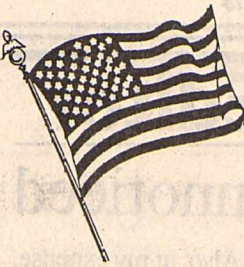


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BISD saves thousands on electricity

By Amy Davis
Staff Writer

By October 1, Brackett ISD will enter into an agreement with the Texas General Land Office (TGLO) which has the potential to save \$5,000 to \$8,000 annually on electricity.

"This is an effort on the part of Texas State government to reduce the cost of electrical power to public schools," said Superintendent Taylor Stephenson.

Brackett Independent School District will continue to receive power from CP&L, but will pay them through TGLO. TGLO will provide a 5% discount to the base rate of electricity.

The discount will be provided by royalties earned from oil or gas produced on state mineral lands, university mineral lands and the 8G zone, which is the first three miles of federal waters adjacent

to the state boundaries.

The royalties from state mineral production may also be used to purchase other forms of energy for sale to public retail customers.

The primary objective of the TGLO program is to increase revenue to the permanent and available school fund to benefit public education.

"Participation in this program is especially important this year because the fuel adjustment component has risen," said Stephenson.

The combination of the fuel adjustment component rising and the TGLO discount, will provide BISD with a power bill that will essentially stay the same.

At the September 7th School Board meeting, members approved the motion to allow Stephenson to sign the agreement with the TGLO.

Students learn about agriculture

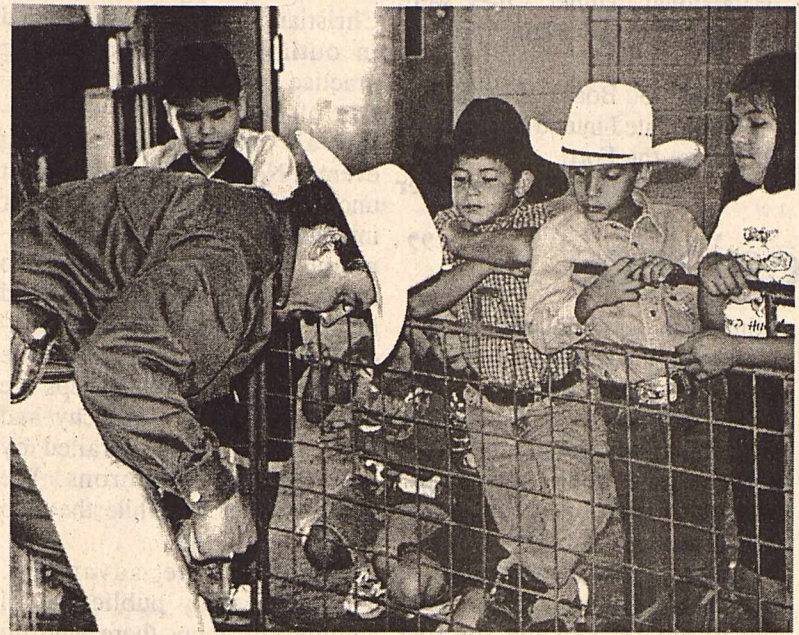
By Amy Davis
Staff Writer

Jones Elementary students participated in the 3rd Annual Ag Day at the Kinney County Civic Center on September 19. According to Robert Elledge, Kinney County Extension Agent, the goal of the event is to expand knowledge on ag related enterprises in the areas of nature, wildlife and conservation.

"We hope that when the kids leave, they will leave with something new that they did not know before," said Elledge.

Students eagerly looked on as Alex Solis, a local farrier, demonstrated how to shoe a horse and Clyde Holekamp, of the Southwest Dairy Center Museum in Sulphur Springs, showed the basics of milking a cow. The children also learned about horsemanship, beekeeping, rabbits, meat and angora goats and sheep, just to name a few.

"Ag Day is a good chance for kids who don't have animals, or



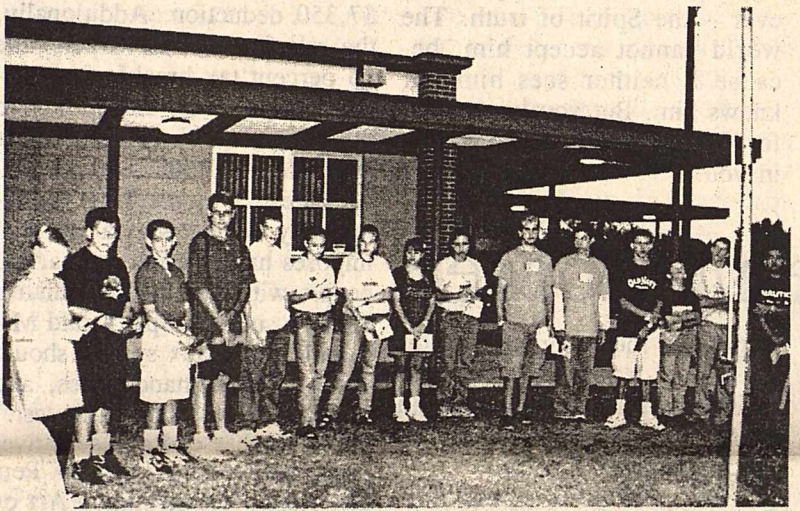
From left, Raul Rivas, Ramon Gutierrez III, Daniel Molinar and Nancy Martinez look on as Alex Solis demonstrates how to shoe a horse at the 3rd Annual Ag Day.

who are not around animals, to learn what they are all about," says Megan McWilliams, student demonstrator.

"If the kids like it, they may be

interested in getting some animals of their own and becoming a part of 4-H," added Mason McWilliams, also a student demonstrator.

Students organize 'See You at the Pole'



Students of Brackettville gather for prayer on Wednesday morning for See You at the Pole, an annual student-led event.

By Amy Davis
Staff Writer

Brackettville students gathered around the school flag pole at 7 a.m. yesterday for "See You at the Pole," an annual event that is practiced all over the nation. Every year students meet at the flag pole to pray for friends, teachers, families, government, the nation and the world. Approximately 35 students participated in the student-organized, student-led event this year.

A prayer meeting that started with just one youth group, meeting in Burleson, Texas, in 1990, has grown so dramatically that it was estimated that 56,000 schools were impacted this year. Young

people have been bowing in prayer at their school flagpoles around the world for 10 years, asking God to bring moral and spiritual awakening to their countries. This year's theme is "A Generation Seeking God."

Amanda Ward, student organizer for See You at the Pole in Brackettville, says the event gives students an opportunity to stand up and be witnesses for God. Ward led the group of students in scripture reading, singing and then in prayer.

Many feel that this time of prayer is important because of the tragedies that our country has faced in it's schools.

"In light of what is happening in our country, I believe we must

use these times to preserve our heritage. The kids want this. They want to be out here. By doing this, they are preserving what our country was built on," says Jones Elementary teacher, Olivia Robinette.

The gathering of young people for prayer before school is entirely legal, according to the U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley. In a letter Secretary Riley sent to school officials in August 1995, See You at the Pole is listed among those activities that are appropriate forms of religious expression by students on campus. Students at Brackett schools have been organizing this time of prayer for their school since 1994.

One student expressed in prayer what many feel, "Please bless our nation and please make it one nation under God once again."

U.S. Customs inspector speaks to Rotary

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

The Brackettville Rotary Club met September 7 and heard Ms. Teresa Chapoy Cowan, Senior Inspector in the United States Customs Service.

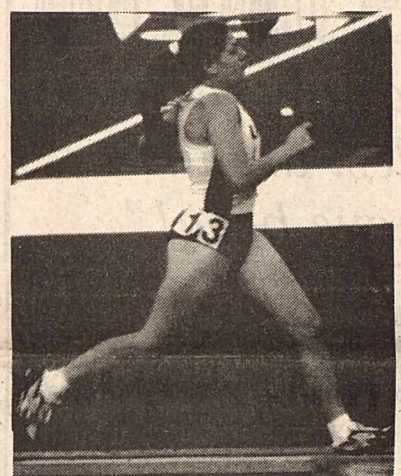
Inspector Cowan began work with the Federal Service in 1972 in Eagle Pass as a seizure clerk and was promoted through the ranks to become an Inspector in

Perez earns cross country track honors

Samantha Perez was named Southland Conference Cross Country Athlete of the week after placing first and leading the UTSA Roadrunners to a second place team finish at the Southwest Texas State Invitational on Saturday, September, 9th.

Perez, a junior at UTSA, was recently awarded the Arthur Ashe, Jr. 1999-2000 Award for outstanding academic and athletic achievement. She is an English major and plans to graduate in May, 2001.

Perez is a Brackett High School graduate and still holds the Cross Country District record she set in the fall of 1997. She will be running in the annual UTSA/Whataburger Invitational Cross



Samantha Perez

Country meet in San Antonio on September 22nd.

Security Forces members save civilian

By Staff Sgt. Regional Woodruff
Contributing Writer

Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas - Calm thinking and quick reaction by base security forces members proved vital during a medical emergency in a parking lot here Sept. 2.

Senior Airmen Jonathan Howells and LaSandra Stout, and Airmen 1st Class Alfonso Luna-Ruiz, Nicole Roda and Jesus Mejia, all members of the 47th Security Forces Squadron, helped a civilian employee who had an apparent heart attack during a routine traffic stop. The event began when Howells pulled the employee over for suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol. Following normal traffic-stop procedures, additional security forces members responded to the scene to ensure Howells' safety and to act as witnesses.

"When I arrived, Airman Howells had pulled the guy over," said Stout, who walked to the scene from the law enforcement desk. "We're not allowed to remove civilians from their vehicles, so he administered a pre-exit test to the guy. You could smell the

alcohol coming from him."

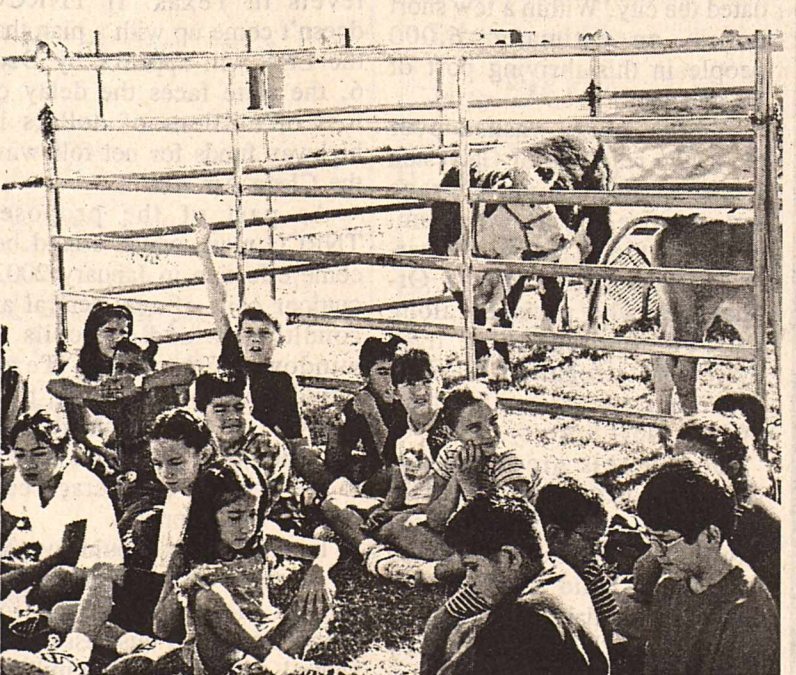
Security forces called the Val Verde Police Department to take the employee into custody after he failed the pre-exit tests. While waiting for VVPD to respond, the employee complained that he was feeling hot. "We rolled the window down in the rear of the vehicle to try to make him comfortable," Stout said. "Shortly afterwards he went into a seizure or something. I tried to get him out of the car on the driver's side, but he is a big guy."

Howells and Mejia removed the driver from the vehicle and began to administer first aid. Howells checked his pulse and found it weak. The driver then stopped breathing and his pulse stopped. "From there, Howells took over," Stout continued. "He started loosening the guy's clothes. The guy came back and then faded. That's when Howells started performing CPR on him. I took out my CPR mask, so I was ready, but if Howells wasn't there, I don't know what would have happened. He stayed calm through the whole thing."

Howells continued performing CPR until an ambulance from the

47th Medical Group arrived. After helping to load the victim on a stretcher, Mejia went with the victim to Val Verde Regional Medical Center, translating for medical group personnel whenever the victim spoke Spanish.

The employee was released from VVRMC Wednesday.



Students from Jones Elementary learn more about raising and showing steers at the 3rd Annual Ag Day.

Briefs ...

Public Hearing

The Plateau Water Planning Group (Region J) will conduct two public hearings next Monday and Tuesday to receive comments on the initially-prepared regional water plan. Region J includes the counties of Bandera, Edwards, Kerr, Kinney, Real, and Val Verde Counties.

The meetings will be held at the Del Rio Civic Center, Kennedy Room, 1915 Avenue F, Del Rio, Texas, on September 25, at 7 p.m.; and at the Upper Guadalupe River Authority Office, 125 Lehmann Drive, Suite 100, Kerrville, Texas, on September 26, at 7 p.m.

Written comments will also be accepted until Tuesday, September 26, 2000 at 700 Main Street, Kerrville, Texas 78028 or call 830-792-2216.

Copies of the initially prepared regional water plan are available in the County Clerk's office of the counties listed above and the main library located in the county seat, if one exists.

Heritage Museum

Kinney County Heritage Museum will be open Sunday, September 24 from 1 to 4 p.m.

TROA BBQ

The Fort Clark/Del Rio chapter of The Retired Officers Association (TROA) will enjoy its second annual picnic/BBQ at Rendezvous Park on Fort Clark, beginning at 1230 hours Saturday, 23 September 2000. The meal will be catered by the Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery Association. Military officers (retired or otherwise) who may be interested in attending should contact Frank Cheaney at 536-2172.

Members sought

Hill County Community MHMR Center is soliciting interested persons to become members in the Mental Retardation Citizen's Advisory Committee (MR-CAC).

All interested persons may apply. Consumer/family representation for children and adult services is preferred.

For more information, interested persons should contact Carolyn Davis at (830) 249-4180 [Boerne, TX] no later than Friday, October 6, 2000.

Hot Spots Agreement

Kinney County Wildlife Damage Management Association recently submitted a letter requesting funding under the area-wide program. This was developed to assist in the control of predators within the area of our association when Wildlife Services (WS) resources have been requested, losses and location of the predator(s) have been verified by WS personnel, and WS resources are not available within a reasonable period. Reasonable length of time is set by the definite location of the predator(s), that is the key.

The Sheep & Goat Predator Management Board has agreed to fund the submitted proposal in order to complete their primary purpose, as well as foster cooperation and harmonious working relations between WS and all persons and organizations connected with any segment of the sheep and goat industry.

For more information please contact Robert Elledge at the Extension Office 830-563-2442.

Stuart Bat Cave

Observe and estimated 500,000 bats emerge from Stuart Bat Cave in the evening on September 23rd. A program will be given regarding bats and the environment.

Programs hosted by friends and volunteers of the Park. Fee: Adults \$5, children under 13, \$3. Reservations required.

Tours are held with resources and weather permitting. Call Park for information and reservations at 830-563-2342.

ious cargoes. An inspector may be seen walking around with a small black box. With the push of a button he or she can x-ray an entire large truck load. Changes in the density that look suspicious are investigated.

Density is the key to catching illegal material. For instance, if a tire should register 20 and shows up as 80, it is clear that something has been added.

Cowan also mentioned the canine units that are remarkable in detecting drugs.

Personal medication was a subject of interest to Rotary members. The important thing to customs is that you declare what you are bringing out which you did not bring into the country. The rules are that if you live within 100 miles of the border, you may purchase a 30-day supply. Farther than that and you can buy a 60-day supply without a prescription. However, this covers 50 units, and if you take 4 pills a day, you may only buy enough for 12 days. You may get the prescription from a Mexican doctor.

The State of Texas is not interested in your personal use and Customs does not enforce State Laws. In the instance of liquor bought across the border, you are instructed to pay tax on it when there is such a facility available at the port. However, if you come across the border where no such service is available, you don't have to pay. If you are stopped by the Highway Patrol later on, you may be in trouble.

In closing, Inspector Cowan commented that sometimes, people take offense when they are questioned at the border, but the questions are the only way customs officials can tell who needs to be detained.

Letters to the Editor

Help for Fort goes unnoticed

I have put my property on Ft. Clark Springs on the market - For Sale Cheap! The reason for this is petty politics on the Fort. In the past I personally provided a cardboard recycle program, by myself, at no expense to the Fort, with a half-hearted thank you and was told it was not worthwhile (the Shriners don't seem to think so). I have brought three (3) new members to the Fort (one a present Board member) with no thanks

from anyone. Also, at my expense, I have started 70 hybrid red oak trees for Fort beautification with little thanks. I have made two (2) proposals to the Board of Directors which were not handled in a professional manner - they were changed from the original proposals.

Thank you Board of Directors. As of this date I intend do no more, for, or to, the Fort.

Glenn G. Heesacker

"I Pledge allegiance . . ."

I could be wrong!
By Chuck Hall

This is exactly what you think it's going to be. Well, sort of. I like to pledge allegiance to my flag and country. I'm glad we do it in school. The supreme court has taken away our right to public prayer. At football games we no longer have the right to pray together. What was the first amendment about? I forget.

I read a short article about the writer of the pledge of allegiance. His name was Francis Bellamy, a Baptist minister. In 1892, when he wrote the pledge of allegiance, he was chairman of a committee of superintendents of education in the National

Education Association. He did his country a great service. We owe him a huge debt.

He did not write the pledge exactly as we recite it today. There have been two major changes made by others since Mr. Bellamy. I really want to comment about the enormity of the latter of those changes and the group responsible for that great campaign.

In 1954, after a long hard push by the Knights of Columbus, Congress added the words "under God". I feel personally indebted to that fine organization. I hope you, and me, never let anyone remove those profound words. I hope we will always be a nation under God. And Deitrich, I could be right.

Hitler's "Mein Kampf" holds truth

The Way I See It!
By Steven R. LaMascus

Well, comrades, here we are again. The United National Socialist States of America are once more striking a decisive blow against that most dangerous of all politically incorrect dissident ideological factions -- Christians. We have succeeded in outlawing their sickening practice of invoking the protection of their intolerant God before all public school sporting events. Now comrades we must unceasingly attack all those other intolerant, Christian-based organizations that are threatening to return antiquated morals and ideals to our modern and wonderfully decadent society. We cannot allow the giant steps we have taken toward anarchy and moral decay to be derailed by these moralistic morons. We must strike now, while the iron of fear is still hot.

We have the advantage. There are many public school administrators out there who do not have the moral courage to confront our aggressive tactics. Our leading legal minds in the Anti-Christian League United (ACLU) have told us that all we have to do to force even greater chaos is to threaten and coerce these weak-willed administrators. They will spearhead our attacks on the morals and ethics of these so-called Christians without even realizing what they are doing. As we speak, some school administrators are reacting to our victory by giving up even more moral territory. They have denied other evil, intolerant organizations, like the Fellowship of Christian

Athletes, the privilege of meeting on public campuses. Some have even taken steps to prevent any expressions whatsoever of Christian faith on their public school campuses.

Comrades, we and our mighty god Satan now have the advantage, and we must press on to victory. We have not had such momentum in our favor since the 1930s when our glorious leader Adolph Hitler lead the fight to rid the earth of those sickening Jews. They call themselves "God's chosen people" like they are something special. They are even worse than the Christians. They too try to force on others the outdated concepts of higher morals. The dangerous concepts of the so-called Ten Commandments, love your enemy, the Golden Rule of "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" are perfect examples of the dangerous ideological thinking these zealots (Jews and Christians) promote.

Anyone who claims to be of the Judeo-Christian school of thought is your enemy. They are striving to destroy the things we hold sacred: abortion, homosexuality, pornography, freedom to abuse drugs, drunkenness, dishonesty, rampant sexual promiscuity, prostitution, gambling, violence, pagan ritualism, the belief in a purely goal-oriented society where the end justifies the means, and the belief that we are merely animals and therefore not accountable for our own actions. It is our nature to kill, cheat, lie and steal, so how can that be wrong?

These dissidents try to persuade us that the universe was not formed by a fortuitous cos-

mic accident and that we did not evolve from lower forms of life. They say there is an all-powerful God somewhere that planned all this. That he made mankind in his own image and that we will someday be held accountable for what we do. They say that if we believe in someone named Jesus Christ, who gave his life as a sacrifice for our sins, that we will be granted eternal life in some imaginary place called Heaven. They want us to believe that there is some kind of life after death.

Ridiculous!
No comrades, do not be deceived by this moralistic propaganda. Now is the time to press the attack! We finally have the strength and power of government on our side. Onward to victory!

Sieg Heil!
Brothers and sisters, the world is a place of walking dead. Do not be lead into the wide and easy path. There is but one path to life and it is neither wide nor easy. The time is near when this will become apparent to all. Trust in Jesus Christ and live; or trust in your own humanity and perish along with the rest of the world. I don't know about you, "But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

John 14: 15-17 - If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

Galveston hurricane remembered

Capitol Comment
By Kay Bailey Hutchison

"Lend me the stone strength of the past and I will lend you The wings of the future..."
-Robinson Jeffers, 1924

On September 8, 1900, a killer hurricane struck Galveston-the deadliest storm ever experienced in the United States, and by far, the greatest natural disaster in our state's history. One hundred years later, Texans still remember those who perished in that storm, and those who survived and rebuilt their devastated community.

Galvestonians received little warning of what was about to occur that fateful day. The science of storm tracking was in its infancy. There were no weather satellites or radar systems, nor was there radio to broadcast the warning of impending danger to island residents.

That morning dawned with sunshine, a bright sky and cooler temperatures than Galveston had felt for months. It had been a summer of record high temperatures, weather that warmed Galveston Bay and had Galvestonians melting in the humidity. But the sky turned dark before the end of that Saturday. Vast waves, surging flood waters and winds of more than 120 miles an hour had overtaken the town. A tidal surge of some four feet in as many seconds inundated the city. Within a few short hours, an estimated 6,000 people in this thriving port of 37,000 died.

As the storm washed over them, the residents of Galveston Island showed much courage and sacrifice. Theirs was exemplified by the 10 Sisters of Charity, nuns at Saint Mary's Orphanage, who perished along with 90 children whose lives they were struggling to save. There are countless other tales of individual bravery.

Despite this great tragedy, Galveston never lost her resilient spirit. In the wake of the storm, the community worked together to build a sturdy, 17-foot seawall that has staved off other fierce hurricanes. They moved millions of tons of sand onto the island from the Gulf of Mexico in order to raise the city and its buildings to a safer

height.
Galveston was reborn, becoming a beautiful, prosperous town once again.

Among the lessons this storm has taught us is how much we benefit from modern weather technology. We must never relax our efforts to improve storm forecasting and make life safer along our coasts. And it highlights the value of other research efforts, such as Texas Tech University's wind engineering research project that is developing construction methods to make buildings more impervious to windstorms and other extremes of weather.

The City of Galveston is holding ceremonies commemorating the hurricane, in which I am participating, and to celebrate the

rebirth of the community after the storm. It has launched educational efforts and created an Internet website at www.1900storm.com.

I introduced a resolution in the Senate designating September 8, 2000 as Galveston Hurricane National Remembrance Day. It authorizes and requests the President to issue a proclamation in memory of the thousands who lost their lives, as well as the survivors who rebuilt their city. No community more deserves such recognition than Galveston. Nearly wiped off the face of the earth by a hundred-year storm, those long-ago Galvestonians showed the kind of "can't keep us down" attitude that has come to typify our state.

Texans may face \$1,000 air conditioning tax

By Bill Hammond
Pres. TX Association of Business & Chambers of Commerce

Texans may be forced to pay a \$1,000 air conditioning tax in order to shield their families from the summer heat - all under the guise of protecting the Texas environment from smog.

The problem stems from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's (TNRCC's) efforts to comply with mandates from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reduce ozone levels in Texas. If TNRCC doesn't come up with a plan that the EPA will approve by Dec. 6, the state faces the delay or loss of millions of dollars in highway funds for not following the Clean Air Act.

As part of the proposed TNRCC plan, which would become effective in January 2002, outdoor coils of new central air conditioners and the coils of window units sold in Texas would have to be covered by a catalytic coating. Manufacturers say that would add about \$1,000 to the price of an average central air conditioner.

In effect, this would eventually impose an air conditioning tax on more than 8 million homes and small businesses with central air and on many millions more Texas residents who cool with window units.

Ironically, tests by the com-

pany that makes the catalytic coating, cast doubts that it will even help reduce ground level ozone concentrations, the major component of smog. Even more startling is the fact that data from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) suggests the catalytic-coated air conditioning coils will increase energy use because the coils will require more electricity to produce the same amount of cool air.

The whole hubbub has sparked a feud between the environmental and energy agencies that resulted in a July 14 letter where the energy department warned the EPA to not take any action requiring the coating.

Unfortunately, the TNRCC - forced by the EPA - ignored the Department of Energy warning. Instead they proposed a counterproductive, energy-wasting, scientifically questionable requirement that may increase ozone-forming emissions from power plants - and still burden Texans with an unfair tax just to keep cool.

What sense does it make to waste electric energy and increase power plant emissions? Why should the TNRCC be forced to adopt a directive from the EPA that will unlawfully reduce the efficiency of air conditioners below the minimum requirement set by the U.S. Department of Energy?

There are many other questions that need answers, too. For

Bonilla votes to overturn President's veto of 'Marriage penalty Tax'

- 'Married couples should not be the victims of vetoes'

By Henry Bonilla
U.S. Rep. 23rd District

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Henry Bonilla (R-TX-23rd) today expressed disappointment in a vote sustaining President Clinton's veto of the Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Reconciliation Act of 2000 (H.R. 4810). The House of Representatives failed to override the veto by a vote of 270 to 158. A two-thirds majority vote was required to send the bill to the Senate, in hopes of overturning the presidential veto.

"A couple's wedding day should be the happiest day of their life - not a piece of cake for the IRS," said Mr. Bonilla. "This legislation would have ensured that couples who decide to get married no longer pay for their decision with higher taxes."

The Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Reconciliation Act would have increased the standard deduction for a married couple to the same deduction level as single taxpayers beginning in 2001. Were the bill in effect today, the deduction would amount to approximately \$8,800, versus the current \$7,350 deduction. Additionally, the relief act would expand the 15 percent tax bracket for married couples who file jointly to twice that of single taxpayers beginning in 2003.

"There is something fundamentally wrong with a law that imposes higher taxes on married people with two incomes than it does on single people," said Mr. Bonilla. "The tax system should be about even-handedness, and the current law flunks this test."

The House of Representatives approved the Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Reconciliation Act on June 12th by a vote of 271 to 156. The Senate then approved the legislation by a vote of 60 to 34. The legislation was vetoed by President Clinton in early August.

"Married couples should not be the victims of vetoes because of election year politics," said Mr. Bonilla. "Both liberal and conservative members of Congress have promised an end to this tax. I'm disappointed that we couldn't come together and make it happen."

example, just what is in this secret, potentially hazardous coating? Concerns are already being voiced about the potential for it to flake onto the ground and into the groundwater supply. What are the long-term effects of this substance on the environment, the general public, and air conditioning installers and maintenance personnel?


The Texas Association of Business & Chambers of Commerce is supportive of efforts to help non-attainment areas reach environmental goals under the Clean Air Act, and to help near non-attainment areas stay within the guidelines.

But all emission sources ranging from cars and trucks to manufacturers and electricity generators should share equitably in the burden of reducing air emissions. Since air conditioners are not a source of emissions that contribute to ozone formation and thus fall outside of the Clean Air Act, we question the wisdom and legality of including them in the proposed plan.

TNRCC is holding 13 public hearings around the state to seek citizen input before adopting the proposed air-conditioner rule and 16 other proposed rules. For a list of the times and places of the public hearings, call TNRCC at 512-239-1000.

And as for this tax on Texans to stay cool - it should be enough to make a lot of folks a little hot under the collar.

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



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Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, Sept. 11
Kenneth Wayne Roach, 24, of Bayard, IA was arrested by Reserve Deputies Bobby Guidry and Larry Robinson, for a Probation Violation, DWI. Motion for dismissal was filed.

11:45 am., An anonymous caller to 911 reported that a truck and the trailer it was pulling were on fire on Hwy. 90 approx. 3 miles east of Brackettville. The BVFD, the Texas Hwy. Dept, DPS Officer Richard Slubar, Chief of Police Ron Ring and ABC Wrecker Service were all notified at 11:46 am.

10:39 pm., A call was received advising that cattle were loose on FM 674. A local rancher was notified and said they would take care of the cows

Tuesday, Sept. 12
8:24 am., Sgt. Braden reported a possible stolen vehicle heading north from Eagle Pass on Hwy. 131. It stated that it was a red Neon and it was going to Ft. Clark. The vehicle was not located.

11:50 am., A local woman informed Sheriff Burgess that a white Ford Truck, with a for sale sign in the window was driving off and on the wrong side of the Hwy near a local ranch. The vehicle was heading east on Hwy. 90. A unit stopped the vehicle and found that the subject was "O.K.", the elderly subject apologized for having caused a problem.

1:29 pm., A local woman called to report 5 horses loose on Hwy. 90 at the intersection Hwy. 3008. A local rancher was unavailable. Another local rancher was notified, he stated that the horses were indeed the first ranchers, however he would go to the scene.

2:56 am., A local woman came in person to the S.O. Office wanting to speak with a deputy. Because, her ex-boyfriend and herself had had an argument. She reported that he (the ex-boyfriend) had left the scene of the argument on foot, heading in the direction of town with a stick in hand. She was afraid that he would either break the windows of her car or

cause other damage to her trailer house. A unit was notified to come by and speak with the woman. The unit then went to the woman's residence to check if the man was there.

3:12 am., The above local woman returned to the S.O. Office stating that her ex-boyfriend was within her property boundaries. The same unit as above responded. Upon arrival at the woman's residence at 3:13 pm., it was determined that the person on the woman's property was not her ex-boyfriend. Officer Chism advised the woman to contact the Judge the following morning.

6:00 pm., A local man stated that he had a horse at his property in Kinney Co. He also stated that the mare belonged to a local woman. The woman was notified and stated she would go to the location and "pick up" her horse.

6:30 pm., A local man reported that his '87 Chevy Chevette (light blue), was parked in the parking lot across from the Ag. Shop on E. Fulton St. The car was struck on the back passenger door. He stated he had spoken with 4 or 5 people. However, No one had seen what had taken place to cause the damage to the car. The man stated that the accident had taken place approx. 2:30 pm, he was attending class at the time.

9:34 pm., A local woman called the S.O. to advise that a light was on at another apartment. Another person was contacted and stated that no one should be at the apt. at that time. Deputy Chism was informed of the situation.

Wednesday, Sept. 13
Jimmy Lee Mercado of Austin was arrested by Officer Wylie for DWI 3rd offense. Mercado was released next day on bond.

3:00 pm., A local woman stated that a reddish/brown furry dog followed her home the previous night from Ft. Clark. She stated that security at the Fort is aware of the dog and the situation, as the dog originally entered the Fort by following a boy who resides there. The woman stated that if no one wants or claims the dog she would like to keep it. The woman was

advised that a report would be filed in case that someone is looking for the dog.

3:35 pm., An anonymous caller stated that an 18-wheeler (license number was given) was driving fast and reckless. She stated she was driving 80 m.p.h. and the truck still passed her approx. 1/4 mile west of the Cline BP Checkpoint heading in the direction of Uvalde. Uvalde S.O. was notified and they stated that they would send a unit to check on the truck.

8:30 pm., A local man called to report that his laundry truck had broken down at a local convenience store and he was in need of a wrecker. Rio Trailer was contacted, however, was unable to respond, as only one driver was on duty and he was on another call at the time. Ralph's Wrecker was then notified and stated that he would have his son come to tow the vehicle.

11:15 pm., Samuel Cruz Fernandez, 21, of Brackettville was arrested for public intoxication. A call was received from a local woman that Fernandez was intoxicated and that he had injured himself, again. Deputy Pena responded and found that Fernandez had indeed cut his hands, punching something. Pena also noted a strong odor of alcohol emitted from Fernandez. Fernandez was released the following day for time served.

11:30 pm., A local woman reported to Kinney Co. Sheriff's Office, that two men harassed her at work. She stated that she did not want to pursue the matter that she just wants to be left alone

Thursday, Sept. 14
Chance Wayne Ring of Brackettville was arrested by Officer Burgess for an outstanding warrant issued by New Braunfels. Ring is still being held.

3:32 am., Fort Clark Security reported that a vehicle was turned over at Shorty's Place. Deputy Pena Jr. responded however was unable to locate the vehicle.

5:51 am., Unit 17 radioed that there were goats loose that belonged to a local rancher. The

rancher was notified and said he would take care of the goats.

6:28 am., A local man called regarding a lady who had hit a deer approx. 100 yards west of the Brackettville City limit sign. He stated that her car was partially in the road and that she appeared to be in shock. DPS Officer Tom Wylie was notified.

4:43 pm., Deputy Fritter radioed and stated, he needed assistance at a local ranch, 12 miles east of Brackettville on Hwy 90. He stated someone had pried the outside paneling away from the house (south side) with axes. Deputy Fritter stated that someone might be in the house, however, he could not enter the house and watch the entrances at the same time. Sheriff Burgess and DPS Officer Slubar and Police Chief Ring went to the scene. 16 minutes later, Sheriff Burgess reported that no one was in the residence and that he did not believe any items were missing, however, he did request that dispatch contact the owner. Dispatch spoke with the owners son, who informed that his father was out of town. The ranchers son did request that the firearms at the residence be taken to the S.O., and that dispatch contact the caretaker of the ranch to repair the damage to the house. The firearms were taken to the S.O. office, inventoried and placed in the storage room until the owner is able to claim them. Rick: Security Alarm was also contacted and informed that the outside (speaker alarm) was no longer in working condition. The S.O. was informed by the owners son that the firearms will be claimed on Saturday.

7:12 pm., A local man called to report that a 1991 Chevy two door vehicle was abandoned at a local ranch gate. The vehicle did not appear to have been at this location for very long. The vehicle was parked partially on the shoulder and partially on grass. Deputy Pena Jr. went to the scene and reported that the vehicle was no

longer at that location.

8:22 pm., A local man called to report that he needed assistance in unlocking a vehicle at his residence. Deputy Pena Jr. went to the residence and assisted by unlocking the vehicle.

8:55 pm., The caretaker of the ranch, (previously mentioned) called reporting that his residence, also located on same ranch, had also been damaged, however, no items appeared to be missing.

9:40 pm., A local woman called and stated that the air raid siren at Fort Clark Springs was sounding. Dispatch explained that the S.O. does not sound siren, that it probably "shorted out" due to the rain. A city employee (public service) was called and stated that he would go to the siren and investigate. A Fort Clark resident stated that he would also go to the scene.

10:00 am., A local man called to report that the street lights were out on Spring St. CPL was contacted. A local woman also called to report same.

12:00 am., A local man reported to Deputy Pena that on Sept. 9th, he had been assaulted by an unknown person. The man stated that the incident took place on Gove. St. at approx. 3:00 am. The man requested to give a statement but he did not want to press charges.

Friday, Sept. 15
Raul Mata of Brackettville was arrested by Officer Fritter, for Probation Revoked. Mata is still being held.

11:00 am., A local woman came in person to K.C.S.O. to report, a loose bull on Hwy. 2804. The owner was contacted and stated that he would remove the animal immediately.

3:25 pm., An anonymous caller reported smelling smoke at the entrance of Alamo Village. Deputy Fritter went to the scene and found that a ranch just north of Alamo Village was burning brush piles on Hwy. 674. Alamo Village was notified.

Saturday, Sept. 16
A local woman called to report someone firing a shotgun near her residence. She informed that she could hear pellets hitting the roof of her home. Deputy Pena Jr. went to the scene and was unable to locate anyone.

10:31 pm., A local juvenile called 9-1-1 stating that his house was on fire. The officer answering the call was able to hear laughing in the background. The officer then called Fort Clark Security, to have them check to see if there was actually a fire. The boys mother was then called by the officer, she was asked if there was a fire at her residence. The woman informed the officer that there was not a fire at her home, that her son was playing a prank on a friend but, had dialed 9-1-1 accidentally. The officer then contacted Deputy Mendeke and advised her to have a talk with the boy.

Sunday, Sept. 17
A local woman reported to K.C.S.O. that another local woman had assaulted her. The first woman stated that she was staying at a local man's house in Spoford, and that she had been in bed, when the second woman leaned over her and stated, she was dead meat. The first woman stated that she pushed the second woman on the porch. The first woman stated that the second woman had been let into the house by the man, (who resides at the residence). The first woman then stated that at this time the second woman hit her in the face and also attempted to choke her. The man came out of the house and stopped the assaulting woman, thus ending the incident. The assaulted woman was asked if she wanted to press charges against the woman who assaulted her, the woman answered affirmatively. The woman was advised that a report would be submitted to obtain a warrant for the arrest of the woman. Photographs have been taken by K.C.S.O. of the injuries sustained by the woman.



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Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Dear Dr. Smith, It seems from your columns that you believe couples should stay married no matter what. I disagree. There are lots of reasons for divorce." The letter goes on, but the question is a relevant one. Even Jesus gave a reason for divorce but with qualifications (Matt. 5:32). My col-

umns have dealt not so much with divorce, but with providing children an intact home with mother and father actively participating in parenting. Every child needs both mother and father for proper nurturing and discipline. We see the unfortunate effects of single parent families throughout our society.

I have been in the counseling and therapy profession since 1960. From my personal experience, I would estimate that at least 90% of all marriage breakups are for purely selfish reasons and children are not considered. Of those, some involve various forms of infidelity where there is a refusal to reconcile and forgive. Others involve serious disagreements over money

or in-laws. Most simply want to go their own way and do their own thing. The majority of these reject help when the therapist suggests that the marriage can be saved and that there is every reason to do so.

Only about 10% of marriages breakup as a result of situations in which there is real physical danger for the opposite sex spouse or the children. I would estimate from my experience that 95% of marriages could be reconciled if spouses would work hard to create a healthy environment for themselves and their children. Love is a choice and so is family.

What is unfortunate is that there are too many therapists who are more than willing to assist a couple in justifying what they have already decided to do. When family and marriage counseling is needed seek out a Christian counselor who is committed to saving marriages.

This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project to strengthen families, faith and education.

THANK YOU

I, Barbara King, want to express my sincere gratitude to the people of Brackettville and Ft. Clark Springs for their many prayers, cards & phone calls, during my recent illness. I especially want to thank Dr. Luz & the EMS crew for their invaluable medical assistance.

I am still in treatment, but am recuperating & getting stronger every day.

Again, a million thanks & God bless you all.
Barbara King

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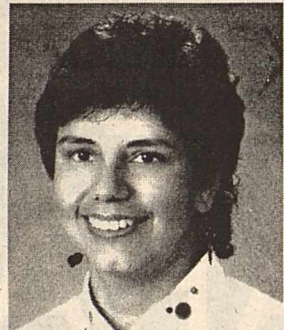
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By Joyce Bergey
Contributing Writer

The Mountain Laurel Garden Club of Fort Clark began its new season on Sept. 14th with a luncheon at the home of Pat McKelvy. Members and guests enjoyed salads, sandwiches and desserts outdoors in Pat's beautiful yard, surrounded by numerous birds and wild turkeys.

Newly appointed President Clara McCord gave a program on "Developing a Yard for Birds." She gave suggestions on things to do to attract birds to your yard.

SWTJC enrollment breaks record

By Willie Edwards
Contributing Writer

It's official. Southwest Texas Junior College has set a new enrollment record.

Dean of Admissions and Student Services Joe Barker announced Friday that 3,713 students have officially enrolled for classes this fall, eclipsing the old record of 3,552 students in the spring of 2000.

Barker said he is especially pleased by the record after hearing of declining enrollment at other community colleges across the state.

"We've talked to several other colleges who actually had a drop in enrollment this fall, so we are obviously very pleased to have set a record at SWTJC," Barker said.

Dual enrollment by high school students is responsible for much of the increase, according to Barker.

"More and more high school students and their parents are recognizing the benefits of dual en-

rollment and I think we will continue to see that program grow," Barker said.

Increased enrollment in Del Rio and Eagle Pass is another factor contributing to the college's record numbers.

"We are especially happy to see Del Rio rebounding so well after several down years following the terrible flood of 1998," Barker said.

A breakdown of this fall's record setting figures shows Uvalde with 1,578 students, Eagle Pass with 890 and Del Rio with 836.

The Hondo Torres Unit has 95 students enrolled in classes and Crystal City has 85 students enrolled.

Other enrollment across SWTJC's 11-county service area is as follows: Hondo, 54; Pearsall, 39; Cotulla, 17; Devine, 16; Utopia, 12; Dilley, 11; Natalia, 11; Brackettville, 10; Nueces Canyon, 10; Leakey, 9; Carrizo Springs, 7; Rocksprings, 5; and Sabinal, 1.

Yearbooks, compiled by Carol Miller, were passed out to mem-

bers. They listed the programs for the year as well as other information, in an attractive, flower themed packet.

Rose and Al Jenkins were thanked for their generous donation of cactuses for the garden at the Sutlers Store. The common names of the cactuses are Argentiene Toothpick, Saguaro and Golden Barrel. Annmarie and Rudy Brenk were also thanked for their donation earmarked for any worthwhile cause the Garden Club cares to undertake.

Landscaping at the Service Club has been done under the su-

perision of Clara McCord and Patsy Callman. Two red oaks will be purchased for planting there and mulch will be put down to help maintain the condition of the plants already in the ground. A tree will also be planted at Sutlers Store in memory of Charles Hadsell.

The next meeting of the Garden Club will be held on Oct. 12th at 9:30 at the Adult Center. Everyone interested in learning more about the unique challenges of gardening in the local area, and in preserving and beautifying the natural resources of Fort Clark, is welcome to join us.

The Ladies of Beta Sigma Phi will be on March 9 & 10, 2001. Then Jack told a delightful story about their experiences on a recent bus trip to Minnesota to attend a fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration. He and Arlys took the bus from Brackettville to Germantown, Minnesota, with changes in San Antonio, Dallas, Memphis, Chicago and Minneapolis. Much to the surprise of their hosts, they arrived a day ahead of schedule. They met many nice people and saw much beautiful country. The trip was worth it just to see the surprise on the faces of the celebrants. However, the consensus of opinion was that there are easier ways to travel!

Members present were B.J. Eckenrod, Luella Gilliland, Donna Gracie, Lou Green, Shirley Hadsell, Clara McCord, Pat McKelvy, Lynn McNew, Arlys Simpson and Bobbie Waddill.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2000, at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Shirley Hadsell.

Garden club begins new season

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Ladies of Beta Sigma Phi

By Lynn McNew
Contributing Writer

Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Sept. 18, 2000, at the home of Arlys Simpson. The meeting was called to order by President Shirley Hadsell with members reciting the Opening Ritual, followed by roll call. Treasurer's report, minutes from the last meeting and committee reports followed. Discussion was held on ways and means projects. This will be tabled until a later date. There was also discussion about making a change in meeting day and time. The chapter voted to change meetings to the first and third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Delicious refreshments of chocolate brownie dessert and coffee or tea were served by hostess Arlys Simpson.

Guest speaker Jack Simpson answered questions about Fort Clark Days, which will be called Fort Clark Springs Festival and

Seniors find New Avenue for Property Tax Relief

While politicians and homeowners alike clamor to identify ways in which the issue of property taxes can be resolved, many homeowners have discovered the only solution they will ever need. The solution comes in the form of the FHA program for reverse mortgages. The program allows homeowners 62 years of age and older with little or no mortgage remaining to draw tax-free income from their home equity without requiring repayment for as long as they occupy the home.

Unfortunately the program can't do anything to lower the amount of property taxes which a participant will pay. What it can do however, is provide the necessary funds to pay the taxes when they are due. In most cases the participant can do this by establishing a "line of credit" which will be available to pay the property taxes. This completely eliminates the need for homeowners to make monthly installment payments toward their property taxes.

This "line of credit" is very similar to a "home equity line of credit" which one might get at a bank with two notable exceptions. Unlike a bank line of credit, an

individual can draw as much as they wish from the line up to their predetermined limit and never make a monthly payment on the account. The second difference is that the reverse mortgage line of credit will actually increase in value by about 7% per year. As long as a participant has an available line of credit, the account will continue to grow.

Participants are able to use their fixed income for living expenses and do not have to worry about setting aside money every month to meet the property tax needs. This translates into extra income to use for the purpose of living.

Although this program has been very popular nationally, many eligible participants still do not realize this is available to them. The majority of those who are seeking this program so far have indicated that paying property taxes each year is a major consideration in their decision to look into the program. Seniors often worry that the expenses of homeownership will force them to lower their standard of living. This is a choice that most older homeowners simply do not want to make. With the reverse mortgage program the participants

are able to make their property tax payments without having to use their fixed income resources.

Fire danger still exists

Submitted by
The Texas Forest Service

The Texas Forest Service asks everyone to continue to be extra careful with any outdoor activities that may ignite a grass fire this weekend. The recent rains have helped some of drought-stricken Texas, but extreme fire danger still exists.

"Fuels are losing moisture quickly and will return to an extreme level by Saturday in the areas that received less than half an inch of rain," says Tom Spencer, fire behavior analyst for the Texas Forest Service. Multiple frontal systems are expected, but high winds will dry fuels out quickly and could make any fire that is started difficult to contain.

Fuels are the vegetation that burns during a wildfire. The light grassy fuels of central and west Texas dry quickly and are ready to burn again, even if heavy rain

has been received.

"Fire starts are down due to the change in the weather and Texans being extra careful," states Mark Stanford with the Texas Forest Service. He urges extra caution during this period between summer fire season and fall fire season. Some tips include:

- Properly dispose of cigarettes and other smoking materials.
- Avoid driving and parking in tall, dry grass. Hot exhaust systems on cars can ignite dry vegetation.
- Postpone outdoor burning until significant rainfall has been received even if your county does not have a burning ban in effect.
- When welding or using metal-grinding equipment outside, remove vegetation and wet down the work area. Be sure to keep a fire extinguisher handy.
- Watch out for rocks or metal when mowing to avoid sparking a wildfire.

For more information on VA's homeless programs see <http://www.va.gov/health/homeless/index.htm>.

Be aware of new procedure for child pick-up

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

We're making changes in the traffic patterns and pick up and delivery of Elementary School students. We'll let you know the starting date for the change; perhaps next week. Dismissal of Kindergarten and First Grade Students will be in the back of the school (East). If you drop your children at the back of the school, you'll be able to follow white arrows showing where cars should travel. Drop off students at the cafeteria and proceed to exit at the gate.

Second and third grade students will be dismissed in the front of the school (same as now) at 3:00 PM. There will be no changes for grades 4, 5 or 6.

The red line on the parking lot at the back of the school is to show that only staff parking and school buses should be beyond the red line. Staff will have to cross the line to park in the designated park-

ing places. The bus lane is clearly marked for buses only.

When picking up a student at the nurse's office, there will be a space in the back of the school reserved for the pick up of students from the nurse's office.

We're building a new side walk and a shelter for students that will be in place soon. So, watch the announcement from the school on the date that we will change. I think you'll prefer the change when you get used to it. I also think it's safer for all of the students.

The Ag Day held this past Tuesday was wonderful. Donna Schuster was chairperson for the well coordinated event. Assisting in the planning and implementation were Robert Elledge, County Extension Agent, and John Paul Schuster, Farm Bureau Chairman. The idea is to show all of the elementary age students (about 600) as much as they can learn about animals and farm products. Booths

on the shoeing of horses, milking of cows, harvesting of cotton, Indian folk tales, Cattle, Sheep & Goats, predators, Indian Folk Lore, and even the Border Patrol was there talking about drug abuse. Congratulations on a unique day. Thanks to the volunteers, teachers, aides and parents for helping with this grand project.

Remember that Registration for Fall GED Classes will be on Monday & Tuesday, October 2 & 3 from 6 to 8 PM at the Brackett Alternative School. Contact Mr. Clements at 563.9537 for more information.

Our football and volleyball season are exciting. This week, we begin our district volleyball games. The Tiger Football team will play a tough Nueces Canyon team this Friday in Brackettville.

How about the great rains? I had 3 inches at my home. It appears more is on its way this weekend. Have a great week!

Varsity Football earns second win

By Heather Martin
Contributing Writer

Friday night in Rocksprings the Brackett Tigers picked up their second win of the season. With a final score of 35-0, the Tigers showed that hard work and practice does pay off. They put on a great show for everyone that went to support them.

Jesse Hidalgo led the Tigers with four touchdowns and 202 rushing yards on 21 carries. J.J. Rivas had 94 rushing yards on 16 carries. Hidalgo carried the ball for 27 yards and earned the Tigers their first touchdown for the night. Rivas had a carry of 20 yards and scored the second touchdown. Jared Hobbs, the Tigers' Quarterback, successfully completed one pass to John Wylie, for 14 yards and one to Sam Hunt, for 10 yards, which helped move the Tigers down the field. The Tigers had 11 first downs the first half and 12 in the second.

The Tiger defense was strong and brutal on the Angoras. They only allowed a total of 132 yards, 55 rushing and 77 passing. The Angoras only had 3 first downs in the first half and 6 in the second half. The Tigers pressed the

Angora offense and caused two interceptions, both grabbed by juniors, David Compos and Manuel Madrid. Line backer, Christopher Palomo said, "The coach told us the key was to stop number five and we did." The aggressive defensive line, #60 Carlos Gomez, #54 Mojo Hernandez, #74 David

Lopez, and #40 J.J. Rivas rushed #5, not giving him time for any big plays.

The Brackett Tigers resume action on Friday, September 22 at Tiger stadium. Going in with a 2-0 record they will be playing the Nueces Canyon Panthers. Kick off time is at 7:30.

Thank You

The Brackettville Border Patrol would like to thank the Brackettville Volunteer Fire Dept. for their quick response during the rainstorm on Thursday night. Their investigation determined the problem to be an electrical short. We sincerely appreciate their professionalism and dedication.

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Texas parents and teachers buck early school start

As students return to the classroom this year, Texans for a Traditional School Year is questioning the soundness in starting school during the hottest part of the year. The group is also urging parents to let their school districts know if they are unhappy with the current school calendar.

"Our phones have been ringing off the hook," said Tina Bruno, the group's executive director. "Parents are upset about starting school in early August. Not only are they upset about losing valuable weeks of summer, they are concerned about their children riding buses with temperatures inside the bus registering over 100 degrees. If research showed there was an educational benefit to starting school early, I think our supporters would understand. But the fact is research shows there is no educational reason to start school in early to mid-August."

The statewide coalition says starting school during the hottest part of the summer provides headaches, hardships and heartache for Texas families and teachers while providing no proven educational benefits. And according to the August 2000 issue of *Fiscal Notes*, report published by the Texas Comptroller's Office, starting school in early August also takes a toll on school budgets. In a report titled, "Summer in School," the Comptroller's Office estimates \$6 million in school electric costs could be avoided with a later school start date.

"During the past year, parents and teachers across the state joined together and lobbied school districts to start school later. In many cases they were successful, gaining back anywhere from two to six days of their summer vacation," Bruno said. "Unfortunately, many parents' time and effort went without notice."

Bruno said parents in many districts became frustrated after spending hours collecting signatures on petitions and gaining widespread support for later starting calendars, only to see no response from their local school boards. "In some cases, parents simply asked for a survey to be sent home to see what parents wanted and they were even denied this simple request," Bruno added.

Texas establishes concealed handgun license reciprocity

Texas has signed reciprocal agreements with Florida and Tennessee, allowing citizens with concealed handgun licenses issued by Florida or Tennessee to legally carry concealed handguns in Texas, and vice versa.

Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, signed the reciprocity agreements with the State of Florida and the State of Tennessee through which their licensees can visit Texas with their concealed handguns.

"This agreement will allow licensed Texans to travel freely in the states of Tennessee and Florida, while enjoying the same

start date for Texas public schools say parents need to work within the system the district has developed for setting calendars. But according to parent Norma Ebbitt of San Antonio that doesn't always work. She said she tried to work within the guidelines of her school district but to no avail. "The principal of my child's elementary school was supportive. She allowed us to have a meeting of concerned parents in the school cafeteria, but other than that, our voices were pretty much ignored." Ebbitt's children returned to school August 7th this year.

"I wish I could say Ms. Ebbitt's frustrations were outside the norm," Bruno said. "But her experiences mirrored those of hundreds of other parents around the state."

Traditionally, back to school meant a post-September 1 start date. But in recent years, Texas school districts have moved the start date of school to early or mid-August, with the end of class falling in middle to late May.

State law requires that school districts provide 180 instructional days a year for students, plus seven additional days for in-service teacher training. State law added five of those teaching days in 1993, contributing to the pressure for an earlier start of the school year for teachers. However, this alone does not account for the two to three week shift in start dates for students.

Bruno said a study on school calendars released by the Texas Association of School Administrators hit the nail on the head. According to the study the average number of non-instructional days during the school year, excluding Christmas break is 20. "It's not that our kids are getting more days of classroom instruction, we are simply adding more holidays and disruptions to the school year," Bruno said.

While opponents of a later school start date say shorter, more frequent breaks throughout the school year are better, a recent story by the *Dallas Morning News* finds no strong conclusions. The newspaper offered this summary: "The benefits of scheduling shorter, more frequent breaks for students has yielded varying results. Most studies have shown little or no improvements in stu-

dent performance because of shorter vacations."

"We are not complaining about the 180 days of classroom time for our kids. What we are complaining about are the number and lengths of breaks throughout the school year. There is no reason for it. My kids are back in school and they can't even play on the playground because it is so hot. The kids will get burned if they go down the metal slide," Ebbitt said.

Ebbitt is not alone in her desire for a later school start date. The August 1999 Scripps-Howard Texas Poll showed 64 percent of Texans polled feel all public schools should start school on the same day and 86 percent favor a school start date between the last week in August and two weeks after Labor Day.

"Since our inception last year, Texans for a Traditional School Year has increased its supporter base by 1000 percent. We currently have over 5000 supporters around the state," Bruno said. "Parents and teachers are working together to show school board members that there is wide support for returning to a traditional September school start date."

According to Bruno, the biggest hurdle the group has had to overcome is the false notion that when you administer midterm exams impacts what a child learns. "Administering midterm exams after the Christmas holiday has been done for years. In fact, it is being done that way in many parts of the nation right now," Bruno said. "Research shows that when a test is administered does not impact what the student has learned. We need to remember tests don't teach our children...teachers teach our children."

Based in San Antonio, Texas for a Traditional School Year is a non-profit coalition dedicated to raising awareness about the consequences of a non-traditional school calendar. The group can be reached toll-free at 877-531-9011.

Tigerettes route Medina in 2 games

By Queta Garza
Contributing Writer

Last Tuesday the Tigerettes beat Medina 15-4, 15-2.

Erika Garcia said, "Our concentration level was really out there, and we focused on our three main things: Teamwork, Communication, and Hustle. Winning a game before District made us open our eyes to move forward for a victory on our first District game on Sept. 19, 2000."

Kills were lead by Mayra Aguirre with 5, Duquesa Hunt 3, Leslie Meyer and Erica Meyer with 2.

Susannah Davis lead assist with 10, and Michelle Bizzell 5.

Duquesa was the leading scorer with 12. Outstanding players were Duquesa Hunt, Mayra Aguirre, Queta Garza, B'Ann Gomez.

Duquesa Hunt said, "The team really pulled together to beat Medina."

The teams record is now 9-7.

JV Volleyball

By Queta Garza
Contributing Writer

Last Tuesday the JV Gold beat Medina's JV team in three matches with the scores being 11-15, 15-8, 15-4. Outstanding players were Allison LaMascus, Beth Ballew, and Stacey Castillo.

On Friday the JV White lost to D'Hanis JV team 6-15, 4-15. Outstanding players were Maria Martinez, Emily Petrosky, and Lacy Dodson.

On Friday the JV Black were defeated by the D'Hanis Varsity team in three matches 10-15, 15-13, 8-15. Outstanding players were Vanessa Castillo, Nicole Mata, and Celia Deleon.

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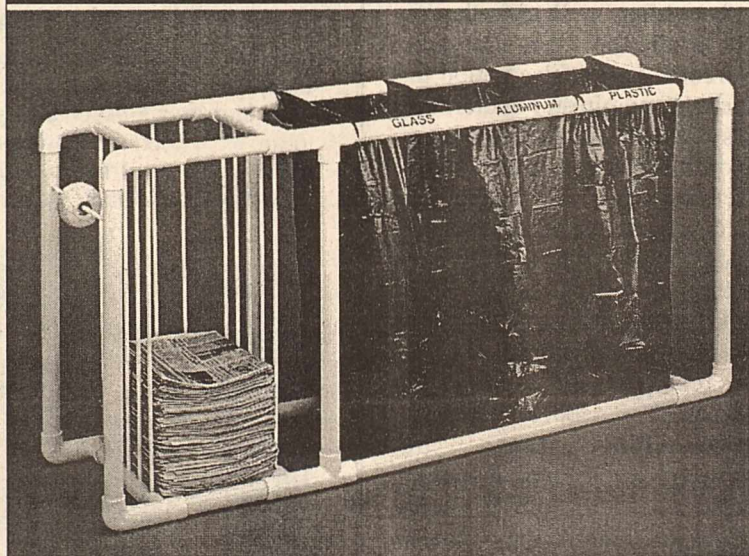
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Aries
March 21-April 20
A nap helps revitalize you after an intense day with family members. Your confidence may be lagging. The insult was not really aimed at you. Smile! You bounce back easily.

Taurus
April 21-May 21
Don't allow others to drag you down. The best way to convert others to your way of thinking is maintaining a good attitude. Dare to speak your mind.

Gemini
May 22-June 21
A meal shared with friends helps you kick back and relax. Break through your own self-conceived limitations. The higher you set your goals, the more you will gain.

Cancer
June 22-July 22
You are at your best when facing a crisis. Use it as an opportunity to come up with new and creative solutions. Go around career roadblocks. A partner offers encouraging words.

Leo
July 23-August 23
You have worked hard and deserve to reap the benefits. Don't worry about what others may think. It's becoming more difficult to remain dedicated to a grueling task.

Virgo
August 24-September 22
Possibilities seem endless. Your personal style may propel you to heights previously unimagined. Be wary of new acquaintances. They may try to take advantage of your giving spirit.

Libra
September 23-October 23
A grass roots effort could pay off. Your determination to succeed helps keep you focused in the workplace. Do not believe everything you hear or read.

Scorpio
October 24-November 22
Your personal life may require intense focus this week. Be prepared at home or work for a clash of personalities. Don't be afraid to take a risk.

Sagittarius
November 23-December 21
Don't allow change to result in negative feelings. It could help strengthen your relationship with your partner. Take an inventory of your assets; the list is long.

Capricorn
December 22-January 20
Do not take rejection personally. Criticism offered by a superior is meant to be constructive. He/she wants you to grow. Do not be so hardheaded that you refuse to listen.

Aquarius
January 21-February 18
An unexpected gift could brighten an otherwise dull week. This may be the right time to begin planning quantum leaps in attaining wealth. Words of wisdom come from an unlikely source.

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Should we really throw it away? Be an Ambassador of Life for others

St. Mary Magdalene
By Lynn McNew

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This made me think about the "throwaway" society we live in. From phones to appliances to people, we seem to live in a world that doesn't see the importance of saving.

Every time we go shopping,

we come home with several plastic bags. Our mail is full of catalogs and advertisements. Many of our appliances are made to only last a few years before they need to be replaced. There are disposable diapers, disposable gloves, disposable razors, disposable dishes—the list goes on and on.

More importantly than that, our society has come to believe that people can be "thrown-away" also. If it is not convenient to have a baby, have an abortion—throw it away—don't consider this as a real person. An elderly family member has become a bother, so ignore them or put them "away" someplace, forgetting the influence they have had in our lives and the

experiences they have to share.

What can we do? Recycle—unfortunately, in our community, that is difficult. Maybe we need a community committee to investigate how we can develop some recycling centers. Celebrate life—appreciate the importance of the old and the young in our lives.

Lord, I thank You for the beautiful world You have provided for us. Guide us in our daily lives as we use our natural resources. Lead us to appreciate the value of human life and the blessings others can bring to us.

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Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charlotte Cory

Have you ever been a thief? In my walk with God, he has shown me that there have been moments and occasions in which I have been guilty of this by stealing time from another person. You may say this is really being radical, but I call it a closer walk with God. I have had to repent for the several occasions during my life that I was busy talking to my neighbor during a sermon or teaching session. Some of you may say that nothing of importance was being learned at the moment. I say, "How do you know?"

I am not trying to be legalistic but how do you really know if that person could have possibly benefited in some way that could change their lives either immediately or in their future?

I came to this conclusion while speaking to the precious group of children whom God has placed into my hands to "shepherd". While trying to place words that are "treasures to their souls" into their hearts, there is invariably one or more children who think they can use their time more profitably by "chit-chatting" with their neighbor. I understand that this is customary to happen among children, but it doesn't change the fact that every moment of even their young lives are important.

I have gone home grieved in my spirit for the words that would give them life that were shut out of their ears with no hope of them hearing it again unless God, in his mercy, brings it forth again. This has led to reminding them that they do not know how long each of them shall live and this might be their neighbor's only time to hear something that will bring life to them. Each person in this situation has a choice to be an Ambassador of Life or to be a thief by either letting their neighbor hear the truth or by stealing that time from them by "chit-chatting". There is always time for that later. You never know what long-lasting effects your actions may have on another. Sometimes having the courtesy to keep quiet is a W.W.J.D. or "What Would Jesus Do". This

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like wild fire. It was not uncommon for several brothers to over power a younger brother and sell him to slave traders.

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which he saith shall come to pass, he shall have whatever he saith—

Therefore, I say unto you, whatever things ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

And When ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any, that your Father also, who is in heaven, may forgive you your trespasses.

But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father, who is in heaven, forgive your trespasses.

Saint Mark 11:20-26
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ORDER OF GENERAL ELECTION (ORDEN DE ELECCION GENERAL)

An election is hereby ordered to be held on NOVEMBER 7, 2000, in KINNEY County, Texas for the purpose of electing the following county and precinct officers as required by Article XVI, Section 65 of the Texas Constitution.

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(Por la presente se ordena que se lleve a cabo una elección el día 7 de NOVIEMBRE, 2000, en el Condado de KINNEY, Texas, con el propósito de elegir los siguientes oficiales del condado y del precinto como requerido por el Artículo XVI, Sección 65, de la Constitución de Texas.)

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All interested persons should submit an application, resume, and copies of transcripts to Middle Rio Grande Development Council, attention Ramon S. Johnston Deputy Executive Director, at P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834. Application deadline is September 29, 2000. Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aides and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Applications are available at all Middle Rio Grande Development Council offices throughout the nine counties we serve. For information please call our VOICE or TDD telephone (830) 876-1260 or direct line (830) 876-1227.

Answers to Crossword

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SEPTEMBER 21, 2000

PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The City of Spofford has recently received a Contract award from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for water system and septic tank system improvements. Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified Engineering firm (registered to practice in the State of Texas) to prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections.

Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for these proposed services to the address below:

City of Spofford, Water System Improvements c/o Carl Esser Middle Rio Grande Development Council 216 W. Main St. Uvalde, Texas 78801. The proposal should follow the proposal format that may be obtained from Carl Esser, at the above mentioned address or by calling 830-278-2527.

Proposals must be received by the City of Spofford no later than 4:00 p.m. on the 5th day of October 2000 to be considered. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all engineers or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ORDINANCE 2000-09-12

An Ordinance to set the 2000 tax rate for the City of Brackettville ad valorem taxes as required by state law, Section 26.05 of the State Property Tax Code. WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Brackettville in conformance to established State laws met and passed the City of Brackettville 2000-2001 Annual Budget; and WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 26.05 of the State Property Tax Law the City Council has established and set a \$.7754 per \$100 Market Value rate for ad valorem taxes to effectively carry out the 2000-2001 Budget; and WHEREAS, the City of Brackettville abided by required state tax law Section 26.05 of the State Property Tax Code; THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Brackettville that: The effective tax rate for the City of Brackettville 2000-2001 Annual Budget is set at \$.7754 per \$100 valuation of market value. READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of September, 2000. Carmen M. Berlanga, Mayor Attest: David G. Luna, City Manager

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RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE Brackett News as the official newspaper of the city of Brackettville, Texas, providing that all ordinances, resolutions and other matters required by law to be published therein; requiring the furnishing of a schedule of rates by such newspaper; declaring all ordinances, and resolutions and parts of ordinances and resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed; and declaring that this resolution take effect immediately after passage and approval and be in effect from October 01, 2000 through September 30, 2001. This resolution can be seen in it's entirety at City Hall.

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