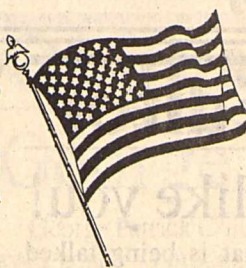


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County faces 16 percent insurance hike

Kinney County is facing insurance increases of approximately 16 percent according to the proposed budget for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

The proposed budget totals \$2,012,243.29, which is up from the current budget of \$1,891,042.39. The proposed budget is an increase of 6.4 percent.

The most notable increase is for the constable's budget up 139.4 percent from \$8,072.97 to \$19,329. Insurance for this budget was increased from \$33 to \$2,545. Other increases included auto repairs, telephone, gas/oil, salary, and public official liability insurance.

The proposed library budget is up 33.1 percent from \$47,683.73 to \$63,473.24. The librarian's salary was increased from \$18,076.41 to \$19,286.56, up 6.7 percent. The assistant librarian's wages were increased 119.5 percent, or \$7,453.68, to \$13,693.68. Insurance was increased from \$3,273 to \$7,601.

The district court budget is up 25.3 percent, from \$30,032.93 to \$37,622.79. Most of the increase is due to the district attorney and regional juvenile probation line items. The items are up 104.9 percent and 10 percent, from \$5,962 to \$12,215.71, and \$9,614 to \$10,575, respectively.

The county agent's proposed budget is \$56,118.62, up 12.9 percent from \$49,727.40. Equipment purchases are up 7.6 percent, from \$7,900 to \$8,500. County agent wages have increased to \$12,510.11 from \$10,115.60. Administrative assistance wages have increased from \$14,684.80 to \$17,831.51. Insurance increased 16.2 percent.

The proposed EMS budget has increased 10.3 percent to \$186,108.32 from \$168,674.80.

The EMS director's salary increased 1.7 percent from \$25,000 to \$25,416.30. One clerk's wages were increased from \$16,469.20 to \$19,286.56, or 17.1 percent. Another clerk's wages increased 61 percent to \$16,486.23 from \$10,241.60. Insurance for this budget is \$12,500, up 105.4 percent from last year's \$6,086.

The county attorney's budget is up 9.1 percent, from \$75,764.04 to \$82,666.66. This budget also reflects an insurance increase of 16.1 percent. The secretary's wages were increased by 17.2 percent from \$12,172.16 to \$14,260.48. Retirement is up 51.1 percent from \$2,360 to \$3,566.

The county auditor's budget increased 7.5 percent. It included a wage increase of 3.9 percent for the auditor, 16.7 percent for insurance, and a 20 percent increase for office supplies.

The justice of the peace's budget has increased 6.1 percent, from \$112,454.98 to \$119,341.07. The budget includes a 16.2 percent increase for insurance, 7.5 percent increase for equipment purchases and employee wage increases of 1.1 to 1.8 percent.

The proposed sheriff's department budget is up 4.9 percent from \$541,646.88 to \$568,248.59. It includes insurance increases of 29.4 percent.

The proposed tax assessor-collector's budget is \$59,573.83, up 4.8 percent from \$57,024.80. It includes an insurance increase of 16.8 percent. Employee wages were increased 1.7 percent. Public official liability insurance was increased 10.7 percent.

The county treasurer's budget is up 3.5 percent which includes a 16.7 percent increase for insurance.

The county judge's budget has gone from \$85,501.54 to \$86,664.05, an increase of 1.4

percent. The insurance increased 16.1 percent.

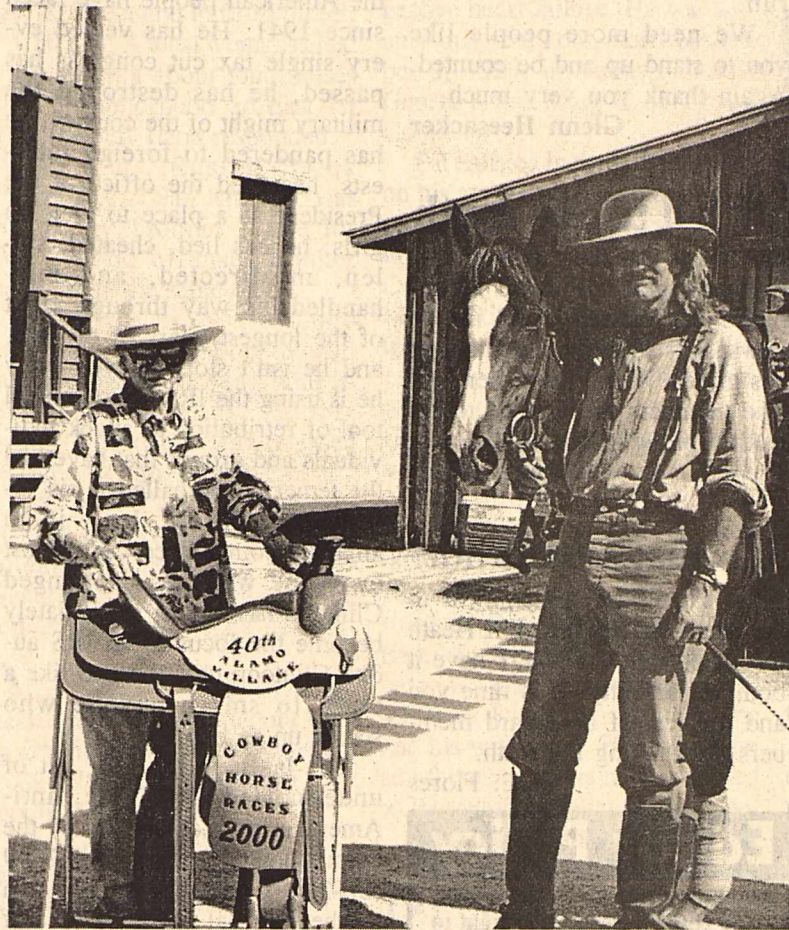
The DPS budget is proposed at \$6,400 up from \$4,900. The \$1,400 increase is for equipment purchases and telephone.

The county and district clerk's budget has been lowered by 15.5 percent, down to \$92,461.89 from \$109,447.44. The decrease is mostly due to a decrease in equipment purchases, down from \$26,590.22 to \$5,300, or 80.1 percent. Insurance for this budget has increased 15.6 percent from \$7,179 to \$8,299.

The building maintenance budget has decreased 14 percent from \$64,948.54 to \$55,874.10.

Commissioner's are proposing a tax increase of \$0.1003 cents per \$100 of valuation. This raises the current tax rate of \$0.7211 to \$0.8214.

The Kinney County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing Monday September 11th, at 9:00 AM in the County Courtroom. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed budget.



Gary Gaylor of Fort Clark won the final horse race at Alamo Village on Labor Day. Virginia Shahan presented him with the trophy saddle. Brackett News photo by Jewel Robinson

Briefs ...

Seminole Indian Anniversary

The Seminole Indian Scout Association will celebrate its 128th anniversary Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16-17 on the Carver School grounds.

A parade will begin at 10 a.m. on Sept. 16, followed by a talent show, a barbecue, refreshment booths, cake and prize walks and a dance.

On Sept. 17, services are planned at 11 a.m. at the Seminole Indian Scouts Cemetery followed by lunch on the Carver School grounds.

"The association is doing a great job keeping their history alive and meaningful," said Clarence Ward, Association president.

Interested persons may contact Augusta Pines at 563-9979, Beverly Wright at 563-9181 or Ward at 563-9394 for more information.

Kinney County Health Fair

The Kinney County Health Fair will be held on November 16th from 12 to 6 pm. The Texas Department of Health states that getting the flu shot in November will give an individual more than sufficient time to gain immunity from the flu. Last year, over 560 citizens of Kinney County received their flu shots at the Kinney County Health Fair.

Old Quarry auditions

Auditions for the first play of the 2000-01 season will be held on Friday, Sept. 8th and Sunday, Sept. 10th, at 2:00 p.m. at Post Theatre. The play, sponsored by the Old Quarry Society, is entitled "The Antiques Won't Go Away" by John Tisot.

Parts are available for 8-10 men and 6-8 women of any age, including a teen-age boy. Some of the parts are interchangeable, and many of them have a limited number of lines, which are ideal for beginning actors. You do not need to be a member of the Old Quarry Society, or of Fort Clark Springs to participate in our productions. We work in a very non-threatening environment and encourage newcomers to join us.

For more information, call 563-9229.

Bikini Team at Alamo Village

The Texas Bikini Team girls will be available at Alamo Village all day Saturday, September 9 for pictures and autographs.

Give credit where credit is due!

EMS Update
By Carolyn Rutherford
EMS Director

Have you ever realized that someone helps you out and never gets credit for it? One of the most important words in our language is Thank you. There is a group of folks at Ft. Clark Springs who have supported EMS for many years. They are Unsung Heroes and deserve recognition. The group is the Community Council. For years they have quietly and consistently supported EMS here in Brackettville. Every Friday night from 7 p.m. till they are through, they hold Bingo at Shafter Hall. A significant portion of their proceeds goes back into EMS, supporting us by purchasing lots of special items when we opened our new EMS building. "Perhaps you could have a note put in the Brackettville paper thanking our bingo players," says Sara Richhart, Community Council Secretary/Treasurer. Perhaps? The least I can do is say thank you. If you've ever played Bingo, you know what fun it is, and these Bingo players are just as devoted to EMS as they are to their

game. Yes, indeed, your EMS and your community sincerely appreciate all you have done and continue to do assisting our programs. So here is the Punch-Line - - -If you're looking for a cool place on Friday nights to have a really great time and to win prizes, come to the Bingo games at Shafter Hall! Bingo starts at 7 p.m. and goes "until they're through!"

While I'm saying "thank you" to folks, we need to add one more Unsung Hero to the list. Last week one of our part time Paramedics volunteered to bring home a resident in need of a good deed. Not only did Lawrence Ervin take time from his day off, but he used his own gas to bring home one of our patients. This kept the gentleman from waiting at the hospital for another day. Thanks, Lawrence for going the extra mile. You're a really great guy!

Our EMT Basic course only has about 1 1/2 months left. The time really goes by quickly. This group is not only very promising; these students are so much fun! After a hard day's work here at EMS, it is sometimes difficult to get up the "Energy Curve" to teach. They

make that task easy... because they always have an interesting or funny comment! The great part is that Kinney County should have 6 new EMTs if all of them pass. The EMT-I candidates from Kinney County are still trying to get all the requirements in so they can take their State exam. If you see Ricky, Michelle, Mickey, and Mary Jane, please wish them good luck!

One more word about this heat... please be very careful on these extremely hot days. If you live inside and do not have air conditioning, please open your windows and use fans to bring in fresh, cool air. It's the moving air that helps to keep you cooler. Remember, Heat Stroke is a life-threatening condition. Anyone experiencing dizziness, headache, or altered mental state needs to be evaluated immediately by EMS or the doctor.

If you need EMS, CALL 911. Remember the second EMS ambulance to respond may not have Texas Department of Health staffing. There will always be at least one EMS trained person in the patient compartment.

Professional Counseling services offered

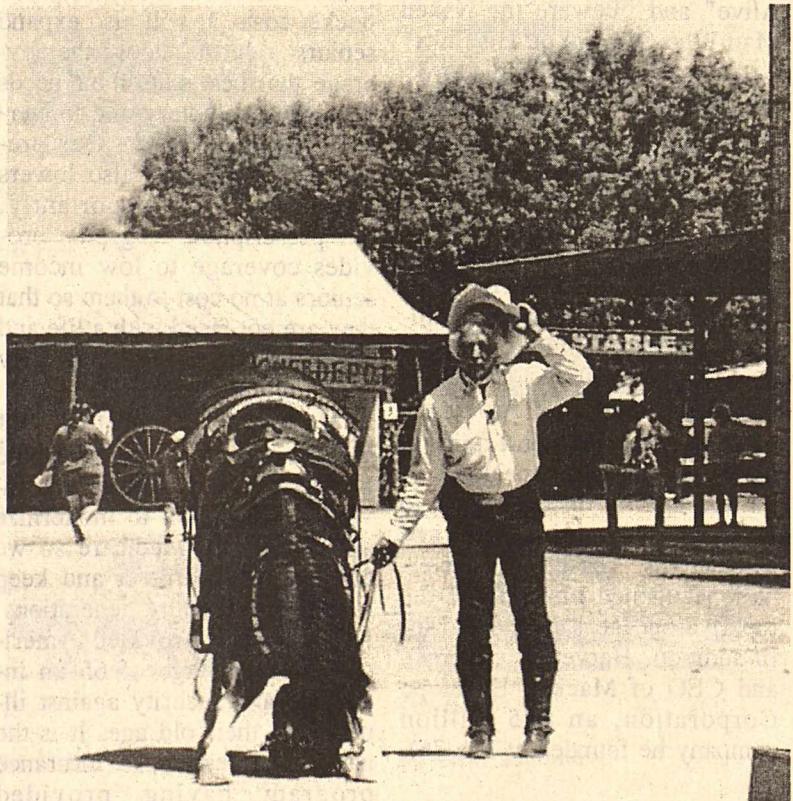
Professional counseling services will be available by appointment in Brackettville on Saturdays and at the St. Henry deOso Family Project Office in Uvalde at other times. The counselor will be Mrs. Cheryl Sandoval who is serving a two year internship in counseling under the supervision of Dr. Donald Smith who is a licensed counselor. Mrs. Sandoval is licensed as an intern by the State Board of Examiners of Profes-

sional Counselors in Austin.

Charges for the services will range from \$5 per session to \$50 per session depending on family income and need. The service is based upon Christian principles and values and is available for individual, family and marriage situations. Adults and children of all ages can be accommodated.

Because the services are somewhat limited, only referrals from local pastors will be accepted. In-

formation will be given to pastors about making referrals. "We believe that individuals who need professional counseling also need the spiritual support of their pastors," said Mrs. Sandoval. "We believe that we can accomplish much more when pastors are involved in the treatment." Pastors who would like information may call Dr. Don Smith at 563-2285 or Mrs. Sandoval at 830-278-9718.



Dean Smith and his horse Hollywood were a crowd pleaser on Labor Day at Alamo Village. Brackett News photo by Jewel Robinson

Hispanic community promotes Boy Scouting for youth

At age 9, Roberto Mercado became the youngest Scout to receive the Boy Scouts of America's Heroism Award for saving his mother's life. "Berdo," as his friends and teachers call him, used the correct Heimlich Maneuver to dislodge a piece of meat that was choking her. He learned the technique as a Cub Scout.

Mario Castro, a 12-year-old from Brooklyn, N.Y., emigrated from Mexico City with his family 10 years ago. In April, the Boy Scouts of America officially announced that Castro was the 100 millionth member to join the Boy Scouts of America. He joined Troop 986, sponsored by St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn.

Many Latinos are finding that their traditional Hispanic family values coincide with the positive values of Scouting. Parents are able

to see their sons get into Scouting and grow from boys to fine young men. Scouting instills lifetime values and builds character in today's youth. It prepares young men for the challenges of becoming adults.

"Hispanics in the Valley participate in Scouting because we want the best for the future of our children," says Alberto Munoz, an attorney in McAllen, Texas, and president of the Boy Scouts of America Rio Grande Council. "We want to raise our kids on good principles and teach them family values. We want to see them getting an education and growing up as people of integrity, making a difference in their own lives and the lives of their families. That's the reason Hispanics believe in Scouting."

By 2001, 18 percent of all babies born in the United States will be of Hispanic origin. Already,

because of their growing numbers, Latino teens are no longer a minority group in some areas of the country. In fact, by 2005, Hispanic youth will be the largest ethnic youth population in the country. And the trend will only keep growing.

Now, the Boy Scouts of America is determined to fully reach Hispanic families by launching a comprehensive program in the South Texas area that invites boys and their families to take advantage of the lifetime benefits of scouting.

For more than 90 years, the Boy Scouts of America has helped families develop young men who are trustworthy and responsible. Becoming part of the scouting tradition is definitely worth the effort and the Boy Scouts of America is determined to deliver this message to the Hispanic family.

"Our theme is Scouting! *Vale la Pena* (Scouting-it's worth it)," says Frank Ramirez, associate national director of the Scoutreach Division. "It's a phrase we all use - all Hispanic families. It's a simple message with a profound impact. Anything good in life is worth the effort. I believe Hispanic families will embrace this message because the Boy Scouts of America has always been an incredible resource for the family. Today, about one out of every three Hispanics is under the age of 18. This program is long overdue and I'm extremely pleased."

The new initiative will reach far beyond the boys and their parents. The benefits will have a long-lasting impact on entire families and communities. By achieving more active Hispanic participation in scouting, the results will be evident for a lifetime.

"Scouting is more than learning how to survive in the mountains or how to overcome difficult experiences," says Munoz. "Scouting makes our children better people, better citizens of the United States and good residents of the state of Texas and the Valley."

The Boy Scouts of America has been the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values based leadership training. The result is a program of exciting and meaningful activities that encourage youth to pursue their special interests, make new friends, develop leadership skills and give back to the community. Scouting annually serves the needs of close to 5 million youth in more than 100 countries. For more information about the Boy Scouts of America, access the website at www.scouting.org.

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Smart ways to borrow

For many, borrowing money is easy - repaying it is the hard part. That's why it's important to borrow only when necessary and to do so carefully, taking into consideration your overall financial plan. Lifestyle/Page 4

Making A Difference

Friday night is our football game opener with Sabinal. It will be at home here at Tiger Stadium. Come join us as we cheer on the Tigers! Before the games, the varsity volleyball teams play at 5:00 PM. Support the Tigercettes. School/Page 5

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Letters to the Editor

We need more people like you!

An open letter to Jane Gilbert
Thank you for the letter published in The Brackett News on August 31, 2000. I strongly believe you are right on and will support you to run for President of the Board of Directors of the Fort Clark Springs Association. I promise to pay your \$25.00 filing fee, that is being talked about, to run for Association Board of Directors - if you will run.
We need more people like you to stand up and be counted. Again thank you very much.
Glenn Heesacker

The members are entitled to the truth

Open Letter to the Editor
To the Board of Directors of the Fort Clark Springs Association
Congratulations on the termination of the manager. In my opinion, this is the best thing that has happened to FCS. At the last board meeting the president of the Board told the members that the manager had been terminated for cause. Then in the newspaper she says the manager resigned. Why the cover up? The members are entitled to the truth. Telling it like it is!
Roger Perez

Terminated or resigned, what's the truth?

To Jane Gilbert
Thank you for the letter to The Brackett News
You are 100% correct. At the last board meeting, Betty Gibbs told the members that Jim Heath had been terminated for cause.
Then she issued a statement to the press stating that Jim Heath resigned. You CANNOT have it both ways, Betty. It is time you and the rest of the board members start telling the truth.
R.E. Flores

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Will criminals register their guns?

The Way I See It!
By Steven R. LaMascus

Bill Clinton and his wannabe socialist government, including Al Gore, is the greatest enemy the American people have faced since 1941. He has vetoed every single tax cut congress has passed, he has destroyed the military might of the country, he has pandered to foreign interests, has used the office of the President as a place to pick up girls, he has lied, cheated, stolen, misdirected, and mishandled his way through eight of the longest years of my life, and he isn't stopping yet! Now he is using the IRS as a personal tool of retribution to attack individuals and groups that have had the temerity to challenge his supreme authority. Isn't it an amazing coincidence that almost everyone who has challenged Clinton has almost immediately become the focus of an IRS audit? Clinton uses the IRS like a club, to smash anyone who stands up to him.

The latest in the long list of underhanded, Nazi-like, anti-American political moves by the Clinton gang is Senate Bill 2099 (SB-2099). This bill is a revision of the Internal Revenue Act of 1986 and is the most egregious and politically dangerous piece of legislation proposed in decades. The frightening part is

that it will not be made public until after passage; and that it can be passed in committee without being voted on by the entire Senate. It is an undisguised attempt to accomplish with shady tactics what the socialist cronies of Comrade Clinton couldn't accomplish through the congressional process. He and his band of thugs are out to abolish private ownership of firearms and they don't care what has to be done to accomplish this goal.

This bill will require you, a legal gun owner, to list all the handguns you own on your federal tax form so you can be charged a \$50.00 tax on each of them. This is a pusillanymous backdoor attempt to violate our constitutional rights. It is a shady way to register all your personal handguns without going to the trouble of passing legitimate legislation, which has failed in the past. This is a sneak attack on the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution and stands a very good chance of succeeding unless you act now!

The liberal movement has been trying to force total registration of all firearms through congress for years. I really don't understand this reasoning. They scream and holler that this will reduce crime. But you know, I don't know too many criminals who are going to worry about

whether or not the gun he is using to kill you is properly registered.

The sad fact is this: All through history, the registration of all firearms has been the first step on the path to confiscation. It happened in Germany, it happened in Britain, it happened in Australia, and it can happen here too.

I beg you friends, if you are true patriots; if you believe in the Constitution of the United States; if you want to safeguard your dwindling freedom; then do not let this happen. Call your senators and congressmen. Flood their offices with calls, letters, and e-mails decrying this pusillanymous attack on one of the most basic and precious of American Constitutional Rights. The right to keep and bear arms is what has kept this nation free and viable for two and a quarter centuries. It is not a passe ideal from a by-gone era. It is an integral part of the checks and balances built into this great nation. Without it we will be on the same path to destruction that Nazi Germany was prior to World War II. Without it we will no longer be a nation of freemen. We will be just another nation of sheep, waiting to be led to slaughter by the first president with enough arrogance to order martial law.

Prescription Drug Coverage for Seniors

Submitted by
Henry Bonilla
U.S. Congressman

While some people might think Lanoxin, Prilosec and Zolofit are names from a Star Wars episode, millions of older Americans know that they are commonly used prescription drugs. They also know that these drugs are very expensive.

When Medicare was created in 1965, no one could have imagined the positive and often lifesaving role prescription drugs would play in keeping Americans healthy today. In fact, the primary treatment for many illnesses today is not conducted by an operating room visit, but a trip to a local pharmacy to fill a prescription. However, for too many seniors on fixed incomes filling that prescription might mean cutting back on some other critical necessity, and that's not right.

No senior should ever have to choose between food and medicine, which is why Congress is working to add a prescription drug benefit to Medicare. Two weeks ago, the House of Representatives passed a prescription drug plan that goes a long way to solving prescription drug costs for our seniors. All seniors should be able to get the medication they need at prices they can afford.

To address this situation, we have implemented needed reform to strengthen Medicare with a new prescription drug benefit. For those seniors who have drug coverage, we won't change a thing so they can continue to enjoy their coverage. But for those that don't we want to help them obtain coverage through Medicare. By doing this, we can reduce drug prices for all seniors.

Our plan will lower drug prices and expand access to prescription drugs for all beneficiaries without threatening the patient-doctor relationship. It will protect against higher drug prices and runaway out-of-pocket costs. It will also expand seniors' right to choose the coverage that best suits their needs through a voluntary and universally offered benefit. Our prescription drug plan also lowers premiums. Most importantly, our prescription drug plan provides coverage to low income seniors at no cost to them so that they are not faced with a life and death situation the next time they need a prescription.

Medicare isn't perfect, but without it a lot of seniors would be in trouble. Congress has invested \$40 billion to modernize and strengthen Medicare so we can preserve, protect and keep it solvent for future generations. Medicare has provided Americans over the age of 65 an insurance and security against illnesses in their old age. It is the nation's largest health insurance program having provided nearly 40 million Americans coverage and benefits. It has supplied needed medical care not only for our elderly but also our nation's disabled and those with kidney disease. Medicare has been instrumental in caring for America's seniors. There is no time like the present. As treatment for the elderly increasingly depends on prescription drugs, it is important that Medicare change to address this new fact.

Believe in yourself even when no one else does

Submitted by
Harvey Mackay

Article Resource Association - The professor stood before his class of 30 senior molecular biology students, about to pass out the final exam.

"I have been privileged to be your instructor this semester, and I know how hard you have all worked to prepare for this test. I also know most of you are off to medical school or grad school next fall," he said to them.

"I am well aware of how much pressure you are under to keep your GPAs up, and because I know you are all capable of understanding this material, I am prepared to offer an automatic 'B' to anyone who would prefer not to take the final."

The relief was audible as a number of students jumped up to thank the professor and departed from class. The professor looked at the handful of students who remained, and offered again, "Any other takers? This is your last opportunity." One more student decided to go. Seven students remained.

The professor closed the door and took attendance. Then he handed out the final exam. There were two sentences typed on the paper: "Congratulations, you have just received an 'A' in this class. Keep believing in yourself."

I never had a professor who gave a test like that. It may seem like the easy way out of grading a bunch of exams, but it's a test that any teacher in any discipline could and should give. Students who don't have confidence in what they've learned are "B" students at best. The same is true for students of real life. The "A" students are those who believe in what they're doing because they've learned from both successes and failures.

They've absorbed life's lessons, whether from formal education or the school of hard knocks, and become better people. Those are the people who you look for when you're hiring or promoting, and the ones you keep if you're downsizing. Your organization needs their brand of thinking.

Psychologists say that by the age of two, 50 percent of what we ever believe about ourselves has been formed; by age six, 60 percent, and at eight years, 80 percent. Wouldn't you love to have the energy and optimism of a little kid? There is nothing you couldn't do or learn or be. But you're a big kid now, and you realize you have some limits. Don't let the biggest limit be yourself. Take your cue from Sir

Edmund Hillary, the first person to reach the summit of Mount Everest: "It's not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves."

Believing in yourself comes from knowing what you are really capable of doing. When it's your turn to step up to the plate, realize that you won't hit a homerun every time. Baseball superstar Mickey Mantle struck out more than 1,700 times, but it didn't stop him from excelling at baseball. He believed in himself, and he knew his fans believed in him. Surround yourself with positive people — they know the importance of confidence and will help you keep focused on what you can do instead of what you can't. Who you surround yourself with is whom you become. Never stop learning! I would work this advice into every column if I could; it's that important. Don't limit yourself only to work-related classes, either. Learn everything about every subject that you can. When you know what you're talking about, it shows.

Be very careful not to confuse confidence with a big ego. If you want people to believe in you, you also have to believe in them. Understand well that those around you also have much to contribute, and they deserve your support. Without faith in yourself and others, success is impossible.

At the end of a particularly frustrating practice one day, a football coach dismissed his players by yelling, "Now all you idiots, go take a shower!" All

but one player headed toward the locker room. The coach glared at him and asked why he was still there. "You told all the idiots to go, sir," the player replied, "and there sure seems to be a lot of them. But I am not an idiot." Confident? You bet. And smart enough to coach that team some day.

Mackay's Moral: Believe in yourself, even when no one else does.

(Editor's Note: Harvey Mackay is author of four New York Times bestsellers, including his most recent in 1999, "Pushing the Envelope." His first two books - "Swim with the Sharks Without Being Eaten Alive" and "Beware the Naked Man Who Offers You His Shirt" — have been translated into 35 languages and distributed in 80 countries.

He is a nationally syndicated columnist whose weekly articles appear in 52 newspapers around the country, including the Detroit Free Press, Denver Post, Orange County Register, Minneapolis Star Tribune and Arizona Republic.

He also is one of America's most popular and entertaining business speakers, speaking — on average — once a week to Fortune 500-size companies and associations. Toastmasters International named him one of the top five speakers in the world. In addition, Harvey is chairman and CEO of Mackay Envelope Corporation, an \$85 million company he founded at age 26).

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report ...

Monday, Aug. 28
5:39 p.m., DPS Trooper Tony Ashley reported a sign down at the intersection of F.M. 1577 and Highway 90.

5:59 p.m., A local woman requested a deputy to be present, while she removed her belonging from her boyfriend's house. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the residence.

7:23 p.m., Reserve Deputy Cordelia Mendeke reported a green Mustang had passed her at a high rate of speed. DPS Trooper Ashley was working an accident and was unable to respond.

11:20 p.m., A local woman called stating her niece had locked her keys in her car. Deputy Robinson was dispatched to the scene.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

11:48 p.m., Juan Garcia Jr., 21, of Corpus Christi was arrested by DPS Trooper Richard Slubar for three outstanding warrants. Garcia was released August 4th for time served.

Wednesday, Aug. 30

10:45 a.m., A local man reported a black dog, he did not want, was following him around. The owner stated that if the dog got out again, the city pound could come and pick it up.

7:47 p.m., A local ranch foreman reported a break in. Deputy Manuel Pena, Jr. was dispatched to the scene. Nothing was apparently taken. The perpetrator gained entrance by prying the locks on the door using a pipe left outside of the house.

Friday, Sept. 1

12:02 a.m., An employee of a local convenience store reported a customer had not paid for their gas and the car was headed eastbound. Deputy Pena responded and located the vehicle at the Cline checkpoint. The subjects were brought back to town and settled their bill. No charges were filed against them.

10:30 p.m. Roberto Garza, 20, of Del Rio was arrested by Sheriff Buddy Burgess for outstanding

warrants. Garza was released Sunday for time served.

11:30 p.m., Deputy Pena was approached by three male subjects, near the city pool, who reported that another male they were with left the area, but left behind his wallet and other personal belongings. All of the items were placed as evidence. The subjects did not know why he had left.

Saturday, Sept. 2

12:54 a.m., After a 1998 Mazda almost wrecked into Deputy Pena's patrol car, he radioed another patrolman who was close behind. The two stopped the vehicle and identified the male driver who had bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie arrived on the scene and arrested the man for DWI.

2:00 a.m. Trooper Wylie arrested Ruben Martinez, 60, of Brackettville for DWI first offense. Martinez was released the same day on PR bond.

10:30 p.m., Veronica Tushay Gomez, 26, of San Antonio, was arrested for three outstanding DPS warrants by Trooper Ashley.

12:46 p.m., A 911 call was received from a motorist reporting a grass fire on Highway 90 East near 1572. The fire department was notified.

6:12 p.m., Chief of Police Ron Ring responded to a complaint from a resident about loud music on Rose Alley.

9:30 p.m., A Del Rio man reported to Deputy Pena that he had wrecked his van about 9 miles west of Brackettville on Highway 90.

11:32 p.m., A man in Spofford requested a deputy to patrol the area after he saw a vehicle driving fast. Deputy Pena responded.

Sunday, Sept. 3

1:30 a.m., Manuel Reyes, 19, of Brackettville was arrested for Public Intoxication by Trooper Wylie. Reyes was released the following day for time served.

2:00 a.m., A fight on Fulton Street was reported and Deputy Pena was dispatched to the scene.

As he arrived several subjects ran away. Three subjects were taken to area hospitals. Deputy Pena is still investigating the incident and gathering evidence.

2:00 a.m., Deputy Pena said there was a disturbance at Kickapoo Park and was enroute to the scene. Chief Ring and Trooper Wylie were dispatched as backup.

3:04 a.m., A resident on 1st street reported loud music. Chief Ring responded.

2:40 p.m., Deputy Robinson was dispatched after a resident on Gove Street said she needed to talk to him. She did not state her reason.

7:00 p.m., Chief Ring responded to a complaint about loud music at a local residence near Fulton and Ross Alley.

8:31 p.m., A Border Patrol officer called from the Cline checkpoint and reported that a Ford F-150 Truck had run off the road. He said there were no injuries. Trooper Wylie was dispatched to the scene.

8:42 p.m., A local man again reported loud music near Fulton Street and Ross Alley. Deputy Pena responded.

11:00 p.m. A Fort Clark Springs Security officer informed Deputy Pena of the location of a complaint. The complainant said that several children had knocked on his door and had run away. He said that this had been happening for several weekends.

11:02 p.m. A Fort Clark Springs resident informed Security that kids had thrown a rock at his Unit 14 home, breaking a window. The Security officer on duty informed Deputy Pena, and he responded to the complaint.

Monday, Sept. 4

1:00 a.m., A local woman reported the playing of loud music near her home on East 1st Street

*** Profit is both the result and the reward of doing things right and doing the right thing. —David McNally ***

and informed Deputy Pena, when he arrived, that those playing the music had moved to another location.

1:00 a.m. Deputy Pena discovered graffiti created with black spray paint at the intersection of East 1st Street and Pafford Street.

1:30 a.m. A local woman called in a complaint about loud noises in her neighborhood on East 1st street. Deputy Pena responded.

1:45 a.m., Russell Brock Booker, 21, of San Antonio, was arrested by Trooper Wylie for DWI second offense. Booker posted bond the same day.

11:00 a.m., Rolando Rodroquez, 30, of Fort Worth, was arrested for driving with license suspended, by Trooper Ashley. Rodroquez was released the same day after posting bond.

3:00 p.m. Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to a local woman's home when she requested to see a deputy. The woman would not state her reasons.

4:23 p.m., A local man requested to speak to a deputy stating that he knew who had thrown a rock through his window. Chief Deputy Fritter responded.

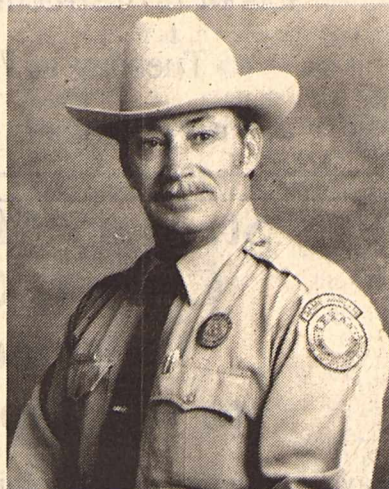
10:07 p.m., Deputy Robinson and Trooper Wylie responded to a local woman's call to report a gathering of a group of people near West El Paso Street who looked as though they were about to fight.

Tuesday, Sept. 5

5:51 a.m., A woman from the Val Verde Sheriff's Office called to report a fire on Highway 90 West along railroad tracks. The woman said that she would call the Del Rio Fire Department as well, in case the fire was in Val Verde County. She was unsure of the location.

Obituaries

George Patrick Connelly



George Patrick Connelly passed away gently Thursday, August 24, 2000, in the hospice house in Burleson after his battle with congestive heart failure. He was seventy-one years old, born December 3, 1928, in Dallas, Texas to George F. and Mary L. McElfresh Connelly.

Pat enlisted in the U.S. Marines on his seventeenth birthday at the end of World War II, served as drill instructor at Camp Pendleton, CA and was a member of the Marine Rifle Team. After becoming a law enforcement officer, he served with police and sheriff departments in the Fort Worth area. He then became a game warden with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and was moved to West Texas where he remained in the VFW in Brackettville where he and his wife lived. He was a Mason for many years having served as Worshipful Master of his lodge.

Motor Club, he toured the United States extensively by motorcycle. He is survived by his wife Jonnie Salmon Connelly, son Patrick Michael Connelly, daughter Peggy Lynn Connelly Seales, grandchildren Christopher Connelly, Sean Schertell, Justin Field and Christian Field, sisters Dorothy Reeves, Peggy Connelly and brother Dan Connelly. He is also survived by stepchildren, nieces and nephews that he adored. Pat's zeal for life will be missed by many. A private service was held in Fort Worth.

DPS, wireless companies create *DPS wireless response number

The Texas Department of Public Safety and six wireless carriers have established *DPS, a statewide wireless phone number for Texas motorists to use when reporting non-life-threatening situations on Texas roads and highways.

Customers of the participating companies—ALLTEL, Nextel, Southwestern Bell Wireless, GTE Wireless, Houston Cellular and Verizon Wireless—can dial *DPS free of airtime charges anywhere in Texas, and receive roadside assistance for non-emergency situations. Similar to the DPS Roadside Assistance number, 1-800-525-5555, callers may quickly

contact a DPS representative who will dispatch a State Trooper, other peace officer or appropriate assistance to the scene.

Examples of when a motorist should dial *DPS include:

- * stranded with car problems,
- * hazardous road conditions, or
- * suspicious activity at a rest area.

Calls to *DPS are answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and are free of airtime charges courtesy of the wireless carriers.

*DPS is not intended to replace 911 as an emergency number; emergency calls should always be directed to 911.

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Hunting Season Dates Error Found **Unsung Hero**

A little on the Wildlife side
By Henry Lutz

There is an error in the dates shown for the Special Late General Seasons (Doe and Spike season) listed under Kinney County in the back (p. 88) of the new Outdoor Annual or Hunting Guide. The dates are inverted. The Jan. 8-21 dates shown for the Special Late General Season South of US 90 are actually the dates for that season North of US 90. The dates for the Special Late Season South of US 90 are Jan. 22-Feb. 4. Remember that the Late Season immediately follows the regular season in each respective area.

And now, on to some information about hunting licenses and Hunter Education.

First of all, if you hunt, you need to buy a hunting license. It makes no difference how young or old you are, what you are hunting, or where you are hunting. If you are under 17 or 65 and older, you may purchase a Special Resident Hunting License for a re-

duced fee. If you are under 17, you do not need to purchase any stamps, only the Special Resident Hunting License.

While we are talking about hunting licenses, you know that there are many types available. Before you run down to the store and purchase one, you should sit down and figure out just what kinds of hunting and/or fishing you will be doing. This determines what kind of license and stamps you will need to buy. Once you figure out what you are going to be doing, tally up the total cost of the licenses and stamps. Then see if there is a combination or combo license that is less expensive and that covers everything you want to do. You do not want to spend more than you have to, yet you want to purchase a license that covers everything you plan to do.

Every hunter born on or after September 2, 1971 must have successfully completed a Hunter Education Training Course. If you are age 17 or older, you must have completed the course to hunt. If

you are age 12 thru 16, you must have successfully completed the course or be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years old or older when hunting. If you are under 12 years old, you are not eligible to take the Hunter Ed course and must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years old or older when hunting. Once you take the course, you must carry proof of certification with you while hunting. You do not need to have taken the course nor provide proof of completion to buy a license, although the computer will note on your license if you are required to have completed the course. A Hunter Education class will be held in Brackettville in the near future.

This is by no means all of the laws or information relating to hunting and hunting licenses. For more information or questions about licenses or Hunter Education, please consult an "Outdoor Annual" hunting and fishing guide or contact me. Also contact me if you have any questions about the error in season dates. "Outdoor Annuals" are available where hunting and fishing licenses are sold. In Brackettville, licenses are sold at Pico and Super S. Get your licenses early and avoid the lines on opening day! Remember to take your ID with you when you purchase a license and carry both with you at all times when you are hunting or fishing.

If you take your kids hunting, you won't be hunting for your kids!

By Dave Crow
Contributing Writer

Appearances can be, and often times are very misleading.

In the past several months, I'd had a number of people ask me, "Who is that spooky looking man that I see walking all over town carrying a sack?"

"What spooky looking man?" I'd ask.

"You know, he's got long, black hair and a bushy beard, kinda looks like a Charles Manson or something."

"Oh, that's John Paul Ingram. Don't you know him? I thought everyone knew John Paul." Then I would explain. John Paul is Charles Ingram's brother.

He may look a little scary to some people, but to anyone who took the time to visit with him and get to know him, they'd find out that he was a very kind and very sweet person, pure of heart, very loving and very giving.

Oh, that sack he carried everywhere was for empty aluminum cans. He picked up over 10,000 empty cans and gave them to Fort Clark's Historical Society (they collect cans to pay their electric bill).

He did a lot of volunteer work for several area churches. He was always ready to give a helping hand to anyone that would accept his help.

John Paul died in his sleep last week. He may be gone, but will not soon be forgotten.

Truly John Paul Ingram was an unsung hero.

Brackettville Rotary Club

By Frances McMasters
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Rotary Club gave a barbecue lunch at Shahan Park on Sunday August 27th with proceeds going to the scholarship fund. The club provided delicious food and excellent entertainment. Michael Hall, baritone and Brackettville High School principal, sang and was accompanied by Ms. Mary Petrosky on the keyboard. Her daughter, Emily, tended the sheet music which kept wanting to blow away. Jacqueline Conoly and Patty Lopez each sang, their differing styles complementing each other. Lisa Conoly tended to the audio equipment. A volunteer chorus made up of students from the high school performed. Mixed in with the back row of students, was superintendent Taylor Stephenson. We thank you for your beautiful music.

The event was well attended, and the weather was cooler than usual due to a rain shower that had visited too briefly a day or so prior to the occasion. Tables and chairs were arranged under the trees in the shade, and people clustered around the band stand enjoying the food and music.

Joe Hardin, Rotary president and Stan Conoly took care of many of the preparations ahead of time and were there to put it all together with the help of Rotarians and various volunteers. Stan's starring role was in cooking the brisket, which drew much praise from those attending. He wants to thank the City of Spofford for

lending the barbecue cooker.

Also, thanks goes to Super S, Burger and Shake, volunteer servers, Brandy Wilson, who dished out potato salad, and Seth Frerich and Stanford Conoly, who helped serve desserts. Rotary thanks each of you who came, along with those of you who helped in any way, particularly those who may not have been named here.

Helping new parents adjust

News USA - A new video, narrated in English by Oprah Winfrey and in Spanish by Univision talk show host Cristina Saralegui, provides information and guidance for parents on establishing a nurturing environment for their new babies.

Produced by Civitas, a non-profit communications group, "Begin With Love" will be distributed free to parents of 3.6 million new babies born in the United States through The Parenting Groups' First Moments new parent kit. The year-long giveaway began on Mother's Day.

"This video provides caregivers a crucial tool to help them with the most important job they have," says Winfrey, a Civitas board member. "I'm proud to be a part of 'Begin With Love,'" said Cristina Saralegui. "I certainly wish I had this information when I gave birth to my kids." "Begin With Love" highlights five guide-

lines for parents:

- Take care of yourself. Once home from the hospital, it's important you take care of yourself and your important relationships. How you feel affects how you care for the baby.

- Provide a warm and loving environment. Your affection is key to your baby's growth and development. When your newborn is happy, he's more open to learning.

- Talk, sing and read to your baby. Words and music are some of the best ways to connect with your infant.

- Create a predictable world for your baby. Providing routines lets your child know she can depend on you. In turn, she'll spend less energy fussing and more time learning.

- Understand and respond to your baby's needs. Responding to your baby teaches him he can

communicate his needs, building trust in you and the world around him.

- "Begin With Love" was produced with a \$2 million gift from Ronald McDonald House Charities and a \$1 million sponsorship from drugstore.com.

The 30-minute Spanish or English editions may each be purchased for \$9.95 (plus shipping and handling) on the Internet at www.civitas.org, or by calling 1-800-TO-BEGIN (862-3446). Civitas provides parents and caregivers with the tools they need to enrich young children's lives.

Founded in 1993 by Jeffrey Jacobs, president of Harpo Entertainment Group, Civitas transforms leading edge research in early childhood development into products and services. Civitas tools are disseminated through television, the Internet, print media and commercial partnerships.

Smart ways to borrow money

Submitted by the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants

For many, borrowing money is easy - repaying it is the hard part. That's why it's important to borrow only when necessary and to do so carefully, taking into consideration your overall financial plan. The Texas Society of CPAs provides the following guidelines for borrowing sensibly.

Tap Your Home Equity

Do you own a home? If so, you may be able to borrow against your equity - that is, the difference between the value of your home and the amount you owe on it. In other words, equity is the cash you'd make if you sold the home and repaid your mortgage lender. Although you may use the money in any way you choose,

many home equity borrowers use the proceeds for home improvements, auto purchases, or debt consolidation.

One of the reasons home equity loans and lines of credit make good financial sense is because the interest on home equity debt is deductible. Under current law, you can borrow as much as \$100,000 (halved for married filing separately), as long as it is secured by your home. What's more, you may be able to deduct all the interest on the loan.

But there is a downside, and it's a serious one. If you can't repay your home equity loan or credit line, you could lose your house. So, never borrow against your home unless you're absolutely sure you can repay.

Borrow Against Life Insurance

A cash value life insurance policy is another source of inexpensive credit. The amount you may borrow depends on how long your policy has been in effect, your age when it was issued, and the amount of the policy's death benefit. The interest rate you pay is generally lower than most other borrowing sources because there is no risk on the insurance company's part since your loan is secured by the cash value of the policy. With most policies, you can either repay the loan at your own pace, or not at all. Keep in mind the policy's death benefit is reduced by the amount you borrow. That means if you should die with an outstanding loan, your heirs will receive only the amount that is remaining.

Open a Margin Account

If you have an investment portfolio, a margin loan allows you to borrow cash from your investments without selling. Under current Federal Reserve rules, you can borrow up to 50 percent of the market value of the stock you own. The interest rates charged on margin loans are among the lowest, since they're based on fully secured assets. CPAs urge caution in borrowing against volatile stocks. If the market price of the stocks you've borrowed against drops, you could get a "margin call" from your broker requiring

that you put up additional cash or securities as collateral against your loan. If you don't meet the request for additional collateral, the broker has the right to sell your stock at market price.

Borrow from Retirement

If you need money for the short term, you may be able to borrow from your IRA as long as you roll it over to another IRA within 60 days. You're allowed to do this once a year, with each of your IRAs, including Roth IRAs. Be aware that if you miss the repayment deadline, you will owe tax on the amount withdrawn and possibly an early distribution penalty.

As a last resort, you may be able to tap into your 401(k) plan, which may allow you to borrow half the money in your account, up to \$50,000. The interest rate is typically a point or two above prime.

However, the interest you pay goes back into your account, so you are essentially paying yourself interest. You generally have five years to repay the loan (longer if you use the money to buy a home).

However, if you leave your employer before the loan is paid in full, the outstanding balance is due immediately. Any part of the loan that is not repaid is treated as a distribution and is subject to tax and possible penalties.

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Tigers outplay Junction Students and graduates enjoy weekend of memories

By Walt Brock
Contributing Writer

Last Thursday, the Tiger Football Team played their last scrimmage at home against Junction. Overall, the Tigers were able to out play Junction with its hard working style of play. Aggressiveness and execution has been the key to the Tigers success thus far.

The JV started the evening with great play by the defense. The 1st team JV defense was able to shut down Junction's offense with the help of DE Levi Duncan and LB Dietrich Davis. Also setting the tone was Jaime Puente with one pick. On offense the JV was sharp with a number of first down runs. Leading the way on the JV O-line was Jason Smith, Boyd Brotherton, George Martinez, Chestin Clark, and JP Peneda. The Tiger JV Football Team is very enthusiastic about their upcoming season and kicks it off Thursday in Sabinal.

The Varsity began the evening with physical defensive play. The 1st team defense was able to shut down the Junction offense all night. DE Carlos Gomez, LB

Jesse Hidalgo, SS David Campos, and DT David Lopez showed to be great contributors for the defense. Another big contributor was FS Lee Davis with one interception on the night. However, Junction was able to find their way into the end zone one time against the Tiger 2nd team defense.

The offense showed to be very impressive with its smash mouth style of play. Fullback David Campos plowed his way into the end zone for the Tigers first score of the night. The second score was a touchdown pass from QB Jared Hobbs to TE Sam Hunt. The third and final score was a long and impressive run by HB Jesse Hidalgo. Fullback J.J. Rivas had three receptions as QB Jared Hobbs went 6-6 with 1 TD pass. The offensive line was the key to the success of the Tiger offense. The Tigers O-line Chris Palomo, Miguel Hernandez, Carlos Gomez, Javi DeLeon, and David Lopez won the battle of the trenches. Overall, the Tigers outscored Junction 3-1. The Tigers kicks off the season at home on Friday night against Sabinal.

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

Labor Day was a fun holiday! I watched family gatherings, picnics, reunions, cars with folks who filled our motel rooms. I have always enjoyed this day as the last family holiday of the season before school started rolling.

We're rolling lots faster this week! Friday night is our football game opener with Sabinal. It will be at home here at Tiger Stadium. Come join us as we cheer on the Tigers! Before the games, the varsity volleyball teams play at 5:00 PM. Support the Tigerettes.

The school reunion was a good one. I know they had a gathering Friday night, tours of the school Saturday were followed by barbecue and a dance. There were lots of folks. Some had not been home for many years. Congratulations on a tremendous weekend.

It was fun taking these classes who included folks from about 1947 through the later 60's through our schools. Reunioners

described the schools in the days when they attended. Some of their descriptions included class size of about 14, no air conditioning & very hot buildings, basketball outside, and the only building left on campus that was standing at that time was the High School Annex (auditorium building).

They smiled as they walked through our beautiful library and new high school. They had fun and learned in Brackettville. It's part of their heritage. They loved the display of student work in the elementary school halls and were impressed with the school's development of technology (computers in every room). They took lots of time looking at class pictures and trophies from years back. Some of these folks said "is this Brackettville?" Yes, it is.

One of the neat things that I was able to do this year was read a story to kindergarten students. Susan Davis, school librarian, is asking for volunteers to call her and sign up for reading stories to our kids. The students love the

interaction and the stories. Mrs. Davis selects the story for you. So, I hope you take the time to consider calling Susan and volunteering.

How about the school annual? The theme this year was "Where Everybody Knows your Name." The names of all of the students were on the front and back covers of the book. The annual was a good one. One of our strengths is "where everyone knows your name." Congratulations Mrs. Thomas & staff for a job well done.

We have a new phone system at BISSD. We ran completely out of room for extensions because of recent expansion; so we had to have a larger system. It has been

installed, and we're trying to work out the bugs. Please be patient.

Those of you who have been dropping students off at the Cafeteria behind the school and circling the block should not be in that area. The area is to be used for buses, staff parking and commercial delivery trucks only. Our buses will have a bus lane that they will stay in to drop students off and pick them up. So, help us by dropping your kids off in the front of the building at the designated unloading areas.

What an exciting week for BISSD. Come on out and support the fine kids, teachers and coaches in this school system. You'll be glad that you did. Have a great week!

Area sophomore attends leadership program

Susannah Davis recently attended the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Leadership Seminar in San Antonio, Texas. Davis joined more than 290 other young leaders representing as many high schools throughout Texas on June 8 - 11.

Representing Brackett High School, Davis is the daughter of Zack and Kayla Davis. The Jeff Deitrich Coca-Cola Bottling Company was the local HOBY sponsor.

HOBY Leadership Seminars bring together a select group of high school sophomores to interact with distinguished leaders in business, government, education and the professions to discuss present and future issues. The goal is to provide them with a stimulating forum for learning about the American incentive system and the democratic process, while broadening their understanding of their leadership potential and quest for self-development. HOBY Ambassadors are also challenged to return to their communities to perform at least 100 hours of community service within 12 months following the Seminar.

"The HOBY seminar challenged me to think about the many issues affecting the world around me and helped me understand that as a leader, I have the power to make a positive impact in business, government and society," said Davis. "HOBY helped me see the leadership potential in myself and to understand that goals and dreams are important regardless of what profession I choose."



HOBY was established by veteran actor Hugh O'Brian following a visit to Africa where he was inspired by a meeting with Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

"One of the things Schweitzer said to me was the most important thing in education was to teach young people to think for themselves," O'Brian said. "From that inspiration, and with the support of others who believe in youth and the American dream, I started HOBY to seek out, recognize, and develop outstanding leadership potential among our nation's youth."

Further information about HOBY activities and sponsorship opportunities is available by calling Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership at (310) 474-4370 or visiting our Web site at www.hoby.org.

Boy Scouts offers learning for young boys

By Kathryn Letsinger
Contributing Writer

Tiger Den #157 will do their Bobcat qualification in August and advance to Wolves this year. They enjoyed their first event for this school year on Saturday at the Uvalde Scout Fun Days. Ayland Letsinger, Josh Smith and Jody Garrett learned to shoot BB guns, blow darts and practice their skill at archery. They golfed, tire bowled, threw water balloons, ran

an obstacle course, and enjoyed a hamburger lunch. When we thought they just couldn't get any

hotter, an Eagle Scout Fireman with the Uvalde Volunteer Fire Department hosed down the whole crowd. You should have seen the smiling faces! The whole day was topped off with an airplane ride home from Star Smith. We had some worn out, but very happy boys on our hands Saturday evening.

Trips to Devil's Sinkhole, Stuart Bat Caves, and Kickapoo Caves are planned for this troop during September. A father and son weekend at Camp Sol Mayer in Fort McKavett will be coming up at the end of September as well. Wolf pack #1 will attend Air Amistad on October 8th, in Del Rio.

Scouting offers many opportunities for adventure for boys in our community. Support Boy Scouts when the chance arises and cause some more smiles here in Brackett!

Brackett Volleyball Aug. 28 - Sept. 2 Varsity

The Tigerettes lost to Leakey 10-15, 10-15. Outstanding players were Ashley Smith, Erica Meyer and Mayra Aguirre. In the Crystal City Tournament, Brackett won consolation. The team lost to Pearsall 9-15, 10-15, they beat Del Rio 9th grade 15-7, 15-3 and beat Del Rio JV 15-2, 15-5.

Outstanding players were Duquesa Hunt, Erika Garcia, B'Ann Gomez, Queta Garza and Susannah Davis. Queta Garza was also All-Tournament.

Their record is now 5-5.

Junior Varsity

The team beat Leaky JV 15-6, 15-13. Outstanding players were Megan McWilliams, Maria Martinez, Allison LaMascus and Stacy Terrazas.

Home improvement tips from professionals

News USA - When it comes to making improvements on your house, you never quite run out of things to do. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for your cash flow. But a new home improvement encyclopedia can help you make repairs that you can afford and, even better, that you can do yourself.

The "Home Improvement Encyclopedia: Problem Solving A to Z," from Ortho, has useful how-to information, in addition to helpful background tips on how you and your house can get along peacefully.

The book gives detailed information on shake roofing, electrical systems, metalworking techniques, skylights, kitchen design and much more. And unlike most guides, this one provides easy-to-read graphics and explicit directions for getting your house in great shape.

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The book also provides extensive diagrams to help you figure out exactly what you need to do and where everything needs to go. It also details a whole range of materials, what their ideal uses are, and which ones would provide the greatest quality and service for your use.

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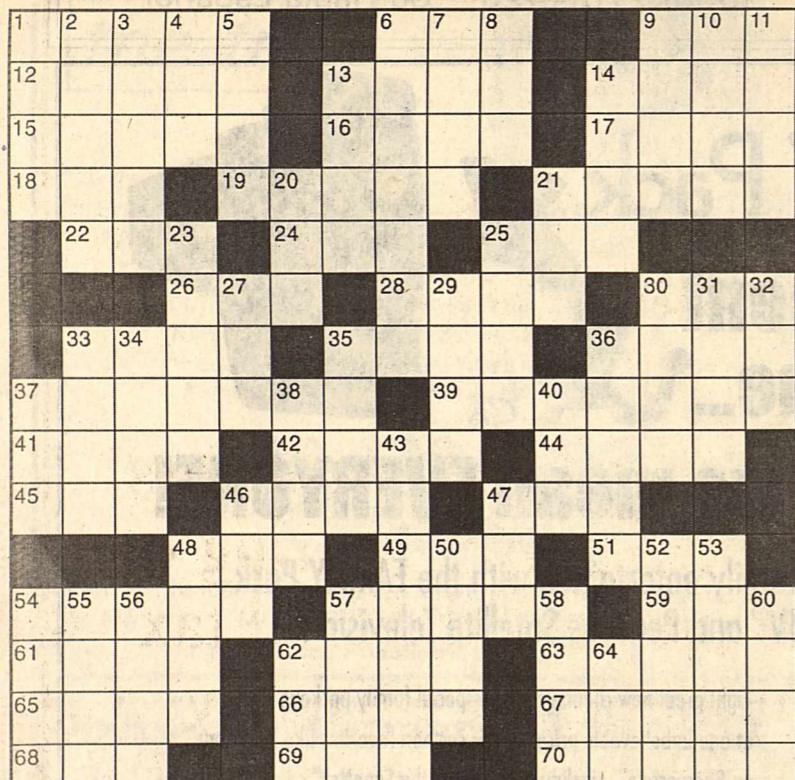
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HOROSCOPES

Aries March 21- April 20
 Hard work alone is not enough. You may need to re-examine your goals. Try not to blame others for your careless mistakes. Having two back-up plans in place could avert a major disaster at home.

Taurus April 21-May 21
 Don't assume because you made one mistake, everyone is waiting for you to make another one. Try being more assertive as you push the rules. Planning ahead for the winter holidays may bring you peace.

Gemini May 22-June 21
 If you have the right friends, a new activity could be more fun. Don't trade pleasure for work. You may be on the verge of workaholicism. Taking a mental time-out or reading for pleasure may help rejuvenate you.

Cancer June 22-July 22
 This may be a good time to get a low-maintenance pet. Think cat or fish. Asking the right person a tough question could be cathartic. Your style may prevent you from understanding the true nature of a fight.

Leo July 23-August 23
 Good looks and vivacity only go so far. Work at improving your vocabulary. Others may begin to see you in a new light and admire your intelligence. Consider all the options before settling for less.

Virgo August 24-Sept. 22
 You may have a low tolerance for the feelings and opinions of other people. An emotional thunderstorm could make you feel vulnerable. Try to remain calm. Co-workers know they can count on you during crunch time.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
 You look back at your wild days and wonder how you made it this far! An art exhibition may kindle a desire to learn to paint. Do not get discouraged by the latest storm at home. It could lead to emotional maturity.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
 You want a work event to go smoothly. Chances are, feathers will be ruffled and you may have to report back to your supervisor. Avoid broad generalizations when speaking to a group of friends. Your candor may come off too strong.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
 Try not to get tied up with minutia. Adhere to a code of honor but be careful not to set standards that are unattainable. Moderation may help with commitments that seem overwhelming.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
 What types of dreams for the future do you have? If it's been more than six months since you evaluated where you are and how you are going to get there, this could be the right time for soul searching.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
 Serenity may be hard to come by this week. And when it comes, it won't last long. If you feel a little positive energy, take a chance and go with your intuitive feelings.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
 A powerful, enthusiastic and energetic person could make a big impact on your life. You may actually admit to a close friend that your need for love and power is on the rise. Your career could receive an unexpected boost.

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A small town's people

St. Mary Magdalene
By Lynn McNew

I would like to share with you another in the series of articles written by Arthur Gordon of Savannah, Georgia. In these articles he shares his thoughts and feelings on life in a small town. Although Savannah isn't exactly what we would think of as a small town, it has the feeling of "small-townness" in the sense of the warmth and friendliness it displays. As I read these articles, I see that much the same things are found in Brackettville today.

We are reminded that each of our towns is America. It is you. It is me. It belongs to us all and together we can behold its goodness. I would like to share with you another of Mr. Gordon's stories.

Every section of the country prides itself on certain dishes; certain recipes handed down for generations. Clam chowder in New England. Spoon bread in Virginia. Mountain trout in Colorado. Chili in Texas. . .

Which area offers the best when it comes to really good eating? I'm prejudiced, of course, so I'm inclined to agree with Ogden Nash, who wrote something to the effect that "every region thinks its food is gorgeous, but I like Georgia's."

Down here in Georgia we can offer you marvelous she-crab soup. And marinated shrimp you spear with toothpicks. And Creole kisses—feather-light little

Who is rich? Who is poor?

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

Think back to your youth. Continue to stand apart, yet look at the you that is 4, 5 or 6 years old. Watch that child play and interact with others. Did that child know that he or she was poor, rich or middle-class? I like to think not. My child was happy, scared, excited, shy...many things, but neither rich nor poor. I tease my younger sister even now that our first TV was her birthday gift, simply because it was purchased around her birthday. I cannot remember thinking, as a child, that anyone I knew was any different than I was. It would never have occurred to me that I was either "richer" or "poorer" than anyone else was.

Well that child grew up and learned adult ways. By the time I entered the business world, I certainly knew the difference between "rich" and "poor." In Dallas, my home during all those years, the "rich" lived in Highland Park and the "poor" lived in Oak Cliff or East Dallas or Inner City Dallas. And I envied the "rich" in their homes, their cars and their way of life. I knew that I was smart enough (and good enough) to be "rich" one day, so I began my assault on life and my destiny.

Kids week successful

Galveston - Lone Star Flight Museum's Kids Week 2000 was the most successful ever with kids of all ages attending from across the U.S. Museum pilots and members entertained and instructed large crowds with interactive lectures on how planes fly while other volunteers explained the use of simulators.

One of the highlights of the week was the airline safety presentation by Museum members Dana and Sheila Brenton of Houston. The Brentons, both employed by Continental Airlines, instructed visitors of all ages.

"This year's Kids' Week celebration was a fantastic educational event thanks to the dedicated volunteers who worked hard to ensure its success", according to Nancy Royce, volunteer Kids' Week 2000 coordinator.

The Lone Star Flight Museum is located on Galveston Island at the Scholes International Airport. The Museum is open year-

round from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. For further information on the Museum or upcoming events, please call 409-740-7722.

mingues full of chopped nuts. And, of course, grits, much maligned by ignorant outlanders, but still a noble food, especially when combined with shad roe. I always liked the story of the English visitor who, when offered some grits, asked apprehensively, "Could I try just one?"

Soul food is a phrase that's used to describe things like spareribs and collard greens and black-eyed peas. But isn't all food soul food when you come right down to it? What about the five barley loaves and two small fishes that fed the five thousand (Matthew 14:17)—wasn't that soul food?

The subject of food appears all through the New Testament. When Jesus raised the young girl from the dead, He told her parents to give her something to eat (Luke 89:55). And, in His last appearance to the disciples, He said to Peter, "Feed my lambs. . . feed my sheep" (John 21:15,16).

Feed them with what? *With food for the soul, of course.* Because the soul needs nourishment just as much as the body. Maybe more.

This week I hope you will find the nourishment your soul needs in the church of your choice. Father, we thank You for giving us our daily bread, and for giving us spiritual sustenance along with it.

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

Church Alliance honors grandparents

Church Alliance of Brackettville
By Rev. Ken F. Sellers, Jr.

Kids of Brackettville, pay attention! Sunday is Grandparent's Day! If you haven't gotten gifts yet, we have you covered!

The Church Alliance of Brackettville is throwing an "Ice Cream Social" Sunday at 6:00 pm in the yard of the First United Methodist Church on James Street. Our intention is to give you a safe place to bring your grandparents where they won't embarrass you or hurt themselves. We are offering ice cream and juice, but don't worry we will also have napkins for them to fold under their chins and catch drips. The whole thing is a "come and go" affair, so when they become tired and you need to return them to their homes for a nap, you may do so.

And for those of you whose grandparents live in a distant place, we will happily supply you with a substitute grandmother, grandfather or both, for the festivities. They need someone to look out for them on their special day (and you get free ice cream to boot).

God meant for all of us to share in the process of growing up. Children help us older folk see the simple and the beautiful in life, while we codgers help the children weather the pitfalls. Let's get together, eat ice cream, laugh out loud and care for each other as if age isn't the barrier we make it out to be.

Take my yoke

St. John's Missionary Church
By Rev. William P. Adams Sr.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

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People who come after you with their "power drill" mouths either bless you or make you run to God for refuge. Before we take our "power tool" to use on others, pray and get knowledge

New service offered for children

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

First United Methodist Church is proud to announce that "Children's Church" will begin September 10th. We are making some changes in our worship services, which take the child's eye view of worship into account. No longer will the children be required to sit quietly with their hands folded (or coloring with noiseless crayons) so that we adults may have our worship undisturbed. For the first eight to ten minutes of worship, we will sing, offer praise and prayer with our children.

The "Children's Sermon" (often the best part of the hour) which follows will be interactive, exploring the Bible and children's spirituality. Once the Children's Sermon is concluded, our volunteers will lead them to their "church" where they will be offered a Bible lesson more attuned to their attention span and their level of understanding (infants may be taken to the nursery as worship begins instead of waiting). On communion Sundays, the children will rejoin their parents before the Service of the Lord's Table.

from the Lord first. Speaking your mind isn't always the best choice because your mind may not have all the facts.

Proverbs 18 has some of the best words about the power of your lips...

"A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes", (Do you need "strokes" to make yourself feel important?);

"A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul" (mind, will, and emotions). (Do you get caught in your own words? Have you found the words that you have spoken about others come back to judge you?);

"The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly." (Have you ever been hurt by other people's gossip? Has it made you feel like your "guts" were being ripped out?)

"Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, and before

honour is humility" (Does your heart condemn you as being haughty or do you have humility?)

"The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it and is safe." (Thank God, he is our righteousness through the blood of Jesus.)

"A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." (If you wonder why you don't have friends, ask yourself "Have I been a friend?" If your friends forsake you, remember, Jesus will never leave you nor forsake you..)

Let your "power tool", the power of your lips make room for your gift (that with which God has called you to edify (build up) the body of Christ and glorify God). Let people know that your are truly "Christian", a follower of Christ.

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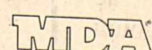
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