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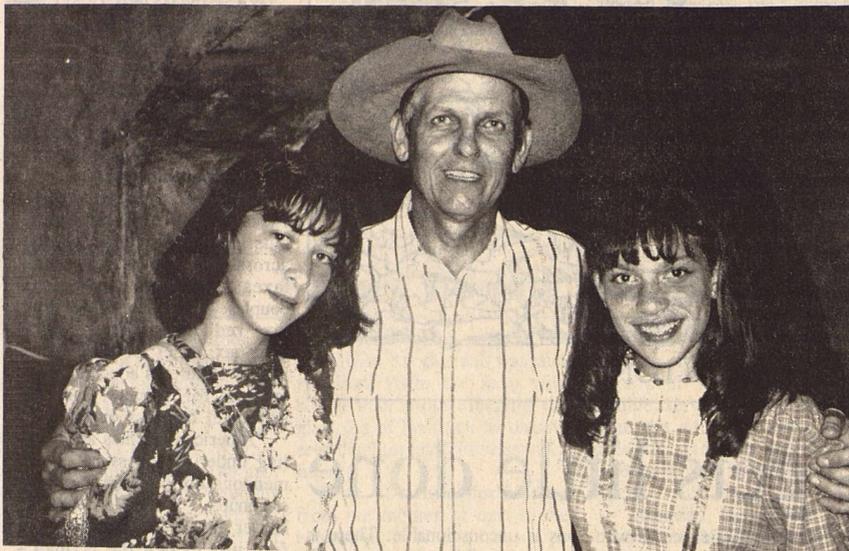


Football game
Friday, against D'Hanis
7:30 p.m here.
Parents Night

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Left to Right: Stella Goree, Johnny Shackelford and Kristen Tenaj were enjoying Labor Day at Alamo Village. Shackelford a former Alamo Village employee is always a pleasure to watch.

Alamo Village celebrates 40th year of being in the film business

Alamo Villages 39th Annual Labor Day Cowboy Horse Races and 40th year Celebration was a roaring success. 1999 marks the 40th year of being in the film business, 1959 was the year that John Wayne produced, directed and starred in "The Alamo."

Over 600 people from all over the US enjoyed a surprisingly cool day of entertainment, competition and taste of the old west. Music by Carolyn K and the Roadhouse band along with recording artist Dottsy, Valentino, Craig Campbell plus local singing sensations 11 year old Jacqueline Conoly, 13 year old Kristen Tenaj, and Penny Ingram plus Alamo Village singers Chris Calvin and Doug Davis was enjoyed by all.

The crowd was in awe of the special guests James Drury (the

Virginian), Dean Smith (Alamo Stuntman) with his horse Sunday, Tommy Worrell with his trick Longhorn Sundance and world renowned gunslinger Joe Bowman. "I watched the movie "The Alamo" again before I arrived and it is a privilege to be on the set of the best movie ever made." said Drury.

Jim Brewer was in attendance. Jim got his start as an extra in the movie "The Alamo." His movie career was launched when Happy Shahan got him an agent in Hollywood.

The highlight of the day for many was foot races down front street by children from ages 2-12 and the football toss. Del Rio's own Oscar San Miguel won the champion 39th annual cowboy horserace. Demonstrations of sheep shearing and cattle branding was enjoyed by many

of those who have never seen what goes on in every day ranching. Alamo Village's Richard Curilla, Dave Crowe, Mike Bowlin, Jana Ring, Kim Ring, Chris Calvin and Doug Davis had the crowd rolling with laughter with their famous gun-fights.

The winner of the Cherry pie contest was Ms. Kitty Johnson, slices were sold and the money will be donated to the Kinney County Library.

The folks were delighted to meet and have their books signed by 5 top Texas History authors Kevin Young, Alan Huffines, Wally Chariton, George Nelson and Steve Hardin.

Everyone at Alamo Village wants to thank the local participation in making this year's celebration the best ever.

McIvor shows enthusiasm for Southwest Badlands

Submitted by
Ella Chambers

Following the regularly scheduled monthly board meeting, the program chairman for September, Jim Heath, introduced past president Lashawn McIvor who talked about the Southwest Badlands promotional group as well as the events scheduled for Labor Day weekend at Alamo Village.

The Southwest Badlands includes the areas of Brackettville, Del Rio, Uvalde, Eagle Pass and, just recently, Carrizo

Springs. One of the first projects in 1991 was to develop a brochure promoting the four original areas.

That brochure is presently being reworked with the cooperation and input of Amy Davis, Promotions Director, at Fort Clark Springs, Kimbra Pierce, Uvalde Convention & Business Bureau Director and Central Power and Light. Many people have heard a great deal about West Texas, El Paso, Alpine and the Big Bend area, San Antonio and the coastal areas of Houston. The activities and sites of the

Southwest Badlands area have been mainly ignored over the past years.

However, the purpose and hope of the reorganized group is to change all that. New telephone number, pictures, web sites and such will be included in the new brochure which will shortly be distributed to different areas, hopefully, someday world wide. Tours will be organized for the purpose of familiarizing media and other groups with all the areas involved. Additional plans for the future include a full time person as well as an office to handle the day to day operations.

McIvor then went on to elaborate on the events scheduled for the September 6th holiday celebration. Special guest will include James Drury of The Virginian who is now in Houston. Five Texas historians will be there for book signing. Music all day, the yearly horse races and a cherry pie contest. An extremely full and exciting schedule for all who venture out for even part of the day since something different is scheduled every fifteen minutes from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. It is guaranteed to be a day of fun for young and old alike.

McIvor's love of the Southwest Badlands was apparent in her program and it is certainly refreshing, contagious and enjoyable to all who heard her at the Thursday afternoon luncheon/meeting.



Tigerettes in action at home. See story on page 4.

Bids for EMS building still too high

Tanya Kay McClure
Staff Writer

Bids on the construction of the Emergency Medical Center Building were opened at the Commissioners Court meeting held this past Thursday. Two bids were received.

The bids were from Hill Construction Company in Del Rio for \$333,850 and SanDia Construction of San Antonio was \$413,359.

The Commissioners took no action on either of these bids due to the excessive cost level of each of the bids. The Commissioners are on a limited budget and do not have the funds to cover the cost of such a building even at the low bid price of \$333,850.

Herb Senne, County Judge stated that they are in the process of applying for grants to

match the cost for the extra needed money. At this point the county is approximately \$150,000 short.

The Commissioners elected to give the Justice of the Peace's secretary a .52 cent pay raise over her original salary of \$6.27 per hour. She will now be making \$6.79 an hour which will bring her up to standards with the other secretaries who perform the same amount of duties.

This action came after several county employees met with commissioners court to express their outrage over the unequal pay raises. "We just want equal treatment. We want equal adjustments. When you start messing with people's pay, that's when people start complaining," said Cindy Stafford, Secretary for the County Attorney.

"Every job has different qualifications. And qualifica-

tions are worth "x" amount of dollars. So job "A" salary may never be equivalent to job "B" salary," said Robert Elledge, County Extension Agent in a meeting held August 25th.

"We tried to do the right thing," said Freddie Frerich, Commissioner.

The Commissioners also budgeted an extra \$500.00 for Christmas decorations, extra lights and a meter loop for the Courthouse.

Effective October 1, 1999 the Sheriff's Department, EMS, and Road and Bridge Department will no longer receive comp time but will be paid time and a half for overtime.

Joe Boy Williams voted against this action stating that "I don't agree with the Road and Bridge Department being put in the same category as the EMS and the Sheriff's Department."

Y2K drill, September 8th and 9th

Central Power and Light Company (CPL) will join electric utilities across the country in a Y2K readiness drill on Sept. 8 and 9.

The drill is to rehearse, under simulated conditions, key portions of administrative, operating, communications, and contingency response plans for the transition into the Year 2000.

September 9 was identified as a potential problem date, due to certain computer programs which use "99" as a code to indicate termination of a program. CPL has tested its system for 9/9/99 date issues and found none that would cause an outage or disrupt a control system.

"This is our chance to perform a full dress rehearsal for

the transition from December 31, 1999 to January 1, 2000," said CPL General Manager and President Gonzalo Sandoval. Sandoval stressed the drill is of procedures, not a test of the system.

"We will not interrupt electric service to customers as part of the drill."

The Sept. 8-9 drill will be the second of two drills planned by the NERC. The first drill was April 9, 1999.

4-H Booster Club meeting

We would like to invite each of you to a 4-H Booster Club organizational meeting, Monday, September 13, 1999 upstairs in the Court House.

4-H Booster Club goals and purpose is to help generate funds and support our local youth in all phases of the 4-H program. Everyone is welcome to join and attend this very important meet-

ing. We would like to hear your comments and suggestions in getting this worthy cause off to a great start.

Our main objective of this Booster Club is to support the youth in being able to succeed in their projects and helping them achieve their goals. Hope to see you on September 13, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.

"Try Transit Week," Sept. 12-18th

Southwest Transit, a rural public transportation program administered by the Community Council of Southwest Texas, Inc. will be celebrating "Try Transit Week" September 12-18th. "Try Transit Week" will be celebrated around the nation by public transportation systems in both rural and metropolitan areas. Local officials throughout the CCSWT service area are offering proclamations to officially designate September 12-18th as "Try Transit Week."

CCSWT has administered Southwest Transit since 1982. The program is funded through the Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Department of Health Medical Trans-

portation Program. Southwest Transit's service area covers that of Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala Counties. Over 180,000 one way trips are provided annually utilizing a fleet of 30 vehicles. The program has 28 transit staff including the Transit Director, Mechanics, Site Supervisors, and drivers.

Tuesday, September 14th, will be designated a "Try Transit Day" in which all transportation routes will be free of charge on that day. Riders will receive free souvenirs merchandise such as buttons, water bottles, and flashlights for riding the services during the specified week.

CCSWT staff will be presenting information at local community clubs and centers throughout the week educating the public about transit services available in their area. Southwest Transit's staff encourages new riders to take this community to "try transit" in their area. Vehicles with wheelchair lifts are available upon request. Both local and out-of-area trips are provided based on the needs of each county.

For more information or to reserve a seat, please contact Beverly A. Wright, at 830-563-2422 or Sarah Hidalgo-Cook, Transit & Safety Director at 1-800-499-1617 or at CCSWT-SC@PeppersNet.com.

Travel safety at Fritter Park



Pictured above left to right are Pat McKelvy, Joan Boutwell and Shirley Hadsell

On major holidays the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce sponsors a Travel Safety Park. This is a courtesy extended to holiday travelers, it gives them the opportunity to stop, rest, walk around a little and

have some refreshments.

Thank you Theta Sigma Phi Sorority for manning the Travel Safety Park on Labor Day, September 6, 1999. Refreshments were served to about 200 travelers.

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I live in anxiety most of the year, waiting with trembling hands for the opening day of each fall hunting season.

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Brackett ISD is pleased that it received a Technology Grant from the TIF Board for \$44,903. We will be able to continue our leadership in technology.

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Women could use a tax break, too

Submitted by
Kay Bailey Hutchison

One of the most interesting and positive aspects of the taxpayer refund proposal that Congress just passed is the way it responds to the needs of women, in particular. Whether they're married, single, homemakers, employees or employers, women are big winners under this plan.

Lowering taxes, as Congress proposed to do in order to refund a small portion of the \$1 trillion taxpayer overpayment, means women as well as men taxpayers will be able to hang on to more of the money they earn, rather than send it to Washington so someone else can decide how to spend it.

Opponents of the congressional plan to lower taxes cite Medicare and Social Security and their impact on women, because women live longer. But Congress' plan allocates more than \$2 trillion to the long-term solvency of Medicare and Social Security. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates that the congressional plan will cut the federal debt in half in 10 years.

The highest priority of Congress' plan is marriage tax penalty relief, which is approached in several ways. For instance, right now the standard deduction is \$4,300 for an individual. If two taxpayers happen to marry, their standard deduction is not the \$8,600 one might expect (\$4,300 twice). Instead, it is \$7,200. Congress' plan phases out that unfairness for those who choose the standard deduction rather than itemizing.

It also would double the income levels for the lowest tax bracket. Two unmarried people earning \$25,000 each are taxed at a marginal rate of 15 percent, but when they marry, the government taxes their combined income at a rate of 28 percent. We want to end that by expanding the size of the 15 percent tax bracket. This would prevent a working wife's income from being taxed at the higher marginal rate.

The plan includes another great innovation, one that helps

women make extra contributions to their pensions and other retirement savings programs. Women who do not work outside the home have been at a disadvantage when it comes to pension savings programs such as IRAs and 401 (K)s.

We began addressing this problem three years ago when my Homemaker IRA plan became law. This allows stay-at-home spouses to set aside the full \$2,000 for retirement, just as their working spouses can, rather than the \$250 allowed them before.

Women who work outside the home go off the savings track when they leave the workplace to raise children. One result can be that women end up with smaller pensions when they retire. We want to recognize this disparity by permitting "catchup" payments for those who return to the workforce. Congress' plan allows women who return to work after raising their children to contribute as much as 50 percent more per year to their pension plans.

Women remain the primary care givers for elderly family members. Congress' plan will help them bear the costs of home-based care more easily if a loved one faces long-term illness.

Finally, Congress' tax relief plan would help women by recognizing that they constitute the fastest growing segment of business owners in America. The plan would allow the self-employed to deduct the cost of their health coverage, and it would phase out the death tax so women business owners, as well as men, can pass their success on to their children.

Congress and the White House agree that two out of three dollars in the expected surplus over the next 10 years will be dedicated to saving Social Security. The debate is over the remaining dollar.

Congress wants to give a quarter of it back to those who worked so hard to send it to Washington and use the rest for even more debt reduction and Medicare stability. The plan is balanced, and it's fair. And the big winners will be women.



OLD MOTHER CLINTON

Bonilla stands up for American tax payers

Submitted by
Henry Bonilla

WASHINGTON - U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla (R-TX-23) today voted for an historic tax relief package designed to benefit every taxpayer in America. The sweeping tax cut plan will provide \$792 billion in tax relief over the next 10 years for working Americans.

Included in the tax relief package is a wide variety of tax cuts, including: a 10 percent across-the-board cut in income taxes; tax relief for married couples; elimination of the death tax; reduction of the capital gains tax; relief for parents saving for children's education; and tax cuts for farmers, ranchers and small business owners.

"American families are buckling under the pressure of tremendous tax burdens," Bonilla continued. "We are all working harder and longer than ever before just to pay the taxman - enough is enough. It's time to give American's back their hard earned money."

"Every taxpayer in this country will benefit from the legislation we passed today. We're making sure Americans are no longer penalized when they get married, and we're protecting Americans from having their loved ones ravaged by the federal government when we die."

The Financial Freedom Act includes the following provisions: Tax Relief for Everyone - the bill provides phased-in 10% relief for all Americans, contingent upon continued budget surpluses. Tax Relief for Marriage - the bill reduces the 'marriage penalty' by adjusting the standard deduction, providing an average benefit for married couples of over \$240 per year.

Tax Relief for Death - the bill phases down the federal estate taxes and eliminates the death tax entirely within 10 years. The 'death tax' has prevented too many farmer, ranchers and small business owners from passing on their legacies to their children because of the outrageous tax burden.

Tax Relief for Education - the bill raises ceilings on Education Savings Accounts from \$500 to \$2,000 per year and permits their use for kindergarten through 12th grade costs. The bill also ends the 60-month limitation on student loan interest deduction.

Tax Relief for Retirement - the bill increases contribution limits to 401(k) and other retirement plans and increases portability of pensions to ease worker transitions between companies. The bill simplifies pension rules to allow more small businesses to offer plans.

Tax Relief to Create Jobs and Growth - the bill creates American Renewal Communities in both urban and rural areas and provides pro-growth tax incentives to help attract businesses and create jobs. The bill also stimulates growth and investment by providing capital gains tax relief.

Congress gets little done

Between Us
Joe Townsend

It's small wonder Congress gets so little done.

As long as the burning issue searching for headlines is "pyrotechnic" devices used in the Waco demonic actions, it shows the craving for headlines by petty politicians.

The two "pyrotechnic" devices in question had absolutely no effect on the outcome in Waco. It is totally ridiculous to ignore the diabolical actions of David Koresch and the Branch Dividians and so loudly nitpick

over such insignificance as who said what, when and why.

Koresch was certainly demonic. His feeling and teaching that he was god can only be explained as demon possessed. The mistreatment of children by this deviate would have landed others in the penitentiary. His violation in his domain of husband and wife relations was certainly Satanic.

His stock piling of weapons and ammunition are totally inconsistent with the grandiose claims of divinity. His altering of legal weapons to become more deadly and illegal weap-

ons is unconscionable. There is incontrovertible evidence that he planned and orchestrated the fire that burned alive men, women and children. There is established facts proving many who were burned were previously shot to death.

The fact that he would not allow many who wanted to leave to do so under threat of death is a life sentence in every state.

Only mentally sick people will feel sympathetic to the Branch Dividian tyrant. It's high time politicians and the media come to the defense of the right and condemn the wrong.

Can anyone tell me the date?

But I could be Wrong
Chuch Hall

I was in a store last week and I saw some decorations for Thanksgiving. They weren't on display, they were simply for sale. THANKSGIVING! Can you believe it?

Maybe I've been in a time warp, or perhaps I'm losing what's left of my mind, but isn't this August? Aren't there still several holidays for us to struggle through before Thanksgiving? Like, maybe Halloween?

Then, if that wasn't bad enough, three days later I was at a school meeting and saw a teacher (from a nearby district) wearing a Christmas tie! This wasn't just a winter wonderland "hope it cools off soon" tie. It wasn't a choker that could have been visualized as something else. It was a Christmas tie! It had Santas, Christmas trees, wreaths, ornaments, and sleighs.

I don't want to belittle or embarrass anyone. And I won't mention what school district he was from because some of you might have friends or relatives

from La Pryor. Oops. Who am I to say when is too early to bring out the Thanksgiving decorations?

How does one judge when the proper moment comes to adorn one's self with a Christmas necktie? Maybe I'm too late to do things.

My kids constantly remind me that I am out of touch with reality. They serve as continual notice that I am not aware of today's fashions.

I suppose I just need to adjust my thinking. But I could be wrong.

Evil cannot stand in the presence of God

Between Us
Steven R. LaMascus

I just read an article on CNN Interactive that scares the pants off me. It says, "Semi-automatic weapons ravaged schools, day-care centers. Gun violence has ravaged this country. Illegal automatic and semi-automatic weapons have ravaged the schools, day-care centers, day camps, and other public institutions all over the United States," (notice the word "illegal")

This is a quote from Zev Yaroslavsky, a member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, who sponsored a bill that banned gun and ammunition sales on county property. There is also a new police program in Los Angeles that pays \$100 for each gun turned in.

Do you notice anything missing in the quote from Yaroslavsky? How about the word person, or man, or human, or anything else that might lend some semblance of reality to the statement? Nowhere in the statement does Yaroslavsky even mention the fact that those evil, demonic, wicked guns were being used by an evil, demonic, wicked person. This is simply another example of the voluntary abandonment of reality by a self-serving politician. He doesn't know how to solve the problem of human wickedness so he attacks something that is innocent of any individual action. Yaroslavsky's statements are not just asinine they are

criminally stupid.

Listen closely folks; you cannot solve a problem unless you address the problem. A basic rule of math is that to solve a problem you have to be able to state the problem. What would you think if Mothers Against Drunk Drivers suddenly changed their focus and became Mothers Against Cars? Sounds stupid doesn't it? Well why then is Handgun Control Inc. so believable? If the problem with drunk drivers is a human problem, then why is the problem with gun violence an equipment problem?

For us to solve the problem of violence in this country we must first state that the problem is a problem of humanity. It is a simple mathematical equation. To solve the problem, state the problem. The problem is not guns. Guns have ravaged nothing. Guns are neither good or evil, they are just tools. The evil is in the hearts and minds of the humans who use the guns to commit the atrocities.

And how about the guns for cash program? Think about it. What criminal is going to turn in his gun for a hundred bucks? What kind of fool would believe that he would? That program is another abandonment of reality. The only people who turn in guns for money are the ones who wouldn't have used them illegally in the first place. The guns for cash program is a bald-faced political ploy intended to look good to the public. Ask any

police officer and, if he is honest with you, he will tell you that the guns for cash programs are a sham, useless, wasteful of money that could be better spent almost anywhere else. Most of the guns they get are junk turned in by owners looking to turn a profit. If you have a gun that is worth nothing and you can turn it in to the police and get a hundred bucks for it, that's a pretty good deal.

Did you know that most of the violence in schools is committed with knives and razorblades? Have you seen that on CNN? Of course not! It does nothing to further their liberal political agenda, the disarming of America. Besides, Razorblade Control Inc. just doesn't have the right ring to it. How about Mothers Against Paring Knives? Or maybe, Liberal Parents Against Ice Picks. Hey, the guy in Atlanta killed his family with a hammer. Let's organize Americans Against Hammers.

As my daughter says, "get real people!" If you want to solve the problem of violence in America you first have to admit that the root of the problem is in the moral and spiritual decay of the country.

If we take aim at the cause and bring Godly, spiritually moral strength back into the country whose motto is "In God We Trust," then the violence will stop of its own volition; because evil cannot stand in the presence of God!

Big Mama Sez!

A positive attitude will do wonders to help you remember details. It's the anger at forgetting that can get in the way of recall.

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Unsung Hero

Joe Townsend

Several years ago a fine lady and her family came to Brackettville. She is a nurse and is a part of the staff at United Medical Center. She is very capable and accommodating. Recently as I came out of the church I tripped and fell. I had hardly hit the ground when a car pulled up and out popped this dear lady and her son. Among several others who will immediately began to try to help. Her son was one of those instrumental in helping me get on my feet.

This lady is a fine wife and mother. She is a very likeable person and because of her concern for others holds a big place in my heart. Surely Lydia Tipps is an Unsung Hero.

Rio Grande EC donated meters to Central America

Employees of Rio Grande Electric Co-op Inc., headquartered in Brackettville and Karnes Electric Co-op Inc., located in Karnes City, waved good-bye to almost a thousand meters last week as the truck carrying them to port in Florida headed east out of the Karnes City EC yard. The meters, though no longer needed by the Texas cooperatives here, were being sent to help electric cooperatives in developing countries where they are desperately needed.

The two cooperatives are active participants in the NRECA

International Foundation Equipment and Materials Program. The meters provided will be used to help restore service in areas of Guatemala and Nicaragua devastated a couple years ago by Hurricane Mitch.

"I'd like to be there when those meters are hooked up, and the lights come back on in the remote villages of Guatemala and Nicaragua," said Dan Laws, general manager and chief executive officer of Rio Grande EC. "It's a good feeling to know that we've helped to improve people's lives."

"We were happy to help," said Leroy T. Skloss, manager of Karnes ECI. The NRECA International Foundation is a private voluntary and charitable organization created by U.S. electric cooperatives through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). The Foundation works to improve the quality of life of people in rural and remote areas of developing countries through electrification. It also assists in restoring service to areas affected by natural disasters. With more than 2 billion people throughout the

developing world without access to the benefits of electric energy, the cooperatives have no small tasks ahead of them.

The Foundation sponsors a variety of village electrification and energy projects throughout the developing world, including renewable energy, mini & micro hydropower, village wiring projects and the development of electric cooperatives. The Foundation also supports projects to extend reliable electric energy to non-electrified areas, promote environmental improvements and encourage democracy on a

local level.

One of the most important activities is the NRECA International Foundation Equipment and Materials Program. This program provides usable electric power system supplies that

electric cooperatives need to extend power to non-electrified areas; maintain and improve existing electric lines; and rebuild power systems damaged by hurricanes, typhoons, and earthquakes.

**Happy Birthday
Matie!**

We love you, Mother and Nobby

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Wednesday, September 1
5:40 p.m. A local man filed a complaint on his nephew. The man stated that his nephew had borrowed and broken a \$40.00 fish aquarium and had an argument with him about it. The man stated that he did not want his nephew at his house anymore because he calls him names and causes trouble. The man did not want to press charges. He stated that he would return a CD Player and three tapes to his nephew.

Mariam Lira, age 33 of Carrizo Springs was arrested for Theft by Check charges.

Casimiro Godina, age 33 of Eagle Pass was arrested by Sheriff Buddy Burgess for driving with a suspended license and driving while intoxicated.

Thursday, September 2
1:15 p.m. Alert Alarms called and stated that an alarm at a local ranch was going off. Alert Alarms was later notified that everything was ok.

8:05 p.m. A woman out of the Rocksprings Sheriff's Office called to ask if the department could spot a fire 30 miles east of Del Rio in the Cedar Creek area. Deputy Bobby Guidry went to the Edwards County line and waited until after dark. He did spot smoke that he believed was from a fire that Brackett Fire Department had put out an hour earlier near Alamo Village.

1:20 a.m. A local woman called wanting a deputy dispatched to her residence. The mother and daughter were arguing. Chief of Police Ron Ring talked to them and calmed them both down.

Friday, September 3
10:12 p.m. Border Patrol called the Sheriff's Department to inform them about a white cow two miles west on Hwy 90. The owner of the cow was later informed of the matter.

8:10 p.m. A local woman reported that a boy driving a blue van had come up to her in the Pico parking lot and was arguing with her about her daughter. She stated that she did not want the boy coming around her anymore. Deputy Bobby Guidry was trying to locate the subject.

Patricio Gomez, age 42 of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Guidry for public intoxication. He was later released on time served.

Saturday, September 4
3:00 a.m. A local woman was warned not to be circling her mother-in-laws house or stalking charges would be filed against her.

Garciano Ramirez, age 19 of Brackettville was arrested by DPS Trooper Ashley for DPS Warrants. He paid the full amount of \$333.00.

Louis Bejarano, age 32 of Dallas was arrested by DPS Trooper Ashley for driving with a suspended license. He is out on bail.

Sunday, September 5
9:00 a.m. A local man reported that someone had launched a rock through the passenger side window of his pickup truck. Chief of Police Ron Ring surveyed the situation and did find a large rock lying on the seat of the truck amid broken glass.

Ring also found foot prints in the dirt next to the truck. The man stated that there were two

individuals that he suspected of doing this. Another call was later received from the man who stated that while cleaning the glass out of his truck he discovered that his pellet rifle was missing.

Ring obtained permission from the mother of one of the suspects to check his shoes against the footprints found at the scene. All checked out ok. The case is still under investigation.

4:26 p.m. Fort Clark Springs called to report a sick raccoon at the pool. Manuel Pena with Wildlife Services was contacted about the situation. Pena captured the raccoon and transported it to Del Rio to the vet's office.

Monday, September 6
4:56 a.m. A call was received concerning a fight at the residence behind Conrad's Video. Chief of Police Ron Ring responded and found five teenage

boys in the front yard. The boys had an altercation with two young men visiting Brackettville. The boys were sent home.

Felix Rojas, age 19 of Del Rio was arrested by DPS Trooper Ashley for driving with no insurance.

Tuesday, September 7
3:49 a.m. A local woman called to report that the alarm at Pico was going off. Everything was ok.

Obituary

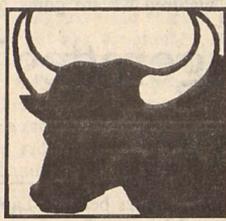
Vera Kathleen Connell

Vera Kathleen Connell, of Camp Wood, Texas died September 5th, 1999 at the Camp Wood Convalescent Center at the age of 62. She was born August 13, 1937 in Camp Wood and was married to Joe Connell on August 20, 1953 in Miami, Arizona.

She is survived by her husband Joe Connell, Sr., of Camp Wood; Daughters Linda Koehl of Uvalde and Cindy Braesicke of Brackettville and son Joe Connell, Jr., of

Kerrville, Texas. Sisters June Webb of Camp Wood and Jakelyn Poncho of Houston, Texas. Brother Leonard Wallace, of Lexington, Kentucky and seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild, numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held Wednesday, September 8th, 10 a.m. at the Camp Wood Baptist Church with Rev. Carroll Vernor, Jr., officiating.



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#8163* 35 payments of \$210.98 @ 6.9% APR. One final payment of \$7,896.20 WAC figured with \$2,060.61 down. Sale Price of \$14,595

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\$287⁰⁴ PER MONTH



#8121* 35 payments of \$287.04 @ 8.2% APR. One final payment of \$10,064.60 WAC figured with \$2,298.59 down. Sale Price of \$18,285

99 OLDS INTRIGUE GX

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#7778* 35 payments of \$315.16 @ 6.45% APR. One final payment of \$12,085.20 WAC figured with \$2,505.63 down. Sale Price of \$20,995

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Knowing safety basics can save lives

The army of yellow buses snakes through urban neighborhoods and bumps along country roads. Passengers small and large stream on and off in waves. It's school time in Texas, and safety is one of the first lessons youngsters need to learn.

"Parents need to make learning safety rules as important for children as knowing their ABCs," said Dr. William R. Archer, Texas Commissioner of Health. "Knowing safety basics can save lives and prevent needless injuries. In addition, drivers need to slow down and pay close attention around schools and bus stops."

Even though school buses are one of the safest forms of transportation in the nation, nearly 2,000 times safer than a passenger car - injuries and deaths do

occur, according to health and safety officials at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). In 1997 in Texas, 26 children ages 5 to 14, who were pedestrians, died as the result of motor vehicle traffic accidents.

"Most children injured while riding school buses are actually hurt outside of the bus," said Gene Weatherall, chief of the TDH Bureau of Emergency Management. "A bus is surrounded by danger zones - areas directly in front of and at the rear of the bus where the driver may not be able to see people, especially small children."

Weatherall suggests teaching children to stay on the sidewalk when the bus stops to pick them up and to take five giant steps away from the bus when they

exit. Children should never touch the outside of a bus when it is moving. And parents need to shorten or remove all loose or dangling drawstrings, ties, scarves and straps on clothes, backpacks and other items so children will not be caught by bus doors or hand railings.

Teaching children to walk safely also will help them get on and off the bus safely, Weatherall said. "In general, children under age 9 cannot cross streets safely by themselves. They can't judge traffic conditions accurately, nor do they have the field of vision adults have."

TDH advises adults to help children learn these safety lessons:

Waiting for the bus: Arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes

early. Walk on the sidewalk, not the road. Walk facing traffic if there is no sidewalk. Stay away from the street while waiting for the bus and avoid horseplay. Stay out of the danger zones directly in front or in back of the bus where the driver may not see you. Take five giant steps away from the bus until you see the driver and the driver sees you. Stay away from the bus until it stops completely.

Riding the bus: Always use the handrail. Sit down right away and stay seated. Keep hands, arms and head inside the bus. Always follow the driver's instructions. Don't throw things and don't yell or distract the driver. Keep the bus clean. Keep belongings out of aisles and away from emergency

exits. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before getting up to leave.

Boarding and leaving the bus: Never crawl under or around a bus. If you drop something, tell the driver. If you must cross the street, wait for the driver to signal you to go. Cross the street in front of the bus, not the back, and look both ways for traffic. Don't walk out from between parked cars.

Adults, too, need to be especially cautious when driving near schools, since children may forget their safety lessons.

When backing out of a driveway, watch for children walking or riding a bicycle, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood. Slow down in school neighborhoods. Be espe-

cially alert around the start and end of a school day. Children may be running across the streets without looking. Pay close attention around school bus stops. Obey school bus signals. Yellow flashing lights mean a bus is preparing to stop. Red flashing lights and/or extended Stop arms mean the bus has stopped to let children on or off. Drivers in all directions must stop until the lights quit flashing, the Stop arm is withdrawn and the bus begins moving or until the bus driver signals other drivers to go.

"Stop, look and listen are still the best rules for children to remember," Archer said. "Safety lessons are among the first and most important students will ever learn."

Help your child cross the street safely

HOUSTON - Reviewing important tips can help your child be a safe pedestrian. "Parents need to teach children to be safe, responsible pedestrians before permitting them to walk unsupervised," said Dr. Erin Endom, an emergency-room physician at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. "That means stop, look and listen before crossing the street."

Walk with your children until you are sure they can cross the street safely. Show them how

to interpret pedestrian and traffic signs and signals. Explain the role of school crossing guards. Caution them to remain on the sidewalk until they are ready to cross. Set an example by crossing only at the corner or a designated crosswalk.

For added safety, encourage children to walk together. Tell them never to approach a strange vehicle. Use bright colors or reflective clothing to make children more visible.

spend public funds or extend credit to purchase nonassessable property or casualty insurance from a mutual insurance company authorized to do business in Texas. Under current law, a political subdivision is generally prohibited from spending public funds or extending credit to become a stockholder in a corporation but is permitted to purchase nonassessable life, health or accident insurance policies from a mutual insurance company authorized to do business in Texas. This amendment would authorize a political subdivision to also obtain non-assessable property and casualty insurance from such a company.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a political subdivision to purchase nonassessable property and casualty insurance from an authorized mutual insurance company in the same manner that the political subdivision purchases life, health, and accident insurance."

PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 21 - SJR 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would exempt from ad valorem taxation a leased motor vehicle that is not used by the lessee primarily to produce income. The amendment would provide that the legislature also may limit the ability of a political subdivision to subject such a vehicle to taxation.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation leased motor vehicles not held by the lessee primarily to produce income."

PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 16 - SJR 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to allow the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue and sell general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$400 million in order to finance educational loans to students. The amendment also would authorize the Legislature to limit the amount of interest the bonds can bear and establish procedures for the investment of the bond proceeds. The proposed amendment would specify the method of repaying the bonds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$400 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students."

PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 29 - HJR 29 proposes a constitutional amendment which would authorize the Legislature to require the board of regents of the state university and boards of trustees or managers of the educational, charitable, and memorial institutions of the state, whose members serve six year terms, to be composed of an odd number of three or more board members (for example, 5, 7, or 9 members). The proposed amendment would allow approximately one-third of members of boards whose membership is not evenly divisible by three to be elected or appointed every two years. The amendment also would allow the Legislature to set the composition of constitutionally required boards, whose members serve for a term of six years, to a number divisible by three so that exactly one-third of the board members may be elected or appointed every two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that a state board, commission, or other agency shall be governed by a board composed of an odd number of three or more

SPORTS

Jackets plead no contest

Jacob Hughes
Sports Writer

SABINAL- The Brackett Tigers put an end to a 16 year tradition Friday night by beating the Sabinal Yellow Jackets 42-7. Sabinal remained scoreless until the last 4 minutes of the football game.

Jesse Hidalgo set the pace for the Tigers by scoring a 54 yard run on the opening play. Brandon Moore racked up 166 yards on 17 carries and a 10 yard pass for a touchdown. Hidalgo received the ball 14 times and rolled up 166 yards as well.

"In aspect of the offensive phase, we saw some good things. Our offensive line did a great job of coming off of the football. Jesse Hidalgo and Brandon Moore both had outstanding nights," said Coach Yeager.

The Tigers had over 360 total offensive yards, they averaged 9 yards per carry.

Sabinal had a tough time with Brackett's defensive look. The Jackets only had 50 yards rushing and 126 yards passing.

"Our defense had a great night. Our secondary is still developing but when both sides have matured we are going to

win some big ball games," said Coach Thomas.

Team statistics were pretty much in Brackett's favor the entire night. Brackett had 11 first downs compared to Sabinal's 6. Sabinal had only 176 offensive yards while the Tigers had 370 yards total. Schiller Hill completed one pass out of three attempts with no interceptions. The Jackets were 13-22 with no interceptions as well. The Tigers fumbled the ball 4 times and recovered 3. Sabinal put the ball on the ground 5 times and lost 3 of them to the Tigers defense.

"We put the ball on the ground too many times. We can't do that and expect to go three deep in the playoffs. We had a couple of mistakes, penalty wise in the red zone (20 yard line). That all comes with time and experience," said Yeager.

The team was fired up by a quote that a Sabinal player made, which was overheard at the Leakey scrimmage. The Sabinal player stated that "Brackett is not nearly good as they were last year." In all due respect to Sabinal. This years team is as good if not better than the '98 season Tigers.

Tigerettes beat Leakey

Jacob Hughes
Sports Writer

The Tigerettes beat the Lady Eagles this past Tuesday at

members."

PROPOSITION NO. 15 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 36 - HJR 36 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow spouses, by an agreement in writing, to convert all or part of their separate property into community property. Separate property is primarily the property owned or claimed by the spouse before marriage and the property acquired by the spouse during the marriage by gift or inheritance. Community property consists of the property, other than separate property, acquired by either spouse during marriage.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting spouses to agree to convert separate property to community property."

PROPOSITION NO. 16 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 71 - HJR 71 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow a county with a population of 50,000 or more, rather than 30,000 or more, to be divided into four to eight justice of the peace and constable precincts. The amendment also would allow a county with a population between 18,000 and 50,000 to have two to eight justice of the peace and constable precincts, rather than the current maximum of five precincts. Furthermore, the amendment would limit Randall County to not less than two and not more than six precincts. Finally, the amendment would set a minimum of four precincts for any county that as of November 2, 1999, is divided into four or more precincts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that certain counties shall be divided into a specific number of precincts."

PROPOSITION NO. 17 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 58 - HJR 58 proposes a constitutional amendment which would require the board of regents of the University of Texas System to manage investments of the permanent university fund (PUF) according to the standards of a prudent investor. Generally, earnings from the PUF are distributed to the available university fund (AUF) and then ultimately distributed to the public university systems of Texas. Under the amendment, the amount distributed to the AUF would consist of distributions, as determined by the University of Texas System board of regents, from the total return on all investment assets of the PUF, instead of consisting only of the dividends, interest, and other income of the PUF minus administrative expenses. The amendment also would provide guidelines for minimum and maximum amounts to be distributed to the AUF, and require that the board of regents manage distributions to the AUF in a manner that will provide the AUF with a stable and predictable stream of annual distributions and maintain the purchasing power of the PUF investments and annual distributions to the AUF.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the investment of the permanent university fund and the distribution from the permanent university fund to the available university fund."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 2 de noviembre de 1999. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llama al 1/800/252/8683 or por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Special Election
NOVEMBER 2, 1999

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 44 - HJR 44 proposes a constitutional amendment that would ensure a clear succession in event of vacancies in the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Specifically, the amendment would provide that if after qualifying for the office, the Governor is temporarily unable to serve, the Lieutenant Governor shall act as Governor until the Governor is able to serve; but if the Governor is permanently unable to serve, the Lieutenant Governor shall become the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term.

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 12 - SJR 12 proposes a constitutional amendment that would resolve conflicts between the Texas Constitution and federal law relating to the definition, rules, and procedures of reverse mortgages. The amendment would define "reverse mortgage" in part as an extension of credit made against the homestead of a person who is 62 years or older, or whose spouse is 62 years or older. It would expand the list of circumstances under which payment of principal and interest become due and the procedures involved in foreclosure, and would require certain advances to be made according to specific terms in loan documents, including advances by the lender, on behalf of the borrower for payments necessary to protect the lender's interest. Finally, the amendment would require the Texas Supreme Court to promulgate rules of civil procedure expediting court-ordered foreclosures of reverse mortgage liens.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to revise the provisions for the filling of a vacancy in the office of governor or lieutenant governor."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 62 - HJR 62 proposes a constitutional

amendment that would simplify and clarify the language of the Texas Constitution. The amendment would make no substantive changes, but would eliminate duplicative, expired, out-of-date, and ineffective terms.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate duplicative, executed, obsolete, archaic, and ineffective provisions of the Texas Constitution."

PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 4 - HJR 4 proposes a constitutional amendment that would broaden the definition of charitable organizations. The amendment would exempt from ad valorem taxation the property of any organization engaged primarily in public charitable functions, and it would allow such an organization to conduct additional activities to support its charitable functions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt property owned by institutions engaged primarily in public charitable functions from ad valorem taxation."

PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 26 - SJR 26 proposes an amendment that would remove the restriction prohibiting state employees who receive all or part of their compensation from the state from serving as members of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district unless the state employee receives no salary for such service. The amendment would allow state employees to receive compensation from the governing bodies of which they are members.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing state employees to receive compensation for serving as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district."

PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 22 - SJR 22 proposes a constitutional amendment that would increase the maximum size of an urban homestead, which is a homestead in a city, town, or village, from one acre to ten acres and require the urban homestead to be composed of either a single lot or several lots that are adjacent to one another. The amendment also would provide that the urban homestead must be used as a home or as both a home and place of business, whereas current law does not require that an urban homestead that is used as a place of business be used also as a home.

Current law further allows a person to secure a home equity loan on their homestead, provided that the loan does not overburden the homestead. That is, the principal amount of the home equity loan, when added to the total of the outstanding principal balances of all other indebtedness secured against the homestead, does not exceed 80 percent of the fair market value of the homestead on the date the extension of credit is made. The

proposed amendment would clarify current law by specifically allowing home equity loans on all or part of urban homesteads of up to ten acres and subject such loans to the same requirement that the refinanced or new loan not overburden the homestead.

PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 16 - HJR 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that if an employee is delinquent in paying court-ordered spousal maintenance, a portion of that employee's wages may be withheld to pay the spousal maintenance. Current law allows such withholding, or garnishment, only for payment of delinquent court-ordered child support.

PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing garnishment of wages for the enforcement of court-ordered spousal maintenance."

PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 95 - HJR 95 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the adjutant general, who is appointed by the Governor and who serves as the governing officer of the state military forces, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific two-year term set by the legislature.

PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 74 - HJR 74 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the commissioner of health and human services, who is appointed by the Governor, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific two-year term set by the legislature.

PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 69 - HJR 69 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize a county, city, town, or other political subdivision to

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The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment increasing the maximum size of an urban homestead to 10 acres, prescribing permissible uses of urban homesteads, and preventing the overburdening of a homestead."

PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 95 - HJR 95 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the adjutant general, who is appointed by the Governor and who serves as the governing officer of the state military forces, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific two-year term set by the legislature.

PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing garnishment of wages for the enforcement of court-ordered spousal maintenance."

PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

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The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that the adjutant general serves at the pleasure of the governor."

PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 10 - SJR 10 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to create a judicial compensation committee to make recommendations for salaries for the justices and judges of the Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Courts of Appeals, and the District Courts. The amendment would mandate that the recommendations become law if neither the Senate nor the House of Representatives rejects them by majority vote.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to create a judicial compensation commission."

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The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that the commissioner of health and human services serves at the pleasure of the governor."

PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

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home. The varsity squad took the win in two matches (15-12, 15-8). While the j.v. team took the match in three (13-15, 15-11, 15-12). Connie Castro lead the team in scoring with 8 points, Jamie Bader and Erica Garcia both had 7 points to help lead the Tigerettes way to a big win.

Garcia knocked down 3 aces to lead the Tigerettes in that field. Kills were lead by sophomore Duquesa Hunt and senior Michelle Melancon they both had 3 apiece. Hunt also had 1 block. Erica Garcia finished the match with 4 digs.

Sabinal proved to be too much for the Tigerettes Friday night. The girls lost to the Jackets in Sabinal in 2 matches (13-15, 6-15).

Leading score was split by Erica Garcia and Duquesa Hunt, both had 5. Garcia had 5 aces as well. Hunt lead the Tigerettes with 3 kills, Jamie Bader and Tara Eckenrod both had 1.

The Tigerettes are now 4-4 on the season. The junior varsity and freshman teams host D'Hanis this Friday. Good luck Tigerettes.

Head lice are common

HOUSTON - Once your child is back in school, make sure you add an important step to his or her regular hygiene routine: checking for head lice and nits.

"Head lice can spread quickly," said Dr. Moise Levy, chief of dermatology at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. "You may notice a rash or red spots at the back of the neck or your child may scratch his or her head a lot."

Getting rid of head lice takes time and patience. Wash your child's hair with an antilouse shampoo or rinse. Be sure to protect your child's eyes and follow all instructions.

Vacuum your child's room. Wash in hot water the bedding and any clothes your child may have worn recently. Dry them in a dryer.

Check all family members for lice and have them use the antilouse shampoo or rinse on their hair, combs and hair brushes. Do not share hair items or hats.

Notify your child's school or others who may have been in close contact with your child. Call your child's physician if problems persist or get worse.

The earliest evidence of bowling was found in an Egyptian tomb dating back to 5200 B.C.

BISD receives \$44,903 grant Don't forget your child's immunization requirements

AUSTIN - Brackett ISD has received a Non-Competitive Grant for Texas Public Schools in the amount of \$44,903 from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board, a state agency in Austin, Texas.

These Public School Technology Advancement and Distance Learning Grants will allow Brackett ISD to purchase the necessary equipment to enhance Internet access or to improve distance learning capabilities. Non-competitive grants for up to \$600,000 will fund workstations, networking hardware, ISP costs, videoconferencing equipment and other related telecommunications costs in order for the qualified public schools to expand upon their existing network. These grant projects begin September 1, 1999.

The public school applicants were required to complete a detailed application. These public school districts and campuses

were also required to provide, in matching funds, a minimum of 10% of the funds requested from the TIF Board.

"We are very pleased to receive this award," said Taylor Stephenson. "We will use TIF Board funds, along with the matching funds we have committed to the project, to enhance our current infrastructure. This grant will give us the opportunity to purchase equipment for expanded Internet access and the means to move toward using distance learning as an advanced teaching tool."

Since its creation by the 74th Legislature in 1995, the TIF Board has awarded approximately \$202 million in telecommunications grants to 1018 school districts and charter schools (out of 1145), 57 community colleges (out of 57), 69 public and private institutions of higher education, 592 public libraries and branches (out of

789), 300 public and not-for-profit healthcare facilities (out of 742), 11 collaboratives of model projects, and 13 collaboratives of rural school districts. The agency receives approximately \$150 million per year in revenues from telecommunications

assessments to disburse over a ten-year period.

For more information, please contact the TIF Board at (512) 344-4300 or 1-888-533-8432. Additional information is available <http://www.tifb.state.tx.us>.

Four-to-6 year-olds need to be vaccinated for DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis), Polio, MMR (measles, mumps and rubella), Haemophilus Influenza b and Hepatitis B, if the shots were not given earlier.

Children 7 to 11 should receive an additional MMR and any previously recommended immunizations that were missed.

The Td (tetanus and diphtheria) vaccine should be given to children 11 through 16.

School taxes decrease by 2.4 percent

Making A Difference
Taylor Stephenson

Brackett ISD proposes to lower its tax rate by 3 cents from \$1.2419 to \$1.2119. The Brackett ISD Board of Trustees will formally set the tax rate for the 1999-2000 school year on Monday, September 13. Early indications are that BISD is reducing its taxes significantly more than many of the Region 20 schools. The legislative intent was for a tax reduction. We're trying hard to comply with that

intent. We have interviewed several applicants for the new 6th grade teaching position. Our charge from the school board is to recommend the best qualified candidate. That will be done at the next regularly scheduled school board meeting. Johnny Castro has worked hard to give the 6th grade students a good start in the interim period.

Some have asked about landscaping at the new high school. The weather needs to cool some before grass is planted. We also

are trying to complete curb and gutter and a sidewalk in front of the building before beginning to plant trees & grass. Things have gone considerably better this past week in ironing out wrinkles in the building.

The City has helped put up school zone signs and has marked a crosswalk for students. Please drive carefully when in the school zones.

Our first home football game is Friday night at 7:30 with D'Hanis. They always have a sound team. Come support the

Tigers. Volleyball crowds have been good. Thanks for your support.

Brackett ISD is pleased that it received a Technology Grant from the TIF Board for \$44,903. We will be able to continue our leadership in technology through this grant. Frank Taylor wrote the grant which will pay for computers, a file server along with training of staff.

Have a great week!

Pressures many, but future looks bright, Part 2 Healthy breakfast has many benefits

Due to the length of this article we have ran it in two segments. See last weeks newspaper for the first segment.

HOUSTON - When asked to apply that same grading scale to 16 aspects of high school, a majority of those surveyed rate 15 of the 16 as an A or B. Only when asked whether kids generally treat each other with respect do less than half (40%) of all teens surveyed assign good marks.

The highest grades - an A - go to the following categories: "teaching basic academic subjects, such as English, math and science" (90% give an A or B), "the availability of computers" (79%), "the availability of classes in the subjects like art, theater and music" (79%) and "giving students help and advice about applying to college" (78%).

Other signs of dissatisfaction are reflected. For example, almost four in 10 students (37%) give their school an unsatisfactory grade when it comes to having enough space for the number of students. Almost half (46%) give low marks regarding the extent to which their schools have small classes with personal attention. Generally speaking, the larger the school, the lower the grades students give in these areas. Thirty-eight percent of students in schools of more than 1,800 students say their schools are doing a good or excellent job of having small classes with personal attention. This compares with 61 percent of those in schools of 900 or fewer students who say the same.

A majority (68%) of teens polled say the best thing about going to school is seeing their friends, compared to 21 percent who say the best thing about going to school is going to classes. High school culture is a complicated issue, though, as teens generally report that the personal qualities most important to them are not necessarily the ones most important to popularity.

When asked to identify qualities most important to them personally, young people tend to stress the intangible above the tangible. Almost two out of three (65%) high school students rate being honest as very important, followed by working hard (58%), being a good student (49%), having religious faith (39%), giving time to help others (38%) and having lots of friends (32%). These qualities are much more important to young people than are being a great athlete (19%), having a lot of money (18%) or having a boyfriend or girlfriend (12%).

The rankings change when high school students are asked which qualities are most important to being popular and admired. In fact, three qualities that rank at the bottom of students' own personal value structures are considered more im-

portant - having lots of friends, being a great athlete and having a lot of money.

The two qualities teens generally value most personally - working hard and being a good student are considered much less important in being popular.

"Kids generally treating each other with respect" comes in last in a rank of 16 aspects of school, but racial harmony offers more encouraging news. Seventy-two percent give their schools an A or B in this category, a perception that holds strong across all demographic categories.

While their friends are a very important part of their lives, high school students report their parents' support and guidance is more important than that of their friends, teachers, siblings, girlfriends or boyfriends. Eight in 10 young people surveyed report they rely on their parents for guidance on decisions or problems, including 63 percent who rely on them a lot.

Most high school students polled say they feel comfortable talking to their parents about their lives. Nine in 10 feel at least

somewhat comfortable talking to them about academics, and three-quarters (77%) polled say they feel comfortable talking to them about their friends and social lives.

The relationship between parental involvement and teen motivation seems very strong. For example, 64 percent of teens who say their parents follow their studies closely report they receive As and Bs, and only 48 percent of teens who say their parents do not follow their studies closely report making As and Bs.

Interesting, fully three-quarters (75%) of teens whose parents follow their studies closely say their approach to schoolwork is to "make the best effort."

The relationship between parents who read to their teens as young children and those teens' confidence in their choices is compelling, as well. For example, 73 percent of teens who say their parents read to them "very frequently" feel confident they have made the right decisions in their choice of friends,

compared to only 52 percent of teens who say their parents read to them "infrequently."

Girls report feeling worried (58%) more often than do boys (40%), and students with lower grades are more likely to feel depressed (39%) than are those with higher grades (21%).

When given a list of regrets older people often say about their high school years, high school students polled rate "should have taken school more seriously" (32%) at the top of the list of things are more likely to say when they are older, with "should have enjoyed myself more" (30%) following close behind.

A majority of high school students (53%) say they have "no interest at all" in becoming a teacher.

Only 14 percent of those polled say the best reason to put time and effort into schoolwork

is that "it makes you a better person."

The Shell Poll is conducted by the Washington D. C. based survey research firm Peter D. Hart Research Associates. Telephone interviews were conducted June 8 through 29, 1999, by trained interviewers with a representative national sample of 1,015 randomly selected high school students, including 261 freshmen, 260 sophomores, 262 juniors and 232 seniors. Question results for the entire general public sample have a margin error of =3.1 percent and are higher for specific subgroups.

For more information or to see the full results of this poll, please call Stacy Hutchison at Shell's media line: 713 241 4544, email at slhutchinson@shellus.com or visit Shell's website <http://www.countonshell.com/shell_poll.html>.

HOUSTON - In the rush to get out the door, do not forget about breakfast.

"Breakfast is important because it refuels the body, supplying needed glucose or blood sugar," said Dr. Ann Scheimann, a nutrition and gastrointestinal physician at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. "Studies indicate that children who eat breakfast tend to have better concentration and perform better in school."

Skip the donuts and soft drinks, which provide empty calories and a short-lived energy spurt. Instead reach for variety and a balanced meal - even if it is a non-breakfast item. Select low-sugar cereals topped with fruit and low-fat milk; instant oatmeal with fruit, raisins or nuts; bagel with cream cheese; toaster waffle with fruit; an egg sandwich; cheese and crackers; or even leftover pizza.

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Texas Heritage Living History Day New electric industry - restructuring statute

KERRVILLE -The Texas Heritage Music Foundation is producing the Texas Heritage Living History Day on Friday, September 17, on the Guadalupe River in Kerrville, Texas, as a tribute to Jimmie Rodgers, who was born on September 8 and built Blue Yodeler's Paradise in Kerrville 5 years before he died in 1935.

The event started 18 years ago as a tribute to Jimmie Rodgers, and the living history day now features actor and storyteller Tony Navarra telling the tales of Rodgers along with 30 other performers and demon-

strations. Thanks to a generous grant from the Peterson Foundation and community sponsorship, the event is free and open to the public. Over 1,000 students are scheduled to attend between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Other projects of this statewide organization include a monthly coffeehouse at Schreiner College featuring Texas songwriters and musicians, programming on Texas music and heritage for service groups and hospitals, an annual trip to the International Jazz Festival in San Miguel de Allende

over Thanksgiving, an annual Jazz concert at the Point Theatre each Father's Day, a showcase of music at the community Easter Festival, intern training for students, a volunteer center and a research center. The foundation houses an oral history of Texas music with over 300 interviews with Texas songwriters on tape, a pilot radio program on Texas music, a photo collection taken "in the field" and more.

The director, Kathleen Hudson, Ph.D., recently finished a book manuscript for University of Texas Press. The book includes a documentation of Texas music with photos and interviews of 33 songwriters. Hudson also teaches full time in the English Department of Schreiner College. "I know stories and songs make a difference in the world," she says. "I started this foundation to pre-

serve and perpetuate the traditions in Texas music. Stories are part of this preservation."

The board of directors includes John Wheat, Gary P. Nunn, Randy Scroggins, Mike Walker, Mike Allen, Greg Forrest and Carol Arnold. Betty O'Leary, executive assistant, recently joined as the only paid staff member. Janice Kennemer is head of the scholarship committee. Peggy Foerstchbeck and Lori Hughs coordinate the educational program. Candace Kunz has served as intern all summer. Kathleen Hudson is the volunteer executive director.

The foundation is open to membership and is also looking for good volunteers to further the programming around the state. For more information contact Kathleen Hudson at 830-367-3750 or write PO Box 1945, Kerrville, Texas, 78029-1945.

BRACKETTVILLE - Among the slate of new Texas laws taking effect on September 1 is the electric industry-restructuring statute, which changes regulations governing how electricity will be provided in the future. The customer choice provision, intended ultimately to allow consumers to select their electricity supplier, does not become effective until January 1, 2002. In the interim, the law calls for changes designed to move the industry toward that goal.

What does that mean for member-customers of Rio Grande Electric Cooperative (RGE)? For the most part, it means business as usual.

Beginning September 1, electric cooperatives will be regulated in their local communities

and not by the Texas Public Utility Commission. Less state regulation should mean cost savings for the consumers. Decisions about whether and when an electric cooperative can offer meaningful choice will be made locally for the benefit of all the cooperatives' member-customers.

"We'll be watching closely to see how electric restructuring works in the big markets like Dallas or Houston," said RGE General Manager/CEO Dan Laws. "If it doesn't work here, it won't work here. The new law takes into account the co-op way of doing business, so we can decide for ourselves whether competition will benefit our customers."

Establishing back-to-school routines

HOUSTON - Back to school means new clothes, new shoes and a new routine.

"Parents can help their children get ready for school by establishing guidelines for bedtime, schoolwork, chores and extracurricular activities," said Dr. Michelle Forrester with the Learning Support Center at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

If there have been no bedtime restrictions during the summer, a couple of weeks before school begin to send your child to bed a little earlier each night until you arrive at an appropriate bedtime. Include time for bathing, selecting clothes for the next day and a bedtime story.

Prioritize activities and establish an appropriate time for your child to complete homework assignments.

Prepare lunch and breakfast items in the evening, when possible. Also gather books and other materials that need to be taken to school and place near the door.

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| CLERK | | | | |
| CD & DIST CLERK | 25,982.09 | | 1169.19 | 27,151.28 |
| CHIEF DEPUTY | 14,560.00 | | 655.20 | 15,215.20 |
| DEPUTY CLERK | 13,520.00 | | 608.40 | 14,128.40 |
| COUNTY JUDGE | | | | |
| COUNTY JUDGE | 28,000.00 | | 1260.00 | 29,260.00 |
| JUDGE TRAVEL | 2,120.04 | 1879.96 | | 4,000.00 |
| " Juvenile Off | 1,415.76 | | | 1,415.76 |
| " Salary Supp | 5,000.00 | 5000.00 | | 10,000.00 |
| SECRETARY | 14,560.00 | | 655.20 | 15,215.20 |
| ATTORNEY | | | | |
| ATTORNEY | 25,982.09 | | 1169.19 | 27,151.28 |
| " Salary Supp | | 16,950.00 | | 16,950.00 |
| SECRETARY/32 HRS | 11,648.00 | | 524.16 | 12,172.16 |
| JP | | | | |
| JP | 20,040.67 | 3057.50 | 901.83 | 24,000.00 |
| CHIEF CLERK | 15,600.00 | | 702.00 | 16,302.00 |
| CLERK | 12,480.00 | | 561.60 | 13,041.60 |
| DPS | | | | |
| SECRETARY | 13,520.00 | | 608.40 | 14,128.40 |
| DISTRICT COURT | | | | |
| DISTRICT JUDGE | 1,770.34 | | 79.66 | 1,850.00 |
| CT ADMINISTRATOR | 1,402.38 | | 63.10 | 1,465.48 |
| CT REPORTER | 1,590.84 | | 71.58 | 1,662.42 |
| VA | | | | |
| VA REPRESENTATIVE | 1,323.00 | | 59.53 | 1,382.53 |
| CONSTABLE | | | | |
| CONSTABLE | 4,131.17 | | 186.80 | 4,317.97 |
| CONSTABLE TRAVEL | 1,708.00 | | | 1,708.00 |
| TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR | | | | |
| TAC | 17,827.04 | 2,452.96 | 912.60 | 21,192.60 |
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| AUDITOR | 20,280.00 | 2,000.00 | 1002.60 | 23,282.60 |
| ASST AUD 20 HRS | 8,060.00 | 500.00 | 385.20 | 8,945.20 |
| TREASURER | | | | |
| TREASURER | 17,827.04 | 2,452.96 | 912.60 | 21,192.60 |
| DEPUTY TREA 20 HRS | 8,060.00 | 500.00 | 385.20 | 8,945.20 |
| SHERIFF | | | | |
| SHERIFF | 27,219.25 | | 1224.87 | 28,444.12 |
| CHIEF DEPUTY | 24,939.20 | | 1122.24 | 26,061.44 |
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| COUNTY AGENT | 9,480.00 | | 435.60 | 10,115.60 |
| SECRETARY | 12,563.20 | 1,488.87 | 632.73 | 14,684.80 |
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| TOTAL GF | 623,860.95 | 47,946.38 | 27,924.68 | 732,972.01 |
| R/B | | | | |
| COMMISSIONERS | 37,908.26 | | 1705.87 | 39,614.13 |
| " TRAVEL | 3,816.00 | | | 3,816.00 |
| ROAD SUPERVISOR | 18,200.00 | | 819.00 | 19,019.00 |
| EQUIP OPER CLASS 3 | 12,480.00 | | 561.60 | 13,041.60 |
| EQUIP OPER CLASS 2 | 14,560.00 | | 655.20 | 15,215.20 |
| TOTAL R&B | 86,964.26 | | 3741.67 | 90,705.93 |
| ELDERLY | | | | |
| DIRECTOR | 15,600.00 | | 702.00 | 16,302.00 |
| COOK | 13,520.00 | | 608.40 | 14,128.40 |
| SECRETARY 32 HRS | 9,984.00 | | 459.84 | 10,443.84 |
| DRIVER 20 HRS | 6,520.80 | | 293.28 | 6,814.08 |
| TOTAL ELDERLY | 45,624.80 | | 1,310.40 | 46,935.20 |

More school bus tips to help ensure a safe ride

HOUSTON - Riding the bus should be a pleasant, safe experience for your child. "Children need to practice appropriate behavior both in and around school buses to avoid injuries," said Dr. Teri Turner, a pediatrician at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

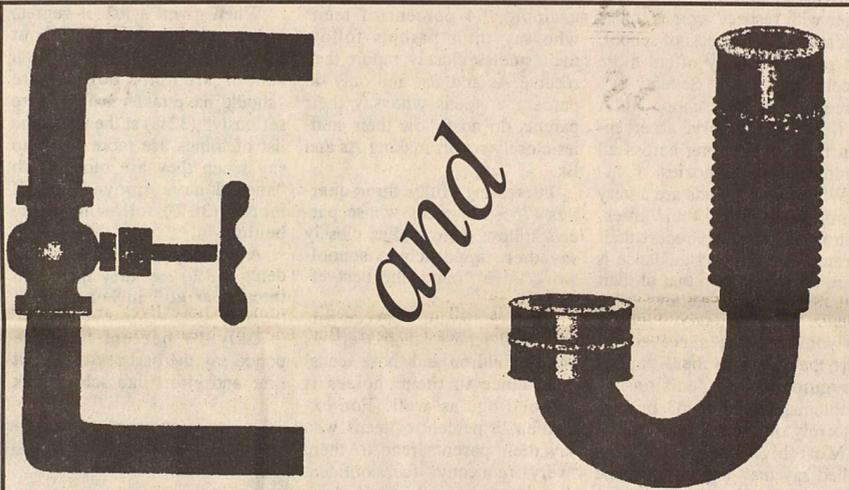
Instruct your child to stay on

the sidewalk, away from the curb, until the school bus comes to a complete stop. If possible, wait with your child until he or she is safely aboard.

Remind your child once inside the bus, to remain seated and obey school bus rules. Unruly behavior is distracting to the driver and can cause accidents.

Tell your child to wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before standing and exiting.

Advise your child to never run or play near the back of the bus after exiting. Children who must cross the street should do so in front of the bus, in view of the driver.



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Do you charge for hunting? Take care of your gun

If you do you need a hunting lease license

A Little on the Wildlife Side
Henry Lutz

First of all, I want to remind the landowners, ranch managers, and outfitters that if you lease property that you control, for a fee for hunting, you need to purchase a Hunting Lease License. This is for dove hunting, deer hunting, turkey hunting, day lease hunting for same, or any type of hunting for that matter.

A Hunting Lease License is required of anyone who leases hunting rights or charges a fee for hunting on property they own or property they control. In other words the owner of a hunting lease or the landowner's agent may not receive as a guest for pay or other consideration another person engaged in hunting unless the owner or agent has acquired a hunting lease license from the department.

The license fee depends upon the amount of acreage leased. The licenses are available anywhere hunting licenses are sold. They are not the old blue piece of paper you used to get from the department but a piece of paper much like a cash register receipt. You are not required by law to keep a record book any

longer but you must still purchase a lease license and have it available for a game warden to inspect. You may still require your hunters to keep a log book as part of your lease agreement.

When you go to purchase the Hunting Lease License, you will need the name of the ranch and the number of acres that are to be covered by the lease, in addition to the landowner or agent's name, address, etc.

The Hunting Lease License (or a legible copy thereof) shall be displayed on the hunting lease. When checked, most everyone assures me that they have one but the landowner or the lease agent has not gotten it to them yet or it is riding around in someone's pickup which just happens be elsewhere at the time.

Another thing for the outdoorsman to remember is that if you give all or part of your bag limit, whether it is doves, deer, or fish to another, be sure that the person who gives the wildlife completes a Wildlife Resource Document. This protects the person who received the wildlife in case the gift puts him or her over the bag limit or some of the wildlife that was given is illegal, such as under-

size. With this Document, the Game Warden is able to track down the person who gave you the wildlife if needed. If no document was completed, guess who gets the ticket? Yes, the person who received and is in possession of the wildlife. Without the document you cannot prove that someone gave it to you. For more information on the Wildlife Resource Document and to see what information is required to be on the document, consult your copy of the Outdoor Annual Hunting and Fishing Guide (page 34 in the 1999-2000 copy) There is a preprinted Wildlife Resource Document in the back of the Outdoor Annual Guide on page 102. Feel free to cut it out and use it and make copies of it to keep with you or at camp. The document can even be completed on something as simple as a plain piece of paper as long as it contains the necessary information.

This is by no means all of the regulations that pertain to hunting and hunting leases. Check the current Texas Outdoor Annual Hunting and Fishing Guide or contact your local game warden for more information.

Have a good time and a safe hunt.

Gunsmoke and Campfires
Steven R. LaMascus

I live in anxiety most of the year, waiting with trembling hands for the opening day of each fall hunting season. The off-season is a time of preparation. I clean guns, load shells, try out new equipment, and write stories about hunting seasons past. Many hunters are the same. They are prepared for the season opener. But then, after the first shots are fired, they tend to get lax in the care of their equipment. That is a good way to have a great hunt spoiled.

Guns are mechanical devices. And as such they require regular maintenance, just like your family car. If that maintenance is neglected the gun will wear out faster and eventually fail you, usually at a most inopportune moment. I have seen a number of hunts ruined for a hunter by his own failure to properly maintain his firearm. This is more prevalent in a self-loader (semi-auto) but can happen to any gun.

A semi-auto shotgun, for instance, is a complicated mechanical device that usually uses the pressure of the gas produced

by the combustion of the powder in the shell to operate the action. For this action to perform properly the gun must be free of grime and crud. Over the years I have seen a large number of semi-auto shotguns that were rendered inoperable by the owners' failure to clean them. I have also seen the same thing happen to double barrels, pumps, and bolt actions. Not long ago at a skeet competition in San Antonio one of the top shooters was sidelined because he had not properly cleaned his shotgun. He was shooting a high-dollar Beretta over/under. The trigger group failed to function because of dirt in the lock and trigger. It would have taken only five minutes, with the proper tools, to remove the stock, clean the mechanism and thereby avoid the problem. This does not need to be done each time you shoot, but it should be done on a regular basis.

I recommend the following cleaning regimen:

For your shotguns and rifles - clean the bores and thoroughly wipe off all the metal parts after each use. This prevents rust and extends the life of the gun. If you are shooting a

they are used in an environment where they are more susceptible to dirt or water than usual. If you have a very complicated firearm or are simply one of those people, who, like me, are lost around mechanical devices, take your gun to a professional for a thorough cleaning before the start of every season.

And go easy on the oil. Petroleum based products can damage the wood on your gun. It is a necessity to oil the working parts of the firearm, but a little goes a long way. Besides damaging the wood of the stock, oil also attracts dirt, and dirt combined with oil is extremely abrasive. Oil also tends to congeal or stiffen in cold weather. I once had a bolt action rifle fail to function because there was too much grease in the bolt. The weather was so cold that the grease congealed and kept the firing pin from striking the primer in the cartridge. It was a very frustrating experience.

Keep your guns clean and they will give you long and faithful service. I have an old FN Mauser that is older than most of my readers. It has the blue worn off in several places from handling, and it has its share of

semi-auto, at least every third outing clean the gas ports and rings that operate the action. In most semi-auto shotguns, such as the Remington 1100 and 1187, this is a simple operation. For bolt actions and double barrels, clean the entire gun, including the bolt, trigger and lock mechanisms at least once a season. On all the above, clean the working parts more often if

character marks on the stock from mishaps in various places, but there is no rust, the bore is shiny and bright, and the gun still shoots as well as it did fifty years ago. I fully expect my children's children to be using the old war-horse long after I have gone on to the Happy Hunting Grounds. Take care of your gun and it will likewise take care of you.

HEALTH

Raising awareness of Breast Cancer

Submitted by
Henry Bonilla

One out of every nine women in Texas will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. More than 180,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer each year and more than 44,000 will die from the disease.

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The number of women dying each year from breast cancer is actually declining. According to the experts, this is a direct result of the increase in early detection and treatment of breast cancer.

The National Institutes of Health has reported that women who are at high risk for developing breast cancer can drastically reduce their chances of getting the disease by taking the

relatively new drug tamoxifen. High risk women who took tamoxifen were 45 percent less likely to develop breast cancer. The drug does have some drawbacks, but researchers say that the rewards outweigh the risks in many cases.

There is still a lot we don't know about breast cancer. But what we do know is that early detection and treatment is essential to winning the war against this terrible disease.

Each year breast cancer costs this country \$6 billion in medical costs and lost productivity. When it comes to this disease, no one can afford to take a "that

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 5 Billiards shot
 10 Come into conflict
 15 House or sticks starter
 19 Author/critic James
 20 "Papa"
 21 Dionne
 22 Actress Perez
 23 Appraise
 24 Hindu hero
 25 Its capital is Shilong
 26 Pay to play
 27 Bad traffic situation
 29 Reception held by the president
 31 Michael, of TV fame
 33 Debussy's "clair de lune"
 34 Participating citizen
 35 Fine-grained sharpening stone
 36 Appetizing
 39 Ancient residents of Great Britain
 40 Way of marching
 44 White linen vestment
 45 Word with shoe or drum
 46 Hooded garment
 47 Samuel's
 wise mentor
 48 Clove-scented
 49 Custard tarts
 50 Nathaniel and Artemus
 51 Washer cycle
 52 Part of a bus.
 53 Palm leaf
 54 Cleopatra's craft
 55 Reprove
 56 Stalemate
 58 Cowboy gear
 59 Small differences
 60 Charged atoms
 61 Gambling game
 62 Relax in the tub
 63 Picture holder
 66 Famous jockey
 67 Male witches
 71 Bacchanalian cries
 72 Loses freshness
 73 Evade work
 74 Lee "The Durochar"
 75 Fish or brick starter
 76 Opposite in character
 77 Demented
 78 Dorothy's dog
 79 Once called Clay
 80 Shelk's retreat
 81 Young pheasant
 82 Baseball great and TV host
 83 In the hoosgow
 85 Twin crystal
 86 Showing the most pluck
 87 Ship's steering wheel
 88 Stoppers
 89 "The —"
 90 River in New Jersey
 93 Friend of the Lone Ranger
 94 Cotter pin
 98 TV stat
 99 Fill too full
 101 Word before shop or suit
 103 Karasan
 104 Body or dote starter
 105 Called Chosen by the Japanese
 106 Rudely concise
 107 Relief org.
 108 Short clicks in Morse code
 109 Report or rumor
 110 Like Georgia Brown of song
 111 Swiss abstract painter
DOWN
 1 Marionette maker
 2 Temple's ex-husband
 3 Large highway hauler
 4 Wrestler's hold
 5 Plymouth, for one
 6 Lewis Carroll heroine
 7 Actor Moran of "Ghost-busters"
 8 Cuct or form starter
 9 Ben and daughter, of TV
 10 Longs for eagerly
 11 Charlie Brown, usually
 12 Hartebeest
 13 Karasan
 14 Short-necked evergreens
 15 Construction-site sights
 16 Bill or book starter
 17 Preminger, of films
 18 Hammer part
 20 Kilchen follower
 22 Paul of songdom
 24 Article of food
 25 Wandering tribe
 26 Pleasingly tasty
 27 Ammonia derivative
 28 Flowering woody plant
 29 April 1 occurrence
 30 Slow and stately, in music
 31 Lukewarm
 32 Suppress
 33 Isle of —
 34 Actor Moran of "Ghost-busters"
 35 Voting groups
 36 Analyze a sentence
 37 Weather- of TV map area
 38 Squander
 39 Military dress hat
 40 Ice fields
 41 Parade features
 42 Classroom need
 43 Drained by a ditch
 44 Not a party animal
 45 "Who's —"
 46 "Now" (song)
 47 "Call Me —"
 48 Canonized one
 49 Barcelona bull starter
 50 Place or plug
 51 Same as
 52 Across features
 53 Convex molding
 54 Baby's complaint
 55 Dried orchid
 56 tubers
 57 Sals or some starter
 58 Biological duplicate?
 59 Birds of prey
 60 Golf or tennis
 61 72 Ancient Roman square
 62 Spiritual entities
 63 Closes against entrance
 64 Maneuvers in labor disputes
 65 Bank vault security device
 66 Umbel Uria
 67 Essential element
 68 Green vegetable
 69 Military uniforms
 70 Blue day?
 71 Gem stone
 72 Shrink in fear
 73 L.O.O.M. member
 74 Peruse
 75 Cartoonist Peter
 76 Catcher's glove
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Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 10) A chapter of your life has ended, and a new one is beginning. The changes may make you nervous and somewhat irritable.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You are ready to tackle any new problem or learn any new lesson; you know how to ask questions.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Life is calm, and your path is smooth. In fact, it seems too smooth to be exciting; a bit of conflict would motivate you to achieve greater results.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You are inspired as a stand-up comedian, and the world is your open mike. Use your wit to make friends, not enemies.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) You notice that the people around you seem controlled by outside forces. Although you are in control of your own fate, you are not sure which steps to take.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You are in a powerful position. You have enough resources to make the best decisions and enough charm to bring anyone over to your side.
LIBRA (September 22 to October 22) Keep your financial advice to yourself for now. Although others may not spend their money the same way you would, they have the right to make their own decisions.
SCORPIO (October 23 November 21) Enthusiastic participants are so much more productive than forced ones. Luckily for you, all your team members are willing and eager.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 December 21) As much as you might wish you could vent your frustrations,



now is not the time to do so. The confidant you choose may not be as sympathetic as you think.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Let old habits and fears fall away in order to make yourself more streamlined. A new system is coming into play, and you want to work with it.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Spend some money on yourself and your loved ones. You work hard, and now is the perfect time to spoil yourself a bit.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Obsess a little on the state of your romantic life. You may conclude that there are changes to be made as soon as possible.
YOU BORN THIS WEEK: Originality and a dramatic flair distinguish not only your appearance, but your entire life. Perhaps you flaunt an odd hairstyle or some flashy foreign jewelry. Or maybe you have a gazebo in the backyard made entirely out of bamboo. Whatever the details are, the important fact is that you are absolutely one-of-a-kind.

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HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.
 Differences: 1. Baseball has been added. 2. Building is gone. 3. Catcher's shoes are different. 4. Fence has been repaired. 5. Pitcher's pants are longer. 6. Boy's hat is different.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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The role of Mary in the faith of Catholics

Submitted by
St. Mary Magdalene Church

One of the most misunderstood traditions in the Catholic Church is an appreciation of the role of Mary in the practice of our faith. Catholics do not worship Mary. We honor her because she is the mother of Jesus. We believe that she was born without the stain of sin and at her death she was taken body and soul into Heaven.

When Catholics pray the rosary, we are remembering important events in the life of Mary. Are we praying to her? Yes, in the same way we would talk to a revered family member. I'm sure anyone who has lost a parent or grandparent finds himself talking to that parent in

a prayer-like fashion. We are telling that person how much we love (and miss) him/her. Sometimes we are asking that person for some guidance in solving a problem.

The bible tells us that Mary instructed Jesus during His lifetime. In Luke 3:48, she scolded Him for staying behind in the temple. John 2:1-5 tells us she was instrumental in the performance of His first miracle. We believe that she will intercede for us, put in a "good word" if you will, with her Son.

Do we need Mary to pray for us? We often ask to be put on someone's prayer list or for our church family to say a special prayer for us. It is in this same manner that we pray to God thru Mary.

Perhaps the most beautiful tribute to Mary is found in Luke's gospel 1:46-55, also known as "Mary's Canticle." It says in part, "My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit finds joy in God my savior.

For He has looked upon His servant in her lowliness; all ages to come shall call me blessed. God who is mighty has done great things for me, holy is His name." (from the New Catholic American Bible)

When you enter a Catholic Church, you will see statues of Mary. In our homes we display pictures of family members of whom we are fond. In our church home, the statues serve the same purpose, a reminder of someone we love. We don't

pray to the statue, anymore than we pray to the crucifix displayed above the altar. We pray to the person represented by that statue, and through that person, to our God.

Mary has appeared to people throughout the world, at places such as Fatima, Lourdes, and to a young boy in Mexico. In each case, she has said that Jesus wants us to pray for peace in the world.

She is speaking to us from her honored position as His mother. Known as "Our Lady of Guadalupe", Mary is the patron saint of the Americas. We love and honor her.

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

The great facts that surround us

Frontier Baptist Church
Joe Townsend

If one just pauses to think for a moment we are overwhelmed with the great facts that surround us. The simple fact of the earth and its behavior is amazing beyond concept. The fact that flares on the sun affect the atmosphere on the earth is an amazing fact. The fact that the moon affects the tides of the oceans leaves us in awe. It's a great fact that when we look at the north star the light we see left the star 45 years ago traveling at the rate of 186,000 miles per second.

On and on we live in the midst of great and amazing facts. The greatest fact of all hovers in the fact that Jesus came into the world. The Son of God through whom the world was made left his home at the right hand of the Father to come in human form. It's difficult to grasp the fact that Jesus came into the world.

There are many grand facts

that enrich life. It was grand to see Douglas MacArthur return victoriously to San Francisco. His firing to feed the ego of a petty ex-sergeant only added to the grandeur of the occasion. I remember the return of the yanks from Europe at the end of World War I and it was grand to see them hanging out the windows of trains bringing them home. The over all grandest fact of all time is that Jesus died on a cross. To realize that the Son of God, willingly allowed himself to be crucified to pay the penalty for man's sin. There can be no grander fact than that Jesus died in behalf of sinful man.

It was a glorious day when the Armistice was signed November 11, ending World War I. It was a glorious time when Douglas MacArthur signed the peace treaty on the USS Missouri ending the devastating World War II. The world however has never seen the glory that will shine when Jesus comes back. All the chain rattling about when he is coming back is an

exercise in futility. Since the time of Paul there have been those who predict that Jesus will "soon" return. In all reality the Scripture says that no one knows except God when he will come. The fact remains that it will be a glorious time that exceeds any glory the world has ever seen when Jesus returns. Whether he comes back tomorrow, next week, next year or a thousand years from now is of no importance. The only importance is that He is coming back to claim his own to be with him for all eternity. The greatest fact of all, the Son of God came into the world. The grandest fact of all time is that Jesus died for mans sins. The most glorious fact; Jesus is coming back.

Sunday will be another outstanding day at Frontier Baptist Church. The Lord's Supper will be served during the morning worship hour. Following morning worship there will be regular fellowship luncheon. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Come and see.

Readings from the book of Psalms 147:1-7

St. Johns Missionary Church
Rev. William P. Adams Sr.

Praise ye the Lord; for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem; he gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.

Great is our Lord, and of great power; his understanding is infinite.

The Lord lifteth up the meek; he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God; PSALMS 147:1-7

Labor is a word to be proud of and taught to each generation

Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charolette Corey

Our forefathers labored to bring us into this land. Our parents labored to supply our needs and bring us up in the living word of God. Labor is not a bad word even though it refers to something that is not easy or something done with great difficulty. It is a word to be proud of and taught to each generation.

In this day of fast foods, fast vehicles, fast games, fast computers, and a world filled with so many things that makes life easier, we tend to forget about what it takes to really succeed in this world. The tenacity needed to "labor" at something (for however long is needed) is often lost upon our younger generation. Even our older generation has begun to succumb to the disease of "give me a quick fix or I give up."

People today need to be reminded of the building blocks placed by their ancestors that brought them to the place they rest today. Those blocks were based

upon the word God. They built a foundation for this country that we have been slowly letting slip away.

This disease has infested our young and old thus creating gaps in their ability to stick with jobs, relationships, and goals. It is so much easier to give up, but that will bring the ruin of our nation starting with the core of it...the family unit.

The family unit is where Satan plants his seed to dissolve relationships and thus destroy the power found in the family unit. To remain a family, each person must "labor" or "work at" choosing to place God's word above all else. Each must choose to forgive others, love others, and place their personal rights on God's altar daily. Remember, God has bought each one of you with a price...the blood of Jesus, who labored more than us all.

Families need to continue to commit themselves to "labor" together and thus strengthen our nation. It will bring them victory and our nation victory. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

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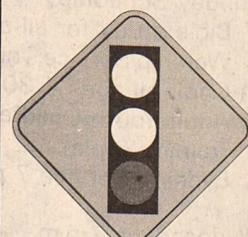
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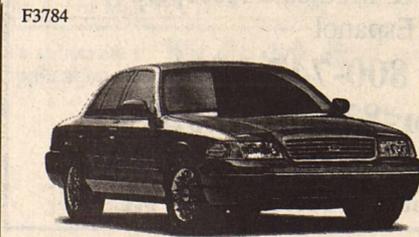
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