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## Briefs ...

### 4-H Banquet Held

The annual Kinney County 4-H Achievement Banquet was held on Thursday, August 12, 1999 in the Civic Center. A pot luck dinner was served to members and their families and guests. Following the dinner, the new officers and club managers were installed by County Judge Herb Senne. They are Duquesa Hunt - President, Zach Davis - Vice President, Susannah Davis - Secretary, Laura Lee Ballew - Treasurer, Lee Davis - Reporter, Michelle Melancon and Beth Ballew - Council Delegates, Mrs. Nadalee Allen, Club Manager, and Mrs. Lisa Conoly, Assistant Club Manager. Outgoing Club Manager Donna Schuster was recognized for her contributions to the club. The guest speaker was Cheryl Mapston, District Extension Director from Uvalde, who spoke about 4-H and how it affected her life. Awards were given to members for projects in the Kinney County Livestock Show, Foods & Nutrition, Shooting Sports, Photography, and Clothing. Adult leaders were recognized for years of service. The "Friends of 4-H Award" was presented to special guest Tony and Nancy Frerich; "4-Her of the Year Award" was given to senior member Lindsey Brotherton and junior member Bailee Allen.

### Pee Wee Football Drill Team

Get the Spirit. Join the Tigers Pee Wee Football Drill Team. Girls K-6th grade interested in being in pep/drill team for the Pee Wee Football league, please call Valerie Romero at 563-2284 or Becky Resendez at 563-2258 for more information. Registration deadline is Aug. 23rd. Girls in 5th and 6th grade we especially need you!

### Border Patrol perform rescue

DEL RIO, TEXAS - U.S. Border Patrol agents rescued two men from drowning in a creek in rural Zavala County, Wednesday night. The body of a third man, who had been travelling with the pair, was later recovered from the creek.

Agents were responding to a report of suspected illegal aliens on a ranch near Crystal City just before 10 p.m. Wednesday when they heard cries for help and sounds of splashing water. Upon investigation, agents found three subjects in a creek struggling to stay above the water. Agents jumped in the water and pulled two of the subjects to safety. They then returned to the water to locate the third man. They were joined by members of the Zavala County Fire Rescue team and Sheriff's Office. The body of the third subject was later recovered. He was pronounced dead by a local justice of the peace.

One of the two men rescued was taken by EMS to a local hospital for treatment and was later returned to Mexico. The other man fled the scene while agents were attempting to rescue the third subject.

### Super S Foods awards scholarship

Super S Foods, has awarded over \$45,000 in academic scholarships this year to high school graduates. Congratulations to Lindsey Brotherton of Brackett High School, a recipient of the Super S Foods \$1,000 scholarship. Mr. John Dieterle, President of Super S Foods said, "The scholarships awards is just one of the many ways we help support the communities we serve."



Pictured above are Brackett ISD Custodial Workers, (L to R) Eresmi Aguirre, Ruben Buantello, Tommy Castillo, and Laura Gomez. They were installing the trophy case this past Friday in the new high school building.

## County has 9.9 percent budget increase

Tanya Kay McClure  
Staff Writer

The Kinney County Commissioners court's proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year is up 9.9 percent.

The proposed budget totals \$1,863,601, which is up from the current budget of \$1,696,176.

The County Attorney's budget had a 64.4% budget increase over last years budget. It went from \$46,077 to \$75,764.

In part a portion of this is a \$16,950 pay raise given to all lawyers in the state of Texas. This is considered an Attorney Salary Supplement and it is paid by the state of Texas.

The amount is added to his salary of \$27,151, which brings his total yearly earnings \$44,101.

The library's budget went up 45.7 percent over last year. Their current budget was set at \$32,720 and is increasing to \$47,684.

The librarians salary had a 33.6 percent increase. Last year the salary was set at \$13,520 and in the proposed budget increased to \$18,076.

Included in this year's library budget is a line item for \$6,240 funding a Librarian Assistant.

The EMS budget went up by 20.6 percent over last year. Last year's budget was set at

\$136,920 and the proposed budget increased to \$165,218.

The overall salary increase for EMS personnel made a 12.3 percent increase over last years budget of \$32,092.

The Sheriff's Department budget took a 11.8 percent jump over last years budget. Increasing from \$480,186 to \$536,823.

Most of the increases were on personal pay raises.

\$20,900 was set aside for the Deputy Patrol that may be hired to patrol Fort Clark Springs. This amount was put into the proposed budget pending the outcome of such action.

The Drug Task Force Budget was increased to \$46,079. This is a 53.1 percent increase over last years budget of \$30,090.

The County and District Clerks office budget went up 39.5 percent. Last years budget was set at \$78,122 and increased to \$108,997.

The equipment line item from last year to this year went up \$25,138.

Last year the equipment costs were running \$1,240 and in the proposed budget is running \$26,378.

The County and District Clerks office is purchasing an all new computer system that will cost somewhere in the \$20,000 range.

## School week starts off with glitches

Tanya Kay McClure  
Staff Writer

School started August 16th and several glitches in the new building slowed down the pace of things at Brackett ISD.

According to Don Sims, High School Principal, the air conditioning in the new High School building did not work for most of the morning. There was also problems with the plumbing and the bells. But by the day's end the problems had been solved and things have since gone smoothly.

A reception was held before the School Board meeting for the new teachers. This gave the teachers the opportunity to meet the School Board members and other citizens from the community. Eight new teacher have been hired for this school year. Christina Sifuentes is the new Kindergarten teacher, Louisa Stone - 5th grade, Walter Brock - Coach/History teacher for Middle School, Jenifer Harris - Home Economics teacher for the High School, Amanda Edgar

- 3rd grand, Paula Renken is the new Elementary Principal, Rosemary Rubino - 1st grade, and Greg Voyles - Special Education teacher for the High School.

Many of these teachers have either grown up here in Brackett or have some roots here. According to Stoney Burks, Middle School Principal, you will be surprised how many of Brackett ISD's teachers, staff, and School Board members were graduates of Brackett High School.

At this Monday's School Board Meeting quite a few parents were in attendance to express their concern over the size of the 6th grade class. One class houses twenty-nine students the other thirty.

"The biggest reason we moved and relocated was the school system. We made a decision mainly because we wanted to be in a small community. We wanted to be involved in the community. We're concerned about the size of the classes, that's what we were trying to get

away from in Del Rio," said Kerby Crane, who's daughter is in 6th grade this year.

There is a need according to Taylor Stephenson, Superintendent, for a third teacher for sixth grade. The Board will now pursue hiring a new teacher in the very near future.

The Board approved eight new out-of-district students for enrollment for the 1999-2000 school year. This makes a total of sixteen students that are out-of-district attending Brackett Independent School District to date.

The Board approved the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2000 submitted by the Kinney County Appraisal District.

The bid on the removal of the Superintendents house was awarded to Arvel Baker for \$555.50. He will remove the house and all materials from the property. The Board added an amendment to the bid that Mr. Baker get workman compensation if he hires employees to help him.



The month of September has been proclaimed "Graduate-Be all you can be month," by the City of Brackettville. A representative from the United States Army, Staff Sergeant Villarreal was on hand for the signing of the proclamation at the City Hall Annex this past week. Pictured above (L to R) are City Council person's Tom Gomez, Martha McDonald, Tencha Pena, Mayor Carmen Berlanga, Staff Sergeant Villarreal and Ralph Gonzalez.

## VA launches initiative to reduce delays

Washington, D. C. - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today that it will tackle what many consider to be the bane of the health-care industry -- waiting times and delays. VA has contracted with the Boston-based Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) to guide the effort.

"Reducing delays is critical. It can improve medical outcomes and positively affect pa-

tient satisfaction, costs and quality of life," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Togo D. West Jr. "Our goal is to reduce delays and waits systemwide by 50 percent or more within the next six to eight months."

Teams from approximately 130 VA medical centers and outpatient clinics will work together from July 1999 until March 2000 to learn and implement proven techniques. The teams

will focus on patient flow, access and efficiency at outpatient clinics.

"More timely service and less complex systems can be achieved by redesigning our systems of care," said Acting Under Secretary for Health Dr. Thomas L. Garthwaite. "Our ultimate goal in this initiative is to enhance quality of care and improve patient satisfaction."

## Border Patrol Agent Paul Berg speaks at Rotary

Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

The Chief Border Patrol Agent Paul Berg spoke to the Brackettville Rotary Club at their luncheon meeting on August 12. Berg has just returned from Washington D. C. where he has been testifying before Congress to the need for restructuring of the Bureau of Immigration Service to accommodate the rapid growth of the Border Patrol and make it possible to operate efficiently.

This Sector of the Border Patrol stretches along the Texas border and extends to Llano and Abilene. Berg oversees 10 stations and 600 agents with Sector Headquarters located in Del Rio.

When Berg entered the Border Patrol, it was small and received little attention from Congress. Concern over borders, drug smuggling, and illegal entries has brought drastic changes. Congress has allotted funds for training agents and

providing accompanying material needs. The Sector Headquarters will be moving from an 8,000 square foot building into a building of 96,000 square feet which is under construction. A new station will be constructed at Eagle Pass, and the 150 agents there will be increased to 400 or 500 persons.

Berg said his job is to make sure tax dollars are spent efficiently. The present structure of the Border Patrol under the Bureau of Immigration Service does not lend itself to this concern.

Berg is the elected President of the Chief Border Patrol Agent's Association. He is prohibited from lobbying, however, his duty is to function as a voice or mechanism through which the employee's needs and desires are made known to Congress. In this role, he has been working with Senator Spencer Abraham who introduced a bill in the Senate the previous week to restructure the Immigration Service.

The Bureau of Immigration is divided into two basic areas: Service and Enforcement. Because of the focus on enforcement, the Service area has become backlogged. A three year wait is presently involved for persons seeking citizenship.

Senator Abraham's bill calls for creation of an Associate Attorney General who will oversee the restructuring and implementation of the Border Patrol into a more viable and efficient operation with a plan that would also provide accountability. The two sections would be concentrated and bifurcated. The Department of Justice would oversee both agencies.

The bill is expected to be received favorably in the Senate, and both House and Senate seem to want to get this passed before the end of this session. Berg mentioned that Congressman Henry Bonilla has been quite supportive.

Nine hundred million dollars a year are allotted to handle the border. This money needs to be



Chief Border Patrol Agent Paul Berg

managed prudently, Berg emphasized. He believes it is important for the Border Patrol to be in charge of enforcement. This would be known as the Bureau of Enforcement and Border Patrol.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Check your information Mr. Kelly

This is in response to Bill Kelly's letter of August 12, 1999. Mr. Kelly should have checked his information before sending a letter to the editor. The residential Assessment began in October 1977 at \$5.00 per month.

It was increased to \$10.00 per month in January 1992, and to \$15.00 per month in January 1997, and again in January 1998 to the present period. How much has the cost of living increased in this same period of time? How much has the cost of picking up trash and garbage gone up in 20 years? Tell me in what other community can you get trash and garbage picked up twice a week for \$20.00 per month.

I think that Mr. Kelly is confused as to what the Resident Assessment is used for. I believe that the membership Assessment is used for the so called benefits to which he is referring. The \$25.00 a month that all memberships are assessed is a small amount to pay for the benefits that we have at Fort Clark Springs. This assessment was

started in December 1971 at \$8.00 per month, increased in 1974 to \$13.00 per month, in 1978 to \$15.00, in 1982 to \$20.00 and in 1992 to \$25.00. Tell me Mr. Kelly, "How is the Association still providing the same benefits for this amount of money?"

We have basically the same things that a county club would provide, but at a much smaller fee. I personally believe that the members should pay for the use of the adult center, the par 3 golf course, and the swimming pool, as they do to belong to the golf club. Then the assessments might not need to be raised for those who only own lots and do not use the "Benefits."

Mr. Kelly, I think you are still trying to cause trouble and this member of Fort Clark Springs is tired of your erroneous information presented to the membership. You would not listen to the membership when you were a member of the Board of Governors and now that you have resigned you may find that they don't want to listen to you.

Sara J. Richhart

### Kelly will no longer pay assessments

As of July 1, 1999 I will no longer pay the residential assessment of \$20.00 per month. The stated need for this assessment, the legality of which is questionable, is to cover expenses which are the result of fiscal irresponsibility by a Board that continues to refuse to reign in the cost of a bloated bureaucracy. I also no longer feel obligated to pay this assessment because it is not levied on non-resident members

living in the local area.

I will continue to remit the regular assessment of \$25.00 per month -- the same as all other members. As long as all other local non-resident members, their guests, and the general public are allowed to use the Member-Only facilities, I do not consider myself delinquent, and will therefore consider myself to be privilege to use all member facilities, discounts, etc.

Bill Kelly

Big Mama Sez!



A smile is a light in the window of your face, to show your heart is at home

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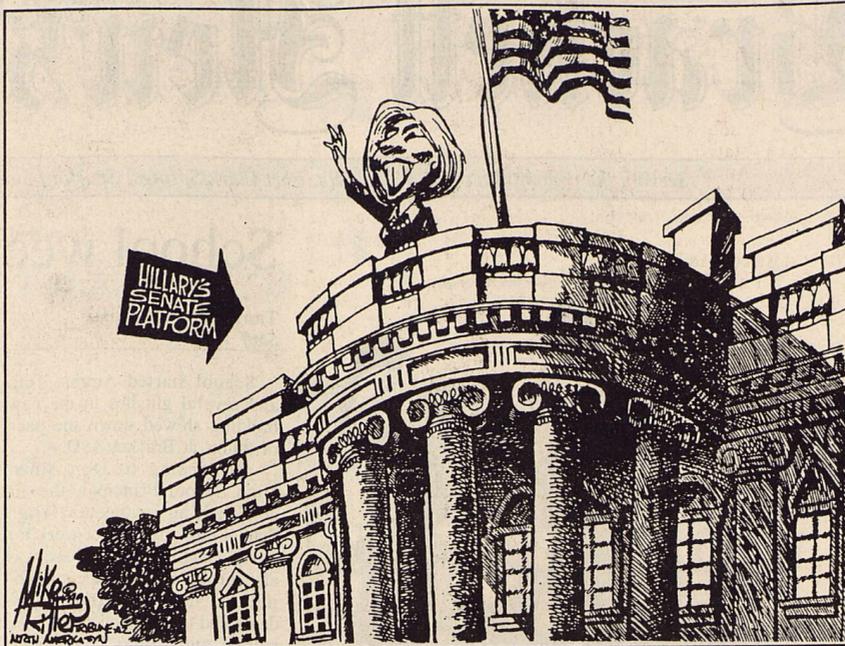
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## Confronted with daily injustice

Between Us  
Joe Townsend

We are daily confronted with instances of rank injustice in our judicial system. A teenager is raped and becomes pregnant. She carries the baby to term. Giving birth alone in her bedroom, she places the baby in a black plastic trash bag and hides it in her room. Eventually the dead child is found and the whole truth is revealed. The girl is arrested and charged with murder. She is found guilty and sentenced to 25 years in the penitentiary. The irony of the entire situation is that the mur-

der could have been avoided. Had the girl been one of the elitist friends of Bill Clinton with money she could have hired an abortion profiteer and avoided any prosecution.

Even an hour before the baby's head appeared the abortionist could have punctured the head and siphoned the brain out and thus killed the baby. This would have been legal and the girl would have walked away scot free. But you see the girl was a poor, ignorant, scared black girl and now must serve a long prison term. At the same time this is going on a mature woman smothers a reportedly

four year old child with a pillow. She is found guilty and sentenced to a very short prison term. The contrast is self evident. A young black teenager sentenced to 25 years and a mature woman who is not black sentenced to 9 years for a cold blooded calculated murder of her child. Certainly, no one in his right mind could condone the actions of the teenager, the inequity of the two cases is startling.

I'm not smart enough to know the answer but I'm at least smart enough to know there are cases of rank injustice that ought not to be.

## He gave it to his brother

But I Could be Wrong  
Chuck Hall

My mother had three brothers, Jack, Arno, and Darrell. As a young man growing up, one seemed particularly close to me. Uncle Jack could tell a story better than anyone I had ever known. He was, however, quite evasive whenever I questioned the missing end of his left thumb. His answer was always the same. "I gave it to my brother." was all he would ever say.

I thought he would one day tell me the whole story. I was wrong. I still remember the last

time I saw him. I was in my early thirties and he in his eighties. There seemed to be more years separating us than there once was.

As we left his house that day, we drove by the train trestle spanning nearly a half mile across the family property. Mother told me, as part of the easement deal, that her father had insisted that the railroad construction crew employ his three sons. It was during the depression and money was scarce.

Then, unknowingly, Mom answered my boyhood question. "That's where your Uncle Jack

lost his thumb." Wait! I had to know more of this story. One of life's great mysteries was about to be revealed. I held my breath while Mom continued.

"My youngest brother, Darrell, told me the story. Jack mashed the end of his thumb off when a rail slipped. Fearful of losing his job, he made a bandage with his handkerchief, wrapped the stump of his thumb as best he could, put the mangled end of his thumb into Darrell's pocket, kept working and vowed not to tell anyone."

As far as I know, he never did. But I could be wrong.

## The whole world is slowly going nuts

The way I see it!  
Steven R. LaMascus

I sometimes get despondent when I ponder the chaos in the world today. It seems that the whole world is going not so slowly nuts and there is nothing I can do to slow the process. Since I was a child in the fifties and sixties the decline of morality and principals has been accelerating exponentially.

In the last few months we have had the Littleton massacre, Atlanta, and now another nut has gone on a rampage in Alabama. The liberals are screaming bloody murder (pun intended) for more gun control while the conservatives are trying to reason with them and persuade them that the problem is a problem of humanity, not equipment.

Do you know when this decline started? Do you know what started it?

Well the when was 1947; the what was Everson vs. The Board of Education, the first court decision that began the current lunacy of removing God from our society. In that decision the "so-called" Supreme Court of the United States had to resort to a private letter written in 1802 by Thomas Jefferson to the Danbury Baptists.

In that letter Jefferson referred to "a wall of separation" between the church and the

state. The Supreme Court grabbed onto the term and then misconstrued the meaning to justify their own warped ideas. They then used it to determine constitutionality.

I fail to see the connection between a private letter and the Constitution of the United States, but then I am not a "Justice of the Supreme Court." That obviously incorrect decision was the beginning of the end.

Next came Madalyn Murray O'Hair in 1962 and the decision to remove God from our schools because the morning prayers were offensive to atheists. Well Madalyn Murray O'Hair got her just reward. She was murdered. I hope she is happy in the pits of hell because, unless she repented and accepted Jesus at the last minute, that is most definitely where she is now!

Now the Fifth Circuit has driven another nail into the coffin of the United States. By continuing to rule in favor of atheists the courts are ignoring the obvious results of past decisions; and those are increased crime and moral decay. By continuing to so rule they have forced many God-fearing parents to home school their children. Every step taken by the Supreme Court since 1947, almost without exception, has weakened this nation in some way. They have handcuffed law enforcement.

liberalized our criminal justice system, given more and more protection to criminals, turned prisons into country clubs, and allowed mostly liberal, often immoral, regularly atheistic domination of our institutions of higher learning. The rights of atheists and homosexuals have become more important than the rights of the majority.

No matter what any liberal interpreter of history tells you, this country was founded on basic Christian principals. There was never any intent on the part of the founders to keep Christianity out of the government. Quite the opposite was their intent. They wanted government to be infused with Christian ideals and tenets. They simply did not want the government to be legally able to establish a "state religion" such as they had fled England to escape. They wanted the right to worship God in their own way without having the government dictate which denomination they must embrace.

Now government, in the form of the liberal courts, has overstepped its bounds. It is time to recover what is rightfully ours. It is time to return to the reasons this country was founded. Freedom of religion is a right guaranteed by the Constitution. That right is being taken away from you piece by piece. How do you like it?

## It's time for new beginnings

Submitted by  
Henry Bonilla

Well, it's that time of year again - our kids are heading back to school. It's a time for new beginnings, a new school year, new grade levels, new teachers and new classrooms. Fresh from the long summer break, students all over Texas are trotting off to school once again to begin a new year of homework, studying and tests.

But students aren't the only ones marking a new beginning this school year. Parents, teachers and local communities all over the country are marking a new beginning as well.

It's the beginning of the end of the federal one-size-fits-all approach to education.

Earlier this year, Congress passed the Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999, or "Ed-Flex". This new law, which was endorsed by all 50 governors, begins the long overdue process of handing over control to local communities, and letting them, rather than the federal government, decide how best to educate our children.

This new law lets teachers, parents and local school districts gear their programs to meet their students' needs instead of meeting burdensome and unnecessary federal regulations. With the bureaucratic red tape finally cut, parents and teachers now have the flexibility to use federal education dollars where they need it, not where some bureaucrat 2,000 miles away says it should be used.

For too long education policies across the country have been controlled by Washington bureaucrats with a political agenda. We are finally changing that.

We all know that schools in rural Texas don't have the same problems or needs as schools in Chicago. But for years the federal government has painted schools all across the country with the same broad brush.

In the spirit of the season, of a new school year and of new beginnings, the "Ed-Flex" law will begin the process of removing Washington from the education equation.

Local control of education will provide our students with the best education possible. Class dismissed.

## Unsung Hero

Joe Townsend

This week I want to turn the spot light on two individuals. Several years ago Frank and Ruby Cheaney left the hectic environs of Houston for the quieter atmosphere of Fort Clark Springs. They had had a rather distinguished military career with Frank holding very responsible positions in many parts of the world. True to character of people who have been active and concerned they plunged into seeking to do their part to help Fort Clark Springs to become an even better place.

Frank has held and even now still holds places of responsibility and helpfulness. Frank has always served well, stays pointed in the right direction. Frank is a solid objective thinker, not hampered by bias or prejudice. Ruby stays busy with activities on the Fort. They are both stalwarts in their church. Ruby keeps tastefully colored floral arrangements in the church and is also the church organist. Frank carries many responsibilities and is great assistance to the pastor. Frank and Ruby are outgoing, warm hearted and friendly. They both are sensitive to the needs of others and always giving of themselves to help. It was a great day for Fort Clark and the entire community when Frank and Ruby Cheaney chose to be a part of our community. Surely Frank and Ruby Cheaney are Unsung Heroes.

### Kinney County Sheriff's Report

**Tuesday, August 10**  
 1:14 p.m. An employee from the REA Office called and stated that there was an Emu at the REA building in case someone was looking for one.

1:44 p.m. A woman with the Housing Authority called and reported a possible break-in at one of the apartments. Chief Deputy Fritter responded and stated that the person did not break in and that it was business related.

11:30 a.m. Robert Lee Williams, age 32, from Corpus Christi was arrested for Public Intoxication by DPS Trooper Wylie. Released for time served.

11:30 a.m. Betty Ann Williams from Corpus Christi was arrested for Public Intoxication by DPS Trooper Wylie and later released for time served.

**Wednesday, August 11**  
 Juan Nafario Hernandez of Brackettville, was arrested by Deputy Bobby Guidry for Disorderly Conduct. He was later released on bond.

**Thursday, August 12**  
 10:00 a.m. A follow up on an incident that occurred on 8-8-99 concerning a broken window at the Civic Center. Received information relating to a local individual hitting golf balls from the parking lot of Ora's Bar toward the Civic Center. The man did admit that he had hit a couple of golf balls from Ora's. He agreed to pay for replacing the window. So no charges were filed at this time.

**Friday, August 13**  
 10:59 a.m. While making a routine traffic stop on Hwy 90 Nolberto DeHoyos of Del Rio was stopped for speeding. Upon checking it was noted that the individual had outstanding DPS Warrants from Del Rio. Chief of Police Ron Ring was the responding officer and took him into custody and transported him to the Kinney County Sheriff's Department he was later turned over to DPS.

7:02 p.m. A local man called to report an intoxicated man at the Civic Center. Deputy Bobby Guidry escorted the individual home and told him not to come out tonight.

Xavier Baron Toms, age 19, from Brackettville, was arrested by DPS Trooper Ashley for a warrant out of Brown County for Theft by Service. He was later released on bond.

Julio Cesar Ortiz, age 29, of San Antonio, was arrested by Trooper Wylie for driving with a suspended license. He was released on bond.

**Saturday, August 14**  
 1:09 a.m. Anna Diaz, of Fort Clark Security, reported an individual who was driving fast on Fort Clark. She asked if Deputy Guidry would speak with him. Guidry spoke to the individual explained that security could sign a complaint for reckless driving. The man neither denied or admitted driving fast but agreed to leave Fort Clark.

1:17 a.m. A local man reported that he was in Mario's Pub Parking lot after closing time and someone across the street in a Grey car yelled some obscenities at him. The man did not recognize the car or occupant.

12:23 p.m. A local man reported a fire on Standart Lane by Hadley Wardlaw's Ranch. The Fire Department was dispatched.

2:42 p.m. Chief of Police Ron Ring responded to a call about an elderly woman, 90 years old, who needed assistance. The woman had not had anything to eat or drink in two days. She was trying to telephone her neighbor for assistance and dialed another woman's number by mistake. That woman also came to provide assistance. The woman did not wish to leave her home. However, she does require assistance and the matter will be turned over to Social Services.

7:01 p.m. Del Rio Police Department called to inform the Sheriff's office of a stolen vehicle from Del Rio.

7:10 p.m. A local man reported that someone had jim-

mied the back door of his trailer. The man stated that two Sherwood Auto Amplifiers worth \$40.00 total were taken from under the kitchen sink, but did not take a far more expensive car stereo. He thinks that whoever did it was in the trailer and ran out the back door when he started to enter through the front door. The case is still under investigation.

7:35 p.m. A local man stated that someone was stealing his real estate signs on Ft. Clark. He stated that the signs cost at least \$100.00 apiece. He asked if the Deputies would keep and eye out for the stolen signs.

2:20 a.m. Val Verde Sheriff's Office called to report that a Black Maxima with several subjects inside the car might have kidnapped a girl and may be heading toward Brackettville. The vehicle could not be located.

**Sunday, August 15**  
 7:36 a.m. A motorist stopped DPS Trooper Tom Wylie and informed him of a green Taurus that was driving all over the

road. The Checkpoint was notified and they apprehended the individual who was drunk and had two illegal's with him.

Jesus Chaves Torres, age 34, of Dallas, Texas was arrested by Trooper Wylie for Driving while Intoxicated. He was later bonded out.

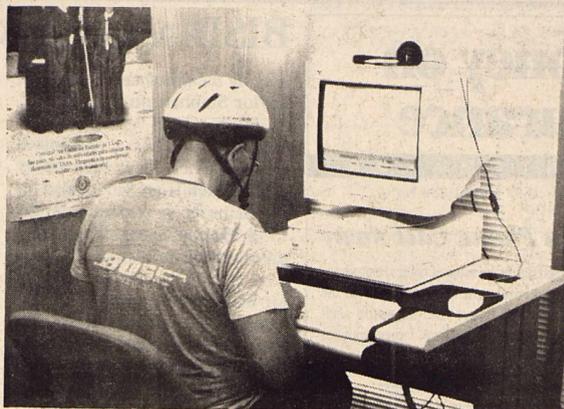
8:00 p.m. Frank Charles White, age 30, of Wharton, Texas, was arrested by DPS for two warrants and failure to appear. He is still being held.

**Monday, August 16**  
 5:16 a.m. A local woman called in to report an airplane with no lights above her house. She stated that it had been there for two hours. Fort Clark was notified to see if there was any plane scheduled to fly out and they said no. The woman reported that the airplane had flown toward Del Rio.

Alfredo Sifuentes, Jr., age 24, of Del Rio, was arrested by DPS Trooper Ashley for DPS Warrants. He served two days and was released.

### Border Patrol Weekly Statistics

DEL RIO, TEXAS - The following is a report of the apprehensions by Border Patrol agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector for the period Aug. 9-15, 1999. The information is provided by station, and includes a sector total. Abilene - 29, Brackettville - 373, Carrizo Springs - 577, Comstock - 43, Del Rio - 398, Eagle Pass - 1, 217, Llano - 26, Rocksprings - 38, San Angelo - 68, and Uvalde - 154. Sector Total: 2,923.



Pictured above is Bill Morse using one of the new computers at the Kinney County Public Library.

The Kinney County Public Library has installed nine new computers and will install three more next week.

All twelve computers have internet access and are all networked together. The time limit on each computer is one hour. "I'm very excited about it. It has been my goal to give better service to the community," said Sarah Terrazas.

The Library hours are Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with Sunday off.

### Obituary

#### Ricardo Martinez

Ricardo (Richard) Martinez, age 39, passed away on August 14, 1999 at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio, TX. Martinez was born July 15, 1960 in Brackettville, TX. He is survived by his three daughters: Erica Christine, Carol Elizabeth, and Cynthia Nicole Martinez of Uvalde, TX. Parents Felipe and Saida Martinez of Brackettville, TX. Brothers and Sisters: Mary M. Martinez of Chicago, IL., Mary E. Garza of Corpus Christi, TX., Virginia Cooksey of Hawaii, Barbara Ternes of Corpus Christi, TX., Jesse Martinez of Brackettville, TX., Teresa Terrazas of Austin, TX., Phil Martinez of Castroville, TX., Gloria Young of San Antonio, TX., Esmeralda Young of Pleasanton, TX., Lydia Gonzalez of Uvalde, TX., Rudy Martinez of Corpus Christi, TX., also numerous nieces and nephews, brother-in-laws and sister-in-laws.

Visitation was Monday, August 16, 1999 from 1 P.M. until 9 P.M. at the Brackettville Funeral Home. Rosary was recited in the Chapel at 7 P.M. Mass was held Tuesday, August 17, 1999 at 10 A.M. at St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. Burial followed at the Catholic Cemetery in Brackettville, TX. Arrangements under the direction of the Brackettville Funeral Home, 114 North St. Brackettville, TX.

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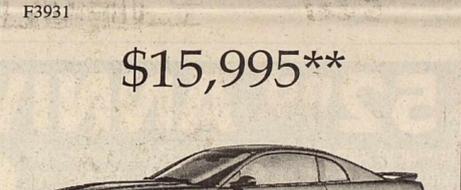
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BY JOSE MONTEMAYOR  
TEXAS COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

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The message is simple: Comparison shop for the best car insurance rates by using a TDI rate guide. If you think you may live in an underserved ZIP code, have a good driving record and want help in getting lower rates, call the MAP. You might save a bundle. ★

# BISD recognized school district

Making a Difference  
Taylor Stephenson

Brackett ISD is a recognized school district. Jones Elementary and Brackett High School also received the recognized status for the 1998-99 school year. It's the first time ever for the district. Brackett High School has been recognized for the past two years. Jones Elementary showed significant improvement and scored high enough for the honor. Not far behind was Brackett Middle School. It missed being a recognized campus by a few percentage points. Congratulations students and teachers for this high honor!

With the start of school, this week has been one of the smoothest despite big changes in the school system. The new High School is open, and is basically running well. We have had running battles with keys, locks, and air conditioners; but it's going well. The building is well insulated making for a quiet school.

I love change in grade levels to Middle School with 7th and 8th grade. The 5th and 6th grades fit beautifully together at an intermediate level. These grades fit much better than the old PK-5 and 6 through 8th groupings. There is more room in the PK-4th grade in Jones Elementary School. The High School students are further across campus from the little ones.

It's quite an improvement.

The cafeteria is feeding lots of kids, and we're getting it done on time. The first day with pizza, which is one of the student's favorites, was a good day. Every day is a good one at the school cafeteria.

Our maintenance department has been challenged to keep air conditioners running during the hot weather of the Dog Days of August. They work hard so that we can concentrate on what students learn.

Our compliments to Wil Glaspy, Agent in Charge of the DEA. He put together the best inservice program for our staff that I have had in many years. Wil brought Dawn Nunley-Mathis Demand Reduction Coordinator and Dr. Susan Dalterio to talk about Current Drugs of Abuse. Wil presented an awareness program about local drug usage. Closing the program Kristen Kemp, Genesis Counselor from Houston, and two students Chris Peterson and Nicole Whiteside. Thanks Wil for a job well done.

I ask that you slow down when you are driving in the school zone. The children are excited and sometimes do unpredictable things. Watch for them. If there is any doubt, stop and give them the right of way. If there's a dangerous situation, call and let our principals know. Have a great week!

## GED Classes

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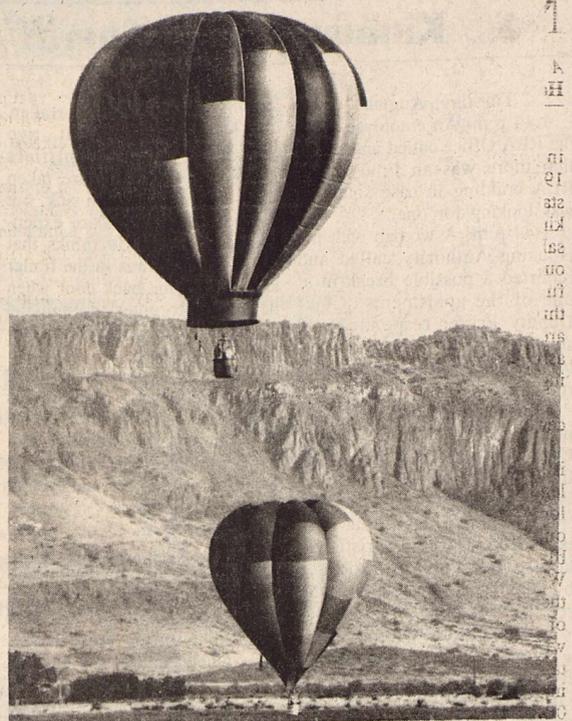
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# Annual Labor Day Balloon Rally

The hot air balloons are headed back to Alpine in full force this Labor Day Weekend, according to the Alpine Chamber of Commerce. Eighteen colorful balloons are scheduled to appear at the Annual Labor Day Balloon Rally slated for September 4-6.

The traditional Alpine balloon rally has been expanded to include both Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends," according to Guy Combs, Executive Director at the Alpine Chamber of Commerce. "This way visitors will come to identify Alpine as the summer balloon capital of Texas."

Dr. Tim Brady is the Balloomeister for the Labor Day Rally, bringing many new pilots from central, east and south Texas. Professor of Healthcare at Southwest Texas State University and President of the Tri-County Balloon Association in central Texas, Tim has coordinated over

sixteen balloon events in California and Texas. He is also a certified BFA Flight Instructor and former Federal Aviation Agency Safety Instructor.

Three launchings are planned, with the location being on the west side of Alpine next to the Ramada Limited. "Of course the direction the balloons fly depend on wind direction," said Combs. All launchings begin at approximately 7:00 a.m.

"We are looking forward to bringing the balloons back to Alpine," said Combs. "I can't imagine anything more beautiful than waking up to a sky full of color."

For more information contact the Alpine Chamber of Commerce, Guy St. Clair Combs, Executive Director, Lucy E. Escovedo, Office Manager, 106 N. 3rd Street, Alpine, Tx 79830. (915) 837-2326 or (915) 837-3638 fax.

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## Fuentes resigns as Chief Appraiser

By Tanya Kay McClure

"It really didn't take too long to make this decision, it's a very stressful job," said Fuentes.

Fuentes stated she made

the decision to resign after the board meeting on May 27th.

"This resignation was the result of the statement directed to me by Secretary, Gloria Garcia," said Fuentes.

According to Fuentes,

the Board could hire anyone off the street as long as they have a high school diploma or the equivalent to do the Chief Appraiser's job.

## M.U.D. Approves sale of water to Detention Center

Fort Clark Springs Municipal Utility District, Board of Directors approved to supply water to the new Detention facility, last Monday.

"We feel extremely comfortable that everything is still a go. The financing has been approved and the site is being cleared. Soil testing has also

been conducted and the results are still not in on those tests," said Bob Prince, Marketing Director, with Civi Genics.

## Adobe Eco Systems threaten law suit Ordinance restricting solid waste disposal passes

The Kinney County Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of the passage of the ordinance prohibiting the disposal of municipal solid waste, within a ten mile radius of

Loughlin Air Force Base's landing strip near Spofford. This decision came during a special public hearing that was held this past Monday in the Kinney County Court-

house. "These people hit the town lying and they are still lying to us," said Commissioner Freddie Ferlich.

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# New licenses bring new questions from customers

A Little on the Wildlife Side  
Henry Lutz

AUSTIN - Texas-New hunting and fishing licenses for 1999-2000 go on sale Aug. 11 statewide and while most of the kinks in the electronic point-of-sale process have been worked out, there may still be some confusion. To help customers through the process, following are some of the more frequently asked questions relating to hunting and fishing licenses.

How can I tell if my new license was printed correctly?

To be sure your new license is correct and you are ready to legally hunt/fish, check the following: Your license is printed on a strip of white plastic in black ink (no red printing). When you fold your tags along the one-inch perforations, most of the information for each tag will still be complete when the tags are separated. The license indicates it is valid through 8/31/00.

The license and tags should be printed in one continuous piece, but if the license gets separated from the tags, all items are still valid. If you intend to hunt migratory birds, you received Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification.

When you purchased your license you should have been asked a few simple questions about what you hunted last year. If you answered these questions you are HIP certified and "HIP" is printed on the right side of your license across your driver's license number. You must have this certificate in order to hunt migratory birds.

My license wasn't printed correctly. What can I do?

Errors in printing cannot be corrected by a merchant unless the problem is discovered within a few hours of issuance. For fastest advice on how to get your

particular problem corrected, call (512) 389-4820 to reach TPW license staff. Be careful to get advice before you take action. Remember it is illegal to hold more than one license, and license fees are nonrefundable.

The strip along the right side came off. Is my license still valid?

Yes. The stay-together-strip is a convenience to help you keep all pieces of your license/tags together. No license information is printed on this strip. If it becomes separated from the license/tags, they are still valid and usable. If the merchant damaged the license while issuing it, the merchant can correct it at no charge within two hours of issuance.

After two hours, however, if you wish to have your license replaced, you must pay the standard replacement fee and surrender all parts of the unused, separated license/tags.

Where do I place my Federal Duck Stamp?

Your Federal Duck Stamp must be signed across the face and you must carry it while hunting. The stamp does not have to be affixed to your license. If you wish to affix the stamp to your Texas license, attach it to the back of the top license portion. You may cover the tag printing on the back of the top portion since this will not be used for tag documentation.

Do I have to give my Social Security number in order to get a license?

No. However, we appreciate your cooperation in providing it. State law requires that you be asked for this information in order to comply with child-support collection requirements. Texas Parks and Wildlife is careful with this information and does not make your Social Security number available from our database.

Do I need to take my son to

the store with me in order to purchase his license?

No. You do not have to be present to purchase a license. It is helpful to have the basic information about the person for whom you are purchasing a license (name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, etc.)

If you do not have this information at time of purchase, the license will be printed with blanks, which must be filled in, before the license can be used.

I lost my license and tags. What can I do?

You can get a replacement at any place licenses are sold. The fees vary, but most replacement licenses are \$6 and stamps are \$1. You must complete a form (application for replacement license) and attest to the status of your tags at time of loss. If you lose only the license, or only the tags, you must surrender the parts you did not lose before you can be issued a replacement. The number on your license must match the license number on your tags.

I heard about the new \$10 Bonus Deer Tags. Where and when can I use them? A person who has purchased a license valid to hunt white-tailed deer in Texas during the 1999-2000 season will have the option of purchasing additional license tags that are valid for use on white-tailed deer taken only under the following circumstances:

During drawn hunts by special permit on Texas Parks and Wildlife lands (may be used on antlerless or bucks as specified on the special permit).

During hunts on lands having Landowner Assisted Management Permitting System permits (may be used on antlerless deer only).

During hunts on lands having Managed Lands Deer Permits (may be used on antlerless or

buck deer as specified on the MLDP permit).

Each license holder may purchase up to five Bonus White-tailed Deer Tags for \$10 each. A license holder may purchase his/her quota of five Bonus White-tailed Deer Tags all at one time or in various increments at different times.

The purchaser of a Bonus White-tailed Deer Tag may give, but may not sell, the Tag to another person who may use the Tag on a white-tailed deer taken under the specified circumstances (provided the other person possesses a license valid to hunt white-tailed deer in Texas).

I left my license at home. How can I legally hunt/fish?

You are required to carry your license with you while hunting or fishing and to comply with all tagging requirements. If you are cited for hunting or fishing without a license but can prove to the court that you were licensed at the time, you will not have to pay a fine. However, if an animal or bird is required to be tagged and you have not done so, then you are in violation and it does not matter if you can produce valid license/tags later.

It is illegal to hold more than one of most types of licenses, so you cannot legally purchase another license. Remember to take your license and tags with you!

Can I buy my license on-line?

Not yet. If you wish to purchase by phone with a credit card, however, you can call (800) TX LIC 4 U (895-4248) any time of the day or night. You should already know what you need to purchase and have your personal information ready to give to the sales associate. Your license will be mailed to you. During peak sales periods, you should allow at least two weeks for delivery.

## COUNTY AGENT NEWS

By Robert E. Elledge



This year's annual enrollment has already begun and activities are underway for our 1999 & 2000 season. Anyone interested in participating in the 4-H youth program should stop by the Kinney County Extension office, which is located upstairs in the courthouse. We welcome anyone who is interested in learning and participating in activities such as: Shooting Sports, Foods & Nutrition, Share-the-Fun, Sheep & Goats, Beef, Swine, Rabbits, Clothing, Photography, Public Speaking, Range Science, and Wool & Mohair Judging. These are just a few things

which are available to you in 4-H. The program offers many rewarding experiences for you as a leader or club member. So Don't Miss Out On The 4-H Annual Enrollment! We look forward to serving you and your community in helping our youth be the best and grow into leaders for tomorrow. Please feel free to join us at our next regular club meeting which will be on August 23, 1998 upstairs in the courthouse at 7:00 p.m. The club motto says: To Make the Best Better. We, the Kinney County 4-H club strive for excellence!

## Agricultural Update

Currently the Kinney County Extension office is conducting a survey concerning predator management skills used here in Kinney County to protect wildlife and livestock interest. I would appreciate your time and efforts concerning this survey. Information gathered for this purpose will allow us to provide training methods needed to protect your investments and interests.

Currently the Kinney County Wildlife Damage Control Association is the sole method used to regulate predator management, unless management practices are done solely by the cooperator or landowner. This association would like to aid in your efforts to preserve your interest whether it be Wildlife and/or livestock.

Current fees for their service is \$.10/acre if acreage is equal or greater than 500 acres and \$50.00 minimum for everyone

with less than 499 acres. Let our efforts help make your goals achievable. For more information you may contact the Kinney County Extension office at 563-2442 or Stan Conoly, Club Manager at 563-2929.

Other events and programs being sponsored by the Extension office are: Xeriscaping Seminar on August 24, 1999 at 8:00 a.m., Service Club - Fort Clark Springs; Agricultural Tour on September 16, 1999; Wildlife Mgt. Tour October 21, 1999.

The Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in meetings and/or events are encouraged to contact the Extension office at 563-2442.

# Seventy different tapes for calling wild animals

Guns, Smoke and Campfires  
Steven R. LaMascus

Sometime in the 1970s I was introduced to electronics for calling varmints. As an indication of how long ago that was - my first caller was an 8-track. I'm sure some of our younger readers don't even know what that was. Anyway, my first experience with calling tapes showed me just how effective they can be. On the first stand we made we called up three gray foxes. That made a believer out of me.

Since that time the selection of both tapes (now CDs) and equipment has evolved from music machines pressed into service to devices made specifically for the hunter. I am looking at a Johnny Stewart catalog as I write this and I see no less than seventy different tapes intended for calling wild animals. These range from the tried and true squealing rabbit to coons fighting to squealing pigs, screaming kid goats, and squawking chickens.

Now I do not claim to be any kind of authority on all the possibilities, but I do have nearly twenty-five years experience on the subject. So, if you will bear with me I will try to give you a short synopsis of what I have found to be most effective, most of the time.

Foxes are relatively easy to call. They are also relatively small in the realm of predators. So small in fact that coyotes like them as the main course of a wild game dinner. That is one reason you seldom find foxes and coyotes in cohabitation.

Foxes, gray foxes in particular, respond better (usually) to small animals. I prefer a tape that imitates a woodpecker, rodent, or small rabbit. These seem to be more productive than things like jackrabbits, pigs and larger prey animals. One tape that is astonishingly effective is of a gray fox pup in distress. This seems to bring a fox in to the hunter in a hurry and in a really surly mood. I don't know why. Maybe some kind of protective instincts are aroused, but it

works!

The same kind of sounds work well on bobcats. Gerald Stewart recommends rodents, a turkey gobbler in distress, and "Bobcat in Heat." Now I will admit that I have never tried the latter, but if Mr. Stewart says it works, I have to believe he knows. I would assume, however, that it would be effective only at certain times of the year, early spring probably. I have found that a tape of a yellowhammer woodpecker is wonderfully effective on bobcats.

Coyotes are the most common predators over most of the United States. They have extended their range into much new country in the last decade. They also readily come to a call.

I have found that the ubiquitous rabbit call is as effective as any in areas where the calling pressure is not extremely heavy. Also very good are woodpecker, quail, and meadowlark in distress.

There is a tape of canine pups. I have heard this works very well, but have not tried it. There

are also tapes that portray a coyote howling a challenge. This will sometimes bring one in and is good way to locate a coyote so you can get close enough to lure him in with a rabbit call. Also very good is a tape of a squealing pig.

Raccoons are one of the most plentiful predatory animals in this area. They will sometimes come to a call of an animal in distress. I have had pretty good success with a woodpecker. However, if you really want to clean up on raccoons get a tape of two raccoons fighting. They must be extraordinarily truculent animals because they will sometimes literally run over each other to get to this tape. It is amazing.

Most of the tapes on the market today are of actual animals. It is only logical that the real thing is more effective than an imitation. I suggest that you pick a couple of the best, along with a quality tape player, preferably with a remote speaker, and go for it.

# Remembering past football seasons in Brackettville

Submitted by  
J.J. Guidry

Editors Note: This ran in The Bolivar Commercial (in Cleveland, Ms.). One of my earliest childhood memories is sitting under a shade tree on a hot August afternoon, watching the Brackett Tigers go through summer football workouts.

Who are the Brackett Tigers? Well, like any Texas football fan would say about their hometown team, they are the greatest group of young men to step out on the gridiron.

In 1962, my grandfather, Charles Koch, was hired as the athletic director and head football coach at Brackett High School. Years later, all three of his sons - Tony, Paul and David - were standouts for the Tigers.

The Tigers were enjoying some of their most successful seasons during my pre-school

years. After advancing to the regional finals in 1977, Brackett was picked to win the state title in '78. Some key injuries and few bad plays shut the door on a district championship and a playoff bid.

But that didn't bother me, and neither did the losing seasons. I was a Tiger fan at heart. You couldn't find me on a Friday night in the fall without my black and gold colors on.

The intensity and importance of high school football in Texas is legendary.

"Football is like a religion in Texas. That's the only way I can really describe it," said Gary Grubbs, head football coach at Pecos High School in West Texas. "It's downright fanatical. People actually live for Friday nights."

Grubbs played and later coached at Odessa Permian, the winningest high school football

team in Texas history. The team's dramatic 1988 season is chronicled in Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist H.G. Bissinger's national bestseller "Friday Night Lights."

"Most kids dream of being pro football players, but kids in Odessa dream of growing up and playing at Permian," Grubbs said.

Grubbs said he remembers one Permian game at Texas Stadium in Irving - 350 miles from Odessa - that drew 45,000 people, and over half of those attending were Mojo fans.

In Texas, it's not uncommon for towns to shut down for high school football games. Businesses will close early for pep-rallies or to allow employees the travel time needed to attend out-of-town games.

"I've actually been in communities in West Texas where you could go and rob the whole

town on a Friday night and nobody would know it, especially if the team is playing out of town," Grubbs said.

As my grandfather's coaching career was ending, my Uncle Tony's was just beginning. Now, I'm studying at Delta State University and hoping to follow in their footsteps.

I've considered a variety of career choices, but I know I will be happiest standing on the sidelines coaching football. It's in my blood.

I'm helping fund my college education by working at The Bolivar Commercial. And part of that work will include covering high school football games.

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| ACROSS<br>1 Public weather vane?<br>5 Rigged situation<br>10 Classic order of architecture<br>15 Many-layered mineral<br>19 Genus of olives<br>20 Kind of mild cigar<br>21 Convex molding<br>22 Irish isles<br>23 Shea tenants<br>24 Desert haven<br>25 Palindromic title<br>26 Noted political cartoonist<br>27 Back doors, once<br>29 Hackneyed Copperfield's bride<br>36 Beauty parlors<br>39 1930 follower<br>40 Traveler's note?<br>44 Mate or room starter<br>45 Enjoy the surf<br>46 Gross, insensate | person<br>47 Sticky mess<br>48 Completely engrossed<br>49 Third canonical hour<br>50 Lowest suit in bridge<br>51 Small liqueur glass<br>52 Pierre's friend<br>53 Popular potherb in France<br>54 Pretended attack in fencing<br>55 Famous jockey<br>56 Schedule notation for 55 Across<br>58 Novelist Stephen Crane<br>59 Deep, narrow valley<br>60 Conard of movies<br>61 Energetic Claude Monet<br>62 Diction or faction starter<br>63 Literary caricature<br>66 Anagram of spore<br>67 Musical conclusion?<br>71 Benedictine abbey site<br>72 Prohibition vessel?<br>73 Ernest Borgnine portrayal<br>74 Energy and vigor | 75 Figure-skater's milieu<br>76 Asks very earnestly<br>77 Bizarre<br>78 Curtain fabric, often in bridge<br>79 One, in Paris<br>80 Despoils<br>81 Kind of swindle<br>82 Provide refreshments<br>83 Canopy supports<br>85 Word before oven or treat<br>86 Jackie Mason's forte<br>87 Buzzi or Gordon<br>88 Slender, graceful girl<br>89 Coarse file<br>90 City in "Kubla Khan"<br>93 Park, site of Edison's laboratory<br>94 Delay indefinitely<br>98 It's before crop or canal<br>99 Role for Valerie Harper<br>101 Boy or cub<br>103 Designer Cassini<br>104 Pay to play<br>105 Sars, of old<br>106 Mom's sister, in Sevres<br>107 Dross of metal<br>108 Affirmatives<br>109 Jump in sudden fright | 110 Take the helm<br>111 "Lights out" signal<br>38 Stone, in ancient Rome<br>39 Broad comedy<br>40 Dried fruit<br>41 "The — and the Ecstasy"<br>42 Last movement of a sonata<br>43 Senior member of a group<br>45 Large, supporting timbers<br>46 Flash on and on<br>49 Threatold<br>50 Discontinue<br>51 Word before truck or discussion<br>53 Eared seal<br>54 Search for concealed weapons<br>55 Piquant<br>57 Use the gray matter<br>58 Out of sorts<br>59 Social division<br>61 Cries like a donkey<br>62 Rounded point of land<br>63 Brush clean<br>64 Skirt style<br>65 Brought into pitch<br>66 Maps of town sites<br>67 Protective eye shield<br>68 Conserve of grapes<br>69 Cut into cubes<br>70 Variety of corundum<br>72 Light, trifling talk<br>73 Chew steadily<br>76 Attitudes assumed for effect<br>77 Frontier settlements<br>78 City stanchion<br>80 Mouth or speaker<br>81 Wall St. optimist<br>82 Price<br>84 Talks idly<br>85 Hereditary ruler<br>86 Small table bottle<br>88 Jewish home festival<br>89 Letter carrier's course<br>90 Roentgen discovery<br>91 Tiptop<br>92 — moment too soon?<br>93 Actress Freeman<br>94 Corn bread<br>95 Spicy meat stew<br>96 One of the tides<br>97 "Green — and Ham" (Dr. Seuss book)<br>100 White House initials<br>102 Bird or fish starter |
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Girl's bow is missing. 2. Tree limb has been removed. 3. Boy's shirt has stripe. 4. Sign is different. 5. Treehouse roof is different. 6. Steps are gone.

**Your Horoscope by Natasha**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Travel is favored, both short trips and those of a longer nature. Good news comes your way regarding a situation at a distance. A moody co-worker puts you off.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You shine as your work is recognized and your accomplishments are rewarded. However, a jealous person is looking to trip you up, so stay out of harm's way.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You continue on a phase of successfully melding business and pleasure. Take full advantage while it lasts. Someone at home doesn't understand what you're trying to say.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Privacy is your ally when it comes to romance. Creativity is accented and success follows as a result. Discourses this weekend revolve around money and joint finances.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) In some ways, you're very much in the spotlight. This makes you a bit uncomfortable, but try to enjoy it. It seems you can do no wrong in the eyes of others.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You need to make some important financial decisions. Be alert for new opportunities to make more money. Your income is increasingly important.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Travel and communications are highlighted. Added to that is your personal charm, which is contagious. As a result, you get much done that requires far-reaching decisions.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 November 21) You can accomplish much on the home front, provided you avoid being overly domineering. A co-worker comes to you with an unbelievable tale. Don't buy it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Those who are waiting for a delivery are in for a long wait. The ultimate accent, though, is on leisure events and romantic encounters. The weekend brings a special surprise.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 January 19) A co-worker has someone in mind for you romantically. However, although this person means well, it's not a good idea to go through with this. Try not to rush through work assignments.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You're upset with what's going on at home, and this spills over into your work week. However, you need to put the situation in its proper perspective. Changes in plans are to be expected.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Sit down with your mate and talk about finances. Agreements reached are satisfactory to both. Leisure interests beckon, but avoid overspending this weekend.

**YOU BORN THIS WEEK:** appear to be in several places at once as you dash from task to task. You are a veritable dynamo of energy, and it's generally impossible for most people to keep up with you. If not careful, this constant state of activity could jeopardize your health.

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# Parents are the first educators of the world's children

Submitted by  
St. Mary Catholic Church

School has started. Parents say, "Hooray!" Teachers say, "Let's go!" And students say something in the middle. As we begin to focus, once again, on the importance of educating our children, we should focus on the importance of their religious education as well.

Parents are the first educators of the world's children. This obviously includes educating them in their faith. This may include the traditions and special practices of a particular religion, but it should include our own values and morals.

There are so many difficulties encountered by our young people these days. Even here in our small town, they are confronted with alcohol and drugs, with unacceptable movies and television shows, with the challenge of avoiding pre-marital sex, struggles with homework and learning, the list could go on and on. We, as parents, can help our children overcome these difficulties by keeping open the lines of communication

and by giving them a strong faith foundation.

Children learn what they live and live what they learn. Do we come home from work night after night angry and upset with the boss or the other people with whom we work? Do we "borrow" things from the workplace, because the boss will never miss them?

Do we speed down the highway with one eye on the mirror to be sure no "cops" are around? Do we watch television programs with suggestive themes and vulgar language while the children are watching with us? Do we ignore our children when they need our help or want to talk because we are too busy or too tired?

There is a better way. Do we, instead, spend an extra few minutes to help out a co-worker who has a problem? Do we leave our workplace neater and in better shape than it was when we relived? Do we accept the responsibility of following the rules of the road? Do we telephone or visit with people who are hurting, sick or old and shut in? Do we turn off the television and

talk to each other, or read with the children?

When was the last time we prayed as a family, read the bible together or even said a word of thanks when we sat down to dinner together? When was the last time we discussed our religious beliefs, or the values we wanted our children to acquire? When was the last time we talked to our teenagers about the morals we expected them to practice?

I know there are many families who do these things frequently, thank God. For those who do not, there is help. All of our community churches have strong children and youth programs. Have you enrolled your children in one of them? Have you volunteered yourself as a teacher or helped in some way? At St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church we have programs for all school age children. With enough people to help, we could have adult programs and classes for preschoolers as well. Think about it - what could you do?

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Frontier Baptist Church  
Joe Townsend

The one supreme desire and challenge of the Christian is to seek the approval of God. I suppose everyone deep down in his heart would like to have the approval of everyone. The problem is that people want to plot their own course and do their own thing and for others to accept and approve.

God's approval depends on the Christian being and doing what God would approve. To gain God's approval requires diligence. A diligence that keeps one constantly mindful of God's presence. A diligence and sensitivity to the overshadowing presence of God wherever we are, whatever we do, whatever we say. To gain God's approval means never to put one's self in a position of being ashamed before Him. How wonderful it is to be in the position of being able to stand before God and never have to hang one's head because of actions or even inactions as children of the Father.

One of the prerequisites of gaining God's approval is the acceptance of His Word, the Bible, in its totality. It's a simple matter to accept and apply those parts of the Bible we like and ignore the rest. The simple truth is that the Bible is the word of God; every word and every teaching of it. God's approval will never rest on one who denies or disregards His words.

God's approval depends on positive actions more than the legalistic "don'ts." Certainly God's "don'ts" are meaningful,

but Jesus came to put the emphasis more on the "dos" than the "don'ts." This He emphasized when He said, "Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you." God sees and knows what one does as an outgoing expression of who and what he is.

God's approval is the paramount demand and desire of the Christian. How tragic if we do not live and act in a way that gains God's approval. There will be another message from God's Word in worship Sunday at Frontier Baptist Church at 11:00 A.M. Come and see.

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Wednesdays 7 p.m.

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# It is more blessed to give than to receive

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Pastor Charolette Corey

It is time to rest from your summer labors and yet it is time to "plant seed" for your coming spiritual and physical harvests. You might try to complain and say, but I am so tired and exhausted from the hot summer activities, but you cannot rest on your laurels.

God will revive you even as He has said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:20).

The disciples of Christ are always busy "planting seed" to the glory of the Father. Now is our time to "plant seed" into the lives of the needy children in our community. "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he

shall in no wise lose his reward." (Matthew 10:42). God will surely multiply back this seed to you, because of your obedience to his word, "Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness." (2 Corinthians 9:10).

There are ten young children in our congregation who have need of help with the purchase of new school clothes. They range in age from 6 years old to several 10 year olds, one 11 year old and one 16 year old. We have both boys and girls. If God touches your heart to "plant seed" in their direction, then contact us at Gateway Ministries 563-2121. Even if you should say, well I really don't care for children, they are just a bunch of trouble, remember. "Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed

him; if he thirst, give him drink, for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head." (Romans 12:20). So whether you are motivated by love, compassion, pity, or even disgust, God wants you to be blessed by lending a helping hand.

"Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:21). The Apostle Paul taught us how to give and reminds us in his word "I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:25).

If you can't give money to help these local children, then perhaps you can give them clothes and items that your own children have outgrown. Pray and let God be your guide.

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

## Readings from Psalms

St. Johns Missionary Church  
Rev. William P. Adams

Blessed be the Lord, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

The Lord is their strength, and he is the saving strength of his anointed. Psalms 28:5-8

Housework can kill you if done right.  
—Erma Bombeck

## Thank you

Dear Friends, Good People of Our Community,  
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### 1999 Property Tax Rates in Kinney County

This notice concerns 1999 Property tax rates for Kinney County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund
<b>Last year's tax rate:</b>		
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 670,875.96	\$ 22,040.68
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 66,368.25	0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 737,244.21	\$ 22,040.68
Last year's tax base	\$102,749,508.00	\$101,733,562.00
Last year's total tax rate	0.7175/\$100	0.0217/\$100
<b>This year's effective tax rate:</b>		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 734,354.64	\$ 22,000.12
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$104,961,002.00	\$102,236,998.00
= This year's effective tax rate	0.6996/\$100	0.0215/\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.7211/\$100	
<b>This year's rollback rate:</b>		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and including taxes for state criminal justice mandate)	\$ 668,237.14	\$ 22,000.12
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$104,961,002.00	\$102,236,998.00
= This year's effective operating rate	0.6366/\$100	0.0215/\$100
x 1.08 = This year's max operating rate	0.6875/\$100	0.0232/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0	0
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.6875/\$100	0.0232/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.7107/\$100	
- Sales tax adjustment rate	0.0283/\$100	
= Rollback tax rate	0.6824/\$100	

### Schedule A

#### Unencumbered Fund Balances

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

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$ 64,000
Certificates of Deposit	\$443,000

### Schedule B

1999 Debt Service - None

### Schedule C

Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$30,700.58 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For county: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

### Schedule D

State Criminal Justice Mandate - None

### Schedule E

Transfer of Department, Function or Activity - None

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at the Kinney County Appraisal District Office, 412 Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas.

This notice was prepared by William F. Haenn, Kinney CAD Manager, on August 17, 1999.

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**THE FOLLOWING POSITION** is open at BISD for the 1999-2000 school year. "Custodian" Applications may be requested by contacting the BISD Central Office, PO Box 586, 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, TX 78832, telephone (830) 563-2491, fax (830) 563-9264. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Brackett ISD is an equal opportunity employer.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE 1999-2000** Budget Hearing. The Brackett Independent School District will hold a Public Hearing for the 1999-2000 Proposed Budget on Monday, August 30, 1999, at 6:00 p.m., in the district Central Office, 400 S. Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas.

**THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL** of Southwest Texas, Inc. Head Start Program is announcing the sponsorship for the 1999-2000 school year of the Child and Adult Care Food Program, for the Head Start centers located in Batesville, Brackettville, Camp Wood, La Pryor, Leakey, Rocksprings, Sabinal, Uvalde and Crystal City. All children enrolled who meet the eligibility criteria will be offered the same free meals with no discrimination of disability, sex, age, national origin, political and religious beliefs. If you have any questions, please call us at 830-278-4180.

**INVITATION TO BID**

**THE MIDDLE RIO Grande** Development Council Area Agency on Aging, hereby solicits proposals to provide the following services: Nutritional and Supportive Services (Transportation), and Legal Assistance Services under the Older Americans Act of 1965, Title III, as amended, to Senior Citizens of the Middle Rio Grande region. Services are to be provided in Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala counties. Proposal period will be from October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000. To obtain a complete copy of the request for proposal packet, please contact: Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Director, Middle Rio Grande Development Council, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834, (830) 876-3533. Proposal Packets will be available on or after August 16, 1999. A bidders conference will be held on Monday, August 23, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. at the MRGDC Central Office Conference Room at 307 W. Nopal, Carrizo Springs, Texas. All proposals must be clearly marked "Sealed Bid - Do Not Open". Attention: Ramon S. Johnston. The deadline for submission of proposal is September 27, 1999, 5:00 p.m. at the Middle Rio Grande Development Council (Central Office), 307 W. Nopal, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834. Proposals may not be submitted through the use of facsimile machines. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. The MRGDC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. Changes in state or federal legislation may result in a requirement to renegotiate contracts at any time (before or during the contracted period.)

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**Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase**

The Kinney County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by .017 percent. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be on September 2 at 10:00 a.m.

For the proposal: Judge Herb Senne, Commissioners Freddie Frerich, Joe Williams and Pat Melancon.  
Against the proposal: none  
Present and not voting: none  
Absent: Joe Montalvo

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average resident homestead value	\$ 26,076	\$26,258
General exemptions available (amount available on the Average homestead, not including senior citizen's or Disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 5,000	\$5,000
Average taxable value	\$20,416	\$20,522
Tax rate	0.6529/\$100	0.6996/\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$734,354.64	\$747,310 (proposed)

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$11 or .082 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$.0467 per \$100 of taxable value or .07 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

**Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties):**  
The Kinney County Auditor certifies that Kinney County has spent \$0 in the previous 12 months beginning Oct. 1, 1998 - Sept. 30, 1999, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Kinney County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

**Answers to Super Crossword**

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