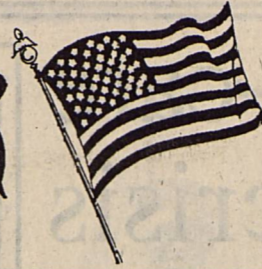


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## Briefs ...

### Molano named Aging Services' site director

Julie Fuentes Molano was hired as the site director of Aging Services by the Kinney County Commissioners Court Monday.

Molano was one of 11 applicants for the position, which has been vacant since Marian McIntire resigned in July.

"I think she was the most qualified," Precinct 4 Commissioner Paul O'Rourke said. "In two different positions in the past, she has supervised home nurses. She also has a bachelor's degree and, of course, she knows about cooking for a group of people."

"With her experience and her education, I think she will make a good supervisor," he added.

The county also received 19 applications for a custodian position. The commissioners voted to authorize County Judge Tommy Seargeant to hire a custodian. He is interviewing the candidates.

### Brackett ISD students begin school Monday

The new school year at Brackett ISD begins on Monday morning at 8.

Grades 9 through 12 will meet in the high school auditorium at 8 a.m. for the beginning assembly. At the end of the assembly, the students will be directed to an area to receive their schedules.

Grades 6 through 8 will meet in the cafeteria for the beginning assembly.

### Advisory Committee seeks representatives

Brackett ISD is seeking interested persons to serve on the District Advisory Committee.

One business representative and one community representative will be selected to serve on the committee. Each representative will serve a two-year term.

Interested persons should call Superintendent Taylor Stephenson at 563-2491 or submit a letter indicating interest to Brackett ISD, P.O. Box 586, Brackettville, Texas, 78832.

### MHMR Center seeks committee members

The Hill Country Community MHMR Center is seeking interested persons to become members in the mental health and mental retardation planning and advisory committees.

Interested persons should contact Tammy Hunter in San Marcos at (512) 558-2000 no later than 5 p.m. on Aug. 17.

## County considers detention center

Kinney County officials received one proposal for a 500-bed detention center to be financed and operated by a private organization Monday during its regular meeting.

CiviGenics, a Massachusetts-based company that originally proposed the detention facility in May, presented the only proposal. The company submitted a 1,000-plus page document to the Commissioners Court.

County Judge Tommy Seargeant said a number of companies made inquiries about the request for proposals, but he added that CiviGenics was the only company to submit a proposal prior to the 9 a.m. deadline on Monday.

Prior to discussing the proposal, the commissioners voted 4-1 to hire attorney Herb Bristow of the Waco firm Haley and Davis P.C. as special legal counsel for the project. Seargeant and Commissioners

Freddie Frerich, Joe Montalvo and Joe Williams voted in favor of the hiring, while Commissioner Paul O'Rourke was in opposition.

Legal costs would be paid for by CiviGenics if the proposal is approved. If not, the county has set a \$2,500 cap on legal fees.

Bristow said that if the county does agree to a detention center, the proposal would need some "fine-tuning."

"I think that once all the numbers are fine-tuned and negotiated, it looks like it might work," he said. "But that's ultimately a decision for the Commissioners Court."

The proposed facility would provide approximately 105 jobs, according to Bob Prince, a marketing director with CiviGenics.

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Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison answers questions during a community meeting Tuesday. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

## Senator visits Brackettville

### Hutchison discusses tax cuts, drought relief with citizens

By J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

Drought relief and cutting taxes are on the top of the agenda for U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

The senator made her first visit to Brackettville Tuesday as she discussed her current legislative agenda with Kinney County citizens during a community meeting Tuesday at the Courthouse.

"Brackettville is a beautiful city," said Hutchison, R-Texas. "I

love the Courthouse. Everybody is so friendly and I feel very welcome here. I'm really glad that I finally got to come."

Approximately 80 citizens attended the community meeting during which Hutchison fielded questions and discussed drought relief measures.

"The questions were very good," Hutchison said. "The drought, of course, is the major issue."

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## Appraisal District agrees to buy Kreiger building

The Kinney County Appraisal District will be moving its offices to the Kreiger Insurance building. The district's Board of Directors unanimously voted to purchase the property last Thursday during a special meeting.

The entity's office is currently located in the Las Moras Masonic Lodge building. The Appraisal District is currently paying \$436 a month to rent the Masonic Lodge building.

According to officials, the Appraisal District has paid approximately \$54,000 in rent to the Masonic Lodge over the past 14 years. The cost of the Kreiger Insurance building is \$45,000.

"After inquiry and lengthy discussion into several concerns voiced by the taxpayers of the community, the Appraisal Board felt like the bottom line justified the purchase of the Kreiger building," said Jimmy Bader, board chairman.

The Appraisal District currently has a 15-year lease with the Masonic Lodge that runs through Dec. 31, 2000. A clause in the lease says that "either party may terminate this lease agreement by giving one year notice of termination in writing."

The Appraisal District has requested that the clause be waived. The Masonic Lodge has not taken action on the request.

"To the best of our ability, we calculated the cost of the purchase to be approximately 100 additional dollars per month over our current rent,"

Bader said.

"Over the next 10 years, based on the appraisal revenue factor, this will only cost the county \$42 per month, the school \$37 per month, the city \$7.50 per month, Fort Clark Springs \$13 per month, and Spofford 50 cents per month.

"The rent contract also has a 'cost of living' increase factor that would shrink the \$100 difference between our current monthly rent and our monthly purchase payments," he said.

Bader said the Appraisal District is expecting one-time costs of about \$7,000 associated with moving into the Kreiger building.

"These include closing costs, cosmetic repairs, handicap ramp, moving and wiring computers, and the balance of rent owed to the leasor," he said.

"Over a 10 year period and the investment of \$19,000 (over current rent), the taxpayers will own a \$45,000 office building and will make no monthly rent or purchase payments," Bader said. "This will be a savings of approximately \$500 a month."

After extensive study, Appraisal District officials said they found that the space available in the Kreiger building is ample and that the electrical outlets and their capacities are adequate.

"I appreciate the concerns brought to us and we feel we did our best to address each one," Bader said. "Ultimately, we felt this made good economic sense."

## BHS named 'recognized' school

Brackett High School has been named a 'recognized school' by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), Superintendent Taylor Stephenson announced during Monday's School Board meeting.

"This is the first time we have ever been named a recognized school and we're ecstatic about it," Stephenson said.

Public schools in Texas are given one of four accountability ratings annually by the TEA, including ratings of exemplary, recognized, acceptable and low-performing.

To be recognized, a school must have at least 80 percent of all of its students passing each subject area of the TAAS test, have a dropout rate of 3.5 percent or less, and have an attendance rate of at least 94 percent.

The percentage of Brackett High School students passing this year's TAAS test were 97.2 in writing, 91.7 in reading, and 86.1 in math. Those percentages are all up from last year when 96.8 percent passed writing, 77.4 passed reading and 56.3 passed math.

"We are very pleased," Stephenson said. "They're the highest scores that we've ever made. We congratulate everyone that had a part in that. We thank the teachers, the parents and the kids. We also believe that it tells us that the system is working."

Brackett Middle School and Jones Elementary both received acceptable accountability ratings.

"Nothing would thrill me more than to have all recognized schools in Brackettville next year, so that's our goal," Stephenson added.



Members of the Fighting Tiger Band work on their marching skills on Wednesday. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

## Chamber of Commerce honors Luna

By Kathryn Letsinger  
Contributing Writer

Jeff Luna and his parents were honored by the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce at a supper last Thursday night.

Chamber of Commerce President Larry Sofaly and Director Tom Ertle presented a framed certificate and a savings bond to the Brackettville teenager for his meritorious efforts last year to save the life of a fellow citizen.

Luna was born in Del Rio to Rudy and Rosie Luna. Rudy works at Fort Clark Springs in the maintenance department and is a member of the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department. Rosie has a full time job with Jeff's younger brother and does backup support for the Fire Department.

Luna is a junior at Brackett High School. He plays football and golf, and is currently working on his final requirements to become an Eagle Scout.

Several people had comments for Luna during the meeting that indicated he approaches his many endeavors wholeheartedly and without hesitation.

Ertle thanked Jeff on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and the community. He told him he is an admirable young man and an inspiration to others.

Tino Gomez spoke to Luna and his parents about their volunteer service to the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department. Tino said there are very few youth who step up to do their part to help like Jeff does with the Fire Department.

Gomez said he believes Jeff has all the "right stuff" and is a tremendous asset to the future of the department and our community.

Luna's parents said they were extremely proud of Jeff.

Jeff thanked everyone and said he did what he did reflexively and knew it was his duty to do something. He said he would always help those in need to the best of his ability.



Jeff Luna, center, was presented a framed certificate and a savings bond by Tom Ertle, left, and Larry Sofaly of the Chamber of Commerce last week. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

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# Home health-care system is in crisis

Many Texans, especially those on Medicare, are aware that our home health-care system is in crisis. Dozens of Texas home health-care agencies have closed their doors in recent weeks. This has left many ill, home-bound patients scrambling to get proper care. People in rural areas have been particularly hard hit.

My diagnosis: this situation is the result of over-zealously applied federal laws and misinterpretation by federal regulators who impose extreme, retroactive cuts in Medicare payments (upwards of 60 percent), while failing to implement a fairer system called for by Congress last year. This has forced many providers out of the business.

The 1997 Balanced Budget Act mandated changes in the way Medicare (in this case, the Health Care Finance Administration, or HCFA) pays for and delivers health care services to the nation's seniors. Congress directed HCFA to implement a payment system that would let providers know, up front, what their payment would be for a particular service and allow them to plan accordingly.

But instead of carrying out that mandate, HCFA rewrote the rule-book on how home health-care providers are compensated in a way that left many bankrupt. The revised payment system, rather than allowing them to plan, penalizes the most cost-effective providers. This is government policy at its counterproductive worst. And it is the opposite outcome intended by Congress.

Such a situation just won't do. The house-bound patients involved are our most vulnerable citizens. I am a long time supporter of home health-care because it not only allows people the dignity and comfort of staying in



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U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

their homes, with familiar faces around them, while receiving needed medical care. But it also saves the Medicare system money in the long run. Home health-care costs only a fraction of what it costs to care for ailing individuals in a nursing home or other institutional setting.

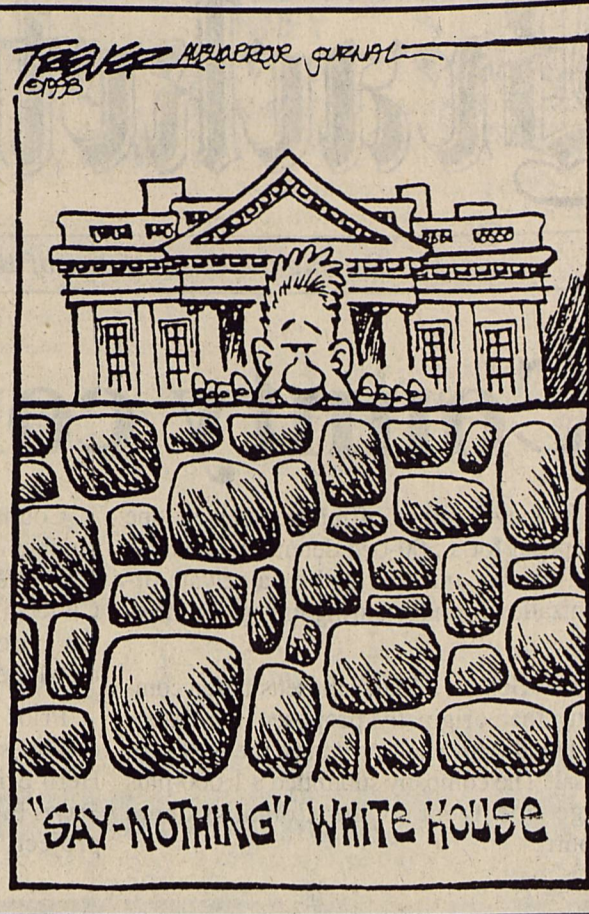
On July 16, I co-sponsored a bill, S.B. 2323, that will restore common sense to the home health-care payment system.

And I have asked Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala to speed implementation of the payment system Congress originally intended. And I am working to overcome whatever snarls HCFA claims are to blame.

Congress earlier this year stopped the imposition of surety bond requirement for the industry. This would have put countless small providers (those with little capital backing them) out of business.

In addition, I sponsored a bill to delay implementation of a HCFA rule that would have restricted access to home health-care services to patients who need regular blood testing.

Few question the need for the home health-care system to move to a more sensible payment system. But I do not believe the transition should put thousands of good home-care providers - and their patients - at risk.



## Counselors have become a damaging facet of society

One of the most damaging facets of society is the fact people have been led by psychologists to where we have become a people preyed upon by "counselors."

Anything disagreeable that happens calls for counselors. A school student dies or is killed, there must be brought in counselors to help the children find closure.

The psychology binge has developed the word "closure" far beyond its true meaning.

Families of victims of the TWA tragic explosion came together for counseling to find closure two full years after the tragedy. A child is killed and the family has a counselor to help them find closure.

Daily, the air waves tell of people seeking closure. What does this really mean?

It is basically a dumbing down of people saying they are not intelligent enough to deal with life's problems.

If closure means the coming to grips with a situation, every person has the ability to manage himself. Sympathy and support from family and friends is always forthcoming and helpful.

Any person can find closure by faith in and trusting God. If some stranger with a few college classes in psychology can help find closure, how much more can God

### Between Us

By Joe Townsend



bring peace and acceptance to the sorrowful heart.

If one has to turn to a counselor or a support group it is an admission of weakness on the part of the person.

A noted psychiatrist (head of this department in a major university) told me that 85 percent of the people treated by psychiatrists needed nothing more than a viable relationship with God. This is more than many psychologists and most psychiatrists have.

True and effective counseling must eventually point people to faith in God through Jesus Christ. This is the only way true closure can be found.

The fanciful arrogance of psychologists is detrimental in almost all of life. The idea of psychologists dealing with criminals fills our penitentiaries. The psychologists shaping our educational system turns out students unable to read or write. The influence of psychologists has shaped a legal system that refuses to exact adequate punishment for crime.

Psychological influence has turned many pulpits and even entire denominations into hot beds of heresy and pointed many people away from the cross of Christ as Savior to palliative pap that eases some consciences and paves the way to an eternity in hell.

The latest fad is a preachment that children who are spanked at home are not as intelligent in school as those who are not. It doesn't take a survey nor a rocket scientist to know this is pure undiluted hog wash.

When people forget this business of closure and relegate counselors to the intellectual trash heap, then and only then will people find they have within themselves -- with the help of God, the ability to deal with anything the world, life, and the devil can throw at them.

There are many effective counselors -- pastors, teachers, parents, friends, et al. Anyone who seeks to be a counselor and leaves God out of the equation is a charlatan.

## Texas doesn't need higher health care taxes

By Peggy M. Venable  
Director, Texas Citizens for a Sound Economy

Just when you thought it was safe to turn on the TV, politics has once again taken over the airwaves.

Most Texans have yet to give a thought to the November elections, but the politicians are already out there, promising (among other things) to protect patients and "fix" health care.

But which politicians are really trying to expand your health care choices, and which ones are trying to elbow their way into your doctor's exam room? A quick look reveals most have their elbows out, but some are backing consumer-friendly reforms.

Texas Democrats have proposed what they call a "patient bill of rights," which they claim will allow consumers to choose their own doctor.

Sounds good. Consumers like having choices, such as the ability to choose their doctor.

What consumers don't like is having someone else -- especially government -- calling the shots. And that's where the Democrat's plan falls on its face. It would expand your choices as much as the IRS expands your income.

Rather than give you more choices, the Democrats' plan would require you to buy health coverage that includes the more expensive option of being able to choose a doctor outside your plan (called a "point of service" option).

This is classic "tax and spend" big government, only instead of taxing you directly to pay for what the government wants, government is forcing you to pay through a hidden tax that increases your health premiums. If this sounds familiar, it should. Remember that in 1994, the Clinton Administration and its secretive health care task force tried to take over the health care system with all manner of mandates, restrictions and hidden taxes?

Of course, the Clintons said they wanted to expand choices, but once voters realized Clinton Care would put a bureaucrat between every American and their doctor, they soundly rejected this big government intrusion.

The Clintons and their friends have not abandoned the fight for government-run health care. "What I tried to do before won't work," Clinton said. "Maybe we can do it ... a step at a time until

eventually we finish this."

This new strategy is to take control of our health one piece at a time -- with mandates that restrict your choices and drive up your health premiums until a government program is the only choice you have left. Keep that in mind the next time you hear a politician promise you your "choice" of doctor.

Congressman David Bonior, D-Michigan, was quoted last month saying that if Democrats take back the House, "We may actually get back to the whole (national) health care debate in the next Congress."

The recent wave of new state and federal health care mandates (so-called "patient protections") are hidden taxes which threaten Texans' access to quality health care benefits at an affordable cost.

Texas doesn't need higher health care taxes. We need to put patients back in the driver's seat -- so they can tell employers and government bureaucrats to take a hike. That's the idea behind one promising proposal, backed by Republican Congressman Bill Archer, chairman of the House's tax-writing committee.

Congressman Archer's proposal would put you back in control of your health care by giving you a tax break for health insurance, which is why nearly two-thirds of Americans have their health benefits dictated to them by their employer.

For most families, this tax break would cut the cost of health insurance by almost 25 percent. No more accepting whatever coverage your employer gives you. No more discussing sensitive medical information with the boss. No more worrying about losing coverage because you leave your job. You set the coverage levels. You set the deductibles. You decide between plans that let you see any doctor you wish and those that cost less but require you to see one of their doctors. The choice is yours.

Evidently, some politicians think restricting your health care choices is somehow going to improve our health care system. Texans need to let them know that we want reforms that expand our choices, rather than leave us with even less control over our health care.

So next time you hear a politician talk about mandating the "right to choose your own doctor," think "taxes." Think "government run health care." Think "no thanks!"

## Texans know best

By Henry Bonilla  
U.S. Congressman, 23rd District

Late last year, the Environmental Protection Agency was all up in arms about the plight of the Devils River Minnow.

Federal bureaucrats all but yelled "Save the minnows" as they worked feverishly to get the fish added to the Endangered Species list.

Granted, the number of Devils River Minnows was low according to numbers the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service obtained a year ago. But more recent research shows that there are plenty of the fish in other West Texas and Mexican waterways.

One reason for the lower number of the minnows actually in the Devils River was that small mouth bass in that same river found the minnows to be quite a tasty meal.

So, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was gearing up to add the Devils River Minnow to the list of endangered species.

We all know what would have happened next. The federal government would send its bureaucrats down to West Texas to save the minnows the only way they know how -- by stepping on the rights of private property owners in Texas. Ranchers living along the Devils River would have been restricted in how they could use their own land.

Texans know best how to form a plan that protects wildlife along the Devils River and throughout Texas. If Washington wants to help then it shouldn't barge in, ignoring the rights of Texas landowners. That point was made clear in a letter to Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt regarding the plight of the Devils River Minnow.

Texas ranchers worked diligently with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to come up with a conservation plan for the Devils River Minnow. Their efforts proved successful.

Researchers recognized an increasing number of Devils River Minnows in creeks adjacent to the Devils River. Landowners near the Devils River continue to work to increase the minnow population. Some of the minnows were taken from the creeks for captive breeding.

The increasing number of Devils River Minnows is good news on many fronts. It's good news for the Devils River Minnows -- a growing, healthy population. It's good news for the small mouth bass -- more tasty treats. And best of all, it's good news for West Texans -- they've shown the federal government they can handle the situation themselves, using common sense, not red tape.

Americans don't need federal bureaucrats stomping on their private property rights in botched attempts to accomplish what we can do ourselves.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should take note of the success of West Texans. The federal government could learn a lot from these folks.

## Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

There is a lady here that is a tremendous asset to our community.

She came here with her parents when she was just a little girl. She has been here all her life since that time.

She was an exemplary student all through her school life. She was active in many school activities including sports.

She married a fine man and is a super wife and mom. She is a dedicated teacher in the school system here.

She is a very warm hearted and friendly person. She is one who it is always nice to be around. She is well liked and appreciated by all who know her. Surely, Candy Hobbs is an Unsung Hero.

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# School starts on Monday

School starts Monday! We're ready and waiting at school with the best faculty and staff for the new year.

I hope this will be the best year yet for Brackett ISD. Our kids, parents and community deserve the best. So, practice getting up early (by going to bed early). Get those shiny, smiling faces ready for the first week of school.

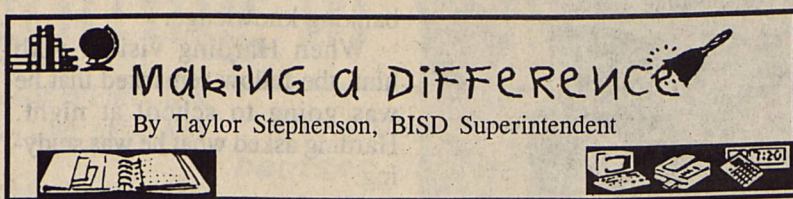
We have nine new teachers at this time, and we're still interviewing for two positions ... elementary counselor and elementary special education.

Dianne Schooler, a certified special education teacher, will fill in for us on a temporary basis in the elementary special education position.

The counseling position requires a master's degree with a counseling certification.

These are both difficult positions to fill, but we hope to do that in the next couple of weeks.

The football and volleyball



teams are going big time. Above all, the athletes and coaches are working as a team as they prepare to face competition.

You will want to see these young folks and their fine coaches perform.

Our cheerleaders have been working hard. Cindy Brandt is coordinating the cheer groups. Karol Glaspy, middle school cheer sponsor, had back surgery and is hoping to return to school soon.

The band is preparing for its first band show. Reports are good on the band practices.

Some reminders that will be a little different this year:

- There is a five inch minimum inseam short length at BISD.
- Gum will not be allowed on cam-

pus.

- We will restrict eating and drinking (refreshments) to special occasions.

- There is a new valedictorian/salutatorian plan beginning with the Freshman Class of 1998-99.

- There is a new graduation plan for all students at BISD.

These details are in your student handbook that will be delivered to you the first week of school.

Tutorials will be provided by every high school teacher from noon to 12:30 p.m.

We'll have a temporary parking lot for students on the site of the old Tennis courts (across from the Ag Building). All who park on BISD property (students and

staff) will be required to register their vehicle.

The new academic building for BHS will be started within the next two weeks. It will be an exciting project to watch.

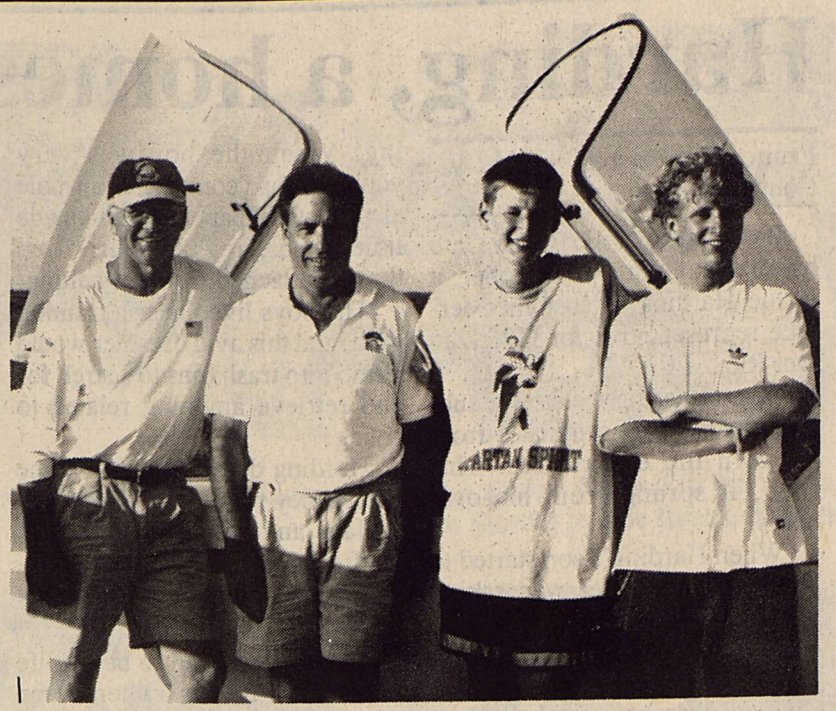
The new tennis courts should be ready within the next three weeks. It's hot and slower than planned. We have a distance learning lab that will be operational in the next week.

That's about it. I urge you to drive carefully around town as children hurry to meet their new friends and teachers.

We are a community school. The Board of Trustees represents you. I administer the schools for the School Board.

I urge you to continue to suggest and to talk to us about your concerns. We'll promise to listen and to make the best decision that we can make.

Your support for the great kids and teachers that we have at BISD is appreciated.



Greg Crook (from left), John Lubon, Drew Statt and Jean-Christophe Clement dropped in at the Leona Ranch during the 1998 Standard and Open Class National Soaring Championships in Uvalde. Brackett News Photo by Jewel Robinson

## Gliders drop in for a visit

By Jennifer Henry  
Contributing Writer

For 20 years Greg Crook and John Lubon have enjoyed gliding. On Friday, they made a stop in Kinney County.

Crook, Lubon and their crew, Jean-Christophe Clement and Drew Statt, have made their way to the 1998 Standard and Open Class National Soaring Championships in Uvalde. They drove down from Ohio with a very large and very unique trailer in tow.

This 55-foot trailer contained Greg's \$125,000 open class glider. It's amazing to think that a glider with a 75-foot wingspan could be compacted into a 5-foot wide trailer, but yes, it is possible.

The glider's fiberglass construction gives it strength while

keeping it light enough to glide on air. With two passengers aboard, it weighs in around 1,600 pounds, but is seriously lacking in the leg room department.

Gliding isn't always smooth sailing though, as these pilots learned Friday afternoon. They were forced to make an emergency landing on the Leona Ranch, west of Brackettville.

Thankfully, they made a successful landing in which neither they nor their glider was damaged. After their crew arrived with the trailer in tow, it was time to disassemble the massive glider.

They finished just in time, then drove off into the sunset for another day's worth of competition and the chance to soar with the birds again.

## Nolen hired to fill teaching vacancy BISD officials look to fill two positions

Stephanie Nolen was hired as a middle school social studies teacher Monday night during a regular School Board meeting.

Nolen is a first-year teacher from Eldorado. She earned a bachelor's degree from Hardin Simmons University.

"We're excited to have Stephanie," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "She just graduated and she's ready to go to work. We're glad to have somebody with that kind of enthusiasm."

Bill Fretwell was hired to fill the social studies position at a special meeting on July 27, but has since resigned. The trustees took no action on the resignation of Fretwell, a native of Tanner, Ala.

The middle school teaching position was

also tied to a coaching slot, which will not be filled.

"This was one of those positions that was designated as a coaching position, but the teaching has to come first," Stephenson said.

"Our coaches have said, 'We're just going to tighten up the belt and stretch a little farther.' (Athletic Director) David Yeager and the assistant football coaches would be the ones who would be affected first.

"In the future, this position will probably revert back to a teacher-coach position," he said. "Stephanie, if she does well, will probably be moved to an elementary position in the future."

The school district still has vacancies for an elementary counselor and an elementary special education teacher.

"We're still interviewing, but we have to start school," Stephenson said. "There is a tremendous shortage of teachers in Texas."

Diane Schooler will fill the special education position on a part-time basis for the start of school, which begins Monday.

"Diane Schooler is certified and she is a magnificent teacher," Stephenson said. "She has a wonderful child and she would very much like to be home with Mary, so we're in hopes that we can find someone within the first month."

Stephenson said the district is still hoping to fill the elementary counselor's position.

"We're evaluating the counseling position," he said. "We have a couple of applicants that we're looking at, at this point in time."

## Sheriff's Report

Monday, Aug. 3

7:56 p.m., An employee at Pico's reported that a man outside of the business was telling a woman he was going to kill her. Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the scene, but the two individuals were gone. The employee said they were arguing, but added that there was no physical violence.

9:20 p.m., Val Verde Sheriff's Department officials reported a hit deer on Highway 90 at the Sycamore Bridge. DPS Trooper Tony Ashley was dispatched to the scene and found the dead deer. The incident was reported to the Texas Department of Transportation.

9:22 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that a black cat had hit her car at about 90 miles per hour.

10:58 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that someone was trying to break into her residence on W. Thomas Street. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene. He said the matter was taken care of.

Tuesday, Aug. 4

2:30 a.m., David Reyes, 20, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Chism for driving without a driver's license. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held.

2:30 a.m., Guadalupe Lumbrales, 19, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Chism for public intoxication. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held.

8:28 p.m., An employee at Kinney County Aging Services reported four kids playing near the vans at the Nutrition Center. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene. He took the boys names and told them to stay away from the vehicles.

Wednesday, Aug. 5

2:33 a.m., A Smith Security officer at Fort Clark Springs reported a domestic dispute at a residence in Unit 15. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival, he learned that the suspect had fled the scene. He said the situation was under control.

4:00 a.m., Robert Cantera Godinez, 47, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Chism for family violence and public intoxication. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held.

11:30 p.m., Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry was passed by a green vehicle at Pico's. The vehicle was travelling west towards Del Rio at 65 miles per hour in a 45 zone. Del Rio DPS officers were notified.

Thursday, Aug. 6

2:36 p.m., A Kinney County man reported that someone had stolen a feeder and a timer from his ranch.

Friday, Aug. 7

3:45 p.m., An employee at Brown Used Cars in San Antonio reported that a Brackettville woman had taken a blue 1993 Ford Pro for a test drive, but did not return the vehicle. The incident had already been reported to the San Antonio Police Department. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the woman's residence, but was unable to locate the vehicle.

4:00 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs woman reported that a child yells at her every time he passes her residence. Deputy Guidry met with the woman and then met with the child's parents. The matter was taken care of.

5:55 p.m., A Del Rio DPS official reported a white 1998 Nissan truck driving reckless on Highway 90, travelling towards Brackettville. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene and initiated a traffic stop.

6:45 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that her neighbors were having parties and throwing beer cans into her yard. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He met with the neighbors who denied the claim.

Saturday, Aug. 8

2:30 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported that someone was sitting in a pickup truck listening to loud music on Veltman Street. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. He took care of the situation.

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# Harding, a homespun philosopher, speaks to Rotary

Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

If the Brackettville Rotary Club has one homespun philosopher, it is Joe Harding, a customer service representative for CP&L in Del Rio.

When Harding speaks, the subject matter often originates from his own life experiences. This time, it sprung from his own son's.

When Harding's son started to school, the teacher was asking questions to help her understand the pupils' readiness for learning. One question she asked each individual was how far he or she could count. His son answered confidently that he could count to infinity.

Did she want him to stop at a billion or a trillion? She assured him 20 would be fine.

Harding was amused at first, but began thinking about the consequences of being told you could be satisfied with less than you think you can accomplish. This really bothered him.

Harding had a good friend when he was a boy. He and his friend were interested in airplanes, but his friend's interest far outstretched his own.

His friend's father was in the Air Force and worked with planes. Inspired by his father, the child became fascinated with fly-

ing. When the boy was very young, he had constructed a whole airport out of paper. He had made little planes, and they hung from threads attached from the ceiling.

The boys lived near a training field, and this avid dreamer would climb into trash bins to search for and retrieve anything related to flying.

Harding declared that if some emergency required a pilot to fly a plane and none was available, his friend would have gladly volunteered and probably could have done it successfully.

Flying continued to be his life goal until the day when some thoughtless person said, "Oh, you'll never be able to fly. You wear glasses."

All the interest and all the treasured plans for the future evaporated in an instant, never to resurface.

From that point on, the meaning of life was diminished for this eager, ambitious young fellow. He settled for less than he wanted because someone convinced him he couldn't accomplish his goal. Harding said you must not let anyone crush your dreams.

He contrasted this friend's life to another young man's he had known.

This young fellow always made lemonade when he found himself left with lemons. He and a friend recognized a need and started a



Joe Harding, left, was introduced by President J.J. Guidry at last week's Rotary Club meeting. Photo by Eric McMaster

business they knew little about. People said it was doomed to failure, but it actually did quite well until changes in the market made its future shaky.

The two closed their business and each started another in areas

of their individual interests. Harding's friend went into several ventures and with each, he threw himself with great enthusiasm into his work and was successful.

He became president of a bank after being chosen over employ-

ees with more experience and banking knowledge.

When Harding visited with him, the fellow remarked that he was going to school at night. Harding asked what he was studying.

His friend explained he was taking college courses in banking procedures -- areas in which he was already working, but that he had to have the credits in order to be "qualified" and answer certain requirements for the job.

Harding said: "Never give up. Always be eager to go after something you really want."

Owning a pet hamster was a fad when Harding was a boy. You could carry one around in your shirt, take it out and play with it. A friend had one, and he put it down inside a medal pipe that served as a fence post.

When they wanted to get the creature out, however, they discovered a problem. It could not crawl up the slick sides of the pole. The friends hastily con-

ferred. They tried various ways of helping the hamster out that didn't work. Finally, they gave up and decided to quit.

The boy's sister, however, announced that she knew how to rescue the victim. The boys rushed back to the scene, and watched as she carried out her plan. She took the water hose and ran water into the fence post. The hamster floated to the top, where it was greeted enthusiastically by his owner.

Harding said he learned that when everyone else quits, you don't need to give up.

Harding added that children raised in loving homes are naturally creative. This setting provides security and encourages dreaming.

Some people think day dreaming is wasted time, but dreaming is the way we learn to think creatively and solve problems. We picture what we want to do with our lives.

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.

## FOOTSTEPS ECHO

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

Courtesy of his descendants

Beckie is a beautiful young lady and has a very bright winning disposition. She was a small girl when Lula & I were here in '79. Mary is not so pretty but is quite agreeable also. Felt at home here. After a short chat we went to bed.

Saturday, Aug. 14, 1886

Took a bath before breakfast and felt much better afterwards. After breakfast chatted a while and then Gottfried took me over to see Aunt McConomy and her daughter who live around the corner from Harry's and just opposite their church. Aunt uses a cane in walking, but her mental faculties seem unimpaired. She was very pleasant and seemed pleased to see me. Then went to Stevens House to get shoes shined and to store. Harry has moved since my visit in '79 and has a much larger and more beautiful place than before. His stock of jewelry is very fine and he had some oil paintings and marble statues that were very beautiful. Looked at some styles of spoons &c. and selected one for a wedding present for Lula. Harry is to send for the set and will have it here in a few days. After dinner returned to the store and wrote a letter home. Took a short nap in a chair also. Spent the evening at home with Anna and the girls while Harry and Gottfried were at the store.

Sunday, Aug. 15, 1886

After breakfast Harry got a buggy and took Gottfried and self out for a ride. First went to the home he was occupying when Lula & I were here in '79, where Alice McDevitt is now living. Here we met Agnes and Katie McConomy who were taking their sister Alice's children out for a ride. Alice and her husband are at Cape May and I will miss them. Went into Harry's uncle's place next door and had some fine peaches and apples. Then went over to Ambrose's and the door was opened by Lucy. Do not remember to have met her in '79. Kissed like good cousins and then sat down for a short chat when her mother came in and was very pleasant and friendly. Went up stairs to see Ambrose who has not moved from his bed for two years. Poor man he suffers very much but his face seems almost as full as in '79. Met Henry McConomy there. He has grown very stout and is rather coarse looking. Mr. Rougier and Capt. Stauffer were also present and were very entertaining talkers, but the whole crowd drank too much whiskey for me. Completed our ride and enjoyed the beautiful scenery around Lancaster. Found a letter from home at the post office. After lunch took a nap and then accompanied Anna & Gottfried to vespers where heard some good singing. After service met Miss Henig of Pittsburgh, Miss Sheaff a cousin of Lucy's and Miss Malone sister of Lucy's intended.

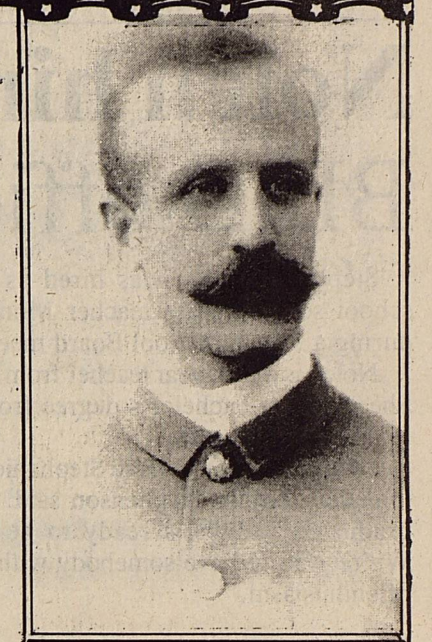
The latter came to the house with us, where her sweetheart Mr. Shirk called for her in a carriage. Drove Beckie out to Litzitz, a country town about twelve miles from Lancaster of which I have often heard. The country was beautiful; every hill and turn in the road gave rise to new beauties in the scenery. Quite a party of Beckie's friends had driven out and we had a good supper together. Beckie & I intended to call on Mrs. Vaughan & daughters but were told that they had gone to Reading. Had a very enjoyable ride back.

Monday, Aug. 16, 1886

Went to the store after breakfast and saw Mrs. Hough there. She is visiting her daughter Jessie and was very urgent in her invitation for me to call. Found another letter from home. Called with Beckie & Mary on Mrs. Parry ne'e Gray, a distant relative of the family. At noon started with a party for Peuryn (?) to a picnic. This is a place two hours' ride from Lancaster fitted up by the railroad for picnic purposes. Sat & talked with Lucy all the way and found her to be as sweet and amiable as she is pretty. Would fall in love with her if she were not engaged. Spent the afternoon quietly there going up to a high observatory where we had a splendid view of the surrounding country. Coming back the train was very much crowded. So Lucy and I sat out on the back platform which to me was the pleasantest part of the whole expedition. Took her home in a carriage after reaching Lancaster and then returned to Copeland's restaurant for Beckie, Mary and Gottfried but found that they had gone home. The others of our party were at the saloon enjoying milk punches &c. Was right glad that Beckie et al had gone home as this was no place to take ladies in my judgment. Had a talk at the house before going to bed.

Tuesday, Aug. 17, 1886

Went to the store after breakfast and spent a short time there. Then rode out with Anna, Beckie McConomy and Gottfried to the vicinity of Ephrata to the funeral of Mrs. Henry Gray, Mrs. Parry's aunt. The ride was very enjoyable. The country around Lancaster is very beautiful; one never tires of it. Had a substantial lunch at the residence of the deceased's daughter and met there Mr. Justus Gray & wife with Dr. and Mrs. Parry, Mrs. Vaughan & daughter, Miss Sally Bowman and Mr. Jacob Bushong, all distant relatives. The funeral service took place at the house and at the family church, the congregation being over 150 years old. After the sermon the body was buried in the adjoining graveyard. Here met Mrs. Koenigsmacher, also distantly related and a great friend of Grandmother's, a very lively & talkative old lady who pressed me



to make her a visit, but the time would not permit. After the interment walked around among the graves while Mr. Justus Gray pointed out those of members of the family, some very old. The ride home was very enjoyable, getting back before dark. In the evening called with Beckie at Aunt McConomy's and then on Miss Malone. Had some music at the latter place. Before going to bed played cards a while.

Wednesday, Aug. 18, 1886

Went to the store as usual after breakfast and wrote a short letter home to tell them that I would start Friday night and be at home Saturday afternoon. Then took a pleasant ride around with Harry through the suburbs. Saw a house put up by Philip Rudisill in '43, a relative of Grandfather's. Went with Beckie to call on Jessie Hough Wickersham, her mother and aunt and found her about the same as before. Promised to call again before leaving. After dinner went out into the yard with Harry and ate a quantity of his delicious peaches which I enjoyed very much. Bought some silver ware at the store for Lula's wedding present and wrote a letter there to Mr. White to inform him that I would pass through Pittsburgh early Saturday morning. Beckie, Mary, Gottfried, Miss Sheaff & I took tea with Lucy and Agnes, who are in charge of Alice's household and a good meal it was. Later several ladies and gentlemen came in and a very enjoyable evening was spent there. Wore uniform and just before leaving gave Lucy a button. The forage cap seemed to interest the ladies who put it on but would not pay the penalty.

Thursday, Aug. 19, 1886

Went to store as usual after breakfast and was very much disappointed not to find clothes from New York. Called on Col. Hambrick with Harry & met him & his wife. Returned to the house and at 10 o'clock Lucy came around and took Beckie, Mary and myself out for a very pleasant ride through a part of the country that we had not seen before. Drove Lucy home and took the carriage back to the stable. After dinner went out as usual with Harry and filled up with peaches and then went to the store spending the rest of the afternoon there. Put on uniform and with Harry & the family, Lucy and Miss Sheaff took tea at Aunt McConomy's and spent the evening.

## Around Town

By Woodie Hornburg



## A learning experience

Recently, "born again Texans," Marge and Harry Jones had the pleasure to show off this niche of their beloved adopted state to their daughter, Karen Carson, and two granddaughters, Leslie and Holley.

After flying into San Antonio from Ohio, the Carsons toured the picturesque sights before heading west to the Jones' abode on Fort Clark.

Since this was their first visit, Texans, friends and neighbors were delighted to educate them as to the sights to see using "90 Miles on Highway 90" as a valued resource.

In the process, the "died in the wool" Texans were at first shocked to learn, in the eyes of the young, Jones' granddaughters that the scenery between Brackettville and Del Rio resembles South Africa. After recovering from the shock, the natives rationalized, "Why not? Texas has everything," so that was a natural observation.

They toured Fort Clark, the Hill Country, Uvalde, Amistad Dam, Del Rio and Acuna and went swimming in the Las Moras pool.

While the Carsons were learning about Texans, many friends learned about Leslie and Holley.

Leslie is a 17-year-old senior, who has studied the flute for seven years and piccolo for three years. She has been a member for five semesters in the Northeastern

Ohio Flute Association.

She rated first place at the Ohio District Key Club Musical Competition, received a superior rating for two years at the Ohio Musical Education Association Contest, and an excellent rating at Ohio Music Educators Association Contest.

This will be Leslie's fourth year in the marching band and second year as line leader. It will also be her fourth year in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Key Club, a service organization sponsored by the Kiwanas.

She has also received a 30 on her ACT. In her spare time, she participates in a Cross Country Ski Club, Interact and the Medina Community Band.

Setting her own achievement agenda, Holly Carson as a 13-year-old and entering the eighth grade, is currently taking ballet, tap, jazz and pointe.

Holly has performed in "The Nut Cracker Prince." She recently auditioned and was accepted into the "Tour de Force Entertainment Company," a non-profit dance and entertainment organization that takes cultural arts activities to Medina and the surrounding counties in Ohio. It is the only company of its kind. Holly also plays the flute and oboe.

It is gratifying to learn about wholesome teenagers, who are responsible young citizens.

When Marge and Harry



LESLIE CARSON



HOLLEY CARSON

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# Fort Clark residents enjoy a week of golfing in Wisconsin

Last month, 32 residents and guests of Fort Clark enjoyed a golfing fellowship week near LaCrosse, Wis.

The group played golf at four area courses and each day different events were played.

On Sunday at Fox Hollow Golf Course, Jan Siffing won point par for women and Walt Salyer won the men's division. Runners up were Bill Larson and Eva Salyer.

Monday event winners at Riverbend Golf Course were Eva Salyer, closest to the pin, and Sheri White won longest putt. Jerry Heideman was awarded for being the hardest worker and Ken Spencer won for longest putt.

At Forest Hills Golf Course, Ione Gjerde won closest to the pin, and White and Ann Malin tied for low putts. In the men's division, Dick Ebert was closest to the pin and Clint Gjerde had the lowest putts.

On Thursday, the group golfed at Trempealeau Mountain Golf Course. Women golfers drew a man's name for their partner and pink ball game was played with two couples on each team.

Malin, Wayne Bratberg, Lynn Ebert and Milo

*The group played golf at four area courses and each day different events were played.*

White won first, while the team of Charlie Aleckson, Carl Leibl, Barb Miller and Ruth Spencer finished second.

Ken and Ruth Spencer hosted a cocktail party at their summer RV camp on Tuesday evening and a Saturday morning brunch. Malin hosted a pot-luck supper Wednesday evening at her LaCrosse home.

On Monday evening, Bob and Joyce Williamson joined the group for dinner.

"Bob recently had surgery and is recovering nicely, although unable to golf," Ruth Spencer said.

"They took a four hour ferry ride across Lake Michigan and drove another four hours across the state of Wisconsin to meet with us for dinner," she said.

Spencer added that Bob and Sheri White are already planning for next year's event in northwestern Wisconsin.



Last month, 32 residents and guests of Fort Clark Springs enjoyed a golfing fellowship week near LaCrosse, Wis. Photos Special to The Brackett News



**But, I could be wrong**  
By Chuck Hall

## Did you do that act of kindness?

Is anybody happier because you passed his way? Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?

The day is almost over, and its toiling time is through. Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping fast, that you helped a single brother of the many that you passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said? Does the man whose hopes were fading, now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or lose it? Was it well or poorly spent? Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God will say, "You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today?"

But, I could be wrong.

## County officials to consider detention facility proposal

Continued from Page 1

Prince said the company is proposing to build the facility on Joe York's property, east of Fort Clark Springs, but the Commissioners Court has not yet discussed the location of the facility.

According to the request for proposals, "The financing proposal shall provide for lease-purchase of the facility by the county, with an option to purchase and transfer of title upon payment of all lease payments."

"It will be the revenue of the facility itself that will make the payments on the facility," Bristow said. "Then, once the facility is paid for, it will be turned over to the county. If all goes well and it is occupied for the term, then it becomes an asset of the county."

*"Our primary concern is money. If we can't make any money, then we wouldn't want to do it. Right now, I couldn't vote for it..."*

Paul O'Rourke

The request for proposals also says, "The county shall have no liability or cost for the facility financing except to the extent of prisoner housing contract revenues actually generated by the facility."

"A pre-condition of the proposal was that any financial obligation had to be self-supported by the facility and that no tax money or taxpayer obligation would be a part of the underlying financing of the project," Bristow added.

The commissioners are expected to resume discussions of the proposal on Friday. Officials discussed calling a special meeting on Monday.

"Our primary concern is money," O'Rourke said. "If we can't make any money, then we wouldn't want to do it. Right now, I couldn't vote for it because I don't know what's going on."

"We just need more information," Frerich added.

### 1998 Property Tax Rates in City of Spoford

This notice concerns 1998 property tax rates for City of Spoford. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

**Last year's tax rate:**

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 3,808.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ -0-
Last year's total taxes	\$ 3,808.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 1,392,448.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.2735 /\$100

**This year's effective tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 3,808.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 1,335,784.00
- This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.2851 /\$100

*In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:*

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ -0-	/\$100
- Effective tax rate	\$ -0-	/\$100

**This year's rollback tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$ 3,808.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 1,335,784.00
- This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.2851 /\$100
x 1.08 - this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.3079 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0000 /\$100
- This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.3079 /\$100

*A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:*

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ -0-	/\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ -0-	/\$100

*For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:*

+ Additional rate for pollution control	\$ -0-	/\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ -0-	/\$100

### 1998 Property Tax Rates in Kinney County

This notice concerns 1998 property tax rates for Kinney County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 734,215	\$ 22,507	\$ -
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 80,082	\$ -	\$ -
Last year's total taxes	\$ 814,297	\$ 22,507	\$ -
Last year's tax base	\$ 100,922,080	\$ 100,014,794	\$ -
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.7275 /\$100	\$ 0.0225 /\$100	\$ - /\$100

**This year's effective tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 730,984.26	\$ 22,384.24	\$ -
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 99,795,742.00	\$ 96,765,117	\$ -
- This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$ 0.7324 /\$100	\$ 0.0231 /\$100	\$ - /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$ 0.7555 /\$100		

*In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:*

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ -0-	/\$100
- Effective tax rate	\$ -0-	/\$100

**This year's rollback tax rate:**

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and including taxes for state criminal justice mandate)	\$ 647,187.70	\$ 22,384.24	\$ -
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 99,795,742.00	\$ 96,765,117.00	\$ -
- This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.6491 /\$100	\$ 0.0231 /\$100	\$ - /\$100
x 1.08 - this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.7010 /\$100	\$ 0.0249 /\$100	\$ - /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0611 /\$100	\$ 0.0000 /\$100	\$ - /\$100
- This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$ 0.7621 /\$100	\$ 0.0249 /\$100	\$ - /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.7870 /\$100		

*A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:*

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ -0-	/\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.7567 /\$100	

*For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:*

+ Additional rate for pollution control	\$ -0-	/\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ -0-	/\$100

### Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
NONE	NONE

### Schedule B 1998 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
NONE (expand as needed)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Total required for 1998 debt service				\$ NONE
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$ -
- Excess collections last year				\$ -
- State aid for facilities				\$ -
- Total to be paid from taxes in 1998				\$ -
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only _____ % of its taxes in 1998				\$ -
- Total Debt Levy				\$ NONE

### Schedule C Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities, and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ N/A in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

### Schedule D State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The \_\_\_\_\_ County Auditor certifies that \_\_\_\_\_ County has spent \$ N/A in the previous 12 months beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. \_\_\_\_\_ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

### Schedule E Transfer of Department, Function, or Activity

The \_\_\_\_\_ spent \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_. The \_\_\_\_\_ operates this function in all or a majority of the \_\_\_\_\_. [Second Year of Transfer: Modify schedule to show comparison of amount this year and preceding year by unit receiving the function.]

### Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
-0-	-0-

### Schedule B 1997 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
CERT. OF OBLIGATION (expand as needed)	\$ 60,000.	\$ 4,050.	\$ 350.	\$ 64,400.
Total required for 1997 debt service				\$ 64,400.
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$ -
- Excess collections last year				\$ -
- Total to be paid from taxes in 1997				\$ -
- State aid for facilities				\$ 64,400.
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only _____ % of its taxes in 1997				\$ -
- Total Debt Levy				\$ 64,400.

### Schedule C Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ -0- in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

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This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at \_\_\_\_\_ KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT  
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Your Horoscope by Natasha
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Business partners are amenable to discussions about financial ventures which could be quite profitable for both of you. However, on the personal side, it's best to keep your wallet and checkbook firmly closed this week.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) While you are usually quite scrupulous regarding research into any new ventures, you just might let something slip this week. Make sure you study all contracts carefully before signing.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A visitor from far away could take advantage of you if you allow this person to overstay his welcome. Before accepting this person into your home, make sure there is a definite departure date as family life could become quite disrupted.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your natural curiosity is not sitting well with a recent acquaintance who interprets your interest as an invasion of privacy. Be aware of this and use tact. Be careful about finances this week as the stars are not favorable regarding purchases and investments.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Work pressures are getting to you, so you need to take some time off and recharge your batteries. See if you can take a weekend trip to "get away from it all." If possible, try to do this alone as you need time to reflect and get in touch with yourself.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) While you believed a certain situation needed understanding and patience, you've gone too far overboard and have compromised yourself. Put your foot down in no uncertain terms.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Behind-the-scenes activity at work can pose a possible threat to you. Be sure to be on your toes and on your guard against jealous co-workers. You are justified in your suspicions.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You are tempted to get involved in a friend's personal business, but avoid that trap. While you have that person's best interests at heart, meddling can backfire. Plan a surprise outing for the weekend for a special loved one.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Avoid social get-togethers at this time with co-workers and bigwigs. This no time to mix business with pleasure. Financial entanglements are somewhat depressing, but relief is in sight soon.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Those of you who are single will find yourself making some long-delayed romantic decisions this week. Don't worry, though. That which you dread will turn out to be very pleasing.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Instead of being so keyed up about what's going on at work, you should spend more time taking care of yourself. Be sure to get plenty of much-needed rest this weekend.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A bigwig has a special project for you at work, but be careful. You will have to map out the details yourself, as these won't be made clear to you. It would be wise to seek out the advice of an expert regarding your finances.
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# The Bible has all the answers

By Rev. Joe Townsend  
Frontier Baptist Church

Any person who objectively studies the Bible, its writing, its history and its message and does not believe it is an intellectual monolith.

I have a Bible. It tells me all I can ever know about God. It tells me all I need to know about his son, Jesus Christ. It teaches me what sin is and the eternal condemnation of it. It tells me how to have my sins forgiven. It tells me how to get to heaven. What more do I need?

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God is everywhere. "Though I take the wings of the morning and though I make my bed in hell," the Bible says God is there.

The Bible tells what is sin. If a particular miscreant act is not mentioned in the Bible, it is covered in the broad sweep of the scripture. The Bible points out that "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

The Bible points out that, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." It points out that the "wages of sin is death."

The Bible tells about Jesus. It tells of detailed prophecies of his heritage, the place of his birth, details of his life, his death and his resurrection, written more than 600 years before his birth. It tells of a life of doing good. Most of all, it tells: "He came to seek and to save that which was lost."

All his goodness and helpfulness to humanity was simply window dressing. He came to "give his life a ransom for many."

The Bible tells me my sins can all be forgiven now and in the future simply by faith in Jesus. "Not of works," but by faith is my salvation achieved.

The Bible is food for the soul and points the way to a great and victorious life.

The Bible tells me about heaven that is mine for all eternity through Jesus Christ. To fail to read, study and follow the Bible is to fail to know the true thrill of life here and hereafter.

Sunday at Frontier Baptist Church, Frank Cheaney will conduct the worship service and Frank Eckenroth will bring the message. It's a fine opportunity to be blessed through the service and witness of these two outstanding men of God. Come and see.

## The 'I.K.T. Virus' is rampantly spreading

By Pastor Charolette Corey  
Gateway Ministries

Warning! The "I.K.T. Virus" has rampantly spread over country and community.

It's symptoms are the inability to hear God through parents, teachers, employers, ministers, friends, and/or neighbors.

God will often try to teach you and lead you not only through his spirit, but also through other people. This is so their relationship with God becomes stronger, and places you in a position to be

### "What God Hath Promised"

(author unknown)  
God hath not promised  
Skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways  
All our lives through;  
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Sun without rain  
Joy without sorrow  
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able to witness to them later.

God may even send you a message through the most ungodly sinner on earth. It is possible, after all, he used an ass to get a message across to Balaam that saved his life. (Numbers 22 : 23)

This "I.K.T. Virus" causes thick walls to be built between a persons "ears of understanding." The heart becomes hardened and eventually leads to the failure of the heart to respond to God. Spiritual blindness sets in and eventually a person is unable to spiritually see what is right in front of them. Anxiety, pitfalls, and eventual death are the final results.

You may ask, what is this "I.K.T. Virus?" It is the "I know that" spoken out loud or in the heart almost before the other person (God's messenger) can finish speaking.

This automatically builds a "spiritual wall" between the messenger and the intended receiver. God's intended receiver then misses whatever new insight God intended to give to the receiver and the receiver misses the blessing. This message could be words that the receiver has heard for years, but God intended to quicken the words with new life.

Parents, inculcate your children while they are young. Adults, repent and open yourself to the blessings.

Be "teachable" and be healed of this dreadful "virus." God loves you and he wants you to ask him for his wisdom. (Proverbs 2 : 2-22)

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

## Hutchison discusses tax relief measures

Continued from Page 1

"It is a major issue all over Texas. We're all suffering greatly from it. I think that some guidance that I got here will help me as we try to push through a disaster aid bill, especially for our farmers and ranchers."

Hutchison has successfully petitioned President Bill Clinton for an Emergency Declaration to get federal disaster relief to Texas faster.

"This made it possible for Texas farmers and ranchers to receive low-interest disaster loans and spurred the release of \$32 million in emergency funds for Texas through Low Income Home Energy Assistance Programs," Hutchison said.

Hutchison has co-sponsored legislation passed by the U.S. Senate that allows drought-stricken farmers to receive their transition subsidy payments earlier than scheduled.

"I am vastly relieved this bill was enacted so swiftly," she said. "The bill is, literally, a matter of survival for many hard-pressed farmers and ranchers."

The Emergency Farm Financial Relief Act gives farmers the opportunity to receive their transaction payments for fiscal year 1999 by Oct. 1 of this year, instead of having to wait for the normal payments in January and September of 1999.

"This allows farmers to use their payments as collateral for loans, or to buy seed for next

year, or to pay their living expense because the drought killed this year's crop," the senator said.

Hutchison also discussed how she plans to lower the tax burden on American families.

"People pay too much in taxes," Hutchison said. "Hard working American families should not be paying nearly what they are."

"We're going to try to start ratcheting down taxes at every opportunity. We've made a good down payment. We've lowered the capital gains tax. We've lowered the inheritance tax. We've given a \$500 per child tax credit, but we want to do more. We want to eliminate the inheritance tax, eliminate capital gains, and we want to eliminate the marriage tax penalty."

"We just want to keep ratcheting down the taxes people owe so they can keep what they earn," she said.

Kinney County Judge Tommy Seargeant officially welcomed Hutchison to Brackettville prior to the community meeting.

"We're very happy that she came down," Seargeant said. "We appreciate her taking the time."

"I think it's nice that (elected officials) come out here to the grassroots where people are trying to fight this drought and the low prices in the livestock industry, which is our primary industry here in Kinney County."

## Readings from Colossians

By Rev. William P. Adams Sr.  
St. John Missionary Church

"If ye, then, be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

"For ye are dead, and your life, is hidden with Christ in God.

"When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

"And whatever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.

"Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance; for ye serve the Lord Christ.

"But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done, and there is no respect of persons." Colossians 3:1-4, 23-25.

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Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,116,388.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 192,688.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,309,076.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 88,348,681.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 1.2119 /\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>	
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$ 1,008,388.01
After subtracting taxes on lost property	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 84,589,347.00
After subtracting value of new property	
- This year's effective tax rate	\$ 1.1920 /\$100
<b>This year's rollback tax rate:</b>	
Amount of local taxes needed based on state funding formulas and 1998-99 student enrollment	\$ 1,106,310.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 89,277,472.00
- This year's local maintenance and operation rate OR adopted 1996 maintenance and operation rate	\$ 1.2391 /\$100
- This year's maintenance and operation rate (use greater of 2 rates above)	\$ 0.9859 /\$100
+ \$0.08	\$ 1.3194 /\$100
+ Rate increase adopted for 1997-98 school year	\$ 0.0000 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.2159 /\$100
+ Rate to recoup loss certified by commissioner of education	\$ 0.0000 /\$100
- This year's rollback rate	\$ 1.5350 /\$100

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Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
GENERAL OPERATING FUND	250,000.

Schedule B 1998 Debt Service

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
BONDS (expand as needed)	\$ 135,000.	\$ 56,902.50	\$ 900.	\$ 192,802.50
Total required for 1998 debt service				\$ 192,802.50
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$ -0-
- Excess collections last year				\$ -0-
- State aid for facilities				\$ -0-
- Total to be paid from taxes in 1998				\$ 192,802.50
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only ___ % of its taxes in 1998				\$ -0-
- Total Debt Levy				\$ 192,802.50

Schedule C Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

Schedule D State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

Schedule E Transfer of Department, Function, or Activity

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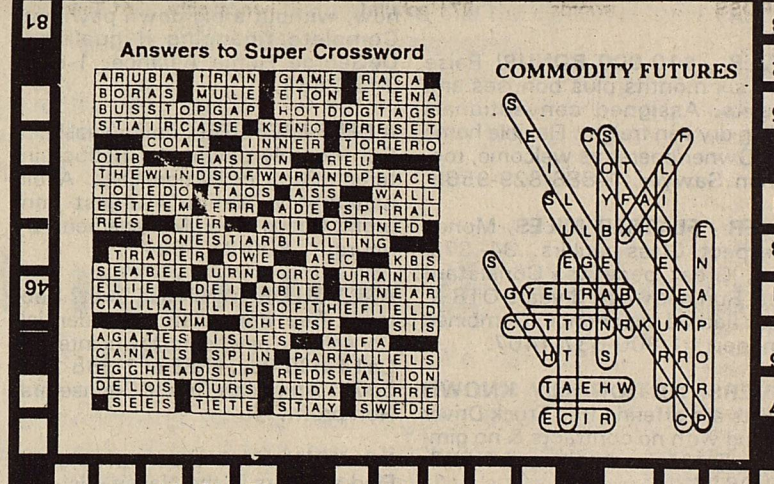
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DRIVERS WANTED

DRIVER - O/O, CLASS A CDL, Hazmat. Regional opportunities within our hiring area! Great pay, benefits packages & home time. Arnold Transportation, 1-800-454-2887.

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Very clean and well maintained, 2 bed 2 baths, small home. Mostly furnished. Covered carport, large storage shed. RV lot next to it optional. \$49,500.

Overlooking Las Moras Creek, 2 bed 1 bath townhouse. Mexican-tile patio, furnished and tastefully decorated. Price reduced.

Covered RV lot with workshop, \$12,000.

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REAL ESTATE

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REAL ESTATE

84.84 ACRES: EDWARDS County. Easy access, electricity available, great hunting, fishing near. Texas Vet or Owner financing. \$445/acre. 1-830-896-2825.

PUBLIC NOTICES

1998-1999 BUDGET HEARING: The City of Brackettville will hold a Public Hearing for the 1998-1999 Proposed Budget on Wednesday, August 26, 1998 at City Hall Annex, Matias Sandoval Meeting Room, Highway 90 West, Brackettville, Texas at 6:00 P.M.

BISD PUBLIC HEARING. The Brackett Independent School District will conduct a public hearing of the proposed 1998-99 budget at 6:30 p.m. on August 24, 1998, in the boardroom of the Central Office, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas.

SERVICES

YES! INTERNET ACCESS is here! Call Eileen Garcia, 563-9582, to get hooked up.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED is in The Brackett News' classifieds!

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Kinney County is accepting proposals for Group Health, Dental, Life and AD&D Insurance. Bid Specifications and Forms will be available on Monday, August 17, 1998, at 9:00 AM, from the Agent of Record, at 1010 East Tyler, Harlingen, Texas, 78550. Sealed proposals for Group Insurance will be received no later than Friday, September 11, 1998 at 3:00 PM, by the Agent of Record, at 1010 East Tyler, Harlingen, Texas, 78550. Kinney County reserves the right to reject any or all bids/proposals or any portion thereof and to accept the bid/proposal most advantageous to the County.

Condominium on the Golf Course overlooks hole 1. 2 bed, 2 bath and in excellent condition. Comes completely furnished w/ cutlery and linens. \$48,500.

NOTICE OF INTENTION to conduct weather modification operations in the state of Texas. Date of the first of three weekly publications of this notice: August 6, 1998 in The Brackett News. 1. Notice is given that Southwest Texas Weather Modification Association, P.O. Box 1433, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834, has filed an application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a State permit to conduct weather modification operations to change, or attempt to change, the natural development of clouds for the purpose, objective, period and by the method summarized herein below. The Executive Director will issue this permit unless a written hearing request is filed within 30 days after the first newspaper publication of this notice. 2. The Southwest Texas Weather Modification Association is currently applying for a Texas weather-modification license from the TNRCC. 3. The purpose of the weather-modification operation is to increase rainfall during the period January 31st through December 31st in each of the years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002. The proposed cloud seeding operation may be conducted at any time during these timing periods. 4. The proposed weather-modification operation is to be conducted for and on behalf of Southwest Texas Weather Modification Association, P.O. Box 1433, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834. 5. The proposed weather modification operation is to be carried out in both an "operational area" and a "target area" to cause the intended effects to occur only in the target area. The operational area is that area described by the counties making up the target area and the following counties: Duval, Frio, Jim Hogg, McMullen, and Zapata. 6. The area to be affected by the proposed weather-modification operation is the target area. The target area is that area consisting of the following counties: Dimmit, Kinney, LaSalle, Maverick, Uvalde, Webb, and Zavala. 7. The methods and materials to be used in conducting this operation are summarized herein: A licensed meteorologist will select cumulonimbus, or other appropriate, clouds for seeding, using a weather-radar display, standard meteorological analysis and forecasting procedures, surface weather observations, and pilot reports. With this information, he will direct aircraft equipped to dispense either glaciogenic or hygroscopic seeding material, into the updraft portions of selected clouds at both cloud base and cloud-top levels to perform the seeding activity. 8. Persons interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed operation should contact George Bomar, MC-160, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-0770. 9. Requests for a hearing on this application must be submitted in writing, during the 30-day notice period, to the chief clerk's office, MC105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-3300. The petition must contain (1) the signature, full name, address and phone number of each person requesting the hearing; (2) a statement that each person is at least 18 years of age and resides or owns property in the operational area; and (3) a description of each person's interest and how that interest would be adversely affected. Requests for hearing must be received by the Commission within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this notice. If at least 25 eligible persons make written request, the Commission will hold a public hearing on the application prior to issuance of the permit. Individual members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting procedures, should call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. For more information concerning citizen participation contact Blas J. Coy, Jr., Public Interest Counsel, MC-103, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, (512) 239-6363.

Table with columns for tax rates, operating taxes, debt taxes, total taxes, and effective tax rates for 1998. Includes sub-sections for 'This year's effective tax rate' and 'This year's rollback tax rate'.

Table for Schedule A (Unencumbered Fund Balances) and Schedule B (1998 Debt Service). Includes sections for Schedule C (Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax) and Schedule D (State Criminal Justice Mandate).

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