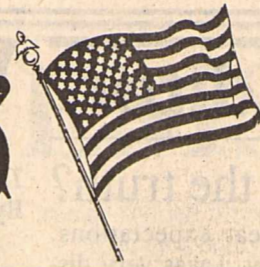


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Petrosky earns honor

Amanda Petrosky of Brackettville, was among those named to the Provost's List at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin for the Spring 2000 semester.

Petrosky is a freshman communications major who has earned a 3.5 cumulative grade point average with a minimum of 12 graded hours in the past semester.

Texas Lutheran University, offering degrees in 27 academic disciplines and 10 pre-professional programs, has repeatedly been recognized in U.S. News and World Report's rankings of "America's Best Colleges and Universities."

Water safety class

The American Red Cross will be conducting a 40-hour water safety instructor course June 19-23 at Laughlin Air Force Base.

The course includes instructor candidate training. Prospective students must be 17 or older, successfully complete a precourse session consisting of tests of water safety and swimming skills and knowledge.

Interested persons may call 775-8626 for more information.

Babysitting class offered

A babysitting class for children ages 11-15 is being offered by the American Red Cross.

The class will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 17 in La Quinta Motel in Del Rio. The course included information on child development, appropriate activities, diapering, feeding, discipline, working with parents and first aid.

The course also includes a guide and safety kit for each student. Interested persons may call 775-8626 for more information.

Border Patrol agents seize marijuana

Agents from the Eagle Pass Border Patrol Station seized more than a quarter of a million dollars worth of marijuana, Sunday, June 12, 2000.

Agents patrolling in the Quemado Valley area around 2 p.m. Sunday attempted to stop a 1988 Chevrolet. The driver of the car failed to stop and later absconded, abandoning the vehicle.

In the trunk of the car agents found 10 feed sacks containing 112 bricks of marijuana weighing 338.5 pounds.

The vehicle and the marijuana, valued at \$270,000, were turned over to the Multi-Agency Drug Task Force in Eagle Pass.

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County, school officials decide not to assess back taxes on omitted property

By Diana Gonzales
Brackett News Editor

Kinney County Commissioners' Court and Brackett Independent School District board members Monday agreed to release Bill Haenn, chief appraiser at the Appraisal District from the responsibility of assessing back taxes on omitted property.

Haenn addressed the Court and the school board in separate meetings Monday. He explained that within the county, there is a lot of **Citizens encouraged to apply for BIRD school board post**

If you're interested in serving on the Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees, let Superintendent Taylor Stephenson know before Monday, June 19 at 5 p.m.

On that date and time, the school board will decide who will succeed Lloyd Davis who resigned from the board Monday night, following an executive session that involved discussion of personnel, hirings and resignations.

Davis' resignation was effective Tuesday, June 13 at 8 a.m. He had one more year left to complete his term. He stepped down to avoid any conflict of interest or any violation of the nepotism law considering that his wife, Susan Davis, applied for the school librarian job. Mrs. Davis had worked at the middle school years ago and recently became certified to be a school librarian.

After the board decides who the new board member will be, the panel will decide whether to accept the superintendent's recommendation to hire Mrs. Davis.

Lloyd Davis can re-apply as a candidate for school board member later, as long as he was not on the board when his wife's name came up for consideration as an employee, school officials explained.

Also Monday, the board accepted the resignation of Julie Bruce, sixth grade math teacher and coach, and approved the superintendent's recommendation to hire Tiffany Blore.

Blore has one year of teaching experience. Previously, she taught in Washington state and California.

property that has never been placed on the tax rolls.

"The reappraisal of property in the county is supposed to go in a three year cycle where every property gets appraised every three years, well we are nowhere close to that.

"(The Appraisal District) chose the property that had gone the longest since being appraised and that was Fort Clark Springs Association property. It has been between 17 and 19 years since it had been appraised. While we were in the process of appraising the existing accounts, we discovered as many properties that weren't on the rolls at all," Haenn said.

"Depending on how familiar you are with Fort Clark Springs,

we are talking about the amphitheater, for instance, never on the tax rolls. The barbecue building down at the pool, never on the tax rolls, the bathrooms at the golf course, the garden sheds at the golf course, the storage area where they keep their golf carts - every place we went on the Fort, we found things that had been there a very long time but not on the tax rolls."

Part of the problem, Haenn reasoned is that "first of all, the Fort does not issue itself a permit to build something. We do track those permits every year and try to get all of those on the rolls, but the Fort doesn't give itself any building permits, so there wouldn't have been any red flag

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Gas rates are going up

Brackettville residents can expect an increase in their gas rates, City Council was told Tuesday night.

City Secretary David Luna told the council, "Our gas contract with West Texas Gas Inc., is going to expire. We met with West Texas Gas a few years ago for a three year contract. At that time, their rates were increasing and we managed to get a fixed rate for three years. The current fixed price is 289 for MBTU. Our contract expires July 31 so at the July meeting we'll be meeting with West Texas Gas to come up with a new contract and a new price."

He said that company officials said the price of gas will go up by 91 cents per MBTU, "so it's going to be quite high. We knew that was coming but we saved our-

selves the increases by having a three year contract..."

It is his hope, Luna said, that at the meeting with the gas company the council can "strike a deal and try to save the citizens of Brackettville some money on the gas. But there will be an increase and

"Impressions - I get the impression you're not a good mayor..."
- David Luna

it will be noticeable."

Also Tuesday, Luna told the council, efforts are ongoing to obtain a permit to change the Citizens' Collection Site to a transfer station.

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Gonzalez named mayor pro tem

City Council voted twice to appoint a mayor pro tem Tuesday night before deciding on Ralph Gonzalez.

The initial vote came after Alderwoman Martha E. Ward McDonald nominated Gonzalez and Alderwoman Tencha Pena nominated Alderman Johnny Samaniego. Alderman Tomas Gomez and McDonald voted for Gonzalez and Alderwoman Pena and Samaniego voted for Samaniego. Since the votes were tied, Mayor Carmen Berlanga voted to break the tie and she

chose Samaniego.

Then someone from the audience asked whether Samaniego could vote for himself. And if so, why couldn't Gonzalez vote for himself? There was some debate and City Secretary David Luna said he did not believe it was ethical to vote for oneself. Asked by the audience member whether there was anything written that said one couldn't vote for oneself, Luna said he would look it up. He also said that the mayor as the presiding officer, should decide.

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County ponders what to do with old records

By Diana Gonzales
Brackett News Editor

Old county records - some dating as far back as the 1800s - are cluttering the courthouse and Commissioners' Court is pondering what to do about the problem - burn them or bury them?

Some of the records are in boxes and are being stored in the attic on the third floor of the courthouse, some are in the civic center. The ones in the attic are difficult and dangerous to get to, Tax Assessor Collector Martha Pena Hooten, told the Court Monday

during its regular meeting.

The state requires certain procedures before the records can be destroyed. The requirement includes the presence of the Commissioners' Court at whatever ritual the Court decides.

Suggestions included digging a big hole, throwing the old records in it, hosing them down with water, and then burying them. Hooten said she knows of one county that had a bonfire and burned all its old court documents. Commissioner Joe Williams, who also is the fire chief, said

firefighters could be on standby.

RM&Q Inc. in Austin, records management consultants, has offered to sort, document, box and label all the county's records, to keep track of where they will be stored and when it will be time to destroy them. The company is offering its services for an estimated \$10,000. But since at this time, there is no money in the current budget and the new budget is still in progress, Commissioners decided to postpone any decision.

Also Monday, County Judge
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A ribbon cutting ceremony took place Monday morning at the new EMS building, prior to an all-day open house. Kinney County Judge Herb Senne, Commissioners Joe Williams, Joe Montalvo and Pat Melancon, EMS Director Carolyn Rutherford, EMS staff and volunteers and other interested citizens were among those in attendance. Activities this week also included a Bike Rodeo Wednesday and CPR demonstrations today. (Related story, Page 3)



Brackettville residents escape the sweltering summer heat by splashing and splashing in the city swimming pool. The pool opened last Wednesday. The pool is open Wednesday through Friday from 2 to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 8 p.m. and closed Mondays and Tuesdays
(Photo by Diana Gonzales)

Saturday parade start of Juneteenth activities

Juneteenth will be celebrated here this weekend beginning with a parade Saturday at 10 a.m., and other events at the Carver School grounds. Activities also are planned Sunday.

The parade and other events are sponsored by the Seminole Indian Scout Association. Members have celebrated Juneteenth ever since the 1950s, thanks to the efforts of Ms. Charles Emily Wilson, said Clarence G. Ward, Association president.

Juneteenth marks the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation which was signed on June 19, 1865.

The Juneteenth parade will begin June 17 at 10 a.m. near the Alternative School on North Ann Street, will continue to South Ann Street, to Spring Street, to Beaumont Street and will end in the parking lot of the Carver School. Parade coordinator is Augusta Pines.

Following the parade, a program is scheduled. Faranza Haider, Association vice president, will introduce the speakers. Clarence Ward will welcome guests and present certificates. Josh Hastings will say the opening and closing prayers. People who like to sing will be invited to entertain the guests. Aaron Mahn, with the National Park Service in Brownsville, will be the

keynote speaker. August A. Pines and Faranza Haider will present the awards to parade winners.

Also at the event, booths featuring food, drinks, and games will be available. Individuals and organizations interested in setting up booths may contact Beverly Wright at 563-9181 or Clarence Ward at 563-9394 or email Ward at cward@hilconet.com. Booth rentals are \$20. Also Saturday beginning at 12 noon, barbecue will be served. Donations of \$4 and up will be accepted. On Sunday, food, game and craft booths will be available and interested persons are asked to bring a covered dish for the potluck lunch planned at 11 a.m.

Proceeds from the Juneteenth event go to help pay for the upkeep of the Seminole Indian Cemetery and the Carver School grounds.

The Seminole Indian Cemetery Association boasts 114 members and a campaign will be launched soon to increase membership, said Ward, who has served as president for the past two years. Other officers are Faranza Ward, vice president; Charlesetta Flowers, secretary; Carol A. Dimery, treasurer and Beverly Wright, publicity. Board members are Ethel Warrior, Johnny Gomez, Douglas Ward and Beverly Wright (alternate).

Child Serve urges parents to take their children to be fingerprinted this weekend

Local parents are encouraged to take their children to be fingerprinted Saturday and Sunday in Seminole Indian Park.

The service is being provided at no cost by the Brackettville Housing Authority Resident Council as part of Project Child Serve activities.

Fingerprinting will be conducted following the Juneteenth Parade Saturday. Children will be fingerprinted Sunday beginning at 10 a.m.

The Housing Authority Resident Council organized Child Serve after the organization, and the National Children's Registry, determined there was a need to protect children in the community.

Child Serve is a pro-active effort to maximize the safe return of any child in Kinney County who, for some reason, disappears.

Fingerprinting has been recognized nationally in continued attempts to provide safety for chil-

dren and discourage criminals who would otherwise prey on society's most precious resource.

Local, state and federal authorities have a greater chance of identifying and subsequently returning the child to his or her parents if the child's fingerprints are on file.

"People ask me why we are doing this, since no child has disappeared in Brackettville. Thankfully, nothing has happened, but it could happen.

"Hopefully, no child will ever be missing from Brackettville and all this effort will be for nothing. We need to be prepared in case something does happen," said June Kaminsky, Housing Authority director.

Child Serve is endorsed and supported by Brackettville Mayor Carmen Berlanga, Chief of Police Ron Ring, Sheriff Buddy Burgess and City Secretary David Luna.

Letters to the Editor

When are you going to tell the truth?

May 20, 2000 at the board of directors meeting of Fort Clark Springs Association, the Good Government group requested a mailing list of members for the purpose of telling the truth to the membership. This would be a great achievement. On June 8, 2000, I received a letter from

them with great expectations. Needless to say, I was very disappointed in the letter.

When will the Good Government group start telling the truth to the membership? Do they know it?

Art Baker

Republican Party Convention

AUSTIN - Susan Weddington, Republican Party of Texas chairman, today announced that the 2000 Republican Party of Texas convention will be the first state Republican convention to broadcast portions of the convention proceedings via the Internet.

All Texans are invited to experience the Republican Party Convention online by logging on to www.texasgop.org and clicking on "Convention 2000", beginning Thursday, June 15.

"We are excited to be pushing the boundaries of online political communication," said Weddington. "The Republican Party of Texas has worked hard to be on the forefront of the effort to take the Republican message into cyberspace and we hope that our efforts will increase Texans' interest in the political process."

The Republican party of Texas, in conjunction with Voter.com, will broadcast tape-

delayed segments of the 2000 Republican State Convention including major speeches by prominent Republican elected officials, as well as in-depth interviews with GOP leaders, throughout the three-day convention.

"Texas Republicans will be doing all we can to take our conservative message to people all across the state throughout the 2000 campaign season," said Weddington. "The Internet will allow more Texans than ever before to 'attend' our convention and become familiar with our common-sense conservative philosophy and our quality Republican leaders and candidates."

The 2000 Republican Party of Texas convention will be June 15-17 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. With over 16,000 delegates and alternates, it will be the largest political convention in the nation.

The Way I See It!

By Steven R. LaMascus

It has been about three hundred years since this country became a viable entity. I don't mean an independent nation, but a known place with a separate identity from England.

We began life as a nation of fiery individualists who wanted nothing less than complete personal freedom. Not anarchy mind you, but freedom to travel, build, worship, do business and conduct their personal lives as they saw fit. The place of government in their eyes was to guarantee that freedom from both foreign and domestic oppressors. The federal government in their opinion, and mine, by the way, was and is to protect the rights of individuals and states. It should be as small as possible to do the job. And it should do the job with as little interference in our lives as possible. It should be a government that is seldom seen and seldom heard. Its primary job should be to do nothing unless it is absolutely necessary.

The job of the legislature is not to spend immense amounts of their time and my money enacting laws that are redundant, repetitive, and unnecessary. It is to be prepared to act on wide reaching foreign and domestic problems that are outside the scope, ability and authority of the states to handle. The people empower the government. Or,

at least, that's the way it was intended.

Today, for some unknown reason, there has been a shift in thought. It is now thought by many that the government grants privileges to the people. This is not just wrong it is horribly wrong. The government grants nothing. The government is supposed to be run by The People. That is the way it was set up and nothing has changed except our acceptance of intolerable government bureaucracy. The things we allow today are unforgivable. The waste, the graft, the lying, cheating, stealing, philandering and who knows what else that goes on in our federal government is beyond wrong, it is purely evil. We have shifted from a mindset of a government controlled by The People, to the modern concept of The People controlled by the government.

Where did this come from? It certainly didn't come from the Constitution of the United States, or any of the other timeless documents upon which this nation was founded. I really don't know where it came from, but I sure wish it would go back there.

Where are we headed today? Well, if we allow the trend to continue we are headed for a fall. We are only a few short years from a federal socialist government. We already have socialized schools, socialized medicine, socialized welfare, and practically numberless other socialist programs in our so-

called democratic government. Many of the leading politicians in power today are nothing more than thinly disguised communists looking for a way to gain more power. They have no one's interest at heart except their own. They care nothing about the health of the country, but only how much political power they personally can wield. They are frightened of The People, because The People can remove them from power. They are trying every way they can to revoke that power from you.

Today we believe that we must be protected. That is awfully silly. No one can protect us. It is our duty to protect ourselves. As I have said before, the police cannot protect you. They can only arrest and prosecute the person who killed or injured you. Any protection you require must be provided by you. We are, however, giving away the right to protect ourselves. We are allowing our basic freedoms to be eroded because we believe the lies that are told to us by those who want us to be defenseless. One of the most poignant statements I ever heard says that, "unarmed citizens are subjects." That means, folks, that unless we have the means to defend ourselves, we can only obey, like slaves or the subjects of absolute rulers. Defenseless translates to powerless to resist.

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Submitted by U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla 23rd District

One of our family's favorite places to eat is a cafeteria style restaurant. You walk in, grab a tray still warm from the dishwasher, and start down the line. You take what you want, leave what you don't.

Some pseudo intellectuals have been trying the same thing with the Constitution for years - defending the parts they like, but trying to change the parts they don't. Take the Bill of Rights, for instance. These liberal intellectuals generally see themselves as defenders of the First Amendment. That's the one that guarantees the rights of freedom of religion, freedom of the press, and freedom of speech.

It's the Second Amendment that drives them to distraction:

"A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

There must be some mistake. Or so the liberal scholars believe. They've tried for years to find a loophole in this simple sentence. It would sound ridiculous, were it not for the fact that they have been largely successful.

Today there are many legal experts, judges, and lawyers who think the Second Amendment only supports the right of the states to have guns, meaning to maintain the various National Guards. In other words, they believe the Constitution does not guarantee a private citizen the right to own so much as a hunting rifle.

That's why what happened last year is so important. As reported by The National Journal, a judge right here in Texas, "...ruled outright - for the first time ever - that the Second Amendment protects an individual's right to own a gun, and that the right cannot be arbitrarily meddled with by Congress." U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings wrote that, "The rights of the Second Amendment should be as zealously guarded as the other individual liberties enshrined in the Bill of Rights."

A federal appeals court is expected to decide whether to overturn Cummings' decision this summer. Meanwhile, both supporters and opponents are holding their breaths.

The Bill of Rights should not be viewed as a work in progress, a document whose sentences can be deleted and edited at the whim of special interest groups and self appointed experts.

TEA security breach highlighted

Governor Bush forwarded a letter requesting a review of a Texas Education Agency computer incident to TEA Commissioner James Nelson recently.

As the world has become more aware of the importance of properly securing information that lives on government computers, the call for formal review of illegal access incidents has grown. The Washington Post recently had an article about Brazil's tax records being sold to direct-mail organizations without their consent. It is be-

cause of incidents such as this that state governments have implemented regulations such as the Texas Administrative Code 201.13 which state "security breaches shall be investigated promptly and documented".

Public agencies that have information protected by federal statutes are hearing the need to ensure citizens that they are responding to the increased threats that the internet poses.

For more information see **What's New** at <http://www.txgate.org>

Law enforcement by special interests - consumers lose again

By George C. Landrith Contributing Writer

Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson's Microsoft decision immediately sent the stock market into a record-breaking fall. Fortunately for the market, there was a modest, but spasmodic rebound. While the billions of dollars that were whipped out in one afternoon grabbed most of the headlines, there is one alarming development that has been largely overlooked. The law enforcement responsibilities of both the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the attorneys general from several states have been surrendered to special interests and the highest bidder.

Immediately after the Microsoft settlement talks broke down. It was reported that the terms of the proposed settlement agreement had been shared with Scott McNealy, the chairman of Sun Microsystems, a chief Microsoft rival. Other rivals were also allowed to review and "critique" the terms of the proposed agreement. These rivals were reportedly "alarmed" that the settlement was too limited and did not sufficiently harm Microsoft. These rivals expressed their dissatisfaction to government officials and desire for tougher terms.

Law enforcement is supposed to be above politics and above gamesmanship. It is supposed to be about impartially enforcing and upholding the law. When government becomes involved in antitrust litigation, it is supposed to represent the interests of the American people and consumers - not the direct competitors of the company being investigated.

The government has an awesome enforcement power and is required to enforce the law ethically and impartially. But this Department of Justice and a group of state attorneys general and the Department of Justice believe they are above the law. Moreover, when the government seeks approval and input about a settlement agreement from the competitors of the company being investigated, it brings into question who the government is actually working for. Are the attorneys general and the Department of Justice trying to satisfy the law or sim-

ply appease Microsoft's competitors? Unfortunately, the facts speak for themselves.

Let's get one point straight from the start - it would be normal and completely ethical if government officials had merely interviewed witnesses in competing companies to determine the facts of this case. However, government officials were not learning the facts when they colluded with the competitors of Microsoft. This litigation has been in progress for several years. The fact finding phase of the trial ended a long time ago. Months ago, Judge Jackson issued an exhaustive, phonebook-sized document called the "findings of fact." At this point, the parties know the facts.


The collusion between government officials and competitors of Microsoft was about one thing - did Microsoft's competitors find the proposed settlement satisfactory? Or more bluntly stated, did the settlement agreement sufficiently damage Microsoft so that its competitors were confident that they could seize upon some business advantage?

It is nothing short of outrageous that competitors would be asked if they thought that the settlement agreement was "rough enough" on Microsoft. If you were a competitor of Microsoft, no fine - no matter how high, and no penalty - no matter how severe, would be satisfactory. If they had their way, the government would put Microsoft out of business, sell its assets at a public auction and then give the proceeds to them.

What makes this entire unsavory legal and ethical lapse even worse is that Microsoft's competitors can use the legal findings from the government's case in their own follow-up lawsuits against Microsoft. Thus, the government has in a very real way become the co-counsel with Microsoft's competitors. Again, who is the Justice Department representing? Who are the attorneys general representing? Whose interests are they pursuing? Consumers? Or competitors?

Antitrust enforcement is not about satisfying or appeasing the competitors of a company being investigated. It is about protecting consumers from monopolies. But, consumers do not need pro-

Big Mama Sez!



Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these:
"It might have been!"

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Open house showcases new EMS building

About 20 people were at the new EMS building Monday morning at 9 o'clock, at the start of that facility's all day open house. Among those present were EMS staff and volunteers, private citizens and members of Commissioners' Court. So jubilant was the moment that County Judge Herb Senne, scissors in hand, ready to cut the large red ribbon taped to the bay area to accommodate a Brackett News photographer, invited everyone to join him and have their picture taken,

too. The new EMS building is cause for celebration indeed. It took at least four years of planning. Ground was broken Feb. 14. The facility, behind the Nutrition Center on Ellen Street, was not due to open until August but was ready two months ahead of schedule. The building's cost was \$281,000. Hill Construction Co. in Del Rio built the facility. EMS staff and volunteers moved in June 1. Prior to the new building, EMS personnel were in an office on top of the jail and staff had to shuffle

ambulances back and forth, from Fort Clark to the jail. Then the staff was at Fort Clark, now EMS has its own facility. Besides the open house other activities took place at the building this week, including a Bike Rodeo Wednesday and CPR demonstrations today.

Commissioners' Court Monday declared June as EMS Week and Trauma Awareness Month. The proclamation reads, in part, "Emergency and medical service is a vital public service in Texas and each year in Texas. Trauma

is a major cause of death and disability. Volunteer and paid emergency medical service teams provide lifesaving care in Kinney County, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Texas' EMS and Trauma systems consist of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, dispatchers, first responders, educators, administrators and others. Access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate for those who experience sudden illness or injury.

"Kinney County EMS personnel also care for the community by teaching injury prevention to citizens to lessen the occurrence and severity of injuries. The Texas Trauma Network, one component of Texas' EMS system, is an organizing trauma care system, consisting of comprehensive trauma facilities, major trauma facilities and basic trauma facilities. The people of Kinney County and the rest of Texas benefit daily from the knowledge and skills of these

highly trained individuals and from the availability of the Texas Trauma Network, and therefore, we commend and congratulate Kinney County EMS and all Texas EMS personnel for outstanding, dedicated prehospital and medical care to the people of Kinney County and the rest of Texas and hereby join the Texas Department of Health in designating the month of June as Trauma Awareness Month in Kinney County and June 12-16 as Kinney County EMS Week."

Saving the Rio Grande before it is too late

By Jennifer Atchley
Contributing Writer

When senior US and Mexican officials meet along the border this week to talk about the Rio Grande, the agenda will have nothing to do with immigration, drug interdiction or even water rights.

As pressing as such problems are, there is another that dwarfs them all: Saving the river itself.

The Rio Grande, simply put, is dying.

It has been dammed, drained, diverted and polluted for so long that it is very nearly the riverine equivalent of a desiccated longhorn lying in the desert, its sun-bleached bones the only evidence of its former life.

Although in a few places it still harbors extraordinary biodiversity, in most others there is precious little left to remind one of the iconic role this fabled river has played in both the history and the mythology of the Old West.

Once a life-giving artery for one of the richest desert ecosystems in the world, the Rio Grande today is in places little more than a dry and dirty ditch.

It is not too late to save the Rio Grande, however. The patient is sick, but not incurably ill.

Indeed, even a relatively modest restorative effort could help keep the river alive, protect the

outstanding animal and plant life still found in places like Big Bend National Park and produce tangible economic and quality-of-life benefits for the 9 million people now living in the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo basin.

It is with a vision of the river's once and future greatness in mind that Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Mexican Environment Minister Julia Carabias will be in Ciudad Juarez this week for a binational symposium on the impact that the depleted flows and poor water quality of the Rio Grande are having on biological diversity in the river basin.

Bringing together scientists, conservationists and Federal and state officials from both sides of the border, the meeting will hopefully lay the groundwork for a joint initiative to save the Rio Grande for future generations of Mexicans and Americans.

But there is no time to lose. Human demand, for both irrigation and municipal water use, already consumes nearly 95 percent of the Rio Grande's annual flow.

Thanks in part to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), a manufacturing and population boom is likely to more than double current demand within 15 years.

With ground aquifers already tapped to their limits, there is not

going to be enough water for human use, let alone for the migratory birds and other riparian wildlife that draw tourists from around the world.

Fortunately, the problem is not insufficient water so much as it is inefficient water use. Agricultural uses currently claim 80 percent of all the water drawn from the Rio Grande and much of that is wasted—lost to evaporation and seepage from antiquated and inefficient irrigation canals.

Evaporation from Elephant Butte Reservoir in New Mexico, where the Rio Grande is dammed, alone accounts for enough water to meet all of Albuquerque's needs.

The challenge ahead is daunting, but not insurmountable. Saving the Rio Grande will require solutions that are bold and ambitious, but not unrealistic.

An initial step should be to ensure that 10 percent of the annual runoff from the Rio Grande and its tributaries is reserved for in-stream flows by the year 2010 to support wildlife habitat and aquatic species.

This will not restore the river to its former greatness, but it will slow the degradation and perhaps begin the healing process.

To accomplish this—and to ensure that growing human needs are met—the US and Mexico must

devise a bilateral strategy for the protection and restoration of biologically important stretches of the river.

They must identify and undertake projects to improve the efficiency of agricultural and municipal water systems.

And above all, they must create a transparent, flexible and inclusive process to oversee the implementation of these tasks—one that is open to participation by local governments, lending institutions, development agencies and the public.

The appointment of a high-level Mexican-American panel to determine how these recommendations might be translated into action would be a good first step.

Somewhere between the arrival of the first Conquistadors and the present day we, the people of the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo basin, lost a great river.

Now the future of our children depends on our joining hands and embarking together on a journey to find it.

Editor's Note: Jennifer Atchley is head of World Wildlife Fund's Chihuahuan Desert field office in Las Cruces, NM. Readers may write to her at World Wildlife Fund, 600 Montana Ave., Suite E, Las Cruces, NM 88001.

Use of fireworks restricted in county's unincorporated areas

Taking into consideration that the normal danger of fire in the unincorporated areas of Kinney County is greatly enhanced by the extremely dry conditions now existing, Commissioners' Court on Monday voted to restrict the use of fireworks in those areas.

Commissioner Precinct 3 (and Fire Chief) Joe Williams abstained from voting. Commissioner Precinct 1 Freddie Frerich was not present at Monday's meeting. Anyone who violates the Order will commit a Class C Misdemeanor and may be fined as much as \$500. The Order states that no person may sell, detonate, ignite or in any way use certain restricted fireworks in any portion of the un-

incorporated areas of the county. Certain restricted fireworks means only those items classified as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins."

Fireworks not prohibited under this Order are common fireworks, small in size classified as Class C explosives and large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation and classified as Class B explosives.

A person commits an offense if he or she sells or intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly detonates, ignites, or in any way uses fireworks on a county road or in the right-of-way on a county road.

Workshop on colonias set June 21

During the last decade, the Texas Legislature has passed a number of laws designed to stop the spread of colonias conditions along the Texas-Mexico border. Several subdivisions outside city limits in the 28 Texas counties having some part located within 50 miles of the border.

Because of continuing interest in and questions about these laws, the Office of the Attorney General has been invited by the Uvalde Board of Realtors to offer a workshop in Uvalde from 9 a.m. to 12

noon on Wednesday, June 21. The workshop will be on special border area laws on platting, selling and connecting utilities to residential subdivision lots. Several informative handouts will be available to those attending. The workshop is free and open to the public. Interested persons may contact Juanita Garcia of the Uvalde Board of Realtors at (830) 278-3030 or (830) 278-1310 or Assistant Attorney General Joe Riddell at (512) 475-4019 or joe.riddell@oag.state.tx.us.

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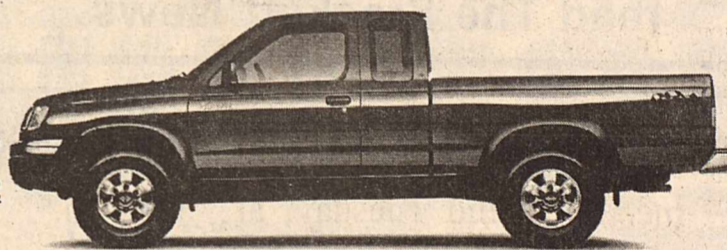
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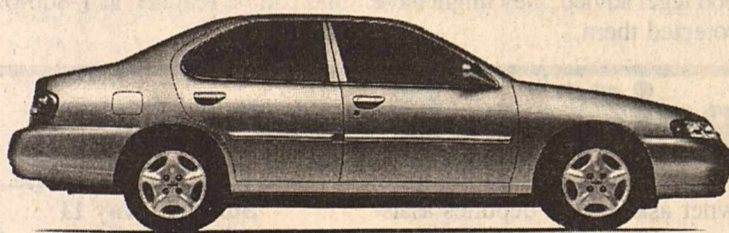
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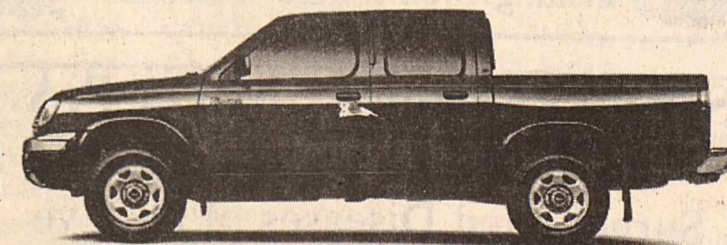
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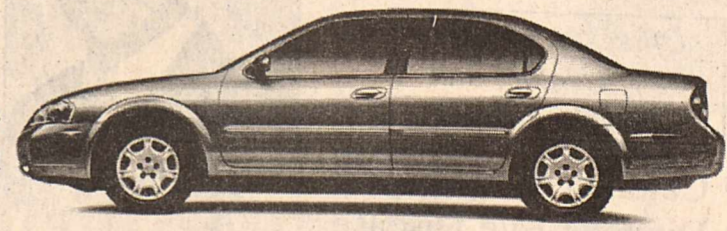
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Keeping promises

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"But Dad, I don't want to go to Maria's party." Jack looked at his daughter trying to read the expression on her face. "Why not?" he asked. "Just because," said Beth, trying to evade the issue. "But there has to be a reason," her father added. "Maybe I've changed my mind, Dad," said Beth. Jack continued, "Honey, it is not wrong to change your mind, but it is wrong to break your promise. You promised Maria that you would go to her party. Now, there has to be a reason for your change of mind." Beth stammered, "Susan is having a party too at the same time. Do you know what it means to get invited to Susan's party, Dad?" "No, I'm afraid that I don't. Fill me in." "Well," Beth continued, "Susan is just about the most popular girl in school. It means a lot to go to her party."

"I can understand why you want to go to Susan's," Jack said. "But, there is something more

important than popularity. You made a promise to Maria, and you must keep that promise no matter what else you might want to do. If you get a reputation for not keeping your promises, all the popular girls in the world will do you no good and nobody will trust you. Remember that one of our family standards is that we all keep our promises to each other and to our friends."

It is a wise parent who leads his children in the way of responsibility. It is the wise child who learns that the breaking of promises is the making of enemies (Sirach 20:22). "Keep your promise, be honest with [your friend], and you will always come by what you need (Sirach 29:3)." "Like clouds and wind when no rain follows is the man who boastfully promises what he never gives (Proverbs 25:14)"

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To burn or bury old county records

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Herb Senne informed the Court that Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation Standards officials have filed an official complaint against the county because they allege the courthouse elevator is not in complete compliance with the Texas Safety Code.

Though the elevator is safe and there have not been any problems, the judge said the deficiencies that the state agency cites cannot be corrected because the courthouse is an historic landmark and that any work that would "influence the structural integrity of the building" is prohibited.

The agency has scheduled an administrative hearing in Austin later this month and had fined the county \$2,200.

After much discussion with an agency official, Senne said he had the penalty reduced to \$520.

One of the citations included that there had not been a yearly inspection on the elevator since 1994. The elevator was installed in 1980.

The Court voted to pay the \$520 penalty and ask for a waiver. If the waiver is granted, it would cost an additional \$100. Also, the

mandated annual inspection fee would cost \$100, the Court was told.

In other business, the Court:

• Proclaimed the week as EMS Week;

• Approved paying \$6 an hour to Carolyn Harris and Maria Rodriguez. Harris works 20 hours a week at the Nutrition Center and 20 hours a week as a temporary custodian at the courthouse; Rodriguez works 32 hours a week at the Nutrition Center.

• Approved paying time and a half overtime pay to county employees who work during an election after working a 40 hour week, including employees in the county clerk's office and the Tax Assessor-Collector's Office.

• Congratulated EMS Director Carolyn Rutherford for spearheading a new distance learning Basic EMS course that debuted this week.

The course originates in Brackettville and links students in Uvalde, Leakey and Utopia. Rutherford said there are six students enrolled in the course in Brackettville, nine in Uvalde, about four in Utopia and about two in Leakey.

TPW adopts Senior Super Combo, Saltwater Stamp Increase

A little on the Wildlife side
By Henry Lutz

AUSTIN - When the 2000-2001 Texas hunting and fishing licenses go on sale later this summer, outdoor enthusiasts should be aware of a couple of changes based on recent actions taken by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

The commission approved the creation of a set of reduced-rate license packages for senior sportsmen, including a \$25 Senior Super Combo License and a \$10 Senior Combination Hunting and Fishing License.

The combination hunting and fishing license reflects \$2 in savings off the Special Resident Hunting and Special Resident Fishing License. The Senior Super Combo, which includes a hunting license, a fishing license and all special stamps, offers a \$38 savings if all items were purchased separately. Valid fishing licenses are required of anyone born on or after Sept. 1, 1930.

"We've offered a Special Resident Fishing license to seniors

since 1996 and wanted a companion package to our regular combination and Super Combo license packages," explained Jayna Burgdorf, TPW's license program director. "For our senior customers who are avid hunters and anglers, the Senior Super Combo offers substantial savings."

Conversely, Texas saltwater sportfishermen will be stepping up this fall to fund temporarily a program designed to reduce commercial fishing effort in the bays.

The commission adopted a \$3 increase to the Saltwater Sportfishing Stamp fee (from \$7 to \$10) projected to generate about \$7 million over the next five years. The revenue will be earmarked to retire inshore commercial shrimping, commercial finfish fishermen, and commercial crab fishermen licenses.

All three fisheries have been identified as currently being either over-fished, over-capitalized (too many vessels), fully exploited, or a combination of the three.

"Our buyback program has not moved as fast as we would like and this delay impacts other ma-

rine fisheries resources," said Dr. Larry McKinney, TPW senior director for aquatic resources. "Our goal means less commercial shrimping effort and more conservation."

Prior to the surcharge, the buyback programs were funded through a percentage of the sales of commercial fishing industry-related licenses. For example, the buyback fund receives \$25 from each bay or bait shrimping license, \$60 from each finfish license, and \$100 from each crab fishing license. These funds accrue annually based on the number of licenses sold. However, monies from these license sales only raise about \$210,000 per license year for the three buyback programs combined.

Only about 15 percent of the shrimping licenses have been retired through the buyback effort, the agency is hoping to achieve a 50 percent reduction. The surcharge will be removed after five years and the commission has instructed TPW coastal fisheries staff to provide annual progress reports on the buyback effort.

Haenn: Lot of property in county not on tax rolls

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go up that said, 'we built the amphitheater.'

"I encouraged them to write a letter that basically says there has to be some responsibility of the appraisal district to be out there discovering this stuff, which obviously they hadn't been doing," Haenn said.

"The same thing came to light with personal property. We put 30 personal property accounts on the roll this year. These folks hadn't just started their business just last year, they've had it a long time and they didn't get picked up.

"The tax code states and it's not a section, it talks about omitted property and down at the bottom there's a footnote and it reads that it is the appraiser's duty to back assess property that's omitted from the rolls that it is mandatory, not discretionary, that I can be sued by you (Commissioners' Court) if I don't back assess real property, which is improvements of land, which we back assess five years and personal property for businesses back assessed two years."

Haenn said his offices has sent out notices, "more to get people's attention than to actually do it. No

calculations have been made at all because our software doesn't even allow for that.

"We would have to handcrank out all these calculations and it would be starting in 1996, with whatever the tax rate was and then penalties and interest added for five years to that one; for 1997, four years...three years, two years - It would take a lot of money for people to pay for something they could argue was the appraisal district's (job)."

Commissioner Pat Melancon asked Haenn, "Say somebody wants to come in and start a business, is it up to them to come to you? Or is it up to the appraisal district? I don't know how the appraisal district would know something like that."

Haenn answered, "The discovery and the responsibility is the appraisal district's."

In big cities, said Haenn, "they have people who track ads in the paper, track Assumed Name lists, check with the Secretary of State's office when people apply for new tax numbers - you can do that monthly."

Haenn said that of 30 businesses that were placed on the tax

rolls this year, less than six were brand new on Jan. 1, they had just started a business.

"I think it's better for everybody concerned, the recommendation here is to release me from that requirement - assessing back taxes and move on. They're on the rolls now, we keep them on the rolls, put something about this in the paper, and that will put everyone on notice for the future - that the ability to back assess is out there," Haenn told the Court.

Senne asked whether there was any law or rule requiring Fort Clark Springs Association to render to the appraisal district at any point in time that they had these additional properties?

Haenn replied, "no" and added that the Fort "renders their personal properties year after year. This is Association property."

This is real property, right, improvements in land. In the case of real property - Fort Clark is one of the top taxpayers in the county - they've been paying hefty bills all along.

Their property value went up a million bucks this year. They knew it was coming for some time."

Benefit for Friends of Hospice ongoing

Friends of Hospice, for the fourth year, is selling tickets for a Hospice Benefit. Your ticket entitles you to enter a drawing for a \$250 gift certificate to Season's/May's Hallmark in Del Rio, sponsor of the event. Tickets also offer a one-time purchase discount to Season's/May's Hallmark.

Friends of Hospice, a volunteer organization, chartered to help the terminally ill and their families, has raised \$7,000 with this fundraiser to date. Your ticket purchase can help increase that figure.

For more information, or to purchase your Hospice Benefit ticket, contact a Friends of Hospice board member, the Hospice Bargain Box (open Wednesdays and Saturdays) or Season's/May's Hallmark.

All ticket proceeds go directly to Hospice as the Hospice Benefit is totally underwritten by Season's/May's Hallmark.

Drawing for the gift certificate will be Saturday, June 24. Val Verde Regional Medical Center and the Hospice Program appreciates the generosity of the Friends of Hospice and Season's/May's Hallmark.

Lawyers donate time, expertise to Hotline

Those who knew Bob Franklin a few years ago might be surprised to find him working as an unpaid volunteer at the Legal Hotline for Older Texans. At the hotline, Franklin mans the phone and offers free legal advice to low-income Texans over age 60. It's a far cry from what his life used to be like.

Franklin earned a law degree

at SMU, but never planned to practice. Instead, he used his legal expertise to complement his degree in petroleum engineering.

Both gave him the background he needed to succeed in the oil business. So why is Franklin doing volunteer legal work today?

When his parents were in their 80s, they fell ill. Franklin's father, in fact, had to be placed in a nurs-

ing home while his mother was hospitalized to recover from a serious auto accident.

As Franklin visited the nursing home week after week, he became aware of the legal needs that older people have. Helplessly, he watched so many of the elderly deplete their assets when, with good legal advice, they might have protected them.

Now, Franklin donates several hours each week to the hotline, where he counsels callers about medicare, medicaid, contracts, trusts, debtor's rights, landlord/tenant disputes and similar problems. The Legal Hotline for Older Texans has been in existence for more than a decade. It is toll free and can be reached at 1-800-622-2520.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report ...

Monday, June 5

2:11 a.m., Colby Lenn Barajas, 17, of Brackettville was arrested for not having a driver's license and for failure to appear. He was released on Thursday, June 8, for time served.

6:46 p.m., A local resident reported that someone stole a skull one sheep with a horn like a ram, two goat heads and one steer head. She was not sure when the thefts occurred.

Tuesday, May 6

2:40 a.m. A local woman reported that there was a man walking around her apartment. A deputy responded to the scene, checked around and found no one. But he said he would make periodic checks.

6:37 p.m., A motorist reported that "an old lady" driving a red Suburban was weaving in and out of traffic. DPS Troopers were informed.

Wednesday, May 7

2:12 p.m., A local woman said there was a skunk under her house and she wanted to know whether someone could help get the ani-

mal out. She was told someone would go to her residence later.

9:08 p.m., A local resident said she wanted to file a report on a dog that nearly attacked her. She was asked to come to the sheriff's department and file a complaint.

Thursday, May 8

12:28 p.m., A motorist reported that a bull was running loose on Highway 90 West. The owner of the animal was notified and he said he would take care of the situation.

2:10 p.m., The driver of a white 18 wheeler was reportedly driving at an unsafe speed and ran the red light on Highway 90. Department of Public Safety troopers were informed that the driver was heading toward Del Rio.

2:10 p.m., A local resident reported that there were broken pieces of lumber on Highway 90 West between the city limit sign and the city annex building. A Texas Department of Transportation supervisor was informed and said he would take care of the situation.

2:15 p.m. A local business

owner asked for a deputies assistance with a customer who was causing problems.

5:05 p.m., Dennis Joseph Slubar Jr., 40, of Brackettville, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, first offense, a Class B misdemeanor. He was released Saturday, June 10 on a Personal Recognizance Bond.

11:23 p.m., A local resident asked for the help of a deputy to take care of an unwelcome guest at his home. A deputy was sent to the scene.

Friday, May 9

1:04 p.m., Del Rio Police asked Kinney County Sheriff's Department deputies to be on the lookout for an 18-wheeler that was possibly leaking a lot of diesel fuel. The vehicle was believed to be headed toward Brackettville.

Saturday, May 10

11:45 p.m., James D. Brown, 41, of Oklahoma City, Okla., was arrested for driving with an expired driver's license. He served time and was released the next day.

Sunday, May 11



4:58 p.m., The police dispatcher in Del Rio called the Sheriff's Department here to ask deputies to be on the lookout for a certain woman motorist. The woman had been visiting her mother in Del Rio and had left without her purse. Deputies said they would try to locate the woman to let her know the whereabouts of her purse.

10:01 p.m., A local resident witnessed a motorist knocking down a state sign with his vehicle and leaving the scene at Highway 90 and Ann Street. The motorist was later sighted at two other locations. Deputies went to investigate.

10:30 p.m., Dennis Joseph Slubar Jr., 40, of Brackettville, was arrested for public intoxication. He was released the following day, for time served.

3:48 p.m., Luciano Cahero Jr., 24, of Del Rio, was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was released later after posting bond.



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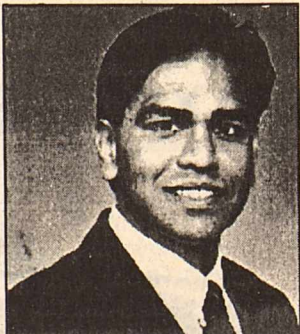
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Basketball camps have improved immensely

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

Basketball camps are in the news!
The school board is making major improvements in the Gym that include improved dressing spaces, refinishing of the floor and air conditioning of the gym. Last week, the boys held a fine camp. This week, it's the girls' turn. Head coaches Jimmy Thomas and Gregg Nowlin have done a good job putting this one together. For the older players, Will Glaspy is coaching an entry into the summer league. I'm impressed with what I see. Our basketball program has improved immensely in the past year.

New principal

Principal Michael Hall continues to work on student schedules with individual conferences with high school students.

He wants to meet the students and their parents as he works his way through building a schedule for the 2000-2001 school year. Michael hit the ground running and has made a good start.

Summer school 'classy'

At the elementary and junior high, principals Paula Renken and George Burks are running a classy summer school.

The teaching staff is working on basic skills in math and reading. I'm very pleased with the effort made by students and staff in this short session geared towards helping students.

Two vacancies

We are two positions short in having a full staff for the next school year.

The Librarian vacancy will be filled in the very near future. The school district has begun a search for a counselor to replace Susan Harrison who is moving from Brackettville.

Davis strong leader

Lloyd Lee Davis, Jr. did an outstanding job as school board president. He became a stronger leader with each school board meeting.

I am pleased that each meeting begins with prayer and with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. The school board has done a great job guiding the school district in the past few years.

School Board spot open

The School Board is seeking names of school patrons who would want to serve on the school board.

By next Monday at 5 p.m., (June 19), call me or any school board member if you are interested in serving on the board.

Rain wonderful

This past week, the rain was wonderful. I had an inch of rain in my gauge at Fort Clark Springs. Most areas in San Antonio had 5 to 10 inches. That's great news. I believe that we had good rains on the watershed for Las Moras Springs (as much as 3 inches). Wow! Keep it coming. Have a great week!

Gonzalez to serve as mayor pro tem

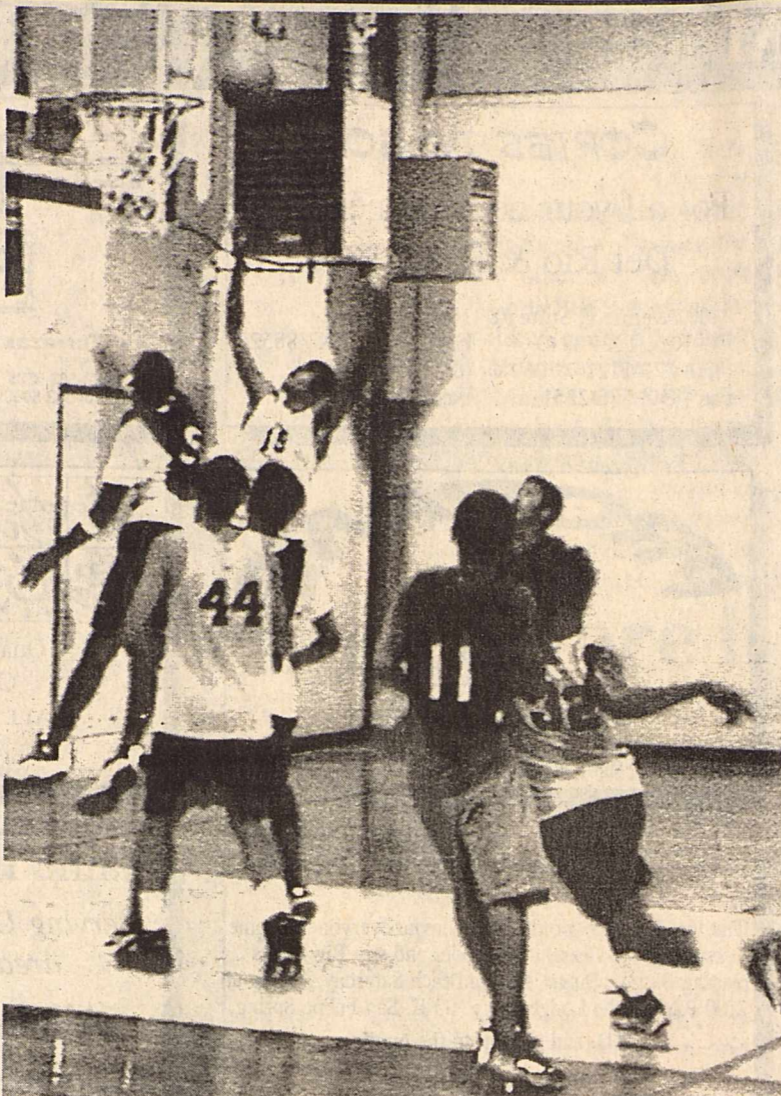
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Berlanga said she believed a person could nominate and vote for himself or herself. In that case, Luna said, if Gonzalez voted for himself then the vote would be in favor of Gonzalez. Gonzalez quipped, "well, I'll just save everyone the trouble. I vote for myself and I elect myself!" The audience laughed.

After determining it was all right to vote for oneself, the mayor rescinded the vote and the council voted again.

The second time, McDonald, Gonzalez and Gomez voted for Gonzalez and Pena and Samaniego voted for Samaniego.

In other business, the Council accepted the 1998-99 audit completed by Hardin and Newsome and authorized Police Chief Ron Ring to designate a fireworks area for the upcoming Fourth of July.



Southwest Texas Summer League Basketball started Saturday in Brackettville. Five teams from area schools participated in Saturday's tournament. Shown is Damian Toms going up for two while other Tigers fight for position. Brackett went on to defeat Knippa in the contest.

Council told gas rates will rise

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ment Program, Luna said the city can expect an increase in the request for funds. The program "has helped us tremendously. The water levels have gone up. They have purchased their own plane and they're looking for more funding. It's my understanding that the county has increased their funding to \$15,000. They requested \$10,000 from us. We have probably \$9,800 available, so we have to find \$200 somewhere."

Also Tuesday, former Alderwoman Mary Flores asked the mayor if she knew that in the city's water contract with Spofford that a waterline is connected from Spofford to the Mobley ranch?

The mayor responded that yes, she knew that and that the city secretary had approved it.

Luna denied that. "I got inquiries...I informed them it would be a violation of the contract. If you remember, I discouraged the city from voting on a contract because I didn't want any ranchers to tap into the line and take water from the city of Brackettville."

Flores asked Berlanga why she

did not bring this information to the attention of the council.

The mayor responded that it was hearsay and asked where Flores was getting the information. At this point, Gonzalez broke in and said, "We need to find out if this is true. This who said what - if you can't show me in black and white, then you ain't got nothing. Let's not sit here and argue about this. Let's investigate."

Luna told the mayor he found it difficult to believe she would think that he would give authorization, "when all through the hearings, I fought against it."

Berlanga responded that she did not say he gave the authorization, that she was told that he gave the impression that he authorized it.

"Impressions - I get the impression you're not a good mayor..." responded Luna.

Gonzalez suggested the council set a special meeting to investigate the Spofford situation. Flores said since she was the one who made the original motion for the Spofford contract, she wanted to be informed of the date and time of the special meeting.

Study shows small school districts spend more on central administration

COLLEGE STATION - In Texas, everything is big and administrative budgets for some school districts tend to be as well.

A study by a Texas A&M University professor shows that small school districts in Texas - of which there are hundreds - spend significantly greater percentages of money on central administration than larger school districts.

Dr. Maynard Bratlien, a professor of educational administration at Texas A&M, surveyed 125 school districts in Texas in five broad areas, ranging from under 500 students to more than 10,000 per school district. He found that the smallest schools budget almost twice the percentage of their total costs for central administrative costs than do the largest districts.

Districts with 500 or fewer students averaged spending about 9

percent of their total budget on central administrative costs compared to 5.4 percent for districts of more than 10,000 students.

Central administrators usually include such positions as superintendent, assistant superintendent, budget or financial officer, curriculum head, personnel head and others. They do not include principals or coaches.

Bratlien's figures, supplied by the Texas Education Agency, the state level governing body of school districts in Texas, show that in general, the smaller the district, the larger the percentage spent on administration.

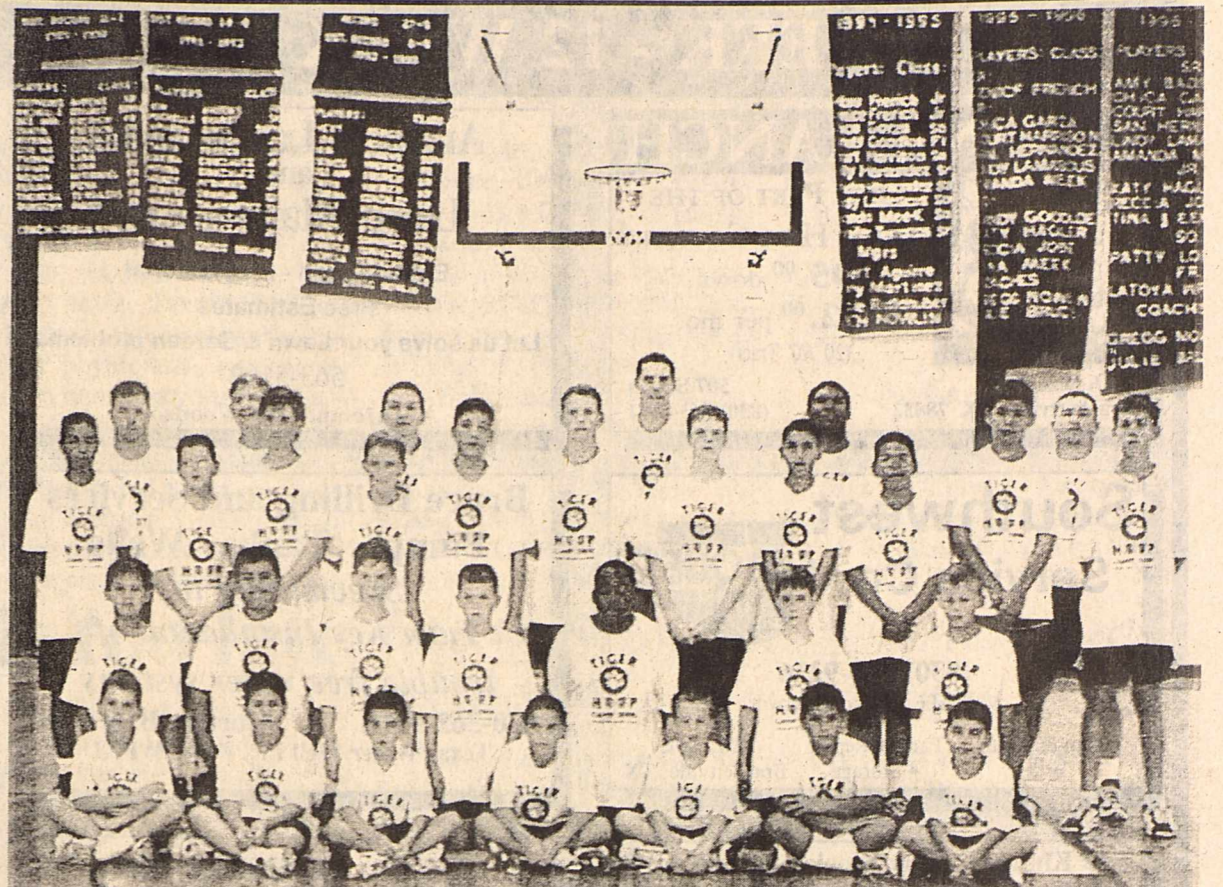
Limitations on administrative expenditures were established in 1993 whereby smaller districts were permitted to spend proportionally more for administration than larger districts.

Border Patrol weekly statistics

The following is a report of the apprehensions by Border Patrol agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector for the period of June 5-11. The information is provided by station, and includes a sector total:

Abilene 10
Brackettville 181
Carrizo Springs 371

Comstock 9
Del Rio 285
Eagle Pass 1,248
Llano 1
Rocksprings 6
San Angelo 5
Uvalde 91
Sector total 2,207.
Other than Mexicans 90 (included in sector totals).



Tiger Basketball Camp ran from June 5-9 with approximately 27 boys attending. Fundamentals and team play were the focus of the week. Shown is participants and staff for Tiger Basketball Camp. The camp was deemed a success by Coach Thomas and staff.

Brackett Tiger Camp begins Monday

The 1st annual Brackett Tiger Football Camp will be held on Monday, June 19, through Friday June 23 at the Tiger Field House and football practice field.

The camp is for all boys and girls who are going into the 6th thru 9th grades.

The times will be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The cost of the five day camp is \$25 which includes a

camp T-shirt.

The camp will emphasize learning football fundamentals and how to play exciting Tiger football! Registration forms may be picked up at the fieldhouse and walk-up registration is allowed on the day of the camp.

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 41. Number of days in a Verne journey
 42. Command to a fleeing suspect
 45. Young and O'Casey
 46. Inspector Gadget's dog
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HOROSCOPES

Aries March 21- April 20
 A vacation could result in a new friendship or relationship. Your personality will be your most significant asset. Don't move too fast. You need to consider how a move could affect you and the rest of your family.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
 Dig deeper. Don't believe everything you hear about a business or personal situation. You can't always take everything at face value. You committed to helping a friend with a social gathering. Don't back out now.

Taurus April 21-May 21
 You cannot leave your financial affairs to someone else. It will cause you problems in the long-run. Set aside time Wednesday or Thursday to do something extra special with family. It will do all of you a lot of good.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
 As you take on more responsibility, you will find yourself dealing with a roller coaster of emotions. Challenge yourself to get your feet back on the ground before the end of the week. You can deal with it all - one thing at a time.

Gemini May 22-June 21
 Your ability to persuade others will help you attain professional goals. However, you will have to make some vital decisions before you can get there. Be aware that jealousy could create problems for you in a relationship.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
 It's up to you to organize the ideas you are gathering from friends and acquaintances. Your organizational skills will benefit many people when it comes to a fund-raising idea. Your finances are of interest to someone else.

Cancer June 22-July 22
 For help with your workload, look to a new person. It might surprise you how much better you will feel. Be objective concerning an acquaintance. A shopping spree is not the best idea for you at this time.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
 Colleagues and friends are working toward a common cause. Join in and have some fun. Activities at home are a good source of understanding. Don't be critical. Concentrate on and enjoy your family and home for once.

Leo July 23-August 23
 Opportunities for investment could result in financial gain for you and a few others. Weigh the opportunities individually for their soundness and profitability. Be there for a family member who needs a shoulder to cry on.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
 Don't be too hard on a good friend who has made a big mistake. You are the only source of support, so don't turn your back on him/her now. After all, you've made mistakes in the past, and this friend has always been there.

Virgo August 24-Sept. 22
 You may be able to mix business with pleasure later this month. Check into travel opportunities right away. An acquaintance is taking advantage of a tense situation. Be very careful of what you do and say around him/her.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
 You may find yourself in the middle of an argument at a social function. Watch for the instigator, who will appear innocent. Look for a small financial gain from an investment you made quite awhile ago.

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In God we trust

Frontier Baptist Church
By Pastor Dave Crowe

In God we trust or do we? God says, that He created us and that we are His children and He will take care of us. If, we will place our faith and trust in Him. He will protect us, provide for us, and fill our lives with a blessing so huge that we cannot contain it.

He will fill our lives with meaning, purpose and direction.

Jesus said "Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear." Your Heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. "Ask and it will be given to you. Seek and you will find. To him who knocks, the door will be opened."

What does all of this mean to you, today?

Your Heavenly Father cre-

ated everything that exists (except for the things the evil one helped fallen men to create) that is good and wholesome.

He created you and gave you life. He gave you a beautiful world to live in. He gave you a brain with which to think. You have the knowledge of good and evil.

You have or will make a conscious or unconscious choice to or not to love, trust and do your Father's will. If you decide not to, you're on your own. God cannot/will not protect you from Satan. He still loves you, but He cannot bless you. He still loves you, but will not provide for you. You are alone.

On the other hand, give yourself to Him, love Him, live for Him and He will shower you with love. He will protect you and provide for your needs in ways you cannot.

He will strengthen you, bless you, forgive you when you sin and be there, available to you always.

In God we can and do trust.



Above photo, left: St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church parishioners and Bible School students and teachers were among participants in a procession last Friday morning dedicated to Our Lady of Light (photo at right) (Photos by Diana Gonzales)



Participants in procession pay homage to Our Lady of Light

Praying all the way, about 80 children and 20 adults Friday morning walked several blocks from the parking lot of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church and back to profess their faith and pay homage to Our Lady of Light.

"The significance of the pro-

cession is that, on our way to heaven, in our differences, we walk together, joined and led by Our Lord, Jesus Christ and Our Lady," explained Clay Hunt of Brackettville a member of the order, the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity.

The procession took place on

the last day of Bible School at the parish. Sister Luz of San Antonio, a member of the Brigantine Sisters, taught the students and led Friday's procession, said Hunt. Sister Luz teaches at St. Anthony's Catholic School in San Antonio.

The procession route began at El Paso Street, continued to Sweeney to Fulton, to Fort and back to El Paso.

Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Hunt of Brackettville, was in town for a few days to visit relatives and friends and helped Sister Luz with the procession.

He has been with the order of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity in Robstown, Texas for one year. He was serving the Order in Belize, will soon go to Rome, and it is his hope to be ordained in six years.

My God shall supply all your needs

Gateway Ministries

By Pastor Charolette Corey

Did Jesus ever have to overcome the spirit of fear and depression? The closest I have ever been able to glimpse it is the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus had the "opportunity" to be depressed and to accept the "spirit of fear". (Matt 26:36-46, Luke 22:39-47). During this time he was forsaken by his friends. He had to face the knowledge of what was to come by himself. He was in a human body, experiencing the pain of making the right choice, even to the point of literally sweating blood.

He overcame the temptation of fear by knowing that "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (2 Tim.

1:7) He knew that "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." And he took upon himself the "whole armor of God" so that he was able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." (Eph. 6:11-13)

Jesus made the final sacrifice "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many: and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." (Heb. 9:28) Since Jesus made himself the final sacrifice for sin, we are called to make the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.. and to not

forget. To do good and to communicate ...; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. And "obey them that have rule over you, submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief; ...and to pray for us." (Heb.13:15-18)

In Romans 12:1 it says "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Eph. 5:1-5 tells us how to be a living sacrifice, "walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, put aside fornication, all uncleanness, or covetousness, filthiness, foolish talking or jesting." In doing this Phil. 4:19

says "My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." and in Hebrews 13:20 -21, "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever." Amen.

Jesus was tempted in all things, but sinned not. The same Holy Spirit that empowered Jesus to overcome fear and depression is the same spirit that abides in you. He has given you the victory to be a living sacrifice and to overcome fear and depression through the power of the name of Jesus, his precious blood, and the power of his Living Word.

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

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Pastor William P. Adams, Jr.

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Praise him upon the loud cymbals: praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord. Psalms 150

A tribute to Fathers

Saint Mary Magdalene
By Lynn McNew

For whatever reason, the article I wrote for Mother's Day did not get printed. Maybe God thought it wasn't what should be said that week. So, although this article is titled "A Tribute to Fathers" I would like to hope all parents will see something of themselves.

My husband is a good father. My son is a good father. My dad was a good father. I know many other men who are good fathers. What makes them good? I think it is because they put their families first before themselves.

Before we moved to Texas, my husband had a good job. When he gave his two months notice that we would be leaving, his boss said, "If you are leaving in two months, you might as well leave now." I was devas-

tated, what were we going to do? He very simply went out and found another job—getting up at three in the morning to deliver bread. It wasn't easy, it certainly wasn't glamorous, but he brought home a paycheck every week.

I have seen men make great sacrifices for their families. My son is in the military and is sometimes gone for long periods of time. This is a great hardship on him and his family, but he does it because he loves them and wants them to live in a country that is safe.

I have seen men do many brave things—kill snakes, walk into dark rooms, climb ladders to name a few. Were they afraid? Maybe, I don't know, but they did it anyway. The men in my life have always been willing to do things I didn't or

couldn't do. In my eyes, that makes them good.

Harry S. Truman once said, "I think that the greatest epitaph a man can have is that he gives everything that is in him to do the job he has before him." Many fathers do this day after day, working hard to provide for the ones they love.

All men have a great role model in our heavenly Father. He loves His children without question. He lends a helping hand or a shoulder to cry on whenever it is needed. This is the way any good father should be proud to see himself.

So to all you fathers out there, today I want to say, "Thank you for a job well done."

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

Underage drinking; a growing problem

COLLEGE STATION - Underage drinking has become a huge problem in the United States, especially for young girls who are probably not aware of the dangers of alcohol.

A Texas A&M University researcher has been awarded a five-year grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, a division of the National Institutes of Health, to see how alcohol may be affecting young girls.

Dr. Les Dees of the College of Veterinary Medicine is using the Rhesus monkey as an animal model to examine how alcohol affects the onset of female puberty.

Dees says it is well known that the female reproductive system of this monkey is very similar to that of the human reproductive system and therefore an ex-

cellent animal to study potential detrimental effects of alcohol use and abuse by adolescents.

"We have learned that alcohol suppresses specific puberty related hormones..."
- Dr. Les Dees

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Ser-

vices Administration, there are more than 10 million underage drinkers in the United States, many of those young girls who start drinking on or near the onset of puberty.

Dr. Dees and his colleagues, Dr. Sergio Ojeda and Dr. Greg Dissen at the Oregon Regional Primate Research Center, have learned one disturbing fact: even a small amount of alcohol, when taken on a regular basis,

can cause adverse effects in young maturing female monkeys.

"We have learned that alcohol suppresses specific puberty-related hormones, such as luteinizing hormone and estrogen and tends to delay the development of their monthly menstrual cycle," says Dees.

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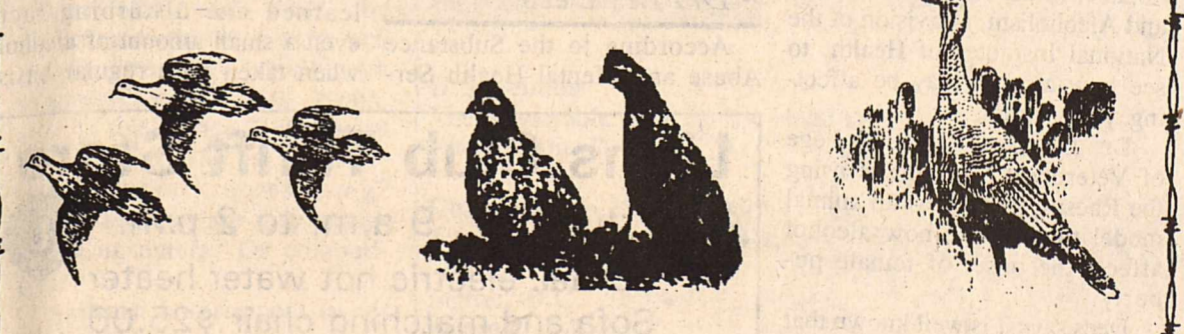


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