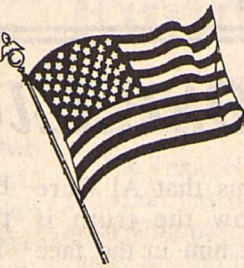


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Happy birthday,
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Eager to learn



School started Monday for BISD students. Paying a visit to Superintendent Taylor Stephenson's office Tuesday morning were six young scholars and their teacher, Woodie Trotter. The 4-year-old students are from left, Clarissa Valdez, Denise Salmon, Ayssa Rodriguez, Isaurio Rivas, Dolores Garza and Judy Adams.



Later, the students and their teacher stopped by the school library to pick up some learning materials. Trotter said the six students are among 11 girls and 7 boys enrolled in her prekindergarten classes this year at Jones Elementary School. (Photos by Diana Gonzales)

County approves 10 percent hike on civic center rental rates

Kinney County Commissioners Court voted Monday to increase the rental rates on the Civic Center by 10 percent, rounded off to the nearest even dollar. The only one opposing the hike was Precinct 3 Commissioner Joe V. Williams.

Basic fees had been \$65 an hour for the East Wing, \$30 an hour for the West Wing, \$20 an hour for the Central Downstairs Room; \$30 an hour for the Kitchen; \$60 deposit; \$125 cleaning fee and \$65 cleaning fee (west wing). The 10 percent increase changes the fees to \$71.50 an hour for the east wing, \$33 an hour for the west wing, \$22 an hour for the Central Upstairs Room; and \$33 an hour for the kitchen.

Organizations free of basic use fees are Kinney County Ambu-

lance Service, the Volunteer Fire Department, Brackett ISD, Band Boosters, Tiger Boosters, The Lions Club (for the Health Fair only) and Kinney County 4-H Club (half price hourly rate is to be paid if function is being held to generate money).

Organizations that qualify for half price are Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, Kinney County Little League, VFW and VFW Auxiliary, church organizations, Historical Society, Kinney County Friends of the Library, Las Moras Hispanic Organization, Rotary Club, Masonic Lodge, Clinic Committee, Headstart Committee, Chamber of Commerce, Seminole Indian Scouts and the Kinney County Arts Council.

City, school district, county schedule public hearings on budgets, tax rates

It's that time of the year again - budget and tax rate time.

Hearings are planned this month and early next month by the Brackettville City Council, the Kinney County Commissioners' Court and the Brackett ISD Board of Trustees to address those issues and to hear comments from the public.

First among those meetings is one scheduled Monday, Aug. 28 by the Brackett ISD Board to discuss the school's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Next, the City of Brackettville plans a public hearing Thursday, Aug. 31 to discuss the 2000-2001 proposed budget. The hearing will begin at 6 p.m. in the city manager's office at city hall, 119 West Spring St. and on Friday, Sept. 1 at 9 a.m. Commissioners Court plans a public hearing on the proposed tax rate increase.

According to Superintendent Taylor Stephenson, the Brackett ISD budget is virtually the same as last year with raises for teachers required by law. The support staff received a 4 percent increase this year.

He said after studying the budget, the board proposed a 3 cent tax increase to \$1.2419 from \$1.211. A public hearing on the proposed tax rate is scheduled for Sept. 7.

"This is a critical year for establishing the local tax rate. This rate controls the matching amount of state funds available for the next three years. Going up three cents only produces about \$27,000 a year from local funds. Matching state funds for the next three years could add up to \$200,000 that we could lose if our tax rate does not increase the three cents. The increase will cost the average taxpayer \$10 per year," said Stephenson.

He said the \$27,000 will go to building maintenance. "These dollars will allow us to continue to improve our school plant and will prevent more costly bond issues. Historically, our tax rate was \$1.28 in 1994 and 1995. We dropped to \$1.25 in 1995 and 1996. In 1997, the rate was \$1.2119; increasing to \$1.2419 in 1998 and back down to \$1.2119 for 1999.

"It's time to adjust back up again because of the state matching funds. We'll save money from local taxes in the long run by maximizing the state funds that the district receives. The board and I believe that the increase for one year will help us continue to manage the school district budget in the most efficient way," said Stephenson. Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. in the Brackett ISD board room to discuss the budget and proposed tax rate. (See details on Page 5)

The Sept. 1 public hearing by Kinney County Commissioners Court involves a proposal to increase total revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 13.99 percent. Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$22.79 or 25.16 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax would increase by \$0.1003 per \$100 of taxable value or 13.91 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property. (See details on Page 4)

County to pay \$10,600 less this year to Kinney County Appraisal District

Kinney County's contribution to the county Appraisal District Budget has been reduced this year by \$10,600, Chief Appraiser Bill Haenn informed the Court Monday, adding that calculations in the

past were not based on correct data.

Besides the county, other entities that help support the Appraisal District's Fiscal Year 2001's proposed budget are Brackett ISD, the

city of Brackettville, Fort Clark M.U.D. and the city of Spofford. The amount of each allocation is based on each entity's percentage of the 1999 levy. See chart below:

Entity	% of Lev	Appraisal	Collections	Total
Brackett ISD	52.55%	\$ 45,691.79	\$ 35,432.35	\$ 81,124.14
Kinney County	32.24%	\$ 29,771.40	\$ 23,086.65	\$ 52,858.05
City of Brackettville	6.85%	\$ 5,956.02	\$ 4,618.68	\$ 10,574.70
Fort Clark M.U.D.	6.18%	\$ 5,373.46	\$ 4,166.92	\$ 9,540.38
City of Spofford	.18%	\$ 154.51	\$ 121.37	\$ 277.88



A two car collision occurred Monday morning at the corner of Ann Street and Highway 90. The drivers were headed east on the highway when one vehicle was rear ended. No major injuries were reported. The accident is under investigation.

New principal lobbies for more vocational programs

The Brackett News introduces Michael Hall Principal, Brackett High School

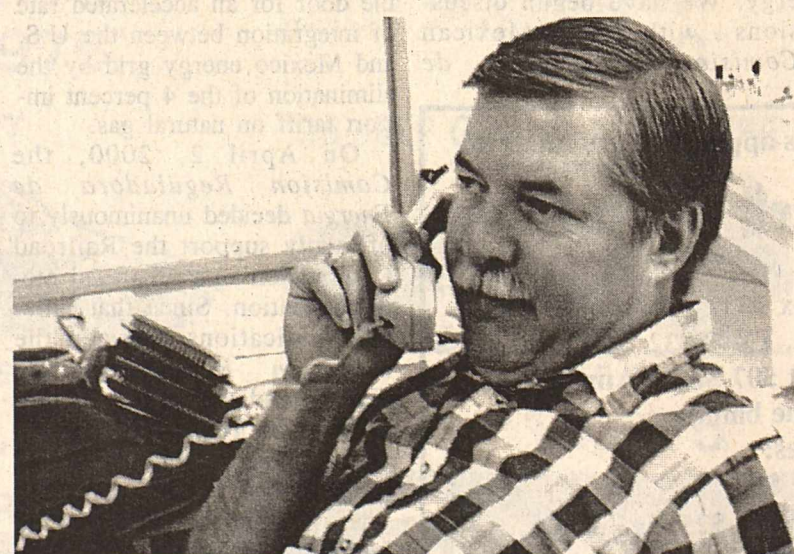
What is your background?

I grew up, was raised and worked most of my career in eastern Colorado.

I took a job out in California last year because my wife and I really like San Diego and that area and we wanted to get out in that direction. But once we discovered what the schools were like in California, we said, "no, thanks!"

I grew up in Sterling, Colorado and graduated high school in Fleming, Colorado in 1973. I went to Northeastern Junior College in Sterling from 1973 to 1975 with a track scholarship and vocal music scholarship there and I was a history major.

I minored in music and physical education then went to the University of Northern Colorado in 1975-76 and played football up there. I graduated with a B.A. in history and minored in geography and had some minor hours in P.E.



Brackett High School Principal Michael Hall believes in being actively involved in the community.

and music.

I was a teacher in Wray, Colo., from 1976 to 1980; a junior high history teacher and coach and I coached high school football, basketball and track.

From 1980 to 1983, I taught and coached the same things at an-

other school in Colorado. In 1983 I went to Clayton, New Mexico, where I met Taylor Stephenson. I started there as junior high principal. I was middle school principal for about 10 years and then I was a rural superintendent in Cheyenne Wells, Colorado for

four years and for the rest of the time, I've had experience as junior high school principal, middle school principal, high school principal. I've been assistant superintendent. So, in a round about way, I decided to come here because I wanted to work for Taylor again.

Had you ever been to Texas?
It's my first time in Texas.

Have you adjusted to the weather yet?

I love the heat. I'm tired of the snow and the winters in Colorado, and so I'm here for the good weather and a great school district and great community. That's the primary reason I'm down here. I like this community. I'm in Rotary and Lions and active in my church. I believe it's part of the job for a principal to get involved in the community.

How many students are enrolled this school year?

We have about 165 students in high school, in grades 9-12

How does your school rank academically in the state?

Top notch; it was exemplary last year in Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) scores. In our ranking in the TLI (Texas Learning Index) Brackett ISD was exemplary. The Texas Learning Index is where they lump schools in categories of the same size. We're compared state wide to high schools our size in the state and the TLI is a standard score which will show our rate of progress every year in student learning. We're in the upper quartile in the TMI, so we're looking good and we hope to keep it that way.

Have you added some new courses this year?

Yes, based on some ideas I've had. I put in the mechanics program because when I looked at the curriculum I felt that we need a lot more vocational programs here. I think the academics is

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Briefs ...

Base expects traffic delays

A two-week operational readiness inspection takes place at Laughlin Air Force Base Aug. 21 through Sept. 1, and events may cause occasional delays for traffic entering and exiting the installation.

One or both gates could be closed during exercise periods due to simulated threats against base resources. Both the main and west gates will remain open unless a specific situation requires the base perimeter to be secured. If that security is warranted, all traffic into and out of the installation will be stopped.

Artistic directors sought

The Uvalde Grand Opera House, a performing arts center, is seeking artistic directors. A variety of year-round activities take place in the fully restored opera house, built in 1891 and home of the Uvalde Arts Council. If you are interested in applying for an artistic director position, please send your application and resume to Esther Trevino, Grand Opera House, 104 W. North St., Uvalde, Texas 78801. For more information, call 830-278-4184.

2,199 apprehended

The following is a report of the apprehensions by Border Patrol agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector for the period August 7-13. The information is provided by station, and includes a sector total. Abilene 18, Brackettville 174, Carrizo Springs 636, Comstock 37, Del Rio 273, Eagle Pass 1,258, Llano 0, Rocksprings 20, San Angelo 22, Uvalde 34. Sector total 2,199. Other than Mexicans 51.

Dance set Sept. 29

A dance in celebration of Hispanic Month with Randy Garibay and Cats Don't Sleep is planned Friday, Sept. 29 from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight at the Del Rio Civic Center. Interested persons may call La Casa de la Cultura at (830) 774-8742 for more information.

Visitors welcome

Kickapoo Cavern State Park is once again welcoming visitors on a limited basis after being closed for nearly a year. The park is available from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Saturdays through Oct. 1. Prior arrangements for entrance to the Park can be obtained by calling 830-563-2342.

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School has begun in Brackettville! Angie Meeks, Junior High teacher, tells me that the first day of school reminds her of Christmas.

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Why Gore chose Lieberman Bonilla produces scorecard of Congress' achievements this year

The Way I See It!
Steven R. LaMascus

Well Al Gore has finally selected his running mate. Joseph Lieberman is undoubtedly a good choice, especially politically. He is Jewish, his wife's parents survived the holocaust. Lieberman brings integrity to the race and that is something that Gore needs desperately.

It is obvious that Al Gore wouldn't know the truth if Lieberman hit him in the face with it.

I am happy that Gore chose Lieberman. I hope they lose the election, but if they win, at least there will be someone in the White House who does not feel the need to embrace lying to the American people as a lifestyle. But happy as I am with the

Democratic choice of a vice presidential running mate, I am distressed at the obvious reasons for the choice.

Al Gore undoubtedly selected Lieberman, not because he was the best man to serve the American people, but because he was a Jew with a history of integrity.

Al Gore couldn't care less about the American public. He is interested only in his personal gain and he will say or do anything necessary to achieve that personal power.

How he presents himself to his public depends entirely upon the background of the public to whom he is speaking. Not long ago Gore was speaking to a group of farmers. He went so far as to tell them how his father had taught him how to plow a steep field with a team of mules and how he had spent his youth working close to the soil. He spoke nostalgically of his life on the farm. It was a total fabrication. To explain Gore's obvious fiction, his mentor Bill Clinton rode to the rescue by stating that his clone Al had been referring to his summers.

Yeah, right! I was born at night, but it wasn't last night! Gore was lying through his teeth to get votes.

Gore can't win on his own merits and his view of the relevant issues.

He has no merits and his view of the issues is whatever he thinks will get him a vote.

I guarantee you that if 90 percent of the American public were for banning abortion, Al Gore would be a staunch supporter of the pro-life movement.

If the American public were vastly against gun control, Al Gore would be a life member of the NRA. He has no core principals. He was trained from birth to be a politician. His religion is acquisition of power. His only interest is in personal gratification.

Al Gore chose Lieberman because of two main reasons.

First, because Lieberman is apparently many things Gore is not - moral, religious, honest, truthful and not tainted by the stench from the current resident of the White House.

Second, because he is Jewish. The Jewish voting block in this country today is gigantic. Gore thinks he can win the black and Hispanic minority votes by making unrealistic promises he has no intention of keeping; but that won't work on the financially and politically powerful Jewish community. So his only choice was to choose a Jew. If you think he chose Lieberman because he believed him to be the best man for the job you are sadly mistaken.

Lieberman may very well be the best man for the job, but Al Gore doesn't think that for a second.

Isaiah 56: 11, 12 - "They are dogs with mighty appetites; they never have enough. They are shepherds who lack understanding; they all turn to their own way, each seeks his own gain. 'Come,' each one cries, 'let me get wine! Let us drink our fill of beer! And tomorrow will be like today, or even better.'"

Submitted by
U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla

Now that Congress has recessed for August and members are able to tour their districts for an entire month, it's a good time to take a look back at what Congress has accomplished so far this year. Here are a few highlights: **Taxes:** Because of fiscally responsible choices, Congress has been able to repeal outdated and burdensome taxes on our nation's married couples, seniors, small businessmen, farmers and ranchers. By passing the Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act, Congress passed legislation that would remove 63 provisions in the tax code that penalize married couples with higher taxes, specifically middle income Americans. Congress also passed legislation that would repeal the estate tax, commonly referred to as the death tax. The death tax burdens our nation's small business owners, farmers and ranchers by forcing them to pay taxes as high as 55 to 60 percent on the value of their store, farm or ranch. Congress again took the initiative when it passed the Freedom to Work Act, which revoked a five decade old law that penalizes senior citizens who choose to work in their golden years.

Labor: We are sending the message to our small business

owners, who are the backbone of America's economic growth and surplus, that we will not allow needless bureaucratic-forced rules and regulations to be implemented in the workplace. Congress prevented the Occupational Safety Hazardous Administration from mandating an ergonomic rule that would have forced businesses to follow a high-cost one-size-fits-all standard that is not scientifically based.

Prescription Drugs: Congress addressed probably the most vital issue to American seniors when it passed a prescription drug benefit plan. Prescription drug prices are too high for too many seniors. No senior should ever have to choose between food or medicine. Congress passed a benefit plan that would lower drug prices and expand access to prescription drugs for ALL beneficiaries without threatening the patient-doctor relationship. The plan will lower premiums and still keep the quality of healthcare high.

Agriculture: The needs of our nation's oldest profession did not go unmet by this Congress. We made sure to protect our nation's sheep and lamb farmers by offering direct cash payments as assistance against the surge of cheap lamb meat imports from Australia and New

Zealand. This will improve the production efficiency and marketability of U.S. lamb meat. Congress also kept funding for the wool and mohair and Wildlife Services programs. Cuts in these programs would have resulted in increased destruction of communities, wildlife and resources, as well as, further burdening wool and mohair producers.

Defense and Military Health Care: A major concern of Congress this year was the nation's security and proper healthcare for those who provide us with that security. Congress appropriated \$3.3 billion more than the President requested. The additional funds will be directed to improve military readiness and continue efforts for a national missile defense system to protect our country from terrorist threats from rogue nations. Congress also initiated a 3.1 percent pay increase for the 2.1 million active duty, reserve and National Guard personnel. In addition, Congress expanded health care coverage and access for active military personnel and military retirees. These are only a few highlights of the tremendous accomplishments of Congress so far this year. And we have a long way to go. I promise to continue to work for a better, safer and more prosperous America.

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Big Mama Sez!

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Developments open door to Texas-Mexico energy relations

Submitted by
Charles R. Matthews
Commissioner, Railroad
Commission of Texas

I believe within the next 15 years the U.S.-Mexican border infrastructure could become integrated through highways, rail, electric grids and pipelines. We are beginning to see the move toward a "seamless" border between Mexico and Texas through which electricity and natural gas could easily flow.

In March of this year, I proposed to my colleagues that the Railroad Commission establish a joint project with the Public Utility Commission and the Secretary of State of Texas to develop ongoing dialogues with our counterparts in Mexico on energy transmission and distribution issues. The Commission voted unanimously to support this effort.

The rapid population growth and increased demand for energy in industrial northern Mexico is forcing governments on both sides of the Rio Grande to rethink energy issues. Today, significant changes in Mexico's energy market are taking place in terms of both infrastructure development and regulatory reform. The Regulatory Commission is trying to identify barriers to the free exchange of energy. We have begun discussions with the Mexican *Comision Reguladora de*

Mexico will have to spend \$25 billion in electric generation and transmission infrastructure development and will need U.S. technology and services to meet its growing demands of energy

Energia (CRE) or energy agency, to begin working on these issues or barriers.

Like Texas, Mexico is rich in natural gas reserves. The massive natural gas fields of Webb and Zapata counties are believed to span across the border. Also, like Texas, the growing gas demand in Mexico is primarily due to the increase in the new gas-fired power generation. Mexico's overall natural gas and electric demand is projected to more than double in the next ten years.

For example, Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas, is the center of the exploding maquiladora industry. Employment in the maquiladora industry has gone from 550,000 in 1994 to almost 1 million in 1998. The expansion in this industry in addition to an increase demand from other industrial markets is projected to only continue.

The process of opening Mexico's energy sector to foreign investors began with the 1992 Electricity Reform Law. Most recently, Mexico opened the door for an accelerated rate of integration between the U.S. and Mexico energy grid by the elimination of the 4 percent import tariff on natural gas.

On April 2, 2000, the *Comision Reguladora de Energia* decided unanimously to officially support the Railroad Commission's proposal and recommendation. Since that time, communications between the *Comision Reguladora de Energia* and the Railroad Commission of Texas have begun and have focused on identifying barriers on both sides of the border. Much of the future success of the energy industry will be attributed to the relationship between Texas and the Mexican regulatory agencies whose rules will help form the structure and practice of the trans-border industry.

Environmental considerations are also an issue for both countries where the population and demand for electricity is increasing. Clean burning natural gas is a choice fuel for electric

generation, therefore the increase in natural gas power plants being built on both sides of the border. This will ultimately result in environmental benefits to both Texas and Mexico.

There are enormous economic opportunities for Texas in Mexico and likewise, for Mexico in Texas. It is beneficial for both countries to develop ways to facilitate trans-border projects. We can hope that such competition will ultimately improve efficiencies for all energy sectors and will also ultimately lead to energy cost savings that benefits consumer and businesses on both sides of the border.

Mexico will have to spend \$25 billion in electric generation and transmission infrastructure development and will need U.S. technology and services to meet its growing demands of energy. Mexico has begun to privatize the natural gas industry and has deregulated electricity, just as Texas is in the process of doing. Many of the issues facing Texas are also facing our neighbor to the south. These discussions are only the beginning of developing a cross-border energy infrastructure. There is a tremendous opportunity to enhance trade relations between Texas and Mexico. Establishing this relationship with our counterparts in Mexico will be very productive for the state of Texas and to companies interested in doing business with Mexico.

(Editor's Note: Railroad Commissioner Charles Matthews was elected to the Commission in 1994 and is the current senior member. He recently was appointed to serve on the gas committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. Last year, he promoted and initiated bilingual propane safety materials be provided by the Commission. Prior to his election, he served as mayor of Garland, the ninth largest city in Texas. In addition, he served as director and president of the Texas Municipal Power Agency.)

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report ...

Monday, Aug. 7
10:20 p.m., Border Patrol Unit 7206 reported cattle were roaming near Highway 131 (Spofford Road). The cattle were "persuaded" to go back through the hole in the fence where they had exited earlier. Attempts were made to notify the owner of the animals.

Tuesday, Aug. 8
12:54 a.m., A local resident reported that there was someone in her backyard and asked if a deputy could come drive by and check things out. A deputy responded to the scene.

9:30 a.m., Three local residents went to the Sheriff's Department to turn in a 22 caliber Smith and Wesson pistol they had found.

Thursday, Aug. 10
9:12 p.m., A local resident reported that someone was ringing

the doorbell at her home and then leaving.

9:45 a.m., A local resident reported that vandals had cut the fence at a local ranch.

5:23 p.m., A local resident called reported that she unaccidentally locked her car, not noticing that the key was still in the ignition. She asked for someone to help her unlock her car.

6:50 p.m., A horse was spotted roaming around Beaumont Street. The animal's owner was contacted.

Saturday, Aug. 12
10:25 p.m., A motorist with a cell phone called to report a reckless driver on Highway 90 East. A Department of Public Safety trooper was called and he suggested contacting the Uvalde Police Department because the vehicle was 1 mile from the check-

point.
1:35 p.m., A rolled up piece of metal was sighted on Highway 90 approximately 1 mile west of Bader Hill. Deputies went to the scene to remove the metal.

Sunday, Aug. 13
12 noon, Someone used a cell phone to report a fire about 50 kilometers outside of Del Rio on Highway 277. Department of Public Service troopers were informed and the dispatcher said they were aware of the fire and that units were on the way.

1:09 p.m., A local resident reported that someone broke into his home and stole some items. A deputy went to the scene to investigate.

1:31 p.m., A motorist with a cell phone reported that a family was stranded on Highway 277 next to Cow Creek. A deputy re-

sponded to the scene.

12:20 p.m., Matthew Stephen Maney, 20, of San Antonio was arrested for possession of alcohol and Driving While Intoxicated-Minor. He paid a fine and was released for time served.

12:20 p.m., Chad Jamison Koch, 19, of Fair Oak Ranch, Texas was arrested for possession of alcohol and for Public Intoxication-Minor. He paid a fine and was released for time served.

3:53 p.m., Guadalupe Mardiga, 21, of Houston was arrested for not having a driver's license and for theft of more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000. He is still in custody.

2:30 p.m., Jesus Ramiro Salas, 29, of Houston was arrested for theft greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000. He is still in custody.

Funds sought to assist family of DPS trooper

The Texas Highway Patrol Association has opened an account with Compass Bank to collect funds for the family of Trooper Randall Vetter. The account was set up to assist the family with travel and living expenses while in Austin.

This is part of the Association's "Remember Our Friends" project. This account is still open for donations, which will assist the Vetter family with financial strain incurred from their loss. The Texas Highway Patrol Association will also donate \$10,000 to help the Vetter Family.

Any donations can be made directly to the account: Texas Highway Patrol Association, c/o Compass Bank, Trooper Vetter Fund Account 84065714, P.O. Box

9600, Austin, TX 78766.
All 22 San Antonio and area Compass Bank branches are prepared to handle drive up donations. Additionally, checks can be sent to the association: Texas Highway Patrol Association Trooper Vetter Fund, 8906 Wall Street, Suite 407, Austin, TX 78754.

One hundred percent of the funds deposited into this account or sent to the Association for the Trooper Vetter Fund will be turned over to the Vetter family.

The Texas Highway Patrol Association concentrates its efforts on behalf of the dedicated men and women of the highway patrol and is there with emergency relief for the families left behind when an officer is killed.

Public hunting program offers affordable access to game

A little on the Wildlife side
By Henry Lutz

AUSTIN — Sportsmen who may not have access to private lands this fall or are looking for a place to hunt closer to home can get in on some quality hunting experiences through the state's public hunting program.

Texas Parks and Wildlife offers hunting on more than 1.2 million acres. A \$40 Annual Public Hunting Permit (APHP) opens the gates to a variety of hunting for game such as dove, waterfowl, turkey, deer, feral hog, quail, squirrel and rabbit. The permit comes with a map booklet of all available hunting areas. The permit can be purchased wherever hunting licenses are sold. Hunters under 17 years of age do not need an APHP when accompanied by a permit-holding adult. This fall, hunters who purchase an APHP will have access to about 130 dove hunting areas covering more than 48,000 acres leased exclusively for public hunting. TPW earmarks funds gener-

ated by the public hunting program to purchase these hunting rights. The leases are scattered through all three dove-hunting zones and some cover more than 1,000 acres.

In addition to the APHP, the agency offers 6,000 hunter openings on its state parks and wildlife management areas through special drawn public hunts. Through an application process, hunters can target their favorite game, choose an area of the state and select a hunting method. As many as four hunters can apply as a group for these hunts in most cases.

TPW is mailing out about 40,000 application booklets to the primary applicants from last year's program the third week of July. Only those listed as primary applicants last year will automatically receive a booklet by mail. Application booklets may be picked up in early August at TPW field offices and at TPW state headquarters in Austin or requested by calling (800) 792-1112 and follow the menu options or

(512) 389-4505. The information will also be made available this month on TPW's Web site (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us>). Although applications cannot be submitted on-line, they can be completed electronically, printed and submitted by mail along with the appropriate application payments. There is a \$2 per person application fee (for adults 17 or older listed on the card) for all special drawing hunts except youth-only hunts on which there is no application fee for either youth or supervising adult. The deadline to apply for the popular gun hunts for deer is Sept. 12. The deadline application for archery-only deer hunts is Aug. 22.

TPW public hunting program director Herb Kothmann reminds applicants that they may apply in each of the 17 different categories of special drawings but must apply for only one of the areas listed within each hunt category. "We're still seeing multiple applications by individuals within the same category and that automati-

cally disqualifies all their applications within that hunt category," said Kothmann. "Make sure you don't submit duplicate entries in the same hunt category because the computer has no compassion."

The special drawn hunts are entering their 16th year of computer selection where those who applied in the past and not been drawn can build up preference points to increase their chances of selection in future drawings. "The luck of the draw still plays a big part in the selection process, but those folks who've previously applied and not been selected will have an increased chance of being drawn," said Kothmann.

For those sportsmen who want an opportunity to win a hunt of a lifetime, the Big Time Texas Hunts program will offer chances to win one or more dream package hunts with professional guide service, food and lodging provided. Proceeds are dedicated to TPW public hunting and wildlife management programs. In addition to the Grand Slam — a once-

in-a-lifetime package of four separate hunts for bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelope and mule deer — the Big Time Texas Hunts program includes the Texas Exotic Safari, Texas Whitetail Bonanza, Texas Waterfowl Adventure and Texas Big Time Bird Hunt. The Texas Whitetail Bonanza will provide each of 20 winners with a 3-5-day hunt for white-tailed deer on ranches throughout the state.

Sorry, no guest privileges on the deer hunts. The Texas Waterfowl Adventure will enable the winner and three guests the opportunity to test their skills on a series of hunts, including geese on the coastal prairie and in the Panhandle, and ducks in East Texas and the coastal marshes.

The Texas Exotic Safari will offer the thrill of African big game on TPW's Mason Mountain WMA in Central Texas. Two winners will be drawn. Each winner will be allowed to take up to two exotics and will be allowed to bring along a hunting companion

who will be allowed the opportunity to hunt antlerless axis deer and hybrid ibex goats.

The Texas Big Time Bird Hunt will also feature a whirlwind series of hunts for the winner and three guests, including a two-day quail hunt, two days of prime pheasant hunting in the Panhandle and two days of dove hunting. The winner and one guest will also take part in a spring turkey hunt. Taxidermy is included in the Texas Grand Slam and Texas Exotic Safari packages, and the winner may bring a companion.

Entries may be purchased for \$10 each wherever hunting licenses are sold. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older to enter. Entries may also be purchased using TPW's toll-free license hotline. Any number of entries may be purchased, and winners can reassign but not sell a hunt package to an immediate family member or to a hunter under 17. Deadline to apply for the Big Time Texas Hunts is midnight Nov. 4.



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Rotarians learn about water conservation program

Submitted by
Frances McMaster

The Brackettville Rotary Club met Aug. 10 to view a Water and Soil Conservation Agency video tape presented by Stan Conoly, Rotary program chairman for August. The subject was a voluntary water conservation program instituted in the state of New York which has proven to be highly successful. New York has water that is judged to be one of the best in the world. It is referred to as the "champagne of water." Several years ago water pollution became a problem in a few places around the state. These problems resulted in new federal regulations. New York was told it had a choice of constructing a new filtration plant, which would cost \$6 billion to \$8 billion dollars and

another several hundred million to maintain or come up with a comprehensive water shed system to protect water quality. To meet the federal requirements would have put many farms out of business. One of the regulations, for instance, required that barns be 250 feet away from streams. In the glaciated land of the Catskills, the upstate New York water shed, this would have been financially devastating to make such a move. As one farmer put it, "To be required to set back a barn several hundred feet would cost them 25 percent of the crop limit. The regulations were not fashioned to be punitive, but individual farms differ and situations vary. The only answer seemed to come up with some new federal regulations which would be something farmers could live with and still save the quality of

the water supply. The local agriculture community organized itself and sought the help of the New York State agriculture market. This resulted in the forming of a task force to look into this problem and come up with some solution. An ad hoc committee formed of water regulators, representatives from New York City, farmers, local government officials, state and federal representatives, and representatives of the faculty of Cornell University's agricultural division. A more adverse group would be hard to imagine, but they came together and faced the task at hand. Fortunately, New York City agreed to pay for the project. Those involved quickly realized that to work, the program must be voluntary. It had to be sold to the farming community as a whole. If the federal government came in and tried to impose regulations on the farmers, it would not work, and the farmers had better solutions to offer because they knew their own land and had the experience of years of working it. The group came up with a grass roots type program. Twenty farmers, agriculture and business leaders came together and one New York City person served as the commissioner. The water conservation was the impetus, but they set priorities and directions. To be successful, the program had to be financially feasible. The premise was that a well managed farm would be good for the quality of water. The program was to be run and administered locally. The farmers were to have objectives which would take into consideration where they were and where they wanted to go in the future. The group wanted to be sure things that were done would be for the whole farming community. It must take in environmental issues and fit in with the farmers financial objectives. It must be unique in that it was a team approach. Members did not always agree, but as one farmer put it, each person in the group had his say and was heard. The farmer

was the main man on the team. Ten demonstration farms were chosen. These varied in type, size and different positions in relation to the watershed. When the program was fully implemented, an outreach program was started. The farmers began cabinet meetings (kitchen cabinets) that were held in individual homes. There, the program was explained and the results were shown. New York City agreed to withdraw agricultural regulations if the group could get 85% of the farmers in the state to take part in the program. The group set a goal of getting 50 more farmers to join them the first year. Then, they realized that through the outreach, they had 100 farmers, then 150 by the end of the year. They had 200 in less than 18 months. In the summer of 1994, the city and the watershed entered into a five year agreement. The farmers would be given funding for a local council to administer Phase 2 of the plan. \$35.2 million dollars went into this program. This meant around \$75,000 per farm became available to make changes that would help their farms come in line with the plan. Dairy farms make up the majority of farms in the area and the improvements were designed by farmers with scientifically based contributions to the plans. Dairy farms would not have had the income to make the improvements needed without help. Milk was selling at 1978 and '79 priced at the time. Each farm was considered separately. The number of animals and the hydrological sensitivity of the farm was taken into consideration in relationship to water quality. Several farmers were interviewed, and each emphasized how important it was that the program was voluntary and that they had input into it. It is the only environmentally protective program in the world that takes into consideration the farmer's economic viability along with the quality of water. Both are an important part of the program.

Reasons why my grandson loves me

Submitted by
Chuck Hall

Little Tillman is just two hours away. I get to see him on a very regular basis. I even got to keep him for a full day recently.

And I figured out why I am his favorite person in the whole world. I am, you know. And I'll let you in on the secret. There are several reasons.

1. I play with him. When others are trying to feed him, I make faces. If he wants to play with his grandmother's antique Christmas ornaments, I just say, "It's a long time 'til Christmas."

2. I don't button all of the fasteners when I change him. Have you ever counted all of the snaps they put on baby clothes? There's at least one per inch. Way too many I

say.

3. If he wants a graham cracker, I give him the whole box. He has to learn how to open it without destroying it. And he will someday.

He needs to put some in his mouth, feed some to the cat, put some in his hair, and stash some behind the sofa for later snacking.

4. I never wash him. Dirt, and graham cracker crumbs, won't hurt him. Everybody else holds him down 'til he screams and scrubs him. But not granddad. And when I change his diaper I don't use more than one of those wet paper towelette things. I just douse him good with baby powder.

Not only does Tillman love me, but also his mother loves me more than she used to.

But I could be wrong.

God loves us more than we can ever know, even in spite of our behavior

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Mom, are you and Dad going to let Barb move in with her boyfriend?" questioned thirteen year old Lucy.

"Honey, there really isn't much your Dad and I can do. She is eighteen and can make her own decisions," Gracie answered her daughter. "We don't like it and we believe it is wrong," she continued.

"Get with it, Mom. Things are different now. Living together is no big deal. Besides, they can get to know each other before they get married," Lucy retorted. "Are you and Dad going to pay for her college?"

"Do you think it is all right for

two unmarried people to live together, Lucy," Gracie asked.

"I used to think it would be wrong, but now I'm not sure," Lucy responded.

Gracie continued, "I know that a lot of people do it. Not just young people, but there are divorced adults with children who have live-in lovers."

"Even though a lot of people think it is all right, God still thinks it is wrong. Living together without being married is called fornication in the Bible. It is a big deal to God. There is a lot of risk to that kind of behavior."

"Barb and Dave risk sexually transmitted diseases. They are much less likely to get married. If they do get married, they are more likely to get divorced than people who don't live together before marriage."

"But, the greatest risk of all is that they can lose their right standing with God. You see God loves us more than we can ever know, even in spite of our behavior. The tragedy is that we put God's love aside for our own pleasure only to face His justice."

"The Bible tells us, 'This is the will of God, your holiness: that you refrain from immorality,' (1 Thes. 4:3). A very wise man once said, 'Before father and mother be ashamed of immorality.' (Sirach 41:15)."

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

Texas Heritage Living History Day is planned September 8 in Kerrville

The Texas Heritage Living History Day is planned from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. in Louise Hays Park in Kerrville Sept. 8, the birthday of Jimmie Rodgers.

Billed as "Another Way of Learning," this event uses stories, songs and demonstrations to preserve and perpetuate traditions in Texas music history.

Spread throughout the park, along the Guadalupe River, are chuckwagons, teepees, storytellers, demonstrations, Texas Ranger tales, Texas history re-enactments, dancers and central to the event, the stories of Jimmie Rodgers, the Father of Country Music, performed by local actor Tony Navarra.

Teachers who attend with students can call in for the free educational package.

Schools needing assistance to attend may apply for a "transportation grant" made possible by a grant from a generous donor.

A special western swing tribute to Jimmie Rodgers is scheduled that evening.

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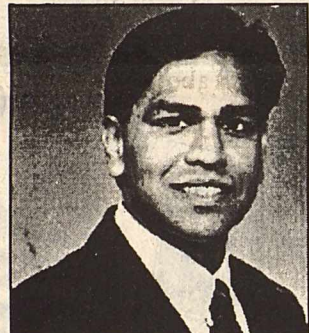
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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Kinney County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 13.99 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be on September 1 at 9:00 A.M. at the County Courtroom, County Courthouse, 501 S. Ann St., Brackettville, Texas.

Judge Herb Senne,	FOR
Commissioner Freddie Frerich,	FOR
Commissioner Joe Montalvo,	FOR
Commissioner Joe V. Williams,	FOR
Commissioner Pat Melancon,	FOR

For the proposal:	5
Against the proposal:	0
Present and not voting:	0
Absent:	0

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$25,561.00	\$26,802.00
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
Average taxable value	\$12,561.00	\$13,802.00
Tax rate (per \$100)	0.7211	0.8214 (proposed)
Tax	\$ 90.58	\$ 113.37 (proposed)

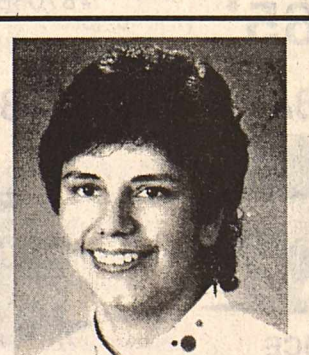
Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$22.79 or 25.16 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.1003 per \$100 of taxable value or 13.91 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties):

The Kinney County Auditor certifies that Kinney County has spent \$- in the previous 12 months beginning August 1, 1999 for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Kinney County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

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Students and teachers return to school

Making A Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

School has begun in Brackettville! Angie Meeks, junior high teacher, tells me that the first day of school reminds her of Christmas.

Her packages (the students) have arrived. She, along with many other teachers, treat the first day of school with the same excitement that Christmas morning brings.

They have been looking forward to this day all summer long. That's a neat way of looking at students. I know that the students share in the excitement.

Thanks for a great story, Angie.

Ironing out problems

We have a few glitches, but we're working them out. Our new staff is doing fine, and we're trying to iron out the problems that the first couple of days always bring.

Games begin

Volleyball games began Tuesday night. We hope to have air conditioning in the gym by this Saturday. We'll

all enjoy volleyball more in an air conditioned gym. Don't forget the Meet the Teacher Night at 5:45 at Jones Elementary School Thursday night (August 17).

Budget and tax rate

At the work session of the Brackett ISD school board, the budget and tax rate needed to fund the budget were studied. The budget is virtually the same as last year with raises for teachers required by law. The support staff received a 4 percent increase this year. We have been conservative in determining what our needs are.

The board upon studying the budget prepared by administration proposes a three cent tax increase to \$1.2419 from \$1.211. This is a critical year for establishing the local tax rate. This rate controls the matching amount of state funds available for the next three years.

Going up three cents only produces about \$27,000 a year from local funds. Matching state funds for the next three years could add up to \$200,000 that we could lose if our tax

rate does not increase the three cents. The increase will cost the average taxpayer \$10 per year.

We'll put the \$27,000 into building maintenance (paint, tile, carpet, etc.) These dollars will allow us to continue to improve our school plant and will prevent more costly bond issues. Historically, our tax rate was \$1.28 in 1994 & 1995. We dropped to \$1.25 in 1995 and 1996. In 1997, the rate was \$1.2119; increasing to \$1.2419 in 1998 and back down to \$1.2119 for 1999.

It's time to adjust back up again because of the state matching funds. We'll save money from local taxes in the long run by maximizing the state funds that the district receives.

The board and I believe that the increase for one year will help us continue to manage the school district budget in the most efficient way.

BISD chosen

This year, our reading grant and TIF grants expired. There was a time limit on the grants, and we used them to their

maximum. Alamo Heights ISD chose Brackett ISD as one of six partners to share some of its wealth. Texas places a cap on the amount of wealth allowed by weighted average daily attendance at \$295,000 per. Alamos Heights is way over that cap. So, they can give extra money back to the state or share it with the poorer districts.

Brackett ISD will receive between \$50,000 and \$80,000 from Alamo Heights this next year.

The money will be used to update and keep current our technology at BISD. Thanks Alamo Heights for sharing your wealth with Brackett ISD. This money will help replace the TIF fund.

That's about it. We're doing just fine. I'm still positive that this will be our best year. Give us a day or two to work out the glitches. I'm happy with our school system in Brackettville. We pride ourselves on being better at the end of each day than we were when the day began. Have a great week!

Sul Ross State fall semester registration begins Aug. 23

Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College will begin its 2000-2001 academic year Tuesday, Aug. 22, with a faculty and staff meeting with President R. Vic Morgan.

This year's meeting will be conducted using the University's teleconferencing facilities. The meeting will take place at each college site in Uvalde, Del Rio and Eagle Pass, with Dr. Morgan remaining in Alpine.

Registration for the fall term begins Wednesday, Aug. 23, with returning students scheduled to enroll between 1 and 6 p.m. at each site. New students will en-

roll on Thursday, Aug. 24 between 2 and 6 p.m. Late registration and classes will begin on Monday, Aug. 28. Late registration will conclude on Sept. 1.

For the first time in many years, Sul Ross will observe the Labor Day holiday with the University closed and no classes held on Sept. 4. The University will close for Thanksgiving Wednesday, Nov. 22 and remain closed until Monday, Nov. 27.

The semester will conclude with commencement in Alpine on Dec. 16 and the University will close for the semester break from Dec. 22 to Jan. 2, 2001.

Courses introducing students to business in a global economy make debut this fall at SWTJC

A new series of courses introducing students to business in a global economy will begin this fall at Southwest Texas Junior College.

According to Director of Technical Education Dick Whipple, Introduction to International Business will be the first course offered in the series.

"Given our close proximity to Mexico, the course will feature added emphasis on doing business with and in Mexico, as well as the maquiladora (twin plants) industry," Whipple said.

Dr. Will Box, senior management instructor at SWTJC, will be the instructor for the course which will be offered via the college's distance learning link. The class will be from 5 to 5:50 p.m. on

Monday, Wednesday and Friday in Del Rio, Eagle Pass and Uvalde. Interested persons may call (830) 278-4401 for more information.

Along with an emphasis on Mexico, Introduction to International Business will focus on entrepreneurial profiles of ambitious young businessmen and businesswomen who have launched their own international careers.

In addition, the course will feature analysis of the success of companies like Nissan, Honda and Toyota that invested \$3.5 billion in North American assembly plants.

Future courses in the three-course series include Coordination in Multinational Industries and Import Custom Regulations.

High school juniors and seniors are invited to enter essay contest

As school bells ring earlier in Texas than in many parts of the nation this August, Texans for a Traditional School Year (TTSY) is giving students the chance to speak out about the shortened summer. The TTSY essay contest offers high school juniors and seniors the chance to say how they will benefit from a longer summer vacation. The first place prize is a \$1,000 savings bond.

"By starting school in early August, many Texas students are losing up to three weeks of valuable work time," said Tina Bruno, the group's executive director. "Many students are working during the summer to put away money for college and personal expenses. Others don't have that luxury."

"We have a large population of teenagers who are working to help families put food on the table. Their income is not a luxury, it is a necessity and the bloated school calendar is doing nothing but hurting those Texas families."

The essay contest is open to high school juniors and seniors across the state. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place statewide winners as well as the first place winner in each Texas Educational Regional Service Center.

Students can call their local school district to find out what

region they reside in. The first place statewide winner will receive a \$1,000 savings bond; the second place winner, a \$750 savings bond and the third place winner will receive a \$500 savings bond. Each first place regional winner will receive a \$100 cash prize. The essay topic is, "Benefits of a longer summer vacation," and should be limited to 700 words.

Essays will be judged on content as well as spelling, grammar and punctuation. Essays may be handwritten or typed and must be postmarked no later than Sept. 1, 2000.

Essays must include the author's name, address and evening telephone number, as well as the Regional Service Center in which the author lives.

Please note that all essays will become property of Texans for Traditional School Year and will not be returned.

Mail your entry to: Texans for a Traditional School Year, P.O. Box 5434, San Antonio, Texas 78201, Attn: Essay Contest or send them via e-mail to ttsy@stic.net. Winners will be announced Sept. 18. Winners will be notified by mail.

For more information call Texans for a Traditional School Year toll-free at 1-888-571-5311.

New principal seeks business people's help with vocational clubs

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I think the academics is good and it's really tough, but there's still a majority of our students who may not want to go to college. So I think we really need to beef up the vocational end, so that's why I decided to put in the auto mechanics class for male and female students. I've been involved with drag racing for years as a participant and have been racing at various tracks across the country so this program, the drag racing program, is a UIL (University Interscholastic League) approved activity and will be conducted at Alamo Dragway in San Antonio.

In the class, the kids can run their own vehicle. We also have a project car which is a donated car that we're going to work on in the mechanics class, but we're not going to race it. I'm also building a new race car of my own, so I'll show the kids how that's put together. I recruited students for the class when they came in during the summer and when I did their schedules in June. Auto mechanics will be taught by me in my garage. The class is Basic Auto Mechanics 101 and it's scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays.

What other plans do you have?

I'm trying to expand the work release program. I'm trying to put in VICA, Future Business Leaders, DECA, distributive education and get the business people involved. Students in the program work part-time and go to school part-time, sometimes get paid, sometimes work for credit. I have the design program and I need to submit it to the board for approval. The school is extensively wired with computers, we have computer classes. A good application in this program would be in the business communications classes. If the student is a junior or senior, they could take a class in the morning and then go out in the field

and work in some business that uses a computer program, you know like Quick Books or something like that. We're going to look at the students and what courses they're interested in and match them up with businesses that can help them apply what they learned in those courses. We're also trying to put together a vocal performance class. (I'm a vocal-ist operatic baritone and am doing some national presentations this year in Orlando.) The class is going to be on Thursday nights from 6 to 9. And so I'll be giving some private voice lessons. We also want to put together a show choir and bring in 16 kids - eight boys eight girls - a double octet to try to set up performances and this will be with choreography, voice and movement the whole thing.

Notice of public meeting to discuss budget and proposed tax rate

The Brackett I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, August 28, 2000 in Brackett I.S.D. Boardroom, Brackettville, Texas.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of proposed rates with last year's rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.1199	\$0.0920	* \$1.2119	\$1,677	\$4,984
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.1313	\$0.0872	* \$1.2185	\$1,677	\$4,984
Proposed Rate	\$1.1547	\$0.0872	* \$1.2419	\$1,709	\$4,853

*The interest and Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$26,258	\$26,801
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$11,258	\$11,801
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.2119	\$1.2419
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$136.44	\$146.56
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$10.12

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate on property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.2878. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.2878.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,500,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$0

BISD Activity Calendar

Thursday, August 17
6 to 7 p.m., Jones Elementary School
"Back to School Night"

Saturday, August 19
9 a.m., Girls junior varsity, varsity volleyball dual:
Leakey, Del Rio, Comstock (Home)

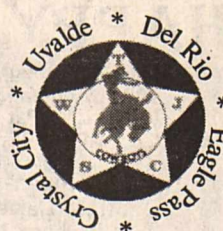
Tuesday, August 22
5 p.m., Girls varsity volleyball, Comstock (There)

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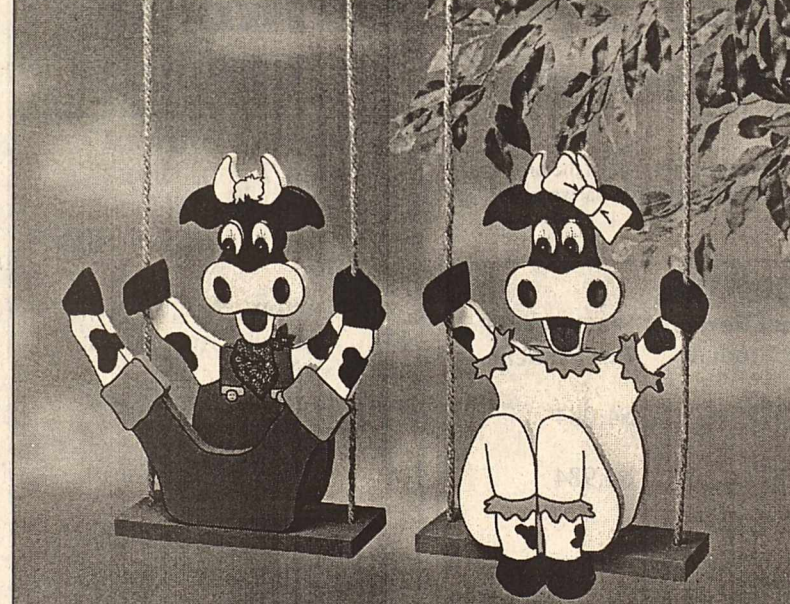
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- Amigo
- Polka pattern part
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- Imitation butter
- The Murders In The Morgue
- Kappa preceptor
- Leo's sound
- Compass reading
- Scholarship criterion, often
- Gull's cousin
- Revenuers, for short
- Three Match (1932 Bogie flick) (2 wds.)
- Eliot or Loch
- Exchanges
- Australian
- Artist Yoko
- Leo follower
- Martian's sci-fi ammo
- Life raft wood
- Southwest, for one
- Care for
- "Aura"
- Sunrise direction
- Olympians
- Dodge
- Exasperate
- Fascinate
- Rock Café
- Wedding announcement word
- 31.6 million seconds, give or take
- Empire Of The
- Chicken Little's concern
- Crafty

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- Seaman's haven
- African fiber source
- TV's Norman
- Hosp. figures
- Banish
- Be prolific
- Weed remover
- Shoshonean
- Ozzie, to Ricky
- Whether (either way) (2 wds.)
- Of the soul
- Theater-goer's bonus
- Arizona's neighbor
- John-John's stepfather
- Garb for Mrs. Gandhi
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- Like Betty Grable or Gwen Verdon
- Of Jezebel (1953 film)
- Adventurous journey
- Mine finds
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August 16.....Petra Terrazas	August 19.....Linda Whalen
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August 18.....Elaine Lord	August 20.....Juan Garcia
August 18.....Johnny Mellor	August 20.....Vern Ebert
August 18.....Matthew Smallwood	August 21.....Irene Keddy
August 19.....Rick Bacon	August 21.....Delbert Kendrick
August 19.....Judy Burks	August 22.....Gracie Escamilla
August 19.....Maria E. Martinez	August 22.....Hubert McKelvy
August 19.....Frances Mellor	August 22.....Ben Terrazas Jr.
August 19.....Bill Moody	August 22.....Kenneth Weaver

HOROSCOPES

Aries March 21- April 20
Your philosophy this week should be not to leap before you look and not to speak before you think. If you don't stick to it, you might find yourself in some hot water. Don't underestimate the value of an old and enduring friendship.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Grab your partner or a good friend and get away for a long weekend. It will be a good release from the problems surrounding you at home and at work. An older relative may have some good advice for you concerning a money situation.

Taurus April 21-May 21
It's time to look on the bright side. Your family situation will improve eventually. It may take some hard work from you, and a lot of patience, but with everyone working together, you will be able to deal with the problem and move on.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Make sure a business or investment plan is lucrative before you invest any money or get in too deep. Remember how touchy it can be to get involved on a financial level with a friend. Don't forget to shop for an upcoming birthday.

Gemini May 22-June 21
You have been thinking about making a major purchase. Watch the sale ads because this may just be the week to do it and save some money. Soon your patience can pay off. Don't allow a busy schedule to make you hard to be around.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
Keep communication open in your family. By the end of the week, you'll see how important open communication, thoughts and ideas can be. Don't become impatient with a co-worker. Maybe you haven't explained everything thoroughly.

Cancer June 22-July 22
It's time to take a night off and do something really special! You may even want to get all dressed up and try out a fancy restaurant. You'll be surprised how much your outlook will improve with just one night away from the grind.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Your superb organizational skills will be very valuable to you this week as you try to get a handle on your workload. It may seem overwhelming, but you can get everything done. Your first step is to get your projects and ideas organized.

Leo July 23-August 23
You can use your energy more wisely by combining some of your day-to-day tasks at home and work. So what should you do with your extra time and energy? Why not improve your knowledge with a night class or a workshop?

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Don't let your friendly, outgoing nature get you in trouble this week. Even though you are only trying to be helpful and congenial, what you say or do may be misinterpreted. However, don't let that person put you on the defensive.

Virgo August 24-Sept. 22
You have waited long enough. It's time to step up to the plate and share your ideas with your supervisor. You may be pleasantly surprised at the response. After all, your ideas can mean improving your workplace or everyone's attitude there.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Try not to be oversensitive to a situation developing at work. It may not have anything to do with you. Whatever you do, you don't want to overreact if anything is said to you. You don't want to start problems where there are none.

The Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

Mary's place in salvation history has been honored from the earliest days of the Church.

The feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven appears in the liturgical books in the middle of the fifth century and reminds us that, although Mary died, she was not held captive by the chains of death.

The Gospel of Luke gives us the beautiful Magnificat, it is a hymn of praise to the greatness and generosity of God.

Usually heard during Advent, listening to it in late summer offers us an opportunity to remember the greatness and generosity of God in our own lives.

(Luke 1:46-55) And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for

he has looked upon his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation. He has shown the strength of His arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted

up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. He has come to the help of His servant Israel for He has remembered His promise of mercy, the promise He made to our fathers, to Abraham and His children forever."

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

Choose Jesus - there is freedom through Christ

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charolette Corey

Using the K.I.S.S. method is always best (meaning Keep It Simple Saints). You don't have to be a Bible scholar to understand the basic principles of God's word.

We know that God is sovereign.

God works within His own laws. He gave us laws that bring us life or death.

He has told us to choose life.

We are not puppets, but can choose. God wants us to choose life. Satan wants us to choose

death. The benefits of choosing life are better. Choosing Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior brings you life (and that more abundantly).

Choose Jesus. You need to fill yourself with the word of God daily just like you eat daily. (If you don't understand the version of the Bible you have, buy one simpler.) You need to talk to God daily, just like you talk to people around you. You need to repent daily of the things that you have chosen that bring you death. If you don't know what things bring you death, read your Bible

and talk to God. Ask God for wisdom and He will give it to you.

There is freedom through Jesus Christ. Jesus has paid for your sins and those things which would bring you death. Let him rule in your life. His name is above all names, let his name rule over every other "name" that would attack you or try to bring you down. The blood He has shed has paid for all sin, sickness, and disease. These things no longer belong to you because he has bought them with his blood. Satan is scared for you to use the blood of Jesus

because it brings you life. So claim the blood of Jesus over every part of your life.

There is power in the word of God. Speak it out loud daily. Let your conversation be filled with it.

The power comes in hearing of the word. Let your ears hear it. Let the devil hear it and he will flee.

Use your faith along with the power of the name of Jesus, the blood of Jesus, and the word of God.

I send a K.I.S.S. to all of you. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Praise the Lord, Christian conduct

St. John's Missionary Church
Pastor William P. Adams Sr.

Praise the Lord Christian conduct But the end of all things is at hand; be ye, therefore, sober and watch unto prayer.

And above all things, have fervent charity among yourselves; for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

If any man speak, let him speak as the Oracles of

God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth, that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you.

But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings, that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. 1 Peter 4:7-13.

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 1 Peter 5:7. Amen.

Red Cross Corps aCross Texas seeks young adults

The Corps aCross Texas, sponsored by the American Red Cross and funded by an AmeriCorps grant, is the foremost young adult disaster service corps in the state. Fifty-five team members serve full-time at many Red Cross chapters in Texas, including San Antonio. Members help communities to prepare for disasters by providing family disaster education and emergency assistance to victims of small local disasters and larger disasters within the state of Texas.

Those interested in applying for a Corps aCross Texas position with the San Antonio Area Chapter should submit a resume to Movetia Hagarty, American Red Cross, San Antonio Area Chapter, 3642 E. Houston St., San Antonio, TX 78219. For more information, call the Corps aCross Texas at (210) 224-5151, ext. 245.

The benefits of serving in the Corps aCross Texas include receiving: a living stipend, extensive training, health care coverage, and an educational award in the amount of \$4,725 upon successful completion of the program year and hours. Those in-

terested in participating must be available full-time including weekends and evening hours, be interested in teaching and training, have at least one year prior volunteer experience, possess a current and valid driver's license, demonstrate professionalism and initiative, be at least 18 years old with high school diploma or GED, and be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident.

EMS Update

By Carolyn Rutherford
EMS Director

Luckily for everyone, it has been a little more quiet if you refer to our runs for this much of August.

In July we had a very busy month, with a total of 33 runs; 19 Medical (heart attacks, strokes, breathing difficulty, allergic reactions) and 14 trauma (falls, motor vehicle accidents).

National Highway Safety Council and your EMS providers remind everyone to wear your seatbelts! Keep the kids in the back, restrained appropriately. If you really love your kids, you use those child safety seats and restraints systems.

We had another bicycle rodeo. This time the turnout was a little disappointing. All you kids who received free helmets remember your promise to always wear a helmet while riding your bicycle. You parents need to remember your pledge as well. I hate to admit that we have

not seen one child wearing their helmet since our last rodeo! Especially with the extra scurrying going on now that school has started, folks may be very distracted. You want your child protected when you are not around to supervise them. Give 'em the best chance you can! Remind them to wear the brain bucket!

Hurricane time is here!! What will you do when you must evacuate to a safer location? Here are some tips: always keep the fuel tank in your vehicle at least half full at all times. This allows you to make it to another city for shelter. Make sure to store fresh water (enough for your household for at least 3 days) in a clean container. Set aside enough emergency non-perishable food (canned, freeze dried) for your household for at least 3 days. Assume the electricity and phones will be out for at least 3-5 days. Make sure you have plenty of batteries for portable radios and battery pow-

ered flash lights. If you have specific medical problems (such as diabetes, heart, lung ailments) be sure you have enough medications and supplies (like oxygen if you use it) to cover your needs for 5 days. Also, if you have medical problems, be sure someone close to you knows your whereabouts and can check up on you.

Once a Hurricane Alert is issued by the American Red Cross, your Local Emergency Planning Committee goes into action. Gather personal items for your shelter experience (toothbrushes, towels, pillows, blankets, sheets, clothes). The local shelter here in Brackettville is the School's gymnasium. You will be warned either by the sirens or by EMS, Fire Department, and Sheriff's Office personnel when it comes down to evacuation time. Remember this plan is not only for hurricanes, but also is for other local emergencies such as floods, tornadoes, etc. We plan for the worst, hope for the best, and be

prepared. Your county government is planning to be prepared. Citizens must be prepared as well.

If you have questions about evacuations or emergency preparedness, please contact Carolyn Rutherford at EMS 8-5 Monday through Friday. If you have an emergency, CALL 911. (For medical responses, remember that the units responding after the primary unit is committed may be staffed with less than Texas Department of Health recommended staffing. There will always be a Texas Department of Health certified attendant with the patient.)

Panther Cave closed temporarily

Amistad National Recreation Area officials announce the closure of Panther Cave on the Rio Grande arm of Lake Amistad.

Low water and river silt have combined to create a very hazardous condition for boaters attempting to access this site.

Panther Cave contains spectacular examples of Lower Pecos pictographs, 4,000-year-old paintings from historic Native Americans. The National Park Service has removed the boat dock below the cave and closed the stairway leading into the cave. The Rio Grande and Seminole Canyon, where Panther Cave is located, are on the upper reaches of Lake Amistad.

Currently, the water depth near Panther Cave is about three feet. The Rio Grande feeds into the lake just above this point and brings with it tons of silt and other sediments. Moving river water carries a heavy sediment load. When this muddy water slows down upon entering still lake water, the sediment drops to the bottom. Large waves of mud and silt flow slowly downstream, creating shallow and treacherous conditions for

boats. The moving bars of sediment can trap boats and make rescue nearly impossible. These conditions are especially dangerous because Panther Cave is approximately 30 miles from major park facilities. Other local sites that feature Lower Pecos Region rock art are still open to the public. Seminole Canyon State Historical Park an hour west of Del Rio, offers guided tours; call 915-292-4464 for more information.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Kinney County Appraisal District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2001 fiscal year.

The public hearing will held on August 29, 2000 at 5:30 P.M. in the Appraisal District Office at 412 South Ann St. Brackettville, Texas.

A summary of the Appraisal District Budget is as follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$158,760.¹⁴

The total amount of decrease from the current year's budget is \$842.⁸⁶ (-.53%)

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be three (3).
The number of employees compensated under the current budget is three (3).

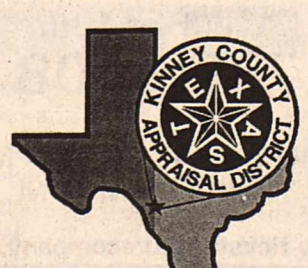
The Appraisal District is supported solely by the payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District.

If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of Kinney County, Brackett ISD, City of Brackettville, City of Spofford or the Fort Clark Municipal Utility District.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies.

A copy is also available for public inspection at the Appraisal District Office.

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