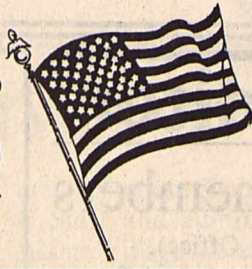


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Briefs ...

Blake, Ramon honored

April Blake and Manuel Ramon of Brackettville were among 71 students named to the Spring Semester Dean's List at Sul Ross State University, Rio Grande College in Del Rio.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 semester hours and compiled a grade point average of 3.50 or better. An A is worth 4 points an hour.

"Making the Dean's List is a signal achievement for a student, since it requires a student to perform at a consistently high level across all courses," said Dean Frank W. Abbott, who made the announcement.

Meeks awarded B.B.A.

Brandy Kathleen Meeks of Brackettville graduated with highest honors recently from the University of Texas at Austin. She was awarded a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Meeks was among nearly 7,000 students who received their undergraduate and graduate degrees in a ceremony that drew 26,000 people to the campus.

Sites on President's List

Rebecca Sites of Brackettville has been named to the President's List at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. She is the daughter of Edward and Patricia Sites.

Disaster loans available

Businesses depending on farmers and ranchers in Kinney County can apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration. These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster.

Drought that occurred from Aug. 1, 1999 and continuing, caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program but may be eligible for disaster assistance through Federal agencies. However, nurseries that are victims through disasters can apply.

To obtain an application or receive additional information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired. The deadline for filing an application is Feb. 5, 2001.

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School starts four weeks from Monday on Aug. 14. The teachers will be in session most of the week beginning August 7.

Our BHS cheerleaders left Monday for camp. Summer band will begin in the next week and football and volleyball can't be far behind. *School/Page 5*

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Council approves gas rate hike

City council Tuesday night approved an increase in the gas rates following a presentation in executive session by a representative of West Texas Gas Co.

In open session about 30 minutes later, the panel unanimously voted to enter into a three-year

contract with the gas company at a fixed rate of \$4.20 per British Thermal Unit (BTU). This is an increase of \$1.31 or 45.33 percent.

The new gas rate will go into effect Aug. 1, 2000 and continue through July 31, 2003. The current

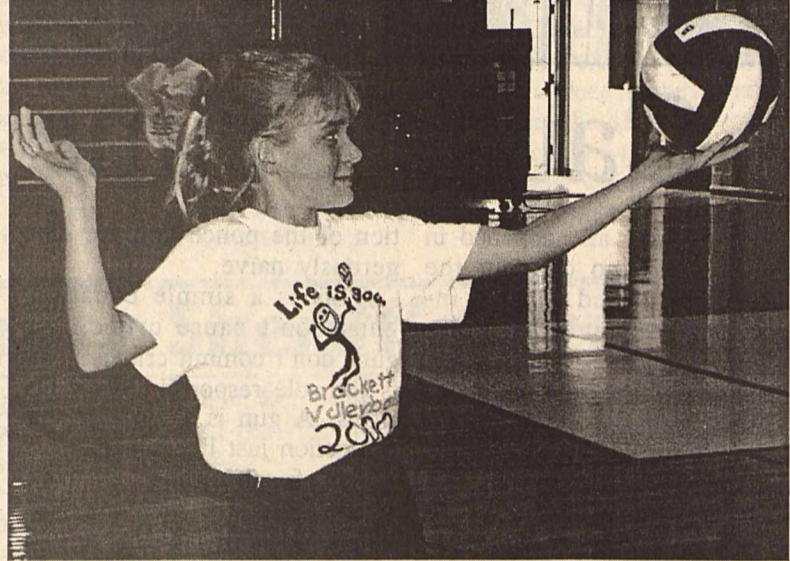
gas rate is \$2.89 per BTU and expires July 31.

The council chose the three year option in lieu of one and two year contracts and monthly installments. The three year option guarantees that the price will not go up within that time period.

The city turned down a one year contract at a rate of \$4.75 per BTU and a two year rate of \$4.401 per BTU.

Though discussion about the gas rate hike took place in a meeting closed to the public Tuesday night, the rate increase did not

come as a surprise to the council and some residents who attended the July 13 council meeting. At that meeting, City Secretary David Luna told the council that the city's gas contract with West Texas Gas Inc., was going to expire and that a gas rate hike was imminent.



Bailee Allen, 10, was among 30 Brackettville students who participated in the third annual Tigerette Volleyball Camp last week in the high school gym. The students learned passing, setting and spiking techniques, offense and defense and how to have fun playing volleyball. (See related story, pictures on Page 5)

County to contribute \$1,000 to help repair Spofford streets, alleys

The county will pick up the \$1,000 tab to haul crushed limestone to repair streets and alleys in Spofford, Commissioners' Court decided Monday.

Commissioners Freddie Frerich and Joe Williams voted against the measure.

The action was taken five days after Spofford Mayor Pro Tem Tootsie Herndon brought up the matter at a special Commissioners' Court meeting attended by County Judge Herb Senne and Commissioners Frerich and Pat Melancon.

At the July 5 meeting and again Monday, the Court was asked to consider entering into an Interlocal Agreement with Spofford concerning the maintenance of city streets and alleys.

Action on the matter was postponed from Friday, July 5 until Monday to give Commissioners Williams and Joe Montalvo an opportunity to voice any concerns.

Commissioner Frerich, present at both meetings, said he was against any such agreement, particularly if it involved spending any more of the Kinney County taxpayers' money.

Frerich said Spofford's tax rate is half of what Brackettville's is and that Spofford should consider raising its tax rate to pay for such things as street repair and maintenance.

Brackettville has no homestead exemption, the city has the highest tax rate in the county, and spending any more of Kinney County taxpayers' money is very unfair, especially to the older, retired people. Frerich also said Kinney County has its own roads to repair.

Melancon also expressed concern about the repair and maintenance of roads in Kinney County. County officials estimate it will take another six months to repair the roads in the county that were damaged by the flood in August 1998. Those roads can be repaired with funds from FEMA; however, FEMA has a deadline. If the roads are not repaired within that time frame, the county could lose thousands of dollars, said Melancon.

The judge said the county has asked FEMA for an extension, that no problems are anticipated, and that the county believes an extension will be granted.

Commissioners also emphasize need to fix roads in Kinney

Monday's action to haul the material to Spofford to repair streets and alleys was part of an Interlocal Agreement resurrected from the last such agreement between Kinney County and Spofford, dated 1995.

The year 2000 version contains amendments made by County Attorney Tully Shahan reflecting any changes in the law since 1995.

The three-year agreement, effective Nov. 1, includes a provision that the county will pay no more than \$1,000 for hauling the crushed limestone to Spofford. The city of Spofford will pay an estimated \$1,300 to pay for the crushed limestone.

In other business, the court approved maintaining the \$10 County Road and Bridge Fee for each vehicle registered in Kinney *Continued on Page 5*

Luna OK'd waterline connection from Spofford to Mobley ranch, council told

Simply put, the whole situation is "water under the bridge," Spofford residents more or less told city council Tuesday night.

Nothing illegal took place, the Brackettville city secretary and the Kinney County City Council were involved, it was out in the open for two or three months and there was nothing secret about it, the panel was told.

Since the June 13 meeting, Mayor Carmen Berlanga had been accused of keeping secrets from the council that a waterline was connected from Spofford to the Mobley ranch.

Mary Flores, who was alderwoman at that time but is no longer on the council, made the accusation.

The mayor told Flores then that she knew about the waterline connection and that City Secretary David Luna had approved it.

However, 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," Luna told Berlanga.

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The matter re-surfaced Tuesday night after the council met in executive session.

In open session, Berlanga acknowledged there were some Spofford residents in the audience and other interested parties (including Mary Flores).

"We're not going to turn this into a three-ring circus," the mayor said. She asked members of the audience to permit speakers to speak without interruption.

Among the speakers was rancher Jack Mobley whose attempts to obtain water through drilling methods for some newly acquired property had been un-

successful.

Mobley said Luna had informed him that there was a clause in the water contract with Spofford that would enable Mobley to use water for domestic use only, "for residential use only...that I could not use the water for ponds, cattle or anything else."

Mobley said he intends to build houses on the property and that he needs water for residential use. He reiterated several times that he is not using the water for the various ponds on the property or for his cattle. *Mobley told the council that be-*

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Agenda items, Citizens' Collection Site, flyaway plastic bags among council topics

The city council Tuesday night approved the minutes of the June 13 meeting, with corrections, if any are needed. Whether any amendments will be made will depend on a review of the audio tape of the meeting.

When the question to approve the minutes came up, Alderwoman Tencha Pena questioned whether a quote attributed to the mayor during that meeting was correct.

When a member of the audience, Mary Flores, responded that the quote was correct, Mayor Berlanga told her, "You're out of order!"

The quote in question involved a question posed by Flores at the

June 13 meeting, regarding a waterline hook-up.

Alderman Ralph Gonzalez asked Pena, "are you suggesting the staff did this on purpose?" "No," Pena replied. City Secretary David Luna then suggested that the council listen to the tape of that meeting.

Pena made a motion to table the item until the next meeting and Alderman Tomas Gomez seconded the motion. Gonzalez said he had no reason to doubt the staff and that he was not in favor of tabling the item. Alderwoman Martha McDonald and Alderman Johnny Samaniego agreed with Gonzalez. Then Pena made a

motion that the council accept the minutes with any necessary corrections after review of the tape. Gonzalez seconded the motion and the council unanimously agreed.

Also Tuesday night, the council tabled an item on the agenda until the August meeting. The item involved a presentation by a Central Power and Light Co. spokesperson concerning required changes of services pursuant to Texas Electric Choice Act and options available to the city. The item was tabled because a CP&L spokesperson could not attend Tuesday's meeting.

In other business, the city secretary *Continued on Page 3*

World of Work participants, Mayra Aguirre and Lalo Garcia earn praise

The Kinney County Appraisal District has benefited significantly from participating in the Middle Rio Grande Development Council's summer "World of Work" Program, according to Chief Appraiser Bill Haenn.

"Their enthusiasm and good humor is very infectious and I know Mayra and Lalo will be an asset to any employer and a success no matter what careers they choose." - Bill Haenn

"We not only got to experience two very energetic young people, but we also got some serious work done," said Haenn.

Mayra Aguirre and Hilario (Lalo) Garcia proved to be fast learners and quickly showed they could "make a difference" just as (School Superintendent) Taylor

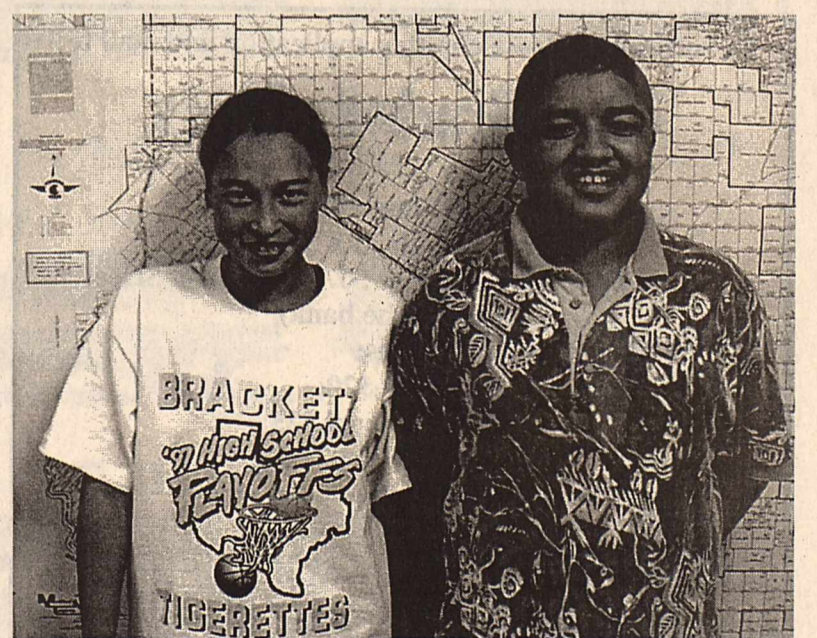
Stephenson would expect them to.

Their major project was to enter a platted subdivision, consisting of more than one hundred properties, into the Appraisal District's computer system.

This involved not only using their computer skills but also being able to use logical thinking, math skills, and attention to detail to complete the task error free.

"They got the job done sooner than we expected and once they had done a couple of properties, very little supervision was needed. This was no easy undertaking and these kids did a noteworthy job," Haenn said.

"Their enthusiasm and good humor is very infectious and I know Mayra and Lalo will be an asset to any employer and a success no matter what careers they choose. I know I also speak for Gene and Liz when I say we were proud to work with them."



Mayra Aguirre, a sophomore and Hilario Garcia, a freshman in the Brackett Independent School District, spent part of their summer working with the Kinney County Appraisal District as participants in the Middle Rio Grande Development Council "World of Work" Program. (Photo courtesy of Bill Haenn)

Letters to the Editor

Telling the truth to the members

The "born again" Good Government Group of Fort Clark Springs recently requested a membership list for the stated purpose of "telling the truth to the members." They got the list, they mailed two letters (undated) to the membership. In their second letter they attacked a member of the Board of Directors for making "a terrible allegation ... caused one of our local businessmen embarrassment ... could cause a lawsuit against the association." This would not have happened had the director who made the allegation talked to the General Manager, says GGG.

The office of the General Manager distributed copies of a Memo from Bob Walker to Jim Heath, dated January 11, 1999, updated on April 27, 2000, to members of the Board of Directors, which says in the next to the last paragraph:

"I recommend the D-4 (track loader)...It is a 1990 model..." (Obtain your copies at the Gen-

eral Manager's Office).

The director had the information from Heath, in writing.

Subsequent inquiries by two different members of the association proved that the track loader was manufactured in 1975, not 1990, as Mr. Walker states in his memo.

The remark that the board "had been misled" was never directed against a local businessman. The bill of sale and the invoice never mentioned the model year. The name of the source of the misleading information was not mentioned.

The member of the Board who made the motion to apologize to the local businessman took his marching orders blindly without verification of the facts.

When will the Good Government Group start telling the truth instead of poisoning the atmosphere with innuendo and false information?

Art Baker

Your thoughtfulness is appreciated

To: the coordinating committee, Fourth of July activities, Brackettville/Kinney County

This is to express my appreciation to each and all of you for staging such an outstanding demonstration of Patriotism in celebration of our Nation's 224th birthday.

In addition, I thank you for the beautiful trophy - the bald eagle, America's symbol. How appropriate. I shall treasure it in

remembrance of this day. Thank goodness Benjamin Franklin failed in his efforts to name the turkey as our national emblem. As someone said, "It is difficult to soar with the eagles when working with a bunch of turkeys."

Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. God bless America!

Sincerely,

Tom Powell

Pearl Harbor Survivor

Who stole my baby brother's Big Bird?

My name is Robert Payne. I am 7 years old. My baby brother is dead. Somebody stole my baby brother, Kevin's Big Bird

from his cross. Please take it back.

Thank you,

Robert

Big Mama Sez!



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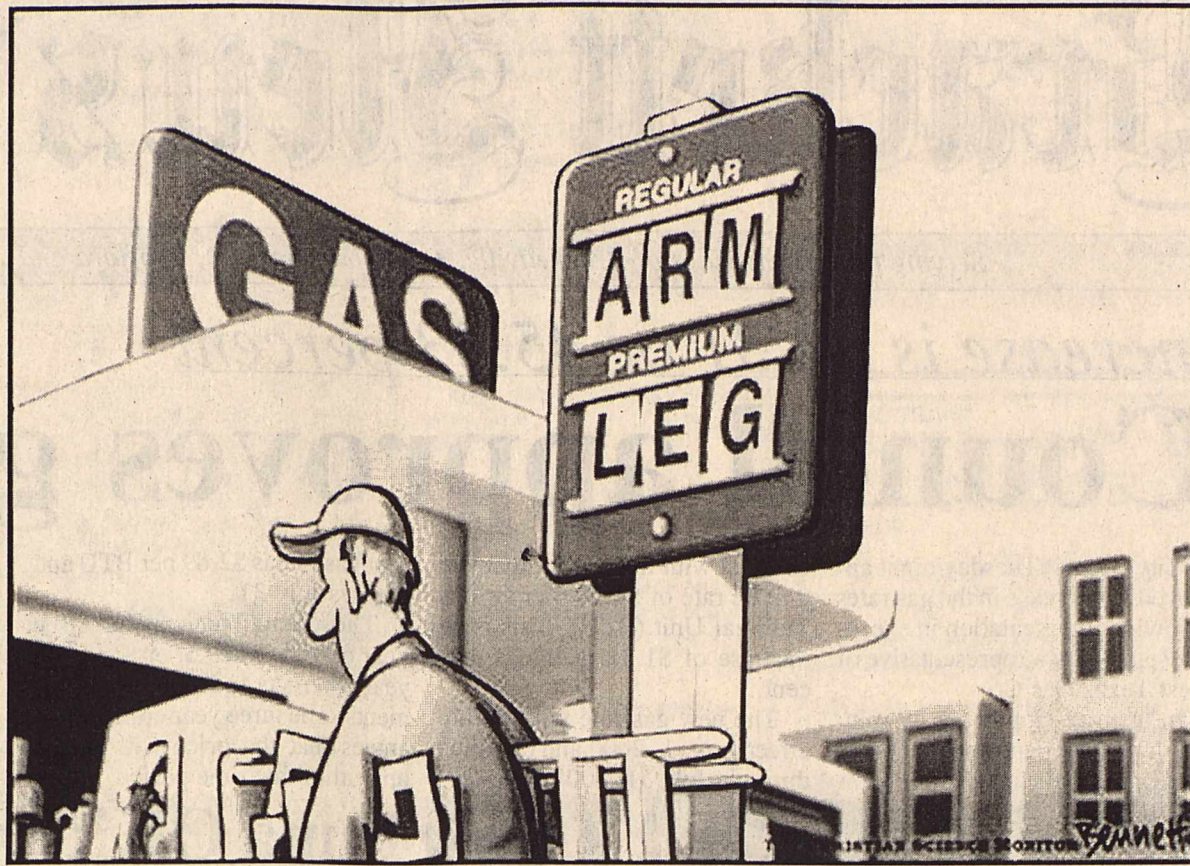
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Do Guns Cause Crime

The way I see it!
By Steven R. LaMascus

One of the biggest political balloons in the country today is gun control. The leading mantra of the liberal left is that guns cause crime. They say that if there were no guns there would be very little crime, especially violent crime. Let's explore this possibility.

First, let's ask the obvious question: Was there violent crime before guns came on the scene?

The equally obvious answer is, of course there was! Jack the Ripper used a knife to kill all those women. Roman soldiers used swords and spears to conquer most of the known world. Before guns were invented criminals used swords, knives, clubs and rocks. Crime is as old as mankind. So, obviously the mere presence of guns does not incite crime.

Does the presence of guns allow crime to happen with a greater degree of frequency? Well, let's see, have you ever heard of a mass murderer running rampant at a gun show? How about a killing spree at a pistol match or skeet shoot? How about a crime rampage at a cop convention? Nope, me either.

Why? Guns!

Hmmm, I guess then that the mere presence of firearms does not allow a greater incidence of crime. In fact, it appears to me that we have just proven that the presence of guns restricts crime. So let's take that a bit further.

The killing sprees we have been hearing about for the last

few years have all happened in places where no one but the killer was armed. These included schools, nurseries, office buildings, and clinics. On the other hand there have been absolutely no such killing sprees in locations where guns were both present and plentiful. Do we have a trend here?

Why do police officers carry guns? Because they need them to protect themselves. Seldom, that is extraordinarily rarely, does a cop use his gun to protect anyone else. That gun is on his hip to keep him alive. When he faces a criminal he has his protection with him. Why shouldn't I have that same privilege as a citizen of the United States of America? What are the chances that a police officer is going to be standing there to protect me at the precise moment when I am being threatened by a criminal? I'll bet you the odds are better that you will win the lottery or be struck by a meteor.

As I have said before, a police officer cannot protect you. It is just that simple. He cannot be everywhere, all the time. In this day and time, when we are releasing violent criminals onto the street after a few months in jail, because we don't have room to keep them where they can be comfortable and have color TV and a fully equipped gym, the odds are that you are going to be confronted by a criminal who has been arrested before. If we are to rely on the police to protect us I must ask, where were they when all those other people they are supposed to protect were being killed? No, if you are relying on the protec-

tion of the police you are dangerously naïve.

This is a simple equation; guns don't cause crime, and guns don't commit crimes. That is the sole responsibility of humans. A gun is a tool for self-protection just like a hammer is a tool for building. In areas where guns are more plentiful in the hands of law-abiding citizens crime is lowest. In those areas where the average citizen is unarmed the crime rate is higher. This has been proven time after time. The latest case of proof is the current situation in Australia, where after confiscation of firearms the gun related murder rate soared 400 percent. That is in direct conflict with what the gun haters would like you to believe. They have labeled the problem "gun violence" and "gun crimes" when it is really "human violence" and "human crimes;" and gun confiscation reducing crime is a lie.

The disarming of America is not being done to safeguard your lily-white body; it is being done because as long as you are armed you cannot be controlled. As long as you are armed you have the right and might to decide your own fate. When you give up your arms is when you become a prisoner, or a subject. Disarming will have just exactly the opposite effect that the liberals say it will. It will not make you safer; it will put you in danger -- danger from armed criminals who will ignore the law, and from a government that an unarmed populace cannot control.

I don't know about you but my "right to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

Tax and the Grim Reaper

Capitol Comment
U.S. Senator
Kay Bailey Hutchison

"Our new Constitution is now established, and has an appearance that promises permanency; but in this world, nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." - Benjamin Franklin, 1789

Benjamin Franklin would no doubt be appalled, but not surprised, to see how those two certainties have come together to put an onerous burden on countless American families.

The estate tax, or death tax, hits people when they are down. It breaks up family farms and businesses. It slows the economy and it stifles job creation.

Bad economic policy aside, there's no getting around the fact that the estate tax is confiscatory. Assets subject to this tax already have been taxed -- first when the money is earned, and again when it is invested.

The result of this very selective double and triple taxation is troubling: only 30 percent of all family-owned businesses are passed down to a second generation, and only 13 percent reach a third generation, be-

cause the current tax law forces owner-heirs to sell the farms and businesses, whole or in part, to pay the tax. One study found that 77 percent of family businesses that entered bankruptcy had failed after the unexpected death of the founders.

We've all heard the sad stories about sons and daughters who have had to sell their parents' family farms in order to pay the death tax. But Texan David Langford's family history illustrates another downside to this tax: how it can stymie environmental conservation efforts.

This is a story seldom told, but one that unfolds all across Texas many times in any given year. Mr. Langford, who is executive vice president of the Texas Wildlife Association, calls the estate tax the "No. 1 destroyer of wildlife habitat in this country."

Before his mother died, she and her son did everything they could to protect and conserve their land in the Texas Hill Country. At the same time they paid a small fortune to accountants, tax attorneys and estate planners to avoid catastrophe.

But all the planning in the world couldn't help when the tax man came calling.

Mr. Langford's mother died in 1993. Because the land had increased so much in value, he had to sell nearly everything she owned, including her house, and nearly everything he owned, including his house, to pay the estate taxes and keep part of his family's land. But even that wasn't enough. He and his wife had to take out a 35-year loan from the Federal Land Bank to pay the rest of the taxes. By now, the value of the land has increased so much that, if anything happens to him, there is no way his children will be able to keep the family property that is left. They would inherit the 35-year debt while being asked to pay another round of death taxes -- as much as 55 percent of the value of their assets.

"Private land stewards all over the country are being ravaged by the estate tax," Mr. Langford writes. "We aren't a bunch of fat cats trying to hoard our assets. We are private citizens trying to preserve an irreplaceable resource for the enjoyment and benefit of generations to come."

Mr. Langford's story is just one part of a bigger, more disturbing picture. The death tax is an all-round losing proposition.

An appetite for land

Submitted by
U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Last Spring, a man named Chuck Cushman stood before a Congressional committee, trying to explain why the Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA), a rather harmless sounding bill, was a threat to more than a million American families who own land on or near federally regulated property. The legislation, which was passed by the House of Representatives, puts aside about \$1 billion a year that the government will use to buy land from "willing sellers."

Cushman, speaking on behalf of the American Land Rights Association, told the story of the "willing sellers" in a little community in Ohio, located between Cleveland and Akron. By law, the Park Service was only supposed to buy up 29 homes to create the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area. But after the Park Service bought the homes and farms of owners who did want to sell, the agency began going after families in a financial crisis, such as recent widows and single parents. Next small businesses and timber owners, which resulted in lost jobs. Tax money was lost, schools and churches closed, and more families moved. Families that stayed found their children could barely get to school, as roads were closed around the federal land. When PBS filmed a documentary on the town in the mid-eighties, the town had all but died. In all, more than 300 homes were sold to the federal government. And yet, everyone of the men and women who fled the town's collapsing economy was considered a "willing seller."

We have no shortage of preserved land in our country. The government owns one third of the land in the United States. In many cases, in desperate need of repair and improvement. The repair backlog has been estimated at \$5 billion. Common sense dictates that before the government takes on more land, it should take care of the parks it already owns.

CARA had been hard for many congressmen to resist, in part because it promises a lot of money to states for parks and environmental projects. But this bill is a trojan horse, built by well-intentioned men and women who don't want to believe their government is capable of tearing a man from his land, or flagrantly disregarding a whole town's rights as it snatches up business after farm after home. I don't want to believe this is possible, either. But as long as it is, we cannot unleash this law on the public.

Congress' Joint Economic Committee reports that, "...the costs imposed by the death tax far outweigh any benefits it might produce. This century, the tax has reduced the stock of capital in the American economy by \$497 billion."

While family farms are among the hardest hit, there are other victims paying the heavy price of this tax. It is wiping out family-owned newspapers and putting family-owned radio stations on the auction block all over America. In 1910 there were 2,100 independently owned daily newspapers in the United States. By 1999, there were only 300.

Among the many ironies the estate tax presents is that, while it brings in less than 1 percent of total federal tax revenues, its enforcement costs the government 65 cents for every dollar received.

Since I've been in the Senate, the administration has rejected repeated efforts to end this tax once and for all. But the tide may be turning. On June 6, the House passed a bill ending the death tax by a large, bipartisan majority, and the Senate is expected to take it up soon.

Old West Gunfighters' Competition draws over 500 people

Bullets were a flying July 4 at the first annual Alamo Village Old West Gunfighters' Competition.

The exciting competition was complemented by a multi-media outdoor art show and sale and a variety of other events.

More than 500 people from as far as Sweden and Australia witnessed the five team competition and were there when the top prize went to the Badland Rangers Living History Re-enactor group from Uvalde County.

Their skit, entitled "Death in the Streets of Alamoville," was

loaded with humor and just the right touch of drama. Patty Ham, a charter member of the group, won Best Actress, Most Talented Female and Most Authentic Costume. Ham, whose husband, James, is also a member of the Badland Texas Rangers, said each person researches and then makes or has someone make his or her costume.

Badland Texas Rangers crew members were Jim and Liz Ryan, James and Patty Ham, Pancho and Beverly Schmidt, David and Kathy Sprott, Jim and Francie

Plunkett, David and Ann Powell, Bain Walker, Clark Nash, and Jim and Karen Hickman.

Ralph Mareno with the South Texas Gunfighters' group from San Antonio won Best Actor, Most Talented and Comical Male Performer. "I love doing this, I like to make people laugh," Mareno said.

Other winners included: Most Handsome: Trey Strickland; Most Beautiful: Kathy Sprott; Grubbiest Hat: Mike Walker; Most Comical Female: Linda Pina.

"Every one of the teams were so good and the judges really had their work cut out for them, picking the winners," said owner-op-

erator Virginia Shahan.

Staff and administration at Alamo Village are already work-

ing on the next special event, the 40th annual Labor Day Cowboy Horse Races.



Pictured above: The Badland Texas Rangers, winners of the 1st annual Alamo Village Old West Gunfighters' Competition. Badland Texas Rangers crew members included Jim and Liz Ryan, James and Patty Ham, Pancho and Beverly Schmidt, David and Kathy Sprott, Jim and Francie Plunkett, David and Ann Powell, Bain Walker, Clark Nash, and Jim and Karen Hickman.

Nixon denied place on agenda?

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retary told the council that the application to obtain a permit to change the Citizens' Collection Site to a transfer station has been submitted.

Also Tuesday, citizen Gene Nixon addressed the Council during the announcements portion of the agenda after she said she has

not been able to get her topic on the agenda for the past two months. She wants the city to make sure plastic bags do not blow out from the Citizens' Collection Site into her adjacent property where she has goats that might ingest the bags.

She also said that the high grass and dry conditions pose a fire haz-

ard. She said she has suggested placing slats in the chain link fence around the Collection Site.

Luna told Nixon she has never been denied a place on the agenda and as far as the slats are concerned, he is still waiting for her to let him know where to buy the slats she suggests.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report ...

Monday, July 3

9:44 p.m., A local woman reported people throwing fireworks at houses on west Fulton. Police Chief Ron Ring was dispatched to the scene.

11:03 p.m., Armando Sotelo, Jr., 49, of Del Rio, was arrested by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie for driving while license suspended and driving while intoxicated, third offense. Sotelo posted bond the following day.

Tuesday, July 4

8:30 p.m., An anonymous caller reported a minor driving a brown and tan pickup headed south on Beaumont. Deputy Chism reported, at 10:38 p.m., the minor had been cited and sent home.

9:16 p.m., A local woman reported someones trash fire had spread from the barrel to the

ground. Police Chief Ron Ring was dispatched and reported no sign of fire or smoke.

9:50 p.m., A local man reported fireworks being shot off on west Thomas. Police Chief Ron Ring was dispatched to the scene.

10:42 p.m., A caller reported fireworks at a local business. Police Chief Ron Ring was dispatched to the scene.

10:45 p.m., A local woman called and said she was having problems with her boyfriend. Police Chief Ron Ring was dispatched to the scene.

11:00 a.m., Guadalupe Moreno Diaz, Jr., 32, of Sokane, Washington, was arrested by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar for driving while intoxicated and probation violation. Diaz was released on bond the same day.

11:03 p.m., A woman stopped

at the Sheriff's Office to report a low flying plane, approximately 3 miles west of Brackettville. Deputy Chism and Trooper Ashley were dispatched to the scene. The airplane ran out of fuel and made an emergency landing in front of Shorty's Restaurant.

Wednesday, July 5

9:59 p.m., A local woman reported minors firing fireworks in the vicinity of Pafford and Second Street. She said they were keeping her up. Deputy Pena was dispatched to the scene.

Thursday, July 6

4:53 p.m., Security Link called to report an alarm at the High School gym. Police Chief was dispatched and reported it was a false alarm.

Friday, July 7

10:22 p.m., A local woman called to report a drunken man in

a wheelchair at the baseball field. Police Chief Ron Ring was dispatched.

10:35 p.m., Edwin Titt, 45, of Brackettville, was arrested by Police Chief Ring for public intoxication. Titt was released the following day for time served.

5:00 p.m., Rogelio Granado, 23, of Del Rio, was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley for driving while license suspended, expired license, and expired inspection sticker. Granado was released on bond the same day.

Saturday, July 8

8:35 a.m., A man reported a cow and calf were lose on Highway 277. The owners were notified.

9:33 a.m., A man requested the presence of a deputy while he made a delivery. The person he was delivering to owed him money

and he wanted no repercussions. Deputy Pena was dispatched and advised both subjects to file any claims with Justice of the Peace John Ford.

11:58 a.m., Deputy Pena reported a stranded motorist 4 miles west of Brackettville. ABC wrecker was notified.

12:30 a.m., A local man reported he had locked his keys in his car. Deputy Pena was dispatched an assisted the man in unlocking the vehicle.

1:10 p.m., Deputy Pena reported two illegal aliens approximately 2 miles west of Brackettville on Highway 90. U.S. Border Patrol was notified and dispatched a unit to the scene.

4:42 p.m., A woman called to report two children roller blading inside the post office. Police Chief

Ring was dispatched to the scene. 10:19 p.m., Fort Clark Springs Security called to report a car accident on F.M. 334 approximately 17 miles from Brackettville. DPS Trooper Ashley and Deputy Chism were dispatched to the scene.

Jose Luis Perez, 45, of Del Rio was arrested by Trooper Tony Ashley for driving while license suspended. Perez was released on bond the following day.

Sunday, July 9

1:24 a.m., A local woman reported a stranded vehicle a few miles east on Highway 90. DPS Trooper Ashley was dispatched to the scene.

11:35 a.m., Deputy Pena reported a minor accident on Highway 90 by the baseball field. No injuries were reported.

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There are some things I won't do

I could be wrong!
By Chuck Hall

As I find myself getting increasingly older, my thoughts and philosophies on many things have changed.

I hope they've changed for the better. Still some things haven't changed. I'm still very hardheaded when it comes to certain items.

I continue to dislike drinking

decaffeinated coffee. Occasionally I sip decaf, but I don't like to. I know it's better for me. It keeps my belly from hurting.

But I drink coffee for the caffeine. I want a pick-me-up. I don't like the taste of this stuff. I need a booster. I refuse to buy firewood.

I'm not sure why the idea bothers me but it does. If you hire another to do your limb gathering, that's fine. It's your

call. I never have, don't now, and hope I never want to. Old Chinese proverb: When you chop your own firewood, it warms you twice. I will not pay someone else to chop sticks for me. (Was that a Chinese pun?)

One more thing and then I get off of this kick. I don't use the US postal system. I do not send any letters other than those of a business nature. I haven't even sent a birthday card to my own

children. Not ever. Christmas cards? Bah, humbug. Mail is way too cold and impersonal to suit my tastes.

And the mail trucks are way too busy to carry any more weight added by any of my foolish writings.

I'll pick up the phone and call folks. I like talking. I can put some feeling into oral communication. Ink and paper don't cut it. But I could be wrong.

Worship of God is the foundation for all morality

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Do we have to go to church?" questioned fourteen year old Jason.

Jack returned his son's question with a question of his own. "You have always been willing to go to church, Jason. Why, all of a sudden, don't you want to go? I'd like to hear your reasons."

"Well," said Jason, "I think I should be able to choose for myself. Besides, Bill and David don't have to go to church if they don't want to."

"Are they making fun of you?" asked Jack.

"Well, sort of," Jason replied.

"I can understand your feelings, son. It isn't easy having to listen to your friends making fun of you. Your mom and I go to church because we love God and because God loves us. God has commanded us to worship him and because he is our creator, he deserves our worship and praise. When your mom and I got married, we decided that one of the standards for our family would be to go to church and that we would

teach our children to do the same. We also decided that we would sit together as a family during church services. I know that some families don't sit together and many times don't even go to church. We don't go to church to socialize and to catch up on the latest news. We go to worship our heavenly father. We make no apologies to other people for what we believe to be right.

Wise parents know that the worship of God is the foundation for all morality and good behavior. Thousands of years ago God's first three commandments to His people were to reverence and worship Him (Deuteronomy 5:6-12). We live in an immoral world that does not want to hear the Commandments of God. All the more we should teach them to our children.

This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project working to strengthen families, faith and education in Brackettville. Questions for Dr. Smith? Contact him at P.O. Box 949 or on the web at donsmith@hilconet.com.

Fourth of July celebration a success, organizers say

Submitted by
Alma Gutierrez

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country's birthday began at 7 a.m. Tuesday, July 4 with a volleyball tournament in which 10 teams participated.

The tournament ended at 5 p.m. with "Stars and Stripes" in first place. The team was coached by Susana Castillo.

The parade took place at 9 a.m. with over 30 entries riding down Ann Street.

The parade winners were: 1st place, David Ortega (Little Mr. Cinco de Mayo); 2nd place: Fort Clark Springs; 3rd place: Seminole Indian Scouts Association. A big thanks to the judges: Joe Montalvo, Josie Meyer and Dora Sandoval.

The opening ceremony took place on the courthouse lawn where World War II veterans were honored by Emily Fuentes, Daniel Molinar, Alexis Butcher, Ramon Gutierrez, Krystal Rangel, Miranda Letsinger and Gracie Terrazas as they read a poem and presented each veteran with a statue of the American Eagle. Guest speakers were Lt. Col. Star Smith and Mr. Joe Goebel.

"The National Anthem" was sung by Mrs. Lynn McNew and "Taps" was played by Candace Ingram. There also was a fly-by organized by Laughlin Air Force Base. There were booths throughout the day at the city pool park with food, arts and crafts and

games. The dance began at 9 p.m. and ended at midnight with a fireworks display at the track field. Music was played by Eric Williams of Del Rio.

The celebration was a success. The Kinney County Fourth of July Committee, made up of members of the following organizations, Las Moras Hispanic Organization, Seminole Indian Scouts Association, Knights of Columbus, Fort Clark Springs Association and Kinney County Little League Association would like to thank the City of Brackettville, the Volunteer Fire Department and everyone involved for their efforts in making the Second Annual Fourth of July Celebration memorable.

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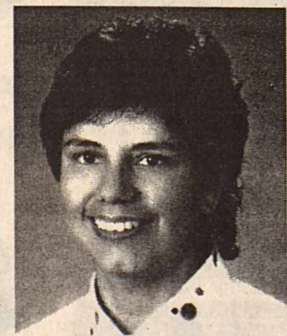
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McMaster informs Rotarians about changes taking place in publishing world

Rotarian and newly-published author Frances McMaster, spoke on writing and on the changes taking place in the publishing world at the Brackettville Rotary Club meeting Thursday, July 6.

As a small child, Ms. McMaster lived in Austin, Texas and remembers exciting trips to the library where she got to pick out books to read. As she grew up, she learned to write and earned a place in an honors English class - Creative Writing - and had a poem published in the National Anthology of High School Poetry the year she graduated.

She became a psychotherapist and was in private practice in later years in Houston, Texas. It was there she began attending a writer's group every week. Members would bring something they had written to be critiqued. Most of the group was published, but she was working and didn't have as much time to devote to it. In those days, computers were just beginning to appear and she wrote by hand. She describes having papers from yellow pads with paragraphs cut and taped into the proper position as the way she edited.

She and Eric, her husband, took early retirement and moved to Fort Clark Springs in 1985, and it was then she began writing continuously. Mysteries had always intrigued her, and it popped into McMaster's head one day that the Amphitheater stage would be a great place to find a body. Then, the title, "Death Plays the Lead," popped into her mind. Back to the board (the computer).

When she tried to sell the novel, she found it was too short. She added characters and changed the married couple she was using as the protagonists to single people. "You have to have two to carry the dialogue," she explained, "and I thought readers would like it better if they weren't married. Suddenly, she found she had a romance side by side with the mystery.

When she first started writing, to get something published, you either sent a query letter and three chapters of your book to a publisher (called "sending it over the transom") or, if you were lucky enough, you got an agent. It was difficult to get published.

It has now progressed to a "Catch Twenty Two." You can't get published without an agent, and agents won't take you unless you have been published.

Big changes are rapidly arriving in the way books are published. In the "old days," people who had paid to have their own book printed often turned to "Vanity presses." They were charged thousands of dollars and then had to do a lot of the marketing themselves.

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Major publishers have spent very little on publicizing books they select and publish unless your name is King or Grisham. Their shelf life is a couple of weeks or so, and then it's off to another book for the publishers.

McMaster considers herself extremely lucky. She was published by Panther Creek Press in Spring, Texas. A friend and author decided to enter the publishing business and asked to print, "Death Plays the Lead," which she had read previously and liked.

A small printer was used and Panther Creek won't have to print up thousands of books which must be stored until sold. McMaster says, "A first book seldom sells a lot, so this is very helpful. I can get more when I need them, and I will be marketing them. It will be available over the Internet.

Now, books can be ordered off the Internet through Amazon.com and other such warehouses. An author registers his or her book with them, and they take orders received over the Internet and ship out books. They also ask for a hefty discount but pay shipping cost to buyers.

Other books are available on the computer itself. In a recent article in Time Magazine, Stephen King says the response he has gotten on his web site about his cyberpace adventure, "Riding the Bullet," is that his readers enjoyed the story, but not getting it on the screen. There's something about holding a book in hand that is deeply satisfying, he says.

Simon Schuster has released Mary Higgins Clark's latest best seller, "Before I Say Goodbye" in an electronic version. She has just signed a new contract for four mysteries for \$15 million each and \$4 million for a memoir to be published in 2001.

Eakin Press of Austin, Texas and some other publishers, have new and very expensive equipment - POD - Print on Demand. It can print books as ordered. Eakin had discovered his warehouse expense exceeded the income from the books sold. He can now print a hundred or so when asked.

No one really knows how all of this will be resolved, but book lovers will be unlikely to give up the opportunity to buy and hold in their hands something that has given them hours of enjoyment, entertainment and information.

CBA program offers options to those who need skilled care

People who need skilled care now have more choices, assures Gemma Garza, Department of Human Services employee who is based in Del Rio and visits Brackettville regularly.

The Community Based Alternative (CBA) program offered by the Texas Department of Human Services, allows eligible individuals to receive services in their own homes, foster homes, or assisted living settings. The CBA program is the last payor of services when other third-party resources such as Medicare and Medicaid are available. To be eligible for these services, individuals must:

- be determined at risk of entering a nursing facility;
- be 21 or older;
- qualify medically and financially for Medicaid nursing home care;

• require services that can be adequately provided in the community at no more cost than care in a nursing home and

- choose CBA services.

Available services include:

- personal care and attendant services;
- nursing care and therapies;
- medical supplies and adaptive equipment
- electronic emergency monitoring;
- respite for caregiver relief;
- foster care;
- assisted living/residential care;
- 24-hour supervision and care in foster homes and personal care homes and
- home modification to enhance personal safety and physical access.

Also available is Community Care for the Aged and Disabled (CCAD), according to Garza.

The goal of CCAD is to provide in-home and community based services to the elderly and people with disabilities who are functionally impaired, allowing them to remain in their own homes or communities. Certain services (Primary Home Care and Day Activity and Health Services) are available to functionally impaired children who have an established medical need. These services are alternatives to necessary institutionalization. **Adult Foster Care** - This program provides a 24-hour living arrangement in a Department of Human Services foster home for people who, because of physical, mental or emotional limitations, are unable to continue independent functioning in their own homes.

Case Management Services: These services are provided directly by DHS caseworkers to eligible clients on an ongoing basis. Services include assessment of client needs, service plan development formal case referral and monitoring of the clients and service delivery. **Day Activity and Health Services:** These services

are provided in contract facility centers and include supervision, nutrition services, nursing services and recreational and educational services. Services are typically limited to five-day-a-week care not to exceed 10 hours daily; thereby allowing the client's caretaker to be employed. **Emergency Response:** These services use a beeper system and an electronic device connected to the client's telephone to access emergency assistance in case of an accident or sudden illness. **Family Care Services:** These services are provided to individuals who because of their physical or mental infirmity, cannot care for their personal needs. Services are provided in the home by contract agencies and include personal care, household tasks, meal preparation, escort and shopping.

Home delivered meals: These services include preparation and delivery of hot meals to the client's residence on a scheduled basis.

Primary Home Care: This is an in-home, non-technical medical service for eligible Title XIX recipients whose health problems cause them to be functionally limited in activities of daily living. Essential housekeeping and personal care are provided. The service is provided by contract agencies and must be ordered by a physician and supervised by a registered nurse. **Residential Care:** These services are provided in contract facilities and include room, board, supervision and non-medical attendant care. **Respite Care:** This service provides short-term care for the aged and adult people with disabilities who require care and/or supervision while allowing their caretakers temporary relief. There is no resource limit for respite care.

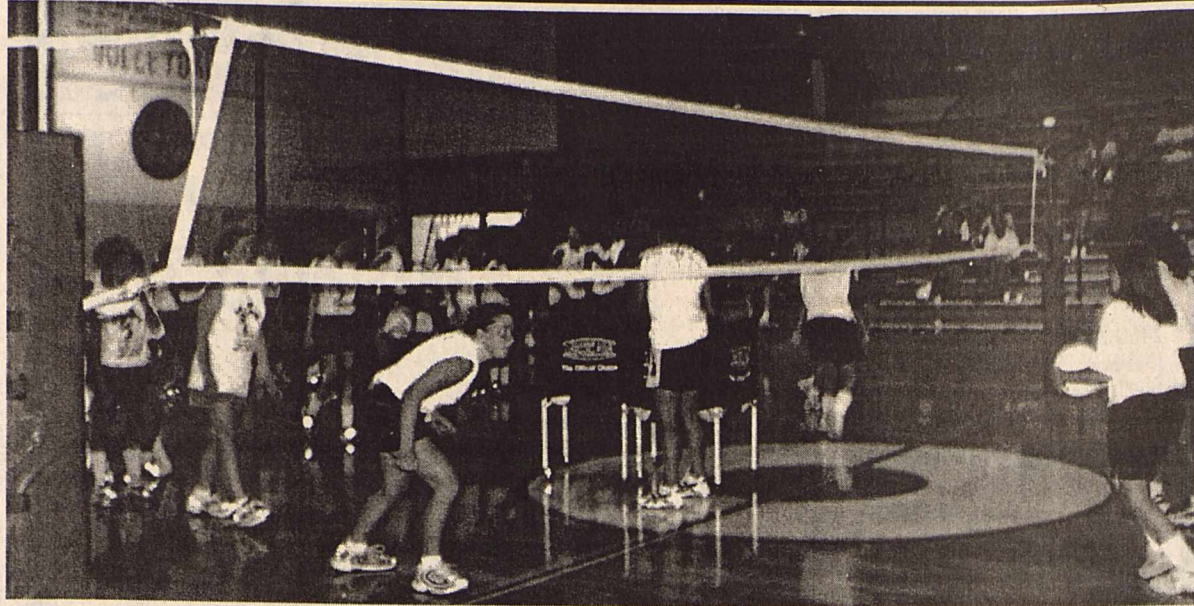
Special Services to Persons with Disabilities: These services are provided through contract agencies in accordance with the client's individual service plan to achieve rehabilitative and rehabilitative goals. Services include counseling, socialization, personal and social skills and skill training.

To be eligible for CCAD services, people must be eligible for Title XIX or have incomes at or below \$1,482 per month for an individual or \$2,964 for a couple.

People must have countable resources below \$5,000 for an individual or \$6,000 for a couple. Some resources are considered exempt. People must be age 18 or older to be eligible for most services.

Day Activity and Health Services and Primary Home Care can serve all ages with an established medical need causing functional impairments. Functional capability and impairment are measured in a client needs assessment interview by a DHS caseworker.

For more information, contact Garza at 703-7715 or 703-7767.



30 students participate in Volleyball Camp

Thirty Brackettville students participated in the third annual Tigerette Volleyball Camp last week in the high school gym. Four instructors taught the girls passing, setting and spiking techniques, offense and defense and how to have fun playing volleyball, according to Dusty Brotherton, coordinator.

Participants were Bailee Allen, Juliann Ashabranner, Dana Bonner, Stephanie Bonner, Dolores Cano, Jacquelyn Conoly, Stephanie Coronado, Jessica Crane, Ashley Culverhouse, Amanda Davis, Jackie Duncan, Courtney Frerich, Kai Lani Glass, Cassandra Gomez, Cathy Herman, Whitney Hobbs, Krissie

Linton, Cassie Mata, Kristin Meyer, Laura Meyer, Sarah Meyer, Tanya Molinar, Kathleen O'Neal, Divina Pena, Ashley Smith, Bianca Stewart, Nadine Terrazas, Valerie Terrazas, Lindsay Wharton, Kara Yeager. Instructors were Lindsey Brotherton, Connie Castro, Tiffany Eckenrod and LaToya Wright.



Tigerette Volleyball Camp participants were, front row, from left (sitting) Dolores Cano, Cathy Herman, Kara Yeager, Nadine Terrazas, Kristin Meyer and Bailee Allen. Second row from left, (kneeling) Lindsey Brotherton, instructor, Tanya Molinar, Cassie Mata, Jacquelyn Conoly, Krissie Linton, Valerie Terrazas and Connie Castro, instructor. Third row from left, (leaning over) Laura Meyer, Juliann Ashabranner, Ashley Culverhouse, Divina Pena, Jackie Duncan, Whitney Hobbs, and Cassandra Gomez. Fourth row, from left (standing) Tiffany Eckenrod, instructor, Kathleen O'Neal, Amanda Davis, Stephanie Bonner, Courtney Frerich, Ashley Smith, Sarah Meyer, Lindsay Wharton, Stephanie Coronado, and La Toya Wright, instructor. Participants not pictured: Kai Lani Glass, Dana Bonner, Jessica Crane, and Bianca Stewart. Dusty Brotherton coordinated the Camp.

High school reunion 2000 set Sept. 1-2

Brackettville High friends and former classmates: It's not too late to get your reservation in for the "Blast from the Past" weekend planned this Labor Day weekend. For many of you this will be your second reunion notice. For some, it will be your first. Already more than 100 individuals have confirmed reservations for the weekend. It is truly expected to be a wonderful weekend and a gigantic success. Cost per person will be \$25 and a minimum of \$10 per person is required to reserve your place with us on this momentous occasion when our friends and former classmates will be returning to Brackettville from many different states. Unfortunately, due to the financial responsibilities of reserving food and beverage quantities and other expenses, we are unable to

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hold a reservation for you only with a verbal acknowledgment. There will be a registration and hospitality evening Friday, Sept. 1 and then a second registration on Saturday morning, Sept. 2. Tours of the school and Fort Clark Museum are planned along with a barbecue at Rendezvous Park. The evening will conclude with a dance at the Brackettville Civic Center. Please use the tear off below

and return with your deposit no later than Aug. 1 if you will be attending. Unfortunately, due to the high cost of mailing, this will be the last and final reminder and notice of the reunion. For additional information, please call Abbie Garcia 830-563-9626 or you may e-mail to: gar1205@hilconet.com. May God Bless. We hope to see you Labor Day weekend.

Council told Luna knew about Spofford waterline

Continued from Page 1
fore he called Luna, he had approached Spofford city officials who had told him that Brackettville city officials were the ones who would have to give him permission to obtain water. Also speaking Tuesday night was Richard Garcia who said he needed drinking water and that it was not to be used for stock. "I called David (Luna) and he said, 'yeah.' I don't know what the big deal is. (Luna) told me you had water to sell. David said put the water meter on." Spofford Mayor J.B. Herndon and Mayor Pro Tem Tootsie Herndon, also present at Tuesday night's meeting, backed up Mobley's claims. "We would do nothing to jeopardize our contract, nothing. We worked too hard to get this contract. Everything was up and above board," Tootsie Herndon told the council. She said she was asked whether Spofford could sell water to Mr. Mobley. She responded that Spofford could not sell any water unless it was in the city of Spofford and advised that anything beyond

that would have to be negotiated with Brackettville city officials. Afterwards, Alderwoman Tencha Pena asked Mobley whether he was using the water for his cattle or for his ponds. Mobley responded that he was not, that he was using water for his house and to water his lawn and that was the reason his water bill was so high. Alderman Ralph Gonzalez asked Mobley whether other ranchers had asked him whether they could tap into the waterline. At first Mobley answered, "no." But then a member of the audience, Henry Fuentes, told the council that he believed Mobley misunderstood the question. Fuentes said Mobley had answered that he (Mobley) had not approached other ranchers. Asked the question again, Mobley responded that yes, he had been approached by one other rancher wanting to share the waterline but that he had flatly refused. "I'm not going to let anyone tie in to the waterline; I was told by Spofford officials that if I did allow it, I'd be cut off...I'm sorry it's come to this. I'd be glad to

sign an agreement. I want you to know that I checked here first. I was told to put the meter in the city limits, and we did," Mobley told the council. Mobley's reference to a written contract was in answer to Alderman Gonzalez's question whether there was such a document. Later, council was advised by its attorney that it would be better to have such a contract drawn up. County to help repair streets in Spofford
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County; authorized paying \$6 an hour to election judges and clerks during the November General Election; met in executive session for about 30 minutes to discuss personnel and pending litigation, but took no action in open court. Budget workshops, which began Monday, continue Thursday and Friday beginning at 9 a.m. in the Commissioners' Court room.

School starts in four weeks

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

School starts four weeks from Monday on Aug. 14. The teachers will be in session most of the week beginning Aug. 7. Our BHS cheerleaders left Monday for camp. Summer band will begin in the next week and football and volleyball can't be far behind. The staff is complete for next school year and has been for the past couple of weeks. It looks like a terrific staff. This will be the best year ever for Brackett ISD!

Kinney County's Fourth of July activities were apparently very successful. Those who worked to make this holiday a good one in Brackettville should be thanked. Parades in the summer are difficult to get going. I know there was lots of good old fashioned fun culminating with the fireworks at the school track field.

This week, we're completing painting of the "new gym". We excitedly wait to open bids for air conditioning this facility. Bids are due this next week. The maintenance staff will paint the inside of the gym and the floor will be sanded and gym finish will be applied toward the end of this week. It's hot in Brackettville as it is everywhere. We're lucky that we have low humidity here unlike other parts of the country.

tures and humidity are tough to handle this time of the year. This past week, we vacationed in Columbia, Mo. It's a beautiful town of about 100,000 people that includes the University of Missouri where our son Mike teaches. Little Taylor is growing like a weed and is the apple of our eye. While in Columbia, we were able to stand and view the limousines as President Clinton visited the University of Missouri. It was impressive to see Air Force One landing at the airport where our small commuter plane had landed a few days earlier. We attended a concert of the United States Army Band and Chorus from Washington D.C. As the musicians played and sang the Star Spangled Banner, the pride in our country was evident. These moments of patriotic music and seeing our president were inspirational to us. At BISD, we're working on buildings getting ready for the opening of school. Some new textbooks have arrived this week. We have a new tile floor in the Junior

High halls. Tile and carpet for the Elementary School will be delayed until next summer. During the installation, a small piece (about 2 inches) of vinyl asbestos tile was pulled up with the old carpet. We tried a new chemical to separate the VA tile from the newer laid carpet. We closed the building to use the chemical. The 2-inch piece of tile has been removed. Our building did not have any friable asbestos. We do have vinyl asbestos tile (non-friable) in many of our old buildings. (Most schools and older buildings do). The building is safe, but we will have to remove the tile from the hallway next summer to allow installation of new tile. We have an asbestos management plan that requires us to inspect areas where asbestos materials are located. Once again, there is no danger unless the materials are friable. Ours are not. We're careful anyway. Have a great week!

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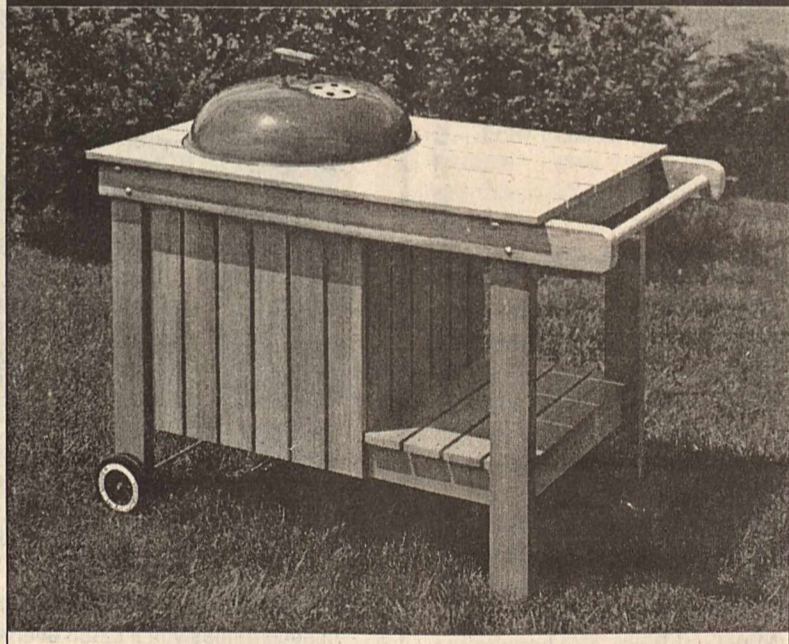
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Aries March 21- April 20
 Simplify your lifestyle this week. Too many people and things are requiring your attention, and you are becoming frazzled. Persistence faith, desire and determination help get you back on track by the weekend. Celebrate.

Taurus April 21-May 21
 If the competition is too tough, ask for some help. Strong-willed Taurus asks for a favor so infrequently that others are willing to jump at the chance. This may be the time to break an old habit.

Gemini May 22-June 21
 A positive mental attitude helps as you are torn in two directions. Do not be the messenger between the two sides. Instead, ask if you can be the mediator and then step back. After all, you need to take care of yourself!

Cancer June 22-July 22
 For a rainbow to appear, you must have rain. Resolve negative feelings through communication and discussion. Set new goals and think big. The only thing holding you back from a new career opportunity is you.

Leo July 23-August 23
 As it gets closer to your birthday, focus on upcoming plans for change and improvement. Family members outwardly support your desire to change but silently want you to remain the same. Try some gentle persuasion.

Virgo August 24-Sept. 22
 Strike up the band and strike out on your own! A business opportunity presents itself, and the financial rewards may be too great to pass up. For a control freak like you, this could be a dream come true.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
 Ah, romance. But can you remain true? Only time will tell. Focusing on the everyday aspects of life may become difficult when blurred by the rosy color of love. Keep a close eye on finances. It's easy to go overboard on luxury items.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
 Too many things vying for your attention? Burying anger toward your responsibilities could backfire. Write down your feelings and thoughts before vocalizing them. Laughter breaks the tension.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
 Wanderlust overtakes adventurous Sagittarius as trips stateside and abroad are planned. Jealous friends try to talk you out of the journeys. Keep your passport updated. Romantic possibilities multiply.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
 Don't let anyone talk you into doing something you do not want to. Be on the lookout for an invitation to a gala event; it will turn out to be fascinating. Wearing dark green, the color of nature and the earth, will make you stand out in a crowd.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
 Weigh all options before planning the last getaway of the summer. Compromising with your partner on where to go won't be easy, but it will smooth out the rough patches in your relationship. If your partner is too disagreeable, consider going alone.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
 You desire freedom. Go for it. Set an agenda. Follow your heart and your dreams, but remember to hold your tongue and emotions. Talking without thinking on the 21st could require mending fences with friends and family.

ACROSS

- Self-defense method
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- Purloin
- "It's ___" (Pet Shop Boys) (2 wds.)
- Stunning blow
- Flight for Amelia
- Bedlam
- Food spearer
- Sun disk
- Perception
- Diplomacy
- Sidkick
- Adapt old material
- Linda Evangelista, e.g.
- Antlered creature
- Half of a Pacific paradise's name
- Above, anthem-style
- Spree
- Shed, avian-style
- Where there's a _____
- Precious metal
- ___ City Tomorrow
- Writing fluids
- Grows old
- Maneuver
- In another way
- ___ annum
- Types of shirts
- Exported insecticide: abbr.
- Eiffel ___
- Surfaces

DOWN

- Actor Cassidy
- Church service seater
- Former Cheers waitress
- Lennon's second bride
- Bungle
- Military group
- Bowling pins count
- Go bad
- Shout from a Carmen extra
- Double this for a candy
- Bulletin
- Mail attraction
- Stem
- Wonder aloud

- Town southeast of Oklahoma City
- Cowboys' charges
- Black aquarium fish
- Meat cuts
- Ties made of cord
- Sommer of The Prize
- Treasure Island monogram
- Seating section
- On one's toes
- Coe or Cram, e.g.
- Crumples, as a flower
- Lauren Hutton's smile feature
- Shrimp
- Proclamation
- ___ for the Road (Finney film)
- Welby and Kildare: abbr.
- Not fooled by
- Helped
- Carrie's dad
- Zoo creatures
- Start playground trouble
- Seeded breads
- Change course
- Chicago Loop loopers
- "Pu" precoder, in the laundry
- Exercise room
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Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charolette Corey

When you live on the border like I do, you are used to salsa. hot tamales, hot enchiladas, etc. The weather is hot in the summer. Temperatures get unbearable and tempers lash out, but having hot "salsa" in your attitude can hurt others, as well as yourself and even ruin your life.

God is plain about anger. "Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous..." (Prov. 27:4). "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice; And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." (Eph. 4:31-32) "But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth." (Col. 3:8) "Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry; for anger resteth in the bosom of fools." (Eccles. 7:9)

So, how do we keep from letting the "salsa" flow hot in our veins? The answer is also found in God's Living Word. "A soft answer turneth away wrath"

(Prov. 15:1), "...He that is slow to anger appeaseth strife" (Prov. 15:18). "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." (Prov. 16:32). "The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression." (Prov. 19:11).

We all have opportunities to get angry, but we also have the opportunity to choose God's best for ourselves, that is, to forgive the incident knowing that God has provided the blood of

Jesus that covers us and makes us righteous. We can choose to forgive the person or persons because in doing so you release them to God and show that you trust God to handle the situation better than you ever could. Remember, "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is mine, for I will repay, saith the Lord.

A celebration of the Holy Trinity

Saint Mary Magdalene
By Lynn McNew

When we celebrate the feast of the Holy Trinity, we are given a wonderful insight into the very life of God, yet it is a profound mystery.

For the God we believe in and worship is a three-in-one God. We believe that there are three divine persons, each separate and distinct, in the one and the same God.

The first person of the Trinity is God the Father; the second, God the Son; the third, God the Holy Spirit. Each is perfectly equal to the other, each is God

Therefore, if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink...Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:19-21)

By overcoming evil with good, you are "better than the mighty". Repent of unforgiveness and "Stay Cool" because you're no fool.

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

yet still there is only one God. How can this be?

The new (Baltimore) Catechism describes the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity as the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It cannot be explained or understood completely from reason. It is a strict mystery.

But even though we cannot fully understand it, the Trinity does provide us with a wonderful glimpse into God's secret life.

It tells us that our God is not a solitary God, an isolated being.

It tells us that God is relationship—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and the basis of that relationship is love.

St. John's Missionary Church
By Judith E. Adams

I am the Lord and there is none else, there is no God besides me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me.

That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the Lord, and there is none else.

I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and cre-

ate evil: I the Lord do all these things.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: Let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the Lord have created it.

Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherd of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?

Woe unto him that saith unto his father, What begetteth thou?

or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth?

Thus saith the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, ask me of the things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the Lord of hosts. Isaiah 45:5-13.

Taking a look at "War of the Wills"

First United Methodist Church
Rev. Ken F. Sellers, Jr.

There are two sides of me that war from time to time. I am a diabetic (adult onset) and I am very aware of the things I can and cannot eat.

Fortunately for me I am able to control my diabetes without medication by watching my diet. The "war" to which I allude in the opening sentence is between my diabetic system and my "sweet tooth."

I pride myself on being able to turn down desert when my family dines out. When offered cake or other treats by a friend or church member, I calmly remind them of my illness and thank them for their thoughtfulness...but I turn down the sugar coated goodie! I eat substitutes when I can, sugar-free this and sugarless that. I carry my own pink and/or blue packets of sugar surro-

gate.

However, when I am alone in a convenience store and accidentally walk past the candy display, I am drawn by the brown and silver packaging of Hershey bars! Then the war begins.

Sometimes my sweet tooth wins and I buy the biggest bar of chocolate on the shelf. I generally consume it before I allow myself back in public where my weakness might be seen.

Herod Antipas, ruler of Galilee during most of the life of Jesus, was at war with himself also. In Mark 6:14-29, we hear the story of how King Herod put John the Baptist to death. It is a story of suspense, manipulation, pride and horrible death. Verse 20, almost physically centered in the story surprises the reader, for it says Herod feared John and knew how righteous and holy he was. It says that Herod kept John safe from the venge-

fulness of Herodias his wife and the source of John's denunciation of him, It says that he enjoyed listening to John but what he heard was perplexing.

Yet, during his birthday party, Herodias and his daughter conspired to manipulate Herod into killing the Baptist. When Herod promises his daughter that she may have anything she wishes, she asks for John's head on a platter. Herod's warring factions begin. He does not feel comfortable in taking John's life, but he has made a promise in front of his friends and supporters. In the end, his pride will not let him renege on his promise, for that would surely cost him respect from those he needs. He might be seen as weak and untrustworthy. So, he beheads John.

Join us at First United Methodist Church this Sunday at 10:45 am as we take a look at the "War of the Wills" within us.

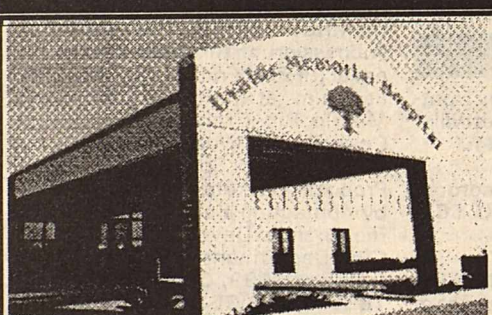
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The Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board (MRGWFB) is requesting Proposals from qualified RNs and or LVN's to conduct health screenings in our nine (9) county region on a quarterly basis, beginning Aug. 1, 2000 to Aug. 31, 2001, for the first year and from September 1 through August 31 thereafter. The Deadline for submission of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is Thursday, July 27, 2000 at 4:00 P.M. CST, at the following address: Middle Rio Grande Development Council, 307 West Nopal, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834. Proposals packets may be obtained by contacting Raul D. Diaz, Middle Rio Grande Development Council, CPM Department, 307 West Nopal, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834 at VOICE telephone number 830-876-3533 OR TDD telephone number 830-876-1260. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. The Middle Rio Grande Workforce Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

The Middle Rio Grande Development Council (MRGDC) is requesting proposals from qualified vendors for the purchase of clothing items for MRGDC clients. The deadline for submission of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is Friday, July 17, 2000 at 4 p.m. at the following address: Middle Rio Grande Development Council, 307 West Nopal, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834. Proposal packets may be obtained by contacting Raul D. Diaz, Middle Rio Grande Development Council, CPM Department, 307 West Nopal, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834 at VOICE OR TDD telephone number 830-876-3533. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

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