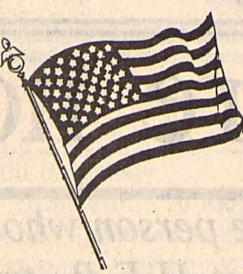


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**Congratulations, Little League girls' softball and Brackett boys' basketball teams!**

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## BISD will gain about \$10 million in property values

Brackett Independent School District will gain between \$8 million and \$10 million in property values this year.

Whatever the increase, the district can either lower the tax rate and generate as much money as it did last year, or maintain the current rate and generate more revenue, Board President Tim Ward explained at last week's school board meeting.

He and another board member, Gloria Garcia, are BISD representatives on the Kinney County Appraisal Board District.

However, the increase in property value will also mean the district will have to "cough up \$11,000 more" to the Kinney County Appraisal District, he added.

"With the re-distribution of the participation of the entities, I mean the financial part, it's going to reflect a budget increase on the part of the school district.

"The other (taxing entities) will receive somewhat of a reduction. The reason for this is because in previous years it was not calculated properly and it is based upon the levy. The school district has the largest levy of all, the county has the second, followed by the city, MUDD and Spofford, the entities that are involved with the appraisal district, said Ward.

He added that "upon recalculations of the levy, those participating in it, the school district should have been carrying a larger percentage of the expenses of the operation of the Appraisal District through the years. The district has had a considerable break through the years now we have to cough up \$11,000 more, that's the bad news. The good news is we can say that we had a break for 20 years and it was not because of an error in calculations, it wasn't contrived to benefit the school district."

Ward said, "Last year it was right at \$158,000. I think it's \$500 less than last year. According to recalculations of levies, the school district will pay more than last year but it won't be as much because we're going to pay with funds from the offset budget. Those are among the pluses, funds to offset the budget.

Stephenson added, "We would pay \$81,124.14."

Ward and Superintendent Taylor Stephenson praised the Appraisal District for helping the school district particularly this year.

Specifically, two months ago, thanks to the efforts of the Kinney County Appraisal District, the BISD was guaranteed \$375,000 in state funding. That amount would have been lost to the district had the Appraisal District not appealed

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to the state.

In the appeal, The Appraisal District contested figures for Kinney County contained in the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division Ratio Study.

"The annual property value study is conducted by the property tax division of the state comptroller's office. The study is important to state and local communities because it ensures equity in school funding," explained Bill Haenn, chief appraiser.

"The appraisal district is supposed to appraise things at market value. The state compares values assessed by the appraisal district to what they feel the value should be. It's like a report card for the appraisal district. "If the figures match, the school gets all the funding. If they don't match, the locals come up with the funding."

"Data checked by the state comptroller's office was from previous years - from the personnel who preceded us. 1998 figures determine school funding for year 2000. The \$375,000 funding for the school district was in jeopardy because "basically, the prices or the value of rural land is what hurt the most. We protested the state's numbers with the help of local ranchers and reversed the agricultural value the state had assigned - it was way too high, not representative of Kinney County. By law, values need to be in the 95 percentile range but in the study, they were 70 percent, now it's 100 percent," explained Haenn.

"We submitted a detailed and professional protest. The school district assigned me as their agent.

We did this at no cost to the school district. We believed it was an Appraisal District problem, and the Appraisal District should take care of it," said Haenn.

"The meat of the report was a farm and ranch survey of about 20 local landowners. The state reviewed the numbers and determined that we did achieve local value - the school gets its funding. Had we lost the appeal, the \$375,000 would have been lost and would have to have been raised locally, probably through property taxes," Haenn explained.



### On to regionals!

Kinney County Little League All-Stars team members are, back row from left, Nadine Terrazas, Laura Meyer, Haley Harris, Tye Taylor, Cassie Mata, Allison Del Bosque; middle row, Kara Yeager, Ashley Castillo, and Tanya Molinar; front row, Dana Bonner, Maria De Leon, Lola Cano, Jessica Luna, Emily Valenzuela. Their coaches are Tommy Castillo, Susana Castillo and Cyndi Flores. (Photo courtesy of Susana Castillo)

## Kinney County Little League girls' softball team wins district tournament

### Players advance to regional competition

Submitted by  
Susanna Castillo

Kinney County Little League is proud to announce that our 11-12 year old girls softball team won the 35th District All-Star tournament held in Crystal City.

The softball team coached by Susanna Castillo, Tommy Castillo and Cindy Flores traveled to Victoria, Texas on July 19 to compete for the regional Championship title.

The All-Star tournament held in Brackettville was a success. Unfortunately, the 9-10 year softball girls team and the junior league baseball team will not be advancing to Regional games. In other games held in the surrounding areas, the 9-10 year old baseball team and 11-12 year old baseball team lost very close games keeping them from advancing to regional games. All of the teams

played superbly.

The Kinney County Little League Board would like to thank all of the managers, coaches umpires and volunteers for their effort in making the 2000 season successful.

A special thanks to the All-Star coaches, Roy Harris, Vic Bonner, Vance Bonner, Javier Solis, Martin Flores, Frank Rodriguez, Vince Garcia, Jesus Aguirre, Johnny Resendez, Daniel Sanmaniego and Eddie Garcia, for all their time and effort in instilling our children the love of the game, sportsmanship and most of all respect for one another as they represented Kinney County during the tournaments.

It's not over for Susanna Castillo, Tommy Castillo and Cindy Flores as their team advances to the city of Victoria.

We know that Kinney County will be well represented by this

outstanding team, though such a trip requires much funding, our businesses, organizations and individuals have contributed funds to make this possible.

A big "Thank You" to everyone who has donated to this exciting event. Board members, team moms, players and coaches are working hard to get several fund raisers going in order to better accommodate the team in Victoria.

Upcoming fund raisers: Jewelry Loteria on Sunday, July 23 at 3 p.m. in the Catholic Parish Hall and a calf raffle on July 31. The calf was donated by Mr. Nat Terrazas. Contact any board member or team mom for tickets.

If you wish to donate to the Kinney County Little League, please contact President Hector Villarreal or Vice-President Alma Gutierrez. "It has been a rewarding season" said President Hector Villarreal.

## Brackett boys capture Southwest Texas Summer League Basketball Championship

Submitted by  
Jimmy Thomas

The boys Southwest Texas Summer League Basketball Tournament was held last Saturday in Knippa.

Brackett met Knippa in the opening round and jumped out to a 15 point lead and never looked back. In the championship game Brackett cruised to a 78-50 win over Nueces Canyon who had defeated Sabinal earlier.

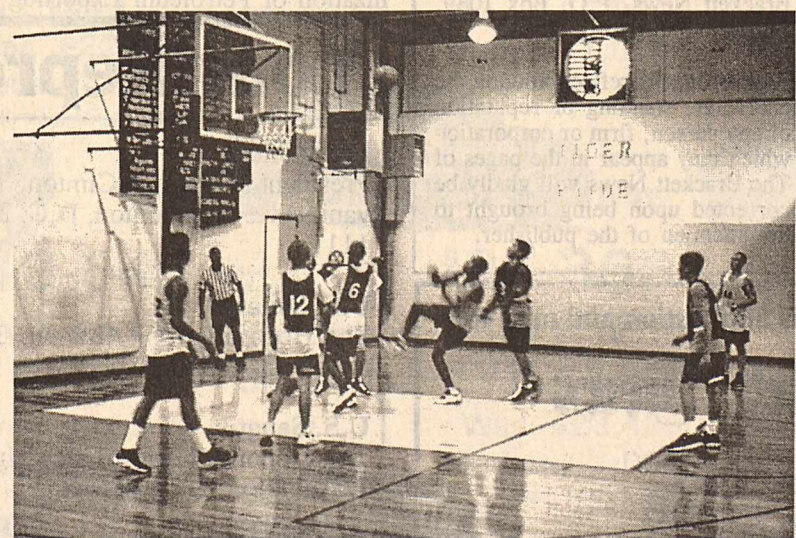
Brackett opened up pushing the ball down the floor and created a 21 point lead at half time, and finished strong in the second half dominating the game.

Along with winning the championship Brackett also had the best record of the summer with a 9-4 mark winning their last five in a row.

The league was a big success this year and contained 5 Different teams playing over 13 games. I was pleased to see a lot of player improvement.

It showed us what we have for next year, and will no doubt benefit us in the upcoming basketball season.

I am proud of the dedication of our kids because they started



Members of the champion team are Damian Toms, Dustin Slubar, Tony Rubio, Tony Molinar, T. D. Smith, Jaime Montalvo, Jared Hobbs, Boyd Brotherton and Trey Smith. (Photo courtesy of Jimmy Thomas)

working in off-season on getting stronger and faster and it showed because we were the fastest and most physical team in the league.

Our players had also been coming up on Tuesday and Thursday nights to play about a month before school was out and all through the summer.

Team members included Damian Toms, Dustin Slubar, Tony Rubio, Tony Molinar, T. D.

Smith, Jaime Montalvo, Jared Hobbs, Boyd Brotherton and Trey Smith.

A special thanks goes to Will Glaspy who coached them throughout the summer. Mr. Glaspy volunteered a lot of time for our basketball program and it was greatly appreciated. Thanks go to Coach Brotherton, Kody Yeager and all who helped when we hosted games.



Kinney County Little League held various fundraisers this year including car washes. Upcoming fund raisers include on this Sunday at 3 p.m. at Jewelry Loteria on Sunday, July 23 at 3 p.m. in the Catholic Parish Hall and a calf raffle on July 31. The calf was donated by Mr. Nat Terrazas. Contact any board member or team mom for tickets. (Photo courtesy of Susana Castillo)

## Briefs ...

### Athletic physicals set

Athletic physicals are planned Wednesday, July 26 in the United Medical Center. Girls will be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and boys will start at 1:30 p.m. Physical forms may be obtained from the coaches or central office. If you do not receive one in the mail, there is no cost. If you have any questions, please call Coach Yeager at the fieldhouse, 563-2491, ext. 190.

### Angora goat performance

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station's Annual Angora Goat Performance Test Field Day and Sale will be Thursday, July 27 at the Sonora Experiment Station. The station is located 28 miles south of Sonora, on U.S. Highway 55, about halfway between Sonora and Rocksprings.

This year's program starts at 9 a.m. The field day offers a plethora of activities ranging from hands-on mohair grading to a cash prize goat and fleece selection jackpot. Topping off the day will be the 2 p.m. sale of performance tested Angora goat bucks.

For further information, call Dr. Frank Craddock, San Angelo-based Extension sheep and goat specialist, at (915) 653-4576 or the Sonora Experiment Station at (915) 387-3168.

### Lifeguard competition

The American Red Cross, in conjunction with the Uvalde City Pool, will hold a Lifeguarding Competition Saturday, July 29. Events will begin at 8 a.m., and lunch will be provided to all participants and support staff. Teams will consist of four members, two males and two females. Participating cities are encouraged to enter more than one team.

Interested teams should register by calling the Uvalde City Pool at (830) 278-7531 or (830) 591-1410.

### Border Patrol statistics

The following is a recap of Del Rio Sector Border Patrol activities during June:

Apprehensions by station. Abilene 76, Brackettville 605, Carrizo Springs 1195, Comstock 21, Del Rio 890, Eagle Pass 4,685, Llano 9, Rocksprings 20, San Angelo 29, Uvalde 290. Sector total 7,820. Other than Mexicans 342.

Marijuana seized 2,451.98 pounds.

Value of Marijuana seized \$1,961,589.00

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New principal Michael Hall is at work full time at Brackett High School. Michelle Frerich, school counselor, is also at work. If students need their assistance in scheduling for high school, please give them a call.

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# Animals are not people too! Man on the moon

The way I see it!  
By Steven R. LaMascus

I had a lady ask me the other day, after she found out I was a hunter, "How can you kill some innocent little animal?" She went on to say that she thought hunting was cruel and inhuman. However, she did admit that she enjoys a good piece of chicken or a nice hamburger occasionally.

I can understand how some modern, city-raised people simply don't comprehend the relationship between men and animals. It is logical to assume that they have never in their lives had to feed themselves. They simply go to the grocery store, purchase the processed products there and give not a thought to the source.

To these people hamburger is just the same as a sack of carrots. They both come from a store. Those same people have never seen a cow killed for beef. Heck, some of them have never seen a cow, period. They do not equate store-bought beef with a living, breathing animal. Now here is where reason and logic break down. Those same sheltered individuals simply will not

## The same person who buys a dead chicken at H.E.B. tries to demonize me because I want to kill a pheasant myself

face the truth. They willingly suspend the logic process and try to fabricate some great moral tragedy when I want to go hunting. The same person who buys a dead chicken at H.E.B. tries to demonize me because I want to kill a pheasant myself. This is not just illogical, it is hypocritical.

The most ridiculous slogan I have ever heard is "Animals are people too." That is the primary tool being used by an evil, or at best, terribly misguided faction in this country today to lessen the value of human life.

It has nothing to do with the killing of animals, no matter what you are told. It does, however, have everything to do with the liberal elements of our society attempting to make us accept abortion and euthanasia as viable options instead of the evil concepts they really are.

Example: In Florida recently a man was charged with three felonies when he killed some unwanted puppies. However, in

the same breath that his accusers use to demonize him, they will support and defend partial birth abortion of a human child as a reasonable alternative to an unwanted pregnancy. You find the logic in that, I can't.

Also, in California, a female mountain lion killed a woman. Someone hunted down the lion and killed it. The woman had a small child. The mountain lion had a small cub. The animal rights nuts raised thousands of dollars for the orphaned cub, but not a penny was raised for the orphaned child. Once again, you show me the logic in that.

The reason for this stupidity is simple. If we lessen the value we place on human life to the level of that which is placed on animals, then we must accept that we are no better than animals, either morally or spiritually. This then leads to the acceptance of our decent from primordial sludge, denies the sanctity of human life, and gives credence to any number of other non-Biblical falsehoods that are unac-

ceptable as long as we know and understand the basic truth that we are morally, intellectually, and Biblically superior to animals. We have souls and will face ultimate judgment for our actions. We reason, sometimes, and can, supposedly, control our actions. We are set apart from animals and are given dominion over them. It is our right to use them as we see fit. Animals are not people too!

While not specifically intended by God to address this problem, the following verse is nonetheless pertinent.

Acts 11:5-9 - "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth; wild beasts, reptiles, and birds of the air. Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.'

I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing unclean or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything unclean that God has made clean.' Folks, if it's okay with God, it's okay with me.

## Hutchison and leading expert discuss current gas price crisis

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Against the backdrop of record high gas prices, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, co-chairman of the Congressional Oil and Gas Caucus recently brought a leading energy analyst and members of Congress together to explore solutions to recent oil and gas price volatility.

"When it comes to a sound energy policy, this Administration is running on empty," said Senator Hutchison, who recently introduced legislation to revitalize domestic oil production. "We must discuss and find solutions to get our nation's energy policy back on track." Joining Hutchison was Daniel Yergin, a leading energy analyst and the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Prize: The Epic Quest for Oil, Money and Power*. Mr. Yergin leads Cambridge Energy Research Associates and has served in a number of government policy advisory positions.

The Energy Department reported Monday that the average national retail price for unleaded gasoline soared 5 cents last week to \$1.68 a gallon; the prices were as high as \$2.25 in some Midwestern cities.

The pump price is up 56 cents a gallon from last year and is the highest in ten years. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting

Countries (OPEC) recently announced a modest net increase of approximately 400,000 barrels per day, which is expected to have a negligible impact on prices. Responding to this volatility, Senator Hutchison recently introduced legislation to revitalize domestic energy production. Her bill includes a \$3 per barrel phased tax credit that is triggered when oil prices fall to between \$14-17 per barrel. This would apply only to low-volume 'marginal' oil wells producing less than 15 barrels per day, encouraging production from existing fields, rather than opening new areas to exploration. It also applies to marginal natural gas wells.

These wells can produce 20 percent of our oil needs, the same amount imported from Saudi Arabia. "We need a declaration of energy independence," said Senator Hutchison. "Boosting our domestic oil and gas production is the only permanent solution to excessive gas and home heating oil prices."

Her legislation has been incorporated into the National Energy Security Act of 2000, which aims to cut American dependence on foreign energy suppliers from approximately 60 percent today to 50 percent by 2010.

Submitted by  
U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Thirty-one years ago this week, America made reality out of a dream. We put a man on the moon. We achieved a feat that many on Earth thought was impossible. We met the challenge President John F. Kennedy set forth on May 25, 1961: "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to the earth."

Those of us from the black and white TV generation remember where we were on that July day when Neil Armstrong lowered himself onto the moon's surface and uttered the words:

"This is one small step for man and one giant leap for Mankind." That picture marked the end of a race between America and the Soviet Union, our flag on the moon's surface marking the finish line.

Today, shuttle missions have become a common occurrence. Space still inspires our imaginations, but now our dreams are not of walking on the moon, but traveling to Mars. Schoolchildren are forming Mars clubs - clubs dedicated to learning about it, and preparing for the day not too far in the future when maybe they will be among the first astronauts to step foot on the red planet.

In our memory, our successes

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are measured by these images: the first man in space, the first man on the moon, the first manned space station and someday the first man on Mars. But much of the success of the space program can be measured right now, right here, by the improvements in our every day lives that have resulted from the journey thus far.

For instance, the extremely small electronic circuits used for pacemakers for people with heart problems were developed for space technology. A special coating created to protect from rust and very hot smoke to cover rockets and space shuttles, was used to paint the Statue of Liberty, to protect her from erosion. Our entire tech economy is a product of the technology created from the space program. The trillions in our Gross National Product growth stems from those instruments made 40 years ago.

America is still charging into the final frontier. Some predict that, within the next 50 years or so, we'll be taking vacations on the moon. Ridiculous? Perhaps, but they laughed at Columbus, too.

## They matched my mood

But I Could be Wrong  
By Chuck Hall

Sometimes a man just feels like sprucing up. I was in such a mood one day last week. I wanted to look nice. I had been in casuals since school had been out. Slack pants would be a pleasant change. Yep I was going to be a sharp dressed man.

The first person I encountered even commented on my attire. I felt great. I approached my tasks with renewed enthusiasm and effort. Who says clothes don't make the man?

About mid afternoon I happened to look at my shoes for some reason. My eyes bugged. My socks did not match. They didn't even come

close. One was a dark chocolate while the other was a light tan.

I suppose it's a male thing, but it really didn't bother me that much. I still felt great. I even imagined myself as a stylist. A trendsetter. This could start a whole new fashion concept. I had to laugh. I even went around showing everybody. I told people that I had another pair at home just like them.

One of the things I learned early in my life was to laugh at myself. It really helps when you look and act like I look and act.

Nobody can laugh at you if you make everybody laugh with you. But I could be wrong.



Some people age gracefully, others try to learn the latest dance

## Teen-agers believe they can make a difference in politics

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Many American adults don't vote because they think it doesn't make a difference.

But a recent national survey shows that even though teenagers aren't old enough to vote, they still believe they have the power to make a difference in current political issues - and it's parents and teachers who've helped them feel this way.

The nationwide survey, conducted by Yankelovich Partners and sponsored by Lutheran Brotherhood in collaboration with their RespecTeen Speak for Yourself program, focused on finding what teens' interest levels are in politics, who has the most influence on their knowledge and impression of politics and politicians, and if teens believed they could influence political leaders.

A little over 500 13- to 15-year-old old students were interviewed, and 73 percent of them believe that people their age can make a difference in the political decisions of their elected officials today.

Even though they haven't reached legal voting age, these teens believe that their opinions matter in the discussion of current issues.

Parents and teachers ranked the highest as people who influence the teens' knowledge and interest in politics.

The media was next, followed by the Internet and friends.

When asked what they learned from these sources, teens give high credit to parents and teachers for providing them with a mostly positive impression of politics and politicians.

Lutheran Brotherhood RespecTeen Speak for Yourself program provides tools to enable students of this age group to become involved with the political decision-making process.

The Speak for Yourself program is a curriculum that is distributed each fall to seventh- and

eighth-grade teachers around the country.

The program encourages junior high school students to learn about the democratic process and communicate with elected officials.

This year, more than 10,000 teens wrote their Congressional representatives on issues they are concerned about for RespecTeen's Speak for Yourself program.

The top three issues discussed were drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, and gun control, which ranked higher than it ever has in the program's 12-year history.

Other concerns are violence, environmental issues, crime, health, education, and foreign policy.

Copies of letters are forwarded to Lutheran Brotherhood, the program's sponsor, and judged by a panel of educators.

One winner from each state and the District of Columbia are chosen to attend RespecTeen's National Youth Forum in Washington, D.C.

While there, teen participants meet one-on-one with their elected representatives.

"By writing letters to their members of Congress, young people are prompted to reflect on important national issues and come up with thoughtful solutions," says Ellen Albee, program director.

"We hope students recognize the value of their opinions and learn to make positive changes in our nation and in their communities."

Albee says she is also pleased by the findings of the study. "In today's world, where the media and Internet have become a pervasive part of our culture, it's encouraging to hear that parents and teachers hold the highest degree of positive influence on teens today."

For more information on RespecTeen or to download the Speak for Yourself curriculum, visit [www.RespecTeen.org](http://www.RespecTeen.org).

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# Kinney County Sheriff's Report ...

**Monday, July 10**  
 11:18 p.m., A local resident complained that a child kept coming to his property and was throwing rocks at his dog. A deputy was sent to investigate.

**Tuesday, July 11**  
 8:30 a.m., A local resident reported that someone took \$100 in \$50's and \$20's from his apartment. He was asked to come by the sheriff's department and make a formal complaint.

11:50 p.m., A local business owner asked for a deputy's help with a customer that was being belligerent and violent. A deputy went to the scene and took care of the problem.

**Wednesday, July 12**  
 3:35 p.m., Firefighters responded to a call at Alamo Village that a dump truck was on fire. The blaze was extinguished.

7 p.m., A local rancher reported the theft of a 500 gallon gas tank and a 500 gallon diesel tank from his ranch. On Saturday at 12 noon, the rancher went by the Sheriff's Office and reported that he found out what happened to his gas tanks and that a former worker was involved. He told deputies he does not want that worker at his ranch anymore.

9 p.m., A local business owner reported a possible rabid raccoon

near his business. A city employee went to the scene and disposed of the animal.

**Thursday, July 13**  
 1:56 p.m., A grass fire was spotted approximately six or seven miles south on Highway 1908. Firefighters were alerted.

1:57 p.m., A grass fire was spotted by the first railroad trestle south of Highway 90. Firefighters went to this fire and then to the one on Highway 1908.

3:29 p.m., A reserve deputy asked for assistance in locating a wounded dog that had bitten him. The animal's dog tags indicated it had all its shots. Later, the animal's owner was located, the animal was found dead, and Fort Clark Springs Security disposed of the dog's body.

3:25 p.m., A Houston resident called the Sheriff's Office for help in locating a hunter at a local ranch to let him know there was a death in his family.

5:18 p.m., Another grass fire was sighted at Highway 1572 near the railroad trestle. Firefighters responded to the scene and extinguished the blaze.

5:30 p.m., A cow was seen roaming around Highway 334 (Camp Wood, Laguna Road). The owners were notified.

7:25 p.m., A local man report-

edly shot himself in the hand with a pellet gun and was taken to the Uvalde Memorial Hospital emergency room.

**Friday, July 14**  
 5:16 a.m., Local law enforcement officials were asked by Uvalde officials to be on the lookout for a motorist, a possible lawbreaker, driving a vehicle with Louisiana license plates.

10:40 a.m., A white and red Longhorn and a white and red calf were spotted near a ranch near Highway 1908 (Spofford to Quemado). The owners of the animals were notified and the animals were escorted back home. Later, someone was supposed to repair the hole in the fence where the animals made their getaway.

6 p.m., At the owner's request a deputy went to a local property to remove a small skunk. The deputy took the little stinker to a wooded area.

2 p.m., A local woman accused a local man of taking her gun. But the man told deputies he did not have her gun and that he wanted her out of his house.

2:18 p.m., The body of an undocumented worker was discovered by Border Patrol agents about 2 miles from the Val Verde County line on Highway 2523 (Carta Valley Road). Kinney

County Deputy Manuel Pena and Justice of the Peace John Ford went to the scene. They were told that the victim was with three other undocumented aliens who had been taken into custody by Border Patrol agents. The victim was identified as Enrique Sosa Garcia of Arlington, Texas. His companions said that about an hour and a half before they were apprehended, they had been walking and Garcia had suddenly collapsed. He never regained consciousness. Justice of the Peace Ford pronounced that Garcia had died from an apparent heat stroke. The temperature at that time was 102 degrees. The site was ranchland with little shade and no water. Garcia's body was picked up by Del Rio Funeral Home.

8 p.m., A local resident reported that the mother of her son's children had failed to pick up the children as agreed to, for weekend visitation. In the past, the woman had claimed that she has been denied visitation rights. So the resident wanted to file a report for documentation purposes.

**Saturday, July 15**  
 1:20 a.m., Devin Michael Tremaine, 19, of Marion, Texas, was arrested for possession of marijuana, 2 ounces, and possession of methamphetamines. He is

still in custody.

9:30 a.m., A local man reported that an acquaintance owed him money for a motor. The man said he asked the acquaintance for the \$700 he owes for the motor, but that the man cussed at him and threatened him. Later, the man's father told deputies that he had given the motor away because it did not work.

7 p.m., A deputy was flagged down by a motorist on Highway 90 who asked him to escort him to Del Rio because his 3-year-old son had been stung by bees. The son was being transported to Del Rio by EMS. On the way to Del Rio, one of the tires in the man's vehicle had a blowout so the deputy drove the man to the hospital in Del Rio.

6:22 p.m., A woman called the Sheriff's Department and asked that a deputy be sent quickly to the Fort Clark Springs Pool. The woman hung up before the dispatcher could ask for a reason. A deputy went to the scene. The report involved a missing purse that was later located.

6:57 p.m., A local woman reported that her neighbor was parking in her friend's driveway. Although her friend was not at home, the woman said she is watching over the property and does not

believe her neighbor has any right to park in her friend's driveway. A deputy went to the scene.

**Sunday, July 16**  
 3:45 a.m., Kinney County deputies were asked to help locate an individual who was wounded and had wandered off into a ranch south of Sycamore Creek on Highway 277 South. A deputy went to the scene.

5 p.m., An emu was sighted near Highway 334 (Camp Wood, Laguna Road). A ranch foreman was advised and said he would take care of the situation.

5:10 p.m., Goats were spotted near Highway 131 (Spofford Road). A ranch foreman was notified and said he would take care of the animals.

6:45 p.m., A local resident reported that she was detaining an undocumented worker and asked for Border Patrol agents. An agent responded and went to the scene.

**Monday, July 17**  
 1:02 a.m., A local man reported that he was worried about his son-in-law who had left Maverick County the previous morning to go to a deer lease on Highway 674 (Rocksprings Road) and had not been heard from since. Shortly after filing the report, the man called back to say his son-in-law had just arrived home.

# INS intensifies life-saving measures along the southwest border

Safety efforts have intensified to reduce injuries and prevent fatalities along the Southwest border. The new measures ensure that all Border Patrol agents on the Southwest border have appropriate safety training. They include the development of swift-water rescue training programs in sectors where agents patrol along rivers and canals. The plans were announced recently by Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Commissioner Doris Meissner and U.S. Border Patrol Chief Gustavo De La Vina. Meissner, noting that

more than 2,000 migrants have been rescued from life-threatening situations since the initiative's inception in June 1998. The Border Safety Initiative, developed in close cooperation with Mexican officials, is designed to educate migrants about risks and dangers of crossing the border illegally and to assist those who do not heed the warnings. It has three elements: prevention, search and rescue and identification. The Initiative draws on longstanding public safety measures practiced locally by the Border Patrol along the Southwest border. INS is enhancing the current

initiative by focusing on agent training. In addition to specialized training programs for rescues in swift waters, Border Patrol sectors also are establishing refresher programs in CPR and advanced emergency first aid, subjects taught to all agents during basic training. The Initiative is being incorporated into the operational plan of each station on the Southwest border so that safety is incorporated into all operational decisions. In accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mexican Government, INS will participate in joint training exercises with their Mexican

counterparts to keep agents on both sides of the border prepared and trained in public safety measures. Border Patrol sectors are continuing their outreach efforts to warn migrants of the dangers of crossing the border illegally through local public service announcements that are aired in the border region in both the United States and Mexico. Posters that warn would-be crossers about the dangers of putting their lives into the hands of smugglers are being placed in highly visible areas in INS facilities. These initiatives build on actions INS has already taken to increase the safety of the

border region. As part of the Border Safety Initiative, INS has:

- Developed and implemented a comprehensive methodology for tracking migrant deaths and rescues;
- Mapped dangerous crossing points and developed reports outlining where deaths and injuries occur;
- Deployed technology and personnel to cover especially hazardous areas;
- Worked with Mexican officials to place warning signs at major transportation areas and especially dangerous crossing points;
- Expanded the coordination of public information efforts with

U.S. and Mexican media outlets to warn would-be crossers about dangerous crossing points;

- Developed formal agreement with Mexican officials on the schedules for returns of migrants to Mexico with special provisions for children and women;
- Equipped all vehicles with extra water and coolers;
- Developed toll-free numbers in the United States for anyone to call INS if they see migrants who may be in danger and in need of rescue; and
- Worked with Mexican consuls, local medical examiners and INS officials to establish border-wide procedures to identify the deceased.

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# A wise parent teaches by example

Empowering Families  
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Mom, did you know that Katie's dad is a drunk and an alcoholic?" "Ann, where did you hear that story?" Joanne asked her daughter. "All the kids at school

are talking about it," Ann replied. "They say that he yells and screams at everybody when he is drunk."

"Have you ever seen him drunk?" Joanne asked.

"No, but I can tell that Katie is unhappy living in that house. Sometimes I try to make friends with her but she kind of keeps to herself. She always looks unhappy."

"Honey it is wrong to tell stories about people. And even if it is true, we are not to spread such stories. That's called gossip. As Christians we are commended by God not to be gossips. I think it is wonderful that you try to make friends with Katie. She really

needs your friendship. Why don't you ask her to come over and work on homework with you, or just come over and play."

"Perhaps you could sit with her at lunch. There's a parent night next week at school. I'll call Katie's mom and see if she would like to go with me. Let's reach out to Katie and her mom and see if we can help, ok? And, promise me Ann, that you will not spread stories about Katie's dad. Spreading stories about her dad will isolate her even more."

Children need to learn that kindness and justice toward others brings a reward to those who practice them (Proverbs 3:3-4). It is a wise parent who teaches

by example. Children also need to learn that spreading tales brings pain to others and brings judgement to the talebearer.

The wise man once said, "The talebearer turns good into evil; with a spark he sets many coals afire. If you do good, know for whom you are doing it, and your kindness will have its effect. (Sirach 11:31; 12:1)

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.



Lisa Ann Denman is the daughter of S.E. and Laura Denman and Walter Dyer is the son of Roy and Fern Dyer.

## Lisa Ann Denman and Walter Dyer to wed Aug. 26

S.E. and Laura Denman, of Apple Springs, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lisa Ann to Walter Dyer, son of Roy and Fern Dyer of Brackettville.

The bride-elect attended Texas A&M University and received a Masters of Business Administration at Southwest Texas State University. She is employed by Clarke American, Inc. of San Antonio as

a Marketing Specialist. The groom-to-be attended Brackett High School and Southwest Texas State University. He is currently employed with Ray-Ban Optics as an Operations Manager. The wedding will take place Aug. 26, 2000 at The Koehler House in San Antonio, Texas. Following their wedding the couple will relocate to their new home in Denver, Colorado.

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## Wilma Lewis to lead Brackettville Lions Club

Submitted by  
Lynn McNew

Brackettville Lions Club officers were installed July 6.

They are Wilma Lewis, president; Tom Saylor and Norma Connor, vice presidents; Lynn McNew, secretary and treasurer; Cliff Lewis, Roland Boysen, Walt Bauguess and Batch Batchelor, directors; and Bobbi Waddill and Lou Sofaly, membership committee.

Dr. John Seale from the Del Rio Host Lions Club was the honored guest at the installation.

He has been a Lion for 22 years, is a life member of Lions International, and the Kerrville Children's Camp and Sight Research Foundation. He is chairman of the Human Needs Board and a Melvin Jones recipient.

He Lions that Lionism is a general term describing what members do:

L is for Love for family, country and ourselves.

I is for involvement in club, community and world through Lions International.

O is for Opportunity to help fellow man and as a result help ourselves.

N is for Needs which we address as Lions in our city, state, country and world. Finally,

S is for service. Dr. Seale reminded us of the Lions' motto: "We Serve."

He encouraged members to remember that even in the best of families occasionally "wires get crossed."

He said to contribute, members must be involved and positive.

The best time for discussion or disagreement is when a program is being developed.

Some days you're the pigeon, some days you're the statue, but if you are involved and work hard there will be more pigeon days than statue days. He closed by stating membership must be a priority - Lions must sell themselves to others.

## Volunteer Ombudsmen sought

The Middle Rio Grande Area Agency on Aging continues to recruit volunteers for the "Tough Enough to Care-Be There" Certified Volunteer Ombudsmen campaign. Certified Volunteer Ombudsmen advocate for quality care for residents in Texas nursing and assisted living facilities. For more

information, or to become a volunteer, contact San Juanita Galvan, AAA Ombudsman and Elder Rights Specialist at 830-876-1281 or 1-800-224-4262. Middle Rio Grande Agency on Aging offices are located at 307 W. Nopal St. in Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834.

## Lynn McNew talks to Rotarians about the importance of music in education of children

Submitted by  
Frances McMaster

Mrs. Lynn McNew spoke at the July 13 Brackettville Rotary Club meeting about the importance of music in the education of children.

Ms. McNew has recently retired as a Brackettville Elementary School teacher, but has continued to substitute in the school system. She received her degree from Western Illinois University and pursued a Masters in Music at Northwestern, but after teaching music in the public schools for 15 years, she returned to Texas Tech University to earn a certificate in Elementary Education.

She taught as an elementary school teacher, but continued to teach music both in public schools and as a private music instructor.

Ms. McNew had realized that the shortage of money allotted to public education was forcing administrations to make choices.

A value was placed on each subject and greater concentration was focused on the traditional basics of English, Math and History. Add to that the time needed to teach computer competency and the stress placed on learning a foreign language, and one sees music education tending to be pushed out of the public schools or low on the hierarchy of subjects selected.

This is ironic, because the benefits of music education are beginning to be recognized more clearly. Studies are revealing that music education taught in the early grades helps develop the brain in such a way that facilitates the ability to read.

Ms. McNew has generously given her talent and training to the community. She sings beautifully and has directed choirs, and played the piano and organ, the latter at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

In one study done with preschoolers, one group took private piano lessons 12 to 15 minutes a week, another group took 30 minute singing lessons, a third group was trained on computers, and the fourth received no special lessons.

By the end of the study period, the piano-trained students had improved their scores by 32 percent on a task requiring them to put together a puzzle. Spatial-temporal reasoning was improved, and this is at the heart of higher-level brain functions used in playing chess, doing science, mathematics and other complex skills.

Another study conducted involved six first grade classrooms in two public schools in Pawtucket, R.I. Two classrooms received the type of music and visual arts instruction typically found in many schools across the country.

Four other classrooms were taught to sing using the Kodaly method. At the end of seven months training, students getting specialized musical training had zoomed ahead of their peers in math, even though they had started out slightly behind.

At the end of two years, the Kodaly-trained students were still ahead of their classmates in math. The best performing pupils were

those with the full two years of musical training.

Involvement in group music activities on the high school level, individuals learn to support each other, maintain commitment and bond together for group goals. These social skills can be learned through participation in group sports, but not every child is talented in sports, and when one grows older one can still play a piano or sing in a choir.

Fred Hargadon, former Dean of Admission for Stanford University said, "We look for students who have taken part in orchestra, symphonic band, chorus and drama. It shows a level of energy and an ability to organize time that we are after here. It shows that they can carry a full academic load and learn something else. They know to get involved and that's the kind of campus we want to have. McNew noted there is the issue of left brain, right brain activity. When you talk about music, you use the left side of the brain. To use the right side of the brain, one must creatively produce an activity such as music.

A complete person must have equal access to both domains of understanding--left and right brain--and this access has to include a creative activity such as the performance of music.

Ted Judd, in a speech entitled "A Neurologist Looks at Musical Behavior", comes to the conclusion that involvement in music involves many parts of the interconnected brain.

Dr. Jean Houston of the Foundation for Mind Research says that children without access to an arts program are actually damaging their brain. They are not being exposed to nonverbal modalities, which help them learn skills like reading, writing and math much more easily.

Ms. McNew mentioned that she used to play classical music CDs during study periods and sees the use of arts throughout the curriculum as a tool for better learning is an area that must expand.

She complimented superintendent Taylor Stephenson for being supportive of the arts, and believes that the arts will play a major roll in the future success of the education system. Ms. McNew has generously given her talent and training to the community. She sings beautifully and has directed choirs, played the piano and organ, the latter at the Catholic Church.

She is treasurer of the Del Rio Music Club and director of "Voices", a singing group made up of volunteer singers from this area. Her husband, Tom McNew, is a coach recently retired from the Brackettville High School and her daughter, Tammy, will teach eighth grade Science at Eagle Pass this fall. The McNews also have two sons. Tom is a Captain in the Army stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia and Tim is with T. D. Industry in Carolsen, Texas.

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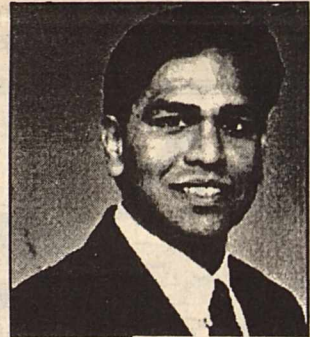
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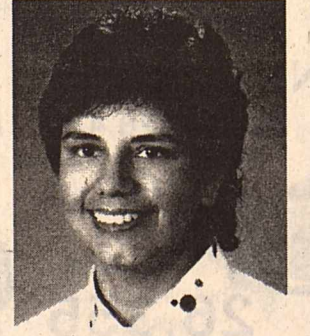
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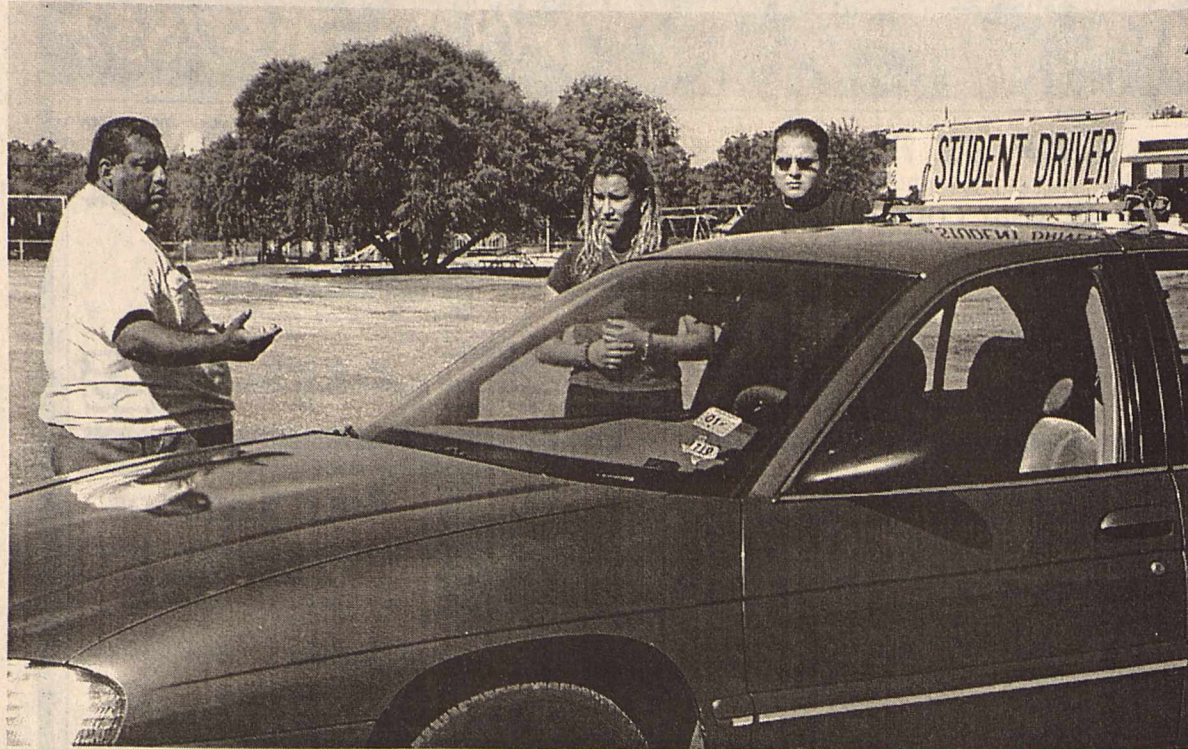
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**Learning the rules of the road**

Rolando Ramon, who works with the San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District during the school year, instructs students in Driver Education in the Brackettville Independent School District during the summer. According to Superintendent Taylor Stephenson, there are 15 students enrolled in the class. In photo above, Ramon reviews traffic safety rules with Celia DeLeon, a sophomore and Leonardo Sandoval, a senior, before the three get into the automobile and the teens take turns driving. The Driver Ed course involves 32 hours of classroom instruction covered in 16 days, and 14 hours of actual driving covered in seven days, explained Ramon. The class meets Monday through Friday for two hours each day. (Photo by Diana Gonzales)

**Rain would be a welcome relief**

*Making a Difference*  
By Taylor Stephenson

It's hot in Brackettville! We're ready for rain and for the temperature to cool down! This past week, we have been running well above 100 degrees.

I'm sure those folks who feed cattle and wildlife need rain more than anyone. I believe that the high pressure system that has been keeping moisture to the north and east of us will break down in another week. Then, it's (I pray) back to rain as it replenishes the water for all living things.

Take the time to remember birds, deer and other wildlife. There's not much water except in the Las Moras River or in tanks. We can help by filling up bird baths or small buckets of water and giving a drink to thirsty birds and animals. Take the time to do it.

**Bids on air conditioning**

This week, we're working on air conditioning bids for the school gym. We'll install a series of 5 ton air conditioning units that will

be placed in the windows of the gym. In this way, we can turn on the units that we need to cool down the gym. It's exciting. Our gym is one of the hottest school facilities that I have ever been in. Each year, we had children who became overheated because of the hot weather. So, it'll help kids learn and enjoy school more. It will also help adults who come to watch their kids play volleyball or to watch them in a school pep-rally and on and on. So, I'm excited about the improvements.

**New principal at work**

Michael Hall is at work full time at Brackett High School. Michelle Frerich, school counselor, is also at work. If students need their assistance in scheduling for high school, please give them a call.

**Gym being torn down**

Work has begun on tearing down the old ag building (baby gym). The work will be complete by the first day of school. It will take another eye sore building off of our campus. This building was a safety hazard, and I'm happy to

see it go.

**School budget time**

It's school budget time. Dixie Brown has begun to put numbers together as the school administration works on budget preparation for the 2000-2001 school year. This is the second year of the Texas biennium. That means, we have basically the same money to work with next year that we had this past year. So, there are some interesting challenges ahead as we try to balance a budget and give employees a basic raise. The Board has scheduled study sessions in August.

**Band director here**

Band Director, Jason Guidry has arrived. Students who need to see him or to talk to him may call the school or check with him at the school band room.

That's about it for this week. We're just trying to survive the heat and get ready for the next school year. The swimming pools at Fort Clark and in Brackettville are the most popular ways of beating the heat this summer.

Have a great week!

**Parents, here are six ways to boost child's creativity**

*Courtesy of Article Resource Association*

Everyone has a special gift of creativity. But, sometimes people need a little encouragement to discover their creative talents, especially children.

In order to help kids' creativity shine, Hallmark Gold Crown Stores and Crayola products have teamed up to encourage the artistic expression and unbridled creativity that is so important in children's development.

In the spirit of celebrating kids' creativity, Hallmark and Crayola products share these simple guidelines for unleashing the creativity in your kids.

- Look for projects that can get your kids excited about art. Help your children find the art activities that they enjoy most, be it drawing, sculpting, painting, or something else and then take a passionate interest in helping them enjoy and excel in those areas.

- Praise your children's efforts. Ask your children to tell you about their drawings or other art projects. Watch their eyes light up as your interest prompts a detailed explanation. Be sure they know how unique and creative you think their work is.

- Give young children a hand. Depending on what kind of project children tackle, they may need

your assistance to help fulfill their vision. Don't be shy about pitching in without taking over. This also provides cherished opportunities to spend extra quality time with your children.

- Provide an art area where mess won't matter. Being creative can get a bit messy at times. Don't let that squelch your children's creativity, though. Create a special corner in a bedroom or family room specifically for art activities. Also, take advantage of structured outside art activities where someone else keeps things tidy while the kids keep busy.

- Enjoy your children's individual talents. Show that you think their projects are special by proudly displaying them in your home and office. Remember, your supportive comments and enthusiasm will fuel their efforts and boost their confidence.

- Start a scrapbook with photos of finished projects (or the projects themselves if they fit in scrapbook format). It may not be possible to display every artistic masterpiece. But you can keep a scrapbook of completed projects for kids and visitors to behold. You'll be surprised how much enjoyment others will receive by thumbing through the scrapbook and how many ideas for additional projects it generates.

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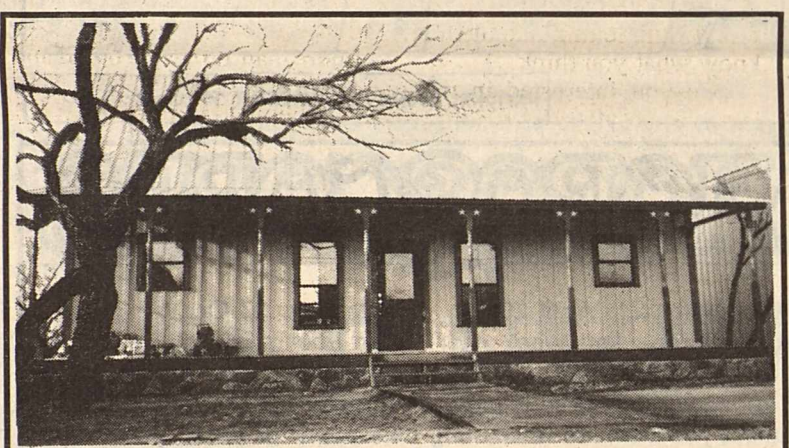
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- Actor Foxx
- That fille
- Oz visitor
- Garfield's pal
- Secluded corner
- Knowledgeable about
- Chain dance
- Stare wide-eyed
- Dugout chatter
- Southwest, for one
- Filament
- Adolescent
- Tenant
- Marsh growth
- Summon a genie
- Oregon or Santa Fe
- Prevail
- Nabisco bestseller
- Grand (Evangeline's home)
- Snorkeler's delight
- Impertinent
- Emulate Gretzky
- Hairstyling product
- off (irate)
- Clergyman
- Joan Crawford film
- Grape drink of the '50s
- Post-shower drip catcher
- Hopalong Cassidy's horse
- El, Texas
- Borrow for good
- Small interstice
- Isfahan is here
- Actress Samms
- Jazz's Fitzgerald
- Cantinflas film
- Gave up the ghost
- "Home on the Range" creature
- Sly gaze
- Garners
- Bait
- Rotund reviewer
- Roger
- Muralist Rivera
- Actor Kovic
- Exasperate
- Catch on
- Actor Will
- Gridiron gp.
- Innuendo
- Slangy affirmation
- Insects' lack
- Audio reflection
- Used the rheostat
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- Ruth's mother-in-law
- bones (minimum)
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- Flagstaff
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- Aft
- Back-up for Gladys Knight
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- Sun god
- Many moons
- Kanga's kid
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**HOROSCOPES**

**Aries March 21- April 20**  
 An action-packed week energizes you. Make the most of it. Your social life will soon dry up unless you learn not to be hung by the tongue. It may be time to splurge on a new look. Pay close attention to someone trying to make you look bad at work.

**Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23**  
 Plan your purchases carefully this week. An unexpected emergency may find you strapped for cash. Verify and double-check details. A professional acquaintance may be pulling the wool over your eyes.

**Taurus April 21-May 21**  
 One-upmanship in a sports activity could lead to a chronic injury. Aim for endurance, not speed. Allow others to take control for once. It will make a loved one feel needed. Trust your heart.

**Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22**  
 A party with out-of-town guests is a welcome change from the mundane. Gossip is your weakness, but it could backfire. A creature to extremes in fashion, keep your receipts. The latest purchase does not reflect the inner you.

**Gemini May 22-June 21**  
 Your individual needs take center stage. Focus on your spiritual side; it has been sadly neglected. Find comfort in old rituals. Pay attention while traveling. You may find a new love among old buildings.

**Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21**  
 You may find horseback riding very exciting. Whether an accomplished equestrian or first-time rider, you are fascinated by the wind in your hair. Keep your eyes open for a good bargain.

**Cancer June 22-July 22**  
 Get in touch with your inner child. A walk or hike in the woods calms you after an emotional outburst with a loved one. Take baby steps toward the future. If you don't keep on moving forward, your goals could easily be derailed.

**Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20**  
 A new experience could bring you much closer to a family member who has kept you at bay. Check your credit report for erroneous information. Cash in on quiet times. A lunch in the park is a welcome change.

**Leo July 23-August 23**  
 Make a concerted effort to work together as part of a team. Family and friends are looking for gentle guidance, not pushiness, as they work out difficulties. There are no limits to your possibilities.

**Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18**  
 Try to stay motivated even though the summertime slump has hit the workplace hard. Find a role model or be a mentor to a college student. You may benefit, both socially and professionally. Time is on your side.

**Virgo August 24-Sept. 22**  
 True happiness may be achieved if you commit to doing for others. Do not let a small mistake keep you frozen in fear. It has already been forgotten and forgiven by others. A movie could touch your heart.

**Pisces Feb. 19-March 20**  
 A strong vision empowers you with a deeper sense of mission. Your week may be highlighted by optimism and enthusiasm. The color of the sea, pale green, inspires and calms you during stressful evenings.

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# 'Alienation is a present reality for all of us'

First United Methodist Church  
By Rev. Ken F. Sellers

When I moved to West Texas in October of 1998, I had a sense of what was ahead for me and my family.

However, living on the border with Mexico turned out to be more of a culture shock than I ever imagined.

Until June of 1999, I commuted back and forth to seminary in Austin. I decided soon after experiencing the length of that commute, that I should take

advantage of the time and learn Spanish so that I could communicate with new neighbors and friends.

Folks, I studied as hard on my Spanish as I did on my history of John Wesley. Unfortunately my biggest lesson was still awaiting me.

With my Spanish lessons fresh on my mind, I began shopping at a store where the clientele was primarily Hispanic. I listened... and listened... and listened. I wanted to hear the language and see if I could understand it when spoken by natives. I was devastated! I couldn't follow the most fundamental conversation. And then it dawned on me like someone shaking me from a sound sleep. I am an alien in a Hispanic world. Those whom I cannot understand are the "native" population of the border region. I am the "foreigner."

From then on every time I heard a Spanish conversation, I felt like asking myself, "What planet are you from?" Following that glimpse of reality came

the more subtle and meaningful lesson. "How arrogant we Americans are!" We who speak Americanized English are perhaps the only people in the world who know only one language...and we insist that everyone else in the world conform to our needs by speaking our language rather than bother ourselves to learn the language that is prevalent wherever we go.

In Ephesians 2:11-22, Paul writes about the relationship between the Jews, the Gentiles and

God. Paul points out to the Gentiles that once they were considered far away, foreigners to God, but now they "are no longer strangers and aliens but you are fellow citizens with the saints and are of God's household." God broke down the barriers between Gentiles and Jews on the cross. God breaks down the barriers between Hispanic and the Anglo on that same cross and calls us both, "saints" and "children." It is we, of both ethnic backgrounds, who find a reason to maintain the barriers

which separate us. When we "alienate" any other person, we make of ourselves an "alien" in the Family of God.

I hope one day soon to find a Hispanic friend who will kindly teach me how to appreciate and understand the beautiful language of his/her culture so that I might converse with my family in God here on the border.

Join us at First United Methodist Church this Sunday at 10:45 a.m. as we examine how "Alienation" is a present reality for all of us.

## Children learn what they live and live what they learn

St. Mary Magdalene  
By Lynn McNew

School is about to start. Parents say, "Hooray!" Teachers say, "Let's go!" Kids say something in the middle.

As we begin to focus on the importance of educating our children, we should focus on the importance of their religious education as well.

Parents are the first educators of the world's children. This obviously includes educating them in their faith. This may include the traditions and special practices of a particular religion, but it should include our own values and morals. Children learn what they live and live what they learn. Do we come home from work night after night angry and upset with the boss or the other

people with whom we work?

Do we "Borrow" things from the workplace, because the boss will never miss them? Do we speed down the highway with one eye on the mirror to be sure no "cops" are around? Do we drink and drive? Do we gossip and spread rumors about people we know? Do we watch television programs with suggestive themes and vulgar language

while the children are watching with us? Do we ignore our children when they need our help or want to talk because we are too busy or too tired? There is a better way. When was the last time we prayed as a family, read the bible together or even said a word of thanks when we sat down to dinner together? When was the last time we discussed our religious beliefs, or the val-

ues we wanted our children to acquire? When was the last time we talked to our teenagers about the morals we expected them to practice?

I know there are many families who do these things frequently, thank God. For those who do not, there is help.

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## Prayer, praise, faith, love, patience, and trust in God

Gateway Ministries  
By Pastor Charolette Corey

Anyone who has purchased a picture frame to set off a photo knows that the choice in frames influences the way people judge the photo - for good or bad. They may be mistaken about the value of what is truly inside the frame because of the "power of the frame".

We do the same thing when we have preconceived ideas about people. We are unable to "break out" of the pattern with which we have "framed" them in our minds. Often the frame is confining and distorted because one does not believe God is capable or willing to change the other person.

Nothing is impossible with God. Remember, one of his names is the redeemer. Since we are his ambassadors of unconditional love and peace, then we are to act like Jesus. If I decouped a frame with jew-

els, rubies, sapphires, gold, etc. you would perceive the object being framed as something of great value. If instead, I decouped the frame with moldy tuna salad, rotten eggs, used cotton swabs, and dirty kitty litter, it would immediately have a negative affect on the item being framed even if it were the Mona Lisa. We do the same thing with our thoughts and our words. We confine them in such

a way that God is unable to do a miraculous work in them.

When we speak good or evil of a person we use our faith. We either have faith that they will always be the same and that God has no power to change them, or we have faith that God can and is in the process of changing them. Ask God to show you the best a person has in them and ask God what His best is for them. Then, with your

words, start making the "frame" by which they and the world shall perceive them. Do it daily. This works for men or women "framing" their spouses. This works for believers praying to bring about changes in other people.

The main ingredients for "framing" a person are prayer, praise, faith, love, patience, and trust in God. Praise is a powerful "frame."

He will accomplish what you speak of others through prayer that lines up with His word.

"Frame" a person with love, and that person will be perceived as lovable and valuable. Do unto others what you would want them to do unto you. Play your part in "framing" people with God's love.

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

### Jesus Video Project website aimed at drawing more churches and individuals

The JESUS Video Project of Texas (JVPTX) announced at the Promise Keepers event in Dallas July 8, its new improved website.

With the expansion of the project, originally begun at the end of 1999, the JESUS Video Project of Texas has added new pages to the site to assist churches and individuals in signing up to take part in the project.

The goal of the JESUS Video Project of Texas is to mail a copy of the Campus Crusade JESUS Video to every one in the state of Texas, over 8.3 million residences.

A halt was called to mailing the videos this past April to al-

low time for over 26,000 Texas churches to get involved in the project.

"The website has the latest information on the progress of the project, including a list of the churches that have signed up," according to Lee Miller, JVPTX Communications Director.

"The site now includes a secure donations page and forms for churches and individuals to use as well as a place to subscribe to the weekly JVPTX newsletter."

The website is located at [www.JesusTexas.org](http://www.JesusTexas.org).

Also, for those without web access, signup can take place the old fashion way by phone, toll free 877-JESUS-80.

## Obituary

### Hazel Virginia Earwood

Hazel Virginia Earwood nee Crawford, age 71, passed into the gates of heaven the 4th day of July 2000.

Hazel was born in Uvalde County to Herman and Eula Mae Crawford on February 10, 1929.

She was a loving wife, mother and Christian woman of great spirit and strength.

She married Darryl Raymond Earwood on July 1, 1947 who preceded her in death February 21, 1996.

She is survived by 3 sons and 2 daughters; Darryl "Bill" Earwood and wife Joyce of Kerrville, Eddie Earwood and wife Kathleen of Freer, Raymond Earwood and wife Jeannie of Humble, Darrylene Baughman and husband Howard of Del Rio, and Patsy York and husband Bodie of Cedar Hills.

Hazel was grandmother to Angela Earwood, Humble; Candice Earwood, Humble; Eddie Earwood, Uvalde; Sharon Baughman Vaughn, Del Rio; Carol Earwood Hoffman, Kerrville; Wendy Earwood Hinsey, New Braunfels; Darryl Earwood, Laredo; Raymond Earwood, Freer; Bobby Mac York and Lisa Randall of Midlothian, Texas.


She enjoyed 13 great-grandchildren during her lifetime. She is survived by her sister Eula Mae Crawford Boyd and her brother James Crawford and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were 10 AM, Saturday July 8, at the VFW Cemetery with Rev. Ken Sellers officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Del Rio Funeral Home DBA Brackettville Funeral Home.

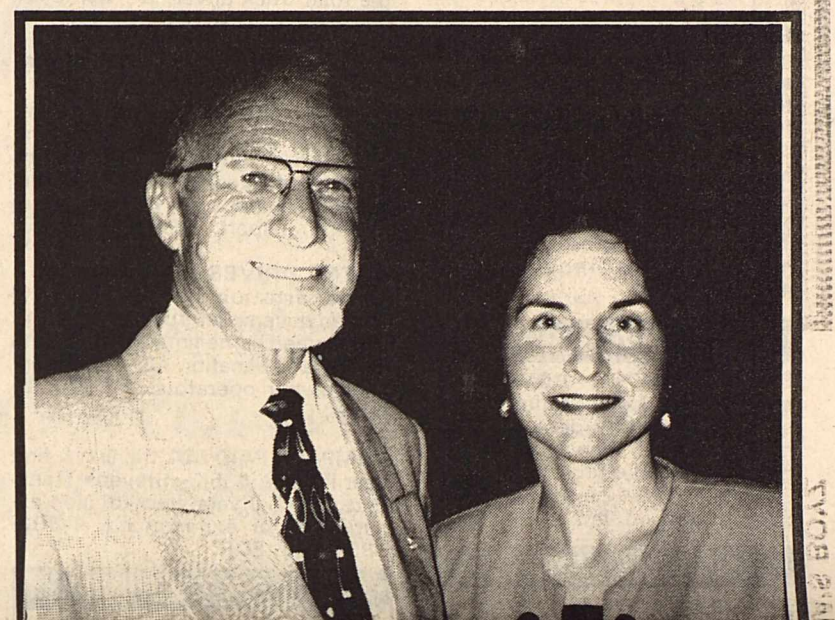
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**SEMINOLE INDIAN SCOUT** Cemetery Association is now accepting sealed bids for the upkeep of the Seminole Cemetery. For further information, contact Clarence Ward, 563-9394.

**THE MIDDLE RIO Grande** Development Council (MRGDC) is requesting Proposals from qualified vendors for the purchase of seventeen (17) Computer Workstations. The deadline for submission of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is Friday, July 28, 2000 at 4:00 P.M. 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 Development Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

**THE MIDDLE RIO Grande** Workforce Board (MRGWB) 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.

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