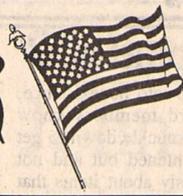


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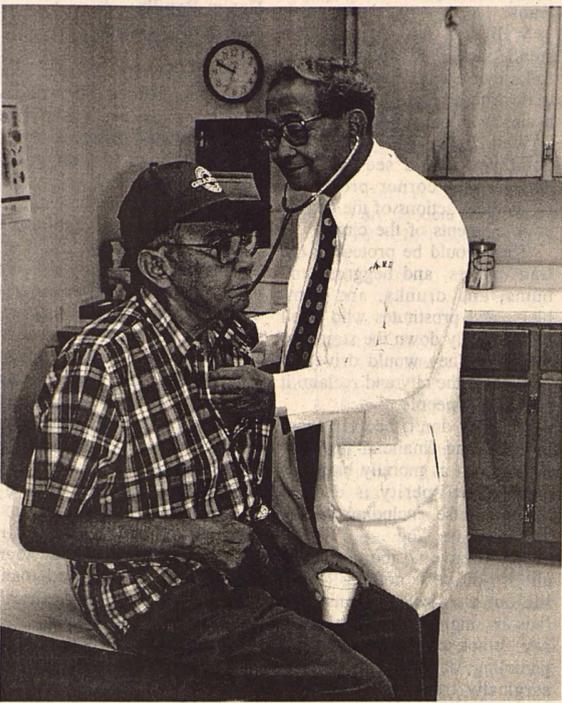


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From left: Patient Victor Abrego and Dr. Agustin Luz
Brackett News photo by Amy Davis

Dr. Luz recognized for 50 years of medical service

By Amy Davis
Staff Writer

On August 28 the United Medical Center had a small celebration to celebrate Dr. Agustin Luz' birthday and to honor him for 50 years of service to the medical community. Dr. Luz graduated from the University of Santos Tomas medical school in 1950 and has practiced medicine in the Philippines, Japan, Michigan and Texas since then.

He and his family moved to Brackettville in November of 1982. He wanted to be near the country where it is quiet and

where he could enjoy outdoor activities because of the climate of this area.

"I will serve the people of Brackettville as long as I can." - Dr. Agustin Luz.

Dr. Luz and his wife, Esmeralda, also celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in February of this year. "I will serve the people of Brackettville as long as I can," said Luz.

Alamo Village

Alamo Village is looking for the best apple pie makers and fastest horses in the region.

An Apple Pie Baking Contest and Horse Races are a couple of the events planned for the 41st Annual Horse Races and Family Day on September 4.

"We're really excited about the day. There is something for everyone. The Apple Pie contest spotlights some of our best cooks in the area and the proceeds from auctioning off the pies will go to the Kinney County Library. And, this year is the first time to give away a saddle to the horse race champion," says owner/operator Virginia Shahan.

Labor Day will be fun for the entire family. For those wanting to get on a horse before the summer is out, there will be trail rides throughout the day, plus music galore. The bands will set up on

the jailhouse porch to entertain. Hollywood Stuntman, Dean Smith will also be on hand with his trick horse and expert gun handler, Tommy Worrell will have his trick Longhorn, Sundance performing on Front Street. The Badland Gunfighters and Alamo Village Gunfighters will also entertain with their very best old west family oriented gunfights.

There will be childrens races, tortilla toss contest, barbecue lunch plus the cantinas specialty foods, sheep shearing, cattle branding, and much more.

Activities galore. Good ol' Texas fun. Don't miss the 41st year of fun filled family entertainment at Alamo Village on Labor Day, Monday September 4. The gate opens at 9:00 a.m. To enter the Apple Pie Contest or Horse Races, please call 563-2580.

Juan Avila Jr. honored at memorial service

A memorial and dedication service for Juan Avila Jr. was held in front of Brackett High School August 28, 2000 at 5:45 p.m.

The Brackett ISD board of Trustees voted to donate a bench in memory of Juan Avila Jr. The bench was placed in front of the flag pole near the Administration Building.

Juan Avila Jr. was born on March 16, 1951 and lost his life on September 12, 1970 in Quang Ngai, South Vietnam.

Avila was a member of the class of 1970, and the first Brackett student who lost his life in Vietnam. On July 14, 1969, John Daniels, Juan Avila Jr. and Robert (Knobby) Hernandez en-

tered the Army under the "Buddy System". After basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas they were sent to different A.I.T. Army Training.

In September of 1970 John Daniels received a letter informing him of Avila's death. Daniels said, "Some gave all, all gave some."

Chuey Sanchez, was at the Dairy King in Brackettville the day that Juan, John and Knobby boarded the Greyhound bus that took them to serve their country. Sanchez wrote, Three left and three came back, but one lost his life. We need to remember our veterans, they gave the ultimate for our country.

County proposes raises for most elected officials

Most of Kinney County's elected officials will receive at least 3.9 percent raises if the proposed budget for the 2000-01 fiscal year is approved.

The largest proposed increase is for the constable, whose salary will be raised 130.5 percent from \$4,337.97 to \$10,000.00.

If the budget is approved, the constable's travel expense will be lowered 75 percent from \$1908 to \$477. However the three new line items in that budget include: \$2000 for auto repairs, \$600 for telephone, and \$1250 for gas and oil.

The salary for county judge will increase from \$29,260.00 to 30,401.14. Travel expenses are proposed at \$4,500, up 12.5 percent from \$4,000. The judge also receives a \$10,000 salary supplement, from the state, which is unchanged.

The sheriff's salary is proposed at \$29,553.32, up from the current salary of \$28,444.00.

The salaries for the county attorney and the county and district clerk are proposed to increase

County officials salaries

The following are proposed salary increases for Kinney County's elected officials:

Position	Current Salary	Proposed	Increase
County Judge	\$29,260.00	\$30,401.14	3.9%
Sheriff	\$28,444.00	\$29,553.32	3.9%
County Attorney	\$27,151.28	\$28,210.18	3.9%
County/District Clerk	\$27,151.28	\$28,210.17	3.9%
Justice of the Peace	\$24,000.00	\$24,936.00	3.9%
Tax Assessor-Collector	\$21,192.60	\$22,019.12	3.9%
County Treasurer	\$21,192.60	\$22,019.12	3.9%
Commissioners (4)	\$39,614.12	\$39,614.12	N/A
Constable	\$4,337.97	\$10,000.00	130.5%

from \$27,151.28 to \$28,210.18 and \$28,210.17 respectively.

The county attorney also receives a \$16,950 salary supplement, from the state, which will remain at the same level.

The justice of the peace's salary is currently \$24,000.00. The proposed salary is \$24,936.00.

The salaries for the tax assessor-collector and the county treasurer are proposed to increase from \$21,192.60 to \$22,019.12.

The salaries for the four county commissioners will remain the same as last year at \$39,614.12.

The annual salary for each commissioner is \$9,903.53.

A public hearing will be held September 11th, at 9:00 a.m. at the Kinney County Courthouse to discuss the proposed budget.

Immediately following the public hearing, commissioners court will either amend and/or approve the budget.

Recycling center, birdhouse sales among Expanded Horizons' fund raising projects

Expanded Horizons Inc., needs help from the community.

The non-profit organization is committed to providing fellowship, training and work to the mentally challenged in Brackettville.

Expanded Horizons' adult work shop, established in January of this year, is waiting to receive a grant to establish a recycling center in Brackettville.

In the meantime, the seven clients enrolled in the program are collecting aluminum cans and building birdhouses to raise funds for the center.

If you would like to help the clients with their project, you may drop off aluminum cans at the center during the week. The center is the metal building located on Highway 90 just past Southwest Service on the hill as you go toward Uvalde.

Also drop by the center to look at the birdhouses the clients have built and that are for sale.

Expanded Horizons owes its beginnings to Kinney County Judge Herb Senne, who has provided the majority of funds when attempts to obtain a grant failed. Once Expanded Horizons is deemed a 501C3 non-profit charitable organization, it will be eligible to receive grants.

Presently, seven clients partici-

pate in the program with another client scheduled to join the program in October.

Until grant money can be obtained, work center clients will be participating in various projects to raise money.

Among items on the center's wish: an electric stove, a computer, and help in making a \$1,400 insurance payment on a shuttle bus with a lift that was recently donated to the center.

Hill Country Mental Health Retardation Center purchased cooking utensils for the program but the center is in need of an electric stove. Jeanette Page, who provides training and guidance to the clients would like for them to have hands-on experience. But MHMR will not provide an electric stove.

Computers also are needed at the center. Page has asked for at least one computer so that the clients can manage the proceeds from their aluminum can sales.

By next week, the group will be putting party pacs together. Brackett has many fund-raisers (barbecues) and it is the center's hope that residents will buy party pacs from the center.

Several weeks ago, a shuttle bus with a wheelchair lift was donated to the center by River City EMS of San Antonio. The pri-

vately owned EMS service is owned by Brackettville native Larry Hernandez. Although the center has a client who is in need of the lift, the bus has not been put to use because of the cost of the insurance - \$1,400.

Revenue generated by work contracts for clients also helps pay for upkeep of the work center building.

"Expanded Horizons provides the building free and pays the utilities; Hill Country provides the staff," explained Senne.

Hill Country Community MHMR Center is a private institution based in Kerrville that oversees a 19 county region which includes Kinney. It has a contract with the state to provide services to not only the mentally challenged but the mentally ill. Since 1998, services provided by state agencies are now being contracted out to the private sector who are overseen by state agencies and must meet a standard level of care for all recipients served.

If you know someone who is mentally challenged and could benefit from the Expanded Horizons program, please call Page at 563-9416. You may also call Page at that number if you are interested in providing work for the clients or would like to make a donation.



Members of Juan Avila's family are pictured with the bench that was dedicated in his memory. Front row from left to right: Jeanette Avila-Mavrinac, Juan Avila, Sr., Leonor Avila, Delia Rendon, Armando Avila, Zachary Rendon. Back row: Joe Avila, Gloria Hernandez, Rose Ann Barrera, Robert Cyprian, Debbie Rendon, Jacequeline Rendon. Brackett News photo by Jewel Robinson

Briefs ...

High School Yearbooks

The 1999 - 2000 Brackett High School Yearbooks have arrived. Any student who ordered a yearbook last year can pick their annual up at the high school. If a student did not order one last year, they may still buy one while supplies last. The cost for the 1999 - 2000 annual is \$35.

Art show, sale Sept. 16

The Medina Valley Art Society's Fall Fine Art Show and Sale will be Saturday, Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Castroville Elementary School Cafeteria in Castroville. The event is free and open to the public. The Art Society is a non-profit organization that uses funds generated by the show to promote art in the region. Interested persons may call (830) 931-9143 for more information.

Texas gets \$11.4 million to fight drunken driving

The state of Texas will receive \$11,467,861 in federal funds to enforce the state's new 0.08 blood alcohol content law on drunken driving, U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm reports. "These funds will go a long way towards making our streets safer in Texas. This is money which will save lives across our state by taking more drunk drivers off our roads," said Gramm.

The grant, from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, is part of the 2000 transportation appropriations bill. Under guidelines Gramm pushed through Congress, states which lower the blood alcohol content for DWI cases to 0.08 are eligible for grant funds. Texas recently passed legislation approving the new standard.

Gallego honored

Texas Rural Electric Coalition held an appreciation luncheon in San Angelo recently and honored five state representatives, including State Rep. Pete Gallego, District 74. Gallego was among a delegation of rural representatives who worked hard in the House during the closing debate on Senate Bill 7, the state's Electric Utility Restructuring Law, to obtain an Equal Access Fund. Gallego serves on the Appropriations and Election Committees and represents 10 counties in Texas, including Kinney.

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I could be wrong

I wish I could tell you how many keys I have. There is a drawer in my home that is brim full. I have no idea what they open. The locks are somewhere, but where?

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Making A Difference

The School Board adopted the school budget Monday night that will permit the legal expenditure of funds as of September 1, 2000 through August 31, 2001. Dixie Brown, business manager, presented the budget to the school board in behalf of the Superintendent and business office.

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Board needs to find "Spine sale"

The present Board of Directors of Ft. Clark Springs Association needs to find a "spine sale" wherever they can, and especially those not approved by the Good Government Group. The Good Government Group will burn them at the stake for failure to stand by their convictions for firing Mr. Heath and then letting him resign for personal gain. Now the Good Government Group will claim that he was harassed until he quit so they can recall the spineless board members.

Springs to go into nonexistence, let the board members know they should knuckle down to get things straightened out and not argue endlessly about items that are not in need of immediate attention. There are some things that should be brought up at a later date, or sooner, if the need is appropriate. Do what is right for all the members - not the chosen few - and show some backbone. "Time is of the essence" and the sand is almost out of the hourglass.

Jane Gilbert

If you don't want Fort Clark

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**An incredible waste of humanity
Satan has found a home in New Orleans**

The Way I See It!
By Steven R. LaMascus

I just returned from a business trip to New Orleans, pronounced, "N'awlins" by the natives.

I have heard about the wonders of the Big Easy all my life and was really looking forward to seeing the sights, like Bourbon street, and the French Quarter.

Well, as Jimmy Stewart said in How the West Was Won, "I've been to see the varmint." And I was not impressed.

The first night we decided to go to Bourbon Street for some of the widely publicized seafood. We found a place that looked less decrepit than most and went in.

I must admit that the food was great. Mike Anderson's is one of the better establishments and I truly enjoyed the shrimp, fried alligator tail, and crab cakes. However, the rest of Bourbon Street was for the most part despicable.

The first thing I noticed was a drunk standing on the curb barfing beer into the gutter. Next was a sign proclaiming that the advertised establishment had the best looking transvestites in "Da Quarter" (that's the French Quarter to you), with large photos hung on the outside walls to prove it.

Then next door to that was another dive that advertised, "love acts, watch intimate acts between men and women, top-

less and bottomless entertainment" while across the street was a giant window full of pictures of nude, or partially clad women. At least I assume they were women, though, by now I wasn't sure of anything.

There were lots of souvenir shops too. They sold tee shirts with lots of really cute four letter words, bottles of pepper sauce with neat looking vulgar labels, and even cute little voodoo dolls so you could cast your own magic spells. How quaint.

Even better was that just a block from the hotel was a brand new giant casino where the working class can go and give away all their hard-earned money to the Mafia.

It strikes me as an incredible waste of humanity when a city is primarily focused on illicit sex, witchcraft, drunkenness, and gambling. Even Mardi Gras is based, as I understand it, on pagan ceremonies and glorifies pagan gods. That really makes me want to live there, how about you?

All this is a true shame, because New Orleans is a beautiful old town. It is the home of Tulane and Loyola Universities. It has some of the most incredible examples of early American architecture in the country. It has great historic significance. New Orleans is also an important seaport and the gateway to the Mississippi River.

But all of that is totally unimportant when compared to what it is not. What New Orleans is,

is completely overshadowed by what it stands for, and that is pure, unadulterated evil. Satan has found a home in New Orleans.

Well, you say, that is just a small part of it. Many of the folks there don't have anything to do with all that filth. They are basically good people.

Well, I say, if they were that good you would see them on every street corner protesting the goddess actions of the degenerate elements of the city.

They would be protesting the transvestites, and beggars, and bums, and drunks, and gamblers, and prostitutes who stroll unashamedly down the streets of the city. They would drive the evil out of the city and reclaim it for decent people.

But they don't; because those things bring financial prosperity and in this morally bankrupt culture, prosperity is desired above all else, including the desire to please God.

If you have no moral fiber at all; if you wish nothing out of life but a series of meaningless liaisons, nights of total debauchery, black magic ceremonies, gambling, and orgies with men surgically transformed into revolting images of women, then New Orleans is the place for you.

Proverbs 5:22, 23 - The evil deeds of a wicked man ensnare him; the cords of his sin hold him fast. He will die for lack of discipline, led astray by his own great folly.

Many hospitals on brink of disaster

Capitol Comments
By Kay Bailey Hutchison
United States Senator

Too many hospitals in Texas and across the country are on the brink of financial disaster.

As a result, institutions that are the cornerstones of their communities may have to reduce or eliminate many of the vital services they provide in order to stay afloat.

A good example of how this is unfolding can be seen at Henderson Memorial Hospital in East Texas.

This facility, which serves the 45,000 or so residents of Rusk County, has experienced a 10 percent increase in patients this year.

But as a result of changes in the way Medicare reimburses hospitals, Henderson Memorial is collecting less money than it did the year before: realizing only 51 cents for every dollar it bills.

You don't need an accountant to figure out that this picture is drawn in red ink.

The Texas Hospital Association estimates that 70 percent of the hospitals in our state will be in the red by the end of this year if planned adjustments in Medicare payments continue as scheduled.

The biggest dollar pressure on hospitals is a proposed reduction in the annual inflation adjustment for standard Medicare payments - what the hospitals are paid for treating Medicare patients with specific illnesses.

Last year Congress passed legislation restoring nearly \$17 billion over five years to scheduled cuts in Medicare reimbursement payments.

While some of the proposed cuts were mandated by the 1997 Balanced Budget Act, which laid the historic foundation for the balanced federal budget we enjoy today, many were a direct result of policies set by the Health Care Financing Administration, not Congress.

All told, Medicare providers faced an estimated \$200 billion in reduced payments over the next five years, far in excess of the 1997 Balanced Budget Act estimate of \$116 billion in savings.

All this spells disaster for hospitals - the backbone of our nation's health care system.

Last year, I and many of my colleagues began to hear from hospital administrators, trustees and health professionals about their struggles to maintain the quality and variety of the services they provide patients in their communities.

As a result of cuts that the Health Care Finance Administration was imposing, many highly regarded, efficiently run hospitals were beginning to run deficits.

So earlier this year I introduced the "American Hospital Preservation Act," a bill aimed at boosting Medicare reimbursements to hospitals struggling with higher than expected medical and administrative costs.

This legislation is designed to get them back on their feet by giving hospitals the same "cost-

of-living adjustment" other federal programs recipients get each year.

Last year, we passed my bill to restore the cost-of-living adjustment for "sole community provider" hospitals, where the hospital is the only such health-care facility serving a community.

This year, I hope to extend that same relief to all hospitals. If passed into law, my bill could restore approximately \$2 billion to Texas hospitals over the next 10 years.

Our hospitals continue to struggle to meet continued increases in personnel costs, to purchase high-tech equipment and to maintain their higher-cost blood supplies, just to name a few of their routine outlays.

At the same time, they are also being squeezed by the rapid expansion of cost-conscious, managed-care private insurance.

While Medicare should not be called upon to shoulder the burden of cuts in private-sector payments, the program does need to pay for what it costs to provide care for the nation's seniors.

We are lucky to be living in an era of medical breakthroughs, the likes of which previous generations of Americans could only dream.

We must continue to invest in the core infrastructure of our nation's health delivery system - our hospitals.

How about a gift for Social Security on its 65th birthday?

Submitted by
Henry Bonilla
U.S. Congressman

Two weeks ago, Social Security, celebrated its 65th birthday. Through those years Social Security provided hundreds of millions of seniors in their golden years an important safety net. Social Security is still meeting its commitments, but its future is in jeopardy. Without reform, it will be unable to continue its commitment to seniors after the year 2037. That may seem a long way off, but in order to secure it for the future we must take immediate action. The United States made a commitment to American seniors years ago that their retirement years should not be a time of insecurity. This principle is embedded in the Social Security Act of 1935 signed into law by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Today there are many questions and many more concerns about America's commitment to its seniors.

Many of us are familiar with the statistics that surround the Social Security issue. By the year 2015, the amount of Social Security benefits being paid out to seniors will exceed the amount of contributions being paid in by working Americans. And by the year 2037 the system will go bankrupt, unless of course, we provide the necessary reform.

Today there are more than 150 million workers protected by Social Security, and more than 44 million people receive retirement, survivors, and disability benefits from Social Security. In 1940, during the early years of Social Security, there were 42 workers for every beneficiary. Today, there are a mere 3 workers for every beneficiary.

When my generation, the baby boomers, begin to retire, retirees will begin to outnumber workers. This will result in a shortfall in Social Security benefits that will only be correctable by an increase in taxes or a cut in benefits. I don't believe either is a solution fit for America. And we don't need to adopt either if we begin working now to preserve Social Security. Congress has begun to address the immediate concern of saving Social Security for future generations. The most common suggestion is partial privatization. Partial privatization would allow workers to choose to invest a small percentage of Social Security payment as they saw best for their retirement. This would allow workers more freedom in planning for their retirement but would not do away with the current system. Evidence from the Social Security Administration shows that the rate of return, which is the amount of money you receive upon retirement from the taxes you pay into the system during your working years, has fallen every decade since its inception. Currently, the average rate of return under the Social Security system is far lower than investing in the safest standard U.S. Treasury bond. If workers were given the opportunity to invest a small percentage of their Social Security taxes, inevitably they would yield a greater return, thus providing a more secure retirement.

Social Security has provided our grandparents and parents with a safety net in their golden years and we are thankful for its generosity, efficiency and success. But we are now faced with tough decisions. If nothing is done to reform the current Social Security system there will be nothing left for our generation, more importantly, our children's generation and our grandchildren's generation. As Americans, let's trust one another to make the right decisions for our retirement by allowing for partial investment of our tax dollars without doing away with the system that took care of our parents and grandparents.

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Kinney County Sheriff's Report ...

Monday, Aug. 21
12:35 p.m., An unknown caller reported a small gold car ran a stop sign behind the school. The caller stated the driver almost hit another vehicle. Chief of Police Ron Ring was dispatched.

6:45 p.m., A local man reported a broken window. He said that nothing appeared stolen but requested a deputy to be dispatched.

Tuesday, Aug. 22
2:35 p.m., The body of a Mexican National was found on a local ranch. He was pronounced dead at the scene, by drowning, by Justice of the Peace John Ford. The Mexican Consulate was informed and the man was identified the following day as Rojelio Vargas, 34, of Guadalupe, Mexico.

7:13 p.m., A Brackettville Citizen reported a stolen archery target. Deputy Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene.

Wednesday, Aug. 23
3:00 p.m., Pedro Gonzalez, 32, of Eagle Pass, was arrested by DPS Trooper Braden for three outstanding DPS warrants. Gonzalez was released Saturday for time served.

9:30 p.m., A local woman reported hitting a deer on FM 334, Deputy Manuel Pena was dispatched to the scene.

Thursday, Aug. 24
6:55 a.m., Cesar Chapa, 24, of San Antonio, was arrested by DPS Trooper Ashley for DWI first offense. Chapa posted bond the following day.

4:08 p.m., An anonymous caller reported cows loose on West Highway 90 at Pinto Creek. A local rancher was contacted. He subsequently reported there were no cows on the road.

7:11 p.m., Fernando Yanez, 55, was arrested by Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter for Parole Violation. Yanez is still being held.

9:05 p.m., Security Link reported an alarm in the High School Science Lab. Kinney County Sheriff's office contacted a school official who stated it was probably

accidentally set off when students returned from a tournament. Deputy Pena was dispatched and reported everything was OK.

10:47 p.m., Deputy Pena reported a light was on in the Civic Center but everything was secure.

Friday, Aug. 25
5:36 a.m., Fort Clark Springs Security reported a stranded motorist on Highway 90 in front of Shorty's Cafe. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar was dispatched to the scene but was unable to locate the motorist.

3:46 p.m., A school official reported an accident in the back parking lot. Chief Ring was dispatched.

7:20 p.m., Gary Greg Clements, 44, of San Antonio, was arrested by DPS Troopers Slubar and Ashley, for DWI first offense. Clements posted bond the following day.

7:20 p.m., Charles Homer Webb, 52, of San Antonio, was arrested by DPS Troopers Ashley and Slubar for Public Intoxication. Webb was released the next day for time served.

Saturday, Aug. 26
1:35 a.m., A local woman reported loud noise coming from a nearby house. Deputies Pena and Mendeke were dispatched and took care of the problem.

9:07 a.m., Kinney County

Sheriff's office received a report of a stranded motorist. Deputy Larry Robinson was dispatched.

11:55 a.m., David Jones, 41, of San Antonio, was arrested by Trooper Slubar for an outstanding warrant from Bexar County. Jones is being held for pickup by Bexar County.

12:40 p.m., Gerardo Salinas Diaz, 57, of Eagle Pass, was arrested by Trooper Slubar for possession of a controlled substance. Diaz was released the same day on bond.

12:59 p.m., A local woman called to report Mr. John Paul Ingram had passed away. Deputy Robinson and J.P. Ford were dispatched to the scene.

1:05 p.m., Aaron Ramirez, 22, of San Antonio was arrested for an outstanding warrant from Comal County by Chief Ring. Ramirez posted bond and was released the same day.

7:55 p.m., Del Rio Police Department reported a stolen vehicle had been stopped at the Cline checkpoint. Del Rio Police Department requested a deputy to be dispatched to take custody of the subjects. Deputy Pena was dispatched to the scene.

11:15 p.m., Mario Cresencio Esperanza, 27, of Del Rio was arrested for two outstanding DPS war-

rants by Trooper Ashley. Esperanza was released the next day after paying the fines

11:29 p.m., Border Patrol requested assistance in a pursuit on FM 334. DPS Trooper Tony Ashley was notified and requested Rocksprings be contacted to assist. Rocksprings agreed to assist and the pursuit ended in Uvalde County.

Sunday, Aug. 27
02:43 a.m., Manuel Lugo Estrada, 41, of San Antonio, was arrested by Trooper Ashley for two outstanding DPS warrants. Estrada paid the fines and was released the same day.

Court Docket

Oct. 10, 9 a.m. - 63rd District Court, the Honorable George Thurmond to preside, second floor, Kinney County Courthouse.

The State of Texas vs. Manuel "Timber" Sanchez, Charge: Murder/Attempted Murder, Jury Trial, attorneys, District Attorney Tom F. Lee, defense attorney Victor Roberto Garcia.

In the Matter of Fred K. Fay Estate, Civil Suit, Non-Jury Trial, Attorneys: Phillip M. Hughes, Tully Shahan, Robert Garza.

The State of Texas vs. Juan Nazario Hernandez, Charge: Driving While Intoxicated, Plea or Trial, Attorneys: District Attorney Tom Lee, defense attorney Ruben Nino.

The State of Texas vs. Timothy John Landry, Charge: Hunting on Land Without the Consent of the Owner, Plea or Trial, attorneys: District Attorney Tom Lee, defense attorney Daniel Rutherford.

The State of Texas vs. James Mitchell, Jr., Charge: Hunting on Land Without the Consent of the Owner, Plea or Trial, attorneys, District Attorney Tom Lee, defense attorney Daniel Rutherford.

The State of Texas vs. Anthony Warrior, Charge: Driving While Intoxicated, Plea or Trial, Attorneys: District Attorney Tom Lee, defense attorney Olga Lydia Reyes

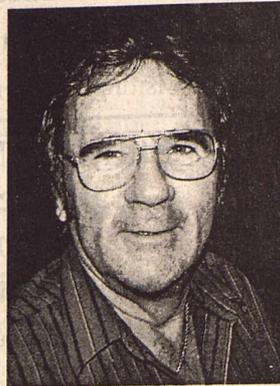
Obituaries

John Paul Ingram

John Paul Ingram left his earthly body to be with Jesus Christ his Lord and Savior on 25th August 2000 while staying with friends, Pastors Bob & Charolette Corey of Brackettville, Texas.

John Paul Ingram was born 28 January 1933 in Paris, Texas. to Paul Ingram and Riva Goodwin. Eddie Bracken was John Paul's step-father.

John Paul Ingram is survived by his mother, Riva Bracken, his brother, Aubrey Ingram and Jo his sister, Carrie Jane Brummett and husband, John, his sister Marie Elaine Stewart and husband Guy, all of Paris, Texas, as well as his brother Charles P. Ingram and wife Penny of Brackettville, Tx. He is also survived by sons, John Paul Ingram II, Nicky Joe Ingram, Mike Ray Ingram, and daughter, Abajo Rene Ingram, as well as several grandchildren, nieces and



nephews. His funeral took place in Paris, Texas Wednesday. A memorial service will be held at Gateway Ministries in Brackettville on September 6th at 6:30 pm. All friends and family are invited.

Roman O. Garcia

Roman O. Garcia, age 84, passed away August 26, 2000 in Del Rio, Texas. He was born February 29, 1916, in Kerrville, Texas. He also served in the Army and was a World War II veteran. He is preceded in death by his son Raul Garcia and also by his brothers and sisters. He was a life member of the VFW of Brackettville.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Conrada G. Garcia of Brackettville. He is also survived by his sons, Earnest Garcia and wife Hortensia of Del Rio, Ruben Garcia and wife Ann Maria Munoz de Garcia of Brackettville, Leonardo Garcia and wife Isabel of Germany, Roman Garcia Jr. of Laredo, and his daughters Maria Elnea Martinez of Brackettville, Diana Mendez and husband Sergio of Eagle Pass, Helen Brayton and husband Mark of Kyle, Emma Gomez of Turkey. He is also sur-

vived by his brother Jose Garcia of Killeen and sisters Tranqueline Alvarado of San Antonio, Crispina Babbitt of Austin and Juliana Villarreal of Shreveport, Louisiana. Garcia is also survived by numerous grandsons, granddaughters, great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosary was recited at the Brackettville Funeral Home Chapel on Monday, August 28. A Mass of Christian burial was held Tuesday, August 29 at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church with Rev. James Cashin, O.M.I. officiating. The military honored burial was in the Catholic Cemetery and was conducted by the San Felipe Del Rio Honor Guard and Ft. Sam Houston Honor Guard.

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Senate Bill 1650 was authored by State Sen. Mike Jackson of La Porte and sponsored by State Representatives Ray Allen of Grand Prairie and Pat Haggerty of El Paso.



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Public Hearing on Proposed 2000-2001 Kinney County Budget and Notice of Proposed Increase in Officers' Salaries

Pursuant to 111.007 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners Court of Kinney County, Texas gives notice that they will hold a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2000-2001 Budget. The Proposed Budget is on file at the County Clerk's Office for public inspection. The Budget Hearing will be on Monday, September 11, 2000 at 9: o'clock a.m. at the County Courtroom in the Kinney County Courthouse, Brackettville, Texas. The commissioners invite the public to attend and participate in the Hearing as it will consider the Proposed Budget on said date.

Pursuant to 152.013 of the Texas Local Government Code, the Commissioners' Court of Kinney County, Texas publishes the proposed salaries, expenses, or allowances of each County official (elected) and the amount of the proposed increases. They are as follows:

Official	Total Comp (FY) 1999-2000	Proposed Salary (FY 2000-2001)	Proposed Travel Exp.	Other Proposed Allowances
County Judge	44,675.76	30,401.14		11,530.76 *1,2,3
County Attorney	44,101.28	28,210.18	4,500.00	18,165.00 *1,3
County/District Clerk	27,151.28	28,210.17	-0-	920.00 *3
Tax Assess/Collector	21,192.60	22,019.12	-0-	1,020.00 *3
County Treasurer	21,192.60	22,019.12	-0-	725.00 *3
Justice of the Peace	24,000.00	24,936.00	-0-	155.00 *3
County Sheriff	29,044.00	29,553.32	-0-	295.00 *3
Constable	6,245.97	10,000.00	600.00	590.00 *3
Commissioner Pct. 1	10,857.53	9,903.53	477.00	-0-
Commissioner Pct. 2	10,857.53	9,903.53	954.00	-0-
Commissioner Pct. 3	10,857.53	9,903.53	954.00	-0-
Commissioner Pct. 4	10,857.53	9,903.53	954.00	-0-

*1 State Supplement
*2 Juvenile Judge Allowance
*3 Longevity Compensation thru 12/01/2000

The increases as proposed will be discussed at our regular Budget Hearing that is set for Monday, September 11, 2000, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. at the County Courtroom in the Kinney County Courthouse in Brackettville, Texas. The Commissioners invite the public to attend and participate when the Public Officials' salaries, expenses, and allowances will be discussed and set on said date.

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Revised Baiting rules; No exemption for Dove hunters

A little on the Wildlife side
By Henry Lutz

AUSTIN, Texas — In dove hunting circles, the more the merrier. Arguably, no other hunting pursuit in Texas offers more opportunity for casual participation, not to mention the potential for game law violations.

An invitation to join a group for some hot wing shooting on a "friend of a friend's" pasture or a can't-miss commercial hunting operation could carry some serious consequences for unwitting hunters. Texas Game Warden Captain Bill Hellums emphasizes that it is the responsibility of the hunter or land manager to know and obey all federal and state game laws that govern dove hunting.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has liberalized its interpretation of baiting regulations to allow for normal agricultural practices including allowing dove hunting over top-sown fields, in areas where feed has been placed and on wildlife food plots. This means doves may be hunted over fields planted or managed with the intent or purpose of producing feed for wildlife. However, the revised interpretations do not exempt hunters from baiting regulations.

"You would be surprised over the years how many hunters I have come across who I honestly believe didn't know they were hunting over bait," said Uvalde-based Hellums. "You could see it in their eyes, especially after I showed them the milo right there in their boot tracks."

"According to state and federal law, baiting means the direct or

indirect placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of salt, grain, or other feed that could serve as a lure or attraction for migratory game birds to, on, or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take them. "That means you cannot hunt doves or any other migratory game bird by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area where you know or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited," said Hellums. "Under the old interpretation, it didn't matter if you knew the area was baited or not."

How can dove hunters be "reasonably certain" the field they are hunting hasn't been baited? Hellums suggests the obvious. "Just look on the ground. If you see milo scattered around, that should raise a red flag," he said. "Some of the other things that should bring suspicion are if some of the vehicles in the hunting group have grain residue or empty sacks of milo in the beds. That's a pretty good hint that baiting is going on."

Physical evidence of improper use of grain isn't the only telltale sign, however. "It should be an eye-opener if you go into an area where you haven't seen birds and then, boom, a lot of birds show up in a specific area. If birds seem to be diving into one particular spot, I'd be concerned," Hellums warned.

Texas Parks and Wildlife dove program leader Jay Roberson suggests hunters go a step further. "Besides looking for feed on the ground and unusual concentrations of birds, hunters need to go on record with witnesses as having

asked the outfitter, hunt organizer or landowner or other person in charge, whether the field has been baited," Roberson recommends. "It is the hunter's ultimate responsibility ethically as well as legally. Remember, an outfitter, hunt organizer or landowner who is sensitive or defensive about this question tells you a lot about the situation you're putting yourself into."

How close to bait can you hunt without breaking the law? There is no set distance, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife code, and court rulings vary depending upon the circumstances. The influence of any bait will increase or decrease depending on many factors — including topography, weather and dove flight patterns — and can only be determined on a case-by-case basis. Remember, however, that the law prohibits hunting if bait is present that could lure or attract birds "to, on, or over areas where hunters are attempting to take them," Hellums said. Hunters need to be cognizant that if they hunt the edge of the property, they can be cited if an adjacent landowner's field has been baited. "It's best in situations where you're unsure to not hunt the margins but have a large enough lease or field to hunt the interior," Roberson noted.

Baiting doesn't have to occur immediately before a hunt for an area to be considered baited. Even the removal of bait does not remove the lure created, and doves will still be attracted to the same area even after the bait is gone. According to state and federal law, a baited area remains off limits to hunting for 10 days after all salt,

grain or other feed has been completely removed.

"If the landowner or lessee is feeding deer or quail by placing grain, salt or other feed on the ground or in troughs during or within 10 days prior to the dove season, this would be considered illegal baiting and they could be cited," Hellums warned. Lessees who wish to hunt doves over their quail or deer lease should cease all feeding before and during the dove hunting period. All deer or quail feed must be gone at least 10 days prior to the dove hunting.

Remember, too, that hunting in large groups can also lead to shooting over the daily bag limit. The daily limit for doves (during the regular seasons) in Texas is 15 birds, and once a hunter has reached the limit, it is unlawful to hunt for the remainder of the day. Hunters must also make a reasonable effort to retrieve downed birds, Hellums said.

Hunters need to retain control over the birds they bag and avoid commingling in a communal ice chest, game bag or in the bed of a pickup. No person may possess more than one daily bag limit of freshly killed migratory game birds while in the field or while returning from the field to one's hunting camp, vehicle, temporary lodging facility, or personal residence.

For more information on dove hunting regulations, pick up a copy of the 2000-2001 Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual of hunting and fishing regulations at retail sporting goods outlets, or contact your local Game Warden.

Arthritis of the knee: causes, symptoms and treatment

Last in a series

Submitted by
Dr. Gloria Box

Part I of this article (printed in the Aug. 24, 2000 issue of The Brackett News) explained how a healthy knee works, and how injuries or just normal wear and tear can, over time, lead to painful and disabling arthritis in the knee joint. The second half of this article will deal with treatment options available to patients who suffer from arthritis.

The goal in treating patients with arthritis is twofold: (1) to relieve pain and (2) to help them maintain (or restore) their independence and enjoyment of life.

In early stages of osteoarthritis, conservative treatment can include the prescription of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication. There are many different kinds of this medication on the market. Historically, one of the problems associated with non-steroidals are that they can cause irritation to the lining of the stomach. Within the past several years, new medications have been approved by the FDA (Federal Drug Administration)

which have a decreased chance of gastrointestinal complications. The primary purpose of these medications is to decrease the swelling and inflammation within the knee joint and to provide pain relief. Which medication is right for any particular patient depends on the patient's medical history, symptoms and specific findings on exam. Sometimes, several different medications must be tried to find out which works best for an individual patient.

Another conservative measure to treat patients with arthritis of the knee is to inject the knee joint itself with a steroid such as cortisone or depo-medrol. Steroids injected this way help decrease inflammation and its associated swelling, thereby lessening pain. Depending on the stage of arthritis in the knee, pain relief from steroid injections can last anywhere from a few days to several months.

Recently, a new type of injectable medication has been approved by the FDA for osteoarthritis of the knee. Synvisc and Hyalgan are two new drugs which assist with the lubrication within the knee joint. Lubrication is naturally produced within the healthy knee to

help the knee joint glide smoothly. But when osteoarthritis is present, the cartilage and other structures of the joint begin to break down and lubrication is lost. Joints become stiff and painful. These new "lubrication injections: replace or supplement the body's natural lubrication. These injections are primarily used in early to mid-stage osteoarthritis and must be injected once per week for either 3 or 5 weeks, depending on the specific brand of the product used. It can be effective for up to 6 months in some situations.

After osteoarthritis has progressed to the later stages, a total knee replacement is often necessary. The ability to safely replace the worn out human knee has revolutionized not only the field of orthopaedics, but also the lifestyle of older Americans. The ability to regain the capacity to walk without pain and limp has provided victims of arthritis the most cherished of all characteristics - that of independence. Knee replacements have been utilized with good results in patients well into their 80's and even 90's. Hundreds of thousands of total knee replacements are done annually in the United States.

The increasing longevity of senior citizens, coupled with the activity demands of younger patients has dramatically extended the ser-

vice life requirements of implant components. Total joint replacement was introduced over thirty years ago. Since that time, there have been remarkable advances in the use of titanium and cobalt chrome alloys which are coupled with a low friction plastic component. The surgery itself is performed under anesthesia and usually takes around two to three hours. An incision is made on the front or side of the knee. Any damaged bone is cleaned away and the new joint is put into place. The incision is closed with staples or stitches.

Ninety six percent of patients have demonstrated substantial improvement in pain subsequent to total joint replacement. Durability of today's knee replacements frequently extends 15-25 years. Total knee replacement is one of the extraordinary success stories in recent decades. Prior to the invention of the total knee replacement, patients with end-stage arthritis of the knee were confined to a wheelchair in a dependent lifestyle. Today, however, a total knee replacement allows nearly all such patients to regain or maintain their functional independence.

Editor's Note: This article was written by orthopaedic surgeon Gloria G. Box, M.D., who owns and operates Uvalde Bone & Joint Clinic (830) 278-2292.

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I could be wrong!
By Chuck Hall

I wish I could tell you how many keys I have. There is a drawer in my home that is brim full. I have no idea what they open. The locks are somewhere, but where? I can't even identify the type of lock I should be looking for in most cases.

How does this phenomenon occur? How does one acquire so many keys? Well, I have a theory. It goes like this. You can only buy locks with keys. No lock comes without an opening device. Well yes, combination locks are the exception, but actually they're correct nomenclature should be permutation locks, not combination locks. I'm interrupting myself.

Locks are only bought with

keys. But you can purchase keys, extra keys, spare keys, replacement keys, dual keys, light weight aluminum keys, designer keys and colored keys, without locks. Hence an inexhaustible source of keys for my drawer.

Also, there is a world of chain out there, connected by locks, that I have forgotten which key should be used to open. So, I buy a new lock, with a new key, and keep another key without a lock.

Then there's my personal favorite. Finding a key. There is something mysterious about finding a key. It is impossible for me to discard. I couldn't throw it away if I wanted to. Alas, another key for posterity. One day I'm going to sell them by the pound. But I could be wrong.

Her first day at school

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

In her mind Jan could see her little girl just a few hours ago going into a strange room to be under the care of a strange adult and having to find her way among mostly strange children. Debbie is the baby, the last of four children to make this same journey into the unknown. It was so hard to let go of this one.

"This will be a new journey for me too," Jan thought to herself. She had quit work when her first child was born. Bob had agreed that staying home with the children in their early years was more important than the material things they had to give up for this dream to come true. Soon it will be time to look for part time work.

Jan looked at the clock. In just a few minutes a yellow bus would stop near the house and a little bundle of excitement would bounce off the bus and into her mother's arms. Jan waited patiently as the bus came to a full

stop and an adult got out to assist the children off the bus.

"Look Mama!" Debbie shouted as she held up some wrinkled papers for Jan to look at. Jan looked at pictures of animals and trees with many colors not always in the lines. But oh how beautiful they were, and Debbie was so proud.

"Mama, Mrs. Sanchez really likes me and I like her too," Debbie said breathlessly as they walked together to the house.

"How do you know that?" Jan asked, looking into Debbie's big brown eyes. "She hugged me," Debbie said, "and she told me she was glad that I was in her class and she always smiles when she talks to me." With a lump in her throat, Jan thanked God for such a wise teacher (Proverbs 13:14) and the expression of love which would give this little one a good start into the world of school.

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

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School Board adopts new budget Brackett beats Crystal City

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

The School Board adopted the school budget Monday night that will permit the legal expenditure of funds as of September 1, 2000 through August 31, 2001. Dixie Brown, business manager, presented the budget to the school board in behalf of the Superintendent and business office. The tax rate to support the budget is recommended to be \$1.2419, up 3 cents from the \$1.2119 from this past year. It's an increase that is basically caused by the Texas public school funding formula. We're concerned about the loss of funds the next three years; and the complicated matching state funding formula depends on local effort. Even with the increase, the tax rate is no more than it was five years ago. We're proud of that!

The board will hold its public hearing on the tax rate at 6:00 PM Thursday, September 7. This will be followed by the actual setting of the tax rate. The School Board will hold its regular meeting for the month of September following the budget hearing. School patrons are welcome to attend.

The dedication ceremony was an impressive one for Juan Avila, Jr. He now has a place of honor with a memorial bench that will bear his name under the only flagpole at Brackett ISD. The large family was honored by the School Board Monday night in a ceremony highlighted by remarks from President Tim Ward and Bill Haenn with response from the family. Bill Haenn's research on the Viet Nam memorial including information on the location of Avila Jr.'s name on the memorial. BISD is proud to have a permanent place to honor Juan Avila Jr.'s sacrifice for his country.

Volleyball Results August 21 - 26

Varsity
The Brackett Tigerettes beat Comstock 15-3, 15-10 on Tuesday. The leading scorers were Duquesa Hunt with 13 points and Erika Garcia with 9.

At the Hondo Tournament (Pool Play) on Friday and Saturday, Brackett lost to Hondo in the first, 9-15, 8-15. In the second, the Tigerettes split with LaVernia 15-8, 9-15. In the third, they beat Crystal City 15-12, 15-7. In the fourth, they beat Del Rio 15-7, 15-7. They lost to Bandera 7-15, 3-15.

The team won consolation and now have a record of 3-3. Outstanding players in the Hondo tournament were Erica Meyer, B'Ann Gomez, Susannah Davis and Christina Flores.

Junior Varsity

On Thursday, the team beat D'Hanis 15-13, 15-13, and again 15-12, 15-11. On Saturday, they lost to Del Rio 15-12, 13-15, 10-15 and to Boerne 3-15, 4-15.

Their record is now 4-3.

Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

Thursday, August 31
4:00 p.m., G-9, JV Volleyball, D'Hanis (H)
Varsity Football, Junction (Scrim.) (H) 5:30 & 7:00 p.m.
Friday, September 1
G V Volleyball, Crystal City Tournament (T) TBA
Saturday, August 2
9:00 a.m. Cross Country, Del Rio
G V Volleyball, Crystal City Tournament (T) TBA
Monday, September 4
Labor Day, School Holiday
Tuesday, September 5
5:00 p.m. G JV, V Volleyball Utopia (H)
Wednesday, September 6
3:45 p.m., ATPE Meeting

Slow down & watch when approaching a school bus. Obey the law and save a child's life.

This Thursday night, our BHS football team will scrimmage at home in Brackettville. Come watch this exciting team. Also, Cross Country begins its season this weekend.

Volleyball is going well this year according to Head Coach, Dusty Brotherton. There was a full house for the Junior High games Monday night. Thursday night, we'll have 9th & JV at home. Friday & Saturday, the varsity is in a tournament at Crystal City.

Registration for Fall GED classes will be on Monday and Tuesday, October 2 & 3, 2000 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Brackett Alternative School. Those adults who want to complete a high school education should register for these classes and let us help you complete your dream of a high school diploma.

One point of clarification is that

the school district has always paid the bill that was presented to us from the Appraisal District. We have always paid 100% of the bill. The problem was apparently that the appraisal district in past years based the amount owed by county, city and schools on the percent of total valuation of property. Bill Haenn explains that the budgeted split should have been based on each entity's percent of the levy rather than on the valuations. The idea that we haven't paid our share was certainly not known to this superintendent or to any member of the board. If there were mistakes made, they were not made by the public school system. The school board is happy to pay the correct amount.

The inch of rain this past Friday was wonderful for those who received it. Let's keep it coming our way. Have a great week!

BISD School Calendar 2000-2001

- September
- 4 - School holiday
- 22 - End of first six weeks
- October
- 9 - School holiday
- November
- 3 - End of second six weeks
- 22-24 - Thanksgiving School Holiday
- December
- 19 - End of third six weeks
- 20 - Work Day/Student Holiday
- 21-29 - Christmas Break - School holiday
- January
- 1-2 - New Year - Holiday
- 3 - Staff Development/Student Holiday
- 12 - School Holiday
- 24 - Staff Development/Student Holiday
- February
- 23 - End of fourth six weeks
- March
- 12-16 - Spring Break - School holiday
- April
- 12 - End of fifth six weeks
- 13 - Good Friday - School Holiday
- 16 - Easter/School Holiday
- May
- 25 - End of sixth six weeks
- 25 - Last Day of School/Graduation
- 26 - Work day



Brackett Tigers football schedule

Brackett Varsity Football Schedule

- Aug. 31 - Junction (Scrimmage) - Home - 5:30 and 7 p.m.
 - Sept. 8 - Sabinal - Home - 7:30 p.m.
 - Sept. 15 - Rocksprings - Away - 8 p.m.
 - Sept. 22 - Nueces Canyon - Home - 7:30 p.m.
 - Sept. 29 - Leakey - Away - 7:30 p.m.
 - Oct. 6 - LaPryor - Away - 7:30 p.m.
 - Oct. 13 - * Three Rivers - Home - 7:30 p.m.
 - Oct. 20 - * Pettus-Homecoming - Home - 7:30 p.m.
 - Oct. 27 - * Poth - Away - 7:30 p.m.
 - Nov. 3 - * Natalia - Parents' Night - Home - 7:30 p.m.
 - Nov. 10 - * Dilley - Away - 7:30 p.m.
- * Denotes District 30AA Football Games

Brackett Junior Varsity Football

- Sept. 7 - Sabinal - Away - 6 p.m.
- Sept. 14 - Rocksprings - Home - 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 21 - Nueces Canyon - Away - 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 28 - Sabinal - Home - 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 5 - Uvalde-9th Grade - Away - 5 p.m.
- Oct. 12 - Uvalde -9th Grade- Home - 5 p.m.
- Oct. 19 - Open
- Oct. 26 - Open
- Nov. 2 - Natalia - Away - 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 9 - Dilley - Home - 6 p.m.

Brackett Junior High Football

- Sept. 7 - Black and Gold - Home - 5 p.m.
- Sept. 14 - Rocksprings - Home - 5 p.m.
- Sept. 21 - Nueces Canyon - Away - 5 p.m.
- Sept. 28 - Leakey - Home - 5 p.m.
- Oct. 5 - LaPryor - Home - 5 p.m.
- Oct. 12 - Batesville - Away - 5 p.m.
- Oct. 19 - Black and Gold - Home - 5 p.m.
- Oct. 26 - Batesville - Home - 5 p.m.
- Nov. 2 - Natalia - -Away - 5 p.m.

Athletic Director and Head Football Coach: David Yeager
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By Walt Brock
Contributing Writer

Last Thursday, the optimistic Tiger Football Team traveled to Crystal City for their first scrimmage of the year. Hopes were high and the anxiety of practicing with another team was at hand.

The Junior Varsity started off

Pvt. Daniel Hernandez



Barbara Avila is proud to announce a new recruit into the U.S. Army, her son, Private Daniel Hernandez.

Hernandez is a recent graduate of Brackett High School and was recruited into the U.S. Army in July of this year.

He is currently stationed in Fort Sill, Oklahoma from where he will graduate on November 1st.

You have made us all very proud. Keep it up and remember we will always love you!

Oops!

On page 5 of last weeks paper a headline was printed incorrectly. It should have said "Jimmy Thomas' article published in Texas Coach Magazine". Our sincere apologies to Coach Thomas.

the evening with its ground game offense and strong defense. Jaime Puente lead the way at quarterback and George Martinez on the offensive line. On defense the J.V. came out very aggressive lead by Jose Deleon and Deitrich Davis.

The varsity came on to the field very physical and aggressive. The offensive line, lead by senior David Lopez, charged the way for Brackett's smash mouth offense. The offensive line blocking helped accumulate four touchdowns against Crystal City's defense. Jesse Hidalgo powered his way for two of the touchdowns runs. Also scoring on long runs were John Wylie and Joe Eddy Jaso. The passing game was sharp as well

as the quarterbacks (J. Hobbs and J. Wylie) completed 4-6 passes.

Defensively the Tigers had an outstanding scrimmage. Leading the way was the aggressive play of J.J. Rivas, Carlos Gomez, and Jesse Hidalgo. Also showing their aggressive attributes were Lee Davis and Miguel Hernandez. The defense held Crystal City scoreless until the last play of the scrimmage. Crystal City's first team offense finally scored on a two yard run against the second team defense.

Overall, the Tigers out scored Crystal City 4-1. The Tigers are very optimistic about the upcoming season and through hard work have truly formed a solid TEAM.

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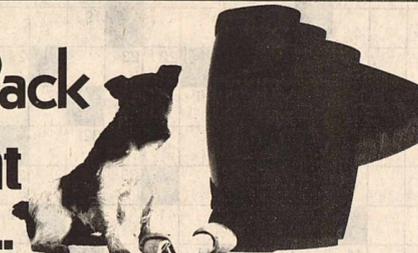
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ASTROSCOPES

Aries March 21- April 20
Warning! Lively people may play an integral part in your personal life this week. Let yourself have fun. Be prepared to sell your supervisor a new idea. He/she has been waiting for you to come up with a plan. The change will be welcomed.

Taurus April 21-May 2
For upcoming financial success, credit hard work, not luck. A theme party is just what you need as a reward. Clowns and balloons lend to the festivity. Be prepared for challenges regarding transportation.

Gemini May 22-June 21
This week, whining friends and family members get on your nerves. Be blunt. Tell them to grow up. They've needed to hear that for some time. It might as well be from you. Get ready to pay bills. You should have the money by midweek.

Cancer June 22-July 22
Stay in control-do not react to the person pushing your buttons. Find a solution to the problem and respond. You may want to ask for help. Contact someone you truly admire. That person will be honored by your request.

Leo July 23-August 23
Your addiction for the week could be skating. You can't seem to get enough time outside. Be careful not to overdo it. You are at a peak in your career, but the tension may start to wear on you. You may want to ask for a raise.

Virgo August 24-Sept. 22
Emotions run the gamut from the heights of grandeur to the depths of despair. Do not take yourself too seriously. Attend a seminar or take a class. It may boost your self-confidence.

Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
No matter how much he/she begs, do not lend money to a friend unless you can afford it. Let feelings guide your personal life. Avoid emotional outbursts. You should not risk long-term damage to your psyche.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Your passion for orderliness and detail drives others crazy. Lower your expectations of others but not of yourself. Continue to pursue physical excellence. A plateau may give way if you remain focused and dedicated.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
Romantic possibilities multiply. Don't use a physical frailty as an excuse to not try new things. Enjoy playing host/hostess. Philosophical conversations are based more on reality than originally thought.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Minimize conflict among younger family members by staying neutral. Adjust to their different needs by finding out what makes them tick. Be your own boss. Refuse to be forced into a compromising situation.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Personal and professional success is foremost on your agenda. Be open-minded to the possibilities. Looking through old papers may unlock family secrets. Truth hidden long ago may pull you in a new direction.

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Confront self-destructive tendencies. Focus on maintaining professional, family, social and spiritual balance. A solid hope for a better future keeps you on track. Don't let fatigue get the best of you. Remember to eat.

A small town's spiritual heritage *Give me my flowers while I yet live*

St. Mary Magdalene
By Lynn McNew

Last week I shared with you the first in a series of articles written by Arthur Gordon of Savannah, Georgia. In these articles he shares his thoughts and feelings on life in a small town. Although Savannah isn't exactly what we would think of as a small town, it has the feeling of "small-townness" in the sense of the warmth and friendliness it displays. As I read these articles, I see that much the same things are found in Brackettville today.

We are reminded that each of our towns is America. It is you. It is me. It belongs to us all and together we can behold its goodness. I would like to share with you another of Mr. Gordon's stories.

By Arthur Gordon

A poet once observed: "The trouble with a kitten is that it grows up to be a cat." Sometimes I wonder if that isn't also true of small towns. If you don't

watch out, they grow to be large towns, and then big cities.

There's nothing wrong with big cities—or with cats, for that matter. But there's something comfortable about smallness. In a smaller town or city, you can see the threads in the tapestry more plainly.

Take the spiritual heritage of my hometown, Savannah, for instance. The Church of England came ashore with the first settlers in 1733. Within three years John Wesley was holding services in a crude wooden building and George Whitefield had started the first Sunday school in the world. Moravians came from what is now Czechoslovakia—strong, pious Christians who refused to bear arms even when the Spaniards were threatening the colony. Irish settlers fleeing from the potato famines brought the Roman Catholic faith and built the tall cathedral on Abercorn Street. The Greeks came with their Orthodox forms of worship. Jews from Portugal sought freedom from persecu-

tion here. And always the blacks, whose yearnings for a better life found a haunting voice in their spirituals, songs that wring the soul with their beauty and their sadness.

Many forms of worship, each like a single silvery note of music, combine to make a mighty chord of worship that reverberates in the air we all breathe. You can hear it all over America, of course, but perhaps it's a bit more audible in small towns. I like to think so, anyway.

Have you noticed how many churches we have in Brackettville? I counted—there are nine active church communities here. I believe this is a testimony to the small town chord of worship that Mr. Gordon speaks about. Thank you, Lord, for providing a safe harbor for all, no matter how we worship You.

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

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charolette Corey

"Give me my flowers while I yet live". These are words my mother handed down to me from a poem she had read. Her thoughts were of her mother and all she had done for her family with little or no thanks given to her while she yet lived. I was three years old when my grandmother Mason died. I know that one day I shall see her in heaven because she loved Jesus and lived her life in such a way that she showed the love of Jesus to others every day of her life. She died of breast cancer. I will not remember her in death, but in life and that is the way I believe anyone would want others to remember them.

Recently we lost my husband's step-mother to death in Dallas, and then a few days ago we had to say good-bye to a close friend of ours, John Paul Ingram, who had worked very hard at our church, donating financially each week to make

sure that the church could feed the children that attend, as well as hand carrying food to the church and to needy children's homes in the heat of the day. He often walked everywhere and the children all loved him. He loved westerns and would pretend to "quick-draw" with them. He was there to lend a hand in remodeling our little church. He was always there to give moral support to us in our efforts, even when he was not feeling well. He also worked with Pastor Bill Adams at the St. John's Missionary Church in picking up and delivering food. He did what he understood to do, in whatever capacity he could. He appreciated our love and knew that he was a part of "the family of God". We certainly believe we will see him again in heaven.

Occasions like this remind us that it is so important to "give people flowers while they yet live". These "flowers" can be a hand-shake, a hug, a kind word, a word of encouragement. Things such as this go a long, long way in making it worth while to keep on living. Jesus uses us to give his hugs to others and to tell them how much they are needed and appreciated. (Yes, no one is perfect and

they make mistakes and sin, but you can still forgive them and love them.) You never know when it may be the last time that person may read the bible in you, that is, the only bible some people read is the love of Jesus that you show to others each day. Nothing, no matter how small the effort, ever goes unnoticed by God.

Give someone a "flower" today. Hug them in Jesus' name. Tell them you love them unconditionally and so does Jesus. Tell them that you are glad that they are alive, that you need them and that they add "spice" to your life in just knowing them. You never know, tomorrow may be too late. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

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First United Methodist Church
By Rev. Ken F. Sellers, Jr.

This coming Monday we celebrate "Labor Day" - ironically by taking the day off from our labors. Other than the break from work, I'm not really sure what the celebration is all about. Are we celebrating that we can work to achieve all we want? (not in my lifetime) Are we celebrating that it now takes two family members (or more) to earn enough to break even? Are we celebrating a system of economics and a politics-of-freedom that assures all of us that we have the opportunity to work and provide for our families? Or are we celebrating a way of life that has seduced all of us in to thinking that the "American dream" can be ours? Or can we without the personal financial foundation of Al Gore or George W. Bush?

I have to admit that I was once consumed by the American dream. I believed that if I worked hard enough and long enough I would have the house of which I dreamed, the cars I envied of others, and the financial stability to travel in style, with the finest of clothes and luggage, in a first-class seat. And when I had some of those things, it wasn't enough. There was an even higher goal, my first mil-

lion and my name honored for the great things I had accomplished with my money - curing cancer, housing all the homeless, feeding all the hungry! Whew! Where does the search for fulfillment stop?

James, the brother of Jesus, offered a simple way to look at "earning a living." In James 1:17 he reminds us, "Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above." Jesus himself often spoke of how to live life well. In Mark 7:1-23, he calls the Pharisees and scribes "hypocrites" for teaching that God wills people to live by the "law" which is handed down as religious tradition (in this case cleansing of hands), instead of by scripture. Or to quote James once more, "prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves." James 1:22 How we would be inclined to celebrate "labor" if we, instead of being consumed in bettering our lifestyle through work, became passionate about laboring throughout our lives as we are taught in scripture - with a servant's heart, helping others before ourselves.

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Frontier Baptist Church
By Pastor Dave Crowe

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I want you to need me and want me. I want to walk with you and talk with you.

I want you to share every aspect of your life with me. Your

successes and your failures.

He has a plan for your life and he only wants the best for you.

He says, if you'll make me king of your life, if you'll make me the single most important thing in your life, I'll open the doors of Heaven and fill your life with such a blessing that you cannot contain it!

I gave you life and I'll give you life everlasting, please be obedient to me. Please follow my commandments and I will protect you from Hell itself. I will provide for your every need.

I love you, please make time for me. I made an eternity for you!

Mark the perfect man

St. John's Missionary Church
By Rev. William P. Adams Sr.

The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.

The Lord will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.

Wait on the Lord, and keep His way, and he shall exalt thee

to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree.

Yet he passed away, and, lo he was not; yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace. Psalm 37:31-37



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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Environmental Assessment for the Construction of Additional Office Space for the U.S. Border Patrol Line Station in Brackettville

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) has reviewed an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential impacts to the environment for the proposed construction of additional office space for the U.S. Border Patrol Line Station in Brackettville, TX. The location of the proposed project is at 802 W. Spring Street, which is located on the west end of Brackettville, TX, in the vicinity of the intersection of U.S. Highway 90 (Business) and Farm Road 2804. Based on the analysis in the EA, the INS has determined that the proposed action is not a major Federal Action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969. Therefore, the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required, and the INS has prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The EA and FONSI are available at the U.S. Border Patrol Backup Station (at 401 W. Austin Street) and local public library in Brackettville, TX for public examination from September 1, 2000 to September 15, 2000.

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