





# Brackett I.S.D. students are working hard to be number 1

Making A Difference  
Taylor Stephenson

The Brackett Advisory Council needs a representative to serve a two year term. The council works with professional staff in helping to advise the board and administration at BISD. If interested, contact Taylor Stephenson or Susan Esparza at the Superintendent's Office, 563-2491, extension 1.

Our students are working hard to be number one. I hope that you will take the time to encourage them and to come and support them at student activities. Remember that you can purchase a season ticket for football games and avoid the line at the gate.

This week, a new greenhouse arrived for the horticulture component of our new high school vocational class. The green-

house was paid for by a grant through Middle Rio Grande Development Council's School to Careers Program. We're elated at the opportunity that the greenhouse offers for the students to learn. Chuck Hall wrote the grant for BISD.

School activities this week include: JV football at Brackett, September 2, 6:00 PM., 7&8 volleyball at Eagle Pass, September 2, 5:00 PM., Varsity volleyball at Sabinal, September 3, 5:00 PM., Varsity football at Sabinal, September 3, 7:30 PM., V & JV volleyball at Utopia, September 7, 5:00 PM.

Our students and faculty are doing a great job beginning a new school year. We have our share of opening of school problems, but the days have been very smooth. Our students are normal kids who do right most of the time, and sometimes may

not. Our staff isn't perfect, but they're excellent. There are times when I make mistakes. When we mess up, we try to quickly correct the problem and get on with the process of educating the young folks of Kinney County. We have a strong faculty this year. Our student body is courteous and is motivated toward self improvement.

Three weeks have passed in the new school year. Progress reports will be coming home soon. I hope that you will take notice of the reports and try to work with school staff in addressing what problems that we might be encountering. If you are a visitor or a volunteer to any BISD campus, you are required to sign in at the office. We keep a log of all visitors. Please remember to sign in. Thank you for your encouragement and support. Have a great week!

## Are you prepared for a brush or wildfire?

"Local Red Cross offers tips"

Follow the steps listed below to protect family, home, and property: Contact the local fire department, health department, or forestry office for information on fire laws. Make sure that fire vehicles can get to the home. Clearly mark all driveway entrances, and display name and address.

Teach children about fire safety. Keep matches out of their reach.

Rake leaves, dead limbs and twigs. Clear all flammable vegetation.

Remove leaves and rubbish from under structures.

Post fire emergency telephone numbers.

Talk to neighbors about brush and wildlife safety. Plan how the neighborhood could work together after a brush or wildfire.

Report hazardous conditions that could cause a brush or wildfire.

## Obituaries

### Hugh M. Coston

Hugh M. Coston, 74, died August 25, 1999. He was born in Uvalde County on November 14, 1924. He was a veteran of the United States Army and received the Purple Heart. Mr. Coston was also a member of the Worldwide Church of God. Mr. Coston is survived by his wife of 52 years, Olga Coston of Castroville; children, Hugh "Marty" Coston and wife, JoAnn of Austin, James Preston Coston and wife, Juliette of Nigeria, Africa, William H. Coston and wife, Carolyn of Corpus Christi, Wood Sights Coston and wife, Libby of Laredo, Scott C. Coston and wife, Rhonda of Somerset, Julie Anna Athans and husband Murray of Anchorage,

Alaska, Sara Lee Thurman and husband, Wayman of Sugar Land; 22 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held on Friday, August 27, 1999 at 10:00 A.M. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Dr. in San Antonio. The graveside service and interment followed at 4:00 P.M. in the Uvalde City Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the M.D. Anderson Center, P.O. Box 297153, Houston, Texas 77297. Arrangements were with; Mission Park Funeral Chapels North 3401 Cherry Ridge Dr. San Antonio, Texas 78230.

### Billy Joe Walker, Sr.

Billy Joe Walker, a long time Fort Clark Springs resident died at this home, August 23, 1999. Billy Joe was born June 16, 1923. He lived with his family who worked for the Humble Oil Company in Tomball from 1938 through 1941. He graduated from Tomball High School in 1941.

He was commissioned by Exxon to draw a historical map of Texas to be exhibited at the State Fair of Texas in 1958, for which he received the first state trophy for historical maps. He was also commissioned by the State of Texas to draw a historical map showing the cattle trails and major roads of the 1800's, as well as towns, forts and topography. His maps have been featured in The Texas Highway Magazine. One of his maps considered to be the world's largest map by Six Flags officials hangs in their corporate office and measures 16'x 17'.

Walker was named the official historical map maker for the State of Texas and one of his maps hangs in the restored schoolhouse at the Tomball Museum. The city of Tomball proclaimed October 28, 1995 as "Billy Joe Walker Day" and he was honored at the Oil Patch Kids Reunion in Tomball, Texas on October 28, 1995.

Walker was an avid collector of artifacts most of them found with a medal detector. He was a member of the Kinney County Historical Commission.

He is survived by his sons John Allen Walker of San Angelo, Billy Joe Walker, Jr., of Nashville, Tenn. Ted Edwin Walker and wife Bonnie Kay of Myrtle, Texas. One daughter, Deave Jean of San Angelo. Three grandchildren, John Allen Walker, Jr., Brandy Jean Tong and Shane Walker.

Services were held August 25th at the First Baptist Church with Rev. R.D. Holloway officiating. Burial followed at the Kinney County Cemetery.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, August 24

4:16 p.m. A vehicle was reported driving dangerously. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie was dispatched to locate the vehicle.

Wednesday, August 25

6:15 p.m. A local man reported that there was a black male wearing a red shirt and blue jeans two to ten miles East of Brackettville. The man stated that he looked sick and needed help. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar was notified. Border Patrol was also notified of the situation. Border Patrol checked the man out and stated that he was okay and just looking for a ride.

9:30 p.m. A local company owner came into the Sheriff's Office to report that he was selling a car to a local individual who at this time lives in Waxahachie, Texas. He has the car with him

and has not made a payment. The man wanted another individual to go and get the car back he did not want to file any charges. Deputy Bobby Guidry told the individuals to take the matter up with Judge John Ford in the morning.

Thursday, August 26

5:42 p.m. Border Patrol called and stated that there was a cow lose on Hwy. 90 East near Check Point. The local ranch owner could not be reached. Deputy Guidry was notified of the situation.

Friday, August 27

9:25 p.m. A local woman reported that her brother was intoxicated and making a scene at her mothers house by yelling and cursing at them and at his wife. Deputy Karl Chism was notified of the situation and

found the man on top of his mothers house. The man agreed to come off the top of the house and go to bed.

9:40 p.m. A local woman called and stated that her husband was threatening her and her young son.

The woman wanted her husband out of the house. Deputy Chism found the two in a heated argument on the front porch of their house. He split them up and took the man inside of the house and let the woman sit on the porch. The main problem revolved around money and respect. The husband agreed to go to Del Rio for the night. That seemed to make both parties happy.

Saturday, August 28

3:34 p.m. A call was received from a person in Edwards

County concerning smoke coming from the Tularosa Road area. The dispatcher informed the person that there were controlled burns taking place on a local ranch.

8:34 p.m. A 911 call was received reporting an intoxicated motorist on Hwy 90 West. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie was informed of the situation.

Sunday, August 29

4:45 p.m. Received a call from Security Alarm stating that the alarm at a local ranch was going off. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was notified of the situation. Fritter stated that he did not know the combination number. After locating the combination Fritter stated that everything was ok at the location.

## NOTICE

### OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

The Kinney County Commissioners Court conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the County of Kinney by .017 percent on September 2, 1999 at 10:00 a.m.

The Kinney County Commissioners' Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 13, 1999 11:30 a.m. at 501 S. Ann St., Co. Courthouse Brackettville, Texas

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# HAPPY 56TH



**Marge and Harry Jones**

Happy Anniversary of 56 years! A time span that's shifted many gears. It started way back in '43, when he wedded her and she wedded "he" - And what began as an adventurous lark by "two stepping" from Maine and through New York - And going from North to South and East to West. The "twinkly eyes" finally found their nest when "waltzing through Texas" and wanting to tarry" - They became Ft. Clark's sweethearts Marge and Harry!

## Thank You

I wish to thank all of my friends for goodies, cards and well wishes while I was in the hospital. The operation was a success and I am looking forward to a complete recovery.

Herb Voracek

# B.I.S.D. Cheerleaders receive Spirit Award

The Brackett High School Cheerleaders recently returned from National Cheerleaders Association summer camp. The camp was held in Seguin and attracted over sixty cheerleaders from around the area. This was the first year for this camp to be held at this location. The cheer squad spent four days learning new cheers, chants and dance routines for the upcoming football season, while the Tiger mascot worked on skits and ideas for pep rallies and sideline antics.

The National Cheerleaders Association selects award winners at each of the over 1,100 camps and 150,000 participants it administers around the nation each summer. The National Cheerleaders Association, founded in 1948 by L.R. Herkimer, has been conducting training camps for over 50 years.

The Brackett cheerleaders received the Spirit Award. This award is selected by the camp members as the team who exemplifies true team spirit and comradeship. They were also awarded

The Herkie TEAM Award. The Herkie TEAM Award Winner, named after the founder of NCA, is awarded to squads who exemplify the qualities upon which NCA was founded. The qualities are leadership, values and teamwork.

On the last day squads are chosen by camp directors to compete for awards. The Brackett Cheerleaders competed and received the Champion Chant Trophy. Cheer teams compete with a chant they have learned during the week. Technical skills, as well as the ability to lead the crowd are judged to select the winner. Helena Flores was awarded Most Outstanding Mascot. This award goes to the mascot showing spirit, leadership, values and intuitiveness.

Susannah Davis and Helena Flores received All-American Awards. Three squad members were nominated by camp directors to try out for the All-American Award. Cheerleaders Susannah Davis and Carissa DeLos Santos and Mascot Helena Flores were selected to try out for this prestigious individual award. Participants vying for All-American were judged on motion, technique, jumps, spirit and enthusiasm, voice projection and overall crowd appeal. Come out and join us as the Brackett Varsity Cheer squad controls the sideline to cheer the Brackett Tigers toward victory and a successful football season. The fun begins this Friday night in Sabinal as the Tigers take on the Yellowjackets.



**Pictured: Standing (left to right): April Crumley, Duquesa Hunt, Michelle Melancon, Michelle Bizzell, Susannah Davis, Shonte Davis; Sitting (left to right): Camp director Brandy, Brittany Shewbart, Helena Flores, Carissa DeLos Santos, Camp Director Buddy Brandi.**



# Happy 15th Birthday

Amanda Victoria! Have a wonderful time at your Quinceanera. You deserve that day and so much more!

Thank-you for being our Daughter.

Love you, Dad, Mom & Taco Bell.

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Happiness is good health and bad memory  
—Ingrid Bergman  
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If it weren't for the last minute, nothing would get done.  
—Anonymous  
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# Pressures many, but future looks bright

Due to the length of this article we have to run it in two segments.

HOUSTON - Two thirds of high school students recently surveyed say their lives are at least somewhat tough - yet three-fourths say "the future looks promising because I am pretty confident that things will work out for me."

These are among the major findings of the fourth edition of The Shell Poll, an opinion survey conducted for Shell Oil Company by Peter D. Hart Research Associates. Ninth-through 12th graders' perceptions of the safety of America's schools; influence of parents, school officials and peers; outlook on the future; and most prevalent pressures provide prominent components of this particular poll. Questions were formulated in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education.

"We are delighted to work with the U.S. Department of Education on an issue of such importance to our country," said Susan Borches, vice president of Corporate Affairs for Shell Oil Company. "And we are very grateful to the more than 1,000 teenagers who told us, so candidly, about their lives. Hopefully, this information can foster dialogue among all concerned citizens and our children can benefit from such enhanced dialogue."

"As educators, parents and concerned citizens it is important for us to listen to what students are telling us about their lives and their aspirations," said U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley. "This survey clearly shows us that today's

teens are not a generation to be discounted but rather good young people with positive futures whom we all must encourage and support to do well."

High school juniors, African Americans, girls and students from one-parent households are the likeliest to report experiencing difficult times. And teens who express what they think is most challenging or difficult about their lives mention pressure much more than any other challenge.

Perhaps surprising to many, the top two pressures concern academics, not sexual activity and drug use. When asked to choose from a list of suggested sources of pressure, 44 percent of teens polled cite "the pressure to get good grades" and 32 percent cite "the pressure to get into college." Following those two issues are "the pressure to fit in socially" (29%), "the pressure to use drugs or alcohol" (19%) and "the pressure to be sexually active" (13%).

"Pressure" doesn't necessarily equal "problem," though. When given a list of problems teens face, at least 65 percent of high school students report the issues listed to be a small problem or no problems at all within their group of friends (the one exception being "drugs or alcohol"). However, a significant

minority think their group of friends have fairly or very serious problems with drugs and alcohol (43%), academics (35%), family life (35%) and school violence (32%). For African American students, in particular, violence in school is the single biggest problem they identify (51%); high school students in the South also indicate that school violence is a serious problem (40%).

### State of the schools:

Despite months of concern among parents, educators and politicians over school violence, high school students generally feel safe as they begin a new school year.

Asked to grade their own schools on the issue of safety, 77 percent of all teens give their high school an A or B for "being a safe place, without violence." However, African-American and Hispanic teens are far more concerned about the problems than their white peers. While 81 percent of white teens give a grade of A or B on the issue, just 69 percent of Hispanic teens and 58 percent of African-American teens agree.

Sixty-six percent of those surveyed give their school an overall "grade" of A or B, with almost one in five (17%) assigning a solid A.

Continued next week.

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### Last year's tax rate:

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| Last year's operating taxes | \$ | 146,946.93    |
| Last year's debt taxes      | \$ | 0             |
| Last year's total taxes     | \$ | 146,946.93    |
| Last year's tax base        | \$ | 18,888,182.00 |
| Last year's total tax rate  |    | 0.7792/\$100  |

### This year's effective tax rate:

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| Last year's adjusted taxes<br>(after subtracting taxes on lost property)   | \$ | 147,102.60    |
| This year's adjusted tax base<br>(after subtracting value of new property) | \$ | 18,970,531.00 |
| = This year's effective tax rate   |    | 0.7754/\$100  |

### This year's rollback tax rate:

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|---|----|---------------|
| Last year's adjusted operating taxes<br>(after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function) | \$ | 147,102.60    |
| / This year's adjusted tax base   | \$ | 18,970,531.00 |
| = This year's effective operating rate  |    | 0.7754/\$100  |
| x 1.08 = This year's max operating rate   |    | 0.8374/\$100  |
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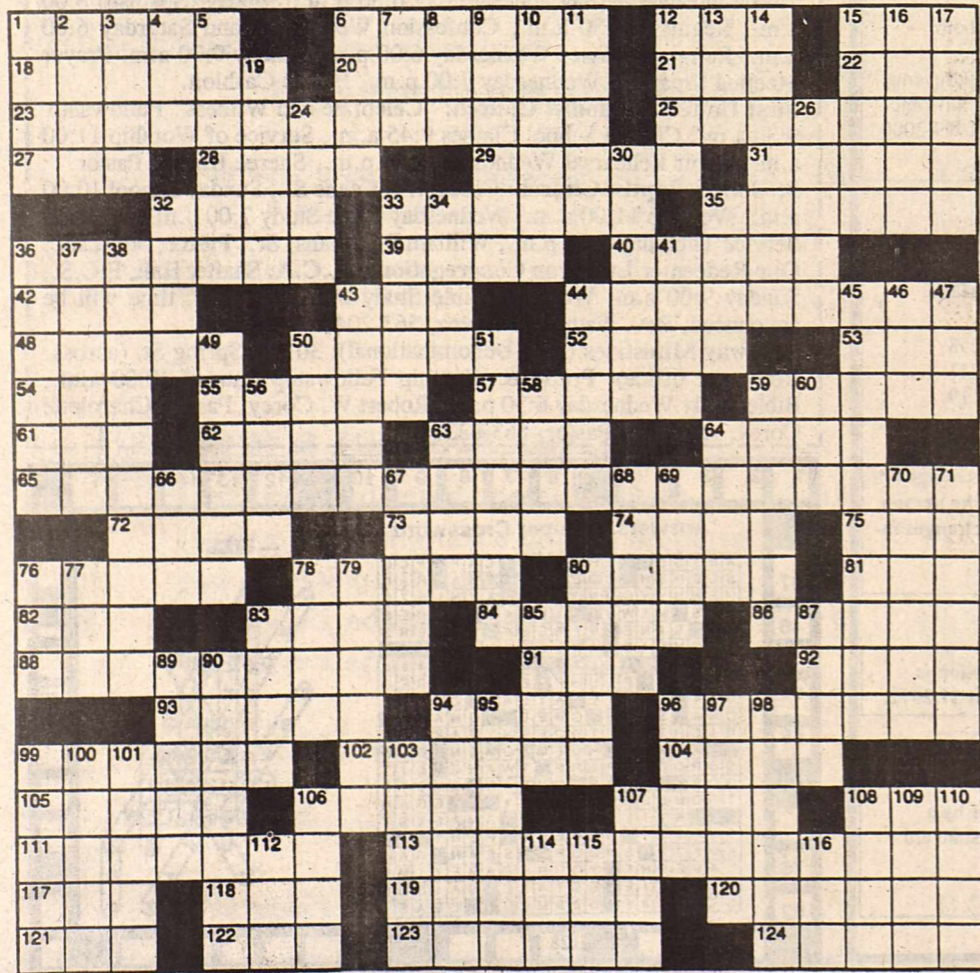
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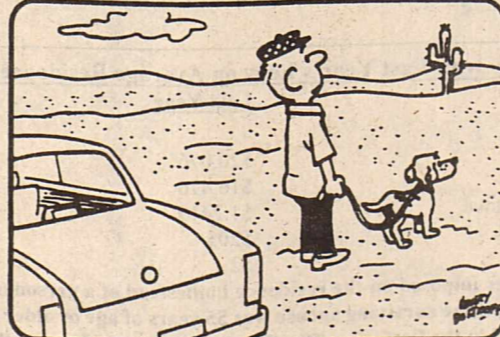
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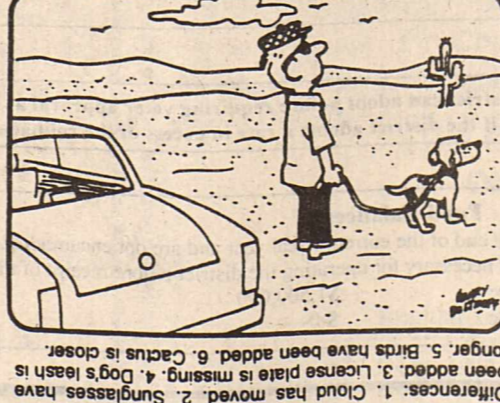
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Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You may feel as though you are looking at the world out of very gloomy, cloudy glasses. Surprisingly, the process of helping someone else to find his way may clear your own vision. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You feel you have settled on a plan that will improve the world considerably. Experiment carefully within your own surroundings before you try to change anyone else's lifestyle. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You are surprised when a beautiful friendship blooms out of nowhere. The world is a friendlier place than you might have assumed. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A certain amount of lively discussion and friendly argument makes life much more fun. If you stop talking for a while and listen, you may even learn something. LEO (July 23 to August 22) Question your decisions and double-check your answers. In a time of general confusion, it's easy to mistake arrogance for intelligence. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Although you have been the center of attention, others also need time in the spotlight. Take a look at what your peers are doing, and get ready to be gracious. LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Financial and personal issues may trouble you. Your partner is your greatest ally during these times. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You are irresistible right now, as a lover, salesman, teacher or friend. Remember that although you are multifaceted, you still have much to learn from others. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Monitor the controlling aspect of your personality or else



other people may call attention to it rather loudly. It is enough of a responsibility to be in control of yourself. CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although your energy is abundant, you may lack constructive ways to channel it. You have several good ideas; now is the time to implement a few of them. AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Too much of a good thing can spoil the overall mood — even if the good thing is you. Ease up on the world around you. In doing so, you give yourself a break. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Tension between you and an acquaintance is so great that the air seems to crackle. Exploring this tension may lead to great personal growth. YOU BORN THIS WEEK: Gadgets and contraptions fascinate you, as do formulas. You like to put things together in odd combinations just to see what will happen, and you are always eager to test your inventions out on yourself and your friends and family. Luckily for them, your success rate is fairly high. © 1999 King Features Synd., Inc.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Sept. 2..... Jack Fielder Sept. 3..... Debra Buantello Sept. 3..... Rose E. Pena Sept. 3..... Rocío Pinales Sept. 3..... Maria Rodriguez Sept. 3..... Charles Shipman Sept. 3..... Jennie Warren Sept. 4..... Jack Huey Sept. 4 Marjorie Maderich Sept. 4..... Jimmy Martinez Sept. 4..... Charlie Ward Sept. 5..... Marvin Davis Sept. 6..... Anita Sifuentez Sept. 8..... Clinton Conrad Sept. 8..... Julie Ireton Sept. 8..... Helen Smith



