | 93 Thomas Gray, e.g. | 95 Big volume operation? |
| 21 Way over yonder | 55 Marmot or mouse | 96 Tole metal | 1 Rich niche | 45 Bates of "Misery" | 94 Soccer superstar | 98 Seuss despot |
| 22 Central Florida city | 56 Car bomb? | 97 Bank (on) | 2 — Major | 46 A Beatle | 99 Skater | 100 Act the wimp |
| 23 Camera setting | 57 Pie a la — | 100 Window seat | 3 Dog-show reject | 47 Tuscan town | 99 Skater | 102 Raring to go |
| 24 Split | 58 Ambiance | 101 Picnic crasher? | 4 Concerning | 48 Fill the hold | 99 Skater | 103 Breakfast series |
| 25 Be an advocate | 60 Ready's partner | 102 Treasure | 5 Toy gun | 49 Libertine | 99 Skater | 105 Mikhail's missus |
| 26 Outsoken isle | 61 Noted region | 104 Midwest | 6 Inspection | 51 Hurly-burly | 99 Skater | 106 He keeps lions in line |
| 27 Mealtime prompting from mom | 62 Sharpened a skill | 107 Yankee daddy | 7 Firm | 53 Turn to ice | 99 Skater | 107 Composer's conclusion |
| 28 Sturm — Drang | 63 Airline offering | 110 Zorba or Zeno | 8 Joe of "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman" | 54 Jack Webb series | 99 Skater | 108 Sign of the future |
| 29 Mimos' realm | 65 Pug, Pekie, or Pom | 112 Hang out to dry | 9 Final point | 57 Calendar page | 99 Skater | 109 Colie's concern |
| 30 Peaceful name | 66 Inevitable activity | 113 Classical physician | 10 "Jurassic Park" suffix | 59 Rub the wrong way in the garden | 99 Skater | 111 Exile isle for short |
| 31 Reason for overtime | 68 Grind the teeth together | 117 Plato's last letter | 11 Alma was his mater | 62 Gold record | 99 Skater | 114 Green bean |
| 34 Sports-caster John | 70 Narc's agency | 118 "— never work!" | 12 Motley | 64 Mideast letters | 99 Skater | 115 Cain's nephew |
| 36 Initials of interest? | 73 Bear out little | 119 Aria artist | 13 American state? | 67 Serpant in the garden | 99 Skater | 116 Scenter of your face? |
| 39 Time spent visiting | 76 Uruguayan | 120 Acid type | 14 Less-featured films | 69 Sixth sense? | 99 Skater | 119 Something that fizzes |
| 40 Canal zone? | 77 Uruguayan | 121 Jacobi of "I, Claudius" | 15 Eventual oak | 70 Be afraid to for short | 99 Skater | |
| | 78 Home of the Osmonds | 122 Mass specialist | 16 Run around in circles? | 71 Chou — | 99 Skater | |
| | 82 Wrath | 123 Computer | 17 Family Patriot Nathan | 72 Once more | 99 Skater | |
| | 84 Millinery marvel? | | 18 Patriot Nathan | 74 Cabbage concoction | 99 Skater | |
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 Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
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 Chinchies Finch Inchworm Winch
 Inching Linchpin

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's time to improve your self-confidence. You really have nothing to be so insecure about, so try to conquer this. Later in the week, be alert for a travel or educational opportunity.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're on the right track toward achievement of a major goal. A new job offer or financial opportunity comes your way. One person you're dealing with isn't on the up and up.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You have a feeling that someone in business is insincere and hasn't kept his word. Later in the week, either a friend or a group activity gives a happy lift to your spirits. Enjoy this special time.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) This isn't the time to be making loans as you're not in the financial position to easily accommodate this. You could be disappointed by a friend's actions. However, a reconciliation or improved rapport is achieved with a loved one.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) An important breakthrough comes in your relationship either with a child or a romantic interest. An inhibition is swept away. This weekend, a new plateau is achieved.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) One problem that has concerned you for some time is happily resolved this week. Be on the alert for a new business or financial opportunity. A loved one requires extra consideration this weekend.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Use caution in financial dealings with others. Someone could try to take advantage of your generous nature. In general, avoid any risk-taking or gambling. This weekend, couples reach a new level of understanding.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A greater confidence in your abilities will cause you to expand your business aspirations this week. However, in romance, it's best to take it one day at a time. Rushing things isn't advised.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A business associate whom you've relied upon lets you down this week. However, happily, your social circle widens. This weekend some decide to join a club or organization.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) This is no time to trust others with your secrets, particularly those of a business nature. The financial backing you receive this week will enable you to get a project going.
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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.
 Differences: 1. Magazine title is changed. 2. Lamp is missing. 3. Collar is different. 4. Hair is shorter. 5. Cable box is re-moved. 6. Skirt is shorter.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 13	Olivia Rivera	Nov. 16	Elias Gomez Jr.
Nov. 14	Jonas Foreman	Nov. 17	Patrick Conlin
Nov. 14	Larry Sofaly	Nov. 18	Ruben Bautello
Nov. 15	Gertrudis Fuentes	Nov. 18	Lyla E. Udy
Nov. 15	Keith Suever	Nov. 18	Elizabeth Smith
Nov. 16	Jared Shahan	Nov. 19	Linda Sanchez
Nov. 16	Elaine Slubar	Nov. 19	Victor Sanchez
Nov. 19	Gladys Fritter		

Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charolette Corey

Family, what is a family for? It is there to be an encouragement, to protect you from evil ones. Many races in the earth have had some form of "family". The Scots were known for their family "clans" that held together to help each other in time of trouble. The tribes of Israel held together and fought against their enemies in the days of trouble. Others have also displayed a degree of "family", but the most significant example of "family" is through the example of God the Father giving His only begotten son, Jesus Christ. He died on the cross for each one of us. The blood shed by Jesus is the only price big enough to cover our sins and iniquities. By this act of agape (unconditional) love, God the Father is able to reach down to us

and draw each of us who believe to his breast as his own child. God calls us "righteous" through the blood of Jesus. So when we have need...any need, God is our "Family". It says in Leviticus 50:47-50 that if a person has sold himself into bondage (or debt) that a member of his Family can buy him out of debt or bondage. Jesus has already bought us out of bondage or debt by his blood as stated in Luke 1:68, Galatians 3:13-14, 1 Peter 1:18-23. So appropriate the payment He has already made for you and walk free from bondage and debt. A member of your family has already paid for your freedom! Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love!



Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

The prophets had spent years telling the Jews God was going to devastate their land because they had defied Him and would not return to Him. Finally time and patience ran out and God raised a pagan army to conquer and destroy the land. Many were carried captive to a foreign land. God chose Jeremiah to encourage his people. He told them to settle in and live normal lives. They were encouraged to plant gardens and eat the produce from them. Their sons should choose wives and have families. Their daughters should get married and have families. He promised that after 70 years he would return them to their home land. In short he was telling them how to face adversity. They should submit patiently to it. It is always foolish to do otherwise.

They were to endure their punishment and make the most of it. They were to seek the brightest course under the circumstances. Trouble is often worse in prospect than in reality. Our lot in life is often what we make it. Every adversity has somewhere a silver lining. To cynically think the worst rather than optimistically find the best is self deprecating. Comfort will come to those who seek the good rather than the bad. The Jews were to cherish hope for the future. The future promised hope of restoration to their homeland. The future held promise not only of restoration but the birth of Jesus Christ. They were to find happiness by seeking welfare of others. Helping others is a sure recipe for finding happiness. One cannot be sad or miserable while helping another in need. God's recipe for dealing with adversity, remember past judgement and it's root cause, make the most and best of present conditions, and rest in the assurance of restoration in the future. After all adversity conquered produces strength of character and assurance of greater things ahead.



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Praise the Lord!
I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications
Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell got hold upon me; I found trouble and sorrow.
Then called I upon the name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea our God is merciful. The Lord preserveth the simple; I was brought low and he helped me. Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.
For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.
I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. I believed, therefore have I spoken. I was

greatly afflicted; I said in my haste, All men are liars.
What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?
I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. O Lord, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast loosed my bonds.
I will offer to thee the sacrifice of Thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.
In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord.
Psalms 116.

HEALTH

TDH's Toy Sweep putting safety high on wish list

They're making a list and they're checking it twice. And what they are going to find out is - not necessarily who's naughty or nice - but rather what dangerous toys might be on store shelves for children. Texas Department of Health (TDH) Product Safety inspectors take to retail stores large and small during the week of Nov. 10 to 14 for the 1997 Toy Sweep, armed with a list of 17 toys and other children's products. The list reads like a child's dream- water rockets, flying dolls, children's bracelets and necklaces, wooden spinning tops, plastic beeper phones, grandparents or others might want to purchase such as bunk beds, high chairs, play yards, safety gates and strollers. These 17 items, each with a specific model number, have been selected for the Toy Sweep from among about 300 defective or dangerous products recalled during the year by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Reasons for the recalls include high lead levels in paint, dangers from inhaling small parts, choking and sharp edge hazards, parts that fly apart under pressure and safety equipment that may have broken hinges or faulty latches. "During the Toy Sweep, our inspectors will be looking for toys and children's items with specific model numbers that may not have been taken off the shelves following a recall," said Charles Branton, director of the TDH Product Safety Program. Some toy dangers, he said, have been corrected by the manufacturer and put back on sale. "We want to be sure that what is available in stores is safe for children so that consumers have one less

thing to worry about when shopping." Branton advises consumers to become consistent label readers on all products they consider buying, especially for children. "People should look for clear instructions, age recommendations and a list of potential hazards," he said. "A label will tell a consumer two critical things: that a toy is not safe for younger children and why it is not safe." Other tips on selecting toys and children's items for safety include:
• Select toys to suit the age, abilities, skills and interests of the child. Toys safely designed for older children may have parts or strings that can choke or strangle a young child. And children may get discouraged or lose interest if a toy is too difficult to play with.
• Be sure the instructions are understandable to both the buyer and, when appropriate, the child.
• Look for sturdy construction such as tightly secured eyes, nose, buttons and other small parts.
• Always give a helmet and other protective gear along with a bicycle, tricycle, skates, skateboard or sporting equipment.
• For an infant, buy large rattles, teething and squeeze toys that cannot get lodged in the child's throat.
• Do not buy toys with small parts or items such as marbles, small balls or balloons for children under age 3.
• For children under age 8, avoid electric toys with heating elements and toys with sharp edges and points.
• If you buy arrows or darts, be sure they have rubber suction cups or flexible, protective tips that stay secured when used. Arrows and darts are not recommended for children under age 5.

OUTDOORS

Texas Wildscapes creates wildlife-friendly backyards

AUSTIN - If you don't think "habitat" when you look out at your backyard, you'd better start now -- it's the new buzzword in gardening. And, while most of us are spurred to gardening action by spring's first blush in April, now is actually the time to plant if you want to see native color sprouting next year. Enter Texas Wildscapes, a project of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department which encourages property owners and caretakers to establish and maintain habitat for Texas wildlife in their own backyards, schoolyards, and corporate grounds. Put simply, it means landscaping your yard so that it works with nature as much as possible, rather than fighting against it. It means using plants and landscape designs that benefit desirable wildlife by providing food, water, and shelter. In exchange for this effort, "urban managers" will attract a variety of songbirds, hummingbirds, butterflies, and other species. Although they probably won't notice it right away, it will improve the ecology of yards so much that - hopefully - pesticides will no

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

longer be necessary. The beneficial insects the yard attracts will take care of most pest insects. Best of all, the plants most often recommended for backyard habitats are plants that, once established in the proper location, should not require much water or care. And fall is the best time to plant them, so the roots can become well-established before the plant is expected to produce flowers, nuts, or berries next summer. Anyone can order the Texas Wildscapes package for \$15. In return, they will receive a substantial packet of information including booklets on butterfly and hummingbird gardening, The Backyard Naturalist by Craig Tufts of the National Wildlife Federation, a list of native plant and seed sources in Texas, a booklet describing how to provide the basics for a backyard habitat, and a recommended native plant list specific to their ecological region of Texas. Also included in the packet is an application to certify the yard as an official Texas Wildscape Backyard Habitat. Once the habitat is certified, they will receive a personalized certificate and weatherproof backyard sign which proclaim the habitat as an official Texas Wildscape. The Wildscapes program has proven popular, attracting more than 6,000 participants since its beginning in 1994. Over 900 of those participants have applied for and received the official "Texas Wildscape" designation. To order an information packet, send a \$15 check made out to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to Texas Wildscapes, Non-game and Urban Wildlife Program, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas, 78744, or call Texas Parks and Wildlife Headquarters toll-free at 1-800-792-1112, ext. 4974.

Unsung Hero By Joe Townsend

Another native of Brackettville has gone to join the hosts of heaven. "Mechi" Flores was born in Brackettville and spent his entire life here. He was always a hard and efficient worker. He could do many things but was at his best as a butcher. He worked in various places at his profession. He was never one to stir controversy but was always easy to get

along with. He was always supportive and faithful to his wife Mary. In the latter days of his life he suffered the ravages of cancer until God said "enough" and took him home. He is missed by his many friends. Anyone could count him friend who chose to. He never made an enemy. Surely "Mechi" Flores is an Unsung Hero.

THANK YOU
We would like to thank everyone that was with us in our hour of need. There were a lot of people that prayed with us and for us.
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And a very special Thanks to: Mr. W.L. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Kincaid, Kenneth Phillips, Employees of Rancho Rio Grande, City of Spofford, Fort Clark Municipal Utility District and Emerina Hernandez.
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THANK YOU
I would like to congratulate the Brackett Cubs, Coach Creel and Coach Hewitt on a great winning season. I would also like to thank Coach Creel and Coach Hewitt for the lesson in discipline that they taught this group of young men and also for implanting in their minds that they are winners both on and off the field and for letting them know that they can accomplish any goals that they set forth for themselves.
Thanks,
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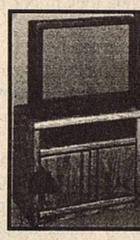
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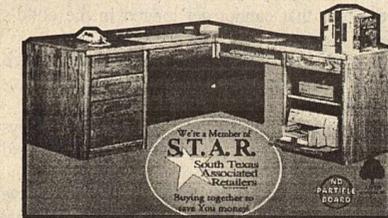
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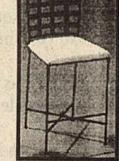
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