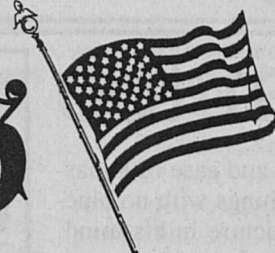


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America attacked by terrorist

Early Tuesday morning the United States of America fell victim to a massive terrorist attack. As people were going to work in southern Manhattan, a hijacked commercial jetliner crashed into one of the 110-story twin towers of the World Trade Center. Another plane struck the second tower 18 minutes later. By 10:30 a.m., both towers had collapsed. A third jet struck the Pentagon at 9:40 a.m. A fourth hijacked airliner plummeted to earth about 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. There was speculation that the hijackers intended to take the plane elsewhere, but were thwarted by passengers. U.S. officials said the attacks were carried out with military

are three men that say they have a bomb," Hoglan said. The phone went dead a short time later. Flight 93 left Newark, N.J., at 8:01 a.m., headed for San Francisco. As the plane approached Cleveland, radar showed that it banked left and headed back toward southwestern Pennsylvania. Cleveland Mayor Michael R. White said that air traffic controllers reported that they could hear screaming on a plane they communicated with. "We're being hijacked!" one caller repeatedly told 911 dispatchers. He said he was inside a locked bathroom on the plane and insisted the call was not a hoax, dispatcher Glenn Cramer said. "He heard some sort of ex-

They were acts of war. This will require our country to unite in steadfast determination and resolve. Freedom and democracy are under attack," said President George W. Bush in an announcement Wednesday morning. The final death toll may not be known for weeks. The four planes alone had 266 people aboard. Authorities said between 100 and 800 people were believed dead at the Pentagon. The planes were each on cross-continental routes; thus carrying a heavy load of flammable fuel. They struck the buildings high up and on the corners, stymieing firefighters' ability to contain the ensuing blaze and blocking escape for some tenants. Aviation experts have suggested the terrorists were probably able to overcome the flight crews and then fly the airliners themselves. Darryl Jenkins, director of George Washington University's Aviation Institute, agreed that the easiest way to hijack a plane is to board it without weapons.



United Flight 175, with 65 people on board, moments before crashing into the south tower of the World Trade Center complex. Associated Press Photo



Brackettville Border Patrol Station posted guard at the entry ways Tuesday after the attack. Photo by Aundrah Hill

precision. A few people on the planes managed to make cell phone calls. Television commentator Barbara Olson told her husband by cellular telephone minutes before her flight crashed into the Pentagon that attackers had used knifelike instruments to take over the plane. In a phone call from United Airlines Flight 93, passenger Thomas Burnett told his wife, Deena, "I know we're all going to die — there's three of us who are going to do something about it." Then, Burnett told his wife, "I love you, honey" and the call ended, the family's priest, the Rev. Frank Colacicco, told the San Francisco Chronicle. In California, Alice Hoglan picked up her phone about 9:45 EDT to the hear the voice of her son, Mark Bingham, 31. "He said, 'I want you to know I love you very much. I'm calling you from the plane. We've been taken over. There

plosion and saw white smoke coming from the plane and we lost contact with him," Cramer said. The man never identified himself. On board, flight attendant CeeCee Lyles grabbed her cell phone and call her husband and four sons in Fort Myers, Fla. "She called him and let him know how much she loved him and the boys," said her aunt, Mareya Schneider. During the call, he heard people screaming in the background, Schneider said. On Tuesday night, FBI agents and forensic experts began picking through tiny pieces of rubble. Neither the cockpit voice recorder nor the flight data recorder had been recovered, and it was expected to be days before the victims could be identified. "The deliberate and deadly attacks, which were carried out yesterday against our country, were more than acts of terror.

"One thing about terrorists is just how flexible they are," Jenkins said. "When you put up a roadblock in one place, they go around and find other means. "I'm a pilot, he added. "None of us would ever fly a plane into the Trade Center. We would take that bullet first. Terrorists flew the plane instead." That view was shared by Jim Burnett, a former chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, who said a commercial pilot, "even under duress, would not do that. It would have taken some skill on the part of whoever was able to take over the plane." Gene Poteat, president of the Association of Former Intelligence Officers, added: "They flew the planes themselves. No pilot, even with a gun to his head, is going to fly into the World Towers." Attorney General John Ashcroft said American Airlines Flight 11 that left Boston for Los Angeles "was hijacked by suspects armed with knives." A radar track of American Airlines Flight 11 that struck the World Trade Center showed that it left Boston en route to Los Angeles and began its path westward normally, but then made a sharp left turn to fly down the Hudson River to New York. It was not known whether the pilot reported a hijacking. Even if a terrorist were known to be in control of a plane heading for a major city, coping would pose a huge challenge, Stempler said. "I don't think we are that

primed and ready at this point. I don't think we could get the interceptors up fast enough to manage that," he said. In Boston, investigators are interviewing drivers from a cab company, where two known associates of terrorist Osama bin Laden once worked, to see if they had ties to baggage handlers who may have helped carry out the terrorist plot, a former FBI supervisor said Wednesday. The FBI plans to question drivers at Boston Cab Co. and possibly other local cab companies, Robert Fitzpatrick, former second-in-command in Boston, said he was told by law enforcement sources. A rental car, containing Arabic-language flight training manuals, was seized in a parking garage at Logan International Airport in Boston, The Boston Herald said Wednesday, quoting an anonymous source. The source said five Arab men had been identified as suspects, including one who was a trained pilot. WCVB-TV in Boston reported the car had Virginia license plates. The Boston Globe reported that authorities found two bags that contained an instructional video on flying commercial air-

liners, a fuel consumption calculator and a copy of the Koran in two bags that did not make it onto American Airlines Flight 11, which left Boston at 7:59 a.m. Tuesday and plowed into one of the World Trade Center towers about an hour later. "The United States of America will use all our resources to conquer this enemy. We will rally the world. We will be patient. We'll be focused, and we will be steadfast in our determination. This battle will take time and resolve, but make no mistake about it, we will win," said President Bush. Most government offices were evacuated and/or closed shortly after the attack Tuesday morning. Workers and military personnel at Laughlin Air Force Base were sent home and told to stay indoors. The Mexican and Canadian Borders were both closed at midday Tuesday. All domestic flights were grounded by the Federal Aviation Administration. All international flights were rerouted to Canada. ■ *Editor's Note: The information in this story was provided by the Associated Press*

Police Department receives \$1,504

By Aundrah Hill
Staff Writer

Last Friday the Brackettville Police Department received a \$1,504.53 check from the US Border Patrol. The check is the end result of a vehicle seizure that occurred in May of last year. When asked what the money would be spent on Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo said, "We going to use it to purchase equipment for the department." Former Chief Ron Ring stopped a vehicle which he suspected contained undocumented immigrants. Ring contacted border patrol who confirmed the occupants where not United States citizens. After further investigation they seized the vehicle which was subsequently declared forfeited and sold at auction.



From left: Ronnie Hobbs, Assistant Patrol Agent in Charge, Pat Edgar, Vehicle Seizure Officer, Arnulfo Alonzo, Chief of Police and David Alexander, Patrol Agent in Charge.

City lowers taxes

The Brackettville City Council approved the upcoming fiscal year budget by a unanimous vote at last Tuesday's regular meeting. During the budget hearing City Manager David Luna explained to the council the proposed budget. Luna explained that the tax rate was going down. Utility fees have gone up. "The 2001 property tax rate, this is the one we will abide by, is going to be 0.7039 per \$100," said Luna. The decrease from last years rate of 0.7754 is 9.22 percent. The city was able to lower the tax rate due to increased local value. "I just want to highlight some of the value changes, how the rate was arrived at, those kinds of things. The total taxable value of 2001 is going to be \$22,502,835," said Chief Appraiser Bill Haenn. "This is something that I don't think a lot of attention is paid to but it is important to demonstrate that the community is advancing," added Haenn. City Council members voted unanimously to lower the city's tax rate after the budget hearing.

"However, we have an increase on the utility budget, an increase on the general fund and utility fund both," Luna stated. The total city budget for the upcoming fiscal year, which includes a 5% pay raise for all city employees, is 4.8% higher than the current budget. The proposed budgets totals \$883,198.74 including \$469,162.99 in utilities and \$414,035.75 in the general fund. The current budget is \$842,545.00 and includes \$448,600.00 in the utility fund and \$393,945.00 in the general fund. Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Gonzalez made the motion to adopt the budget, he was seconded by Alderman Tomas Gomez. The salary expenses for the upcoming year total \$412,529.92 which is a 2.37% increase over the current salary expense of \$403,013.00. "If you recall we did a 5% increase for pay raises but the salary increases was only 2% because we eliminated a position or didn't fill a position. So there is a 2% increase in salaries but a 5% wage increase," said Luna.

Briefs ... Rabies Bulletin!

This is the 28th case for Region 8 in 2001 and the 3rd case for Kinney County. The other two cases were a skunk and a fox. The animal that was submitted was a bobcat that tested positive for rabies on August 29, 2001 in Kinney County one mile NW of Brackettville. A bobcat tried to get into a farmer's chicken coop. It then attacked his dog that was chained up in the yard. The farmer shot the bobcat, killing it. Dr. Zack Davis was called and submitted it for rabies testing. The dog was not current on its rabies vaccinations. It was given a rabies shot and put in 90-day isolation. For more information, please call Zoonosis Control in Uvalde at (830) 278-7173.

Laughlin Air Force Base Increases Security Posture

Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas - Laughlin Air Force has increased its security posture, as directed by higher headquarters, in response to ongoing events at the New York Trade Center and the Pentagon. All flying activity has been ceased until further notice. The 47th Flying Training Wing commander requests all nonessential business to Laughlin Air Force Base be minimized until further notice. Only those with government or Defense Department identification cards will be allowed access to the base. Laughlin's security forces will be conducting additional security measures at base gates to ensure protection of people and resources. The 47th Flying Training Wing commander appreciates the cooperation of all local agencies and city neighbors as the base responds to this situation.

Del Rio Sector Monthly Statistics

Del Rio, Texas - The following is a recap of Del Rio Sector Border Patrol activities during August 2001:
Apprehensions
Abilene...129, Brackettville...958, Carrizo Springs...995, Comstock...76, Del Rio...820, Eagle Pass...2,529, Llano...79, Rocksprings...105, San Angelo...119, Uvalde...228, Sector Total...6,038, Other Than Mexican...397
Drug Seizures
Marijuana Seized (pounds) ...3,965.93, Value of Marijuana Seized...\$3,172,750.40

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Dad and Mom too

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

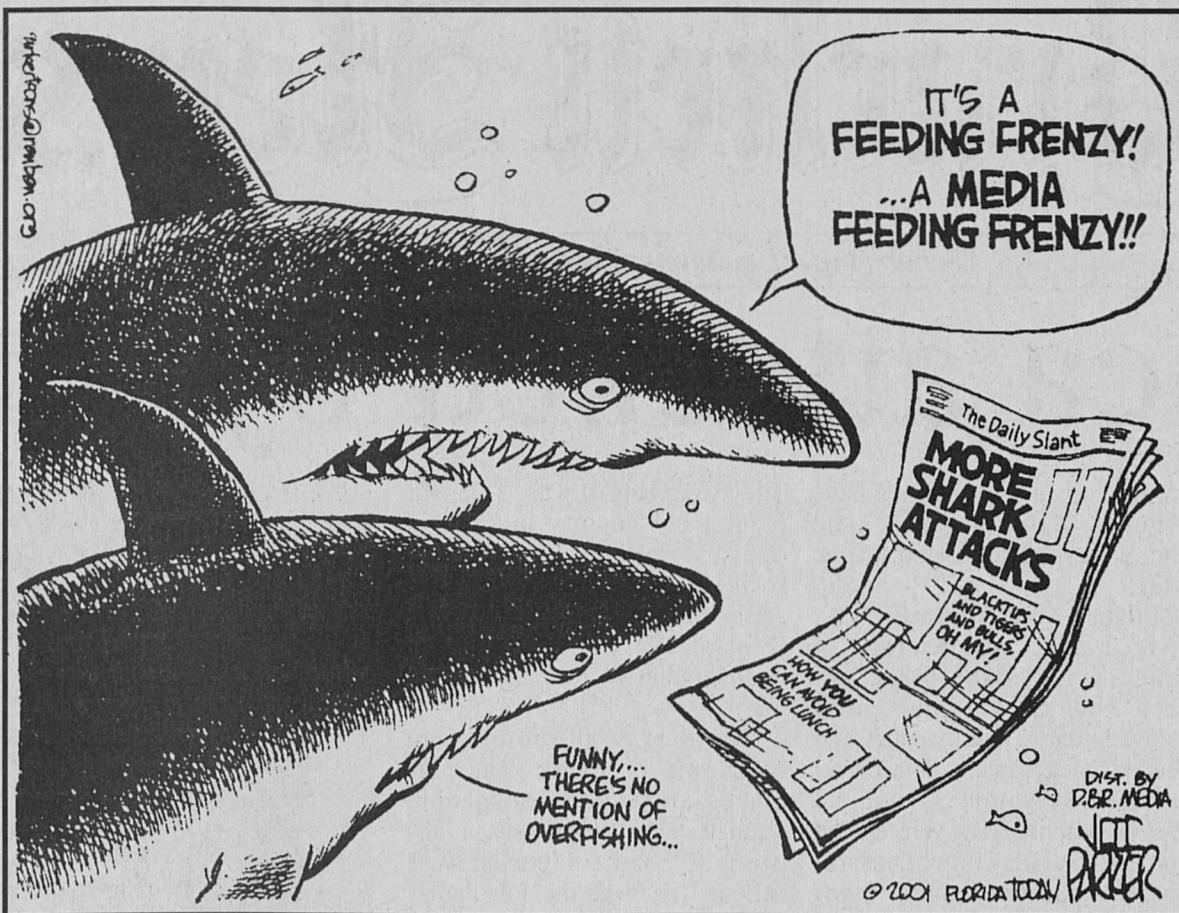
When I was growing up I think I had a near perfect blend in two parents. My mother taught me how to be gentle without being weak. My dad taught me how to be strong without being brutal. Dad told me there were times to make my voice heard and take positive action, while mom reminded me of when to remain silent and to learn the value of patience.

I lost a very good friend last week. I used to think my dad was the strongest man I had ever known. When he was my age he could fight a bear with a stick. When he was the age of my kids, he could have given the stick to the bear.

I can recall watching him drive sixteen penny nails through two-bys into cross-ties

with the skill and ease of a master. He built things with no blueprint, just a picture in his mind. I learned to read a tape measure from him long before my teachers presented the concept in school. We need more fathers like he was. He loved to work outside. I wish he could have passed away while he was beyond walls too. But it wasn't meant to be. Such is life I suppose.

Suddenly, without warning, and without my consent, I am the "old-timer" in my family. I find myself to be the oldest generation. I have a hard time dealing with this. I am not sure I'm ready to be the sage advice-giver. I'm not certain that I am prepared to carry the weight and burden that the last generation had to shoulder. I don't think I'm strong enough. I'm not sure if I ever will be.



The meaning and significance of our Constitution

By Henry Bonilla
U.S. Congressman, 23rd Dist.

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

These famous words, written more than 200 years ago, constitute the opening paragraph of one of the most profound and influential documents in history. As we celebrate the anniversary of our Constitution on September 17, we should take a few minutes this weekend to think about the meaning and significance of that incredible document.

The U.S. Constitution is the world's oldest written constitution still in effect. Ever since its completion on September 17, 1787, it has been debated, interpreted and amended. In spite of the changes our nation has gone through during the last two centuries, our Constitution has continued to provide a stable framework for America. The writers of the Constitution believed that government should come from the people, not from kings, and that a legitimate government is one that derives its powers from the people it governs. They provided for a system of checks and balances that prevent the government from becoming too powerful. They divided the federal government into three separate branches — the executive branch, the legislative branch and the judicial branch. In addition, the Constitution provided a national structure which sought to protect the self-determination of state and local governments.

The framers of the U.S. Constitution accomplished what no other nation had achieved before that time: a national character which defined and incorporated the principles of a government formed and run by the people. Since that time, it has been a model for other nations trying to emulate our great country.

In this day and age, it seems that some politicians in Washington are willing to jeopardize the strength of our Constitution for political gains. Our Constitution has worked well for more than 200 years; we should protect it today so we can enjoy the same level of freedom and prosperity in the United States for the next 200 years.

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The Brackett News welcomes and encourages letters to the editor. Letters should not exceed 350 words. The editor reserves the right to refuse or edit all letters submitted for length, potentially libelous statements and accuracy of information. All letters must be signed and include a mailing address and phone number for verification purposes. All writers must provide proof of identity. Letters published and viewpoints of columnists do not necessarily reflect the editorial beliefs of this newspaper.

The Golden Days of Yesteryear

The Way I See It!
By Steven R. LaMascus

"Return with us now to the golden days of yesteryear, as the Lone Ranger and his Indian sidekick Tonto lead the fight for truth and justice in the Old West."

Do you remember those words? If you do you are probably over fifty. That was part of the lead-in to the radio show, and later television show, The Lone Ranger. I sat in front of that radio in rapt attention. I do not remember when The Lone Ranger came on, I was only five at the time, but I remember the words as clearly as if it was only this morning. I could see in my mind's eye The Lone Ranger on his white horse. I could see that radio program as clearly as I later could see him on television, maybe even better. And I believed with all my heart in the rightness of his battles. Truth and justice — those were things worth fighting for.

One of my heroes, of a sort, wrote a book. He called it "To ride, shoot straight, and speak the truth." I don't know about the "ride" part, but the others are spot on!

Integrity was the most important thing in the old days. "A man's word is his bond," says the old saw.

"You can take what he says to the bank," is the compliment. "Truth, justice and the American way," is what Superman believed in. What other

proof of the importance of truth do you need but the testimony of The Lone Ranger and Superman?

Integrity was the basis of The American Way. If you gave your word, you would rather give up your life than break it. A promise was an ironclad contract, never given lightly and never taken lightly. The truth was more important than money or property. Your honor was more important than personal safety. Old Western movies are replete with instances where a man went to war against impossible odds because he gave his word to the school marm or the rancher's widow. Louis Lamour made a career of writing horse operas based on this unbendable, unbreakable, immovable belief in the totality right and wrong. As stupid as it may sound in the modern world of gray areas, litigation, degrees of truth, politically expedient cover stories, national security secrets, and the myriad of other degenerative lies and deceptions, I still believe that a man's word should be his bond; a promise should never be voluntarily broken. If you think I take this lightly just ask my daughters if I have ever broken a promise to them.

No one is perfect. We have all told lies. We have all failed to keep our word. At one time I took these things more lightly than I do now. Then I looked at the world around me and was disgusted. I saw a nation and a

world where a man's word was meaningless unless it was accompanied with a signed and notarized contract. The day when millions rested on the firmness of a word exchanged over a handshake passed away with the trusting innocence of the United States. We became (shudder) sophisticated.

Some time ago I decided that if there were only one person left in this truthless, trustless jungle who took his word as his bond, it would, by George, be me. But I am not alone. I know others like me — Chuck Hall, my brother David LaMascus, David Alexander, M.D. Beale, my wife Kandace, Judy Burks, and there are others. Throwbacks to a more innocent time? Probably. Trusting to the point of insanity? Maybe. But if that is true, then, please, let me just live there in my own little fantasy world, with my few trusted friends. Then again, maybe there are more of us out there than you think. So, please, return with us then to those golden days of yesteryear, when integrity was still considered a virtue and ruthlessness was evil, and where truth and justice were concrete ideals worth dying for, or fighting for, not just meaningless words on a page. I'll bet the American Way is still alive and well — somewhere. Look into your heart; see if it's there.

Proverbs 11:3 — The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.

Opportunities To Further Your Education

Direct From Austin
By Henry Cuellar
Secretary of State

Let's talk about one of the most important issues facing any society: education.

As a state, our goal should be to ensure every Texan has the opportunity to get a quality college education.

There was a time when a high-school diploma was enough to provide a decent job and a decent quality of life.

Those days are gone. In our world, higher education is necessary if Texans are to succeed in today's job market.

The state is working to help put college within the reach of many Texans through financial aid and other assistance programs.

If those programs are to be effective, Texans must know about them. During 14 years as a state representative, including 2 terms as Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Education and the vice-chair of the House Higher Education Committee, I was committed to putting education where it belongs — as our state's number one priority.

A cornerstone of state financial aid programs is the TEXAS grant program. I am proud to have been the author of this legislation that made \$100 million available to college bound Texans in 1999, making the TEXAS

grant the largest state financial program in Texas history.

The program was so successful that Governor Rick Perry and the 77th legislature increased its funding to over \$280 million. The work of the 77th legislature creates a number of new programs. The TEXAS Grant II program makes financial aid available for students who wish to attend public two-year colleges such as community colleges or technical schools.

To qualify for a grant, students must be Texas residents who show financial need and meet other requirements.

Another innovative program was launched by House Bill 877, allowing the immediate family of certain public servants killed in the line of duty to attend public colleges and universities without having to pay tuition, fees, room and board, or textbooks.

Public servants covered by the bill include peace officers, probation officers, parole officers, jailers, and firefighters, among others.

Individuals are covered for the length of their undergraduate studies or 200 credit hours, whichever comes first.

A similar program provides tuition and fee exemption for the children of disabled fireman, peace officers, game wardens, and employees of correctional institutions. This program covers the first 120 undergraduate

credit hours or until age 26, whichever comes first.

Many people need to take out student loans to finance their college education. Loan repayment and loan forgiveness programs exist to benefit many graduates who use their skills for the public good.

These programs include: attorneys working with the Office of the Attorney General, attorneys working in certain non-profit organizations, students in alternative certification programs who commit to at least five years of teaching in Texas. It also covers teachers who work in locations or teach subjects where there is a shortage of qualified instructors.

Information about these and other programs can be obtained from the financial aid office at any public college or university.

More information on these programs can be found on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's innovative website at <http://www.collegefortexans.com> or by calling the Center for Financial Aid at 1-877-782-7322.

These programs help give Texas the kind of educated workforce that it will improve the quality of life of residents and allow the state to play a major role in the global economy.

More importantly, it is what the young people of Texas deserve.

Big Mama Sez!

Our eyes are placed in front because it is more important to look ahead than look back.

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Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

News of the national disasters in New York City and Washington DC came early Tuesday from many sources. My daughter, Traci, called to tell us that bombs or airplanes had hit the World Trade Center in NYC. It was real. As we watched, news flashed that the Pentagon had also been hit.

We informed the BISD staff by electronic mail (e-mail) immediately after the occurrence. The library had continuous TV news coverage for staff & older students. Through it all, the theme of a nation under siege got our total attention.

The twin towers at the World Trade Center soon collapsed seal-

ing the fates of all whom were in or near the center. The site was horrible to view (even on TV).

As of Tuesday evening estimates of 10,000 to 20,000 could have been in the center at the time the planes hit the building. We pray there are fewer victims.

Locally our churches opened their doors for prayer. The Methodist Church called and announced that the church was open for prayer Tuesday afternoon. Other churches did likewise. The Catholic Church announced a prayer service for the victims, their families and for our country.

BISD staff was encouraged to pray for our country and for the victims of the terrorist attack. Locally, I received a note that Will and Karol Glaspy (who now live

in Washington DC) had been located and are okay. Carolyn Conoly advised that the folks in Corpus had lined up to donate blood (national need) and that some 400 pints had been given as of this afternoon. Jamie Ballew called her brother by cell phone in New York City to make certain that he had heard the news. He had and was safely at home. Many staff members have relatives who frequent the NYC/Washington DC area.

Security was tight at the local Border Patrol Station. The Mexican border was closed. Laughlin Air Force Base was shut down.

The effect was much as it was during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Mary Petrosky related a story about Operation Take Cover and having a relative who lived through the crisis who tells of storing two weeks of supplies and rations for each of the school children.

The Kennedy Assassination was followed by much of the same reaction. No one knew what was happening. Was it a conspiracy?

We still don't know as much as we would like to know. Answers will be slow to come to us. Terrorists who will give their own lives to kill are beyond anyone's ability to comprehend. What can we do? We can pray for our country and for the families of those who lost loved ones on this day. We can say words of comfort and support to all that have been affected. We know that our young will remember this day for years to come. So make certain that they know that terrorists attack us because of our way of life that is founded on individual freedom and that it's worth fighting for to protect.

At BISD, we'll continue to have school on a regular basis. Our flag will fly at half-mast in honor of the victims. We'll be stronger in our resolve to teach our young about the blessings of living in the USA, the greatest nation that ever existed. My heart breaks for the lives that were lost today. We'll survive this and other attacks on our country. We'll be stronger. God Bless America!

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, September 4
11:24 p.m., Deputy Karl Chism responded to a report of suspicious person at a local store.

Wednesday, September 5
12:15 p.m., A 911 call was received requesting assistance by a deputy. Deputy Chism responded.
4:31 p.m., Fort Clark Security requested a deputy to check a broken car window.
8:48 p.m., Trapper Manuel Pena Sr. responded to a girl who had been bitten by a cat.

Friday, September 7
3:13 p.m., DPS Trooper Tom Wylie responded to some motorcycles that were reported on the side of Hwy 90 east.
9:45 p.m., A man reported that he had hit a cow with his 18 wheeler on Hwy 277. Trooper Wylie was advised.
9:49 p.m., Deputy Chism responded to a domestic problem that was reported.

Saturday, September 8
12:00 a.m., Fort Clark Security requested assistance to unlock a vehicle. Reserve Deputy Larry Robinson responded.
3:36 p.m., Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo and Deputy Pena were advised of a reckless driver on Hwy 90 west.
8:55 p.m., Jose Herald Perez, 46, from Del Rio, was arrested for DWI 1st offense by Trooper Wylie. Perez is still being held.

Sunday, September 9
3:43 a.m., Deputy Chism responded to a disturbance that was reported.
6:51 a.m., Union Pacific was advised that a train in Spofford had been there for over an hour.
10:30 a.m., The Val Verde Sheriff's Office reported goats out on Hwy 277, ten miles from the Sycamore bridge. Deputy Pena responded.
10:34 a.m., An alarm on El Paso Street was reported. Chief of Police Alonzo was advised.
4:45 p.m., A border patrol from the Cline checkpoint, reported a reckless driver on Hwy 90 west.
11:31 p.m., Hipolito Vargas Martinez, 45, from San Antonio, was arrested by Deputy Chism for Public Intoxication. Martinez is still being held.

Former Brackett High student speaks to Rotary

Brackettville Rotary Club
By Frances McMaster

Rotary Program Chairman Taylor Stephenson presented a graduate of the Brackettville School system who gave a talk at the Thursday luncheon meeting. Mr. Stephenson asked if we could guess his speaker's line, (a take off on an old TV show, "What's My Line?").

None of the Rotarians were able to guess who the young man was or what the carryall he had slung over his shoulder might hold.

Our guest speaker was Kakine Breen, son of parents well known to Brackettville residents. Kakine's father is prominent Western artist Bud Breen, and his mother is Nakai Breen, full-blooded Cherokee and well-known activist for Indian rights. The son of such interesting parents would be expected to be an individualist, and Kakine is certainly that.

Since he was a small child, Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls have fascinated Kakine. This fascination began when his older sisters gave him their dolls when he was still a baby. Since that time, as he put it, he was hooked. At five years of age, Kakine sewed his own first doll.

Since then he has made many dolls, all hand stitched and all with a candy heart buried in their stuffed bodies, just as the original ones contained.

Over the years, his interest never waned, and he is now a dealer in the dolls, which are highly prized by collectors.

Since graduating from high school, Kakine has more time to devote to his hobby, and he has become an entrepreneur. Ebay on the Internet has made collecting such items an active business and one which allows collectors to span the globe in a matter of seconds. Kakine's business contacts take him all over the United States and the world. Just recently he conducted business with someone in Japan.

Kakine traced the history of the Raggedy Ann/Andy dolls for his audience as he occasionally reached into his bag of tricks to pull forth some doll he wanted to show.

The dolls came into existence as marketing tools for books Johnny Gruelle had written about the characters. His family members made the prototype.

Later other companies took over manufacture of the dolls. Each manufacturer made slight

changes in the design which have become identifying characteristics to collectors.

Gruelle told the stories first to his daughter who was terminally ill. She had received an infected vaccine, and finally died. He took those stories and they were published after her death. Shortly thereafter, the first dolls came out in the early 1920s.

Raggedy Anns and Andys appeared at the 1930s Exposition, and at this time Gruelle discovered that the Molly E Doll Outfitters had been marketing dolls almost exactly like the original ones and even using the name.

A lawsuit was filed over this which proved to be hard on him both emotionally and financially. The court found for him, but Mary E took out bankruptcy soon after. Gruelle died of a massive heart attack on New Years Day in 1940.

In the 1960s, the Knickerbocker Co. took over making the dolls and also put out various paraphernalia associated with other characters from Gruelle's books. These items have become collectibles also.

Kakine not only makes dolls, he repairs dolls that have been worn out by children's play or suffered catastrophes. He can take them apart, repair them from the inside out, repaint faces, re-grow hair—whatever is needed. They may lose some of their value for having been repaired, but a damaged doll would have depreciated more.

As Kakine adds candy hearts, he recalls the story told by people who knew the family when the first dolls were made. Gruelle would get the neighborhood children to go through the candy and pick out those that said "I love you". They got to eat the rest of the candy as a reward. One helper recalls this work and having had a stomach ache afterwards.

The "Holy Grail" of Raggedy Ann collectors would be a doll from the early twenties. One would sell for \$5,000 or more. If you or your relatives have one, contact Kakine.

Kakine had twelve hundred dolls last year. He's added more since.

You can see at least some of them by visiting the Cowboy Indian Museum. Be careful, though, you might catch the bug and there doesn't seem to be any antibiotic for it. Kakine told his folks when the dolls began to take over the house, "It's just like a fungus. It spreads."

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Varsity and JV play tournament

The High School Varsity Volleyball team played at the Utopia Tournament on Saturday, September 8, 2001. They won one out of three.

They won the first game against Stacy.

Leading scorers were Susannah Davis with 11 points and Erica Meyer with 7 points.

Assists was Susannah Davis with 9 points. Kills and digs Mayra Aguirre with 3 points.

The second game was lost against Utopia.

Leading scorer was Duquesa Hunt with 5 points, assists Susannah Davis with 5 points, and kills Erica Meyer with 3 points.

Digs were Mayra Aguirre and Vanessa Castillo both with 5 points.

The third game was also lost against Dillley.

Leading scorer was Susannah Davis with 9 points, assists Susannah Davis with 8 points.

Kills Erica Meyer with 4 points and digs were Vanessa

Castillo with 7 points and Celina Cano with 4 points.

The Junior Varsity Volleyball team (black) also traveled to Utopia last Tuesday.

They defeated them in two games 15-6 and 15-7. Outstanding players were Beth Ballew and Celia DeLeon.

The Brackett Junior Varsity Volleyball team traveled to the Eagle Pass tournament on Saturday September 8, 2001.

The White team from Brackett won the freshman tourney defeating Eagle Pass, Del Rio and Uvalde teams. Outstanding players were Kristen Meyer, Valerie Terrazas, Divina Pena, Stephanie Bonner, and Jolesa Luna.

Both the Gold and Black Junior Varsity teams lost both of their matches to Eagle Pass and Del Rio but played hard and were exciting to watch. Outstanding players were Sarah Meyer, Amanda Davis, Stacy Terrazas, Emily Petrosky, and Megan McWilliams.

Cubs defense secures first victory

The cubs were victorious 2-0 against the Yellow Jackets last Thursday night at Tiger Stadium.

The Cubs defense took the sting out of the Yellow Jackets offensive game plan, while holding them to less than fifty yards of total offense.

The defense was lead by Jose Talamantes's tackle in the end zone for the winning safety, and the quarterback sack that secured the victory.

Tres Rueda, Abraham Reyes, Carlos Escobar, Martin Flores, Gumaro Martinez,

Brand Wylie, Miles Braesicke, Cesar Ortiz, Travis Nowlin, and Ramiro Pina were all a part of the cubs swarming defense.

The Cubs offense was moving the ball up and down the field, but could not put the ball in the end zone. They gained over 100 yards of total offense.

Tres Rueda had 13 carries for 70 yards, Ramiro Pina had 7 carries for 30 yards, and Brand Wylie had 5 carries for 5 yards.

The cubs will seek win number two against Rocksprings this Thursday in Rocksprings at 5:00 p.m. Go Cubs!

Brackett High School Varsity Cross Country season begins

The varsity cross country season began its season on September 1 in Del Rio. Both boys and girls teams competed in the varsity division. In the girls division Julianne Ashabranner ran an impressive 11:22, Duquesa Hunt with a 12:13, Ashley Smith 12:14, Tammy Smith 12:43, Nicole Mata 13:11, and Shena Meyer with a 15:43.

Medina Valley Cross Country meet last Saturday. Again, both teams competed in the varsity level. Julianne Ashabranner came in 4th with a time of 13:29 Ashley Smith placing 21st with a 14:33, Tammy Smith 28th with a 14:57 and Nicole Mata 30th with a 15:00.

Boys competing were Joseph Luna with a 15:10, Santos Buitron 15:39, Carl Dalton 15:57, and V.C. Gomez with a 16:33. Both teams competed well against the larger schools.

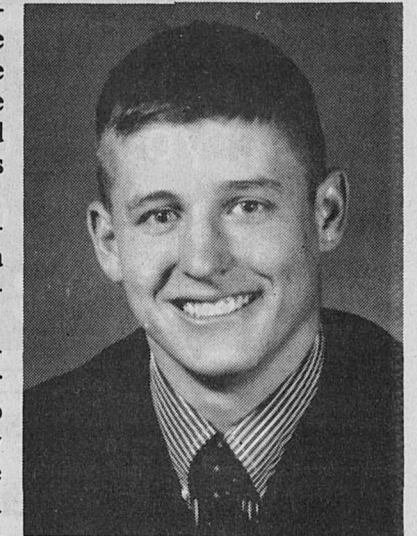
The teams will travel to Pearsall Saturday, September 15th.

Davis accepted into NSCS

Texas A&M University - Zachry Davis of Brackettville has accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Texas A&M University.

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) is a highly selective, national, non-profit honors organization.

Founded in 1994, NSCS recognizes first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically. The Society was established on the principle that with scholarship comes a responsibility to develop leadership and a duty to perform service. "NSCS provides the opportunity for students, like Zachry, to be recognized for their outstanding academic accomplishments early in their college experience", said Steve



Loflin, NSCS Executive Director.

"Zachry will also have the opportunity to join other high achieving college students in developing leadership skills and a sense of civic responsibility.

Rodriguez announces hispanic scholarship fund

Submitted by Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez

(Washington, DC) Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez announced today that the Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) is accepting scholarship applications for students of Hispanic heritage enrolled in community college, four-year college, or graduate studies at accredited universities. The competitive scholarship awards range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and are based on academic achievement, professional recommendations, community involvement, and financial need.

"Many of South Texas' brightest young adults are limited by the prohibitive costs of higher education," Congressman Rodriguez said. "The His-

panic Scholarship Fund provides an important opportunity for these students to continue their studies and I encourage everyone eligible to apply."

Applications and eligibility requirements may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to College Scholarship Program Application, Hispanic Scholarship Fund, One Sansome Street, Suite 1000, San Francisco, CA 94104. Applications may also be downloaded from the Hispanic Scholarship Fund website at <http://www.hsf.net/scholarship/CollegeRetention.html>. The Hispanic Scholarship Fund was founded in 1975 to help Hispanic-American college students complete their education. Completed applications must be received by October 15, 2001.

Former student and teacher receives Master's Degree



Blasa Flores Chapa a former Brackett High School graduate and teacher received her Master's degree in Reading from Texas A&M-Kingsville. The commencement exercises took place August 10, 2001.

Chapa is currently a third grade teacher and has been teaching in the Jourdanton school district for the past 15 years.

Chapa was accompanied to the ceremony by her husband Art

Chapa; son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Sergio Chapa and their children; her in-laws Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Chapa and by her mother, Mrs. Ercilia Flores.

There were over 300 recipients who received either their bachelor's or master's degree.

Chapa's plans are to continue with her education and get her mid-management certification in the near future.

Toms completes Basic Training



Private Baron Xavier Toms completed his Basic Training in Fort Sill Oklahoma.

He graduated from Basic Training on July 26, 2001.

He advanced to Individual Training at Ft. Bliss in El Paso.

His military occupation is Specialty Patriot Missile Fire Control. Private Baron Xavier Toms is a graduate from Brackett High School. He graduated in May of 1998.

He is the son of Rev. William P. Adams.

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That Virginia Shahan and her husband "Happy" knew about movies was the price of tickets when John Wayne asked to make a movie on their ranch. After *The Alamo* was released in 1960, the Shahans found themselves proprietors of a tourist attraction and movie set. More than twenty films have been shot at Alamo Village and 20,000 people visit a year. Happy passed on in '96, but Virginia still manages the property, when she's not spending time at her ranch house with her eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

Thursday, September 13
 5:30 PM JH FB Rocksprings (A),
 7:00 PM JV FB Rock-springs (A)

Friday, September 14
 4:00 PM V Vlybl D'Hanis (H),
 7:30 PM V FB Rocksprings (H),

Saturday, September 15
 9 Vlybl @ Leakey JV Tourn.,
 TBA, Cross Country @ Pearsall

Monday, September 17
 Fall Team Photo Day!, JH Vlybl
 Del Rio, White (H)

Tuesday, September 18
 3:45 PM JAC Mtg., 4:00 PM
 9/JV/V Vlybl Utopia (H)

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ROARING TWENTIES

In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions--forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- Who was the original host of "Beat the Clock"?
- What was the first X-rated film to win the Oscar for Best Picture?
- What was the biggest-selling American novel before "Gone With the Wind"?
- What kind of women gave Sigmund Freud erotic dreams?
- What Los Angeles disco was the first in the U.S.?
- What Neil Simon play is about two retired vaudevillians?
- How many diamonds appear in a standard deck of cards?
- Whose kidnapping was called "The Crime of the Century"?
- What is the dramatis personae of a play?
- What is the main ingredient in glass?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- September 13.....Sandi Maxwell
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September 14.....Alfred Anaya
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September 14.....Amelia Kohler
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HOROSCOPES

by Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're daunted by a work project early in the week. However, it's less time-consuming than you believe. Just take it one step at a time.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're at the top of your game with your communication skills. The trouble is, bigwigs aren't listening. By week's end, though, they're paying full attention.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Tap into your bargaining skills, particularly if you're involved in a real estate deal. You won't be sorry. This weekend, the accent is on leisure.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't push the point too hard at work. Instead, find the right time to express your thoughts. Others will be more receptive if you wait.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some consider a career or lifestyle change. That's fine, but a hasty decision will be regretted. Take the time to fully consider all the repercussions.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good time to apply for loans, particularly if you're in business. The news you receive will keep you on solid footing. Later in the week, a problem with a child is resolved.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You're positively a house afire as the week begins. Be careful, though. You don't want to burn out before everything gets done.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You see eye-to-eye with a business partner. With this renewed commitment, you both make great strides. This weekend, you feel the need to get out and about.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Finally, travel plans fall into place. However, some family members are less than enthusiastic. Try not to let their pessimism get you down.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You'll be burning the midnight oil at work this week. In the long run, you'll be pleased with the results. Bigwigs are watching.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A chat you have in confidence yields new insights. Use these to full advantage on the workfront. Later in the week, you need to deal with someone who is a bit unpleasant.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Money is foremost on your mind this week. Thus, it's a good time to review investments. However, be sure you consult with your mate on all decisions.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS: Amy Irving, September 10; Maria Bartiromo, September 11; Linda Gray, September 12; Nell Carter, September 13; Joe Penny, September 14; Prince Henry, September 15; Ed Begley, Jr., September 16.

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