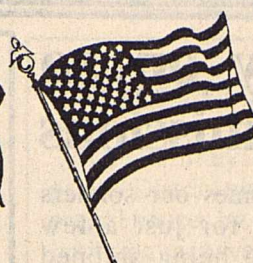


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Elementary hosts its Field Day tomorrow

Jones Elementary School will host its annual Field Day tomorrow at the high school baseball field.

The Field Day begins at 8:30 tomorrow morning. A lunch break will be taken from 10:30 until 12:30, and then the action will continue through 2:30.

High School presents awards on Monday

Brackett High School will host its annual awards ceremony Monday at 9 a.m. at the high school auditorium.

Band presents annual spring concert tonight

Brackett's Fighting Tiger Band will host its annual spring concert tonight at the high school auditorium at 7 p.m.

"I think it's going to be an entertaining evening," said Hector Jimenez, who will conduct the band.

"It's a full-fledged concert in its repertoire and in its duration. The numbers are selected to feature the orchestration of this small band."

The band will perform "The National Anthem," "Finlandia," "Amberwood Overture," "Voyageur March," "Beauty and the Beast," "Village Charm," "Amazing Grace," "25, 6 to 4," a pep-rally favorite which will be conducted by Drum Major Windy Goodloe, "Blue Ridge Rhapsody," "Astro Overture," "Andante and Moderato," "Modal Overture," and "Zacatecas March."

The concert will also feature solos from band members who received Division I ratings at UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest.

Performing solos will be Jania Finkenbinder, trombone; Alejandra Arreola, clarinet; Samantha Payne, clarinet; James Burks, tuba; and Alfred Rodriguez, bass clarinet.

Providing piano accompaniment for the solo numbers will be Lynn McNew and Mary Petrosky.

Fund-raiser nets \$128

The Friends of the Library raised \$128 after last week's raffle.

Tootsie Herndon donated two cakes, which were won by J.J. Guidry and Tino Gomez. Joan Lindley donated four paintings and a set of water colors which were won by Dorothy Frank, David Garza, Emet Huntsman, Cliff Fritter and Cubie Kurtz.

Aging Services' budget coming up short

Kinney County Aging Services' budget may come up short about \$10,000, County Auditor Cordelia Barlow said.

The local commissioners court discussed the budget problems at Monday's regular meeting and are studying possible ways to help the Nutrition Center make it through the rest of the fiscal year.

The majority of the funds received by the Aging Services is through the Middle Rio Grande Development Council.

"From Middle Rio Grande, I'm going to have enough money to carry me through the end of the year," Site Director Maryn A. McIntire told the commissioners.

The Aging Services has produced \$53,241.31 in revenue this fiscal year, compared to \$53,019.67 in expenses, but some expense line items are becoming thin.

One of the biggest areas of concern is with raw food, where \$1,811.61 is left in the budget. Through the first seven months

of the fiscal year, the Aging Services has averaged \$2,056.62 per month in raw food purchases. Last month, \$1,530.94 was spent.

"I came down almost \$1,000 from last month, but last month I bought a lot of things that were on sale at the food show," McIntire said at the meeting.

Other areas of concern include telephone, water and television cable expenses. The Aging Services is also receiving less funds contributed through the county's general fund this year.

In the 1994-95 fiscal year, the county contributed \$20,000 through its general fund. That amount was decreased to \$14,758.50 last fiscal year.

For the current fiscal year, the Aging Services is receiving \$7,500 through the general fund, which is the minimal amount the county has to contribute stipulated in the project's contract with the Middle Rio Grande Development Council.

The county commissioners said one of the biggest reasons for the financial problems of the center is the money the county spent to pay unemployment to former Site Director Tencha Pena.

"We have to keep a certain reserve in the pool for unemployment," Barlow said. "When we go below that reserve, we have to come up with additional money to keep that reserve."

"So paying Tencha and some other (county employees) unemployment put us below our reserve. So we have to come up with money out of our pocket, and every time we had to come up with money out of our pocket, of course I'm going to charge it back to the department where that employee worked."

The commissioners estimated \$4,000 in unemployment costs, some of which was paid during the last fiscal year. The Aging Services has paid \$1,755.49 in unemployment fees this fiscal year.

"Part of it fell this fiscal year and part of it fell last fiscal year," Barlow said. "Of course, even though it falls in the last fiscal year, that makes the cash on hand at the end of the fiscal year less to carry over."

The Nutrition Center is bringing in money through the services it provides.

In year-to-date revenues, the Aging Services has produced \$8,074.39 in meal donations, \$2,718.15 in donations, and \$1,436.50 through fund-raisers, totaling \$12,229.04, which is up from the total of \$10,234.35 at the same time last year.

The Aging Services hosted a Mother's Day Dance last Saturday and raised \$604.

"It was kind of a disappointment," McIntire told the commissioners. "Not too many people showed up, but we did pretty good, better than we thought."

The commissioners are expected to evaluate the Aging Services' budget again later this month during a special meeting.

Robinson appointed mayor pro tem

By Margie Allen
Staff Writer

Wes Robinson was unanimously appointed mayor pro tem Tuesday night as the Brackettville City Council held its regular meeting at City Hall in the Matias Sandoval Meeting Room.

Alderman J.J. Guidry made the motion to nominate Robinson as mayor pro tem, and Alderwoman Mary Flores seconded the motion. Council members Tencha Pena and Tino Gomez also approved the measure.

In other business, new signature cards were approved and signed for the First State Bank of Brackettville.

The minutes of the April 15 regular council meeting were approved after several grammatical errors were corrected.

Financial Reports

The council unanimously agreed to pass the financial report.

Robinson asked about the fact that the current expenses for the month exceeded the revenue. Mayor Carmen Barlanga said it was true as some of the expenses are year to date.

City Secretary David Luna explained that some months the revenue was more than the expenses due to the fact that taxes and other incomes are coming in.

Fire Marshal's Report

Fire Marshal Faustino

Sandoval Jr. reported that he inspected four buildings last month.

Activity Reports

The monthly activity report was presented by Carol Sandoval. She stated that there were 173 work orders completed.

Deputy Sheriff Adrian Pena also presented a monthly activity report.

Pena stated that he had worked several cases this month, including two burglaries of habitations, three thefts, one criminal mischief, one runaway, and one possible attempted kidnapping. Two of the cases were referred to juvenile probation.



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY DIANE K. WARD
Wes Robinson, left, and J.J. Guidry were sworn in as city council members on Friday at City Hall.



BRACKETT NEWS PHOTO BY J.J. GUIDRY
Parade Marshal Ponce Padron throws candy during the recent Cinco de Mayo parade, which was sponsored by the Las Moras Hispanic Organization.

Voter registration system goes on-line

Kinney County's voter registration system will go on-line after a mandate from the secretary of state.

The state has informed counties that the new TVRS system has to be in place by Aug. 31.

The county commissioners unanimously agreed to purchase the necessary hardware and software to convert to the new system for \$2,795.

The court discussed personnel

and pending litigation concerning the Pinto Creek Bridge in executive session but took no action.

The commissioners discussed grading the cemetery roads and discussed how the county hauled its trash.

Road and Bridge Administrator Cliff Fritter gave his monthly report. He said the department worked at the Las Moras, Anacacho and Mud Creek during the month.

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Prayer Walkers on their way to Seattle

Graduation is on many people's minds right now. It is a big step for families. Loved ones have to step back and hope the roots they have been helping their children put down will allow them to grow strong and make it on their own. Young adults are anxious to try out their "wings" and to see what they can see and go where they can go.

Becky Hicks is eighteen and last year after graduation she had a plan. She was on her way to college with her parent's blessings. She is a member, along with her parents, of Jacob's Well Church in Louisville, Kentucky. Becky has deep roots in her faith. That might explain why she began having dreams about something a little different than her carefully laid college plans. She dreamed about walking and witnessing from Augusta, Maine, via the coastline of the United States, all the way to Seattle, Washington. That would be an interesting undertaking to say the least. It consumed Becky. She wrote page

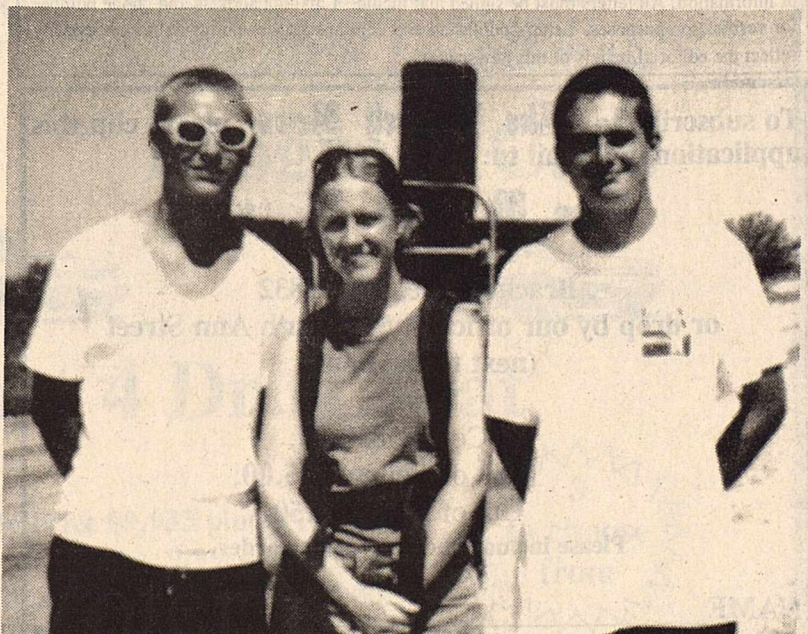
after page of the details in her journal and told no one for a long time. When she could no longer contain her thoughts to herself she told a special person in her church. She shared her excitement about the potential trip and the Church with Pastor Don Blevins, got behind her. With her parents' and her church's support she began the trip just three weeks after letting the "cat out of the bag." This was last September. Becky and her fellow prayer walkers, Trevor Bowles, Billy Batts, and Jason Campbell, who follows behind the group in a van, are also from Jacob's Well Church, have been walking and carrying a cross ever since. On Monday of this week, they were in Brackettville.

This prayer walk will last a full year and is fully and financially supported by Fruitful Ministries Global in Louisville, Kentucky (800-521-8619). Becky's mom calls the Chamber of Commerce on their route and arranges for the group to stay overnight with lo-

cal churches. Special thanks to Jill and Archie Woodson who are directors on the Chamber of Commerce Board. Jill attends the First United Methodist Church in Brackettville and she graciously opened her home to Becky and her friends for their stay in Brackettville Monday night.

Becky's stories about her travels, her convictions, and her obvious love and trust of God were captivating.

For someone so young, her deep roots and beautiful wings were an inspiration! The troops motto is: "Do what you can do now with what you have now." They have a special mission to pray over port cities of the United States for God to have mercy on this country and for Mission work to continue to go in and out of these port cities. She also had a personal plea for churches to unite and work together for the common good of their entire community, their country, and the world. She believes God's love is the



Trevor Bowles (from left), Rebekah Hicks and Billy Batts are the Prayer Walkers from Augusta, Maine.

most important thing churches should be teaching. "Tear down the barriers and embrace your neighbor."

Becky has a special church and special parents to share in her vi-

sion. They truly have a special young person that has touched many lives in the past eight months. We wish you well on the rest of your walk and in the rest of your life!

Stop wasting money on so called 'peacekeeping' missions

By Henry Bonilla
U.S. Congressman 23rd District

Recently, the Defense Department announced its plans to dramatically cut our nation's defense operations. Yes, the Cold War is over and we don't have to face the former Soviet Union, but there are still a few nations out there who want to challenge us.

Instead of cutting back by attacking our military, this administration should stop wasting taxpayer dollars on so-called 'peacekeeping' missions. Compared to other peacetime periods, the military is busier than ever, and they're doing it with fewer resources and less manpower. In the last six years, U.S. troops have been deployed twenty-five times for assorted peacekeeping, peace enforcement and domestic missions. That's a 300 percent increase in deployments with a 30 percent cut in personnel over the same period. Our military can only be stretched so far.

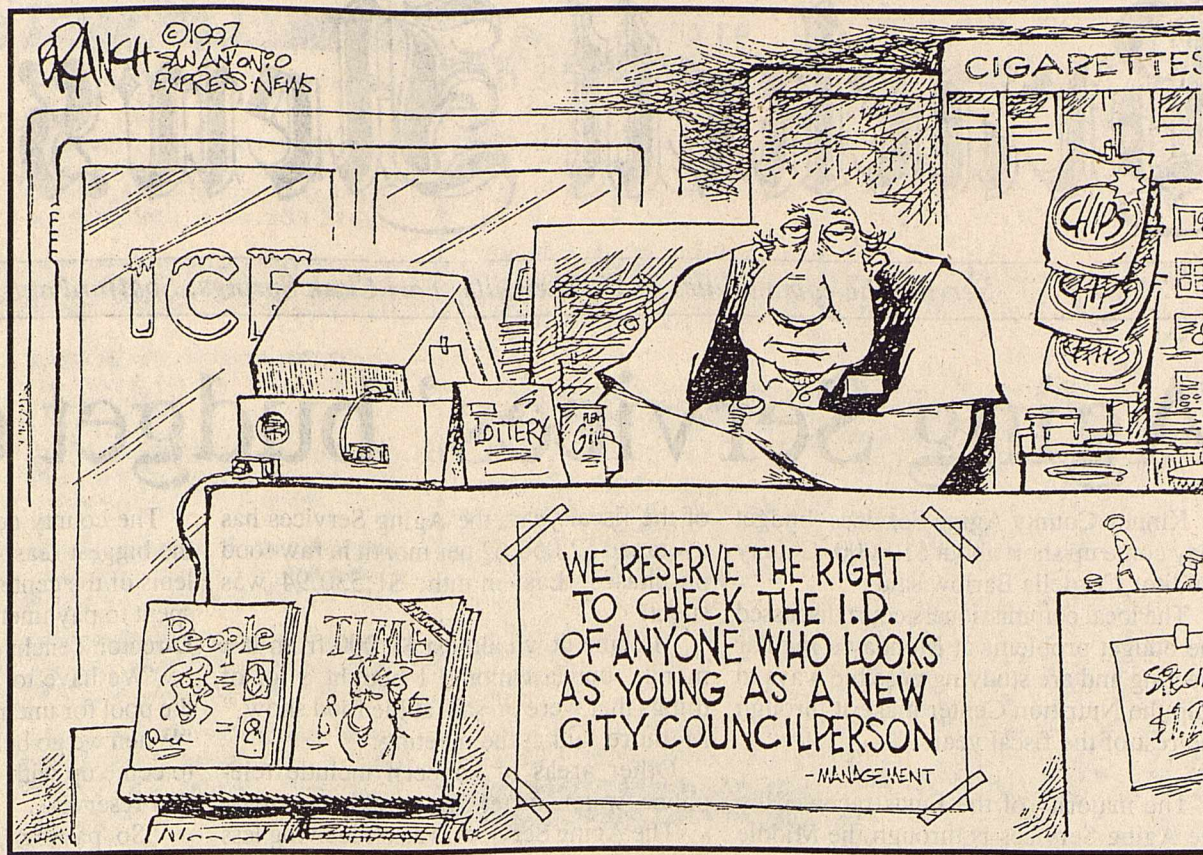
Deployment missions, like the one in Haiti where our troops swept their streets, erode morale and discourage qualified people from joining the armed forces. Using our military as the State Department's police squad also puts stress on the families back

home. Sometimes our soldiers return home for just a few weeks before being shipped back off to another unnecessary deployment away from their family.

Remaining one of the top world military forces requires regular training. Questionable missions like Bosnia or Haiti, disrupt that training and confuse our troops' mission. This makes it impossible for them to be ready for a real threat waiting around the corner. We cannot ask our military to put their lives on the line for this country and then not give them the tools to do it.

Military pay and benefits have also suffered from the current unbalanced defense policy. The pay gap between military and private sector wages is increasing. Military service members often live in poor quality housing. Military retirees face further cuts in their health benefits.

Congress is committed to putting the national security needs of our nation first. We understand that the men and women of our armed forces have placed their lives in our trust. We have a sacred responsibility not to abuse this trust. We must only commit our forces when the national security interests of the United States dictate that policy.



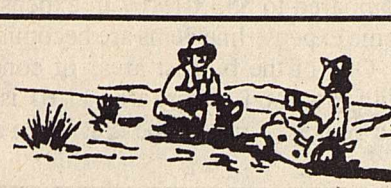
Fragmentation of society is our country's greatest threat

The truly great threat to America is the fragmentation of society. This has been building for many years but under recent governmental actions has accelerated.

The recent cry that America is great because of her diversity is a hollow cry seeking to justify various fragments of the social order. Recent actions regarding the military are pointedly the result of lack of objective judgement.

Reason and common sense have been sidelined by radical feminists who want to rewrite the difference between male and female. All the hog-wash about there being no difference between men and women in the military is simply mouthings of idiotic thinking. The mixing of men and women in training is an open invitation to sexual problems which weaken the ability of the armed forces to defend America when war comes. A blatant example is the number of pregnancies aboard naval ships. Now because the radical feminists in high positions and the influence from the White House all sexual prob-

Between Us
By Joe Townsend



lems (both real and manufactured) are thrown back on males (generally black.) The one exception is a B 52 pilot charged with disobeying an order to break off an adulterous relationship. There has always been a place in the armed services for women. Nurses and some other avenues of service have always offered women an opportunity to serve in the military. It has now gone to such a ridiculous extreme as to weaken the entire structure for some women who are so dissatisfied with being women they want to be men. The recent case of the drill sergeant who was convicted of rape though each charge bringing the guilty verdict was consensual is a case in point. To waterdown some physical exercises for women or so women can complete them is an open admission that women are women, not men. The widespread mental

meanderings of the radical feminists is so ridiculous that it hardly deserves a rebuttal. Even thinking women are rebelling against the profligacy. And yet many politicians quake in their boots at offending feminine lobbyist. This current wave of anti-male hysteria will pass and some day reality and common sense will again prevail. The tragedy is the high cost all of society will pay in the meantime.

It will be interesting to see what the D.P.S. does about the current criminal activities revealed regarding officials at the court house. D.P.S. was so incensed about the attendance of the Sheriff at a dog fight that their capricious actions drove him from office and ruined the career of one of the best Sheriffs in the state.

We'll be watching to see what the Sheriff and the D.P.S. will do about some felonious acts at the Court House.

HB 323 makes 'No-Fault' divorce virtually impossible

By Barbara Solorio and Diana Gonzales
Contributing writers

House Bill 323, if passed, would make "no fault" divorce in Texas virtually impossible and could be detrimental to women in abusive marriages and their children.

The bill has been referred to the House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues Committee; a hearing date is pending.

The Amistad Family Violence and Rape Crisis Center is opposed to the bill because:

Passage of the bill would make it very difficult for many women in abusive marriages to file for divorce on the grounds of insupportability. HB 323 calls for both parties, the husband and the wife, to agree and petition the court;

For some women in abusive marriages, a divorce on the grounds of insupportability may be the safest, fastest way to escape violence. HB 323 would dissolve that option.

If HB 323 is approved, obtaining a divorce would be more expensive for women because of the increased cost to litigate a divorce filed on the basis of fault. The action also would increase the cost to counties to have cases on their dockets filed for a year or more; fewer uncontested divorces or default judgments; and more cases going to trial;

Even if a woman doesn't have children from the marriage and meets all other requirements, a one-year waiting period required by HB 323 would create another barrier for women trying to escape a violent relationship. Since family violence escalates over time, the severity of abuse and violence battered women endure may even be fatal. The highest risk for serious injury or death to a battered woman

is when she is leaving or when she has left her violent partner;

The one-year waiting period required by HB 323 would be detrimental to the safety of some children. As violence against women becomes more severe and more frequent, children experience a dramatic increase of physical violence by the batterer.

Currently, divorce with only one party-consent is available with a 60 day minimum waiting period. When one party files for divorce, the other can file an "answer," not do anything, or not appear in court, and a default divorce will be granted. This option would not be available if HB 323 passes.

Now, divorces can be decreed on the grounds of cruelty, adultery, abandonment (at least one year); conviction of a felony and imprisonment (at least one year); living apart without cohabitation (for at least three years) or confinement in a mental hospital (for at least three years.)

Some women in abusive marriages choose not to file for a divorce on the grounds of cruelty after weighing the consequences of retaliation and fear for their safety. For these women, a divorce on the grounds of insupportability may be beneficial and expedient.

If HB 323 passes, this option would be eliminated for women who have children under the age of 18 from the marriage.

We urge our state legislators to vote against this bill because it would be detrimental to women in abusive marriages and their children.

■ **Editors note:** Barbara Solorio is Victims' Advocate Manager at the Amistad Family Violence and Rape Crisis Center. Diana Gonzales is a professor of English at Southwest Texas Junior College and a volunteer at the center.

Letter to the Editor

Texas Supreme Court left Farm Credit Bank of Texas holding the bag

Dear Editor,
In the past three years, the farmer-owned Farm Credit Bank of Texas and seven Production Credit Associations across the state of Texas have provided financing for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program to the tune of \$37 million.

The money to repay this debt comes from assessments of local cotton farmers, collected by the Texas Boll Weevil Foundation, which administers the program under a Texas law passed by the state legislature in 1993. Last week, a Texas Supreme Court ruling, however, struck down the law, leaving cotton farmers in limbo, and us as their lender holding the bag.

The boll weevil's eradication means higher cotton yields and less pesticides, ultimately leading to a stronger local and state economy with more jobs and an increased tax base. In states where eradication efforts have been successful, production has increased many fold and insecticide use on cotton has been reduced 40-85%. The National Cotton Council estimates that every \$1 spent on eradication costs returns approximately \$12 in benefits to the economy.

We applaud the efforts of Senator Robert Duncan of Lubbock, and others, who are working on a bill to restore the legality of the

boll weevil program before the end of the current session, and legislators appear willing to expedite a remedy. Unfortunately, however early drafts appear to focus more on continuing eradication efforts, without fully appreciating the need to ensure the Foundation's existing financial obligations are met.

It is imperative that the legislature include provisions to ensure the repayment of its present debt obligations, loans that Farm Credit institutions made in good faith to the Boll Weevil Foundation based on enabling legislation passed by the Texas Legislature. Will any financial institution provide funding for this, or any similar program in the future, if the existing debt on past obligations cannot be collected? In other words, without a financial partner for the Boll Weevil program, the legislature's efforts will be in vain.

As the Texas Legislature deliberates the future of this important program, the Farm Credit Bank of Texas strongly encourages interested Texans to remind their local state representative and senator to stand behind their actions and commitments so that boll weevil eradication efforts can continue in Texas.

Sincerely,
Arnold Henson,
Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Bank of Texas.

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Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Golfers beware, the government has its eye on your game

Golfers beware. The federal government has its eye on your game. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is proposing new safety rules for golf carts that would require each to be equipped with seat belts, headlights and tail lights, turn signals, stop signals, reflectors, mirrors, windshields and parking brakes. This will add about \$1,000 to the cost of an average golf cart - a 25 percent increase.

Is there such vehicular mayhem on the links that a concerted government effort is needed to save lives? I suspect not.

This is just one example of how our regulatory efforts lack common sense - and a sense of proportion. Not only is every last detail of our lives being micromanaged by regulators in an effort to eliminate all risk from existence, but the cost of regulation to our society now totals \$650 billion. Federal regulations now fill more than 200 volumes totaling in excess of 131,000 pages.

Congress has made some progress toward curtailing this propensity to over-regulate. In 1995 we enacted the unfunded mandates bill, which requires cost assessments for regulatory requirements expected to cost state and local governments \$50 million or more annually, and the private sector \$200 million or more annually. Last year Congress enacted a law allowing congressional review of proposed new regulations.

But that was only a start. Much remains to be done to bring the regulatory monster to heel. To carry out the intent of the Congressional Review Act, I have proposed that Congress establish a joint task force for ongoing review of all new agency regulations. We need to lower that \$200 million threshold for unfunded mandates on the private sector. And we must reduce the funding Congress allocates to regulatory agencies.

Regulatory reform is a matter of jobs and livelihoods. It also is a matter of privacy and personal freedom. The enforcement of regulations is turning hundreds of thousands of hard-working Americans, such as plumbers who install outlaw toilets that will flush the first time, into common criminals. Businesses large and small have been harassed, municipalities nearly bankrupted, workers thrown out of jobs and consumers forced to pay an estimated \$130 billion annually for the privilege for being regulated.

Max Weber, the great German sociologist, defined what must be changed when he wrote, "In a modern state, the actual ruler is necessarily and unavoidably the bureaucracy, since power is exercised neither through parliamentary speeches nor monarchical enunciations, but through the routines of administration." In the United States at the end of the 20th century, those routines need to be interrupted.

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Sheriff's Report

Wednesday, May 7
 3:51 p.m., The Sheriff's Department received a report that the alarm was going off at the high school band hall. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was notified. He was out in the county and arrived at the scene at 4:26 p.m. Chism reported that the band hall was secure.

Thursday, May 8
 8:10 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs woman reported that her daughter was bitten by a bat and she wanted to know what to do with the bat. She said that she called a Fort Clark security official, who advised her to call City Hall. City officials said they wouldn't pick up the bat because it was at Fort Clark. Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess was dispatched to the scene and picked up the bat. The bat was sent to Austin Rabies Lab and tested negative for rabies.

11:30 a.m., DPS Trooper Sutton informed officials that a motorist had reported a man was lying near Highway 90 West between Shorty's and Pinto Park. Sheriff Burgess and Game Warden Henry Lutz were dispatched to the scene and reported that the man was a hitchhiker sleeping under a tree.

3:19 p.m., Deputy Sheriff Adrian Pena was dispatched to W. Louise Street in reference to a theft. A Brackettville woman said she left her residence at about 2:30 p.m. to pick up her child at school and returned at 3:15 to find her VCR stolen. Pena checked the area for any possible suspects but was unable to locate any.

4:10 p.m., A juvenile boy reported that his bicycle was stolen from Brackett High School. He said that he had walked into the rest room after school, and when he returned the bicycle was gone. He said he looked around and did not see any other students or teachers. The bicycle was described as white in color with white tires, pegs on the rear tire, a blue bike chain, radical was written on the frame, and the seat had \$30 written on it. He said he purchased the bicycle for \$25 at a flea market. Sheriff Burgess went to the school and looked around the area but was unable to locate the bicycle. The bicycle was later located on May 9. A juvenile was taken into custody and referred to juvenile officials.

10:40 p.m., A 911 caller reported that the alarm was going off at the old gym at the high school and that Athletic Director Roy Rokovich was on his way to the location. Deputy Sheriff Vito La Gioia was dispatched and said the scene was secure at 10:46.

Friday, May 9
 8:58 a.m., A white steer was reported on Highway 90 across from Jimmy Bader's ranch. Bader was contacted and he said that he would take care of the situation.
 11:20 a.m., Deputy La Gioia received information that Armando Estrada had four warrants issued out of Kinney County. La Gioia located Estrada at the Brown Street projects. Estrada was arrested for revocation of probation and transported to the Kinney County Jail where he is still being held.

10:52 a.m., A Fort Clark Springs man reported that a Hispanic man in a grey Ford was parked on the side of the road on F.M. 3008, two and a half miles

north of Brackettville. The man said the car had a broken windshield and that the man appeared to be injured. DPS officials were notified and reported that the man was waiting to give his brother a ride.

12:42 p.m., A Fort Clark Springs man reported a theft at his residence in Unit 15. The man said the last time he was at the residence was about three weeks ago. The front door was forced in and the door lock and frame was broken. The lamp in the living room was turned on and a cigarette butt was next to it on a table. The man reported that two revolvers, 94 compact disks, a \$400 compact disk player with double cassette player and equalizer, and a safe were stolen. New tire tracks were found in the drive way. Pena dusted for fingerprints but none were found.

5:47 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that a black dog with a red handkerchief around its neck was near Highway 90 and 2804. The Sheriff's Department contacted Domingo Villarreal III, a city employee who was on standby, who said he would check on the dog. Villarreal said the dog was no longer in the area and that the owner had probably found it.

Saturday, May 10
 3:49 p.m., A Highway Department employee reported that there were some horses loose three miles east of Brackettville on Highway 90 near Tim Ward's ranch. Debbie Ward was contacted and she said that she would see that the horses were put back in the pasture.

11:00 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that there were five individuals near the concession stand at the Little League Field that seemed to be fighting. Deputy La Gioia was dispatched to the scene. He arrived at 11:03 and found nobody there.

Sunday, May 11
 2:30 a.m., Martin DeHoyos, 32, of Stephenville was arrested by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie for driving while intoxicated, first offense. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail and magistrates by Judge Tommy Seargeant. DeHoyos was released the next day after posting a \$300 cash bond.

1:22 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that a baby was locked in a running vehicle at the car wash on Highway 90. Deputy Pena and Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter were dispatched to the location and the car was unlocked at 1:35.

4:09 p.m., A Kinney County man reported two illegal aliens five miles north of Brackettville on Highway 674 in front of the Circle H Ranch headed towards the Shahan Ranch. The U.S. Border Patrol was notified of the situation.

8:28 p.m., An employee at Stop N Shop reported a two-vehicle accident. Deputy Pena was dispatched to the scene. He said the vehicle that was hit was from out of town and didn't want to file a complaint.

10:45 p.m., Jesus Rumaldo Martinez, 45, of Brackettville was arrested by Trooper Wylie for driving while intoxicated, first offense. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail and magistrates by Judge Seargeant. Martinez was released on Tuesday, May 13, after posting a \$300 cash bond.

County officials consider funding training for EMTs

Beatriz Kuhns presented the EMS report at Monday's commissioners court meeting where officials considered offering an EMT course through Del Rio.

The potential 87-hour course would cost the county \$1,801 for 10 students. Kuhns said there were 12 potential candidates, six of which have responded.

The class is scheduled to begin on May 27 if approved. No action was taken.

Donating Excess Materials
 The court discussed donating excess parking lot materials purchased by the county employees to the Little League or to the school district. County Judge Tommy Seargeant said he would discuss it with County Attorney Tully Shahan.

Budget Amendment
 The commissioners approved a budget amendment to shift \$275 from a Xerox copier line item to county clerk's supplies.

Pay Phone
 Judge Seargeant said the pay phone at the Court House had

been removed and nobody knows who removed it. The commissioners are looking into getting another pay phone installed.

J.P.'s Computer
 The court discussed spending \$2,003 to update the computer system in the justice of the peace's office.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Joe Montalvo made a motion to update the system but the motion died for lack of a second. The court said it would evaluate the proposal at a later date.

Reimbursement of Expenses
 Judge Seargeant asked the commissioners to reimburse members of the sheriff's jail committee for their expenses.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Paul O'Rourke said nothing prior had been said to the court about paying expenses to members of the committee. No action was taken.

The court did agree to pay \$52 in expenses to Warren Outlaw who went to school in Austin as the county's emergency management coordinator.

Pena active since joining department

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 Pena issued five city ticket violations and three county violations.

He worked one accident, two U.S. Marshal transports, one of which was from Zavala County to Kinney County with seven prisoners.

Pena also said that he was in the process of researching juvenile laws.

He is also trying to implement an Explorer Club for middle school and high school children.

With this club, the children can earn college credits. The club teaches children what law enforcement is about.

City Secretary's Update

Luna said the Texas Community Development Program will be here to audit the papers on the city's water improvement project on May 27 at 1 p.m. The Middle Rio Grand Development Council will be present as they are responsible for all the project's paperwork.

Luna said that city workers have replaced 60 stop signs. The sewer project is 90 percent complete at this time.

City employees raised \$400 to donate to the school for a scholarship. The scholarship will be based upon need and desire rather than academic skills or athletics.

Notice all property owners

The Kinney County Appraisal District plans to mail appraisal notices by Mid-May, but notifying taxpayers in advance that their 1997 appraised values will likely see an increase over previous years. The increase in appraisals result not only from general increases in market values throughout the county, but also the result of recent indications that many properties are appraised below their true market value.

The Appraisal District learned of the need for increasing appraisals during the current and prior annual property value study conducted by the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division. In reviewing sales of properties located within Kinney County, the State determined that market values were in many cases higher than the values shown for those properties on the local appraisal roll.

State Law requires all property to be appraised at Market Value, which in most cases means the price for which a property would sell in the open market.

The significance of the local appraisals being lower than market value according to the state and local sales information gathered is that properties not appraised at market value can cause higher tax rates for all taxing entities and loss in state


funding for school districts. The Appraisal District began a detailed review of local appraisals, and plans to adjust local values to more accurately reflect the market.

Although many local values will increase, this does not necessarily mean property owners will see higher tax bills. Since tax rates are applied to total taxable values to allow taxing units to raise approximately the same revenue as in the previous year. Tax rates often decrease when appraised values increase. Property owners are allowed thirty (30) days after receiving their appraisal notices in which to protest the District's determination of their property's value.

The District's Chief Appraiser, Joyce Fuentes, is hopeful that most value disputes can be resolved informally by the taxpayers with a dispute, sharing with her their closing statement, Homeowners Insurance Policy, along with any other information they can provide to help determine the true market value of their property.


These value adjustments will not affect the frozen taxes in the school district unless the property owner has made additional improvements to their home.

Joyce Fuentes
 Chief Appraiser.





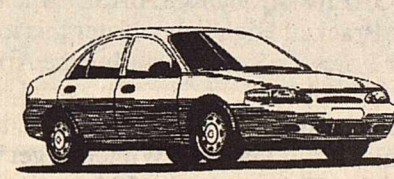
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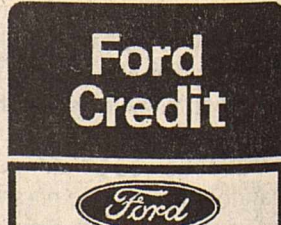




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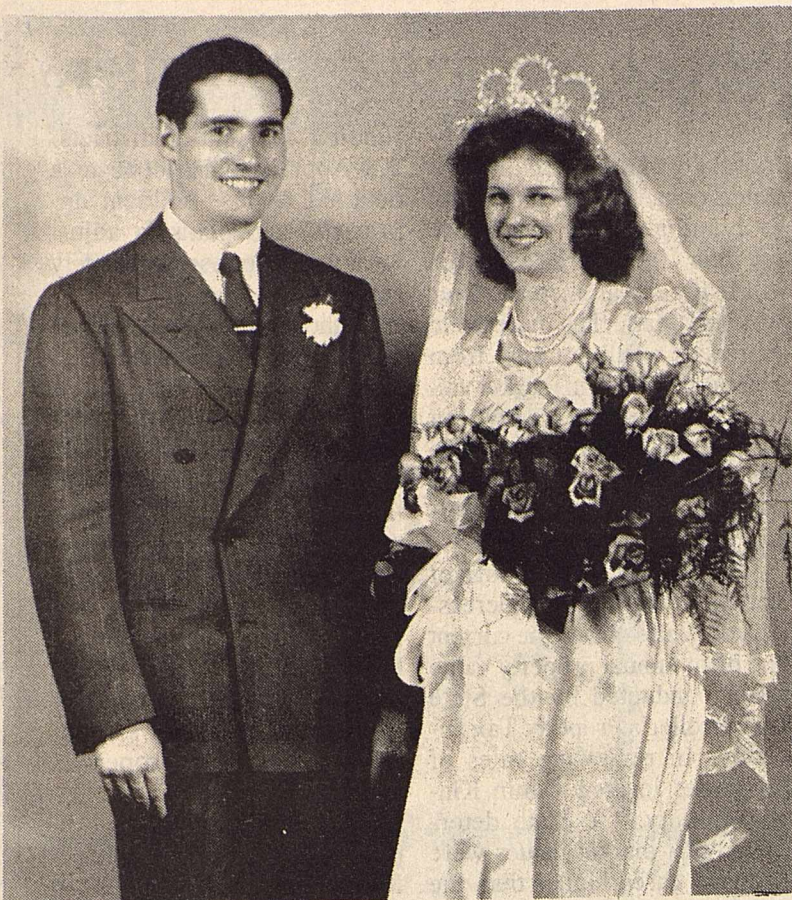
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But, I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall

Swans mate for life
 I read once in a scientific magazine, (therefore, it must be true!) that swans mate for life.
 I'm sorry, but I'm not impressed.
 I mean, are the birdologist (I made that one up myself) sure??
 How do they know?
 How does a swan know?
 Look at 'em. They all look exactly alike! Same color, everything! Only God can tell them apart.
 Maybe the scientist are wrong.
 Maybe the swans are wrong.
 But then again, just as all swans look alike to us, maybe we humans all look the same to a swan.
 Looking at the outward characteristics, folks are pretty much the same.
 Perhaps swans, like each one of us, need to judge the interior and not the exterior of an individual.
 If all this sounds familiar, if you think you've heard it before, you have.
 I just wanted to remind you. Swans are simple minded birds.
 We, on the other hand, are supposed to be the most intelligent species. Supposed to be.
 But I could be wrong.



Lee and Lydia Cremer

Cremers celebrate golden anniversary

A reception and dinner will be celebrated in honor of Lee and Lydia Cremer's Golden Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, May 17, at Fort Clark Springs.

Saturday's celebration will be attended by friends, and three of their children and families.

The Cremers were married in Jefferson City, Mo., on May 17, 1947, at St. Peter's Catholic Church.

A later celebration will be held on June 14. The Cremer's nine children, 22 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren will be

able to attend together.

The Cremer's children and their families are Joe and Frances Cremer of Albuquerque, N.M., George and Marsha Cremer of O'Fallon, Ill., Thomas and Kathy Cremer of Jefferson City, Mo., Marianne and Sid Gutierrez of Albuquerque, N.M., Bill and Charlotte Cremer of Robertsville, Mo., John and Diana Cremer of Del Rio, Linda Lynn Blackburn of New Castle, Colo., Theresa and Richard Portales of Del Rio, and Rick and Terry Cremer of Olathe, Kan.

Cherry Sage Garden now a memorial for Iola Jones

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club met at the Las Moras Restaurant on Thursday, May 8, for its final meeting of the year.

President Ruby Cheaney reviewed the accomplishments of the year and thanked the group's officers for all their work. She presented each of the past officers with a pot of Gerbera Daisies.

Cheaney then presented the organization with a proposal to make the Cherry Sage Garden on Fort Clark a memorial garden in honor of Iola "Jonsie" Jones, who was active in all the activities of the club and served faithfully as an officer for all of its four years. The

members voted unanimously to pay this tribute to Jones.

The new slate officers were introduced to the group: Clara McCord, president; Molly Schroeder and Hazel Ivey, first vice presidents; Rosie Mattingly, second vice president; Patsy Callnan, third vice president; and Pat McKelvy, secretary/treasurer.

Elizabeth Gibbs installed the new group by presenting each new officer with "tools" (child size garden tools) of their office.

Lunch was then served and McCord gave a brief introduction of her plans for the year starting in September.



Betty Gibbs, foreground, installs Clara McCord (from left), Molly Schroeder, Hazel Ivey, Rosie Mattingly, Patsy Callnan and Pat McKelvy as the Mountain Laurel Garden Club's new officers.

Parental guidance is required with riding lawn mowers

It seems like just about everything carries a rating these days, movies, television shows, toys, what is next? Riding mowers and lawn tractors? Not really, but if so, they would be rated PGR, Parental Guidance Required.

Most children think that these big powerful machines look like lots of fun. While mowing and caring for your lawn can be a lot of fun, riding mowers are serious cutting tools that should be treated with respect.

The golden rule in mowing is this: never take children or passengers of any age on riding mowers. And never allow young children to operate a mower or any type of lawn equipment.

In fact, John Deere recommends that children remain indoors under the supervision of another adult during mowing time. Pets should also be kept out of the mowing area. And always check behind you when backing up with your riding mower to make sure the coast is clear.

The best way to teach your child about mowing safety is to set a good example yourself. Before you mow, make sure you're dressed correctly. Flip flops, swimsuits and shorts don't provide much protection from flying objects. Wear long slacks, sturdy shoes with traction soles, and a shirt with the shirttails tucked in.

Check to ensure that all safety shields and guards are in place and

Green and Growing

By Dr. Ellen Henke John Deere Lawn & Garden Expert

working. Walk your lawn before mowing, remove toys, tools or yard debris that could be potential mowing hazards. If twigs, leaves or other debris clog your mower's discharge chute, turn off your mower immediately.

With a riding mower or lawn tractor, turn the ignition key to "off." Don't touch hot engine or exhaust surfaces. Remember that flesh is softer than metal, never use your hands or feet to clear a clog. Carefully use a stick or tool

to dislodge the debris.

Navigate safely on slopes. With your riding mower, you should mow up and down slopes for greater stability. And never mow when the lawn is wet. Make time to take precautions for your safety and the safety of your family.

And someday, when your children are responsible enough to handle lawn chores, use the operator's manual to teach them, mowing safety and proper maintenance.

Briefs ...

Allemeier earns academic honors at ASU

SAN ANGELO - Bernie Lee Allemeier was one of 80 Angelo State University students included in the 1997 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Allemeier, a 1994 graduate of Brackett High and a senior at ASU, and the other students were honored at a reception on May 9.

The students were nominated based upon their academic achievements, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continuing success.

Aguirre to be sworn in at Armed Forces Day

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE - Michael Aguirre, who will graduate from Brackett High School later this month, will be sworn into the U.S. Air Force on Saturday during the Armed Forces Day celebration at Plaza del Sol Mall.

The celebration will last from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Following opening ceremonies, Col. Gary A. Winterberger will swear in 29 local military recruits. This marks the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force as a separate branch of the Armed Services.

Sorority News

Beta Epsilon Omicron installs new officers

The Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met on April 29 at Slater Hall to celebrate the Founder's Day of Beta Sigma Phi.

The attending members enjoyed a delicious salad dinner with various desserts that members provided.

The evening began with Flo Stafford leading in singing the national anthem.

Members Pam Melancon, Marla Madrid, Evelyn Whitely and Hazel Ivey participated in the program, where John Ross's message to the chapter revealed the new year's theme, "Sisters of the Heart."

Ivey was honored with the distinction of being voted the Woman of the Year for the chapter. Helen Peck's program was picked as the Program of the Year.

New officers were installed, including Pam Melancon, president; Dee Curry, vice president; Marla Madrid, treasurer; and Judy Hooker, secretary.

Out-going President Dee Curry was honored by her sorority sisters with gifts.

Secret sisters from the past year were revealed with thoughtful gifts exchanged.

Members received Founder's Day charms and theme charms for the past year's theme, "Reflections of Love."

The chapter met again on May 8 at Curry's home. The evening began with a reading of a letter from Ross urging the chapter to donate funds to the flood relief



Hazel Ivey, Woman of the Year

fund in North Dakota. A motion was made and seconded to send available funds. The motion passed.

Madrid passed around the year-book file for editing. The main business for the evening was the planning of the calendar for the upcoming year.

Ruby Cheaney, the Beta Reader, read to the group about Beta traditions. A discussion followed about training the pledges.

The program was presented by Madrid and Melancon. The guest was Sondra Meil, who gave a very informative program on floral arrangements. She shared different styles with the group and gave suggestions for preserving and caring for fresh flowers.

Betty Mathison was given a beautiful floral arrangement donated by Meil as the door prize. Stafford received the hostess gift from Curry.

Theta Sigma Sorority meets at Frerich Ranch

The Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met on Monday evening, May 5, at the ranch home of Nancy Frerich. A light supper was served followed by the opening ritual.

Clara McCord installed the following members for the year: Nancy Frerich, president; Alicia Raymer, vice president; Pat McKelvy, secretary; and Clara McCord, treasurer.

Installation was done with fancy hats depicting the jobs that each officer would be responsible for.

President Frerich conducted a short business meeting with members voting to contribute to the Beta Sigma Phi Disaster Fund, and also to support the Beta Sigma Phi Alzheimer Research Program.

Molly Schroeder read an appropriate section from the Beta Book dealing with duties of the officers.

It was announced that the highway pick-up will be on Wednesday, May 14, at 5 p.m. with supper following at the swim park.

Betty Inman won the door prize and announced that the last business meeting until September would be at her home on May 19 at 5 p.m.

Frerich presented an interesting program on lipstick. After a short overview of the evolution of lipstick, the different countries, tribes and peoples who used color on their faces were discussed.

This was followed by an interesting handout linking the personalities of women with the shape of the point of their lipsticks.

Smoke From Nakai

By Nakai Breen



Ye' Readers, This sunrise I will tell you about the preparation that I went through as a young girl, and the teachings I had to learn.

This is not an adaptation to any race. It is the knowledge of the elders. These teachings came from my grandmothers and my mother. If I had adapted to any one race it would have been anglo. I learned from them and the Hispanic elders. They taught me about their old cultures. The Native American ways, my mother Hobbs and my grandmother Hastings taught me.

When I became seven years old, I was put on a very strict fast for at least two days. We went out on a hill and my grandmother built a lean to with sticks and grass and ties made of straw. We spent two nights and days there. She slept inside the lean to and I had to sit all night outside. I had already been told what I was to do and what I was to look for.

I remember my mouth was very dry and my tongue was kind of raspy. My lips were starting to crack with the heat from the sun as I was not able to eat or drink. I had to sit in only one position, so I had cramps in my legs. Being that young age I had to obey the orders of the elders.

To sit and not move was the lesson to be able to maintain discipline. To fast is a lesson never to be forgotten, you must take care of others before you do for yourself. To always pray to the Creator, the giver of everything. To pray to his son for the forgiveness of the wrong doings. To respect, to have morals and to always feel for others regardless.

I learned about the (turtle), the hoop of life, which is the universe and everything in it. All that lives in it and has life is a relative. I learned about the one that gives us all the nutrients, her name is Mother Earth. We suckle from her, we eat from her, we build from her and so on.

I learned about the four quarters of the universe and that each one has a sacred power of its own. One quarter stands for humans, one quarter stands for the wild brothers, one quarter stands for Mother Earth and one stands for the Heavens above.

When I turned 12 years old my Kickapoo Grandmother finished my teachings (She was my grandmother, not by blood but by respect).

Next week I will finish this topic.

So until we meet again,
Nakai

Fort Clark Golf News

Garza, Walker win at Men's Wednesday Play

FORT CLARK SPRINGS - Carlos Garza and Larry Walker took top honors in Men's Wednesday Play on May 7 at the Fort Clark Golf Course.

Garza and Walker finished first in the A Flight with a team score of 72. Bob Houk and Wayne Schwartz were second with a score of 77.

In the B Flight, the team of Ruben Martinez and Harold Kauffman won with a score of 85. Bob Burkepile and E.W. Williamson were second with 86.

The two-man team game included the best ball of each team totaled with no handicap adjustments.

Ladd, McCord claim honors at Couples Play

FORT CLARK SPRINGS - Gwen Ladd and Allen McCord shot five under to win first place honors in the First Flight at Thursday's Couples Play at the Fort Clark Golf Course.

Tom Beatty and Kelly Dennis tied Charles Smith and Mary Stehenson for second place. Both teams finished one under.

In the Second Flight, Muzzy and Dorothy Edwards won with a score of four under. Dwite and Luella Gilliland took second place honors with a score of two under.

Each team in each flight had a target score to reach. The winners were those that shot under their target score, and by how much under they were of their target score.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE
By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, BISD Superintendent

One more week of school is left

One more week of school is left on the calendar. The last day of instruction is Friday, May 23.

The last few weeks have become burdened with activity. With more activity, comes more stress for students, staff and parents. It's the age-old principle that those who don't enter the contest can know neither victory or defeat.

I like the activity. When there is stress, I try hard to study the causes so that we can do better next year.

Activities

Our Junior-Senior Prom was outstanding. Students were dressed as if they were attending an Inaugural Ball. Teachers and students deserve a round of applause for a job well done.

Our high school students were well behaved and always respectful. You would have been proud of them.

The one act play was really successful. A grand performance!

Baseball Season

Here's a brief comment about the baseball season. It ended abruptly, sooner than expected.

Last Tuesday, we had won a crucial game in Dilley to give us a shot at making the playoffs.

On Friday evening, we were scheduled to play the first place team, Natalia. If we had won, we would have been tied for second place.

An off-campus training rules problem came to light Friday. The result of the investigation was that several of our baseball players stepped up and said "We violated the training rules." We did not have enough players to play the game.

This allowed Comfort to become the second place team because we could not contest them.

I don't know any player, coach, parent or administrator who does not feel as if this one ended all different than we wanted it to end.

I have never had to cancel an athletic contest for these reasons. That's the down side.

We must remember that we're a school where kids learn. We all learned here.

I don't hesitate to say that all involved, players, coaches, parents and administrators, will do things different in the future. Enough said!

Band Program

Some have asked questions about the band program. The board of education and administration are committed to providing the best band program to our kids that we can provide.

We have searched hard for good teachers in the past. We will continue to do so. We have provided a good salary with enough of a budget to make a difference. We will continue to do so.

Good music teachers are very difficult to find. In my 23 years in the superintendency, I have had to look long and hard for good ones. We have an intense search going on now.

The past month, Hector Jimenez has volunteered his time to teach the Tiger Band. I have done the same with the sixth grade band.

This commitment takes about an hour a day time in the classroom plus preparation and the many details that go along with being a teacher.

If any person has suggestions as to how to find a good teacher or on how to improve the program, please call my office and make an appointment soon.

As parents who want to support the program, I ask that you encourage your child to continue to take band and to study music. The main ingredients that we need are a good teacher and some interested students.

The Tiger Band has its spring concert tonight at 7:00 in the high school auditorium.

Winding Down the Year

We're taking state tests this week. There are field trips, final exams and end of the year activities.

So, a bit of advice for parents: take time to love your children, to encourage, to help them pick up the pieces when things don't go well, to listen, to be positive. Have a great week!

Grubbs discusses progress of baseball program

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

The Rotary Club enjoyed a view of Brackett High School's baseball program as presented by Coach Gary Grubbs last Thursday.

Program Chairman Taylor Stephenson introduced Grubbs not only as a coach but emphasized that he is also an excellent teacher. Grubbs coaches every sport as the seasons pass, but admitted that baseball is his favorite.

Brackett's baseball program is in its eighth year of existence. Grubbs moved here during its fifth year.

When Grubbs took over the program in 1994, nine students were on the team and five were seniors.

Grubbs was worried about the following year. However, 22 youngsters came out. The following year there were 15. Grubbs has discovered that in small schools, the numbers vary from year to year. This year, 28 boys came out for baseball.

Brackettville is in Class 2A because of its size. With 164 students, it's barely large enough to qualify.

The team must travel rather long distances to find opponents in the same category. As a result, it plays 3A teams fairly often. The Tigers even have to play 5A schools such as Del Rio.

Grubbs says Brackett "takes their lumps" but said it is good practice for them.

Grubbs mentioned Brian Hooker and Wil Shahan who played baseball here and are now playing at McMurray University. This is an excellent achievement

and inspires players coming up. Grubbs believes another of his students will be playing at college next fall.

Athletic Director Roy Rokovich went to coaching school this past summer and hired Ricky Creel to replace an assistant coach who had left.

Grubbs sees Creel as a great role model for the youngsters. He has the kind of morals that are important for the students to be around. Grubbs feels that it is important to emphasize good morals on a daily basis because today's society offers constant temptations to young people.

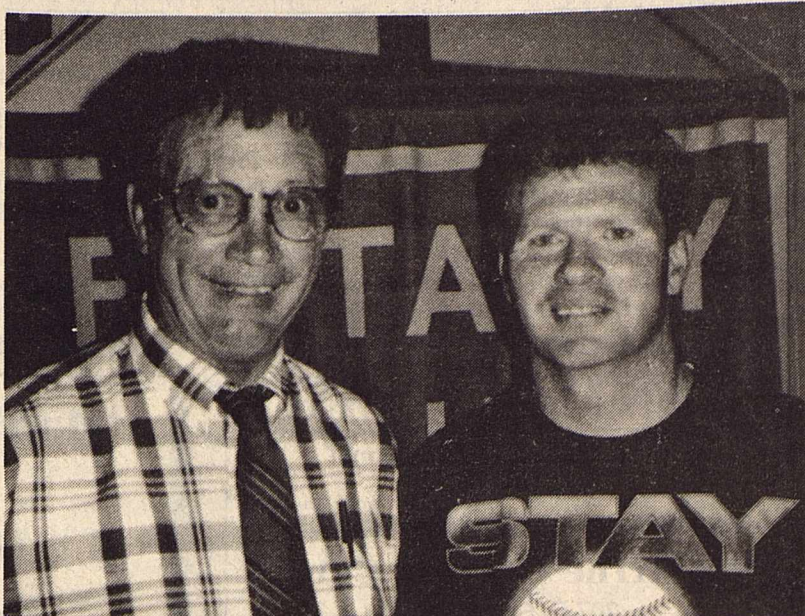
In speaking of this year's baseball team, Grubbs said he had three excellent pitchers, Ramon DeLeon, Jorge Rodriguez and Michael Meyer, which is remarkable for a small school. Rodriguez and Meyer will be back next year.

Grubbs has been working with the team on fundamentals, such as throwing, hitting and handling situations that arise in games.

He focuses on throwing the ball correctly, which will prevent shoulder and elbow problems in the future. One reason these problems develop is that there are different techniques required for throwing footballs and baseballs.

Grubbs was enthusiastic about the new baseball field. He said it is second to none in their class. The infield grass is covering and will be excellent when the three years have passed that it takes to cover completely. It has a sprinkler system which is essential for a good field.

The field also has lights. This makes night games feasible. Tournaments can now be held here. Recently, a tournament for both



Program Chairman Taylor Stephenson, left, welcomes Brackett baseball coach Gary Grubbs to Thursday's Rotary Club meeting.

boys and girls was staged in Brackettville. He estimated that around 1,000 people were at the two parks during this event.

Grubbs credits the community with being extremely helpful in providing what is needed. This is

one reason Grubbs is very happy to be employed here. The fine youngsters he works with, along with the school staff, are the other reasons. The community reciprocates. It is pleased Grubbs is in Brackettville.

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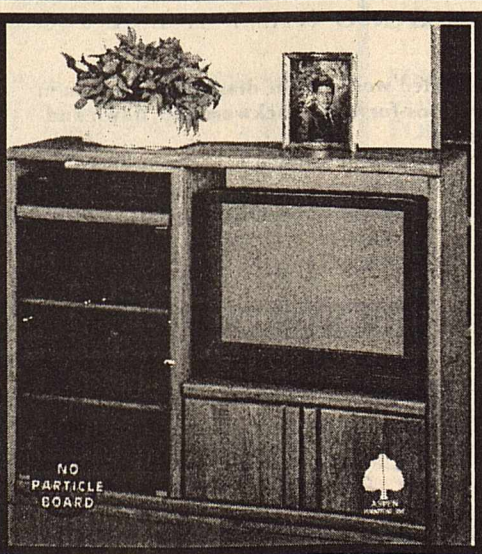
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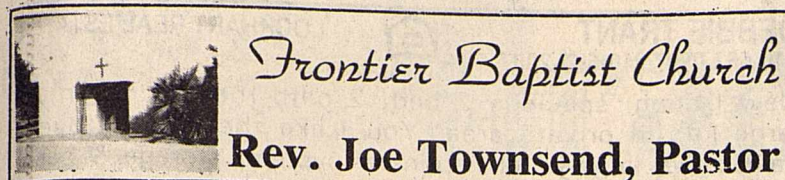
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Breakfast Menu	Lunch Menu
<p>Friday, May 16 Donut Fruit or Fruit Juice</p> <p>Monday, May 19 Waffles/Syrup Fruit or Fruit Juice</p> <p>Tuesday, May 20 Biscuit/Red Eye Gravy Fruit or Fruit Juice</p> <p>Wednesday, May 21 Manager's Choice</p> <p>Thursday, May 22 Manager's Choice</p>	<p>Friday, May 16 Grilled Ham & Cheese Potato Salad/Fruit</p> <p>Monday, May 19 Pizza Wedge/Choice of Veggie Fruit</p> <p>Tuesday, May 20 Lasagna/Veggie Sticks Peanut Butter Cup/Fruit/Roll</p> <p>Wednesday, May 21 Hamburger/Burger Salad Oven Fries Whipped Jello</p> <p>Thursday, May 22 Manager's Choice No "B" Line/No Salad Bar</p>



Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

There is no woman in the Bible whose life and actions show a more explicit faith and dedication to God than a "daughter of Levi" who was the mother of Moses. The children of Israel came to Egypt to escape famine in the land of Canaan. Through several centuries they had so increased in numbers they became a threat to the native Egyptians. To try to curtail the numbers of the Israel, the Pharaoh decreed different actions. One was that every male child born to the Israelite women should be thrown into the Nile and drowned at birth. This daughter of Levi chose to defy the Pharaoh and the death penalty and keep her child alive. She hid him for three months until she could no longer keep the secret. She then made a basket and sealed it with tar and placed the baby in it and hid it among the reeds near where the Pharaoh's daughter came to bathe as a part of her religious ritual. The basket was formed by the attendants of the princess and was brought to her. When she saw the baby he began to cry and won her heart. She recognized the baby as a Hebrew child. Almost immediately a young Hebrew girl came and offered to find a Hebrew woman to nurse the baby. The princess agreed and said she would pay the woman. The girl was a sister to the baby and she brought the boys mother. On instructions from the Princess the mother took the baby and cared for him. When the boy

was old enough she took him to the princess who took him as her son and named him Moses. The mother had accepted the hazard of defying even the Pharaoh and death to save her son. Contract this with the abominable practice of murdering millions of unborn babies by abortion in America. Faith led her in her prayers, in her purpose and in her love. She was conscious of God's leadership and His power to care for her. God gave her wisdom to concoct a plan to save the life of her son. Her faith was rewarded by the rescue of her baby by the Pharaoh's daughter. Her faith was further rewarded by the request to the sister to find a nurse. Her faith brought a reunion of mother and child. The end result of her faith was Moses leading the children of Israel from the Egyptian bondage back to the land God had promised them from early beginnings. Her faith led to Moses being the agent of God to deliver the Ten Commandments and the Mosaic law to the people. No other woman in the Bible so defied Satan and sin and so actively demonstrated her confidence in God than this mother of Moses.

Next Lord's Day Frontier Baptist Church will emphasize Soil Conservation.

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Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charolette Corey

When the righteous are in authority the people rejoice: But when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn. "Prov. 29:2.

"The Righteous Considereth the cause of the poor, but the wicked regardeth not to know it." Prov. 29:7.

"For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: But the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." 1 Peter 3:12.

"Evil shall slay the wicked and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate." Psalm 34.

"The wicked flee when no man pursueth: But the righteous are bold as a Lion." Prov. 28:1.

"The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous runneth into it and is safe." Prov. 10:10.

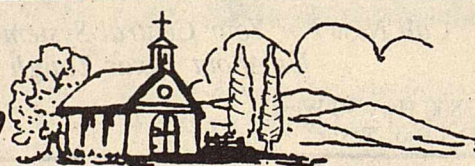
So, when all is said and done, if you are righteous (not with your own righteousness, which is as filthy rags, but with the righteousness of Jesus and His blood,) then, People rejoice when you are in authority.

You consider the cause of the poor. God hears your prayers. Those who hate you shall be desolate.

You are bold as a Lion. You can run into the name of the Lord (As a strong tower) and be safe. (In other words you have the right to appropriate the Lord's name and the Power of it for safety.

Choose righteousness and prosper. Let God do a righteous work in you. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Church Directory



- St. Andrews Episcopal Church: Henderson & Fort Sunday Church Service 10:30 a.m. 563-2071.
- Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): Sunday Services 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Joe Townsend, Pastor, 563-2158.
- First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m., Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m., Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.
- Baptist Hispanic Mission: 307 N. Ann Street, Sunday 9:45 a.m.; Wednesday 5:30 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 p.m., Eugenio Duran, Pastor.
- Church of Christ: N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study Sunday 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
- St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church: Sun. Masses at 8:00 A.M. (Spanish) and 10:30 A.M. (English); Mon., Thurs. and Fri. Mass at 7:00 AM; Wed. Mass 12:00 noon, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until (9:00 P.M.). Sat. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 - 6:00p.m. Mass 6:30 PM. Rev. James Cashin Pastor 563-2487.
- St. Blaise Catholic Church: (Spofford) Sun. Mass 5:00 P.M. Rev. James Cashin Pastor 563-2487.
- First United Methodist Church: "Celebrate and Witness" Fellowship 9:30 a.m., Church School Classes 9:45 a.m., Service of Worship 11:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 p.m., Sheree Harris, Pastor.
- St. John's Baptist Church: Crockett at Keene St., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Worship Service Thursday 7:00 p.m., William P. Adams, Sr., Pastor, 563-2582.
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Church E.L.C.A Services: 9:00 A.M. Corner of Fort & Henderson in Brackettville. Bible study: Monday morning at the parish hall - 10: A.M., also at the corner of Fort & Henderson, Reverend Nathan La Frenz, 563-2047.
- Templo Elim Asamble de Dios: North Street, Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 p.m., Rev. Abundio Mancha, Pastor, 563-9237.
- Gateway Ministries (Non-Denominational): 301 E. Spring St. (across from post office), Praise & Worship Fellowship Sunday 10:30 a.m., Bible Study Wed. 6:30 p.m., Ladies Prayer meeting Thurs. 6:30, Robert W. Corey, Pastor, Charolette Corey, Associate Pastor, 563-9331.
- New Jerusalem Temple Apostolic Church: 514 E. Louise St. Sunday School 10:30, Church 11:30, Bible Study: Wed. 7 p.m., Mission: 3rd Thurs. of each month 6 p.m. Pastor Rudy Goodloe (563-9468)

Obituaries

Margarita Castro

Margarita Castro, age 76, died Sunday May 11, 1997, in Del Rio. She was born April 23, 1921, in Brackettville.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Castro, a sister, Emily Castro, parents, Adolfo Castro and Ascencion Martinez Castro.

She is survived by brothers; Usevio Castro, Jose Castro, and Alfredo Castro all of Brackettville, Sister in law: Hortencia Castro of Brackettville, nephews: Gilbert Castro and Norman

Paul Castro of Van Nuys, California.

A Mass was held Wednesday, May 14, at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church with Rev. David Cashin officiating. Burial followed at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Del Rio Funeral Home dba the Brackettville Funeral Home, 114 North St. Brackettville, Texas 78832.

Lucille Jean Harman

Lucille Jean Harman, age 72, of Houston, passed away Wednesday, May 7, 1997 in Houston.

Graveside services were Saturday May 10, at Stiles Cemetery with Rev. Don Duvall of the First United Methodist Church of Big Lake officiating.

Arrangements were made by Johnsons Funeral Home.

Mrs. Harman was born March 20, 1925 in Big Lake.

Survivors include her daughter Jane Hamilton of Spring, Texas, two grandchildren, one great grandchild, one sister Janice Chandler of San Angelo, two brothers: P.H. Coates III of Brackettville, and Steve Wayne Coates of Mertzon, and several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to First Methodist Church of Brackettville, TX.



St. John's Baptist Church
Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.
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Praise the Lord!
God's glory and man's dominion.

O Lord, our lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth, who hast set thy glory above the heavens!

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the energy and the avenger.

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained,

What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of

man, that thou visitest him?
For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field, the fowl of the air, and the fish of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! Psalms 8 chapter.

Praise the Lord!
Come feast with us in the Lord the table is set.

Unsung Hero
By Joe Townsend

There is a fine lady here who was born into a good family and has been here all her life. She married a fine local boy and is a good wife. She has been and is supportive of her husband. For a good while she has been head teacher in Kindergarten. She is capable and dedicated to her work. Her husband is a county commissioner. She is of high moral principles and is a warm hearted friendly person. Surely Yolanda Williams is an Unsung Hero.

First Baptist Church
"The Pastor's Pen"
Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor

The daughter of a poor widow had left her mother's home. Led astray by others, she had forsaken the guidance of her youth. Prayer was the mother's only resource; nor was it in vain.

Late one night, the daughter returned home. It was nearly midnight and she was surprised to find the door unlocked. But her mother told her in the fullness of heart, "Never, my child, by night or day, has that door been fastened since you left. I knew that you would come back some day; and I did not want to keep you waiting for a single moment!"

A mother's love, there is absolutely no love quite like it, excepting of course, the love of God. He is the one that placed that kind of love within a mother. If you have experienced and known the love of your mother you have only a taste of the love that God has for you through His Son Jesus. May you experience and know that love in your life today!

THANK YOU
The Garza & Gonzales Families would like to thank everyone who donated food, flowers, and their time. For our Father and Grandfather Juan Garza's funeral. Thanks and God bless everyone.

First United Methodist Church



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

At the risk of sounding blasphemous, I think St. Paul was a bit short-sighted. He said, "Abide these three, faith, hope and love." I whole heartedly agree with him as far as he goes, but he should have included humor and a good sense of it!

Sometimes I take myself a little too seriously. I put my nose to the grindstone and forget to come up for air. When I do, my Creator reveals a positively divine sense of humor.

Last week Lincoln, my five year old son, persisted in asking me to go outside and make bubbles with him. Finally, I relented on the work I was trying to accomplish. I went out with him, a large jug of bubbles, and a bubble sword (a long plastic sword with several holes in it that produces a multitude of bubbles when dipped in the solution in its sheath and then waved in the air.)

First, he made bubbles and we both watched the wind carry them across our yard. Then he asked me to make the bubbles so that he could chase them. He delighted in running this way and that, popping bubbles as he went. I watched, feeling immeasurably blessed by such a beautiful, healthy, fun-loving little boy.

My feeling of blessedness, how-

ever, was short-lived. This joyful cherub turned the tables on me. He seized the sword, looked up with a twinkle in his (or was that God's) eye, and announced it was my turn to do the chasing!

I tried to decline but was told it was my turn! (As the primary one who has tried to teach him to take turns, what could I say?) Lincoln waded the bubbles into the air while I ran, jumped and clapped them into oblivion.

When Lincoln had been doing the chasing, he was quiet, intent on every bubble, and the passers-by simply smiled, but now Lincoln was laughing out loud and as our neighbors rode past, the smiles changed into sheepish chuckles! It wasn't hard for me to imagine why as I got a vision of a grown woman running in circles after a bunch of bubbles!

After a fleeting moment of embarrassment, I joined in the laughter and resumed having a wonderful time with Lincoln.

As we parents occasionally wonder if our children will ever grow up, I think perhaps that our God may occasionally wonder if we will ever grow young.

Let's put our faith in God and our hope in Christ, and let us love one another and laugh at ourselves.

Answers to Super Crossword

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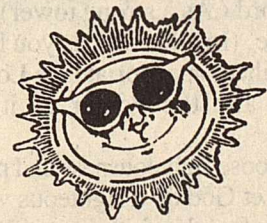
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Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at its regional office at 1910 Pacific Avenue, Suite 1900, Dallas, Texas 75201 before processing of the application has been completed. Processing will be completed no earlier than the 30th day following the first required publication. The period may be extended by the regional director for good cause. The nonconfidential portion of the application file is available for inspection within one day following the request for such file. It may be inspected in the Corporation's regional office during regular business hours. Photocopies of information in the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request. A schedule of charges for such copies can be obtained from the regional office.

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OUTDOORS

The ten most common Hummingbird species

By Henry Lutz
Kinney County Game Warden

Last week, we talked about looking for hummingbirds. Here is a list of some of the most common birds and how to identify them when you see one.

The "Texas Ten" most common hummingbird species. The characteristics generally apply to the adult male of the species.

1. Ruby throated - only hummingbird common in eastern half of Texas and the entire eastern United States; red gorget; notched tail.

2. Black-chinned - only hummingbird with black chin and purple band beneath; common hummingbird of the western half of the state.

3. Broad-tailed - separated from Ruby-throated by its primarily western range, rounded

(rather than forked) tail, and loud buzzing of wings in flight.

4. Rufous - only hummingbird with a rufous (rusty brown) back.

5. Blue throated - only adult male hummingbird with white on tips of rices (tail feathers); largest hummingbird in North America.

6. Anna's - only hummingbird with red on the crown of head.

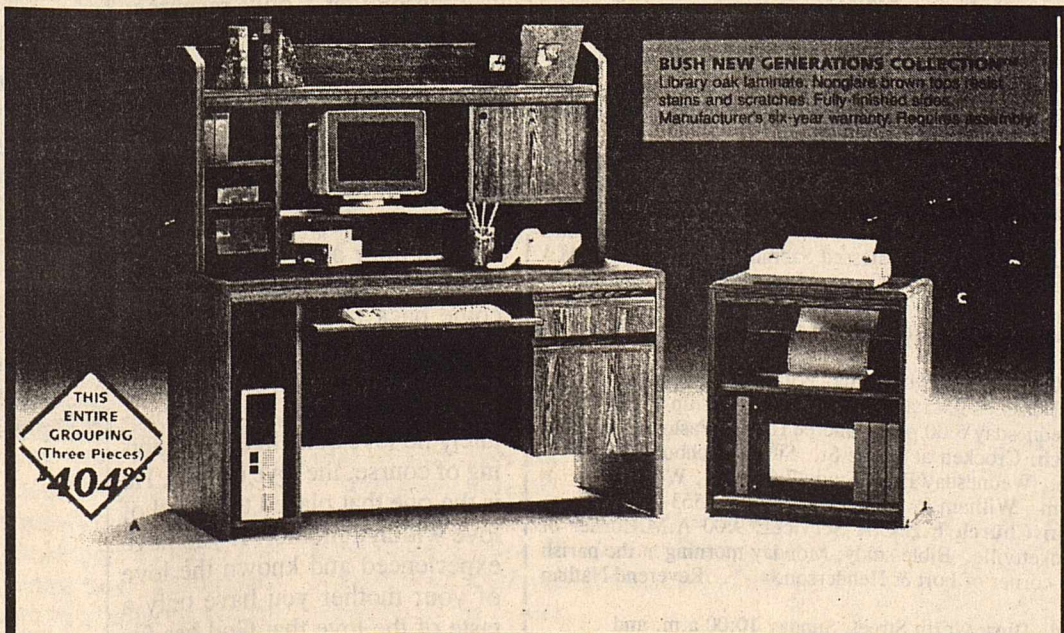
7. Lucifer - only hummingbird with decurved (arcs downward) bill.

8. Calliope - only hummingbird with distinctly streaked throat.

9. Buff-bellied - red bill, cinnamon buff belly, rusty forked tail, typically found in South Texas.

10. Magnificent - green throat and purple crown; also called Rivoli's hummingbird.

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