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## Trustees OK building plan for new wing

The Brackett School Board approved a basic building plan for the district's new academic wing at its regular meeting last week.

The high school addition will have 10 classrooms and a science lab.

"That's basically what we think we can afford," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

The trustees adopted the plan and gave administrators the authority to make adjustments. Of-■ See TRUSTEES/Page 3



ficials are trying to position the School Board members Lloyd Lee Davis (from left), Tim Ward and Jim McDaniel discuss the district's new academic wing.

# City hosts hearing on **Fulton Street closure**

The Brackettville City Council will host a public are moving back and forth between those two buildhearing tonight to discuss closing Fulton Street, between Ann and Ellen streets. The 6:00 hearing will be held at the City Hall Annex, located on Highway

Brackett Independent School District officials made the request to close the street, which will separate the high school annex and a new academic wing. The additional building is expected to be completed by the beginning of the next school year.

Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said closing Fulton Street was a "safety issue."

"Every period, we're going to have kids coming and going, maybe 100 to 150 kids every period that

ings," Stephenson said.

"The property on the next block is primarily owned by the school and two landowners. We have signed statements from both of those landowners saying that they support the closure.

"We realize that it's going to cause people to have to go a block out of the way, but we just feel like it's something that is in the best interest of the people of Brackettville to look at the safety issue," he said.

The school district asked the city to close the street permanently, but officials are also considering closing the street only during school hours. ■ See PUBLIC HEARING/Page 3

## Five candidates seek vacant council post

vacant City Council position in the mayor's position. Flores and Pena upcoming May 2 election.

Alex Longoria and Mindy Slubar both filed Monday to run ees will be elected to fill three as write-in candidates for the po- expiring three-year terms and one sition.

Three other candidates -- Ralph Gonzalez, Martin T. Luna Jr. and Martha E. Ward McDonald -- have Jr., Gloria Garcia and Darlene also filed for the city council post, which has been vacant since Tino Gomez's resignation last month.

Mayor Carmen M. Berlanga large positions. and Alderwomen Mary V. Flores and Tencha Pena have all filed for

Diana Koch Ward will chal- Jimmy Bader's resignation.

Five candidates are seeking the lenge Berlanga in the race for the are unopposed.

In the School Board race, trustunexpired term with one year remaining.

Incumbents Lloyd Lee Davis Shahan have filed for the threeyear terms. Sara Terrazas has also filed to run for one of the three at-

Jim McDaniel has filed for the unexpired term. He was appointed to the board last year following

## Fort Clark to announce new directors

Fort Cark Springs will announce the results of the Board of Directors election Saturday at its annual meeting.

George Cowart is the only incumbent running for re-election. He was appointed to the board following Mary Mitchell's resignation.

Directors Frank Cheaney and Ben Pingenot are not seeking another three-year

Cowart, David Gonzalez, Bill Kelly, Don Parks and Kenneth Spencer are running for three at-large positions.



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Montalvo (center) has donated airline tickets to Marty Payne (third from left), La Toya Wright (second from right) and Patty Lopez (not pictured) and chaperones Elia Payne (left) and Beverly Wright (right) as they prepare for the 1998 Belgium International Cup.

## Hillconet to provide local internet access

Hillconet of Kerrville is in the process of providing local internet access in Kinney County.

Brackett Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said this is good news for local computer users, who currently have to pay long distance charges in order to "surf the net."

The service will cost \$25 a month for unlimited access, plus a one-time \$25 set-up fee.

"I think it's a really good deal," Stephenson said. "The good thing about it is you don't have to pay for long distance phone calls.

He said the company should have the system "up and running" within 30 days.



Mike Cosgriff (from left) and Marvin Fletcher took first place in the Championship Flight of Sunday's Las Moras Invitational golf tournament. Bruce Thompson and Aaron Billings finished second and Ben Alexander and Ted Covington (not pictured) were third. See related story and photos, Page 6. dents, parents and teachers to get input on the issue. now."

## Trustees invite public comments on scheduling at tonight's hearing

The Brackett School Board of Trustees will host a public hearing tonight at 7 to hear citizens' comments on block scheduling.

The school district currently uses block scheduling, in which most classes meet every other day. The trustees are considering going back to traditional scheduling, where classes meet daily.

present both sides of the issue, pros and cons," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "What is going to be best for the kids here is what should be the

"The board, primarily, just wants to listen. They may make a statement, but there will be no decisions made at the meeting. It's just a public input session for people who have feelings about it."

"In the surveys, we were interested in the reasons more than how many thought a specific way," Stephenson said. "We're trying to make the board familiar with the reasons and everything that's involved here."

Stephenson said the School Board will discuss "We realize we will have people that will want to the topic at its April meeting.

"Boards have to decide issues like that," he said. "And if this board decides that blocks is the way we should be, that's what we're going to do. If they decide that classes need to meet every day, that's what we're going to do. They have the authority to

"Every year that I've been in Brackettville, I know there has been some unrest about whether we should Last month, school district officials surveyed stu- study it or not, so at least it's on the front burner

## INSIDE

## ■ Joe Townsend

It's sad that in the coming city election already some followers and at least one candidate feel the necessity of trashing the opponent. Opinion/Page 2

## Chuck Hall

Everybody seems to be talking about the new stop light in town. Either that or the possibility of closing a street up by the school. Opinion/Page 2

#### ■ Tigers top Rams Brackett had a season high 15

hits Tuesday night as the Tigers picked up a 15-13 win over the Del Rio Rams' junior varsity. Sports/Page 7

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## By Frances McMaster Contributing Writer

Master accordionist Santiago including a visit to the Brackettville Rotary Club.

was unable to attend Thursday's musicians. Rotary meeting, but sent his wife, perform.

During the course of the weekmany adult groups as well as chil-Arts. The grant was given through NEA.

Ralston said that Kinney County was one of 20 counties in musurkas and combined a Tex-Texas that will be enjoying music Mex style with the German. In the through this program. She said all 1930s, the elder Jimenez recorded that was needed was to apply.

Jimenez is charged not only with playing but to speak of the

He played several numbers, but Jimenez Jr. spent a week in Kin- he also told his audience of his ney County and made many stops, own family background, which sic. He and other musicians, such was very meaningful. His grand-Bank President Don Ralston been successful and well known proximately 80 records and has

Jimenez does not remember his behalf. She is active in the Kin- was important in the accordion ney County Arts Council and had history of the area in the 1800s. made arrangements for Jimenez to At that time there were no microphones or recording.

Jimenez's father played the guilong visit, Jimenez performed for tar for several years before changing to the accordion. He liked the dren. The visit is made possible accordion music and taught himby the Texas Folklife Resource, a self to play. He was especially fond part of the Commission for the of the German style and went to

> He played polkas, waltzes and 78's with studios such as RCA and Decca.

importance of Tejano conjunto two girls. All play some instrumusic in the Mexican American ment, but not professionally, except for his brother, Flaco, who is five years older than Santiago.

Flaco liked to play country muas Freddie Fender, formed the father, father, and brother have Texas Tornadoes. He has cut apwon five Grammy awards.

Jimenez's father was important Joy, to present a program on his grandfather, but his grandfather to him in the sense of making music present in his life, but not as a teacher. He did, however, insist that if his sons played, they should play well. He corrected their mistakes, but each son learned to play on his own.

As a small child, Santiago would take his father's accordion out of the closet when his father wasn't using it. The boy would try the Fredricksburg area to learn to to play, and because he knew nothing about it, he repeatedly broke given. his father's reeds. His dad would broken, but blamed it on Flaco.

caught in the act. He started cry-running for a Grammy three times ing, expecting to be harshly pun-Jimenez was one of six boys and ished by his father, but was for- When he was in Germany, he Springs.



Joy Ralston (from left) welcomes Santiago Jimenez Jr. and his wife, Mary, to last week's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting. Jimenez spent last week in Kinney County. Photo by Eric McMaster

get angry at finding the accordion Jimenez started playing seriously, and has traveled all over the world.

treated them to some Tex-Mex By the age of 15, the younger junta.

Jimenez was accompanied by and by 17 he began recording with his wife, Mary. The couple likes One day the young Jimenez was his brother. He has been in the Fort Clark Springs so much they have decided to look into the possibility of moving to Fort Clark

## Letters to the Editor

The Brackell Hews

## Are Fort Clark's directors still acting irresponsibly?

The Board of Directors ap- ciation? proved a resolution to give the longing to the Fort Clark Springs at this time! Association.

The historic society will dictate of our Board of Directors? to the association which buildings be done, how much to spend and when to do the repairs.

This resolution was engineered ing March 28. by Ben Pingenot and Frank Society, and passed by a unani- members' business! mous vote of the Board of Direc-

thority to direct our own affairs money to different projects in the to another group who wish to ex- past. tend their control over our asso-

Wouldn't it be fine if the mem-Historical Society the authority to bership had some say about how repair the historic buildings be- our money is spent? We have none

Is this another irresponsible act

I challenge the Board of Direcshould be repaired, how it is to tors to have a copy of this complete resolution for all the members who attend the annual meet-

Are they responsive enough to Cheaney, president of the Historic the members to do this? It is the

The Historical Society has done an excellent service to the asso-Should we relinquish our au- ciation by giving their advice and

## Cart paths are dangerous to local joggers, bicyclists

paths on the golf course:

On Saturday afternoon, March of that hit. 21, I was a spotter on the course ing golf.

About mid afternoon, I saw five bicycles and one walker on the situation!

I saw a man lose his right eye a week or more. a few years ago from being hit by her head from a golf ball hit, also

To the joggers and bicycle rid- a lady who was hit on her side carry your responsibility. ers who have been using the cart and eventually had to have a large lump surgically removed because Roosevelt, the liberal Democrats

These people were all playing during the mens' Las Moras Tour- golf at the time and got hit bewas miss-hit

cart paths - a really dangerous big deal, but it did hurt like the dickens and I carried the mark for

So, for your safety and the well a golf ball. He dropped to the being of the golfers who may be ground. I also saw and knew a playing out there, please don't ride lady with a number of stitches in or jog on the course or golf paths.

## YOU CAN SEND THE MARINES INTO KENNETH STARR'S OFFICE !... Candidates should carry Art Baker their share of the load In my generation, every per-

YES, I KNOW YOU'RE THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF ... BUT I JUST DON'T THINK

son had enough pride to want to pay his own way. It was unthinkable to expect someone else to

Beginning with Franklin have conditioned people to expect carry his own responsibility. someone else to carry their load.

A farmer was taught to depend nament. There were 72 men play- cause of a shanked ball or one that on taxpayers to carry part of his for a candidate for office, espe-

Less affluent people were person. I have been hit on the leg, no taught to depend on taxpayers to give them what they wanted.

to depend on the largess from taxpayers to add to their profits.

didates for office were led to depend on followers to sign a petition in lieu of paying the cost of an election. This means the taxpayers have to pay his share of the cost of an election.

This shows lack of personal his own race. pride. The candidate should carry his share of the load.

Between Us

By Joe Townsend

to help pay for election expenses

I have never, nor do I intend

to, vote for anyone who has re-Many businesses were taught fused to pay his filing fee and impressed friends and others to sign People wanting to file as can- ing his share of the election ex- be futile.

This past primary season saw many candidates. It is commendable that it was as clean a cam-

It's a sad fact that in the comexigency of life a person should feel the necessity of trashing the serve, and vote accordingly.

opponent. This always shows a candidate. Not feeling secure in their own

cially when I will not vote for that right, they feel they might enhance worth my inconvenience to pretheir chances by degrading the opponent. If every person would properly

evaluate every candidate, their background, character and record, a petition so he could avoid pay- the trashing of a candidate would

Too often people vote for one whom they like, knowing little or caring less about qualification for the office. Hence, many times we paign as I've seen. Each candi- have people in office totally lackdate, as far as I know, simply ran ing in good moral character and integrity.

Every voter should evaluate ing city election already some fol- carefully the candidate, his or her It is my feeling that in every lowers and at least one candidate character, integrity, and ability to

But, I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall



## Where's the beef?

Everybody seems to be talking about the new stop light in town. Either that or the possibility of closing a street up by the school.

I hear a lot of negative talk about both. And I don't blame you. I understand. We're all naturally resistant to change. We're set in our ways.

It will be a burden for me to have to remember to watch the

If the street is closed, I will not have the convenience of using that particular street. I may have to take the long way around. I may have to take the scenic route - by way of Chinook.

Both the street light and the closing of a street will change my life. My life. But what if, without them, someone else's life were to change?

What if one single life were to I do not feel it is right for me weakness of the candidacy and the be saved? Or worse still, not killed, but left crippled for life?

> Could it possibly have been serve that one person? I think so. But, I could be wrong.

## **Unsung Hero**

By Joe Townsend

There has recently come to our area a man of the highest quality. He is a man widely experienced in dealing with people and organizations.

I'm amazed that a man of his ability and experience would come to our community to plant his life and expertise.

He is a calm, easy-going man and yet as friendly as anyone could possibly be. He is easy to work with, yet firm in what experience has taught him is right and best.

He is strong in his leadership, innumerable folks who pass community. Now is the time to yet by no means a tyrant. Anyone through on Kinney County's high- support your dedicated EMTs, who would not work with him ECAs and volunteers by asking casts reflections on himself, not

In these few weeks, he has won Your efforts can affect change his way into the hearts and heads and change is a very good thing, of all thinking people who know

especially where your health care him. Surely, Jim Heath is an Un-

# Gwen Ladd

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## Community needs to support EMS ville, Fort Clark, Spofford and the vices for you in your county and

By Laurie A. Clements Contributing Writer

Once upon a time, there was a farmer named Joe who toiled 12 hours a day, seven days a week in his fields on his grandfather's rusted old tractor.

living, and did his best to provide for his family.

more than his usual routine and it week, the task is large and, due worked for him. No complaints, no need for change. It worked, plain and simple.

with all the latest features, like A/ C, CD stereo, etc.

Seeing the new toy made Mr. Farmer realize that even though his trusty, hand-me-down machine got the job done, his neighbor would soon be able to get the same amount of work done much faster and in a more efficient manner. Mr. Farmer suddenly saw that he too could benefit from a state-ofhaps change was a good thing after all ...

Take the above scenario and bors in Uvalde and Del Rio. put it in a setting closer to home, Kinney County, Texas.

Recently, the city of Brackettlocal newspapers. Having a per-Kinney County EMS (KCEMS), I am a volunteer voicing my supsmall membership roster, yet ren- lance barn and demand that your to duty to the citizens of Brackett- manpower to provide those ser- city

ways and horse trails.

the surrounding areas, a plea for the local people to show support for the hard-working, dedicated He worked hard, made a fair handful of individuals that comprise the EMS team. Despite their tremendous efforts of taking call Mr. Farmer knew nothing 24 hours a day, seven days a to the nature of their work, unpredictable.

Kinney County is much like our By Henry Bonilla Then, one day, Mr. Farmer Joe Farmer. With a shiny, new saw that his neighbor was driving ambulance outfitted with an imthe newest, top of the line tractor pressive array of supplies and equipment, your EMS strives to provide the best possible emergency medical care and support for the citizens of your county.

As a basic life support (BLS) service, they have their routine and it works well. I've worked beside them and shared in the trials, tears and triumphs.

Again, I applaud their efforts and selflessness; however, now is the-art tool, such as the tractor a perfect time for change. The citisitting in his neighbor's field. Per- zens of Kinney County deserve the same level of emergency medical care as provided to their neigh-

Your EMS operates within the a time and place with which we restraints set by manpower and can identify. Time: Today. Place: money. These same barriers determine your health care in the event of an emergency. KCEMS ville has occupied the spotlight in aspires to climb the ladder that will take all of Kinney County to the sonal interest in the viability of same level as that of the bordering counties.

A plea for help has gone out to what you can do to further en- this individual. hance KCEMS.

is concerned. Plain and simple. sung Hero.

A report from Bosnia U.S. Congressman, 23rd District

Last week, I returned from an official visit to Bosnia. As a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on National Security, I went to inspect our peacekeeping operations. I came back with two impres-

sions strongly reinforced. First, that our military personnel are less. And our involvement in doing a wonderful job under difficult circumstances. Second, that the lack of a clear policy goal is lion to date. hurting our military, especially our dedicated personnel.

Our ambassador, Richard Kauzlarich, and General Wesley Clark, the supreme allied com-

Sarajevo was once a beautiful city and hosted the 1984 Winter Olympics. But the years of ethnic killing have taken an incredible toll on the city.

Going down "Sniper Alley" Now is the time to see what was ominous. This was an area in port for an organization that has a your neighbor has in his ambu-downtown where many people were killed by Serbian snipers hidders tenfold an untiring devotion EMS be allowed the funding and den in the mountains that ring the

> though, signaled that Sarajevo is can demand that France, Gertrying to rebuild.

> McGovern, where we had lunch in looking after their own backwith the troops of the U.S. First yard. Armored Division. Several of them were from South and West Texas. They were really happy to see someone from home.

Our military forces have been shrunk drastically. They are so small that if we had to repeat the 1991 Persian Gulf War, they could not equal the number of troops we deployed then and meet our other defense commitments. Yet the number of deployments has virtually doubled since 1991.

We simply can't do more with Bosnia is estimated to have cost taxpayers between \$6 and \$8 bil-

We have to understand what this is doing to our fine young men and women in uniform.

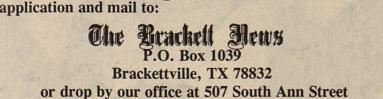
So-called peacekeeping missions mean time taken away from mander of Europe, met us after combat training. That means in our Air Force jet touched down case of a real emergency to the U.S., these troops would not be adequately prepared. That is plain immoral.

While it's true that our presence in Bosnia has meant little fighting between factions, what happens when we leave?

We can't stay forever. But no one in the administration has said when our troops will leave.

We need to swallow a dose of reality. We can't make everyone The rising bustle of the city, in Bosnia love each other. But we many, and other European nations The next day we visited Camp show leadership and take the lead

> They should do so, especially in light of their recent failure to support us against Saddam Hussein and Iraq.

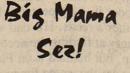


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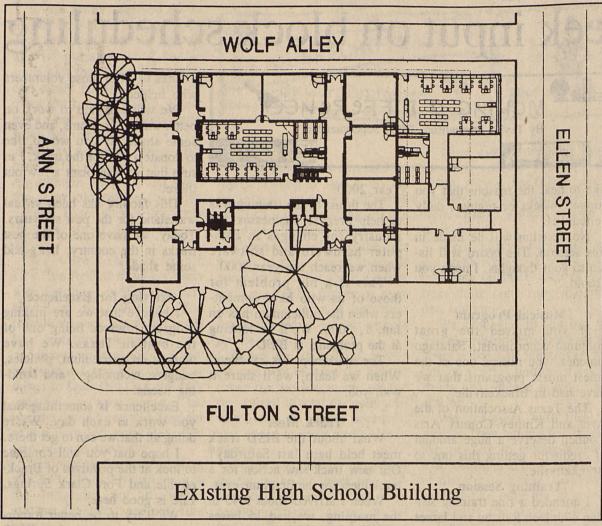
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# Trustees approve building plan



## Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, March 16

notified the owner of the wallet, same day after paying a \$319 fine. ounces. They were booked into the who resides in Baytown, Texas.

Spofford. Members of the Brac- 1572 kettville Volunteer Fire Department and Kinney County EMS were dispatched to the scene. No injuries were reported.

10:20 p.m., Andress Martinez Jr., 17, Rene Rodriguez, 20, and Benito Herrera Talamantez, 20, all of Brackettville, were arrested for minor in possession by Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism. Conrado H. Talamantez, 22, of Brackettville paying \$100 fines, plus time personal recognizance bond. served. Conrado Talamantez was released on a \$1,000 bail bond.

Wednesday, March 18 partment officials reported that a driver of an 18-wheeler was driving reckless, heading towards

was unable to locate the vehicle. Thursday, March 19 12:51 a.m., Alfredo Rodriguez

Martinez, 41, of Del Rio was ar- 21, and John Gardner Montgom-10:20 a.m., A Texas Depart- rested on outstanding warrants by ery, 20, both of Orinda, Calif., ment of Transportation employee DPS Trooper Tony Ashley. He was were arrested by DPS Trooper reported that he had found a wal- booked into the Kinney County Tom Wylie and charged with poslet. Sheriff's Department officials Jail. Martinez was released the session of marijuana, less than two

9:51 a.m., A Texas Department Kinney County Jail. Fritschi and 2:40 p.m., Border Patrol offi- of Transportation official reported Montgomery were released the cials reported a structure fire in an abandoned vehicle on Highway next day after each posted a

Saturday, March 21

8:03 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs woman reported that her woman reported that a large brown VCR was stolen from her residence in Unit 15. The woman said they entered the mobile home through the front door. She said that she had not been at Fort Clark and could not get away from the Springs since December. The case larger dog. She said she hit the is still under investigation.

9:30 a.m., Leonardo Wardlaw, from killing her dog. The woman was arrested on two charges of 23, of Kingsville, Texas, was ar- said she called the mayor and sevfurnishing alcohol to a minor. rested for theft by check by Deputy eral city employees to complain They were booked into the Kin- Guidry and Reserve Deputy Ron and was told they would check into ney County Jail. Martinez, Ring. He was booked into the Kin- the incident the following morn-Rodriguez and Benito Talamantez ney County Jail. Wardlaw was reing. were released the next day after leased the same day on a \$750

Sunday, March 22

12:26 a.m., A Brackettville 9:10 p.m., Uvalde Police De- woman reported seeing minors drinking. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.

9:15 a.m., A Fort Clark Sheriff's Office. Brackettville. Deputy Sheriff Springs man reported that his Bobby Guidry was notified, but nephew's residence in Unit 14 had been broken into. The case is still under investigation.

3:00 p.m., Jason York Fritschi,

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future building on the recently purchased Guidry property so that the majority of the existing trees are not affected.

"The board approved a basic plan," Stephenson said. "That plan possibly could be moved around on the site.

"It's a beautiful site. It's our goal to save as many of those big trees as we can. If there's a way of saving them, we can do it. We're going to look and evaluate each one. We know we can't save everything, obviously.

What we do pledge to do is if we tear something down, we're going to plant something else there that will be a fast-growing, nice shade tree," he added.

Officials hope to have the building completed by the beginning of the next school year.

Personnel

After meeting in executive session, the School Board voted to give all teachers one-year contract extensions. The trustees also accepted resignations from Kathy Hoyle, a kindergarten teacher, and Ron Arnesen, who teaches health and physical education.

## Public hearing focuses on Fulton Street

"We prefer permanent closaid. "At night, they're going

"The City Council felt like this issue needed to go before the public before any decision was made," Alderman J.J.

"Everyone will be affected

## Saturday, March 28th Dance - Reservations only Alamo Village Front Street

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sure because we know kids move too fast," Stephenson to be having activities between the buildings.

"We're not trying to gain on the amount of property. We realize that people are going to have to come in here to access utilities. We still have utilities that run down that street.'

The City Council discussed the issue last week at its regular meeting, but decided not to take any action until after a public hearing.

Guidry said.

if the street is closed, so we wanted to give the citizens an opportunity to voice their opinions on the matter," he

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## Calendar

Thursday, March 26

12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs. Saturday, March 28

Palisado Building on Fort Clark taurant on Fort Clark Springs. **Springs** 

Tuesday, March 31

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

Thursday, April 2

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

the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort

Clark Springs. Sunday, April 5

12:00 p.m., The Knights of Columbus meet at Parish Hall. Monday, April 6 1:00 p.m., The Fort Club Art

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

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

Thursday, April 9

9:30 a.m., The Mountain Lau-Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry rel Garden Club meets in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

12:00 p.m., The Brackettville 10:00 a.m., The Fort Club His- Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry torical Society meets at the Ballroom at the Las Moras Res-

6:30 p.m., The Kinney County Chamber of Commmerce meets in 7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Du- the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las plicate Bridge Club meets in the Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark

Saturday, April 11

10:00 a.m., The Fort Club 12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Springs Community Council Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry meets in Shafter Hall on Fort Clark Springs.

> Monday, April 13 9:00 a.m., The Kinney County Commissioners Court meets at the

Court House on Ann Street. 6:30 p.m., The Brackett School Board of Trustees meet at the district's Administration Building on Ann Street.

Tuesday, April 14

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

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

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

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dog came into her yard at her resi-

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8:29 p.m., An employee at the

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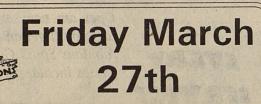
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I am told that the internet com- schedules. pany Hillconet will be ready to weeks.

Our school district appreci- attend. ates the support of the community. We are trying to give back something to you for your sup-

classes for adults, English have had in Brackettville. classes for those adults who

#### **Block Scheduling**

or traditional schedules.

at West Point, New York, where he gradu-

Capt. Vance suspended drill

this morning on account of the

drizzle. Mail brought me a copy

of the Military Service Institution

Journal. While waiting for the

mail Theo. Lyster brought me a

note from Miss Saunders in which

she apologized for her conduct last

Monday evening as she heard last

night that I was offended. Was

somewhat annoyed, but should

have had more sense than to show

it. Now I must explain to Miss

Saunders. Met on a Board of Sur-

vey after mail came at "E" Troop.

Then went over to town and was

repaid by receiving my watch at

the express office. Was sorry to

see that it had not been altered to

a stem winder, but suppose this

was impossible. After lunch went

to Q.M. office a short time and

then wrote on proceedings of

Board until dinner time. Had pa-

rade as usual in blouses. After

which wrote on proceedings until

7-30 o'clock when went to Capt.

Feche't's and spent the evening

playing cribbage there, Mrs.

Feche't and Capt. Hall being

beaten one game by Capt. F. &

self. Steele made up with Capt.

there. Had a lunch afterwards.

Wanted to see Miss Saunders af-

Saturday, March 27, 1886

Completed proceedings of Board

of Survey before breakfast and

kept the papers and said he would

send them to me after signing.

Asked him to send them to Col.

A rest from drill this morning.

for a ride.

Making a Difference By Taylor Stephenson, BISD Superintendent 自員

Taylor will teach the class in the like to hear the reasons that you Year 2000! support blocks or regular, daily

take your orders in the next two this session. The board will listen to your thoughts. I hope you

#### **Musical Program**

conjunto accordionist, Santiago This year, we have provided Jimenez, you missed one of the

The Texas Association of the need help in English, and now a Arts and Kinney County Arts computer class. I hope you take Council deserve a huge amount advantage of these opportuni- of credit for getting this one to meet held here last Saturday? Brackettville.

#### **Training Session**

I attended a fine training seseral manager, sponsored by the the action. This meeting is to give input Del Rio Bank and Trust. The to the School Board. They would topic was Y2K. That means job coordinating the meet.

The thrust of the training was to help prepare businesses and No decision will be made in industry for changes in computer hardware and software when we reach the year 2000.

This is a big problem for those of us who have computers when the millennium hits on If you missed the great Jan. 1, 2000. We'll be looking at the problems at BISD.

The workshop was excellent. a GED class for adults, Spanish finest music programs that we When we learn, we'll share it with you.

#### Track Meet

What about the BISD track

track meet for the first time ever. When I arrived about 9:45 in Life is good here. We will have a hearing to- sion with Don Ralston and James the morning, we had 15 buses night at 7 in the library on block Heath, Fort Clark Springs gen- and 150 cars parked waiting for row than we were today. We'll

Thanks to all of those volunteers who helped.

We will continue to work on better water, restrooms, and even some shade. If you would like to donate a tree for the track, I'm sure that we can plant a few out

This facility has been virtual wasteland for the past six years. Today, we have one of the best tracks in the country. Let's add some shade.

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Excellence is something that you work at each day. We're doing all that we can to get there.

I hope that you will continue Our new track saw action for a to look at the positives of Brackettville and Fort Clark Springs.

We'll try to be better tomormake it because of hard work Julie Bruce did a magnificent and positive attitudes!

Have a good week.

#### Francis Henry French was born in FOOTSTEPS ECHO Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy

Major General Francis Henry French

Courtesy of his decendants

ated 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 At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt. French began diaries, which he faithfully maintained for the next 30 years. the evening playing whist at Mrs. Hall's, where Hewitt and I came out ahead. Studied French before Friday, March 26, 1886

## Sunday, March 28 1886

The usual inspection this morning. Sat on Capt. Feche't's porch during guard mounting until mail came which had nothing for me. Looked over the papers in the Library and then wrote usual letter home. After lunch corrected some French exercises for Hewitt and then went over to Gen. Smith's to see Miss Saunders, but could not as she was sleeping. This is the third time that I have been prevented from seeing her to make a verbal reply to her note. Went to the Library for a few moments and then took a walk with Geary out to the target ranges which are being repaired for the practice season. After dinner spent a few moments at Capt. Feche't's and Geary & Steele came in my house after retreat and sat until church time. Escorted Mrs. Hall home and then had a call from Geary. Fell asleep while he was here. Wrote a note in reply to Miss Saunders as a personal interview seems impossible.

#### Monday, March 29, 1886 The recall was sounded after

Feche't and spent the evening drill call this morning on account of the heavy rain during the night. Marched on guard relieving ter parade but Vedder took her out Eckerson. Returned to quarters to change clothes and while there sent the note to Miss Saunders. Capt. Hall sent for me to come to nature. He refused to sign on ac- house to make necessary correccount of going to breakfast, but tions in them and then carried them back to the office. "A" & "H" Co's. were coming in as I went up to the office. Saw Taylor Lyster, the President of the Board, and Fowler at a distance, but had for his signature, but he persisted. no time to speak to them. Studied We both lost our tempers. Ought French until noon. Steele came to have had more sense, but I get down with me after lunch and sat out of patience every time I go a while. At one o'clock Hewitt near this fellow for I believe him and the recruit Guyot came and to be a swindler and entirely un- we had the French lesson here at worthy of being in the Army. Mail the guard house. Mail brought me these with a report and has asked brought a letter and bundle of pa- nothing today. Had quite a long pers from home and an O.B. French lesson. Think we are im-Planted the sweet pea seeds Mattie proving. After it wrote an O.B. sent, and weeded the yard. After to Forsyth enclosing the statement lunch wrote to San Antonio to of differences received Saturday

was measured for last month and and asked him to straighten out studied French. After retreat went the matter. Also wrote a letter to to Gen. Smith's but Miss Saunders Shunk. In the evening took a nap was out and so failed to make that and then wrote a letter to Helen explanation. Had a pleasant call Giddings, writing until after the there and then spent the rest of Officer of the Day inspected at one o'clock.

#### Tuesday, March 30, 1886 Wrote a letter to Warnock be-

fore breakfast renewing the order for a forage cap and trimmings for a Summer helmet as the letter sent on the 12th must have been miscarried, no answer having yet been received. Cunningham relieved me at guard mounting. Mail brought a letter from home and one from the publishers of the Encyclopedia. While in the office after mail came met Dr. Schwartzkopf, a veterinary surgeon ordered for duty. He is a young German, has been in this country only six months, but speaks English creditably and seems to be well educated. Met Fowler this morning who seems to be the same as ever. He is fixing up some rooms in the new building to occupy temporarily. After guard mounting his wife came over with Mrs. Taylor, and Geary and I went down there a while. Both ladies seem not to and mailed them to Maj. tonight on account of the illness of Mrs. Gillmore's little boy. After tattoo called at Capt. Feche't's.

#### Wednesday, March 31, 1886 A review and inspmonthly,

took place this morning. After it went down to the Q.M. office to make tracings of plans for new buildings. Vedder wants to send me to make them. After lunch had French lesson as Hewitt wants to order some shirts and cuffs that I from the Q.M. General's office Feche't and then worked on trac- Payne.

ings until four o'clock when wrote on usual letter home, completing it after dinner. Mail today brought only a postal note about the shirts and cuffs recently ordered and some papers for advertisement. Capt. Vance being Officer of the Day took the calls. Received a case for trial before the garrison court tomorrow and examined the prisoner this afternoon. In the evening called on the Taylors and intended to call on the Fowlers but saw others in there. Then went to Mrs. Feche't's and spent the rest of the evening there. Played cribbage, Capt. Feche't and I beating Mrs. Feche't and Capt. Hall

## Thursday, April 1, 1886

Had charge of the company at drill today Capt. Vance being on guard. Sat with Miss Folsom durhave changed. Shaved and then ing guard mounting and then tried read the papers in the Library until a man before the garrison court. lunch. After the lunch went to Worked on the tracing until noon. Capt. Vance's who is moving into Mail was late and I did not see it a new house, and then down to until noon when I found a new the store to get some money to blouse from Hatfield which fits pay mess bill. Studied French and very well, pay for March and read the papers from home this some advertisements. Worked on afternoon. Made out pay accounts tracings in the afternoon, sending Miss Folsom an April fool box Muhlenberg requesting checks to before going to work. Took a bath be sent so as to be received by the before dinner and after the meal first prox. Promised Vedder to wrote up the proceedings of the Hope this will end the matter. make some right line drawings for Court. Sat with Miss Folsom a him at the Q.M. office. After din- while after retreat, first attending the office to see about the recent ner sat a while with Mrs. Lyster to some money matters at the store Board of Survey proceedings. on her porch. Hewitt and I went and making a call on the Fowltook them to Williams for his sig- Took them down to the guard- to Capt. Vance's and there read ers. Went into Capt. Vance's unover the French lesson, as the til about eight o'clock and then Cercle could not have a meeting spent the rest of the evening at Gen. Smith's singing. There has been a row among the ladies and Miss Folsom has withdrawn from this club, Steele like an obedient child tied to his Mother's apron string also pulling out. He acted the part of tale bearer and made a trouble that cannot be healed; if he had kept his mouth shut the matter would probably have been settled. Today brings Father another birthday. Hope he will be spared to have many happy rego out hunting tomorrow with turns of the day. "K" Co. left to-Capt. Vance to remain three or day for Duncan. Sorry to lose four days. Sat a while with Mrs. Geary, but can spare Towle and

# The things that children will do Briefs

It has always amazed me as to just how some kids grow up or at least to live to the ripe old age of puberty. I've known some kids that was pretty ornery and really pushed their parents to the limit. And by limit, I mean have 'em just one step away from flat out murder.

It was a mental thing with ter. It didn't. most of us, you know. We actually thought we could out smart my little mind by way of my hip room would be full of only that we got it done, but not accidents "can be prevented." many.

kids. We figured if we got away come back on just about the time pay back on the breach of conwith just one good trick, we were we were eating supper or even tract thing concerning the hidahead of the average. The just a little later, I pert-near den tractor. trouble was we just didn't know drove the old silly thing smooth how to figure averages.

I have written about a few times that I tried to do a few me that was causing the light to left of several bottles of social things to Dear Old Dad and only come on, he scared me so bad fluids and replace it with minonce did I get away with it. That that I lived in total darkness till I was the time I threw old Tom out was about 18 simply because I of the barn loft onto Dear Old was afraid to even touch a light awhile. Then, after a few weeks, Dad and old spooks.

The only one to see that stunt hours.

kill 'im."

When I electrocuted Dear Old Dad with a hot shot, hot enough to kill flies at 30 steps, it was an munity wouldn't allow alcohol accident. I didn't know he was in the buildings when there was relieving his kidneys of excess a community function going on, pressure. And I honestly thought the men would hide (or just plain

sored by the Texas Department of

crashes are the number one killer

reduces the risk of death in traffic

tion or use of a safety seat in-

not properly protect a child in a

seat belt if they are riding in the

cannot ride in the cargo area of a

under age 5 are restrained.

were used improperly.

should face the rear.

snug to the child's body.

but fit snugly.

In hundreds of safety seat in-

over the past year in Texas, 90

Some common errors include:

■ Infant facing forward. Chil-

■ Infant seat not secured at a

■ Loose or incorrectly routed harness straps. Straps should be

■ Child in a booster seat too soon. Booster seats should not be

dren under 1 year old or 20 pounds

45-degree recline. Use rolled up towels or blankets for support.

of children ages 14 and under.

incorrectly.

crash.

front seat.

miles per hour.

Little errors mean big risks

concerning child safety seats

safety seat checkup events spon- those limits is reached.

of 10 safety seats are being used lowing these guidelines:

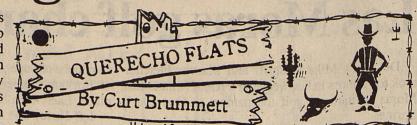
More Texans are buckling up used until the child is 40 inches their seat belts and putting their tall or weighs 40 pounds. Use a children in safety seats, but recent convertible safety seat until one of

Health (TDH) show that nine out and protect their children by fol-

Johnny Humphreys, director of come with the safety seat and con-

The use of child safety seats drive and exchange it if it is not.

TDH's Safe Riders Program, said sult the vehicle owner's manual for that injuries sustained in traffic proper installation techniques.



When I learned to set the light up the wall.

switch.

was Bob. He didn't turn me into tractor in the hay stack one Hal- of that dressing was and how it the authorities, but he chewed loween, there was no trial, jury, me out for what seemed like reading of rights, or any of that the scours and not the women. legal stuff. We were all gathered His words: "Little Elmo up and offered the opportunity like that cause one of these days safe thing. We confessed. We the tractor was hidden. you're gonna fool around and still got the hell whipped out of

That stunt was done on pur- Of course, you know that pose and strictly for the purpose meant war. Breach of contract brings an automatic penalty of "revenge."

Since the ladies of the comthat little puddle of foamy wa- in the pickups or cars.

the poor old things (parents/ pockets (when he got to where women and kids, while the men adults). There were a few times he could walk normal again) that went to have a social session of

We managed to (during the Thanksgiving Festival) drain When he figured out it was about a third of what ever was

We got away with this for the men got to getting together When we hid the neighbors and mentioning how rich some seemed like only the men took

gathered up. No trial, jury, readyou're gonna have to quit mess- to confess or get the hell ing of rights. We were offered mal), then got up and went into ing around with your old daddy whipped out of us. We did the the same deal as we were when the house.

> complete idiots. We knew it wasn't gonna make any differover with.

They did.

aged to have one or two too many. He got back just about that old hot shot would dry up keep) the drinking material out sundown and me and him was sitting on the porch. He was having a beer and I was having a glass of Kool Aid and some of those Sweet Tarts.

> Now Sweet Tarts were brand never knew. new to the candy industry. It didn't take us long to discover fully say, "I do believe I got ya that a Sweet Tart placed in a one time.

bottle of Coke would cause such an ungodly chemical reaction it could possibly blow up the coke bottle, not to mention stain everything within twenty feet the same color as the Sweet Tart that was placed in the Coke.

We had managed to get a lot of satisfaction from this scien-Then every now and then, tific discovery by testing it out Dear Old Dad impressed on through out the evening, the on the little kids and them goofy

Well, Dear Old Dad had just set his can of beer down between us and I did it. I don't know why Well, Larry, Terry and me I did it but I did. Some times I We were basically stupid switch in the barn so it would got some what of a really good do things on the spur of the moment and it scared me.

Yep, I dropped a strawberry flavored Sweet Tart in Dear Old Dad's beer can.

There was red, foamy, Hamms that shot up out of that can roughly nine inches and started hissing and popping as it hit the porch.

Now Dear Old Dad wasn't in just real good shape when I did this. He didn't stampede or anything like that, he scooted over a little, looked at that volcanic beer can, looked at me (I was One more time, we were doing everything under the sun to act like everything was nor-

Dear Old Mom asked what was wrong. He said, "Nothing Now we were young, but not really. I'm just pretty tired and I think I'll turn in early tonight."

ence so we just told 'em to get it figured out what happened. Through the years, he never one time mentioned the volcanic One time Dear Old Dad had Hamms to any one that I know gone into Tucumcari and man- of. But there was several times I would catch him looking at the red stain on the porch. I know good and well he was wondering just how the hell it got there.

> I never told 'im and Dear Old Mom couldn't because she

And to this day, I can truth-

## Society donates \$550 for theater repairs

The Old Quarry Society for the Performing Arts presented Jim Heath, general manager of Fort Clark Springs, a \$550 check for materials used in the repair of benches in the amphitheater.

The Old Quarry Society was the initial driving force in creating Fort Clark's amphitheater from the old limestone quarry in the early

## Local DRT chapter tours Fort Clark Springs

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas toured Fort Clark Springs as Pat McKelvy hosted the Caddel-Smith Chapter's monthly meeting. Following the business meeting conducted by President Kitty Harrison of Rio Frio, Larry Mendeke, currator of the Fort Clark Museum, presented a program on "Yesterday's Trails are Today's Free-

The group had lunch at Las Moras Inn and then toured the museum, Wainwright House, Palisades Building, and the home of Ben and Rosetta Pingenot. Refreshments were served at the McKelvy home.

Members were present from Brackettville, Carrizo Springs, Crystal City, Hondo, Leakey, Reagan Welis, Rio Frio, Rocksprings, Sabinal, San Antonio, and Uvalde.

Sorority considers Cinco de Mayo fundraiser Beta Epsilon Omicron discussed a fund raiser for Cinco de Mayo Monday as Helen Peck hosted the sorority's meeting.

Pam Melancon led the opening ritual and Marla Madrid read the minutes. Janice Peck moved that the minutes be approved and Dee Curry seconded. The motion carried. Ruby Cheaney submitted her resignation. Marla Madrid read the treasures report.

Melancon reported that the service committee sent a sympathy card to Barbara Miller. The social committee discussed the possibility of attending Saturday's variety show. A new meeting day for next year

Helen Peck presented the cultural program by giving her autobiography and showing many pictures, followed by a delicious table of

Members in attendance included Cheaney, Curry, Madrid, Melancon, Helen and Janice Peck, Barbara Brissette, Cathy Conrey, Opal Groce, Judy Hooker, and Hazel Ivey.

## **Duplicate Bridge Club attracts seven tables**

The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club held its weekly game Tues-To the day he died, he never day in the Gorgas Room at the Adult Center on Fort Cark Springs. There were seven tables playing, using the Mitchell Movement.

Bob Barnett and Walt Geeze won the north-south side, while Ben and Rosetta Pingenot were second and Vern and Betty Ebert took third. Winners in the east-west side were Joyce Bell and Alice Seargeant. Ann Malin and Evelyn Whitley were second and Kelly Dennis and Betty Lee finished third.

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Rick Quintela (from left) and Mac Ortiz finished second in the First Flight and Walter and Roy Dyer won first place at the Las Moras Invitational on Sunday at Fort Clark Springs.

# Cosgriff and Fletcher claim Las Moras golf championsip

Moras Invitational golf tournament at Fort Clark place. Each team had a 126.

the Championship Flight in the tournament, which featured 144 golfers.

Aaron Billings and Bruce Thompson, also of Del Rio, took second in the Championship Flight with a 121. Third place went to Ben Alexander of Ballinger and San Angelo's Ted Covington. They posted a

Fort Clark's Roy and Walter Dyer combined for out the Uvalde team of Mac Ortiz and Rick Quintela, who were second with a 123.

tied Matt Hurt of Bedford and College Station's Jeremy Stone for third place. Both teams had 125s.

Pete Garza and Juan Martinez of Uvalde shot a 122 to win the Second Flight.

Richard Lundquist of Titusville, Fla., and Roger Antonio, for third place. Both teams shot a 136.

Del Rio's Mike Cosgriff and Marvin Fletcher Lundquist of Superior, Wis., tied the Eagle Pass team took top honors in last weekend's Ninth Annual Las of Enrique Gomez and Lou Gonzales for second

Jeff Farley and Jeff Wurn, both of San Antonio, Cosgriff and Fletcher combined for a 120 to win combined for a score of 123 to win the Third Flight. Second place went to Bob Brunnemann of Austin and Nick Calderon of San Antonio. They posted a

> C.B. Hilderbran and Steve Rankin, both of Uvalde, took third place honors with a 129.

> Brackettville's Mark and Mitch Frerich finished fourth with a score of 131.

James and Moses Benites of San Antonio tied the a 120 to win the title in the First Flight. They edged Del Rio team of Marion Forbes and Truitt Nunn for fifth place. Each team had a 133.

Uvalde's Ruben Martinez and Eddie Rodriguez George Fernandez and Joseph Harlow of Devine posted a 129 to win first place in the Fourth Flight. Second place went to Ramiro Cano Jr. and Fred Pena, also of Uvalde. They had a 132.

Del Rio's Jose Cordova and Victor De Los Reyes tied Oscar Orona and Albert Trevino, both of San



and Mitch Frerich, Jeff Farley and Steve Rankin. Standing: C.B. Hilderbran, Nick Calderon, Bob ing: Victor De Los Reyes, Jose Cordova, Fred Pena, Ramiro Cano Jr. and Ruben Martinez. Not Brunnemann and Jeff Wurn.



Claiming honors in the Third Flight of last weekend's tournament were, kneeling, from left: Mark Winners in the Fourth Flight were, kneeling, from left: Albert Trevino and Eddie Rodriguez. Standpictured: Oscar Orona.

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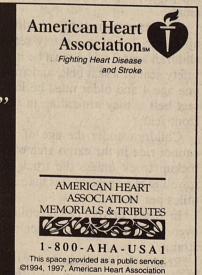
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Pete Garza (from left) and Juan Martinez won first in the Second Flight at the Las Moras Invitational while Lou Gonzales and Enrique Gomez tied Richard and Roger Lundquist for second

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# A Little On The Wildlife Side By Henry Lutz Kinney County Game Warden New legislation to gear up for district Susannah Davis tallied points to lead the Cubettes third place finish in the girls' ior high division at the Brack County Game Warden Release A Little On The Wildlife Side By Henry Lutz Susannah Davis tallied points to lead the Cubettes third place finish in the girls' ior high division at the Brack County Game Warden Tigers top Del Rio, Briefs .... Susannah Davis tallied points to lead the Cubettes to third place finish in the girls' ior high division at the Brack County Game Warden

# make boating safer

Recently passed legislation designed to make boating in Texas OUTDOORS safer went into effect on Sept. 1.

Highlights of the law include: tions of the Texas Water Safety tor. Act, and new personal watercraft restrictions.

Texas will now require a boater education course and a fine for those who violate specific sections of the Texas Water Safety Act including, but not limited to violations related to: reckless or negligent operation, excessive speed, hazardous operation, of boats in restricted areas, operational rules for personal watercraft and time and manner of operation.

The new law also provides for a Class A Parks and Wildlife Code misdemeanor for failing to successfully complete a required boater education course, when required to do so.

The new law also requires a mandatory education course for persons born after Sept. 1, 1984, who operate on public water a vessel of 10 horsepower or more 14 feet in length.

Exceptions include those who in seven years. hold master's, mate's or certain are at least 18 years of age; and the 800 and 1600. persons who are not a resident of cessfully completing a boater education course in another state.

"This new law should encour- meter relay. age parents to enroll their children

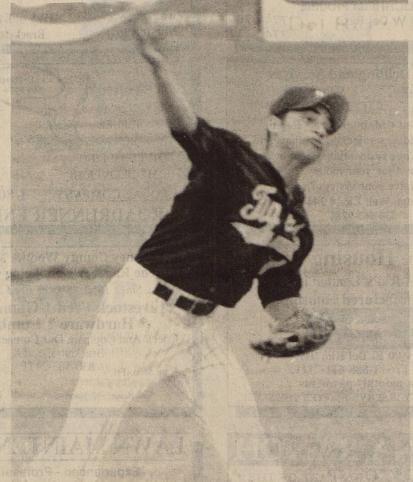
requirements that directly impact attend the class with their chilthose under the age of sixteen, dren," said Jim Robertson, Texas mandated boater education course Parks and Wildlife Department for those who violate specific por- (TPWD) law enforcement direc-

> New personal watercraft (PWC) requirements include the provision that no person may operate a PWC within 50 feet of another personal watercraft, except at headway

Although the new laws went into effect Labor Day, TPWD law enforcement officials say that for the most part, they will not begin issuing citations right away.

"Similar to any new regulation, our primary goal will be to educate the public to ensure that folks are aware of the new legislation," Robertson said.

"We realize that it will take time for everyone to become familiar law," he added.



with the many new aspects of the Rene Luna picked up a pair of hits Tuesday as the Tigers topped Del Rio, 15-13. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

DEL RIO - Brackett had a season high 15 hits Tuesday night as the Tigers picked up a 15-13 win over the Del Rio Rams' junior varsity at Roosevelt Park.

With the victory, the Tigers improve to 10-5 on the season.

We hit the ball better than we have all year," Brackett coach Gary Grubbs said. "We still have a long ways to go as far as our defense is concerned. We're having a hard time getting the third

The Tigers host Carrizo Springs tomorrow at 7 p.m. before opening district Tuesday in Center Point

"I think we're ready for district," Grubbs said. "We're continuing to improve."

Wes Baker led the Tigers on Tuesday with a perfect 3-for-3 plate performance. He scored one run and drove in two more.

Luis Guajardo, Rene Luna, Michael Meyer, Jorge Rodriguez had two doubles.

Rodriguez picked up the mound win and Meyer earned the save.

## Cubettes take third

Susannah Davis tallied 22 points to lead the Cubettes to a third place finish in the girls' junior high division at the Brackett

Davis finished first in the long jump, second in the triple jump, and fifth in the 100-meter dash.

Duquesa Hunt won the high jump competition, Candice Ingram was fifth in the triple, and April Martinez took fourth in the shot put.

Vanessa Castillo took second place in the 800-meter run. In the 400, Grace Flores was second and Ashley Antoine finished fifth.

Castillo, Flores, Hunt and Deidtra Townsend took second in the mile relay.

The sprint relay team of Castillo, Davis, Ingram and Townsend finished fourth.

## **Cubs claim sixth place**

The Cubs finished in sixth place in the boys' junior high division Saturday at the Brackett Relays.

Jaime Montalvo won the 2400meter run and was sixth in the

Carlos Gomez was third in the and Bret Woelke all had two hits 2400 and sixth in the 300-meter apiece. Woelke had a home run, hurdles, while Raymond Gomez while Meyer and Rodriguez each took second in the 400 and sixth

> in the triple jump. Douglas Sanchez was second in the discus competition, while Jesse Davis and Lee Davis took fourth and fifth, respectively, in the high

Lee Davis, Carl Dalton, Raymond Gomez and J.J. Reavis took sixth in the 400-meter relay.

The seventh grade mile relay team of Sanchez, Jake Bostic, Boyd Brotherton and Jesse Davis finished sixth.

## High score of 27 wins

The team of Jane Divine, Betty Schlatterer, Mylo Unruh and Doris Webber won a game of low score on even holes Tuesday with a 27 in Ladies Golf League action at Fort Clark Springs.

Low putts were won by Mary Butler. Mary Butler and Bobbie Waddill both won chip-ins.

# Tigerettes claim second place at Brackett Relays

The Tigerettes had a strong showing in the took fourth in the 200. or a windblown vessel more than distance races Saturday, claiming second place

Samantha Perez won the 1600- and 3200operators licenses issued by the meter runs. Sonya Correa was second in the U.S. Coast Guard; those who are 1600 and fourth in the 3200. Jania supervised by a person who is at Finkenbinder was second in the 400 and third least 18 years of age; those who in the 800, while Darla Campos was fifth in Eckenrod finished fifth and sixth, respectively,

Finkenbinder, Perez, Jennifer Ashabranner this state and have proof of suc- and Tina Meek took second place in the mile Katy Hagler and Heather Martin won the 400relay. Ashabranner, Campos, Correa and Samantha Payne were second in the 3200-

Melinda Villarreal won the 100-meter dash in a boater education course and and Tiffany Eckenrod was fifth. Eckenrod also and was second in the 200. Brent Smith was

Lindsey Brotherton won the 300-meter hurdles. Brotherton also took second in the long jump and fifth in the discus. Villarreal was third in the long jump.

Meek won the triple jump competition and was second in the high jump. Jamie Bader and in the triple.

Brackett's sprint team of Meek, Villarreal, meter relay.

The Tigers' sprinters also had a strong showing Saturday as the boys' team finished third. J. Wayne Ballew won the 100-meter dash

Ballew, Smith, David Honstein and

honors as Brackett hosted its first track meet hurdles and took third in the 100-meter Demitreus Williams won the 400-meter relay. Lionel Ramos won the 800- and 1600-meter runs. Tony Rubio was fourth in the 1600 and

> Honstein finished sixth in the 800. James Burks took second in the 3200-meter run and Isaac Gutierrez was sixth. In the 300meter hurdles, Schiller Hill finished fifth.

The distance team of Honstein, Ramos, Williams and Jacob Hughes won the mile re-

Burks, Gutierrez, Hughes and Rubio took second in the two-mile relay.

Williams won the long and triple jump competitions, while Wes Baker was second in the discus and fifth in the shot put.

## Scoreboard

## GOLF

High School **Brackett Invitational Boys Division** 

Team: Brackett 328, Eagle Pass 340, Del Rio J.V. 344, Jourdanton 361, Natalia 366, Leakey 370, Pearsall 376, Crystal City 399.

Individuals: Reagan Rothe, D'Hanis, 72; Jarrett Harrison, Brackett, 76; Jacob Bowen, Jourdanton, 76; Eddie Tijerina, Natalia, 77; Chad Neuman, Brackett 78; B.J. Almarez, Del Rio J.V., 79; Mario Espinoza, Eagle Pass, 80; Cole Steffek, Jourdanton, 80; Isai Camarrillo, Crystal City, 81; Todd Winder, Natalia, 81; Charlie Bates, Leakey, 85; Boon Newsom, Pearsall, 85; Robert Riza, Eagle Pass, 85; Sam Villarreal, Eagle Pass, 85; B.J. Calderon, Del Rio J.V., 87; Brendon Neal, Pearsall, 87; Aaron Taylor, Brackett, 87; Nat Terrazas, Brackett, 87; Ben Fogle, Leakey, 88; David Nebel, Del Rio J.V., 88; Ben Ferguson, Leakey, 89; Oscar De La Pena, Eagle Pass, 90; Aaron Stonebraker, Del Rio J.V., 90; Chris Day, Leakey, 93; Brian Collier, Brackett, 95; Anthony Klagenberg, Natalia, 95; Justin Schmidt, Sabinal, 95; Chris Rackley, Jourdanton, 97; James Wilson, Pearsall, 97; Brandon Langdon, Sabinal, 99; Ryan Garcia, Crystal City, 101; Travis Horton, Leakey, 104; Jesus Perez, Eagle Pass, 104; Carlos Balderas, Crystal City, 106; Brian Lutz, D'Hanis, 107; Anthony Olivares, Jourdanton, 108; David Roiz, Crystal City, 111; Victor Bonilla, Crystal City, 112; Paul Almendarez, Natalia, 113; Marid Corona, Pearsall, 113; Frank Morton, Leakey, 113; Andy Muniz, Sabinal, 115; Steven West, Leakey, 115; James Wells, Pearsall, 119; Thomas Bautista, Jourdanton, 120; Wesley Sollock, Natalia, 121. Girls Division Team: Eagle Pass 396, Sabinal A 453,

Brackett 464, Sabinal B 486, Jourdanton 507. Individuals: Christina Culverhouse, Coppell, 82; Jenise Cerna, Eagle Pass, 94; Liliana Rodriguez, Eagle Pass, 98; Emily Garcia, Eagle Pass, 100; Jessica Salas, Eagle Pass, 104; Amy Villsana, Sabinal, 104; Gina Davis, Eagle Pass, 106; Monika Jimenez, Eagle Pass, 108; Casey Joupe, Jourdanton, 109; Sam Perez, Brackett, 109; Barbara Horton, Sabinal, 111; Nancy Ortiz, Sabinal, 111; Martha Torres, Sabinal, 111; Jill Esparsen, Del Rio, 112; Jennifer Ramirez, Sabinal, 114; Keri Tilley, D'Hanis, 114; Jessica De Hoyas, Del Rio, 116; Marisa Adams, Sabinal, 117; Lisa Amman, Del Rio, 117; Jennifer Ashabranner, Brackett, 117; Cherrise Ward, Brackett, 118; Janna Garett, Sabinal, 119; Tina Meek, Brackett, 120; Kari Kaiser, Jourdanton, 129; Ida West, Sabinal, 132; Morgan Boucier, Jourdanton, 134; Stephanie Schorsch, Jourdanton, 135; Debra Cortez, Brackett, 139; Tara Weaver, Sabinal,

## Amateur

## Las Moras Invitational

Championship Flight: Mike Cosgriff and Marvin Fletcher, 120; Aaron Billings and Bruce Thompson, 121; Ben Alexander and Ted Covington, 122; John Gwynne and Randy Moore, 123; James Hall and Joe Trevino, 125; Blaine Hutto and Brian Lemly, 126; Gary Henson and Bob Lee, 127; Barry McCallister and Danny Monk, 138.

First Flight: Roy Dyer and Walter Dyer, 3, Brotherton, Brackett, 19.16. 120; Rick Quintela and Ma Ortiz, 123; George Fernandez and Joseph Harlow, 125; Matt Hurt and Jeremy Stone, 125; Frank Farias and Tom Real, 127: Steve Doss and Flip Talamantez. 128: George Rodriguez and Armando Torres, 129; Ray Dispain and Mike Morrow, 130; B.J. Stone and Roy Torres, 130; Tim McCormick and Art Terrazas, 133; Carlos Barrera and Jose Gonzales, 134; Javier Cervantez and Mike Cervantez, 135; Gill Martinez and Julian Martinez, 136.

Second Flight: Pete Garza and Juan Martinez, 122; Enrique Gomez and Lou 30.64. Gonzales, 126; Richard Lundquist and Roger Lundquist, 126: David Arredondo and Mack Ortiz, 130; Joe Martin and Vacqie Winkler, 130; George Goeff and Ron Morrison, 131; Wayne Hadley and Bob Malesky, 133; Bill Sandefur and Billy Sandefur, 135; Ken Dillard and Kelly Kinsel, 136; Julian Lerma and Michael Luna, 136; Philip Borwell and Steve Rambie, 137; Max Cuellar and Pablo Rodriguez, 138; Gordon Lundquist and Tim Lundquist, 139; Blake Hinton and Stan Sterling, 141.

Third Flight: Jeff Farley and Jeff Wurn, 123; Nick Calderon and Bob Brunnemann, 128; C.B. Hilderbran and Steve Rankin, 129; Mark Frerich and Mitch Frerich, 131; James Benites and Moses Benites, 133; Marion Forbes and Truitt Nunn, 133; Sabas Najar and David Sturgeon, 134; Richie Rodriguez and Danny Sandoval, 134; Sotero Alviar and Ramiro Cano, 136; John Barrow and Eric Faulkner, 136; Fred Carrillo and Ray Elwood, 136; Sonny Flores and Richard Ortiz, 137; Ray Ashabranner and Mark Johnson, 138; Chuy Ozona and Jesse Suarez, 138; Tom Beatty and Roger Kurz, 139; Oscar Benavides and Robert Sandoval, 139; Robert Derrickson and Bob Walker, 139; George Clark and Roger Stephens, 140; Dave Edgar and Todd Johnson, 140; Danny Pena and Phillip Pena, 140; Manuel Madrid and Joel Terrazas, 144; Pete Perez and Filmon Talamantez, 146.

Fourth Flight: Ruben Martinez and Eddie Rodriguez, 129; Ramiro Cano Jr. and Fred Pena, 132; Jose Cordova and Victor De Los reyes, 136; Oscar Orona and Albert Trevino, 136; Israel Alvarez and Ronnie Chavez, 137; Agustin Maldonado and Agustin Maldonado Jr., 137; David Benites and Felipe Benites, 138; Billy Gonzales and Pete Trevino, 138; Rickey White and Tom White, 140; Jose Calderon Jr. and Rick Calderon, 141; Roland Ballesteron and Mando Rodriguez, 144; Bobby Diaz and Armando Martinez, 144; Tom Faulkenberry and Ron Faulkenberry, 145; Don Bell and

## TRACK

High School **Brackett Invitational** Girls Division

3200-meter run: 1, Perez, Brackett, 12:02; 2, Hernandez, Rocksprings, 12:28; 3, Simone, Rocksprings, 12:45.

400-meter relay: 1, Brackett, 55.06; 2, Rocksprings, 58.11; 3, Knippa, 58.68. 800-meter run: 1, Todd, Rocksprings, 2:26; 2, Finkenbinder, Brackett, 2:29; 3,

Alexander, Leakey, 2:33. 100-meter hurdles: 1, Harrell, Garza, Rocksprings, 41-2; 3, Austin, Rocksprings, 17.63; 2, Garcia, Leakey, 18.10; Comstock, 40-2 3/4.

100-meter dash: 1, Villarreal, Brackett, 13.13; 2, Blazek, Leakey, 13.16; 3, Conditt, Knippa, 14.75. 800-meter relay: 1, Rocksprings, 1:57.

400-meter run: 1, Todd, Rocksprings, 59.8; 2, Alexander, Leakey, 63.9; 3, Finkenbinder, 64.4. 300-meter hurdles: 1, Brotherton,

Brackett, 52.00; 2, Harrell, Rocksprings, 54.50; 3, Garcia, Leakey, 56.52. 200-meter dash: 1, Blazek, Leakey, 29.18; Aelveott, Knippa, 29.95; 3, Martin, Brackett,

1600-meter run: 1. Perez. Brackett. 5:42: 2, Correa, Brackett, 5:56; 3, Simone, Rocksprings, 6:04.

1600-meter relay: 1, Rocksprings, 4:21; 2, Brackett, 4:29. Long jump: 1, Alexander, Leakey, 14-1; Brotherton, Brackett, 13-3; 3, Villarreal,

Triple jump: 1, Meek, Brackett, 31-4; 2, Hernandez, Rocksprings, 29-6; 3, Garcia, High jump: 1, Cerda, Rocksprings, 4-10;

2, Meek, Brackett, 4-8; 3, Windham, Leakey, Discus: 1, DeLeon, Leakey, 99-0 1/2; 2, Brice, Leakey, 98-2; 3, Clifton, Rocksprings,

Shot put: 1, Martinez, Knippa, 31-8; 2, Sifuentes, Rocksprings, 30-7; 3, Todd, Rocksprings, 29-2.

**Boys Division** 3200-meter run: 1, Rangel, Rocksprings, 10:53; 2, Burks, Brackett, 11:26; 3, Hernandez, Rocksprings, 11:40.

400-meter relay: 1, Brackett, 44.82; 2, 800-meter run: 1, Ramos, Brackett, 2:05;

Reyes, Rocksprings, 2:07; 3, Dunbar, Rocksprings, 2:10. 110-meter hurdles: 1, Varga, Rocksprings, 17.06; 2, Salgado, Leakey, 17.28; 3, Jimenez, Rocksprings, 19.76.

100-meter dash: 1, Ballew, Brackett, 11.25; 2, Scott, Leakey, 11.28; 3, Morley, Rocksprings, 11.54. 400-meter run: 1, Barragan, Comstock,

52.93; 2, Morley, Rocksprings, 52.96; 3, Rivas, Leakey, 56.49. 300-meter hurdles: 1, Salgado, Leakey, 43.8; 2, Hernandez, Rocksprings, 45.5; 3,

Varga, Leakey, 47.2.

200-meter dash: 1, Blazek, Leakey, 23.00; 2, Ballew, Brackett, 23.01; 3, Scott, Leakey,

1600-meter run: 1, Ramos, Brackett, 4:48; Reyes, Rocksprings, 4:58; 3, Dunbar, Rocksprings, 5:05. 1600-meter relay: 1, Brackett, 3:41; 2,

Long jump: 1, Williams, Brackett, 20-7 1/4; 2, DeLeon, Asherton, 18-10 1/4, 3, Morley, Rocksprings, 18-0. Triple jump: 1, Williams, Brackett, 43-9

Rocksprings, 3:43; 3, Leakey, 3:48.

1/4; 2, Morley, Rocksprings, 38-1; 3, Jimenez, Rocksprings, 36-10. Discus: 1, Salazar, Leakey, 137-4 1/2; 2, Baker, Brackett, 122-0 1/2; 3, Jackson,

Rocksprings, 112-0. Shot put: 1, Salazar, Leakey, 46-8; 2,

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

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Review by the District Court

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## **Deadline for Filing Protests** with the ARB\*

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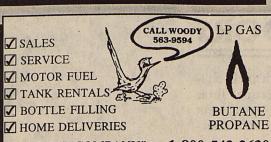
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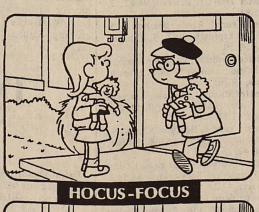
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## Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Mental work doesn't go as well as anticipated. Also, judgment is off this week when it comes to spending on matters of pleasure. You uncharacter-

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istically splurge for some reason. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It will be difficult this week to convince family members of the merit of a business project you're pursuing. Try not to skim the surface. Be thorough and follow through on all details.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Even if principle is involved, remember that sometimes others simply forget what is expected of them. Small problems arise later in the week with friends. These are easily cleared up by the weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Avoid friction with higher-ups as the week begins. Projects around the house keep you busy. It's not a good idea this weekend to get financially involved with a friend's investment scheme. LEO (July 23 to August 22)

Although the social sector of your life is happily emphasized, you experience rivalry in romance or let jealous feelings come to the fore. Negativity is never becoming and doesn't serve you well in the long run. VIRGO (August 23 to September

22) New ideas have you anxious to get started, but impatience could cause trouble with those around you. Still, you will get ahead. A weekend social outing proves fascinating.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Charm and persuasiveness serve you well this week. Still, in dealings with higher-ups, you have to gauge the situation carefully. Behavior must

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You could be a bit hard on one friend, though there's a tendency to keep up with some of



your high-stepping friends. You can't have it both ways. Make the more conservative choice and stick to a safer routine

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) After holding yourself in check for part of the week, there's a tendency to trip the light fantastic. However, you could spend a bit more than you'd anticipated. Take steps to correct this in order to avoid future

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Artistic types contact the muse and vent their feelings. Enjoy the company of friends in social settings. This weekend, romance sets the pace as you could be swept off your

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Behind-the-scenes moves are favored regarding business and finances. Once you get the work out of the way, you feel a charge of creative energy. Let your hair down and socialize this weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Important work gains come early in the week. Later, creative interests dominate and stir your intellect. Although social life is a plus over the weekend, you'll also want some time just for yourself and pet projects.

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# Believe in Christ to be saved

By Rev. Joe Townsend Frontier Baptist Church

Every thinking person comes to to be saved?" or "What must I do gift. A gift is an unmerited favor. to inherit eternal life?"

Christ and thou shalt be saved" says the Bible.

There are no "ifs," "ands" nor "buts." It is so simple that the Bible says "a wayfaring man though a fool need not err and thus gave salvation. By faith

The key word is "believe." This God. means to put faith in. The Bible

the point in his heart where he gift of God. If a person has to do says this cannot be. earnestly asks, "What must I do anything to be saved, it is not a

In the Old Testament, the Lev-The Scripture is abundantly itical law demanded many types clear: "Believe on the Lord Jesus of sacrifices. There was nothing in any of them of themselves to bring forgiveness. It was the faith in God leading people to obey God that was effective.

> God gave his only begotten son in him is salvation - a gift from

If a person has to do anything salvation is given on earth.

makes it clear by stating, "By to receive salvation it is not a gift, It is not of yourselves, it is the working for his salvation and God

> If one has to be baptized to join a church, to do penance or any ritual to receive salvation, it is not

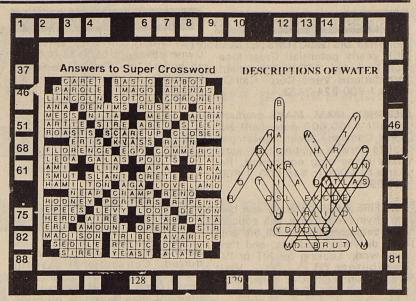
> Certainly a Christian should be baptized, the Bible says so. Surely a person should be in a church, the Bible says so. These, however, are for one who is already a Christian and have no part in becoming a Christian. This is a gift of God.

Faithfulness and works for God will be rewarded in heaven, but

To believe that we have to do grace are ye saved through faith," it is earned. If a man has to do anything to be saved means we not by works lest any man boast. anything at all to be saved, he is don't have faith enough in God to believe. He can save us without

> If God created us, if he can bless us, if he gave his son for us, surely he can save us. He can only give his gift of salvation if we put our faith in his son, Jesus Christ.

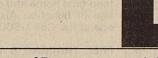
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## A hardened heart indicates selfishness

By Pastor Charolette Corev **Gateway Ministries** 

Are you a Nabal (pronounced naw-bawl)? Strong's Exhaustive Concordance defines this person as stupid, wicked, impious, a foolish man or woman, a vile person.

David (the future King of Israel) was a picture of Christ who protected the countryside from bandits and attacking animals so that herds and communities could own bloodstream that caused him

sent word to the community where 25.). Nabal lived to request his portion (a tithe) of the bounty which Nabal and the community had been

his own feast to rejoice in the love, joy, truth and peace. bounty of wool from his sheepshearing, greedily refused to honor realize how close he and all the through it. men of the community came to being destroyed.

meaning chief, source of joy), heard of David and his men's an-

ger and went out leading a cara- shout of "no!" to God and all the van of precious foods and drink blessings He has stored up for you. to appease David's anger into forgiveness and blessings.

Unfortunately, when Abigail told her husband what she had done, Nabal, the fool that he was, became stiff-necked and hardened his heart against his precious wife.

In trying to punish her by his hard words and rejection of her actions, he spewed toxins into his to have a heart attack and die He had performed his part and (Corey's paraphrase of 1 Samuel,

Obviously, the hardness of Nabal's character was a lifestyle that eventually caught up with him.

A hardened heart indicates self-Nabal, in the midst of planning ishness, unforgiveness, a lack of helpeth our infirmities; For we

ger until it becomes so inflamed, David and his men. Nabal did not there is no room for blood to flow

A hardened heart becomes stiff unpliable Abigail, Nabal's wife (Abigail unforgiveness and judgement of

A hardened heart is the ultimate ing to the will of God.

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Abigail received her blessing. After Nabal died, she became David's wife.

Even if you have just some of Nabal's traits, I pray that God removes any stone in your heart and softens it to conform to his word. Honor God, stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

## Readings from the book of Romans

By Rev. William Adams Sr. St. John's Baptist Church

"Likewise, the Spirit also know not what we should pray for A hardened heart feeds on an- as we ought; but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

'And he that searcheth the through hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints accord-

'And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his pur-Romans 8:26-28 Praise the Lord!

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A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owned a home on January 1st (and used it as their primary residence on that date) is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower their school taxes this year...and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium, or mobile home. (Counties, cities, and special taxing districts may

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowner's exemptions and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. Over-65 homeowners also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 1997, you won't need to reapply for 1998 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home-or if you've moved to a new home-you'll need to file for an exemption for 1998. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled during 1997, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

## When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:
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## Are other exemptions available?

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A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year. The rendition form is available at your local appraisal district office... or you may draft a similar form.

## Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income-such as the inventory and equipment used by a business.

## Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. If the appraisal district believes the value is higher, it must notify you in writing of the higher value and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 1997. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 1998.

## What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 1998 renditions is April 15. Call your appraisal district for the last date the rendition may be postmarked, if mailing. You can get an extra 15 days if you ask for it in writing by the April 15 deadline.

## Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at: KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT P.O. BOX 1377

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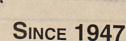
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