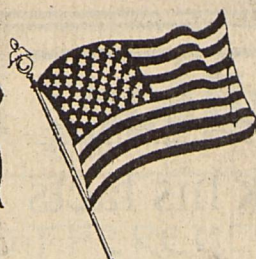


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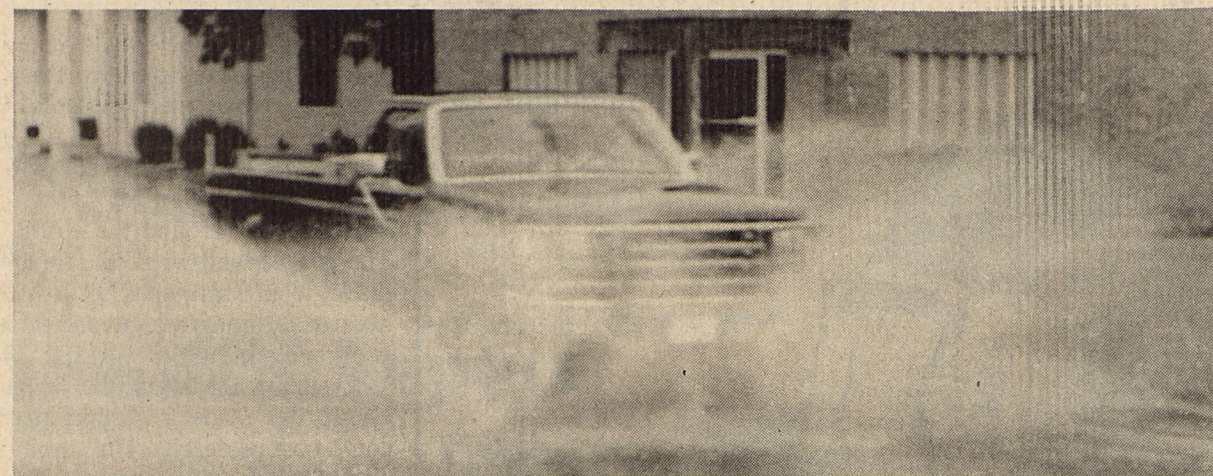
Happy birthday, Big Mama!



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Kinney County saw its first rain in months on Wednesday morning. It was a welcome sight for many.
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Local officials support cloud seeding project

After months of discussions, Kinney County officials from three different entities approved allocations for a cloud seeding program.

Kinney County, the City of Brackettville and Fort Clark Municipal Utility District each agreed to invest \$5,000 apiece into the Texas Border Weather Modification Association (TBWMA).

helping us get this program off the ground," said Bill Cauthorn, chairman of the TBWMA, who will also meet with Fort Clark Springs officials today.

The West Nueces-Las Moras Soil and Water Conservation District has \$9,300 committed in cash for the TBWMA in addition to other pledges.

"I called the contractor (Wednesday) and said go to work," Cauthorn added.

Briefs ...

Seminar focuses on writing business plans

The Middle Rio Grande Development Council Small Business Development Center will sponsor a training seminar tomorrow on how to write a business plan.

The seminar, "Communicating With a Business Plan," will be from 10 a.m. to noon at the Middle Rio Grande Development Council Conference Room in Uvalde. A \$5 fee is payable at the door. To reserve a seat or for more information, call (830) 278-2527.

Local agents make 440 apprehensions

Border Patrol agents at the Brackettville station made 440 apprehensions last week, for the period June 1-7.

The Eagle Pass station had 1,027 apprehensions, while the Del Rio station had 839 and the Uvalde station had 139.

Other apprehensions for the Del Rio Sector include Abilene, 12; Carrizo Springs, 503; Comstock, 135; Llano, 37; Rocksprings, 33; and San Angelo, 44.

The Del Rio Sector seized 143.6 pounds of marijuana, valued at \$114,920.

EMS to offer course

Kinney County EMS is making plans to provide an EMT course, which will be offered to 10 individuals willing to volunteer time to the EMS program.

Anyone interested in riding out with EMS can call the EMS office Monday through Friday at (830) 563-9090.

AHA hosts seminar

The American Heart Association will host a seminar, "Women, Heart and Soul," Sunday at the Del Rio Civic Center from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Schram named Citizen of the Year

Jack Schram was named Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce Saturday at its annual membership meeting at Fort Clark Springs Rendezvous Park.

Schram, a Chamber of Commerce board member, was also the guest speaker. He spoke about his work with the two editions of the book, "90 Miles on Highway 90."

The books, which feature stories and advertisements on Brackettville, Uvalde, Del Rio, and Ciudad Acuna, have traveled to over 35 states and over eight countries.

Schram said a group from Europe is currently planning to visit Texas and take the tour on 90 miles of Highway 90. The tour is attributed to the success of the book.

The Chamber of Commerce seeks public nominations for its annual Citizen of the Year award and selects the winner based on contributions to the public and business community.

Schram spent two years of active duty and four years of reserve duty in the Navy, and played on the Navy varsity baseball and bowling teams.

After his discharge, he was the manager of a bowling complex in Orlando, Fla., for a year and a

half. Schram then worked seven years in his father's IGA store in Seattle. He served as the head of different departments before becoming the manager.

After the family sold the business, he went to work as a technical sales representative for a chemical company, enjoying a 30-year career.

Schram retired in 1995 and moved to Fort Clark Springs where he has been active in various volunteer projects.

As a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Schram paved the way for the two publications of "90 Miles on Highway 90."

Free copies of the book are available at various businesses in Brackettville and the surrounding area.

For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at (830) 563-2466.



Jack Schram, left, is presented the Citizen of the Year award from Chamber of Commerce President Larry Sofaly Saturday.

Frerich fills kindergarten teaching spot

DeeAnn Frerich was hired by the Brackett School Board of Trustees to fill a teaching vacancy in kindergarten at Monday's regular meeting.

Frerich, a graduate of Brackett High School, substituted for Kathy Hoyle over the past month.

Jones Elementary School Principal Michael Schooler said Frerich is "dedicated, hard working, a team player, and most of all she has a deep concern for all of her students," in a written letter of recommendation to the board.

The school district still has teaching vacancies for high school English, history, physical education and health, and elementary special education.

Wilson to compete for Miss Texas USA title

By Lisa Guevara
Special to The Brackett News

After capturing more than 25 crowns and titles — including regional, state and even two at the national level — Leilani Wilson, Miss Alamo Village USA, is "going for the big one."

On Aug. 8, Wilson will compete at the most prestigious state pageant in the nation, which will reach an audience of over 6 million households.

The two-hour live telecast will air from the South Padre Island Convention Center, where over 130 delegates from all over the state of Texas will compete for the coveted title of Miss Texas USA.

The winner of the pageant will receive a gift package valued at over \$80,000, including a new Ford Mustang, \$10,000 cash, furs, jewelry, and travel.

Over the past few years, the pageant industry has taken some pretty bad press, however, Wilson views the industry from a very personal perspective. She started participating in pageants at the age of 11.

"I was never very interested in sports and needed an activity I enjoyed," Wilson said. "I was already taking dance, so my mom registered me in a pageant in Dallas. There were 178 contestants and I finished somewhere around number 32.

"I loved the experience, so I took some modeling lessons, did some research, and entered the Texas Tropical Teen pageant when I was 13. That was my first crown and from there I was hooked," she added.

Wilson is currently employed by American Co-Ed Pageants of Alpharetta, Ga. She travels around the country choreographing state pageants and giving workshops to contestants.

She put her years of dance instruction to work as a dance teacher at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio.

Wilson was the choreographer for the Miss Del Rio USA pageant in April and will remain on the staff of Nettleton Productions working with the upcoming Miss Uvalde USA and other area USA pageants.

At the ripe old age of 18, Wilson has traveled to a variety of places and met many interesting people, including a backstage meeting with Garth Brooks at the Grand Ole Opry and an office visit with Gov. George Bush in Austin.

She plans to continue training and working with the pageant industry.

Wilson, the daughter of Don and Linda Wilson of Fort Clark Springs, is a graduate of Living Heritage Academy and a member of the First Baptist Church of Brackettville.



LEILANI WILSON

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Crumley, Meeks attend 38th annual Texas Energy Science Symposium

Brackett High School's Karen Crumley and Jerritt Meeks were among 56 teachers and students from South Texas attending the 38th annual Texas Energy Science Symposium last week through the

sponsorship of Central Power and Light Company (CPL).

The four-day symposium was held at the University of Texas in Austin.

Over 400 participants from

throughout the state had the opportunity to tour scientific facilities and attend lectures and workshops by top professionals in the scientific field.

The Texas Atomic Energy Research Foundation and the University of Texas jointly sponsor the symposium. As one of the foundation's sponsoring companies, CPL pays all the expenses for the 56 students and teachers from their service territory.

"We're proud to help sponsor the symposium since these students will be taking us into the future," said Susan Dawlearn, a communication consultant with CPL.

The primary purpose of the foundation was to conduct the world's first and largest privately financed research effort in the energy field.

The goal of the foundation and CPL has since broadened to include heightening awareness of energy science in Texas schools and also of the privileges discovered by scientific discovery.



Brackett High School's Karen Crumley (from left) and Jerritt Meeks are welcomed to the 38th annual Texas Energy Science Symposium by CPL representative Susan Dawlearn.

No warnings on seat belts

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety is going after Texans traveling in vehicles without using their seat belts.

The agency announced last week a no-warning policy regarding seat belts. That means a ticket will be issued if a DPS trooper pulls over a driver not obeying the law.

"Texas' seat belt laws have been around for nearly 13 years now," DPS Director Col. Dudley Thomas told the Associated Press. "There's no excuse for Texas drivers not to know about the law and not to buckle up. So there's really no need for warnings."

Under Texas law, anyone in the front seat of a vehicle must wear a seat belt. Children under 2 also must ride in a car safety seat and children under 4 must be restrained in a safety seat or by a seat belt.

People who violate the law can be punished by fines between \$25 and \$50 per incident. Judges determine the fines, DPS spokeswoman Tela Mange said.

"It seems the only way to get people's attention is through their pocketbook," she said.

Mange said the DPS is encouraging other law enforcement agencies to adopt the no-warning policy.

"We're not doing this to raise revenue," she said. "We're just tired of seeing people more seriously injured because they are not wearing their seat belts."

According to a 1997 study, about 25 percent of Texas drivers and passengers did not wear safety belts. About 37 percent of children also went unrestrained.

"Seat belt use is one thing all motorists can do to protect themselves from injuries in the event of a crash," Thomas said. "About half of the vehicle occupants killed in Texas traffic accidents aren't buckled up. Seat belts could save many of these lives."

Jerry Johns, head of an insurance industry group, said seat belt use across the country has fallen in recent years.

Letter to the Editor

Reinhold needs to check his facts

To Dave Reinhold:
Thank you for your letter. You are correct, President Clinton was elected by the electoral vote and not by popular vote.

Again, you are correct, Ronald Reagan was more popular.

I too would have to be insane to research who is more popular or unpopular as neither man was running in a popularity contest.

Anyone with common sense knows Ronald Reagan was popular because of Hollywood. He was in the movies most of his life, and was always the good guy, the one with the white hat.

You want me to check the facts? Try these for facts.

1. President Clinton to day has an approval rating of 66 percent, higher than any president in history.

2. Unemployment is the lowest in 28 years.

3. The economy is at an all-

time high.
4. The stock market is also at an all-time high.

5. Research shows President Clinton is the best saxophone player of all the presidents ever. Maybe I should have left this one out, but then again it makes as much sense as the popular vote.

In your letter, you say to denounce the character of Mr. Townsend (a community leader). This is false. I did not.

Dave, you copied Joe Townsend's letter where he writes about popular vote and electoral vote.

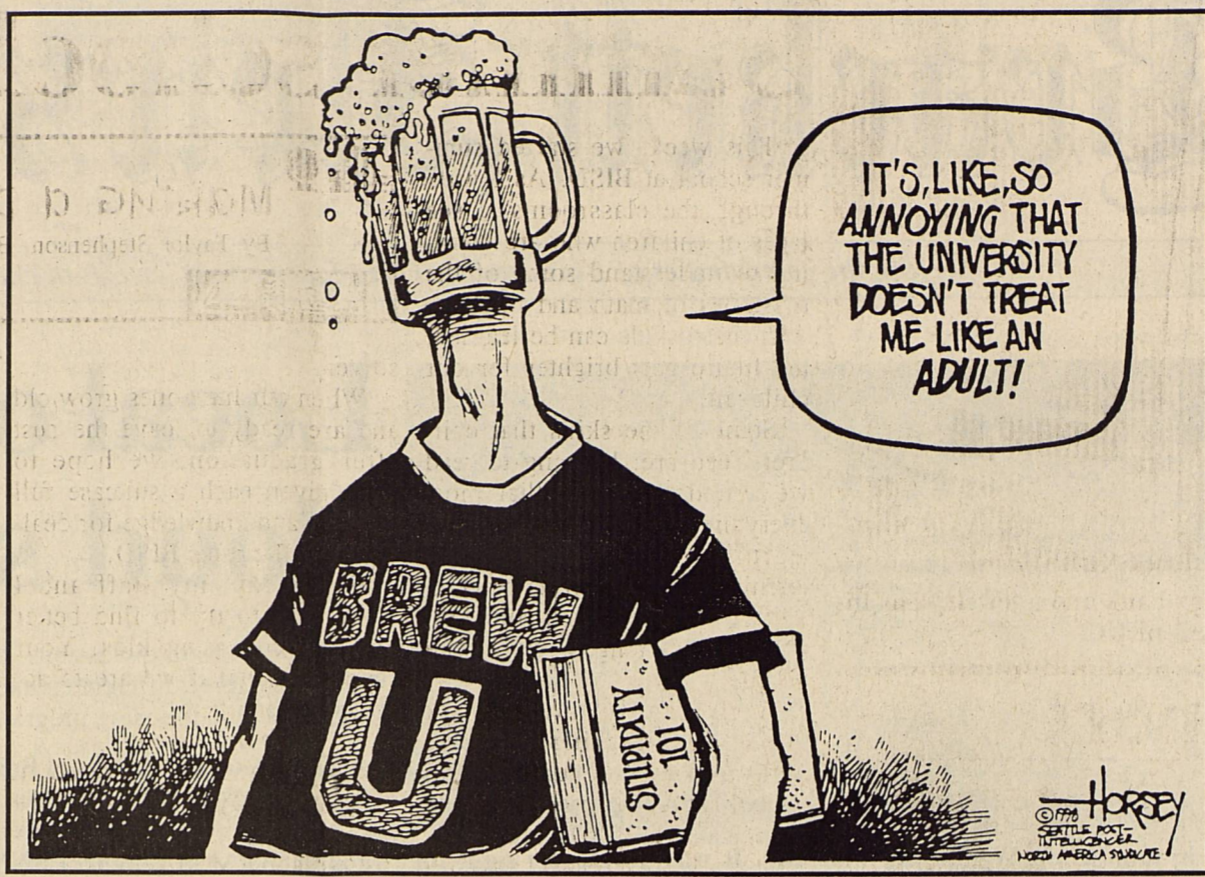
You also copied where I called Joe Townsend a community leader.

Next you copied Mayor Berlanga's mucho's gracias mano.

Reinhold, I think you are a misinformed copy-cat.

Telling it like it is.

Roger Perez



Anti-tobacco activists are providing ridiculous facts

Finally, people are beginning to see through the faddish scam about tobacco. Even Congress will not now be stampeded into ridiculous action.

For too long, the public has been fed bilge by activists and political near do wells.

The ridiculous idea that 3,000 people a day take up smoking is a figure snatched out of thin air by unthinking do-gooders. These radicals have told the world that second hand smoke causes everything from hearing loss to brain damage.

If people would just think for themselves, this "anti" fad would die of its own weight.

The idea that anyone who dies does so because of some "smoke related" illness is a ludicrous figment of warped mind.

For at least 75 years, it has been a widely accepted fact that tobacco can be harmful and yet people use it and enjoy it and people live longer than ever.

These do-gooders seem to want everyone to believe that if smoking tobacco were to be done away with people would live uninhibited lives forever.

It was the demonic greed of politicians that dreamed up the

idea that the tobacco companies should reimburse the states for medical costs of treating "smoke related" illnesses.

Then add billions to that to unscrupulous lawyers and costs of trials and the sum is outlandish. These money grubbing politicians loudly prate that the tobacco giants will be financially raped. Pray tell me where do these tobacco giants get their money?

Those who buy the products are the ones ripped off. The companies agreed to an outrageous settlement and, in a few weeks, raised the price of their product to compensate.

The idea that taxing cigarettes \$1.50 more a pack will keep teenagers from smoking shows a lack of common sense at best and more likely a greed for money.

Clinton yesterday demanded Congress immediately pass his tobacco rip-off. His bleating that to refuse to would mean 1 million "children" will die is typical of

his warped thinking. He has to push for this scam because his budget proposal depends on a \$55 billion income from the exorbitant tax to throw into the many social programs that further denigrate society.

When these politicians and crusaders against tobacco show some integrity and turn their efforts against alcohol they will show more credibility. They know, as does any ignoramus on skid row, that tobacco does not do one-tenth the damage as alcohol.

It's time the American people throw out of office the money grubbing do-gooders.

A change of subject: FBI and many other agencies, many helicopters and vehicles, even horses and at last report 500 men from four states, are trying to catch two men.

I have a suggestion: Send a couple of Texas Rangers and tell all the others to go home. The hunt would end sooner.

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



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Honorable Bosnia withdrawal

On May 6, one day after returning from my seventh trip to visit U.S. troops in the Balkans, I introduced legislation to curtail the continuing and open-ended commitment of U.S. ground forces there.

What I saw in the Balkans was a well-trained, professional force capable of performing any mission assigned — as long as they are given the support they need.

But I also saw a force on a mission with no clear direction and no defined exit strategy.

Bosnia, as originally described to Congress, was to be a temporary mission — not a permanent assignment. When Congress narrowly voted to support this mission in 1995, I voted against it because I was afraid that would happen. My reservations turned out to be fully justified.

This was sold to Congress as a one-year commitment. That deadline was missed and the next deadline was missed as well. It is now clear we are involved in an ongoing mission with no end in sight.

I am more convinced than ever that it is time to set a schedule and begin an orderly, honorable withdrawal of U.S. ground forces from the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

As time has passed, it has become even more important that the United States have an exit strategy that our troops, our allies and the people of the Balkans know and understand.

Our former secretary of defense and the former chairman of the joint chiefs of staff both told Congress prior to the original deployment that an exit strategy and an exit date is important if we are going to avoid what is called "mission creep," the gradual expansion of a mission beyond its original parameters.

Mission creep means that our forces are asked to undertake inappropriate tasks. And it also can mean they are exposed to greater uncertainty and risk.

Increasingly, our forces in Bosnia are carrying out police activities not normally assigned to military troops. Our forces are not trained to serve as police officers. They are trained to fight wars.

This is not fair. It is not fair to our soldiers, and it is not fair to the American people. Our U.S. forces in Bosnia have accomplished the military mission assigned to them.

They were sent to enforce the Dayton peace accords by keeping the warring factions separated. We all owe them a debt of gratitude for accom-

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U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

plishing this with no combat loss of life to any American.

But during my travels, I have talked to U.S. troops at home and abroad. A pattern is emerging: We are losing too many experienced, trained men and women because year after year they're being asked to leave their families, too often for these non-traditional operations.

We are wearing out our troops on missions that reduce their readiness and cost money that should go towards modernization.

Gradually, we are putting ourselves — and the rest of the world — in peril. The United States can respond in dangerous situations where our allies cannot, or will not, and where we are the only power capable of acting. We cannot allow that capability to be eroded.

The bill I introduced May 6 sets a gradual, phased timetable for reducing the level of U.S. troops, 8,500 of which are deployed in Bosnia and Herzegovina today.

Written into law would be a requirement that those troops be reduced to 6,900 by June 30, 1998, to 5,000 by Feb. 2, 1999, to 3,500 by June 30, 1999, and to 2,500 by Feb. 2, 2000. The United States' European allies could gradually take over those responsibilities.

In late April, Congress approved an additional \$478.8 million to sustain our forces in Bosnia. Of course we are going to provide our troops with the support they need to do the job — but the money must come from somewhere.

Right now it is coming out of our future readiness, missile defense and modernization. We are borrowing from the future to pay for a mission that, clearly, others could perform. This is unwise and imprudent. And in the long run, will not serve America's vital national interests.

Congress to the rescue

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

The Kyoto Global Climate Change Treaty, which the White House signed in Japan last December, could force the United States to put the breaks on our military training, operations and deployments.

The purpose of the treaty is to reduce the emission of "greenhouse gases" around the world. The people who wrote the treaty think global warming is occurring because too much oil, gas and coal is burned around the world.

In signing the treaty, the White House has made a mistake that could cost us dearly. The administration failed to make sure that the United States Armed Forces would be exempt from this treaty.

The treaty forces the United States military to scale back its use of gases, coal and oil. This forced reduction would have a severe impact on the readiness of our military and would jeopardize our national security.

The Pentagon says even a 10 percent cut in the use of Army fuel would mean the Army would need an additional six weeks to train and deploy for its missions. The Air Force would lose thousands of flying hours and our Navy's ships would be limited in how long their engines could run.

It's not so easy to protect a nation with grounded aircraft and idle ships.

Meanwhile, the armed forces in countries like China and Iran would be free to train, deploy and burn as much gas as they want.

Restricting the U.S. military in this way would be devastating. The United States would have to ask the United Nations for an exemption to allow our military to operate above emissions levels listed in the treaty and deploy our own troops. This ridiculous situation can never be allowed to happen.

The United States Congress has come to the rescue and averted potential disaster. The House of Representatives voted unanimously to exempt the U.S. Armed Forces from the ridiculous provisions of this treaty.

We can not, in all good conscience, impose foreign control on our own military.

This Congress has ensured the safety and security of Americans are not compromised. We have made sure our military has the freedom it needs to defend our country.

This treaty is already unfair to America, but it does not have to threaten our national security.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

A fine lady came to Fort Clark a few years back. She is most adept at ceramics, teaching and working with it at Fort Clark.

She is a fine artist and accomplished in genre. She is a very hard worker. She cares for the disabled and stays very busy caring for them.

She is a most likable individual and all who know her call her friend. Surely, Juanita Robertson is an Unsung Hero.

Big Mama Ser!

It is very easy to forgive others for their mistakes; it takes more grit and gumption to forgive them for having witnessed your own.



Hilario Garcia, 12, shows off a piggy bank and a jewelry box his uncle, Luis Flores, made out of tooth picks.

Sheriff's Report

Monday, June 1

3:32 p.m., Guillermo Jose Gomez-Maldonado, 37, of Brackettville was arrested by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar and charged with driving while intoxicated, second offense; driving while licensed suspended; unauthorized use of a motor vehicle; and no valid motor vehicle inspection. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Gomez-Maldonado served time on the latter charge and is being held on \$5,500 bond for the other charges.

8:40 p.m., Rio Grande Electric reported a large grass fire on 3008. The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department and the Border Patrol were dispatched to the scene.

Tuesday, June 2

7:52 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported a snake in her yard at her residence on W. Fulton Street. Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the scene and took care of the problem.

7:09 p.m., Hector Cornejo Flores, 31, of Dallas was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Flores was released the next day after paying a \$336 fine.

Wednesday, June 3

12:57 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported an accident on Highway 90, five miles east of Brackettville. Chief Deputy Fritter and EMS personnel were dispatched to the scene. There were no injuries.

Thursday, June 4

6:28 a.m., A Del Rio Border Patrol agent reported that a Ford pickup drove through a ranch fence on Highway 2523, one mile from the county line. Del Rio DPS officials were notified and Trooper Slubar was dispatched to the scene.

11:15 a.m., A Brackettville man reported that someone had hit his wife's vehicle. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene. The woman said that the man backed out and wouldn't stop after running into her vehicle. Fritter later met with the man, who said he didn't realize he struck the vehicle.

3:40 p.m., A Brackettville man called 911 to report that he was having a family problem at his residence on W. Fulton Street. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene.

Friday, June 5

12:15 p.m., Trooper Ashley reported an abandoned trailer north of Pinto Creek missing a tire.

Saturday, June 6

1:16 a.m., An official with the Uvalde Police Department requested a deputy at the Senior Apartments on W. Spring Street because a woman was continually calling about an individual. Deputy Guidry was dispatched to the scene. He later met Uvalde officials at the Cline checkpoint and transported the man back to Brackettville.

10:40 p.m., An anonymous caller reported that she rented a room at Fort Clark Springs for four people and the room only had two beds. She said she was refused a refund and was not given a copy of her credit card receipt. She asked for assistance from the Sheriff's Department, but was advised to contact Smith Security.

Sunday, June 7

3:00 a.m., Clayton Jones, 20, of New York, N.Y., and David J. Wolfe, 21, of Chester, N.Y., were arrested by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie for possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia. Both were booked into the Kinney County Jail. Jones and Wolfe are being held on \$2,000 bond.

11:35 a.m., A Brackettville man reported a hurt deer on Highway 674, 4.2 miles north of Brackettville. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene, but was unable to locate the animal.

6:39 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that her brother was drunk and trying to cause problems at her residence on N. Beaumont Street. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene and took care of the problem.

Monday, June 8

10:55 a.m., An employee at the United Medical Center clinic reported an irate customer. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene and took care of the problem.

Summer school gets underway

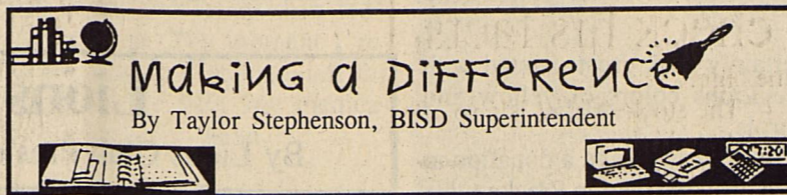
This week, we started summer school at BISD. As I walk through the classrooms, I see faces of children who are working to understand some of the mysteries of math and reading.

If these skills can be learned, the future gets brighter for our children.

Some of the skills that children need are: learning to read well, understanding that most everything in life involves math, learning to stick to the task, learning values such as respect, hard work, courtesy, and loyalty, and learning to work with people.

Each family must work through the teaching of values in your homes. Churches help with this. We're trying hard to do our part at BISD.

Our schools exist to help children to a better life. We're here to be fair and to help each little one learn to be a problem



solver.

When our little ones grow old and are ready to leave the nest after graduation, we hope to have given each a suitcase full of skills and knowledge for dealing with life after BISD.

Every day, my staff and I work hard to try to find better ways of educating kids. Your support is vital if we are to accomplish our task.

Grandparents

Baby Taylor has arrived in Kentucky! My wife and I are grandparents.

Our son, Michael, and his wife, Della, are the proud parents. Little Taylor arrived in this world on June 9 in the early af-

ternoon.

I know lots of you are grandparents, and we're proud to become a member of this fine group. Mostly, we're happy that all seem to be healthy and a new life has been brought into this world.

Vacation Bible School

You know most of the miracles and happy times in this world involve children.

Vacation Bible Schools have been going full blast in Brackettville.

The children are in the church houses singing their hearts out about things that make a difference. I watch the little hands being put together during prayer

time, and think that these little ones have ultimate faith. They believe in life.

Let's learn from the children to believe and to be happy. Let's learn to have hope.

School Board

That's about all. We had a fine School Board meeting Monday night.

Our board receives no pay for their hard work. I am proud to work on the team with these dedicated folks.

Pee Wee Football

Several of you have asked about the school's relationship with the Pee Wee Football and cheerleaders.

The school does not sponsor these organizations. We do have football that begins in middle school. We do have cheerleaders that begin in middle school.

We welcome opportunities for the children of Brackettville. Have a great week!

Community Calendar

Thursday, June 11

12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

6:30 p.m., The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

Saturday, June 13

10:00 a.m., The Fort Club Springs Community Council meets in Shafter Hall on Fort Clark Springs.

Tuesday, June 16

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

Thursday, June 18

12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

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

Saturday, June 20

10:00 a.m., The Fort Club Springs Board of Directors meets in the Board Room on Fort Clark Springs.

Monday, June 22

6:00 p.m., The Fort Club Springs VFW meets at the Service Club on Fort Clark Springs.

Tuesday, June 23

6:30 p.m., The Fort Clark

Shrine Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

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

Thursday, June 25

12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

Tuesday, June 30

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

Thursday, July 2

12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets in the Cavalry

Ballroom at the Las Moras Restaurant on Fort Clark Springs.

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

Sunday, July 5

12:00 p.m., The Knights of Columbus meet at Parish Hall.

Monday, July 6

1:00 p.m., The Fort Club Art Club meets at the Art Studio.

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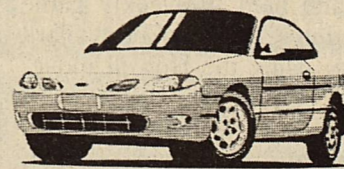
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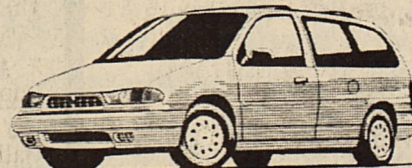
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Visualization is a form of self hypnosis

Visualization is a form of self hypnosis that involves an intense focusing in a relaxed way, according to Frances McMaster.

She discussed the technique of visualization last Thursday at the Brackettville Rotary Club meeting.

Visualization consists of a way of using one's own mind to improve one's way of being or of performing.

"Trying hard doesn't work here," McMaster said. "To do this does not mean losing touch with reality or going into a trance."

Becoming quiet and turning inward in thought is involved, she said. It requires practice to do this efficiently.

"If you have watched athletes in the Olympics or professional golfers in tournaments, where individual performance is featured, you may have noticed or heard reference to the athlete practicing visualization," McMaster said.

"The athlete is standing quietly concentrating. They aren't waiting for an impulse to start, they are running over a perfect performance in their mind. This is a very purposeful part of their performance."

Visualization has been adopted by athletes in many different sports. For instance, the slalom skier has memorized every flagged position where he or she must turn and know exactly how to come into the turn and execute it efficiently to maintain or enhance speed.

Once that pattern is formed in an athlete's mind, visualization is a way of practicing it.

"This works extremely well because it allows the athlete to perform intuitively once the run is started," she said.

Athletes talk about "being in the zone" or "in the flow" where their performance is effortless in

terms of not having to consciously think of every move.

In psychotherapy, or in the process of self improvement, visualization can be used in different ways. It can allow the user to perform in more efficient ways. For example, if a person dreads job interviews, he or she probably believes the event will be painful and the results disappointing.

"We usually manifest what we believe," McMaster said. "By simply practicing a different kind of experience we can achieve a more positive result. Instead of believing in failure, we can help ourselves believe in success."

The visualization would be changing the feeling of helplessness and vulnerability into seeing yourself confidently entering the room where the interview will occur.

Go through the entire scenario. How would you like for it to turn out? Picture that ending and you will have discovered more of your own potential.

McMaster also gave an example of her own use of visualization.

"Several years ago, I awakened one night with asthma," she said. "I was feeling a lot of anxiety. Since I didn't know exactly what was causing it, I asked my mind to give me a symbol of that anxiety."

"The specific cause lay in the unconscious, and because the 'language of the unconscious' is non-verbal, I asked for a picture of it, a symbol."

"The picture that appeared was of a woman who looked rather fat and motherly. I knew she was a counselor. She held many strings which stretched out in many directions."

"Directly behind her sat an Easter-Island-like stone statue

which I knew was an archetypal figure, not real, but depicting a pattern.

"The figure was 'in possession' of the counselor. The counselor was mechanically acting out the pattern the statue represented rather than using her own capability of making choices."

"I realized I had too many things to do and too many demands on my time," McMaster said. "By exercising choice rather than passively taking on more than I could handle effectively, I could be more in con-

trol of my life rather than feeling helpless. The moment I realized that, my asthma left far more quickly than any medication I had ever taken."

The mind and body are irrevocably connected. Stress is a major cause of physical illness. Feeling helpless is uncomfortable and is often an unnecessary experience.

"Step aside and look at the cause or causes," McMaster said. "What can you do to change the situation? Exercise that choice. Discover a strength you didn't even know you possess."



Mike Holley, left, introduced Frances McMaster at last week's Brackettville Rotary Club meeting. Photo by Eric McMaster

OUTDOORS



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



Trout on Guadalupe River die after ingesting fire ants

NEW BRAUNFELS — An estimated 18,000 rainbow trout are believed to have died after ingesting fire ants recently along a 15-mile stretch of the Guadalupe River near here.

Preliminary findings by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) biologists indicate the rainbow trout population in the Guadalupe River was diminished as a result of ingesting ants.

According to Andy Labay, with the TPWD kills and spills team, the preliminary estimate is that 18,000 fish were killed. When the fish were examined, up to 500 ants were found in the stomach of each fish.

"Almost all the fish we cut open had gorged on fire ants," Labay said.

Biologists are now convinced that rainstorms in late May and early June triggered the mating flight of fire ants along the Guadalupe River. In search for a location for new mounds, many of the ants descend upon the river.

The Guadalupe River fishery below Canyon Dam, primarily the rainbow trout, feed on the fire ants in the river, and the ants kill many of the fish.

The fish affected were primarily in a 15-mile stretch of the Guadalupe, from the tailrace at

Canyon Dam to the second crossing.

TPWD had recently stocked 250,000, four-inch long trout in the Guadalupe River and a majority of the dead fish appears to be from these stocks. Although rainbow trout were the primary population affected, the sunfish population also felt the impact.

According to Steve Magnelia, fisheries biologist for TPWD, this is the third year in a row that this situation has occurred.

"We're looking at ways to minimize this phenomenon: possibly holding off stocking for a few weeks," Magnelia said. "We are also talking to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers about cranking up the flow of water from Canyon Dam, so that if the ants land on the river, they will be washed away more quickly."

This was a short-lived event: most of the ants are gone and the mortality is over with, but the effects will probably be seen through the weekend and into next week, biologist predict.

The 15-mile stretch of the Guadalupe is unique in the fact that it is the only year-round rainbow trout fishery in Texas. The TPWD has been working to establish a quality trout fishery through stocking efforts.



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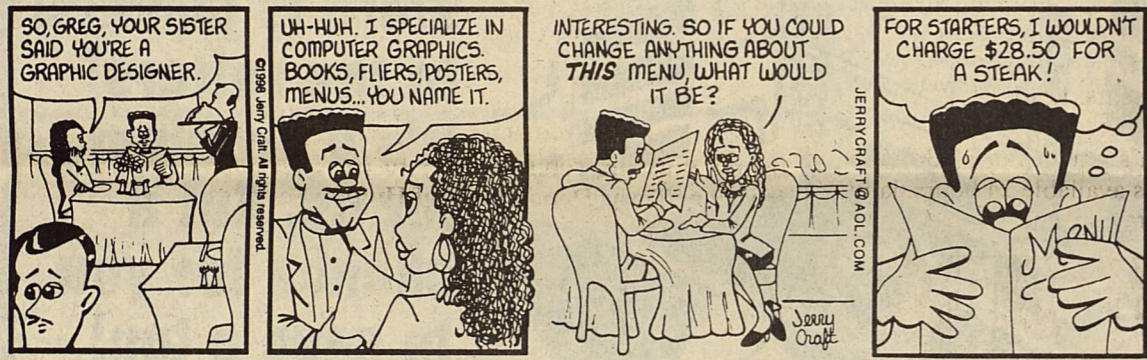
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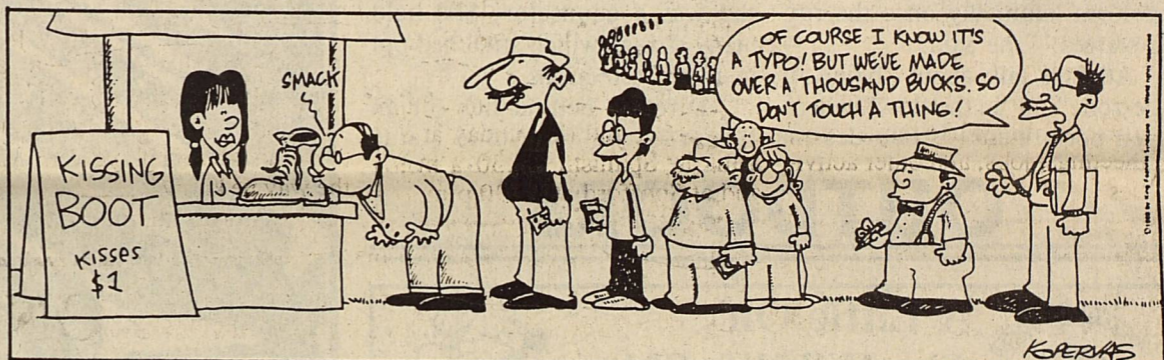
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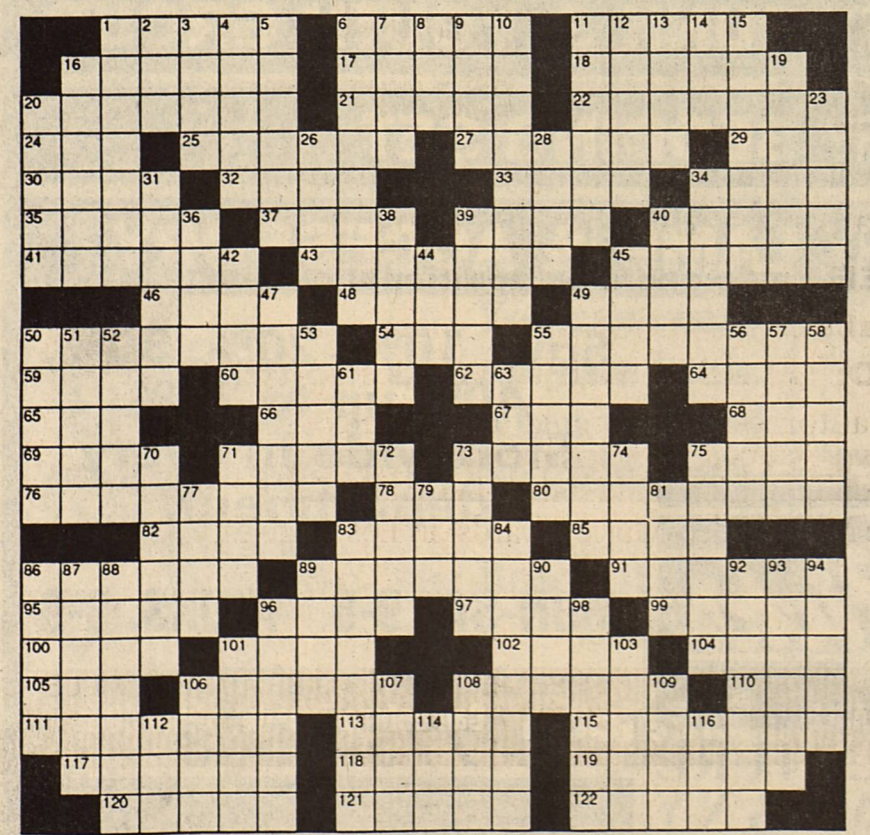


OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



Super Crossword

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6 Value system
11 Examined the layout, to a crook
16 Quarrelsome shrew
17 Path or surgery starter
18 Husband of Isis
20 *Apocalypse Now* sailing
21 Furry swimmer
22 Union general in the Civil War
24 Debatable gift
25 Figure of speech
27 Prepare for landing
29 Attorney General nominee Baird
30 Hit squarely
32 St. Petersburg's river
33 Famous Confederate general and family
34 Lively Israeli dance
35 Actress Moorehead
37 Gangster Diamond
39 - Death*
40 Former German coin
41 Terry or Jerry
43 Smooth cotton fabric
45 Use of force
46 British
48 Site of historic conference in Feb., 1945
49 Location
50 Historic Georgia seaport
54 Medieval tale
55 Site of the first shots of the Civil War
59 Seed covering
60 Forest clearing
62 Golfer's number 4
64 Shopper's delight
65 Bagel's companion
66 Brig or stock follower
67 Young pig
68 Baby's perch
69 Dutch uncles
71 Bodily strength
73 Resting place
75 Freeman or Lisa
76 Site of two Civil War battles
78 Actress Sue - Langdon
80 - Day landing site
82 Line or lock
starter
83 At right angles to a ship's length
85 Broadway brilliance
86 Cast-iron frying pan
89 Mountaintop feature
91 Left the stage
92 Burdened
96 English prime minister
97 Math. subject
99 Unacknowledged
100 "... o'clock scholar"
101 "The Love" (song)
102 Start for list or theism
104 Crust or test follower
105 Call - day
106 Knows
108 Buddhist doctrine
110 Rank below bart.
111 Stenographic
113 Florida seaport
115 Shake-spearean tragedy
117 State admitted in 1864
118 Use
119 Metal tags
120 Grattiles
121 Bronze or
Silver Star
122 West Yorkshire city
DOWN
1 Useful ornaments
2 Museum collection
3 Sun-funny worshippers' shades
4 "Happy Days Are Here - prime known as the "Desert Fox" of CD
6 Historic bomber of WWII
7 Head, in La Havre
8 Crude cabin
9 Angered
10 Site of a famous Naval battle in WWII
11 Two-door cars
12 Donkeys and burros
13 Board or post starter
14 Make a boo-boo
15 Chemical compound
16 Countenance
19 Nocturnal disturbances
20 Anagram of naval
23 "The Tracks of My -" (song)
26 Currier's partner
28 Deal with
effectively
77 Observed
79 Just out
81 Chinese medicinal agent
83 Civil War battle site (1862)
84 U.S. Army chief of staff in WWII
86 Killed
87 Famed WWII general
88 Conceives in the mind
89 Pride, envy and sloth
90 Woodpecker group
92 Train conductor's collection
93 Items in a program
94 He rode a pale horse
96 Bearlike animals
98 Ring of interlocked circles
101 Civil War general
103 Orange or Indian
106 Petty quarrel
107 Build a nest egg
108 South Seas
109 Asiatic ironwood
112 One of the Gabor's
114 Off one's rocker
116 Garden plot



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Dog	Gourmet	Mexican	Soul
Fast	Health	Natural	

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Work interests at a distance prosper. Check to see what's happening. Creative types should meet with agents, while children's interests are accented.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
There are still things to be worked out concerning a trip. You'll be doing more home entertaining in the near future. You could spruce up your living quarters over the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
For a while, you'll grumble about work that interferes with socializing. But there will be no complaints about the new career opportunities that come your way. A phone call brings good news toward the latter part of the week.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Work problems are on your mind and you're not at your gregarious best till the later part of the week. Accepting invitations for happy times will be indicated. A question a child takes you by surprise.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Manners and little niceties seem to count in business. Social life finds you quite popular. Accept invitations for enjoyable times during the weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
Background maneuvers are favorable for your career. It's a time for preparation and research, rather than action. You need some time for yourself once the weekend arrives.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
First, you argue about how to have fun. Then, you could overstay your welcome while out visiting. Reasoning in social matters is not at its best.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
You could complain about not having enough time to do your work and then left to your own devices, you could dawdle the time away. Listen to a friend. This person's advice is sound.

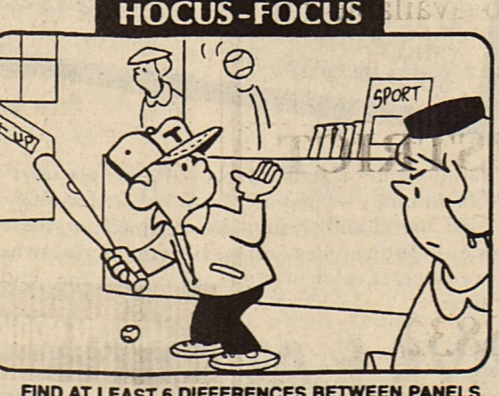
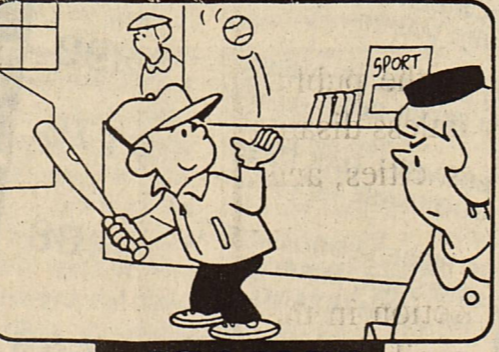
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
Home-based activities are best. Catch up on sleep and relaxation once work is done. Some shoppers find a wonderful bargain, but don't dwell on a career problem.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Romance is favored over friendship. Put aside career concerns and let yourself have a good time. Happiness comes through children, love and leisure events this weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
If you are given enough time by yourself, there's no telling what you'll accomplish. You're the one who's pulling the strings from behind the scenes. Keep this to yourself.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Slow down and do the job right. Both an old and a new friend are important to you. Doors seem to open for you and good will breeds benefits.

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God works in an atmosphere of love

By Rev. Joe Townsend
Frontier Baptist Church

Jesus said "I work." The question follows, "Where is he working?"

He works in an atmosphere of faith. Where there is no faith in him as Savior he can't work. Even when there is faith in him as Savior, he cannot work unless there is faith in his ability and willingness to accomplish what needs to be done.

Unbelief is a terrible sin because it inhibits the power of God. He works in an atmosphere of love. There is no power like love. It was love that led God to send his son into the world.

It was love that constrained Christ to die

on the cross. It is love that motivates Christ to be our advocate with the Father.

He works in an atmosphere of humility. The most abominable thing in the world is arrogance, especially religious arrogance. A true follower cannot but be humble.

Jesus works in an atmosphere of prayer. Prayer to the father through Jesus opens the windows of heaven and unleashes the power of God. There is no substitute for prayer to God.

Jesus works in an atmosphere of obedience. If one is truly committed to him he will obey him. When we obey and follow him we're not doing anything special, we're doing the expected.

Jesus works in an atmosphere of selflessness. There has never lived a more selfless life than Jesus. He anticipates his followers to be the same. Jesus works best when faced with so called impossibilities.

Because his followers were so dedicated when he was in the world, it was said of them they were "people who turned the world upside down."

It's unbelievable what would happen if all who name the name of Jesus would suddenly follow him in faith, humility, obedience and selflessness. Then the whole world could see and know that Jesus "works."

There will be another message from the Bible when people worship at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a.m. Come and see.

Keep your eye on Jesus, the 'living flag'

By Pastor Charolette Corey
Gateway Ministries

Any of you who have fought in a war understands the importance of "rallying around the flag."

It was a signal placed on a high point or hill that was watched for as a sign to attack. When it was waved, a trumpet was often sounded to signal the attack.

Such is our Living Flag or Banner, Jehovah-nissi (The Lord is my banner, Exodus 17:15).

Moses was a type of living banner in the Old Testament when as

long as the people could see him standing on a high point, holding up his hand, the people of Israel won the battle, but when he lowered it, they began loosing. Aaron and Hur helped him hold up his hand until the end of the battle so that the children of God had the victory.

We have a far better "banner" or "flag" and that is Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. He has forever won the battle and stands at the highest point to be seen, at the right hand of the Father.

Every name that can be named

has been placed under the name of Jesus. All his enemies have been made his footstool. Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is Lord.

Who better to lead you in your own warfare than Jesus, Lord God, over all the hosts of angels. He has given you the same authority as he himself through your faith in him and the power of his word that does not return to him without having performed what he sent it out.

We have the most powerful living flag to stand true to ... Jesus

Christ. So as you hear the trumpet call to war keep your eyes on Jesus. When you've done all to fight against the powers, principalities, rulers in high places and the schemes of the devil, keep your eyes on Jesus.

When you tear down the strongholds in your mind that war against the word of God, keep your eyes on Jesus and in so doing renew your mind daily.

Jesus is the "living flag," keep your eyes on him. He has already given you the victory. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Family prayer — a tie that binds

A happy and stable family provides the kind of atmosphere in which children learn to relate to others, to care, to share, to love, to forgive.

It's in the home that children learn they are loved and accepted. This forms the basis of their image of themselves, their relationships with others, and with God.

Family prayer can happen in every family, despite the demands of things like homework, meetings, jobs, and other activities.

It is a necessary ingredient in good Christian families and helps to bind the members together.

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Readings from the book of John

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

"Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me.

"In my fathers house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also.

"And where I go ye know, and the way ye know."
"Thomas saith unto him Lord,

we know not where thou goest, and how can we know the way?"

"Jesus saith unto him I am the way, the truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father; but by me.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

St. John 14: 1-6; 27
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37	TATAR	ETHIC	CAISED										
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	NATIL	NEVA	LEES	MORA									
51	AGNES	LEGS	ASES	TALLER									
	LESTER	SATINET	DURESS										
	HALO	YALTA	SITTE										
68	SAVANNAH	LALI	FISUMTER										
	ARTIL	GLADE	GLEEK	SALE									
	LOY	ADE	ELT	LAP									
	EMES	THEWS	ROOST	MONIA									
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Kinney County Appraisal District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 1999 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on June 23, 1998 at 5:30 p.m. at the Appraisal District Office at 503 S. Ann, Brackettville, Texas.

A summary of the Appraisal District budget is as follows:

- The total amount of the proposed budget is \$158,516.
- The total amount of increase from the current year's budget is \$6,356.
- The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 3.
- The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 3.

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District.

If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the Appraisal District Office.

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