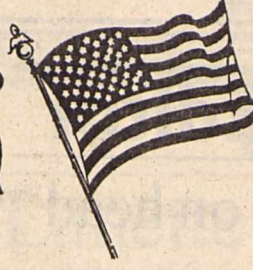


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County employees contest pay raises

Tanya Kay McClure
Staff Writer

The Kinney County Commissioners Court met this Monday and had quite a few county employees present at the meeting expressing their outrage toward the salary increases on the year 2000 proposed budget.

It seems that a 4.5% raise was given to all the county employees. Though others were given a more substantial pay raise.

Cindy Stafford, County Attorney's Secretary was the spokeswoman for the group. She had this to say on behalf of the people present: "We're not here to cause a whole lot of delays. We're not here to object to the people you have elected to give salary adjustments to. We're not even here to talk about elected officials. That is not our main concern. Our main concern is to find out what qualifications those people who received salary adjustments met that the rest of us did not meet and how you went about deciding who received salary adjust-

ments above and beyond the 4.5% raise?"

"We just want equal treatment. We want equal adjustments. When you start messing with people's pay, that's when people start complaining," said Stafford.

"\$1,488.88 pay raise would make it equal at a 4.5% pay raise."

"Every job has different qualifications. And qualifications are worth 'x' amount of dollars. So job "A" salary may never be equivalent to job "B" salary," said Robert Elledge, County Extension Agent.

"We tried to do what was right," said Freddy Frerich.

"We don't want to cause problems for those that did get their additional pay raises. We're happy for them. We just want to be treated equal," said Stafford.

"I don't think there's any wrinkles in it (the budget). I like it just like it is," said Herb Senne.

"If this is such a big fuss I

think we ought to have some evaluations done on some employees, performance evaluations. Then when we sit down and talk about this, no one can complain. Maybe I didn't get it because I didn't do good in this area. So you can look at those things and evaluate them and escape what we're having here today," said Elledge.

"I don't think there's any wrinkles in it (the budget). I like it just like it is," said Herb Senne.

The Commissioners decided to talk to the department heads as a group and try and work out some sort of a compromise in salary.

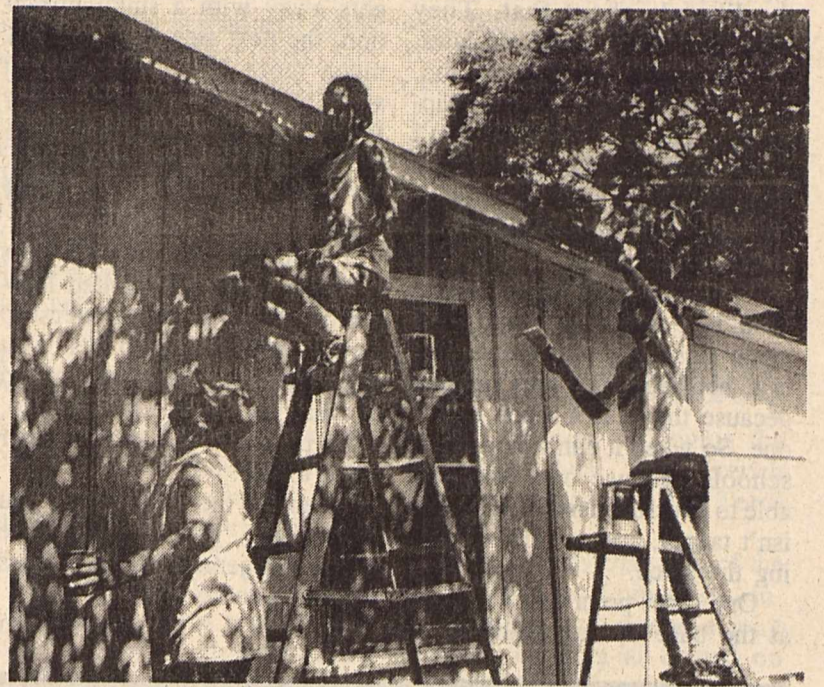
The Emergency Medical Service will soon be relocating to the Fire Station at Fort Clark Springs where the ambulances are currently housed. This move should take place sometime toward the end of next month.

The EMS crew is waiting for Fort Clark Springs to fix the roof that has been leaking. This move will add much needed space for the crew and easier access to the ambulances. These facilities also have showers and a kitchen for any out of town volunteers needing a place to stay.

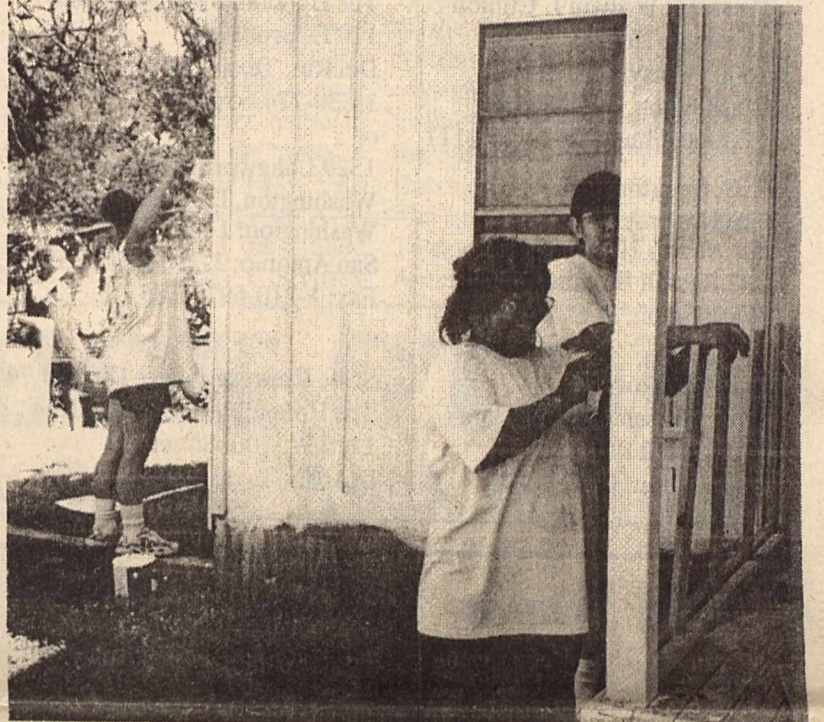
Discussion was also held on paying the county employees in lieu of comp time for holidays worked. This proposal was brought forth by Kinney County Sheriff Buddy Burgess and EMS Director Cathy Rutherford.

Due to the employees at both the Sheriffs Department and the EMS having to work holidays the comp time hours build up more and more for the employees and someone is always on vacation or not able to use their hours.

By paying the comp hours it would save a lot of hassle on the scheduling. The Commissioners Court decided to research this idea more thoroughly before making a decision.



Hazel Washingtons' home on Spring Street gets a face lift. Go by and take a look. Bottom: Members of the Catholic Youth Ministry and their director, Zeny McKelvy affectionately called (the slave driver) repairing the front porch.



Catholic youth ministry summer project

Look around you, we always need something or someone in our lives. So we all need to be aware of what is around us. This way the kindness and mercy of God will work for each one of us.

This is the first Catholic Youth Ministry summer project for our community. Hazel Washington's house is the first one. On July 31, of this year the youth got together to paint the house and restore Hazel's front porch. The first day 25 kids were there to work and on the second day there were 18 in the morning with 3 more joining us later. Several parents showed up to join in the fun and show their support and to show how proud they were of the kids. Of course we are very proud of what these kids were able to accomplish. As you can see from the pictures, they accomplished things they never dreamed they could.

We need to remember that these kids are our future and we need to let them know that they exist and we are always there for them. The kids would like you to know that they learned a lot about caring and helping others and that the need to care and help is all around us. So the next time you feel left out or hope seems to be fading, look around you. There is someone there who cares.

We would like to keep it up. We believe that with everyone's help and support we can do it again. With the help of our kids, Brackettville can be a great place for the next generation.

We would like to thank all those who helped with their time and donations. Without your help and support we could not have accomplished what we did. To the youth of Brackettville, we want you to know how proud of you we all are. Keep up the good work and may God bless you and live in your hearts always.

Zeny McKelvy
Oh Lord, we are sorry for things we have done, not only to you but to each other. Lead us all according to your will, Oh Lord. Give us your light to see the hope in each other, as you have in us. We're doing what we can to make it right for our children. We need you Oh Lord, to be with them always. Protect and lead them according to your will. Some times we have little faith in you as well as in each other and it has been known, help us to make it right, Oh Lord. Oh Jesus, we lay our hope and mercy in your hands, you are the key of our life and life after. May your name live in each of us forever. Amen

City lowers tax rate

Tanya Kay McClure
Staff Writer

The City of Brackettville plans to lower its current tax rate to 77.54 cents per hundred dollars evaluation for the tax year of 2000.

The proposed budget totals \$781,856.00 including \$407,590.00 in the utility fund and \$374,266.00 in the general fund. The current budget is \$744,145.19, and includes \$402,949.74 in the utility fund and \$341,195.45 in the general fund. This is a 5.6% increase.

Highway and street repair had a 100% budget increase over last year. It went from \$10,000 to \$20,000. According to Ginger Dodson, Chief Clerk for the City of Brackettville the reason for this increase is that the city is planning to do quite a few major street repairs, both filling in pot holes and repaving some streets.

Administrative salaries have increased 16.3% over last year. It went from \$14,700.00 to \$17,092.75.

According to Dodson, this increase is due to the mayor and councilmen getting raises. This will not take effect until the election in May 2000. The mayor and councilmen will receive a raise of \$95.71 per month. The councilmen are currently getting \$175.00 a month and the mayor is receiving \$350.00 a month.

Salaries have increased \$32,690.06.

According to Dodson this increase is due to raises being given to all city employees. Also a new employee position is going to be created. This also makes up for part of the salary increase.

The city has increase the budget by 5.1% and lowered the tax rate even though the current budget revenues are off 25.9% as of July 26, 1999.

Bodies of illegals found

Tanya Kay McClure
Staff Writer

Kinney County Sheriffs Department received a call from a local ranch owner who stated that one of his workers had found a body on his ranch.

Justice of the Peace, John Ford and Kinney County Sheriff, Buddy Burgess responded to the scene.

Upon arrival both met with the ranch owner who took them to the scene. The body was located 1.8 miles east off of Ranch Road 334.

The body was of a Mexican male and was badly decomposed. Del Rio Funeral Home was notified to transport the body which had been there for approximately two weeks.

The Mexican man, identified as Miguel Angel Martinez Castillo, age 32 of Guadalajara, Mexico died of heat exposure. He had been walking through heavy brush with inadequate

clothing, water or shelter. His spouse, Emilia Trujillo Castillo is a bookkeeper in Mexico and had his body cremated.

Another body was found on Saturday, August 21st on Hwy. 3008.

Several Mexican Nationals flagged down a Border Patrol Officer and stated that a friend of their's had passed away.

The nationals had the body with them. They stated that they had stopped for water and the man said that he did not feel well and wanted to rest for awhile. They tried to get him up but he did not want to go. He died shortly thereafter.

They carried him to the highway and flagged down a passing motorist.

The man was Cordoba Enrique Bustamante of Camela, Mexico. He was 22 years old.

Reports are that he died of heat exposure.

Today's world is unbelievably complicated

Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Rotary Club met on the nineteenth of August. The speaker for the day was retired psychotherapist, Frances McMaster.

The subject of her talk was willpower, and it was inspired by the outstanding students she met while serving as a member of the Rotary scholarship committee. "These youngsters are so clear about what they want out of life, and they know how to go about it. The Brackettville school system and the parents of these students deserve credit along with the young people for helping develop their abilities."

"They have learned how to plan and set goals as well as how to reach them. This includes how to solve or resolve the inevitable problems that arise along the way. The youngsters the scholarship committee saw and heard were self confident and easily verbalized their ambitions."

McMaster remarked that the thing that impressed her was the use of will power which is an essential ingredient of achieving success. These youngsters have discovered that will is a vehicle that takes you where you want to go.

Without recognition of this inner resource, an individual may not be able to cope with today's complicated, competi-

tive world. Without it, an individual can be defeated by difficulties and pitfalls. Failure leads to increasing discouragement, frustration, and can lead to desperation.

Today's world is unbelievably complicated and filled with demands, confusion, and enticements. One result of this is that our focus is outside of ourselves much of the time. We have little time or incentive to explore or develop knowledge of our inner resources.

McMaster referred to psychiatrist Robert Assagioli's work in this area. He believes modern man has little self knowledge and the result is an ignorance of his innate potential.

Successful people pay dearly



Pictured above (L to R) is Rotary President Patsy Calnan with Frances McMaster who was the Rotary guest speaker this week.

for material achievements. The tempo of life is hectic, complicated, and exhausting. Life may be richer and broader, more stimulating, but it places huge demands on their energy, mental functions, emotions and will.

A state of imbalance can easily develop between the individual's external and inner powers. The only remedy is simplification of outer life and the development of inner strength. Simplifying life is limited because of duties and responsibilities. We have to develop inner strength by developing the will.

The word "will" can set up resistance if you think of it as repressive. That is a misunderstanding of its role. Will facilitates functions of the personal-

ity such as emotion and feeling, impulses and desires, imagination, thought, intuition, and sensation. It directs and regulates these functions.

Assagioli's way to strengthen the will is to turn inward in silence. Listening to beautiful music or looking at great art helps. Think about who you are. You are more than the different roles you are called upon to play, such as mother, father, or worker. These are important aspects of your life, but they are not the self.

The very center of our being is what we think of as "I" and it is pure consciousness. Will is closely related to it. The "I" is the self, and it acts on our psychological functions through the will. If we are aware of the will, we can make positive choices that affect our lives.

An exercise is say to yourself in quiet repose, "I have a body, but I am not my body, I have a mind, but I am more than my mind. I have emotions and feelings, but they change. They are not all of me. I am a center of consciousness and I can thoughtfully make good decisions that affect my life."

High achievers, such as candidates for scholarships, have learned to call forth their own potential. They will grow and develop into even more successful individuals as the years pass.

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BISD still growing

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LaMascus hitting nail on head

Thank you Mr. LaMascus for hitting the nail on the head about crime and morality. Unfortunately you will never convince the liberals about that. They think they need more gun laws. Adolph Hitler thought that too. He got them and look what happened. The liberals also don't understand that the constitution says keep government out of Religion, not keep Religion out of the government.

Knowing right from wrong should be taught at home, but, again this isn't happening, nor is it not happening in Churches because they can't reach everyone. So when it can't be done in schools because one lady was able to overrule a majority, it just isn't taught, and we are all paying the price.

One other point that I think is at the base of our problems is

whoever decided that teachers could not discipline their students. Of course we all know what happens when a boy or girl gets away with a small infraction, the next step is to see how much more he or she can get away with before the ax finally falls. That, of course, is usually too late to avoid a real tragedy. We have seen it all too many times.

I read that Mr. Bonilla says we have a new law called Education Flexibility Partnership Act of 1999. I have no idea what this will mean, I'm always afraid of what yet another law will do, most probably just more paper work to file.

Keep up the good work you are writing, you have my vote of encouragement, I never miss reading your columns.

Roland Boysen

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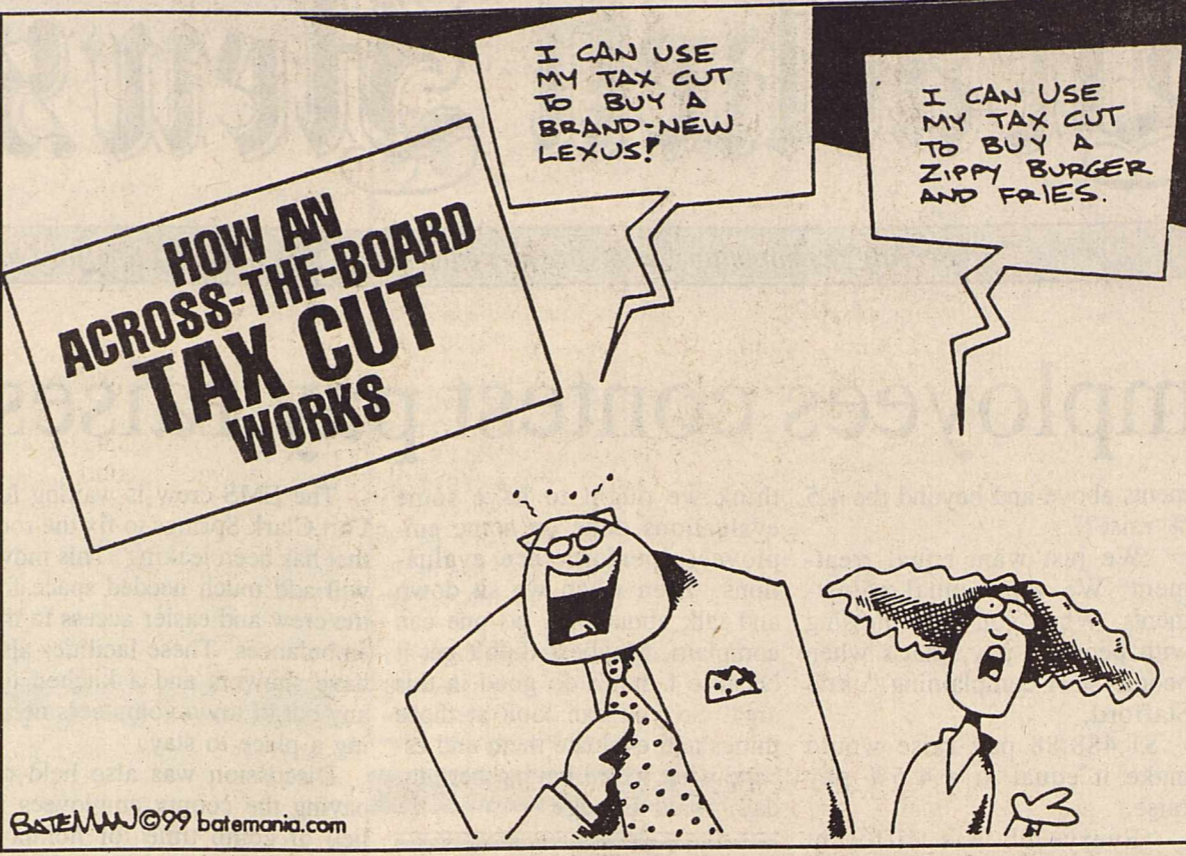
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Blatant flaw in American jurisprudence

Between Us
Joe Townsend

There is a blatant flaw in American jurisprudence. Apparently there is nothing that can be done.

The USA is at the mercy of the legal profession. Basically lawyers write the laws. They certainly control the courts. The legislature of Ohio enacted equitable laws to try to cap the ridiculous amounts of millions awarded for usually amazingly facetious accusations.

Now comes the case of the judge in Lubbock. An attorney had practiced in the area for a good many years. She dropped her practice for a while for personal reasons.

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and were upset with her began to dig for dirt. They found she lacked 15 days serving 4 years after she returned to practice. They sued to have her removed from office. The judge hearing the case, a lawyer declared she could not serve.

She appealed and the appeals court, made up of lawyers upheld the verdict. By this time it was close to election time so the judge refused to spend more money to push the appeal. She will again run for the office and doubtless will be elected this time unquestionably eligible. In the meantime thousands of dollars of tax payers money has found its way into unscrupulous lawyers bank accounts.

Until some way is devised to rein in the greed and lack of true integrity of the fringe scavengers that bring disdain upon the profession, lawyers will be under an undeserved cloud of question. P.S. Last week I mentioned that a teen age black was sentenced to 25 years for killing a newborn. In reality she was sentenced to 45 years.

The wrath of God in the form of nature

The Way I See It
Steven R. LaMascus

One million eight hundred thousand people homeless because of floods across China, Korea is hit by a killer typhoon, killer heat wave across the northeast United States causes many deaths, crops are in danger because of severe drought across the East and Mid-West, Las Vegas flooded, freak snow storm in June in Nevada, millions in danger of starvation in Africa, La Nina refuses to die in the Pacific and brings another unusually active Atlantic hurricane season, scientists warn that extinctions are occurring at a rate that rivals the extinction level event that ended the reign of the dinosaurs sixty-five million years ago. How many times do you need to be hit over the head to understand that God is ticked? Want more?

August 4, 1999 - Twenty people attacked by mysterious beast in Katmandu.

August 4, 1999 - Earthquakes strike Bangladesh and the Aleutian Islands off Alaska.

August 4, 1999, Khartoum, Sudan - seasonal flooding began a month earlier than usual on the Nile and still continues; many homes destroyed.

August 2, 1999 - Osaka, Japan, Nepal, Romania, and the California desert are all rocked by earthquakes.

August 2, 1999 - Taiwan blacked out by landslides which toppled a key power transmission tower, four-fifths of Taiwan without power. Had enough yet?

July 30 - Two clusters of tornadoes rip across Ohio.

July 28 - 48 dead and 95 hospitalized, 300 buildings destroyed in Iranian floods.

July 28 - Taal Volcano near Manila, Philippines began erupting.

July 27 - Tornado hits Arkansas campground.

July 26 - One million fish die in the Chesapeake. July 26 - Three earthquakes strike northern Turkey. July 23 - Tornadoes and softball size hail blast across Montana. July 19 - Mexico's Colima volcano erupts.

I just don't know any other way to say it. If we do not turn away from our sinful ways God is going to take even more drastic steps. If you think all the natural disasters that are occurring at a rapidly increasing rate (some scientists say there has been a 700 percent increase during the last decade) are simply part of a natural cycle you are about to get the surprise of your life.

Not just the United States, but the entire world has turned away from the Lord. Today, all around the earth, we accept things that are, according to the Word of God, totally unacceptable. Homosexuality is a perfect example. According to the Bible it is not an alternate life style. It is not something that is acceptable and that should have no stigma attached. It is an aberration. It is contrary to the laws of nature and the laws of God. There are two sexes for a reason. Homosexuality is not an acceptable alternative! It should be looked upon as the abhorrent behavior that it is and treated by appropriate psychological procedures. Tolerance of things like this is dangerous, unnatural, and ungodly. Neither is it protected by the constitution, as are freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and the right to keep and bear arms. The family unit is being destroyed. This is the most basic unit of government and always has been. No longer is there a stigma attached to unwed mothers. When you remove the stigma, you remove much of the reason for restraint. If a person finds there is no unpleasant consequence for an action she/he is

much more likely to take that path.

Divorce is common place. Again the stigma attached to being a "divorcee" is gone. It is accepted by a too tolerant society. If you have a fight with your spouse just leave him. Heck, it's easy; everybody does it. Divorce should be a last resort not an easy way out! If I read my Bible correctly, it says that the only reason for divorce is marital unfaithfulness.

Our schools are now Godless. We can teach evolution because it is a "science," but mention God or prayer and you will have the ACLU, the federal courts, and who knows what else all over you like ugly on an ape. We cannot (legally) invoke the protection of the One Holy God for our children before a football game because some unbeliever might find it offensive; but we will soon be forced to allow our children to be taught sex education in school whether we find it offensive or not. Somehow that just doesn't seem equitable to me.

I call to you again for action. Please, I beg, stand up and fight for your beliefs, because I will guarantee you that the ACLU, or any other thinly disguised liberal political organization, is not going to. They are out to destroy your beliefs and your civil liberties. They are anti-Christian, anti-conservative; they are serving a master other than God. If you accept what is happening in the world today and are tolerant of the iniquities and evil surrounding you then you are just as guilty of the sins as the persons who perpetrate them. As the Bible says, "You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too;" If you are a Christian, you are commissioned by God to spread the Gospel. Just do it! Or suffer the wrath of God along with all the other sinners. It's your choice.

Overhauling the INS

Submitted by Henry Bonilla

When it comes to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) taxpayers are tired of excuses. It seems every time we turn around we hear of another bureaucratic error, problem or fiasco with the INS.

Year after year Congress has provided the INS with more and more money to effectively do its job. But year after year we've seen nothing but poor management, incomplete book-keeping, outdated record-keeping, deplorable customer service, inadequate enforcement and little or no accountability. More money is obviously not the answer.

The INS budget has quadrupled in the past decade to over \$4.2 billion.

Despite a bigger budget than they've ever had, the INS siphoned money away from key accounts like Border Patrol, leaving the INS field operations budget \$300 million in the hole. And to hide this serious mismanagement, the INS quietly proposed a virtual shutdown of Border Patrol activities, with some field operations facing a 90% budget cut.

When the plan was exposed the INS couldn't explain where the money for those field offices had gone. When Congress pushed for an explanation and reminded the INS that closing those offices would endanger the lives and property of border residents, the INS suddenly found the money to keep the field offices open.

Congress gave the INS an additional \$100 million to hire 1,000 new U.S. Border Patrol agents this year. But the INS is projected to fill only 300 to 400 of those slots. And where is the rest of the money for the additional agents? We don't know. The INS cannot account for it.

And the nightmare doesn't end there. Let us not forget the monumental failure by INS when it erroneously released a suspected serial killer. Another recent bureaucratic error at INS resulted in lane closures on international bridges and forced people crossing the border by car to sit in line for hours on end.

A bipartisan group of Congressmen, myself included, recently introduced a bill in Congress that completely restructures the INS. The Immigration Reorganization and Improvement Act of 1999 replaces the INS with two bureaus. A Bureau of Immigration Services would focus on processing legal immigrants. The Bureau of Enforcement would focus on enforcing U.S. immigration laws. Replacing the INS with two bureaus will strengthen the dual aspects of the INS, enforcement and service. The current agency is overwhelmed with conflicting responsibilities. We cannot continue to accept excuse after excuse as to why the INS cannot perform efficiently. It is time to act.

Unsung Hero
Joe Townsend

A large coterie of friends are gathering around the throne of God awaiting our arrival. One esteemed late arrival is Lanette Wilson. This lovely lady left us after a long battle with cancer. Lanette was a person who was not content to sit and twiddle her thumbs. For good while she and her husband operated the Longhorn restaurant.

She was deeply involved in refurbishing and making a lovely home on Ft. Clark. The last few years she operated a business in order to be involved in gainful activities. With all of this she was a loyal and devoted wife and mother. Lanette was easy to enjoy and a very friendly person. She made life better for everyone who knew her. Surely Lanette Wilson was an Unsung Hero.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Wednesday, August 11
1:09 p.m. A woman from Anacacho Ranch reported a large grass fire at the Anacacha Ranch. The Fire Department and EMS were notified.

Monday, August 16
9:14 p.m. A Fort Clark Woman was walking her dog and a large dog came and chased her. The lady called F.C.S. Security and reported the incident.

3:00 p.m. Alfredo Sifuentes, Jr., age 24 of Del Rio was arrested by DPS Trooper Ashley for a DPS Warrant. He served two days.

4:45 p.m. Mario Gandara, age 23 of Austin, Texas was arrested by DPS Trooper Wylie for a DPS Warrant. He paid a fine and was released.

Tuesday, August 17
1:24 p.m. The owner of a mobile home on Fort Clark Springs discovered that the window unit air conditioner had been stolen from the back bedroom, which was valued at \$200.00. Nothing was destroyed.

1:45 p.m. A local man reported that he had lost or possibly had a cell phone stolen from his vehicle between Corpus Christi and Brackettville. The man had already reported the incident to his phone carrier service.

Thursday, August 19
1:15 p.m. A local man reported that another man was missing. The Sheriff's Department phoned the Aging Service and was told that the man had a doctor's appointment at Val Verde Memorial Hospital. Called V.V.M.H. and confirmed that the man had been there.

11:45 a.m. A local woman reported that she could not find her little brother. Chief of Police Ron Ring was notified of the matter.

11:18 p.m. A local woman reported that the boy that was missing had stated to her boyfriend that he was going to walk to Campwood the night he disappeared.

3:24 p.m. A local man reported that someone was stalking him and his girlfriend. Chief Deputy Fritter was notified of the situation.

Friday, August 20
6:30 p.m. A man from Del Rio reported that looked like someone possibly a woman, was staying in the rock building in front of the Brackett News Paper that he owned. The man stated that he was just curious. Deputy Guidry informed the man that a woman was there about one month ago but had since left for Del Rio. The woman was homeless and wanted to fix up the building. The man stated that he did not want to file charges.

1:40 p.m. A motorist reported a minor accident three miles east on Hwy. 90. A small car and truck were involved. No injuries were reported.

4:45 p.m. A 911 call was received concerning an accident three miles east on Hwy 90. DPS was notified.

Saturday, August 21
11:25 p.m. A report was made about a stranded vehicle on Hwy 131. The driver was waiting at Pico for a ride.

6:30 p.m. A local woman reported that a mother cat belonging to the family was acting strange; foaming at the mouth and being aggressive. She also stated that she had five kittens and that they had a total of 13 cats. Called the City of Brackett employee Jimmy Salmon who

Change of Address

Don't let a refund get lost or returned to the Internal Revenue Service. Taxpayers should add the IRS to their list of people and places to notify about their change of address. If the IRS doesn't have their current address, then a tax refund or any letters about past returns may never get to them. Fill out IRS Form 8822 and send it to the IRS.

stated that he would take care of the matter.

12:20 a.m. An out of town woman called and stated that she had not heard from her parents and asked for the phone number to the Fort Clark Springs Security to see if her parents had rented a room at the motel.

5:30 p.m. Del Rio Border Patrol called the Kinney County Sheriffs Department to report that there was a deceased person on Hwy 3008, 2 miles south of Hwy 2523. Justice of the Peace John Ford and Sheriff Buddy Burgess were dispatched to the scene. Humphrey's Funeral Home was also contacted.

10:07 a.m. A Border Patrol Agent called in to report that a local Spofford woman stated that there were hunters shooting toward her house. Reserve Deputy Manuel Pena was notified and met with the hunters. The hunters stated that they had shot some bottles with a 22 cal. pistol and were unaware that they were in the city limits. They stated that it would not happen again.

Sunday, August 22
1:30 a.m. Alfonso Gomez, Jr., of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Karl Chism for public intoxication. He was later released on time served.

8:12 a.m. Juan Manuel Lopez, of Fredericksburg, Texas was arrested for DWI. This was his first offence.

Brackett ISD school year underway and going along smoothly

Making a Difference
Taylor Stephenson

Meet the Teacher Night at Jones Elementary was a huge success! Parents and students enjoyed meeting the staff. Principal, Paula Renken, coordinated the event which included cookies & punch in the cafeteria. Each teacher explained student expectations for the new school year. The Middle School and High School will hold their Open House later in the school year.

The rain was nice. I'm sure we had an inch or two generally in our community. Tuesday morning, my gauge measured half an inch and it drizzled all day long. The hurricane fizzled out by the time it reached Kinney County. There was little or no damage and enough rain to get us started back to green grass. It was a year ago to the day when the tropical storm hit Del Rio and Brackettville.

Our enrollment last Friday was 691. Last October 2, it was 627. We ended the year at 659. We continue to grow at Brackett ISD. Our new building was completed in time to handle the growth. We have an extra room or two in each building, but at

this rate, they'll be full again soon. It's nice to be part of a growing community.

The football scrimmage last Friday night was a good one. Our team will be exciting to watch this year. Volleyball season has begun. The crowds have been good for the opening games.

Please be careful when driving through school zones at Brackett ISD. Students are excited and sometimes move in unexpected directions. They have been cautioned. David Luna, Chief of Police Ron Ring and Sheriff Buddy Burgess are working with us to provide the safest possible school zones. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

How about the gold and black fire plugs and street signs around BISD? Once again, thanks to David Luna and the fine staff at the City of Brackettville for helping the Tigers to build school spirit. It's all of us together on the same team. Thanks for a nice addition to school spirit.

We split our sixth grade up into three sections this past Monday. It is much nicer and is a better learning environment. Have a great week!

Obituary

Lanette Higgens Wilson

Lanette Higgens Wilson, age 66, died in her home at Fort Clark Springs on August 20, 1999. Mrs. Wilson was a long time business woman and community leader of Fort Clark. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Travis Wilson. She is also survived by her son Mitch Wilson of Fort Clark, granddaughter, Brandi Wilson of Brackettville, brother, Marlan Higgens of Springfield, Colorado and a sister, Anna Baum of

Roy, New Mexico. Visitation was Sunday August 22, from 2 PM until 9 PM at the Brackettville Funeral Home. Services were Monday August 23, 1999, 10 AM, at Frontier Baptist Church with Rev. Joe Townsend officiating. Burial was Tuesday, August 24, 1 PM at the Dumas Cemetery at Dumas, Texas.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of the Brackettville Funeral Home 114 North St. Brackettville, Texas.

C.A.R. Summer activities

The Elijah Holcombe Society, Children of the American Revolution, joined other C.A.R. chapters at the State Workshop in Austin on July 31.

At this meeting C.A.R.'s from across Texas met for fellowship, to share ideas and learn about the work of their society.

Members attending from Brackettville were Ryan, Courtney and Seth Frerich and Senior Advisors Liz Frerich and Pat McKelvy.

August 22, Mrs. James Raymond hosted the Elijah Holcombe Society with a pool party and pizza at her home in Kerrville. Prior to the party a business meeting was held. Seth Frerich led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, Courtney

Frerich who led in singing the National Anthem, Ryan Frerich who led the Pledge to The Texas Flag.

Courtney, as chairman of the Historic Places Committee, invited members to attend a joint societies meeting at Goliad on October 23 for the dedication of a Historical Marker and Tree Planting near the LaBahia Mission. This commemorates the delivery of approximately 10,000 head of cattle belonging to the Spanish missions in San Antonio and Goliad that were assembled at the presidio LaBahia. These cattle were to aid the Spanish General Bernardo de Galvez fight the British in 1779. The use of these longhorns gives Texas a connection with the American Revolution.

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ber 4 and 11th and on October 2, 9 and 16th weather permitting. The tours require a minimum of 3 people with a limit of 30 people per tour. Tour cost is \$1 per person. Texas Conservation Pass Holders and members of the Friends of Landmark Inn are free. To make reservations and for further information, contact the Landmark Inn at 830-931-2133.

Teachers make a difference

There is a story many years ago of an elementary teacher. Her name was Mrs. Thompson. And as she stood in front of her fifth grade class on the very first day of school, she told the children a lie. Like most teachers, she looked at her students and said that she loved them all the same.

But that was impossible, because there in the first row, slumped in his seat, was a little

boy named Teddy Stoddard. Mrs. Thompson had watched Teddy the year before and noticed that he didn't play well with the other children, that his clothes were messy and that he constantly needed a bath. And Teddy could be unpleasant.

It got to the point where Mrs. Thompson would actually delight in marking bold X's and then putting a big "F" at the top of his papers.

At the school where Mrs. Thompson taught, she was required to review each child's past records and she put Teddy's off until last.

However, when she reviewed his file, she was in for a surprise.

Teddy's first grade teacher wrote, "Teddy is a bright child with a ready laugh. He does his work neatly and has good manners....he is a joy to be around."

His second grade teacher wrote, "Teddy is an excellent student, well liked by his classmates, but he is troubled because his mother has a terminal illness and life at home must be a struggle."

His third grade teacher wrote, "His mother's death has been hard on him. He tries to do his best, but his father doesn't show much interest and his home life will soon affect him if some steps aren't taken."

His fourth grade teacher wrote, "Teddy is withdrawn and doesn't show much interest in school. He doesn't have many friends and some times sleeps in

class."

By now Mrs. Thompson realized the problem and she was ashamed of herself.

She felt even worse when her students brought her Christmas presents, wrapped in beautiful ribbons and bright paper, except for Teddy's.

His was clumsily wrapped in the heavy, brown paper that he got from a grocery bag. Mrs. Thompson took pains to open it in the middle of the other presents

Some of the children started to laugh when she found a rhinestone bracelet with some of the stones missing and a bottle that was one quarter full of perfume.

But she stifled the children's laughter when she exclaimed how pretty the bracelet was.

She put it on and dabbed some of the perfume on her wrist.

Teddy Stoddard stayed after school that day just long enough to say, "Mrs. Thompson, today you smelled just like my Mom used to." After the children left she cried for at least an hour.

On that very day, she quit teaching reading, writing and arithmetic. Instead she began to teach children.

Mrs. Thompson paid particular attention to Teddy.

As she worked with him, his mind seemed to come alive.

The more she encouraged him, the faster he responded.

By the end of the year, Teddy had become one of the smartest children in the class and, despite her lie that she would love all the children the same, Teddy be-

came one of her "pets."

A year later, she found a note under her door, from Teddy, telling her that she was still the best teacher he ever had in his whole life.

Six years went by before she got another note from Teddy.

He then wrote that he had finished high school, third in his class, and she was still the best teacher he ever had in his whole life.

Four years after that, she got another letter, saying that while things had been tough at times, he stayed in school, he had stuck with it, and would soon graduate from college with the highest of honors.

He assured Mrs. Thompson that she was still the best and favorite teacher he ever had in his whole life.

Then four more years passed and yet another letter came.

This time he explained that after he got his bachelor's degree, he decided to go a little further. The letter explained that she was still the best and favorite teacher he ever had. But by now his name was a little longer. The letter was signed, Theodore F. Stoddard, M.D.

The story doesn't end there. You see, there was yet another letter that spring.

Teddy said he'd met this girl and was going to be married.

He explained that his father had died a couple of years ago, and he was wondering if Mrs. Thompson might agree to sit in the place at the wedding that was usually reserved for the mother of the groom.

Of course, Mrs. Thompson did. And guess what?

She wore that bracelet, the one with several rhinestones missing. And she made sure she was wearing the perfume that Teddy remembered his mother wearing on their last Christmas together.

They hugged each other, and Dr. Stoddard whispered in Mrs. Thompson's ear, "Thank you, Mrs. Thompson, for believing in me. Thank you so much for making me feel important and showing me that I could make a difference."

Mrs. Thompson, with tears in her eyes, whispered back. She said, "Teddy, you have it all wrong. You were the one who taught me that I could make a difference. I didn't know how to teach until I met you."

Warm someone's heart today. Pass this along. Never underestimate the Power of Purpose.

Publishers Note: When I read this article I knew it was something that we needed to share with our readers. The author is unknown to us.

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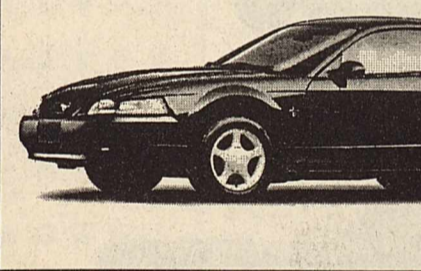






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More questions about hunting licenses themselves

A Little on the Wildlife Side Henry Lutz

Last week we looked at some questions you may have about purchasing a hunting license.

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If you are under 17 or 65 and older, you may purchase a Special Resident Hunting License for a reduced fee.

While we are talking about

hunting licenses, you know that there are many types available. Before you run down to the store and purchase one, you should sit down and figure out just what kinds of hunting and/or fishing you will be doing.

Every hunter born on or after September 2, 1971 must have successfully completed a Hunter Education Training Course.

must have successfully completed the course or be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years old or older.

This is by no means all the laws or information relating to hunting and hunting licenses.

Brackettville, licenses are sold at Pico's, Super S, and will soon be available at The Jug Store.

If you take your kids hunting, you won't be hunting for your kids!

1999 Brackett Tigers Varsity Football Schedule

Table with 4 columns: Date, Opponent, Place, Time. Rows include Aug. 26 (Leakey), Sept. 3 (Sabinal), Sept. 10 (D'Hanis), Sept. 17 (Nueces Canyon), Sept. 24 (Sonora), Oct. 1 (LaPryor), Oct. 8 (Center Point), Oct. 15 (Jourdanton), Oct. 22 (Comfort), Oct. 29 (Natalia), Nov. 5 (Dilley).

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The thrill of hunting out of state

Gunsmoke and Campfires Steven R. LaMascus

My first out of state hunting experience was in 1983. My brother David and I drove to Wyoming to hunt pronghorn antelope.

To the north the Wind Rivers shouldered their way thirteen thousand feet into the sky. When we would step out of the cabin in the morning the air would be clean and crisp and pungent with the spicy aroma of sage.

David and I hunted hard, took two nice pronghorns, and caught a number of the feisty little brookies.

That was the first and it is still deeply embedded in my memory, but it was not the last, and maybe not the best.

Don't misunderstand, please, I love hunting right here in Texas. This is the best state in the union for hunting whitetails, and the quail and dove hunting is quite often beyond description.

When I am hunting in Colorado, Wyoming, or Idaho I can sometimes see the dim and shadowy figures of the free-trappers like Jim Bridger, or Hugh Glass as they move softly along a gurgling mountain stream.

ing the fire with John Colter and Fontenelle as we all keep a weather eye peeled for sign of Blackfeet or Gros Ventre.

I guess I was born in the wrong century. I still have a romantic need to see new places. I like to be where there are no people but me and the companions with whom I have chosen to share the experience.

elk or an antelope or maybe a mule deer that is good too. But it is not the purpose of the adventure. It is not the promise of 400 pounds of meat on the ground or a new set of antlers on the wall.

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PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 1999-2000 KINNEY COUNTY BUDGET AND NOTICE OF INCREASE OF OFFICERS' SALARIES

Pursuant to 111.007 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners, Court of Kinney County, Texas gives notice that they will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed 1999-2000 Budget.

Pursuant to 152.013 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners' Court of Kinney County, Texas publishes the proposed salaries, expenses, or allowances of each County official (elected) and the amount of the proposed increases. They are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: OFFICIAL SALARY, CURRENT SALARY, PROPOSED. Rows include County Judge (28,000.00 to 29,260.00), County Attorney (25,982.09 to 27,151.28), County Clerk (25,982.09 to 27,151.28), Tax Assess/Collector (17,827.04 to 21,192.60), County Treasurer (17,827.04 to 21,192.60), Justice of the Peace (20,040.67 to 24,000.00), County Sheriff (27,219.25 to 28,444.12), Constable (4,151.17 to 4,337.97), Commissioner Pct. 1 (9,477.06 to 9,990.53), Commissioner Pct. 2 (9,477.06 to 9,990.53), Commissioner Pct. 3 (9,477.06 to 9,990.53), Commissioner Pct. 4 (9,477.06 to 9,990.53).

The increases as proposed will be discussed at our regular Budget Hearing that is set for Monday, September 13, 1999, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. at the County Courtroom in the Kinney County Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas.

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 3 Bear, in Latin
 4 Essential
 5 Houston player
 6 Transfixed
 7 Lap robes, in London
 8 Wings
 9 Tibet's neighbor, abbr.
 10 Place of torment
 11 Of the same opinion
 12 Boat or bike starter
 13 Ultimate goal
 14 Reassemble after a battle
 15 Do a tailoring job
 16 Bring to an end
 17 Osborne's "Look Back In—"
 22 Regarding tag
 24 Wood sorrel
 26 Made a choice
 28 Recognizes
 31 "I Can Get— You Wholesale"
 33 Amphibious mammal
 34 The others
 35 Safety and garter followers
 37 Fall blooms
 38 Emulate the eagle
 39 TLC dispensers
 41 Tiny
 42 Freshwater fish
 43 Candidate for election
 44 Wheel spokes, i.e.
 45 Peer Gynt's mother
 46 "Dallas" surname
 47 River to the Rhine
 48 Dressed add-on
 49 Blueprint
 56 Ecclesiastical robe
 57 Botanical spikelet
 58 Hole or head starter
 61 Always, to a poet
 62 "Bells— Ringing" (movie)
 63 Barcelona bravo
 64 Identification tag
 65 One of Pindar's works
 66 Japanese gateway
 67 Beard on barley
 68 Fasteners for some boots
 69 Web-like membrane
 70 Marsh wader
 73 Leg joints
 74 Onion-topped flat roll
 75 Pieces of chalcidomy
 76 Min. unit
 77 Biblical name
 78 Double-reed woodwinds
 79 Widespread range of Morocco
 82 Cuckoo of puzzledom
 84 Not clearly seen
 85 Ghastly pale
 88 Eternal
 89 Rabies
 90 Darken or obscure
 91 Rumor
 95 Made a hole in one
 96 Securities
 97 Point of view
 98 California-Nevada border lake
 99 Point to be disputed
 100 Sudden brief burst of energy
 102 New Guinea town
 103 Comfortable shoes
 104 Give the OK
 107 Pound slink
 108 Egyptian
 109 Emerald Isle
 110 Manor bigwig
 111 Short click in Morse code
 114 Abyssinian prince

MAGIC MAZE

CAPTAIN —

Y K H D A A X U Q N K K H E B
 Y V S P M N J H E I A B Y V T
 Q O L I G D D P D B N K Y W T
 R P M B K T I D P R G O T F D
 K B Y A M E R I C A A O H W U
 S O Q H O N H C N U R C G M K
 I F O A G N D B Z X O T I W U
 S Q O H T I M S N H O J N P N
 L J H F D L L C A Y W V D O T
 S Q P N L L K B I H K R I K V
 F E C O M E N L E V R A M B Z

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Ahab America And Tennille Bligh Cook Crunch Hook John Smith Kangaroo Kidd Kirk Marvel Midnight Picard von Trapp

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



Differences: 1. Picture has been added. 2. Boy's sleeve is different. 3. Man has a bow tie. 4. Napkin dispenser is larger. 5. Number of flavors has changed. 6. Partial window sign is missing.

Your Horoscope by Natasha



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You have traveled to exotic and mysterious places in your mind and have brought back souvenirs from every place. Don't be afraid to share them with people.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Things have gone marching off in a direction that you don't quite understand. You don't need to approve, but don't make a fuss just yet.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You have performed the motions; now you'll have the pleasure of knowing why they were right. Sometimes it's necessary to work the problem several times over in order to understand the answer.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your inner artist, musician or decorator refuses to be pent up any longer. Creativity flows from your fingertips to any available medium.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Nothing seems to turn out quite as you expected, but you're still able to remain positive. Actually, the chaos around you is quite funny; sit back and laugh.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You are a commanding and powerful presence; luckily, you feel benevolent toward fellow humans. Approach all endeavors with passion and precision.
LIBRA (September 23 October 22) Everything and everyone seem questionable, but you're not sure to whom the questions should be addressed. Avoid the counsel of strangers.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) This is not the best time to start new projects, although you may be eager to charge ahead. First, make sure that you haven't started something and forgotten about it.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to

December 21) Let your relationships progress to the next step. Identify what you need to improve; there are areas where you should give more and areas where you could give less.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Anything is up for negotiation at this time, and you are the best person to spell out the terms. Remember the value of a poker face and a steady tone of voice.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Under a calm facade, lurks a natural disaster waiting to happen. Yes, that's a metaphor for you; you may want to warn people to look out for an explosion.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your normally hectic pace is a bit calmer at this time, and you find yourself attacking problems in a much more calculated manner. You find that more focused energy achieves greater results.
YOU BORN THIS WEEK: Multifaceted, eclectic and constantly curious, you seem to have a knack for almost everything. You like to have your fingers in many pies at once. Your ideal job is one where you can jump from one task to another at your own pace. You excel at computer science or small business management.
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 26.....	Terri Day	August 28.....	Mary Stephenson
August 26.....	Kay Kilbreth	August 29.....	Brianna Escamilla
August 26.....	Federico Martinez	August 29.....	Kristi Meyer
August 26.....	Justin Shamblin	August 29.....	Richard A. Pena II
August 27.....	Gus Garcia	August 30.....	Vickie Mitchell
August 28.....	Tom Ertle	August 30.....	Ben Vasquez
August 28.....	Elena Luna	August 31.....	Jane Young
August 28.....	Augustine Luz	August 31.....	Bill Herman
August 28.....	Worth Mayfield	August 31.....	Tom McNew
August 28.....	David Meyer	September 1.....	Genie Robinson
August 28.....	Edward Solis Jr.	September 1.....	Murt Zimmerman

To each who loves him God The only has given a gift or a talent real joy in life is to walk with Christ

Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charollette Corey

God wants his people to be fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love." (Eph 4:16).

God does not want any "gaps" in the performance of this body. He wants it compacted. Think of it in terms of how much room you have when you put trash in a can compared to how much trash you can put in a trash "compactor". You can mash down, and press to-

gether what would be an overflow in a regular container and still put more in.

In this case we have treasure, not trash. We have increase, blessings, the favor of God, his tender mercies, and the building up of the body of Christ. By "compacting" what each joint (each believer) supplieth, the body of Christ can achieve and receive more of the things of God.

God has given to each one who loves him a gift or a talent, that the body of Christ needs. He wants us linked together, moving in the same direction. This can only be achieved through the unconditional love of God and through the

power of His Holy Spirit.

The opposite of this are those who walk without Jesus and are in darkness. People who aren't looking to God for guidance, knowledge with understanding, and wisdom with discernment. Instead, they walk in the vanity of their own mind and their own counsel.

They have become blind in their hearts and are past feeling. They have given themselves over to thinking unclean thoughts and walk hand in hand with greed according to the lusts of their flesh.

God is calling for his people to stand up and be counted. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Frontier Baptist Church
Joe Townsend

As Moses was preparing the people for his going he gave them his blessing tribe by tribe. One of the most interesting of his messages was to Asher. After praying that Asher be blessed with children and acceptable to his brethren, he talks of his preparation for living.

Christians are travelers on a journey. Moses' prayer was for shoes of iron and brass. The idea of shoes such as these is for protection on the journey. The pathway for the Christian is often rough. The Lord never promised an easy road. He only promised to be with us all the way.



Moses' most important words were, "As thy days so shall thy strength be." Over and over the Scripture urges that we not fret about tomorrow. We spend so much of our thought and energy working toward and worrying about tomorrow, thus not getting the most out of today. God has promised strength for the day. Strength and day stand side by side. The greatest lesson to be learned is to live one day at a time. The only real joy in life is to walk with Christ, one day at a time. Walking with Him and depending on Him makes life enjoyable.

If God or life makes the road rough and rocky God provides "shoes of iron and brass" and strength for the day. There will be another message from God's Word at 11:00 AM Sunday at Frontier Baptist Church. Come and see.

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Sunday is a day to worship God and unite with fellow Christians

Submitted by
St. Mary Magdalene Church

Spending time with God.

It's Sunday morning, we've worked hard all week and this is our day of rest. We want to swim, play golf, have a picnic, spend time with our family but we have to spend time in church. The third commandment tells us "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day."

The literal meaning of the word Sabbath is to cease, to desist. To the Hebrew people this meant to cease from work or labor. According to the Jewish calendar, Saturday is the Sabbath day and in orthodox Jewish families, meals are not even prepared on this day. All work is completed before sundown on Friday. God himself created the world in six days and rested on the seventh.

So, okay, how does this relate to us? Desire, tradition, responsibility, guilt, these are all reasons we go to church. The question is are we really living the third com-

mandment?

Weekly attendance at church is a means of educating Christians to the true meaning of Sunday—a day to come together as a community to praise and worship God, a day to unite with fellow Christians.

We had a friend who always would tease our priest about the length of his sermons. Our friend would look at his watch frequently throughout the ten to fifteen minutes the priest was talking. One Sunday, shortly after the first of the year, Father stopped preaching abruptly, almost in mid-sentence. Later we discovered our friend had picked up a new church calendar and was thumbing through the pages. The priest took it as a hint he was really going overboard with his homily, although our friend insisted this wasn't the case. Everyone laughed over the incident, but, if you think about it, it really wasn't funny.

Yes, we spend our hour in church, but how do we spend it?

Our heads are often full of thoughts about things unrelated to the spirit of the service. The Cowboys kick off at noon, when is he going to stop talking? Do we have to sing all four verses of that song? Can't we read all these announcements in the church bulletin? I can sneak out while everyone has his head bowed for the final prayer.

How refreshing it is to relax, maybe leave our watch at home, and enjoy the peacefulness that comes over us when we allow ourselves to become a part of the worship.

Let go and let God come into our minds and hearts, lift the worries and concerns from our shoulders, help us to relax and feel free from stress. Maybe some of these problems won't seem so difficult after all. Stop and visit for a minute after the service is over, you might make a new friend.

You are welcome to worship with us at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church anytime. God bless you.

The City of Spofford will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8, 1999, at the City Hall to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 1999. The proposed tax rate is .3610 per \$100 of value.

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Readings from 1 John

St. John's Missionary Church
Rev. William P. Adams, Sr.

But whosoever hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassions from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him.

For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. 1 John 3: 17-23.

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