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Happy 102nd  
Birthday  
Dona Petra!!

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Maria and mom, Dona Petra Terrazas.

## Dona Petra Terrazas turns 102 August 16th

Dona Petra Terrazas will celebrate her 102nd birthday on August 16, 1999. Mrs. Terrazas was born Petra Perea, daughter of Margarito and Maria Perea on August 16, 1897 in Del Rio, Texas.

Her father was an educated man who had earned a degree from a university in Texas. He was the schoolhouse teacher for the Pinto Creek area near Del Rio. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he was authorized to arrest individuals in violation of the law in that area. Dona Petra remembers him holstering a gun most of the time. According to Mrs. Terrazas, her grandfather had been very wealthy and hailed from Sante Fe, New Mexico. His name was Don Jose Francisco Perea. He was a tall, massive, and very strong man who carried a physical presence when he entered a room. He was called "Don Jose El Grande," because of his size. She remembers being told that at one time he owned all the land that was known as Las Vacas. She was too young to remember, but she believes he was swindled in some way and lost everything. Her mother used to tell her that he also used to drive wagon trains of cargo from Spofford, Tx. to Sante Fe, NM.

In 1905, her father was murdered at a local establishment in Brackettville. This had a devastating effect on her because she adored her father and he had been a great influence in her life. She states he was a great philosopher and was very well respected in the community. Although she was only eight years old when her father was killed, she still remembers the sayings and advice he left behind. She speaks of him frequently. Shortly after her father was buried, Julian, her older brother, who was about 14 years of age at the time, took charge of the family, packed them up from where they lived on the Pinto, and moved them to Spofford. The family consisted of their mother, two other brothers, Dona Petra, and another sister.

Dona Petra and her brother Juan, now 93, are the sole survivors of the family and are both currently residing in the Brackettville community.

At the early age of 12, Dona Petra was known throughout Spofford for her ability to teach basic, early elementary type subjects with only a fourth grade education; a family trait surely inherited from her father. In today's society, we would probably refer to it as Preschool or Kindergarten. She taught herself to read and write in Spanish,

which she reads so eloquently. She was sought by many parents to teach their children. On Saturdays and Sundays, she would teach catechism preparing the youngsters for First Communion. Her brother Julian quit school and worked as a laborer most of the time in order to help support the family. Her mother, Dona Maria, meanwhile made corn tortillas, tamales, enchiladas, and empanadas to distribute and sell within the Spofford community.

Dona Petra had always had a passion to join the monastery and become a nun, but her mother had other plans for her. In 1915, she had prearranged a marriage for her to marry Don Felipe Terrazas. They were married that same year on September 25. Eventually they fell in love and raised eight children: Enrique, Gregorio, Magdalena, Bernabe, Ermenia, twins Maria and Jose, and the youngest, Jesus.

In 1939-40, Uncle Sam drafted three of her children to serve in the armed forces during WWII. A fourth son, Gregorio, volunteered and was killed in action in Normandy. In 1942, the family moved down the road to Brackettville. In 1954, she lost one of her daughters, Magdalena due to an illness. Magdalena left behind two sons, Joe Henry and Johnny Castro, age 11 years and 11 months old, respectively. Dona Petra and her husband Don Felipe were entrusted to care for these two boys when they themselves were age 58 and 61 respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Terrazas took the enormous responsibility of raising them, nurtured, loved and cared for them as if they were their own sons. They put them through school, saw them enter and successfully retire from the military with honors, and earn their college degrees.

In August of 1982, Dona Petra lost her husband. They had been married for 67 years. The next five years would take a toll on Dona Petra. She lost two more sons in 1986 and 1987 due to terminal illness. Although the good Lord has taken four of her children, she thanks him still for the four here today to help her celebrate her 102nd birthday.

Dona Petra doesn't attend church as often as she would like, but makes a conscious effort on special occasions; however, the dedicated Eucharistic Ministers from St. Mary Magdalene Church ensure she receives Holy Communion every Sunday and other special occasions. Thank you Duke and Mary Jane. Until within the last  
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## Adobe Eco Systems threaten law suit Ordinance restricting solid waste disposal passes

Tanya Kay McClure  
Staff Writer

The Kinney County Commissioners voted unanimously in favor of the passage of the ordinance prohibiting the disposal of municipal solid waste, within a ten mile radius of Laughlin Air Force Base's landing strip near Spofford.

This decision came during a special public hearing that was held this past Monday in the Kinney County Courthouse.

"These people hit the town lying and they are still lying to us," said Commissioner Freddie Frerich.

Approximately 100 people attended the hearing, with the majority being in favor of the ordinance. Representatives for Val Verde, Maverick and Kinney County, of the Kickapoo Nation, The United States Air Force, Adobe Eco Systems and many local concerned citizens were all there to voice their opinion on the matter.

According to John R. Moore, Attorney for Adobe Eco Systems about five years ago Adobe representatives met with numerous residents in the area to tell them about their plans to file an application for a Municipal Solid Waste Facility.

The local residents at that time indicated that they would not be opposed to a Municipal Solid Waste Facility and Kinney County took no action to adopt an ordinance.

The application was declared technically complete in 1995 and at that time a public hearing

commenced. Kinney County sought and was granted party status. At that time Kinney County had taken no action to enact any ordinance prohibiting solid waste disposal. Now two years later, after the party has spent hundreds of thousands or more dollars on the fight, Kinney County proposes an ordinance to put an end to Adobes application.

"Regardless of the outcome, the lawsuits that will arise from Kinney County's efforts to apply for Proposed Ordinance to the Adobe project will be extremely expensive for all sides. Adobe believes that its landfill project will be an economic benefit to the County. The Executive Director of TNRCC "Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission" has already found that Adobe's application complies with all applicable requirements of the agency's solid waste regulations. The landfill will therefore apply all required environmental safeguards.

It would be to the benefit of the citizens of Kinney County for the County Commissioners to meet with Adobe representatives to discuss ways to maximize the benefits of the landfill project for the County rather than engaging in protracted litigation over the Proposed Ordinance. Adobe would welcome the opportunity to meet with the County to explore those options," said John Moore, Attorney for Adobe Eco Systems.

"I'm disappointed that the county has taken this route. I think it is going to further com-

pligate and add to the cost. But I don't think its going to change the end result, which will be that we'll ultimately get a permit and be able to operate the landfill," said Moore.

Many local citizens had comments for the Commissioners on the matter. A petition supporting the ordinance was signed by over 600 local citizens and turned in to the Commissioners.

"We've come a long way baby, it's been eleven years, it's been a tough fight, and I don't know what its going to take for these people to understand that we don't want their dump. In 88' we said no and in 99' we said no and in 2000' and something we will still say no. We are going to protect our community with all our lives and our souls," said Tootsie Herndon, of the City of Spofford.

In 1988 the City of Spofford and Kinney County were in a similar battle with a firm by the name of TexCor, that proposed a Hazardous Waste Dump in the same location as the current proposed landfill. Kinney County won that long fight after thousands of local dollars had been spent on the fight.

Major Pete Windler from the Airforce Safety Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico was in attendance to talk about the Air Force's position on the matter of the landfill.

The USAF averages about 3,000 bird strikes a year, and \$36 million dollars a year in damage from the strikes.

The training strip located in Spofford is used for student

training and the majority of the flying is done at 1,000 to 2,000 feet which is the flight zone for most birds. Turkey Vultures which are readily populated in this area soar at this altitude.

"We have a heavy concentration of birds in this area, especially during the winter time," said Windler.

The City of Del Rio is in full support of the ordinance that was passed by Kinney County Commissioners. The City Council of Del Rio passed a resolution Monday morning supporting the proposed ordinance of the Kinney County Commissioners Court prohibiting the Disposal of Municipal Solid Waste in certain areas of Kinney County.

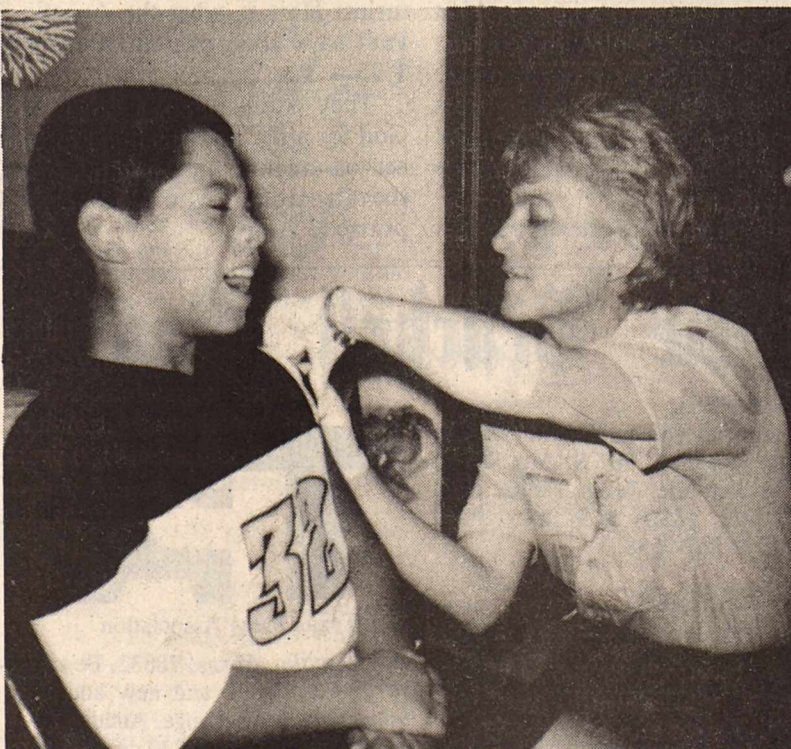
The resolution stated that the City Council of Del Rio believes that the location of any new disposal facilities, such as landfills, for municipal waste near Spofford, Texas, would be incompatible use of land and create significant risks of loss of aircraft and pilots due to collision with birds attracted to the disposal facility.

The Council supports any action by the Commissioners Court of Kinney County to assure compatible use of lands in Kinney County around the air field of Laughlin Air Force Base.

"Why is Del Rio helping Kinney County some may ask? It's not that. Kinney County is helping Del Rio," stated Lee Weathersbee, former City Council Member of Del Rio.



Left to Right; Sister Catherine Young M.D. from Eagle Pass, Linda Earwood, LVN and Pat Pope seated, both from Uvalde were setting up the Free Immunization Clinic. The Clinic was sponsored by the Kinney County Emergency Medical Service and the Texas Department of Health.



Pictured above is EMS Director Carolyn Rutherford and Joe Anthony Sanchez at the Free Immunization Clinic held at the Civic Center Wednesday afternoon.

## Chief of Police issues 46 citations in July

Tanya Kay McClure  
Staff Writer

Tony Frerich, a Representative of the Brackettville Chapter of the Texas Wildlife Damage Management Club, met with the City of Brackettville, City Council this past Tuesday asking for funds to help support the three trappers that the county has.

According to Frerich the Club currently employs a total of three trappers that cover over 290,000 thousand acres in Kinney County. These trappers are used to control the varmint population in Kinney County.

Frerich on behalf of the club was asking for \$5,000 from the city to help support the cost of three trappers.

The ranchers of Kinney County who participate, register their land pay 10 cents per acre and Fort Clark Springs and the County has also donated money toward the fund.

Currently the Texas Wildlife Damage Management Club is \$10,000 short and needs the funds to pay for the three trappers. If support is not given according to Frerich one of the trappers will be let go.

The City of Brackettville has made no decision at this time, but will consider the matter and study it further.

Faustino Sandoval, Jr., Fire Marshall for the City of Brackettville reported that there was one automobile fire on July 16th on Highway 90 E.

A report was also given by Chief of Police, Ron Ring. A total of \$3,619 was received in revenue from citations given in the County. A total of 46 citations were given out in the month of July and covered 57

violations. One of those was a fine for illegal dumping. Ring also responded to 17 different incidents.

"He's doing a tremendous job. It's hard for him being one man. He is coordinating with the Sheriffs Department. They do help tremendously. I have great respect for him," said David Luna, City Manager.

According to David Luna, next week will be the last week for the swimming pool to be open. They do not have enough lifeguards due to school starting.

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School starts Monday! That's right. Monday, August 16, to be exact. We're ready and excited that this will be the best year ever for Brackett ISD.  
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Letters to the Editor

In 1991 the Resident Assessment was \$5.00 per month. In 1999 the Resident Assessment was raised to \$20.00 per month, an increase of 300%.

1. Has the value of your membership increased 300%? 2. Has member benefits increased 300%? 4. Has F.C.S. roads, flood control, and mem-

ber facilities increased 300%? 4. Has the operation of the work force and the efficiency of management increased 300%? The regular member assessment was not increased - Why? The answer: Because the total membership has to vote this increase. Think about it!!!

Bill Kelly

The Case for Flextime

Kay Bailey Hutchison  
U.S. Senator (TX)

I was in Galveston a couple of weekends ago, and heard about one of those women who supposedly "has it all." She has a good job, a happy marriage and two great kids. She told a friend of mine something that really struck a chord: That the only thing lacking in her life is the time to enjoy it.

Her son's fifth-grade class was going on a field trip, and she wanted to go along. It was her turn to chaperone, and she really wanted to spend this time with her child. But her participation in the trip turned out to be a major scheduling problem. For her family, the work week is a nightmare.

She didn't want to use a sick day that she might need later, and hated to dip into vacation time. There was no way she could afford to take a day off without pay.

If she worked a few extra hours the week before the trip, her boss wouldn't have a problem letting her take that day off, except that it would be illegal.

Inconvenient, but true. Federal law now requires employers to pay hourly workers time-and-a-half for all work beyond 40 hours a week. This mother would much rather have compensatory time off instead of cash for working overtime. She wants and needs a more flexible schedule.

She is not alone. American parents, especially mothers, feel the stress of working more than ever before. They need more scheduling options than the law now permits to accommodate family and office obligations. Current law is simply too inflexible to meet their needs.

In June I co-introduced the Family Friendly Workplace Act to help hard pressed working parents by providing the flexibility to spend time with their families when it is most needed. This

is a long-overdue modernization of our labor laws.

The legislation will amend the Fair Labor Standards Act to give employees the option of choosing to receive either overtime pay or time-and-a-half compensatory time off for overtime work. It would allow them to make voluntary arrangements with employers for flexible schedules.

Who will benefit from this bill? All hourly workers who would like a schedule tailored to meet the needs of their families. It will ease government's grip on the lives of working Americans. My bills would untie the hands and schedules of employers and employees alike.

In two-thirds of American households with children, both the mother and father are employed outside the home. Existing laws put these working parents in a straitjacket, effectively preventing the kind of time trade-offs that would allow them to host a scout meeting or to join a child's classroom outing. Flexible working schedules would make workers more content, more productive and more able to address the needs of their families.

Federal employees have been allowed to take advantage of flexible schedules since 1978, and time-and-a-half compensatory time off since 1945. Most state employees also are able to take advantage of such arrangements. Salaried employees in the private sector are not constrained by a straight, 40 hour work week. The 60 million hourly employees who work in the private sector should be able to enjoy this flexibility as well.

My legislation is another installment payment on my commitment to restoring common sense at government policies. If we are serious about strengthening families, it is time to get serious about letting workers and employers work together for a family-friendly workplace.



U.S. Border Patrol most respected

Between Us  
Joe Townsend

The U.S. Border Patrol is one of if not the most respected of any federal agencies. It is a rare individual in the corps that does not do a good job and act with common sense. It's a shame that the INS is not on the same level of respect. The tragedy lies in the administrative level, basically the administrative judges.

Joseph Okeke came to the U.S. before he was 2 years old. He played football at an East Texas High School and twice made the all state track team. He attended Texas U. for two years. He now faces deportation be-

cause he is guilty of cocaine possession. He had more than an ounce of the drug. In a plea bargain he was sentenced to six months. Now steps in the INS with a threat to deport him to a country he has never known.

In Tampa, Florida Pam Gaul had adopted a toddler from Thailand. He was convicted for car theft and writing bad checks at 19 he is deported to a land he does not know. Anyone in his right mind could never condone the use of cocaine, writing bad checks nor car theft. However to consign these men to lands of turbulence they've not seen since toddlers is ridiculous.

Now comes the case in San

Antonio where a crippled woman on crutches made the mistake of taking in stray dogs. One of them had the mange which the woman did not know how to treat. She asked a neighbor for advice and was reported to animal control. She was subsequently arrested, put in jail and finally convicted of cruelty to the dog. An empty headed judge sentenced the lady to many hours of community service, she will have to serve on crutches.

These incidents demonstrate the sickness of branches of the judicial system. It's to bad these people didn't have the money to hire fancy lawyers to gain at least a modicum of justice.

Should we be tolerant of everything?

The Way I See It  
Steven R. LaMascus

The societal watchwords today are tolerance and political correctness. We are told we should not condemn any thing, person, or action simply because it doesn't fit into our beliefs. We should be tolerant of everything from witchcraft to Satan worship to necrophelia. Everything is acceptable and nothing is a sin. Excuse me, but -- BULL!

Just because some whacko doesn't think there is anything wrong with having unnatural sex with his 8-year-old son doesn't make it any less a crime. It is a horrible sin and there is no way anyone will ever convince me otherwise. However, there is now an organization out there (North American Man/Boy Love Association -- NAMBLA) which tries to promote this very thing as being a natural act.

The same thing applies to prostitution, drug abuse, crooked business deals, adultery, abortion and many others. I will not be told that I must tolerate any of these. I can, however, feel pity, and in some instances compassion, for the people who do them and I can pray for their salvation. I can hope that they see that their actions are vile and evil and that they should turn away from that path to destruction. I can love them as children of God and pray for their salvation without having a single atom of tolerance in my heart for their actions.

That is where the liberal left

misunderstands the conservative right. To a liberal mind anything is okay if it does not impact them directly. They fail to understand that everything impacts everything else in some way. The tolerance toward everything that is being forced on society today is not salvation it is damnation. We do not have to tolerate evil. We should combat evil at every turn. We should not redefine what is evil by today's standards because today's standards have become so polluted by amorality that they must be totally disregarded. Acceptable morality is defined in the Bible, and if the Bible says that it is deplorable, it is deplorable; just as much now as it was 2000 years ago. The acceptable limits of morality have not changed. Anyone who redefines what the Bible says by today's standards is condemning himself to hell. Nothing has changed except our arrogance.

There is nothing happening today that has not happened many times in the past. The only difference between the United States today and Israel 2500 years ago is technology. They were God's chosen people. They turned away from him and he warned them. They continued their unacceptable practices and he punished them. They did not recover for almost 20 centuries. Here is what the Apostle Paul says about that in Romans 1:25 - 32:

They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator - who is forever praised. Amen.

Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

Friends, that could just as easily be a description of the United States in 1999 as of Israel thousands of years ago. For those souls who are guilty of those things we should pray for salvation. We should pray that they see the evil in the things they do and seek the truth in God. But - we should not tolerate the evil! There is only one Truth, one Light, one path to salvation. The alternative is unthinkable.

GAO report on Border Communities

Submitted by  
Henry Bonilla

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla (R-TX), co-Chairman of the House Border Caucus, released a General Accounting Office (GAO), the official accounting and investigatory arm of Congress) report requested over a year ago by the caucus. The purpose of the report, which is the first in a series, is to analyze the unique problems and opportunities along the U.S.-Mexico Border.

The report is entitled: "U.S.-MEXICO BORDER, Issues and Challenges Confronting the United States and Mexico."

"The Border Caucus requested this GAO report so we would have some overarching, definitive data about the border, compiled by Congress' own investigators," Bonilla said. "We understand that our border communities face different challenges than anywhere else in the country. Having our own investigators thoroughly examine and research those differences will help us make decisions in Congress that most positively impact border areas. The findings in this report provide us with a wealth of information that is invaluable to helping us do our job in Congress," Bonilla said. "It will be a great resource as we continue to work to provide border communities with the tools they need to meet their unique challenges."

The report summarizes the aggravation of long-standing problems that stand at the front of international relations with Mexico. It examines the following issues and their impact on the border region: cross-border transportation, drug enforcement, environmental infrastructure and public health, economic development and illegal immigration.

"U.S. border communities face the difficult task of living under U.S. federal, state and local regulations, while being strongly influenced by rules and regulations from the government of Mexico," Bonilla said. "Living in the U.S., but so close to Mexico, is a challenge because of our very different governmental structures. Our two countries approach problems in different ways and at different levels."

This report is the first in a series the GAO will compile. In this report the GAO provides an overall view at the difficulties and challenges border communities face. Future reports will detail transportation, infrastructure, health and environmental challenges. This GAO report's alpha-numeric designation is: GAO/NSIAD-99-190, for reporters interested in obtaining their own copy.

Unsung Hero

Joe Townsend

It goes without saying that small rural type schools produce the most outstanding students. Seldom however does a small school like Brackett turn out so many truly outstanding students. Among the plethora of super students there comes to mind Chris Petrosky.

We saw his sister accomplish monumental heights as a student. And we would expect him to be top notch. His recent choice to represent Brackett High in the local portion of a nationwide leadership symposium shows the local recognition of his outstanding character and leadership traits.

He is truly an outstanding young man, is a pleasure to know and can be counted "friend" by all who choose. He is a typical reflection of his parents and home life. Surely Chris is an unsung hero.

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**Briefs ...**

**Kinney County 4-H news**

The District 10 4-H Record Book Judging was held on Tuesday, July 20, 1999 at Concordia University in Austin, Texas. Bailee Allen of Kinney County entered her record book in the Beef Category. She placed second in the Pre-Jr. Division (8-10yrs). Attending the contest and serving as judges from Kinney County were Robert Elledge, County Extension Agent and Nadalee Allen, Club Manager.

**Fort Clark Springs Golf News**

Couples tournament: 1st place, Cyndi and Art Shaw, Peggy and Harvey Swafford; 2nd place, Arlys and Jack Simpson, Helen Miller and Gene Collins; 3rd place, Mary Stephenson and Charlie Smith, Luella and Dwite Gilliland.

Junior Golf: August 5th; In the Southwest Texas Junior Golf Tour at Lost Valley Golf Course in Bandera, in the boys 10-12 division, 12 year old Andrew Young, grandson of Jane and Boy Young, placed 2nd. 10 year old Seth Frerich, son of Liz and Alan Frerich, placed 4th. August 9th; The final tournament of the tour was at Ft. Clark Springs. Once again Andrew placed 2nd, Seth placed 4th and Stanford Conoly, age 10, placed 5th.

Ladies Golf: August 10th; Mary Stephenson won 1st Low Gross. Cyndi Shaw placed 2nd and Betty Lee was 3rd. Low Net 1st place was a tie between Arlys Simpson and Peggy Swafford. Fern Dyer placed 3rd. Mary Stephenson had the only chip-in as well as winning 7 skins. Others winning skins were Betty Lee, Fern Dyer and Arlys Simpson.

**Neuman attends Golf Camp**

Chase Neuman attended Texas Tech Jr. Golf Camp July 25-30 in Junction Texas. Approximately 65 Jr. Golfers from all over Texas attended the camp. Friday the camp was open to the parents for a golf tournament and awards presentation. Chase was awarded most improved golfer this year.

**Border Patrol weekly statistics**

DEL RIO, TEXAS - The following is a report of the apprehensions by Border Patrol agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector for the period Aug. 2-8, 1999. The information is provided by station, and includes a sector total. Abilene - 23, Brackettville - 321, Carrizo Springs - 435, Comstock - 37, Del Rio - 512, Eagle Pass - 920, Llano - 3, Rocksprings - 41, San Angelo - 89, Uvalde - 95. Sector total: 2,476.

**Border Patrol rescue mother and child**

DEL RIO, TEXAS - Sunday, Aug. 8, 1999, agents from the U.S. Border Patrol Eagle Pass Station located a 50-year-old woman and her teenage daughter who had been abandoned on a Maverick County ranch.

A trooper with the Department of Public Safety was flagged down on Highway 57 by two teenage females who reported their mother was dying near a windmill on a ranch in Maverick County.

Border Patrol Agents responded from the checkpoint on Highway 57 and from the Eagle Pass Station. An Emergency Medical Team also responded to the call. The two teenage girls were suffering from extreme heat stress, but, were able to report their mother and another teenage female were located near a windmill. They indicated they had been with a group and were left behind when their mother became ill.

Agents initiated a search, and observed a windmill about one mile from the ranch house. When agents reached the windmill, they heard a voice crying for help from the brush and lo-

cated a teenage female and a 50-year-old woman lying on the ground.

The adult woman was mentally confused, vomiting and unable to communicate. The teenage girl was hysterical and suffered from heat stress. Medical personnel arrived and treated the victims. All of the victims were transported by emergency technicians to the Fort Duncan Medical Center.

The three teenage females were treated for heat stress and released to relatives from Mexico.

Border Patrol officials warn that smugglers regularly expose people to extremely hazardous conditions, and have no regard for human life. So far this year, Border Patrol Agents in the Del Rio Sector have rescued more than 30 people from life-threatening situations.

**Lopez earns associate's degree from ITT**

SAN ANTONIO, TX - ITT Technical Institute in San Antonio has announced the graduation of Ignacio Lopez III, of Brackettville, Texas, from the associate's degree program in electronics engineering technology.

The electronics engineering technology program is designed to help graduates begin to prepare for a variety of entry-level positions in various fields involving electronics engineering technology.

A 1997 graduate of Brackettville High School, Lopez is a native of Brackettville.

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**Joe Hardin visits Rotary**

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The Rotarians were once again enthralled by Joe Hardin and his anecdotes during the luncheon of August 5, 1999 at Los Moras Snack Bar.

Joe Hardin was introduced by Frances McMaster who with her husband, Eric, are program committee chairpersons for the month of August. They have both enjoyed Joe's humorous stories which are best described as dry humor while Hardin himself is very low key.

Hardin remembers growing up and eating mulberries right off the tree. However, the last were never as good as the first.

He has always enjoyed telling stories and especially stories about growing up. He remembers taking Psychology 101 in college and the discussion one day centered on behavior and why we do the things we do. Which was more important? Genetics or environment. It did not take long for Hardin to decide that environment had the greatest impact on his life as he recalled the lessons he learned as a child on the events in his life and the parts other people played in those events.

One of the animals in Hardin's life was a Shetland Pony named Champ who was extremely mean. Every kid grows up dreaming of owning a pony and he had his. Champ, however, was no dream. He was more of a nightmare. That is the way Champ is remembered. Champ is even recognized on family videos by Hardin's children from the stories that have been told over the years. Champ showed up with hurricane Carla in 1961 along with a refrigerator in the Hardin back yard. Nothing more is remembered except that Champ was mean. If Champ was in the back yard,



Pictured above is Joe Hardin and Patsy Callnan.

Joe and his playmates were in the front yard. If Champ was in the front yard, then everyone would be in the back yard. One particular day, the boys were on the look out to see when Champ was going to come around the corner. Joe's brother decided that if Champ came in the back yard, he would hide in the refrigerator. That seemed like a really good idea and Joe wished he had thought of it first but the next best thing was to get on top of the refrigerator. Sure enough, Champ came around back and Joe's brother climbed in the refrigerator and shut the door. Joe could not climb high enough to get on top and so he went inside and started watching cartoons. When the cartoons were over, Joe went outside and thought it would be fun if he changed places with his brother in the refrigerator. When Joe opened the door, his brother fell out-unconscious. Neither of the boys thought much about it and never even told their parents about it. The brother lay there for awhile and finally came to. They ended up taking turns getting in and out but they had learned their lesson and after the first time, one was always left

outside the refrigerator to open the door for the other.

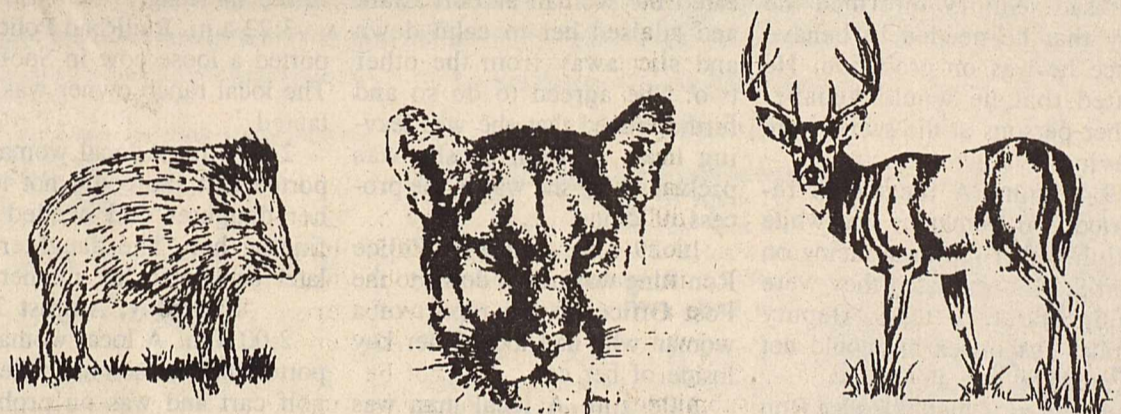
From this incident, Joe learned that the grass was not always greener on the other side of the fence. If you were jealous of something, stop for awhile and look at it. It probably was not always as it seemed.

Another game that was played with Champ involved Joe's father. When he came home from work, he would get on the horse and bounce a basketball playing with the rest of the neighborhood children. In reality, it was more a game of keep away. Kids would run around and try to take the ball away. One time Joe noticed from watching the home movies that Champ would turn his head and fake anyone out who got close to the ball. From that Joe learned that often a person has to deal with distractions in order to reach a goal. Champ was a pretty good distraction in trying to get the ball from his dad.

Such anecdotes continued all during the lunch hour and Hardin, indeed, lived up to his reputation and introduction as an excellent story teller and one who finds morals and humor in much of his environment.

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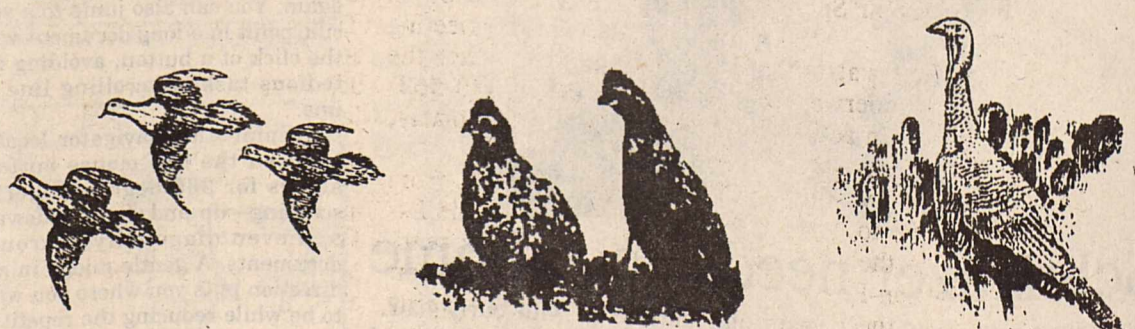


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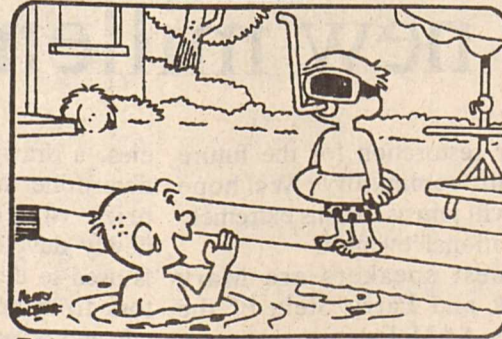
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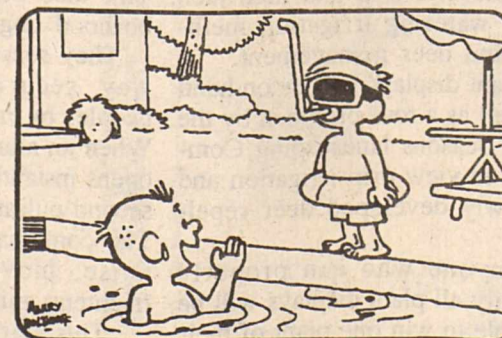
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Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Money matters are favored. Seek out financial advisers and look for ways to invest for future profit.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) After a heart-to-heart chat with a confidante, you feel much better. Don't be afraid to mix business with pleasure.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although you're making headway with bigwigs, don't push it. The rather unorthodox plan you have in mind won't go over well.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A minor problem you've been experiencing on the home front reaches a satisfactory resolution.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's not as if you pay attention to idle gossip, especially such vicious fare as you've been hearing.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Now's the time to feel free to promote your new ideas.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Risk-taking isn't favored, whether financially or personally.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You are on a high with your communication skills.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to



December 21) The stars favor anything of a literary nature. Thus, projects involving research are favored.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While you shouldn't be lured into taking financial risks, you can still accomplish much.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your business acumen comes to the fore as you find yourself dealing with some shady, evasive types.

PISCES (February 19 March 20) The loan you seek for that certain special project is forthcoming.

YOU BORN THIS WEEK: are a rather sensitive soul, and you can't stand to see anyone or anything suffer.

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