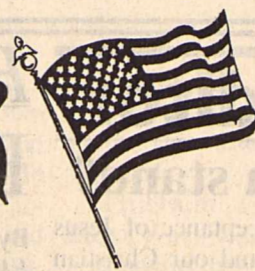


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Briefs ...

Jimenez earns B.A.

Valerie Marie Jimenez of Brackettville has graduated Magna Cum Laude from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos with a bachelor's degree in English. A 1996 graduate of Brackett High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hector Jimenez.

She is a Mitte Scholar and is a member of numerous national and international honor societies. She has accepted a job with the English Department at San Marcos High School.

271 apprehended

There were 271 apprehensions in the Brackettville area between July 10 and 16, according to the Del Rio Sector Border Patrol. The number is included in the 1,994 total for the sector during that time period.

Also included in the total were 28 apprehensions in Abilene, 308 in Carrizo Springs, 22 in Comstock, 281 in Del Rio, 1,029 in Eagle Pass, 5 in Llano, 10 in Rocksprings, 6 in San Angelo, and 34 in Uvalde. All but 129 of those apprehended were identified as Mexican nationals.

Love poems sought

The New York Poetry Alliance is sponsoring Poetry 2000, a free contest open to everyone. A \$1,000 cash prize will be awarded to the winner. There are 28 prizes in all. The deadline for entries is Aug. 14. To enter, send a poem of 21 lines or less to: New York Poetry Alliance, Box 1588, New York, NY 10116-1588, or enter online at www.freecontest.com.

Bingo players win big

Charitable players who frequented the one license Bingo charity in Kinney County won \$4,675 in January, February and March of this year, state officials report. The charitable organization in Kinney with an annual license to conduct Charitable Bingo, Fort Clark Springs Community Council, reported 814 in attendance for the quarter. The \$4,675 won locally is part of the \$106.1 million in prizes that Bingo charities across the state paid to winners. That includes \$82.7 million for regular Bingo prizes and \$15.9 million in prizes for pull tab Bingo games. In the first week of June, local government in Kinney County received \$116.81 in Charitable Bingo prize fees covering the first quarter of 2000.

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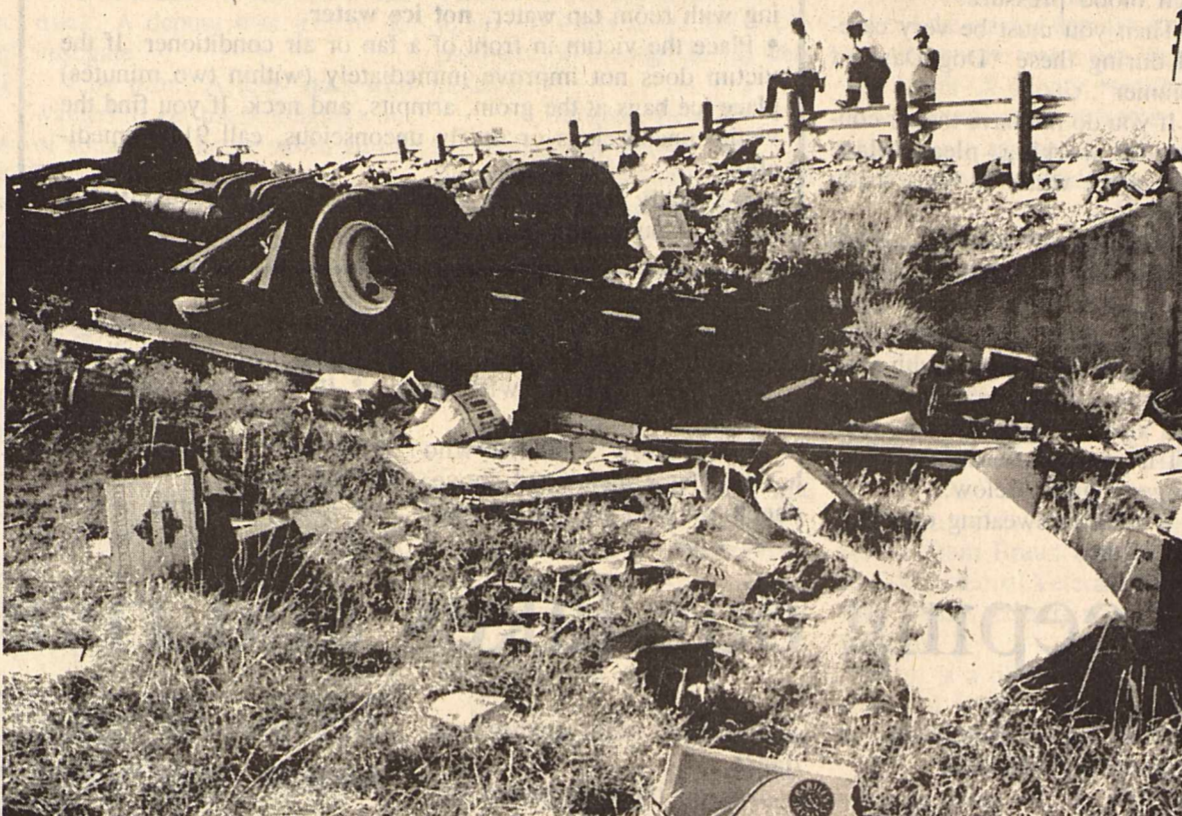
Making A Difference

We're gaining on the beginning of school. I'm sure there will be many things that we will do to try to get the school year ready before Aug. 14. It will be our best year!
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Man seriously hurt in rollover



Motorists driving on the Highway about 3 miles east of Brackettville witnessed the accident and hurried to the Kinney County Sheriff's Department to report that the driver needed help.
Photo by Jewel Robinson

Good Samaritan, emergency crews rescue man trapped under truck

Good Samaritans and emergency personnel teamed up last Friday to rescue a man trapped under an 18-wheeler truck that had slid off Highway 90 West, struck a guardrail and rolled over.

Motorists driving on the Highway about 3 miles east of Brackettville witnessed the accident and hurried to the Kinney County Sheriff's Department to report that the driver needed help. Emergency personnel were dispatched to the scene.

Meanwhile, also near the accident scene was Tony Frerich, who wasted no time getting a jack to prop the truck up and remove the victim pinned under the wreckage.

The victim later was identified as Mario Ramos, who was driving a truck owned and operated by Block Distributing of San Antonio. Ramos was driven by EMS to the Uvalde Airport and airlifted to San Antonio's University Hospital.

Reportedly, he is in intensive care and is expected to make a slow recovery.

Ramos was on his way to deliver bottles of liquor to stores in Del Rio and Laughlin Air Force when he apparently fell asleep at the wheel, said Department of Public Safety trooper Tony Ashley.

Ashley and Carolyn Rutherford, EMS director, praised



The driver was to make 18 stops in Brackettville, Del Rio and Laughlin. His truck was carrying \$60,000 worth of liquor that spilled out when the accident occurred.
Photo by Jewel Robinson

Frerich for his quick response to aid the accident victim. Ramos sustained massive leg injuries, but Rutherford said Tuesday afternoon that hospital officials indicate Ramos is doing fine and will not lose his legs.

Ramos was to make 18 stops in Brackettville, Del Rio and Laughlin and his truck was carrying \$60,000 worth of liquor that spilled out when the accident occurred, said Ashley.

Though some people who heard about the accident joked about retrieving some of the liquor bottles that did not break in the accident, Ashley was quick to point out that

removing any material from any accident is against the law.

He said that Tobacco, Alcohol and Beverage Commission members came to the accident scene to look at the alcoholic products and that all the products were later destroyed.

Besides EMS and TABC also at the scene were Texas Department of Health officials, the Kinney County Fire Department personnel, and the Texas Department of Transportation workers who helped clear the highway. Both highway lanes were blocked by the debris, said Ashley.

Border Patrol agents, area ranchers plan town hall meeting here on Monday

The Brackettville Border Patrol Station will host the Del Rio Sector's first town hall meeting, in conjunction with the agency's Rancher Liaison Program, Monday, July 31 at the Service Club on Fort Clark Springs, beginning at 6 p.m.

The U.S. Border Patrol recently initiated the Rancher Liaison Program to facilitate better

communication with ranchers along the border.

Specially assigned liaison agents will be available to respond to ranchers' concerns and will actively seek input regarding rural border enforcement issues.

Townhall meetings will be held regularly throughout the Del Rio sector, which extends from Comstock to Carrizo Springs.

Brackett High School registration set Aug. 1-7

All high school students are required to register on their specific day.

Students who do not attend the registration will have their class schedule cancelled and will need to report to the auditorium on the morning of the first day of school for rescheduling.

Principal Michael D. Hall asks students who cannot register on the specified days to call the office at 563-2491 to make other arrangements.

Students who have registered will report to their first period class on the first day of school.

The registration schedule is:

Tuesday, Aug. 1
Seniors only - 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 2
Juniors only - same time as above

Thursday, Aug. 3
Sophomores only - same time as above

Friday, Aug. 4
Freshmen only - same time as above

Monday, Aug. 7
New Students - Transfer Students - same time as above



Abbie Garcia, right, shows Brackett ISD Superintendent Taylor Stephenson the Tiger Band uniform he wore as a 12-year-old in 1946. Garcia has kept the uniform in mothballs all these years he said, until he decided to give it to the school, along with a 1946 yearbook. Stephenson thanked Garcia and said the uniform and yearbook will be on display soon in a trophy case.

Kinney County youngsters learn all about bike safety

More than 70 youngsters have participated in two Bike Rodeos sponsored this summer by EMS

and local law enforcement personnel and volunteers, said Michelle Rosas, EMS spokesperson.

The latest Bike Rodeo took place last Wednesday with 25 youngsters participating. A

similar event in June attracted 50 youngsters. They learned bike safety, hand signalling, and proper

safety helmet usage and successfully maneuvered their bikes around obstacle courses.

Another Bike Rodeo is planned in August. After the children complete the Bike Rodeo requirement, they are awarded a certificate and a safety helmet.

Parents also become involved by pledging to remind their children to apply what they learned at the Bike Rodeo each time the youngsters go for a bike ride.

Children who are seen riding their bikes around town and wearing their helmets are rewarded with coupons they can redeem at the Burger 'N Shake or at McDonald's. Sheriff's Department personnel served snow cones at the June Bike Rodeo, and their time and efforts were appreciated, said Rosas. EMS Director Carolyn Rutherford and Bike Rodeo organizers also thank volunteers Laurie Clements, Mary Jane Garcia, Rosario Luna, Tina Luna Augusta Pines, Nancy Rodriguez and Yolanda Williams for their help in making the Bike Rodeos successful.



From left: Bryanna Sosa, 6, Arturo Sosa, 3, children of Rita Sosa and Christian Lopez, 3, whose mom is Rene Diaz.
Photo by Jewel Robinson



Arturo Sosa, 3
Photo by Jewel Robinson



Priscilla Aguirre, 5, left, and Marisol, 7, children of Jesus and Elena Aguirre.
Photo by Diana Gonzales

Playing it safe

These youngsters are aware of bike safety because they attended recent Bike Rodeos sponsored by EMS personnel and volunteers. The young cyclists never ride their bikes without wearing their helmets, added Marisol, because "if you fall from your bike, you

will hurt your head if you don't have your helmet on." The other kids nodded in agreement. Another Bike Ride is planned in August before the beginning of the school year. The first day of school, incidentally, is Monday, Aug. 14.

Letters to the Editor

Are you willing to take a stand?

As Christians, we are called to share Jesus, and to live by the Christian beliefs that are given to us in the Bible. Our nation was founded on the principles of Christianity, and yet our Supreme Court has decided to dictate when we can and cannot have prayer before our football games and in other public places. We are certain that God does not recognize us as a Christian nation anymore and all Christians need to join together to pray for America. Our Christian beliefs are being challenged, and now more than ever, we must be proactive in

sharing our acceptance of Jesus as our Savior and our Christian principles for living. We need to nurture Christian beliefs in our homes, in our schools and in our community. Let us take a stand together to show others about Christ's love and to tell them of his salvation by displaying the Ten Commandments or John 3:16 in our yards or in our windows here in Brackettville. If you are interested in demonstrating an outward sign of your Christian beliefs, you may call the First Baptist Church office at 563-2245 to order a sign.

Pat and Ned Sitzes

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Big Mama Sez!



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Heat stress alert!

Be careful during these dog days of summer

By Carolyn Rutherford
EMS Director

Do you live alone?
Are you over 55 years old?
Do you have a medical history of heart, lung difficulties or high blood pressure?

Then you must be very careful during these "Dog Days of Summer".
If you do not have the air conditioner working, please place fans in the windows on a shady side.

Point the fan so it blows fresh air into the room. This means you need to leave your windows open to allow cross-ventilation.

Prearrange a signal with your neighbors that lets them know you are all right that day. Call 911 if you experience any of the danger signals below:

- Lack of sweating on a hot, humid day

Call 911 if you experience any of these danger signals:

- Lack of sweating on a hot, humid day
- Dizziness, weakness, feeling lost or disoriented
- Nausea with or without vomiting, diarrhea

To help someone with a heat related illness:

- Immediately cool the victim by removing clothes and spraying with room tap water, **not ice water.**
- Place the victim in front of a fan or air conditioner. If the victim does not improve immediately (within two minutes) place ice bags at the groin, armpits, and neck. If you find the victim unconscious or nearly unconscious, call 911 immediately.
- Be ready to perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) if pulse and breathing cease.

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If you know someone who has problems mentioned above, check on him or her at least twice a day.

What do you do for someone who gets heat related illness?

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Everyone no matter the age or medical condition needs to:

- Drink at least 8 glasses of water a day.

If you work or play outdoors, you need to add one liter (1 quart) of water per hour of being outdoors.

• These fluids do not include alcohol, carbonated, or caffeinated drinks. Athletic drinks if diluted half and half (one part water and one part athletic drink) are OK, unless you are diabetic or on a reduced salt diet.

Keeping our lakes and rivers clean

Capitol Comments
By Kay Bailey Hutchison
United States Senator

The starring role of agriculture in our state economy and a devotion to hunting and fishing have spurred Texas to take the lead in developing ways to keep our lakes and rivers clean.

This state tradition goes back to the 19th century. Agencies such as the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, the Texas Water Development Board, the Texas Clean Rivers program and dozens of local and regional organizations all are working to ensure our water is pure.

Over the decades, countless farm and ranch families have achieved impressive conservation gains through voluntary, incentive-based water quality efforts.

But now the federal Environmental Protection Agency has come up with a set of proposed new regulations for reducing water pollution from farms, ranches and logging operations. Trouble is, these new rules were written without an assessment of the problem.

The EPA uses "assumed" and "estimated" pollution to set one-size-fits-all regulatory policy, rather than solid data. On that questionable basis, the agency proposes to interfere with ongoing, effective state efforts to set

and enforce water quality standards.

Nor do these proposed new rules take into account the effort and investment that thousands of farm and ranch operators have already made to improve the quality of farm run-off water.

They would be penalized just as much as people who deliberately pollute. In some instances, the proposal would require landowners and foresters to obtain a discharge permit in order to continue to do business.

Even the Secretary of Agriculture objected to the EPA proposal, testifying before the Senate Agriculture Committee that the EPA needs to refine its plan and determine how much the new rules will cost before they are implemented.

Congress has been pretty clear on this matter, too. Under the 1972 Clean Water Act, states are given the primary responsibility for identifying streams that fall short of water quality standards and for making plans to clean them up. That part of the law has not been changed.

Clearly, there are several reasons for the EPA to go back to the drawing board. So in July, at my urging, Congress approved a bill that gives Texas and other states more time to determine how best to achieve water-quality goals.

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moratorium that prevents the EPA from imposing its new rules through the fall of 2001.

I pushed to put the EPA plan on hold because the proposed new regulations meant a shift away from the efforts and objectives that Texas and other states are pursuing already.

The moratorium will allow for greater public involvement in shaping the final regulations. Most important, it will prevent an unworkable, top-down mandate imposed by Washington.

Much of East Texas depends on forestry for jobs and local tax revenue.

Since August of 1997, East Texas national forests have been under a court-imposed moratorium on logging.

This has meant financial disaster for East Texas counties, because they depend on timber sales tax receipts to pay for schools and county roads.

For example, Houston County, with a population of less than 22,000 people and home to 93,228 acres of the Davy Crockett National Forest, saw its school district and county payments plummet from \$1.4 million in 1997 to \$140,000 in 1999. The last thing the area needs is new EPA requirements that curtail forestry on private land.

Texas and the entire country have made monumental strides in cleaning up the environment. Our water is far cleaner now than it was when we first rolled up our sleeves and went to work. We all want clean water.

The question is: How can government at every level cooperate with those who live and work on the land to improve our nation's water quality? Without trying to answer this question, the EPA is forgetting or ignoring the important work going on in every state.

The question is: who cares?

The way I see it!
By Steven R. LaMascus

One of the top stories this week in the news has been the alleged racial slur uttered by Hillary Clinton over 20 years ago.

Supposedly, Ms. Clinton uttered a racial pejorative aimed at a man of Jewish decent. This happened 26 six years ago. There is no record of her having said anything similar before or since, but this instance is being used by her political opponents as leverage to pry the Jewish vote away from her.

Now as you know, I am definitely not an admirer of Hillary Clinton. In fact I detest the woman. I think she is one of the most evil and dangerous people in America today. However, I do not think that she should be vilified on the basis of something she said once, 26 years ago. That is ridiculous!

Let me ask you a question. How many of you out there have never, in any context, joking or serious, used a word that could be construed as racially biased? Please, stand up. If you are one of those people you should be sainted, or at least knighted. I have friends from practically all the various races from Hispanic, to Black, to Polynesian and I have heard most if not all of them use politically incorrect racial terms at one time or another.

Most of the time there was absolutely nothing harsh or angry meant.

Don't get me wrong, I do not think that Hillary was right or righteous in what she said, if she really said it; but good grief folks, let's fight political battles on the grounds of the relevant issues and not resort to smear tactics. Especially not smear tactics based on unsubstantiated racial slurs, possibly taken out of context, uttered nearly three decades ago.

We have become so thin-skinned, so sensitive to slurs against our racial heritages, that we have lost sight of reality. I do not think a person should be called by a name that he considers vile. But at the same time I do not think that ultra-sensitivity to descriptive terms is reasonable. People are different, and we somehow have to be able to identify that difference. How else could you describe one person to another?

"Yeah, the subject was a male."

Great! Was he black, white, oriental, Hispanic? Was he tall, short, fat, skinny, bald? I guess it would solve all our problems if we were all the same pleasant shade of blue, totally bald, 6-foot tall, and 165 pounds.

Back to Ms. Clinton, I sincerely hope she is not elected. However, the political race should be decided, by the vot-

ers, on the grounds of what they think she will do for them and our country; and she has not demonstrated the slightest racial bias in her political activities.

She and I are diametrically opposed on our political viewpoints and I will do my best to point that out to anyone who cares to listen. But I will not stoop to demonizing her for what may or may not have been a bigoted racial slur nearly 30 years ago. I will let her actions determine my actions.

Matthew 7:3-5 - "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay not attention to the plank in your own eye?"

How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?"

You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report ...

Monday, July 17
 10:53 p.m., A local resident reported that someone was trespassing in her yard. Law enforcement officials went to the scene to investigate.

Tuesday, July 18
 11:49 a.m., Someone reported that there was a sick raccoon under the front porch of her house. The raccoon was later removed.

Wednesday, July 19
 8:50 a.m., A horse was seen crossing Highway 90 West and the animal control office at city hall was asked to check it out.

11:30 a.m., A local resident found a wounded hawk and asked whether he should take the animal to the veterinarian. Game Warden Henry Lutz was notified.

8:05 p.m., A disabled vehicle was sighted about two miles east

of Brackettville. A deputy went to check out the scene and later reported a wrecker.

11:01 p.m., A local resident found his neighbor on the floor and asked for assistance in picking her up. EMS responded to the scene.

Friday, July 21
 12 noon, A local woman reported that someone had put the head of a deer in the bed of her truck. A deputy was sent to investigate.

7:04 p.m., A local man who wanted to get his belongings out of someone's home asked an officer for assistance.

Saturday, July 22
 3:48 a.m., A local woman reported that there was a trespasser in her home and she wanted a deputy to come by. By the time

the deputy arrived, however, the woman had determined the person was not a trespasser but someone she knew.

8:24 p.m., Someone reported two motorists parked in vehicles without license plates and who appeared to be minors were drinking alcohol.

8:30 p.m., Someone reported that a sign in front of a local convenience store was knocked down again. Officials at the Texas Department of Transportation were notified.

Sunday, July 23
 12:45 a.m., A local man said he went to get something out of his truck and someone fired a shot at him. Deputies went to investigate.

4:50 a.m., A Border Patrol agent in Uvalde reported there had

been a two-vehicle accident one-half mile near the checkpoint and that assistance was needed. He said there appeared to be one injury involved in the accident and it appeared to be alcohol-related.

10 a.m., The mother of two children informed deputies that she was out-of-town with the children as part of their weekend visitation.

The father was in basic training but she wanted deputies to find out whether the man's current wife was home. A deputy went by to check but no one was home. The mother was advised to bring the children back to Brackettville.

11:29 a.m., Rodolfo R. Flores III, 20, of Uvalde was arrested for public intoxication and for pos-

sessing under 2 ounces of marijuana. He posted bond and was released.

11:29 a.m., Chad Everett Koti, 28, of Waco was arrested for possessing less than 2 ounces of marijuana and for a second offense of driving while intoxicated. He posted bond and was released.

11:29 a.m., Chad W. Parrish, 23, of San Antonio was arrested for possessing less than 2 ounces of marijuana. He posted bond and was released.

1:35 p.m., Jesus Ramos Jr., 22, of Uvalde was arrested for DWI. He posted bond and was released.

Sunday, July 23
 12 noon, A woman reported that an acquaintance had gone into her house and taken his jewelry.

She told deputies she asked the acquaintance to return her house keys and that he had refused to do so.

Later, a deputy went to the man's residence and asked for the woman's house keys but the man also told the deputy he did not have any keys.

The deputy told the man he was not welcome at the woman's house.

The man answered that he did not want the woman at his house.

The man also said the woman had his car and that he wanted it back. The man was told to file a complaint with the justice of the peace. The man told the deputy to tell the woman that he was going to have his phone disconnected.

EMS Update

By Carolyn Rutherford
 EMS Director

EMS and the Sheriff's Office held a Bicycle Rodeo for kids in Brackettville and the immediate area.

Twenty young people showed up to learn about bicycle safety and to earn their helmet. Though the turn out was less than the last rodeo, everyone had lots of fun.

We added three more stations: a "slow race" to test balance and coordination - the SLOWEST rider WINS; watching out for obstacles in the way; paying attention to people and things around you. The best part about these rodeos is that if we (EMS) find you wearing your helmet, you will receive a coupon for McDonald's or Burger 'n' Shake. We plan one more Bicycle Rodeo during the first part of the school year.

EMT course almost complete
 Our Emergency Medical Technician Basic Course is almost one third completed. The class is down to 18 members, including Utopia's

V-Tel Distance Learning group at Utopia School. My hat is off to those "hanging in there" as they learn just how demanding this course is.

Rollover victim rescued
 Coordinated Teamwork has produced success once more. Last Friday morning a truck driver was trapped under his trailer after a roll-over. Immediately our Dispatchers sent out the "troops." EMS, Fire, DPS, and AirLife helicopter transport were sent. EMS arrived to find a man trapped under the trailer. We could see immediately that his life was in great jeopardy.

Thanks to the actions of Tony Frerich, a truck jack was used to take the weight off the trapped man and we were able to remove our patient within moments of our arrival.

These "moments" were truly needed, as our patient was in extremely critical condition, the worst of the injuries internal. The Fire Department added to our safety by controlling a fuel spill,

assisting with manpower, and helping with clean up and traffic control. This was a concerted, community effort. And it made a difference to our patient by saving precious minutes.

Kindly move over
 We have a special request from our members who live on Fort Clark. We have to get to the station quickly (the incident above is an example of why). Please do not impede us from getting to our stations. If you see a uniformed member with headlights and hazard flashers on, please allow us to proceed.

One of our members was recently stopped and told, "your hazard flashers are on!" This took precious seconds our patient did not have.

Thanks for being considerate, but we are trying to make it safely to the scene.

Our members are not allowed to speed while responding, so we are not breaking the law. Just kindly move over when you see hazard flashers.

Jerry and William Braun compete in 20th National Wheelchair Games

Brackettville residents Jerry and William Braun competed in the 20th National Veterans Wheelchair Games recently week in San Antonio.

Jerry is a disabled Army veteran and William is a disabled Marine Corps veteran.

They were among 600 athletes from 40 states, Puerto Rico and Great Britain who participated in the largest annual wheelchair sports event in the United States.

All athletes were military veterans who use wheelchairs due to spinal cord impairment, certain neurological conditions, orthopedic amputations, or other disabilities. Jerry Braun, 61, is a paraplegic and suffered a head injury. She and William Braun, 53, also a paraplegic and a combat veteran of Vietnam, are currently receiving care at the Veterans Administration medical facility in San Antonio. Jerry competed in field - shot, field - javelin, slalom (motorized, hand control),

weightlifting, field-discus, swimming (25 yard butterfly).

William competed in exhibition event - handcycling, field-shot, slalom (manual chair), weightlifting, field-javelin and field-discus.

"Starting with the Veterans Games to international competition, I give my very best," said Jerry.

"Most wheelchair veterans competing in their first games will have a new meaning for the words, 'attitude, patience, courage, and friendship.' These four words become bigger than life, because they stay with you always.


"Competing shows that there isn't anything you can't accomplish when you think about these words," she added. "The competition is always challenging, and thanks to the National Veterans Wheelchair Games. "I have been able to get the confidence needed to go on to regional, national and Pan American International competition," said William.

Athletes in the games competed within three divisions - Masters (over age 40), Novice (first-time competitors in wheelchair sports) and Open (all others, or those who chose to compete in this category instead of Masters or Novice).

They also compete within classes according to the level of their physical ability, with three quadriplegic-level classes (IA, IB and IC) and four paraplegic-level or amputee classes (II, III, IV and V). William and Jerry both competed in the Masters division.

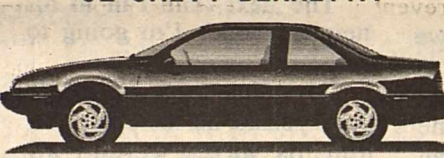



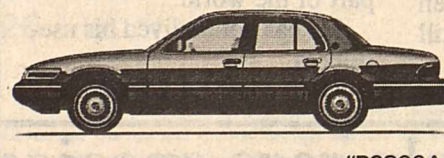
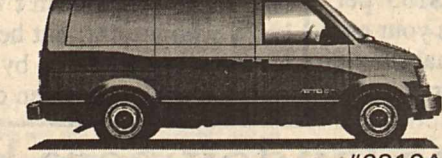



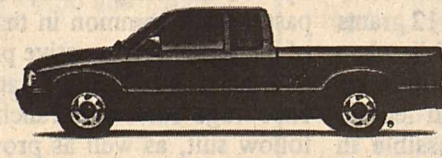
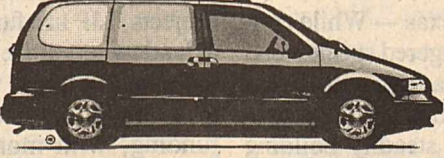

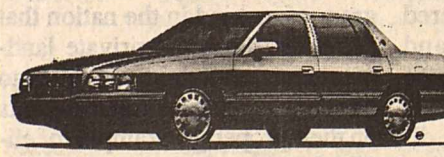



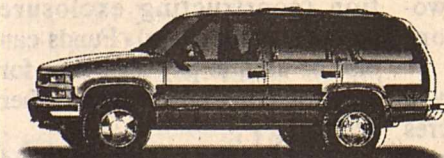
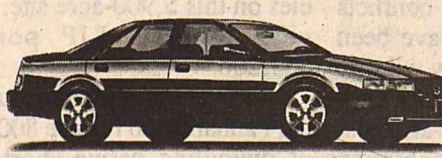
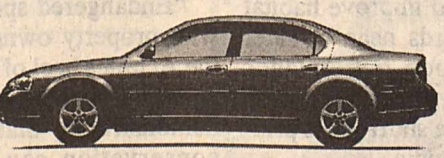
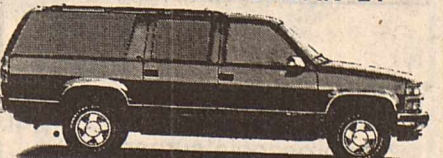
The games were presented by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Paralyzed Veterans of America and were hosted this year by the VA Heart of Texas Health Care Network.

Funded with help from a host of corporations and service organizations, the event was a showcase for the benefit of sports-related rehabilitative programs and the remarkable athletic abilities and personal achievements of the nation's disabled veterans.



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Doctors Smith talk to Rotarians about Family Literacy Project

Submitted by Frances McMaster
 On July 20, the Brackettville Rotary Club heard Dr. Donald Smith who, with his wife Dr. Anita Torres Smith, is dedicating his time since retirement to the Sr. Henry deOsso Family Literacy Project. One of the goals of the project is to "promote intergenerational literacy." Studies have shown that children are more likely to succeed in school if the parents and care givers take an active part in the children's education. When par-

ents are illiterate, they are unable to join in helping the youngsters. This means the children lack the advantage of their parent's participation, and not being able to help can lower the self esteem of the parents who feel left out and perhaps inferior. Volunteers working through this family project go into the home and help with homework. They help the parents interact with the children, a process begins that not only encourages the children in learning, it helps in role modeling, and helps create new fam-

ily patterns. It also introduces the adults to reading and encourages them to pursue more education. Although it may seem impossible for someone not acquainted with the concepts of this program; it actually works. Dr. Anita Smith gave an example of one parent involved with the project who continued to pursue an education and finally graduated from college. This project is approached as a way in which the family can have fun and it is not allowed to develop into a laborious and frus-

trating effort. Everyone involved can discover that learning can be a lifelong project, and that one is never too old to learn. The materials used to teach literacy are children's books. This means the words are simple and predictable patterns are present along with supportive pictures. Children's books are particularly effective since one of the adult student's goals is to read to his or her children. Dr. Smith points out that reading together promotes positive

family interaction. The children and their parents can respond to one another in ways that are not possible in watching TV. The project is nondenominational, but stresses moral and spiritual values. Stories are chosen, not only to build vocabulary and reading skills, but for moral and spiritual teaching. Volunteers are used to go into the homes where help is needed, and these volunteers are trained carefully before they start working in the program.

Dr. Smith explained that he had consulted Superintendent Taylor Stephenson before ever beginning to set up the program and has received his approval and gratitude. Since Stephenson was present, he reinforced what Dr. Smith said. Before the Smiths left after the meeting, some people had volunteered to take part in the program. It only takes a couple of hours a week. If you would like to contribute your time and effort to something that is really worthwhile, call Dr. Smith.

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Empowering Families
 By Dr. Donald Smith

"But Dad, I didn't do it," ten year old Randy exclaimed. "I really didn't. It was Joe and Manuel, I swear."
 "Then why were you put in detention at school?" John asked his son. "I don't believe they would have punished you for something you didn't do."
 "But Dad, you've got to listen," Randy persisted. "Joe and Manuel were fighting with another kid. I was trying to break it up.

They're my friends and I didn't want them to get into trouble. The other kid kind of pulled me in and then the coach showed up. I know what it looked like but I really wasn't in the fight."
 "Look Randy, Joe and Manuel have a history of getting into fights. You and I have talked about this before and I warned you about being too close to them. I believe what you tell me because you have been taught to tell the truth, but you made a very unwise choice. Coach Suarez did what he thought was right and from what he actu-

ally saw, it was right. Did you say anything disrespectful to Coach Suarez?" John asked.
 "Well, sort of," Randy replied.
 John continued, "Then you must do two things. First you must apologize to Coach Suarez for whatever it was you said. What do you suppose the second thing is?"
 Randy answered sheepishly, "I guess I have to admit that I made a bad choice."
 "That's exactly right," John said, "and you must use those exact words. We can learn a lesson

from this. Let's look at something written by a very wise man long, long ago. 'Provoke no quarrel with a quick-tempered man, nor ride with him through the desert (Sirach 8:16). He who fears God behaves accordingly, and his friend will be like himself (Sirach 6:17)." John continued, "You and I will go together to visit Coach Suarez tomorrow."
This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family project, working to strengthen families, faith and education in Brackettville.

'Greatest Party in Texas' planned Sept. 16 in Kerrville

The Y.O. Social Club, dedicated to preserving the Western heritage and romantic history of the Y.O. Ranch and the Hill Country area, will be hosting their 20th anniversary celebration this year. The festivities will take place Sept. 16 at the Y.O. Ranch in Mountain Home, just west of Kerrville. Since 1980, the year of the first social commemorating the centennial of the Y.O. Ranch, the Social Club has organized to bring the best in food, drink and entertainment to this legendary Texas shindig. Musician Lance Allen will begin the evening with traditional country melodies. Then, George Lee Jr., and the Crazy Cowboys will stir up the dust with songs from their new release, "Welcome to Hip Hop Country." Their performance will be followed by "the mule that pulls the Texas country music wagon," Gary P. Nunn and his band, the Sons of the Bunkhouse. Known throughout the south for his unique blend of music, Nunn's songs praise Texas, exemplify its culture, and epitomize the colorful

characters of the Lone Star State. This year's featured entertainer will be country western superstar, Tracy Lawrence. One of the most influential country performers of the 1990s, Lawrence is known for his solid country hits such as "If the World Had a Front Porch" and "Time Marches On."
 As all the music and dancing can create an appetite, palate pleasing food and drink will be served all night. Dine on venison crepes, cabrito, martini mashers, sauteed oysters, grilled white wing, and other scrumptious treats catered by south Texas favorite, Don Strange. Take time to visit the antique Post Office and use the historically designed commemorative stamp approved by the U.S. Postmaster in Washington, D.C. Help the Y.O. Social Club to preserve a piece of history while taking part in the fun of what Texas Monthly calls "the Greatest Party in Texas." Membership in the non-profit Y.O. Social Club is \$250 per couple and \$165 per single. This fee includes your entry into this year's guaranteed good time, the 20th year gala.

The Wave

I could be wrong!
 By Chuck Hall

I was in San Antonio last week. The big TACO. Henry Cisneros coined that phrase. He said if New York was the big apple, then SA should be called the big taco. It never caught on. I think he and I were the only ones that liked and appreciated it. I went to see my grandson. He's so much fun to be around. We went to the local supermarket in Lytle. Driving through town, we drove by some nice homes. My daughter told me to pay particular attention to one house. There was an old man sitting up on the front porch. He waved as we drove by. "He waves at everybody that passes." Kasey told me. "He doesn't have anything else to do. He doesn't even know who we are, but he still waves every time I go by." I don't think he even cares

Even if I am the only one, I applaud his merriment.
 who go by. I think he's just a happy man. He's another one of those individuals who are in a good mood every day. Nothing better to do? What better thing can one do than to try to spread good will and attempt to bring cheer to his fellow man? The next time I'm in his neighborhood, I'm going to stop. I'm going to go up to his porch, shake his hand, and tell him his waves weren't all wasted. Even if I am the only one, I applaud his merriment. I am grateful for his efforts to bring joy and warmth to our part of the world. He has not outlived his usefulness. But I could be wrong.

Incentive program helps landowners help rare species

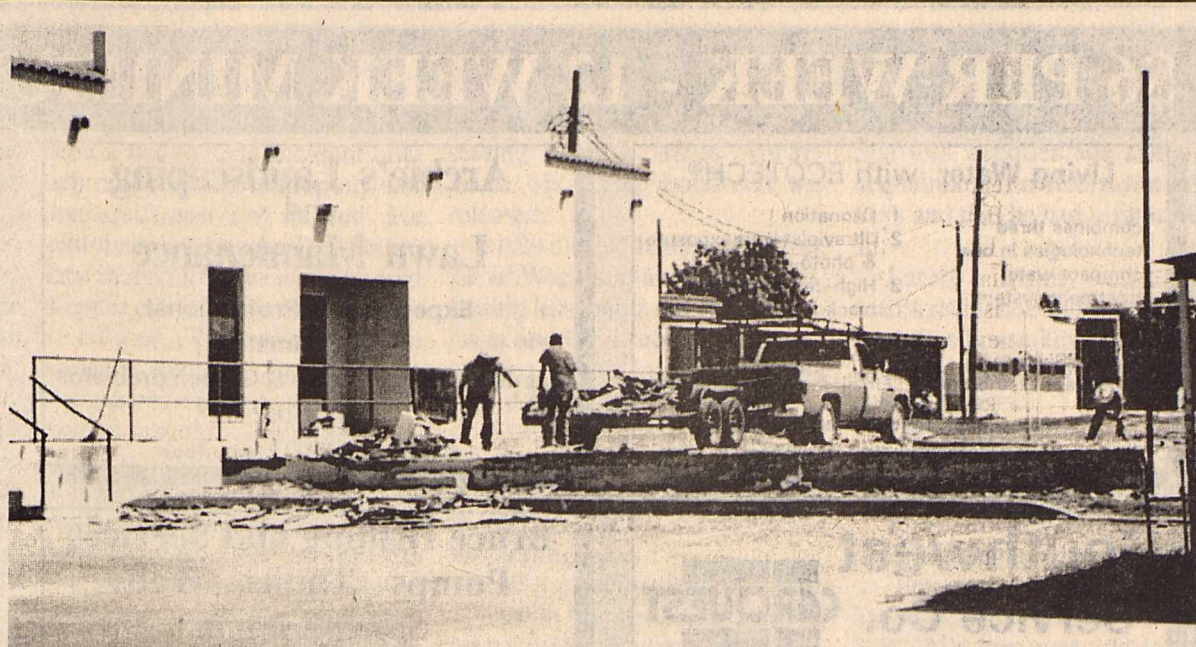
A little on the Wildlife Side
 By Henry Lutz

AUSTIN, Texas — While conflicts over endangered species tend to grab the headlines, a Texas Parks and Wildlife incentive program has been steadily building on-the-ground results for rare species and habitats across the state through cooperative partnerships between private property owners and government biologists. This month, the TPW Landowner Incentive Program will award five new grants totaling \$139,287, an amount greater than the entire annual budget of the program when it was created in 1997. The new grants will protect plants in a rare "hanging" bog in East Texas, restore native prairie in East Central Texas, enhance spring flows and improve habitat for rare songbirds near Uvalde, restore hardwood bottomlands along the Trinity River and restore dwindling native short-grass prairie in the Panhandle. Other current LIP projects include coastal prairie habitat management for Attwater's prairie chickens in Southeast Texas, prairie habitat restoration for lesser prairie chickens in the Panhandle, thornscrub reforestation in the Rio Grande Valley for species such as the ocelot, habitat and refuge creation for the Pecos pupfish in the Trans-Pecos to avoid listing this rare fish, and several projects for restoring black-capped vireo and

golden-cheeked warbler populations in the Texas Hill Country. Including these five new projects, LIP has funded 12 grants to landowners since last fall, when the annual budget was expanded to \$725,000 in state and federal funding, with more possible in donated funding from the non-profit National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The new money included \$625,000 authorized by Gov. George W. Bush and the Texas Legislature that reflected state leaders' satisfaction with the program's early results. LIP was started with funding from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which continues to support it. The program began with an annual budget of \$100,000 in 1997. Since then, LIP has funded 28 grants totaling \$446,057. "Endangered species conflicts with property owners have been the Achilles heel of many wildlife agencies, but here in Texas we are demonstrating that private land conservation can be achieved through cooperative means," said Andrew Sansom, TPW executive director. "It has been particularly gratifying to watch the Landowner Incentive Program's continued expansion, both in increasing leadership support and funding and through growing interest from landowners across the state." Below is a breakdown of some of the five grants awarded this month.

—Lee County project to restore 60 acres of native prairie habitat by converting "improved" pastureland common in that part of the state back to native prairie. Will serve as a demonstration to encourage other area ranchers to follow suit, as well as providing habitat for diverse wildlife species. Two-year project. LIP portion: \$9,787.50.
 —Project in Uvalde and Real Counties to enhance and expand suitable habitat for endangered golden-cheeked warblers and black-capped vireos, enhance natural spring flows and improve overall conditions for wildlife diversity through selective clearing of juniper and prescribed burning. Several populations of Tobusch fishhook cactus are present as well as other rare bird and plant species on this 5,900-acre site. Two-year project. LIP portion: \$53,200.
 —Project in Randall County in the Panhandle to restore 800 acres of dwindling native short-grass prairie. Native prairie plant species will be restored and managed, with the re-establishment of native wildlife communities. Diverse plant and animal species should also benefit. The site borders Palo Duro Canyon State Park on one corner. Three-year project. LIP portion: \$13,500.
 One of the most successful LIP projects to date is a brown-headed cowbird-trapping effort with wide

support and involvement from private landowners over a 30-county Central Texas area. Through this project a total of 200 traps were constructed, distributed and operated by landowners to curtail cowbird parasitism of endangered songbird nests. This arrangement allowed ranchers to continue grazing cattle on Fort Hood, where many families had been ranching for three generations. LIP is the first government program of its kind in the nation that provides grants for private landowners to undertake activities to conserve rare species and habitats on their property. Examples of eligible projects include habitat improvements (restoring native vegetation, prescribed burns, selective brush management, grazing management) or habitat conservation (constructing exclosure fences, gating caves). Funds can also be used to pay legal fees for conservation easements and other actions. Grant applications are reviewed by an 11-member committee that includes private ranchers, wildlife consultants, state and federal biologists, agriculture groups such as the Texas Farm Bureau and environmental interests such as Environmental Defense. For more information on how to apply for a LIP grant, call (800) 792-1112 or contact the TPW regional office in San Angelo at (915) 651-4748.



All gone

The old agriculture building, also known as the "baby gym," is now history. Workers began tearing down the structure last Monday and by Friday, the work was completed. Brackett ISD school trustees requested bids on the project after determining that the building was beyond repair and had served its purpose. The structure had been deemed dangerous and was preventing any further expansion of the junior high. Memories are all that are left, opined Frank Gomez, in photo at left, who remembers playing in the gym years ago when he was a student.

BISD School Calendar 2000-2001

- August**
- 8 - New Staff Inservice
- 9 - Staff Development
- 10 - Staff Development
- 11 - Work Day
- 14 - First Day of School
- September**
- 4 - School holiday
- 22 - End of first six weeks
- October**
- 9 - School holiday
- November**
- 3 - End of second six weeks
- 22-24 - Thanksgiving School Holiday
- December**
- 19 - End of third six weeks
- 20 - Work Day/Student Holiday
- 21-29 - Christmas Break - School holiday
- January**
- 1-2 - New Year - Holiday
- 3 - Staff Development/Student Holiday
- 12 - School Holiday
- 24 - Staff Development/Student Holiday
- February**
- 23 - End of fourth six weeks
- March**
- 12-16 - Spring Break - School holiday
- April**
- 12 - End of fifth six weeks
- 13 - Good Friday - School Holiday
- 16 - Easter/School Holiday
- May**
- 25 - End of sixth six weeks
- 25 - Last Day of School/Graduation
- 26 - Work day

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Preparations continue for the beginning of school

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

Sunday night, we receive measurable rain for the first time in several weeks. I had about 3 tenths of an inch, and some reports were more. Others were less. Most of us were outside and could smell the rain as it hit the parched earth. We're looking for more this weekend.

Gym floor finished

The gym floor has been completed. We have sanded and varnished the floor. There is a Tiger painted at center court and the lines are all freshly painted. It's really nice. The air conditioning of the entire gym will begin in the next couple of weeks.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Bruces and the Yeagers on the birth of their sons. These are very nice people and I know the women are happy to have this new member of their families.

Band getting ready

The band will begin Thursday night with a potluck for members and their families. Jason Guidry along with wife, Nicole, and their 3 year old son, Charlie will be fun folks for us in Brackettville. Welcome! We pray that we will have a grand band with as many members as you can dream about. I encourage all to think about joining or re-joining the Tiger Band. Rehearsals are scheduled during the day beginning at 8 a.m. Please call the school if you need more information.

Houston ISD state power program OK'd, Dewhurst announces

AUSTIN—Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst today announced unanimous approval by the Houston Independent School District Board Of Education to participate in the new State Power Program with the Texas General Land Office and Houston-based Reliant Energy Retail.

HISD is the first school district to participate in the innovative program, which will boost earnings from state lands for public education and lower electricity costs for Texas schools.

"I applaud the school board's wisdom in taking advantage of this cutting-edge program," Dewhurst said.

"This multi-year contract will save the district about \$5.8 million over the remainder of this year and next.

"Those savings can be used any way the school board sees fit."

Dewhurst said the State Power Program works by taking in-kind royalties from oil and gas produced on state lands, converting them into electricity, then selling it at below market rates to public school districts, institutes of higher learning, local governments and state agencies.

"This program benefits everyone involved it's a win-win," Dewhurst said.

"It will not only increase Land Office funding for Texas schoolchildren by more than 30 percent a year, it will provide huge savings to school districts.

The savings in Reliant's service territory alone are projected to be more than \$25 million this year and next."

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entire day so that our athletes can be safely taken care of. When you see these folks, let them know that our entire community appreciates their efforts.

School handbooks

School handbooks for staff and students were approved by the school board this past Monday night. This year, we have separated the elementary (grades PK-6) from the secondary (grades 7-12) handbooks. So, elementary

parents will not have to read through all of the information relating to the upper grades (and vice versa). The alternative school has its own handbook.

School begins Aug. 14

We're gaining on the beginning of school. I'm sure there will be many things that we will do to try to get the school year ready before Aug. 14. It will be our best year!

Have a great week!

Have a great week!

BISD football schedule

Brackett Varsity Football Schedule

- Aug. 24 - Crystal City (Scrimmage) - Away - 5:30 and 7 p.m.
- Aug. 31 - Junction (Scrimmage) - Home - 5:30 and 7 p.m.
- Sept. 8 - Sabinal - Home - 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 15 - Rocksprings - Away - 8 p.m.
- Sept. 22 - Nueces Canyon - Home - 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 29 - Leakey - Away - 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 6 - LaPryor - Away - 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 13 - * Three Rivers - Home - 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 20 - * Pettus-Homecoming - Home - 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 27 - * Poth - Away - 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 3 - * Natalia - Parents' Night - Home - 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 10 - * Dilley - Away - 7:30 p.m.

* Denotes District 30AA Football Games

Brackett Junior Varsity Football

- Sept. 7 - Sabinal - Away - 6 p.m.
- Sept. 14 - Rocksprings - Home - 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 21 - Nueces Canyon - Away - 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 28 - Sabinal - Home - 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 5 - Uvalde-9th Grade - Away - 5 p.m.
- Oct. 12 - Uvalde -9th Grade- Home - 5 p.m.
- Oct. 19 - Open
- Oct. 26 - Open
- Nov. 2 - Natalia - Away - 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 9 - Dilley - Home - 6 p.m.

Brackett Junior High Football

- Sept. 7 - Black and Gold - Home - 5 p.m.
- Sept. 14 - Rocksprings - Home - 5 p.m.
- Sept. 21 - Nueces Canyon - Away - 5 p.m.
- Sept. 28 - Leakey - Home - 5 p.m.
- Oct. 5 - LaPryor - Home - 5 p.m.
- Oct. 12 - Batesville - Away - 5 p.m.
- Oct. 19 - Black and Gold - Home - 5 p.m.
- Oct. 26 - Batesville - Home - 5 p.m.
- Nov. 2 - Natalia - Away - 5 p.m.

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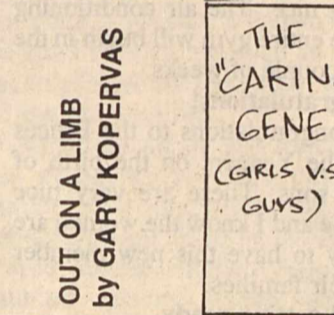
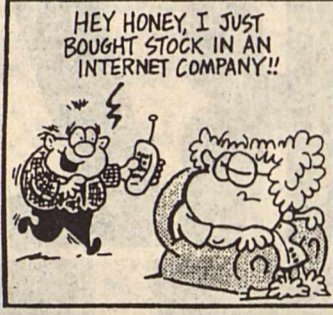
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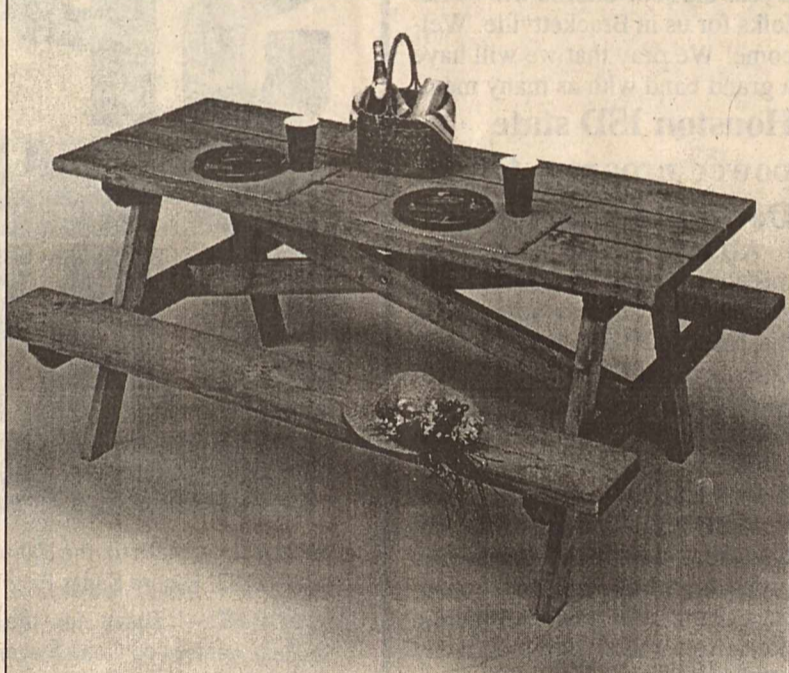
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Aries March 21- April 20
 Try hard to accomplish daily living tasks in a timely manner. Take an alternate route instead of the tried and true. Confide in your best friend about a potential problem in your love life. A massage is a welcome treat this week.

Taurus April 21-May 21
 Shed an inhibition. Confidently and respectfully disagree with your boss. It could be time to end a continuing family feud over power. You do not like change but accept the latest new opportunity.

Gemini May 22-June 21
 Pare down your calendar this week. Accept and be happy with the simple things in life. Do not make excuses. Friends and family may begin to trust you with explicit details as you become more truthful with them.

Cancer June 22-July 22
 Unburden yourself. Think hard before consolidating debts. It could land you in more financial trouble. A trusted relative has good, sound advice. Do not allow yourself to panic. Things will work out for the best.

Leo July 23-August 23
 Digestive problems could plague the perfectionist Leo. Don't allow others to dictate solutions. Avoid being insolent. Orange, the color of the sun, will bring you good thoughts and ideas.

Virgo August 24-Sept. 22
 Set your expectations high. You have unlimited potential, both mentally and physically. Financial backing for a business or real estate venture could be imminent. Be prudent and cautious.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
 Opportunity is knocking. But

balanced Libra is too concerned about maintaining order to take a risk. Facing reality is not settling for less. Try to be diplomatic. Others are waiting for you to slip up and make a mistake.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
 This week you may find yourself in the negotiator's seat. Set aside a lot of time for some serious sit-down discussions. Don't let friends and family fade into the background. You need them now more than ever.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
 Loosen up. Others aren't as detailed or organized as you. Friends are concerned about your perfectionist ways. Be spontaneous. It may be a good time to change or improve your living quarters, or even buy new furniture.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
 Contact distant family members. They have stories to share that put your current challenges to rest. You have to give a little to get a little. Don't let money come between you and your best friend. Practice saying "no".

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
 Keep your cool. It's easy to mouth off when asked to do things differently. The situation is likely temporary. Recognize your potential but take time to give yourself the necessary space. Your ideas are great!

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
 This week your compassion for the less fortunate is at an all-time high. Your love of knowledge makes you the perfect teacher. Put some thought into being a literacy tutor. Take care of personal finances quickly before debts skyrocket.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 27. Francisco Alejandro	July 29.....Irvn C. Crane
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God gives us enough

Submitted by
Lynn McNew

Though our generous God offers more than enough, we need just enough.

The story of Elijah is a good one for us to ponder. He confronted King Ahab in God's name and he was exiled. Elijah wanted to die, but God wanted him to live, and live he did. An angel visited him and gave him simple food. It was just what Elijah needed; it was enough for him. (1 Kings 19:4-8).

John's gospel tells us (John 6:41-51) some who heard Jesus say that he was the bread of life were not about to believe it, for to take this first step entailed a commitment, a conversion, a new journey. An openhearted listener will begin to understand that Jesus is talking about

something much greater than the feeding of a hungry prophet.

This is a very, very big understanding to absorb. Jesus asks them to take the first step and begin a long journey. Those who begin by believing will see and understand along the way. Those who taste will see. There is just enough sustenance and more than enough.

We who have taken the first step are making that very journey. We have been asked to set aside all traces of any other possible life and follow the way of love, even as Christ has loved us. Each Sunday we are renewed. Each Eucharist provided bread for the journey. Are we ready?

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

Choose to forgive and not grow bitter

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charolette Corey

Bitter or better, it's your choice.

In a world that daily gives you an opportunity to forgive, to trust in God, to apply your faith, to grow in love, one's choices will either cause you to flourish with God's peace that passes all understanding or will allow a root of bitterness to grow into something all consuming in one's life and eventually destroy you.

When you understand that God's ways are not your ways (or what you would naturally choose), and that the ways of the

world are at enmity with God, then you will more readily concede that God's way is the best way of doing anything.

God commands us to forgive, to stay in a daily walk of peace, joy, love, forgiveness and it's not easy.

That is why he gives us the Holy Spirit to empower us. It is the same spirit by which his son, Jesus Christ, accomplished all his will and purpose in this earth.

The Holy Spirit is so powerful and so opposite to what men usually expect to come out of a person that anyone who is truly being led by the Holy Spirit appears to be acting in the supernatural or that which is beyond

the natural.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to forgive beyond the natural. He empowers us to love beyond the natural.

He empowers us to have faith beyond the natural. The measure of our hope expands beyond the natural and we "walk" in the super natural.

All of this comes to pass because our God is a Super Natural God. He is the Most Holy and Awesome God; it is he who has created us, saved us, established us and empowered us because he loves us.

With all this at our fingertips, it should be impossible for a day to go by in which we let any lie

from the devil take root in our lives.

The only way it can happen is to ignore God's word, shut him out of our lives (or try to), and not listen to the Holy Spirit who is constantly whispering to our hearts what the right thing to do is in any circumstance.

You are walking in the kingdom of God as you choose God's way of doing things and become the shining beacon of his love to the world. Sometimes you are the only Bible people read. Choose to forgive, and not grow bitter, but grow better and receive his blessings.

Stand in faith, rest in hope walk in love.

Public Records

Arraignments: Wednesday, July 19

The Honorable Herbert Senne, presiding.

John Alvarez, charge: DWI; arraigned, served time in jail.

Juan Ramon Caceres Jr., charge: Driving While License Invalid, continued until August.

Luciano Cahero, charge: Driving While License Invalid, continued until August.

Darvin Scott, Driving While License Invalid, No show, warrant issued.

Dennis J. Slubar Jr., charge: DWI, attorney appointed (Humberto Urby).

Christopher Jacob Terry, charge: DWI, no show; warrant issued.

Thomas C. Ward, charge: Deadly Conduct, served time in jail.

Jaime White, charge: Driving While License Invalid, continued until August.

Artemio Vasquez II, charge: Driving While License Invalid, continued until August.

Artemio Vasquez II, charge: Evading Arrest, continued until August.

Traci Dawn Garcia, charge: Driving While License Invalid, continued until August.

Bench Trials: Wednesday, July 19

The Honorable Herb Senne presiding:

Debrah Ann Arriola, charge: DWI, continued until August.

Tammy Michelle Hayes, charge: DWI continued until August.

David Lee Labuda, charge: DWI, continued until August.

Jesse Luna, charge: Driving While License Invalid, continued until August.

Olga Lidia Salinas, charge: Driving While License Invalid, paid fine and court costs.

Erin Rose Talkington, charge: possession of marijuana, paid fine and court costs.

Ben Tovar, charge: Assault with Bodily Injury, appointed attorney (Humberto Urby).

Santana Vasquez, charge: DWI, paid fine and court costs.

Martin Hernandez, charge: DWI, second offense, no show; warrant issued.

Jane Vega, charge: DWI, continued until August.

Trial Calendar: 63rd District Court Kinney County

August 8, 9 a.m. - In the matter of the marriage of Danielle J. and Peter Daniel Perez, Comments: Divorce-waiver signed Attorney: Jerry Don Evans

August 8, 9 a.m. - The state of Texas vs. Manuel "Timber" Sanchez.

Pre-trial hearing; Comments: Murder and attempted murder, Prosecutor: Tom F. Lee, district attorney, Victor Roberto Garcia, defense attorney (appointed)

No trial date set at this time
August 8, 9 a.m. - The State

of Texas vs. Tracy Garcia, Comments: Endangerment to a child Prosecutor: Tom F. Lee, district attorney, Herman Everett, Surety

No trial date set at this time
August 8, 9 a.m. - In the matter of the marriage of Brian Anthony and Kataezyna Kolenda Roman, Comments: Uncontested divorce. Attorney: Pedro G. Nieto

Volunteers needed to aid senior citizens

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.

They serve the needs of Texas families and the most vulnerable of our citizens.

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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

News from the Uvalde-Real County Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, serving Kinney, Uvalde, Maverick and Real counties:

- The Farm Storage Facility Loan Program is available to producers who have a need for commodity storage. This is strictly for grain storage, which means no storage of mohair, hay, farm equipment, etc. Grains include wheat, soybeans, barley, and oilseeds determined and announced by CCC, corn, grain sorghum and oats. Producers must obtain crop insurance on all crops planted for all seven years of the term of the loan. No site preparation or construction can begin before approval.
- Crops eligible for Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) are cotton, corn, grain sorghum, wheat and oats. The acres must be reported to the office. They must be produced on a farm enrolled in AMTA. A CCC709 is requested prior to the harvest of a crop and you want to lock in the LDP rate on the date of delivery/sale of the commodity to public storage or for immediate sale. A CCC666 is requested after harvest and before beneficial interest is lost. The LDP rate is the rate on the date all required signatures are obtained in the county office.
- If you are interested in a mohair loan that you have not

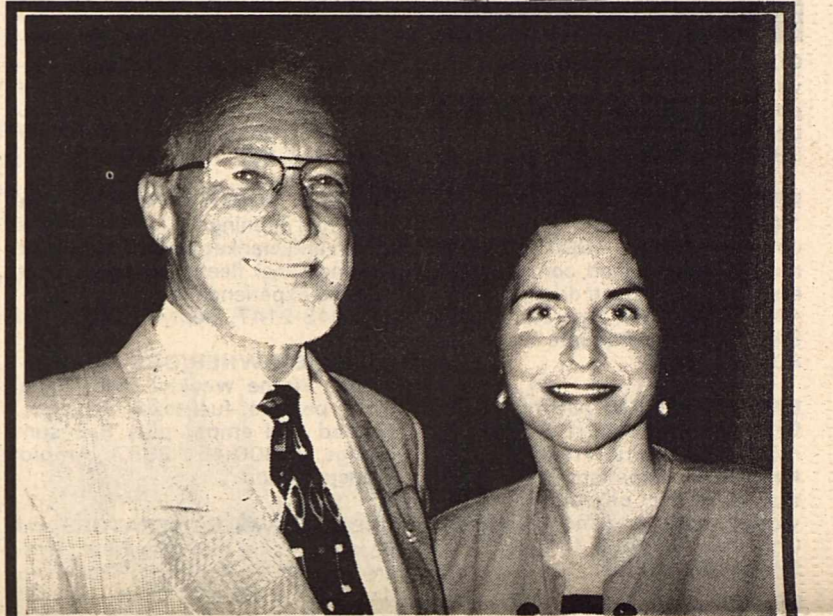
received a loan on, you have until Sept. 30 to apply. There will be interest charged for all new loans. If you have mohair under loan, you may reoffer that mohair for loan when your loan is due. The reoffered mohair will be an interest bearing loan as well.

- Final planting dates in Kinney County for the following crops to be used for the Noninsured Crops Assistance Program are: Spinach, Sept. 10-Jan. 15; Onions, Spring, Oct. 1-Dec. 15; Onion Plants, July 15-Jan. 1; Cabbage, Fall, July 15-Oct. 15; Cabbage, Spring, Oct. 1-March 15; Carrots, July 15-Dec. 1; Turnips, July 1-Jan. 31; Beets, July 15-Feb. 15; Cantaloupes, Spring, Feb. 10-April 15; Cantaloupes, Fall, July 15-Sept. 1; Cucumbers, Fall, Sept. 1-Oct. 15; Collard Greens, Fall, July 15-Nov. 20; Mustard Greens, Fall, July 15-Nov. 20; Turnip Greens, Fall, July 15-Nov. 20; Kale, Aug. 1-Jan. 31; Broccoli, Fall, Sept. 1-Nov. 20; Hot peppers, Spring, March 1-April 15; Hot peppers, Fall,

July 1-Aug. 15; Sweet peppers, Spring, March 1-April 15; Sweet peppers, Fall, July 1-Aug. 15; Watermelons, Spring, Feb. 1-April 15; Watermelons, Fall, Aug. 10-Sept. 1; Corn March 1-April 15; Grain Sorghum, April 15

• Appointments: With the additional workload of the office, you might want to consider calling and setting an appointment.

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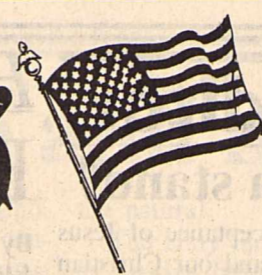
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Briefs ...

Jimenez earns B.A.

Valerie Marie Jimenez of Brackettville has graduated Magna Cum Laude from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos with a bachelor's degree in English. A 1996 graduate of Brackett High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hector Jimenez.

She is a Mitte Scholar and is a member of numerous national and international honor societies. She has accepted a job with the English Department at San Marcos High School.

271 apprehended

There were 271 apprehensions in the Brackettville area between July 10 and 16, according to the Del Rio Sector Border Patrol. The number is included in the 1,994 total for the sector during that time period.

Also included in the total were 28 apprehensions in Abilene, 308 in Carrizo Springs, 22 in Comstock, 281 in Del Rio, 1,029 in Eagle Pass, 5 in Llano, 10 in Rocksprings, 6 in San Angelo, and 34 in Uvalde. All but 129 of those apprehended were identified as Mexican nationals.

Love poems sought

The New York Poetry Alliance is sponsoring Poetry 2000, a free contest open to everyone. A \$1,000 cash prize will be awarded to the winner. There are 28 prizes in all. The deadline for entries is Aug. 14. To enter, send a poem of 21 lines or less to: New York Poetry Alliance, Box 1588, New York, NY 10116-1588, or enter online at www.freecontest.com.

Bingo players win big

Charitable players who frequented the one license Bingo charity in Kinney County won \$4,675 in January, February and March of this year, state officials report. The charitable organization in Kinney with an annual license to conduct Charitable Bingo, Fort Clark Springs Community Council, reported 814 in attendance for the quarter. The \$4,675 won locally is part of the \$106.1 million in prizes that Bingo charities across the state paid to winners. That includes \$82.7 million for regular Bingo prizes and \$15.9 million in prizes for pull tab Bingo games. In the first week of June, local government in Kinney County received \$116.81 in Charitable Bingo prize fees covering the first quarter of 2000.

INSIDE

Who cares?

One of the top stories this week in the news has been the alleged racial slur uttered by Hillary Clinton over 20 years ago.

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Family Literacy

On July 20, the Brackettville Rotary Club heard Dr. Donald Smith who, with his wife Dr. Anita Torres Smith, is dedicating his time since retirement to the Sr. Henry deOsso Family Literacy Project.

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Making A Difference

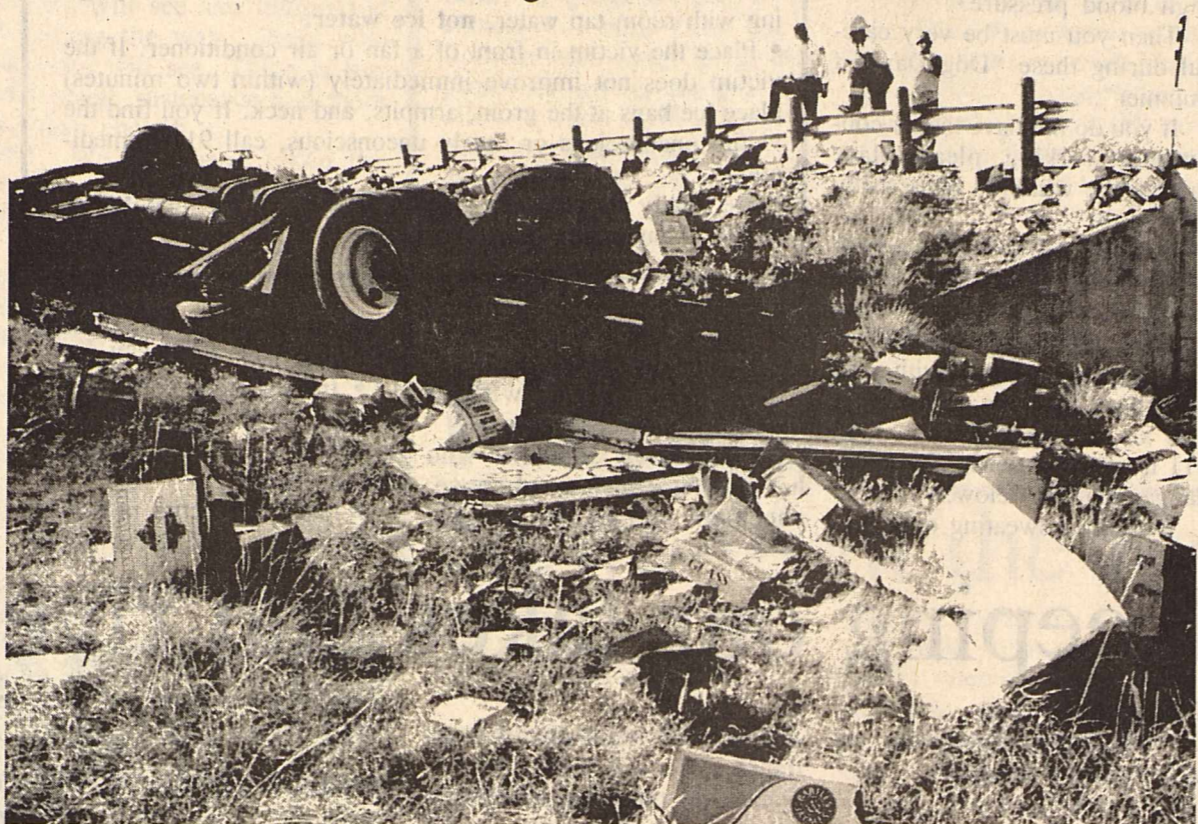
We're gaining on the beginning of school. I'm sure there will be many things that we will do to try to get the school year ready before Aug. 14. It will be our best year!

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Man seriously hurt in rollover



Motorists driving on the Highway about 3 miles east of Brackettville witnessed the accident and hurried to the Kinney County Sheriff's Department to report that the driver needed help.

Photo by Jewel Robinson

Good Samaritan, emergency crews rescue man trapped under truck

Good Samaritans and emergency personnel teamed up last Friday to rescue a man trapped under an 18-wheeler truck that had slid off Highway 90 West, struck a guardrail and rolled over.

Motorists driving on the Highway about 3 miles east of Brackettville witnessed the accident and hurried to the Kinney County Sheriff's Department to report that the driver needed help. Emergency personnel were dispatched to the scene.

Meanwhile, also near the accident scene was Tony Frerich, who wasted no time getting a jack to prop the truck up and remove the victim pinned under the wreckage.

The victim later was identified as Mario Ramos, who was driving a truck owned and operated by Block Distributing of San Antonio. Ramos was driven by EMS to the Uvalde Airport and airlifted to San Antonio's University Hospital.

Reportedly, he is in intensive care and is expected to make a slow recovery.

Ramos was on his way to deliver bottles of liquor to stores in Del Rio and Laughlin Air Force when he apparently fell asleep at the wheel, said Department of Public Safety trooper Tony Ashley.

Ashley and Carolyn Rutherford, EMS director, praised



The driver was to make 18 stops in Brackettville, Del Rio and Laughlin. His truck was carrying \$60,000 worth of liquor that spilled out when the accident occurred.

Photo by Jewel Robinson

Frerich for his quick response to aid the accident victim. Ramos sustained massive leg injuries, but Rutherford said Tuesday afternoon that hospital officials indicate Ramos is doing fine and will not lose his legs.

Ramos was to make 18 stops in Brackettville, Del Rio and Laughlin and his truck was carrying \$60,000 worth of liquor that spilled out when the accident occurred, said Ashley.

Though some people who heard about the accident joked about retrieving some of the liquor bottles that did not break in the accident, Ashley was quick to point out that

removing any material from any accident is against the law.

He said that Tobacco, Alcohol and Beverage Commission members came to the accident scene to look at the alcoholic products and that all the products were later destroyed.

Besides EMS and TABC also at the scene were Texas Department of Health officials, the Kinney County Fire Department personnel, and the Texas Department of Transportation workers who helped clear the highway. Both highway lanes were blocked by the debris, said Ashley.

Border Patrol agents, area ranchers plan town hall meeting here on Monday

The Brackettville Border Patrol Station will host the Del Rio Sector's first town hall meeting, in conjunction with the agency's Rancher Liaison Program, Monday, July 31 at the Service Club on Fort Clark Springs, beginning at 6 p.m.

The U.S. Border Patrol recently initiated the Rancher Liaison Program to facilitate better

communication with ranchers along the border.

Specially assigned liaison agents will be available to respond to ranchers' concerns and will actively seek input regarding rural border enforcement issues.

Townhall meetings will be held regularly throughout the Del Rio sector, which extends from Comstock to Carrizo Springs.

Brackett High School registration set Aug. 1-7

All high school students are required to register on their specific day.

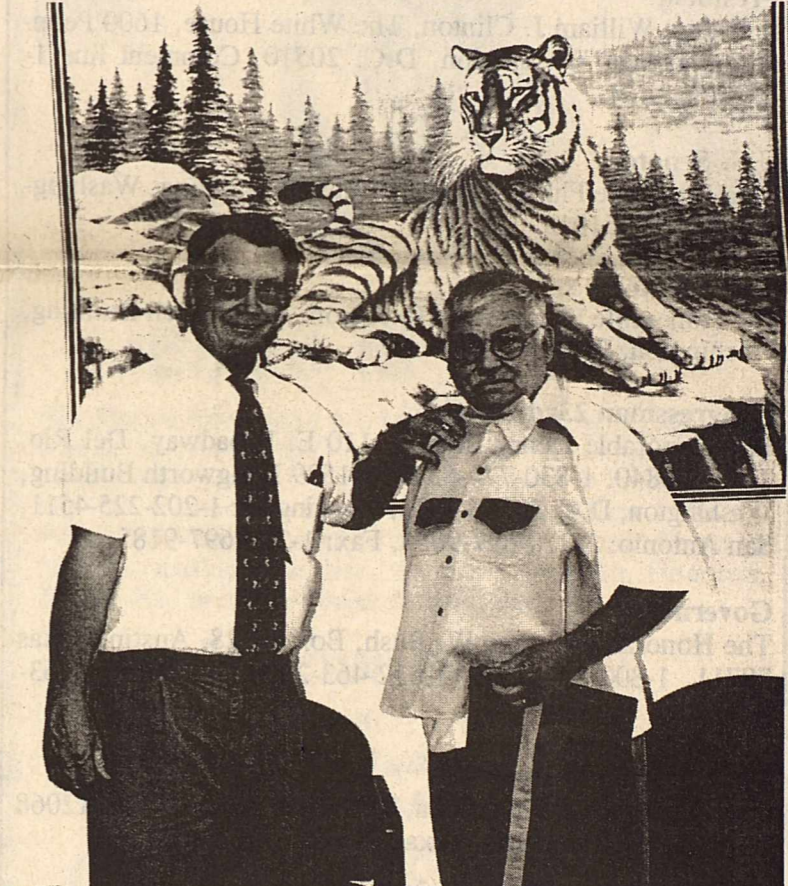
Students who do not attend the registration will have their class schedule cancelled and will need to report to the auditorium on the morning of the first day of school for rescheduling.

Principal Michael D. Hall asks students who cannot register on the specified days to call the office at 563-2491 to make other arrangements.

Students who have registered will report to their first period class on the first day of school.

The registration schedule is:

- Tuesday, Aug. 1**
Seniors only - 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 2**
Juniors only - same time as above
- Thursday, Aug. 3**
Sophomores only - same time as above
- Friday, Aug. 4**
Freshmen only - same time as above
- Monday, Aug. 7**
New Students - Transfer Students - same time as above



Abbie Garcia, right, shows Brackett ISD Superintendent Taylor Stephenson the Tiger Band uniform he wore as a 12-year-old in 1946. Garcia has kept the uniform in mothballs all these years he said, until he decided to give it to the school, along with a 1946 yearbook. Stephenson thanked Garcia and said the uniform and yearbook will be on display soon in a trophy case.

Kinney County youngsters learn all about bike safety

More than 70 youngsters have participated in two Bike Rodeos sponsored this summer by EMS

and local law enforcement personnel and volunteers, said Michelle Rosas, EMS spokesperson.

The latest Bike Rodeo took place last Wednesday with 25 youngsters participating. A

similar event in June attracted 50 youngsters. They learned bike safety, hand signalling, and proper

safety helmet usage and successfully maneuvered their bikes around obstacle courses.

Another Bike Rodeo is planned in August.

After the children complete the Bike Rodeo requirement, they are awarded a certificate and a safety helmet.

Parents also become involved by pledging to remind their children to apply what they learned at the Bike Rodeo each time the youngsters go for a bike ride.

Children who are seen riding their bikes around town and wearing their helmets are rewarded with coupons they can redeem at the Burger 'N Shake or at McDonald's. Sheriff's Department personnel served snow cones at the June Bike Rodeo, and their time and efforts were appreciated, said Rosas. EMS Director Carolyn Rutherford and Bike Rodeo organizers also thank volunteers Laurie Clements, Mary Jane Garcia, Rosario Luna, Tina Luna Augusta Pines, Nancy Rodriguez and Yolanda Williams for their help in making the Bike Rodeos successful.



From left: Bryanna Sosa, 6, Arturo Sosa, 3, children of Rita Sosa and Christian Lopez, 3, whose mom is Rene Diaz.

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Arturo Sosa, 3

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Priscilla Aguirre, 5, left, and Marisol, 7, children of Jesus and Elena Aguirre.

Photo by Diana Gonzales

Playing it safe

These youngsters are aware of bike safety because they attended recent Bike Rodeos sponsored by EMS personnel and volunteers. The young cyclists never ride their bikes without wearing their helmets, added Marisol, because "if you fall from your bike, you

will hurt your head if you don't have your helmet on." The other kids nodded in agreement. Another Bike Ride is planned in August before the beginning of the school year. The first day of school, incidentally, is Monday, Aug. 14.