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## Terrazas celebrates 104th Birthday

By Jewel Robinson  
Publisher

August 16, 2001, has been officially proclaimed Petra Terrazas' Day by the City of Brackettville and the Kinney County Commissioners Court.

Believed to be the oldest citizen in Kinney County Dona Petra Terrazas will celebrate her 104th birthday on August 16, 2001. She was born in 1897 at Del Rio, Texas. Her parents were Margarito and Maria Perea.

In 1905 her father was murdered in Brackettville. Julian, her older brother, who was 14 years old at the time, took charge of the family and moved them to Spofford. The family consisted of their mother, two other brothers, Dona Petra and another sister.

Dona Petra and her brother Juan (a young 95 years old) are the only survivors of the family. They both reside in Brackettville.

At the age of 12, with a fourth grade education, Dona Petra was able to teach basic, early elementary subjects. She was sought by many parents to teach their children. She taught herself to read and write in Spanish. On Saturdays and Sundays, she would teach catechism, preparing the youngsters for First Communion.

Dona Petra had always wanted to join the monastery and become a nun, but in 1915, her mother arranged for her to marry Don Felipe Terrazas. They were married on September 25, 1915. They raised eight children: Enrique, Gregorio, Magdalena, Bernabe, Ermenia, twins Maria and Jose, and the youngest, Jesus.

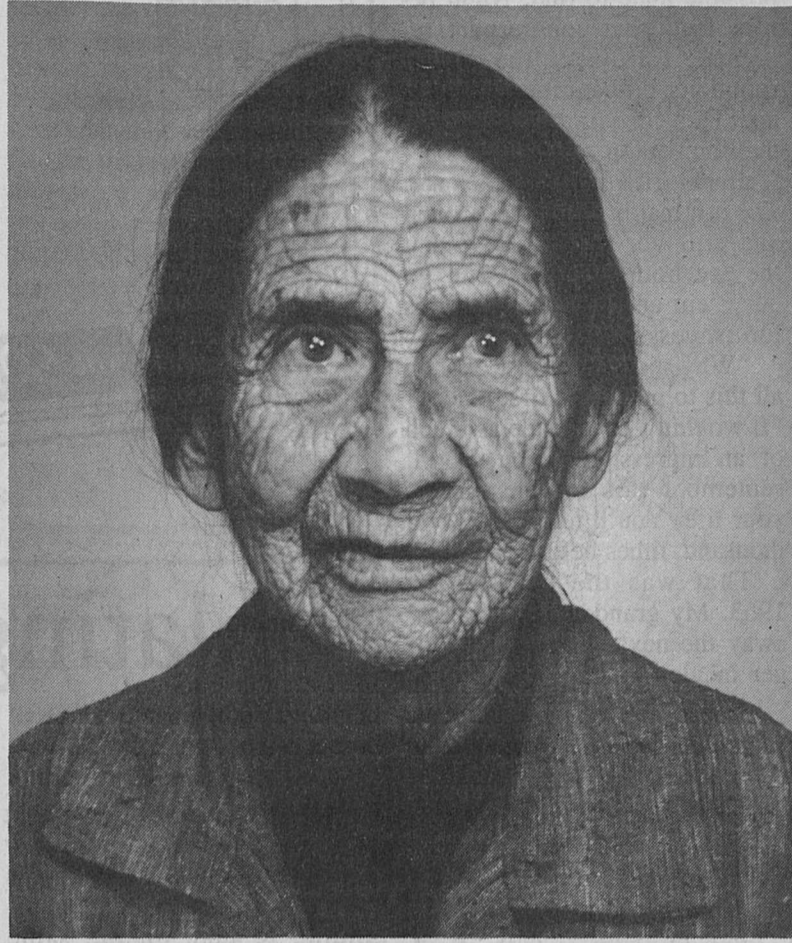
Three of their sons were drafted into the armed forces during WWII. A fourth son volunteered and was killed in action in Normandy. In 1942 the family moved to Brackettville. In 1954 their daughter,

Magdalena, passed away leaving behind two sons, Joe Henry and Johnny Castro. Mr. and Mrs. Terrazas took the responsibility of raising the two boys.

In August of 1982, Dona Petra's husband passed away. They had been married 67 years. She lost two more sons in 1986 and 1987 due to terminal illness. Today, she lives at home with her daughter Maria. Up until a few years ago she would crochet an alter linen for the church every Easter.

Cars, airplanes, television, space travel, microwave, computers, and indoor plumbing are a few of the many new things Dona Petra has experienced during her lifetime.

Dona Petra's birthday will be celebrated on August 18, 2001 with an 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. For those wishing to send her birthday greetings, her address is P.O. Box 624, Brackettville, Texas 78832.



Petra Terrazas is believed to be the oldest citizen of Kinney County.

## Briefs ... Commodities

Commodities USDA will be distributed on Monday August 20th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church on 116 Crockett St.

## Weekly Statistics

Del Rio, Texas - The following is a report of the apprehensions by Border Patrol agents assigned to the Del Rio Sector for the period August 6-12, 2001. The information is provided by station, and includes a sector total.

Abilene...22, Brackettville...125, Carrizo Springs...286, Comstock...31, Del Rio...174, Eagle Pass...453, Llano...3, Rocksprings...24, San Angelo...5, Uvalde...37, Sector Total...1,160, Other Than Mexicans...64

## Cave Schedules

Schedules for the Devil's Sinkhole and Kickapoo Caverns through September are; Devil's Sinkhole bat flights - August 18, September 2, 15, 29; Stuart Bat Cave (Kickapoo Cavern State Park) bat flights - September 1, 8; Kickapoo Cavern Wild Cave Tour - September 2, 8; Call park for information and reservations; 830-563-2342.

## Wheelchairs Available

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes available Power (Electric) Wheelchairs to Senior Citizens (65 yrs. old & up) and the Permanently Disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify.

The Power Wheelchairs are provided to those who cannot walk and cannot self-propel a manual wheelchair, and who meet the additional guidelines of the program. No deposit is required.

If the patient's need is for use in the home, please call for more information to see if they qualify. Call toll free at 1-800-246-6010.

## Prevent Blindness

Prevent Blindness America is conducting a program throughout Texas to ask people to donate their unwanted vehicles to them. The funds will be used to support the many programs designed to make the public aware of various blindness prevention programs.

To donate a car, donors may call 1-800-860-4150 and the vehicle will be picked up in a short time. There are some restrictions. The telephone number may be called at any time.

## BISD School Board Trustees welcome new staff members

The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees welcomed 11 new employees at last Monday night's regular monthly meeting.

April Blake will be teaching 2nd grade at Jones Elementary this year. Blake received her bachelors degree from Sul Ross last May.

Rod Blount will teach Junior High History and coach. Blount graduated from Sul Ross last May with a degree in Kinesiology and History.

Julie Bruce is returning to teach at BISD after the birth of her second child. Bruce, who will be teaching 6th grade, earned her degree in business from Angelo State in 1990. She received her teaching certificate in 1995.

Stella Collins will be the new school nurse. Collins, who originally taught grade school, became a nurse in 1989. She received her training from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

Clinton Cooper will be teaching vocational/agriculture. Cooper received his bachelors in Natural Resource Management from Sul Ross in 1996.

Kimberli Cummings will be teaching 1st grade this year. Cummings graduated last year from Angelo State with a bachelors in Early Childhood Education.

Andrew Dickson will teach

Health and Physical Education. Dickson received a degree in Kinesiology and Health last year from Sam Houston State.

Cordelia Mendeke has been hired as a full time bus driver and has also contracted as security. Mendeke has previously worked for BISD as a security officer.

Kelley Meyer will be teaching English at BISD. Meyer received her degree in English and Political Science last year from Sul Ross.

Christy Price will teach 2nd grade at Jones Elementary. Price graduated with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies in 1997. She has taught in Uvalde and Del Rio and has four years teaching experience.

Kenneth Wallace will be the new English teacher at the alternative school. Wallace graduated from Sul Ross in 1994 with a degree in English and Physical Education. He is also qualified to teach Special Education students.

The trustees agreed to have a public hearing on Monday August 27th at 6:00 p.m. on the proposed budget and tax rate.

Superintendent Taylor Stephenson told the board the construction at the football stadium was on schedule.

Stephen-son said work would begin again on the new Technology building when the work at the football field was completed.

## Commissioners consider tax increase

County Judge Herb Senne was not in attendance at last Monday's Commissioners Court Meeting.

Senne was admitted to Uvalde Memorial Hospital last Thursday morning complaining of shortness of breath. He was released Monday evening and is now at home resting.

"I feel great. The best news I have had today is I'm a new grandpa, it's a boy and it was born on mine and Janelle's wedding anniversary," said Senne.

Doctors are still uncertain as to the cause of the illness. Senne will receive further testing in San Antonio in the near future.

Commissioners took no action on the bids for the county depository contract at last Monday's regular meeting. Bids were received from the Bank & Trust and First State Bank of Uvalde. Most of the services provided were the same on both bids. Almost all services provided by the First State Bank of Uvalde were free of charge.

Commissioners were concerned with potential problems handling cash deposits if they choose to bank in Uvalde. They were also concerned with the legalities of banking outside the county. Though section 116 of the local government code seems to conflict regarding the matter, case law indicates you can bank outside your county. No representative from Bank & Trust or First State Bank of Uvalde were at the meeting.

Commissioners should decide the matter Friday at 10:30 a.m. during a special meeting.

Commissioners set a public hearing and meeting for September 10th on a proposed tax increase.

County commissioners proposed increasing the combined county tax to .8397 per hundred dollars of evaluation. This would be an increase of

2.23 percent from last years rate of .8214. If commissioners set the rate any higher it would be subject to a rollback.

Commissioners also authorized Judge Senne to handle all matters in connection with a proposed Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund grant.

The grant is given to small communities to develop a community network. It gives communities the opportunity to expand public internet access, develop community web pages to promote the area and intergovernmental communication, and provide technology for workforce training programs.

The initial meeting with grant writers was reported to commissioners by County Librarian Sarah Terrazas at their August 8th meeting. Representatives from the City of Brackettville and Brackett Independent School District were also in attendance at the initial meeting.

The grant could total up to \$500,000 and requires a 10 percent cash match.

Commissioners made an emergency amendment to the Road and Bridge budget for equipment purchases. The amendment was for bookkeeping purposes only. No payments are due on the equipment until the next budget year; however, since the county is in possession of the equipment, entries had to be made into the current budget.



The Texas Highway Department placed two machines (one pictured above) just outside of the school zone on Ann Street. These machines allow a driver to see how fast they are traveling. They have an alarm system that goes off if you are traveling too fast.

# Skiles speaks on cave artifacts

Brackettville Rotary Club  
By Frances McMaster

Rotary President Bill Heann was out of town on Thursday for the regular luncheon meeting and Vice President/President Elect Dave Alexander presided. He wore another hat during the meeting since he is program chairman for the month of August. His choice of speaker was author Jack Skiles, whose book "Judge Roy Bean Country" is available through the National Park Service at the Amistad Recreation Area and at the Emporium at Del Rio, Texas. He is presently writing a second book on the subject.

Mr. Skiles was born and raised in Langtry, Texas, and an educator, he served as superintendent of schools in some West Texas towns before his retirement, in 1968 when he returned to Langtry. He then worked for several years at the Roy Bean Center and has a small museum back of his own house.

Skiles presented a program on the indigenous people of the Lower Pecos and Rio Grande Rivers. His family lived near the twin caves that are down stream from Langtry on the Pecos River. His father dug in these caves for artifacts when Skiles was a child, and he did the same until he learned that amateurs digging is destructive since artifacts can't be accurately dated once they've been dug up at random. Amateurs also take the objects they find away with them and rob other interested persons of these glimpses of history. Now, Skiles says, he spends his time and energy saving these sites from intruders and encouraging university archeological groups to excavate the ruins.

Skiles showed slides of the artifacts and many of the caves that exist along the Pecos. They are called Indian caves since they were merely shelters and not caverns. Many of them have pictographs, but the floors of the

caves are steep because they are filled now with human debris that accumulated over years. Indians did live there in the past, and Skiles said that he and his father uncovered thousands of arrowheads and artifacts.

In 1930, the Witte Museum dug a trench at Eagle Nest Canyon, which is east of Langtry on the Rio Grande. The trench ran from front to back of the cave and arrowheads and artifacts are displayed at the museum. Then, in 1962, The University of Texas dug there again and widened the trench. They recovered Indian burials and the material was carbon dated back around 5,000 years ago, although it's possible Indians was living there as far back as 8,000 years ago.

Many pictographs are found in these caves, but they have faded almost completely away. Sheep have rubbed against them and the dust has dimmed them. In most of the caves the figure of a shaman is painted and in one deer antlers protrude from

the head. A human being is depicted with an arrow piercing it in one. The image of a panther is also repeated in the drawings. One common motif is the outline of a human hand drawn by tracing around the edge of the person's hand.

Skiles father found several stream-worn pebbles about 5 or 6 inches long which had designs painted on them. No one knows exactly what the designs meant, but some resemble human beings. The patterns are balanced and other was used to color the background of the stones.

Projectile points are found in all the shelters, but, contrary to common belief, no bows have ever been found in these sites. The points were flung by being attached to a stick called an atlatl. The points have been named after the places where they were found. For instance, one is the Langtry point.

The dry climate in this area has preserved other artifacts.

The Indians did beautiful weaving from lechuguilla plants. These plants made strong rope and one of the slides Skiles showed featured sandals worn by the Indians, a draw string bag and a grass skirt. Combs were made from tortoise shells and sticks for creating fire have been found. Bone was made into awls for piercing leather, and flaking tools were fashioned out of deer joints to make arrowheads.

At Eagle Nest Canyon, a high cliff is where the Indians drove herds of buffalo to their death. The bodies fell onto the floor of a cave where they were butchered, some even rolling into the cave. This site dates back 30 or 40 thousand years ago.

Skiles presented an interesting program, and his book is no doubt equally entertaining. Look for it and discover the mysteries of the people who inhabited this area a long time ago.

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# It's Alive

But I could be wrong  
By Chuck Hall

Back to my badger story. I hope you remember the first part from last week. After finding the buried badger gone one day and resetting the trap atop his grave, the next morning I didn't even go to the hen house. I wanted to see what awaited me at the burial ground.

Upon my arrival, I found a snarling, live badger in the trap. I finished him off and went to tell granddad the news. "He came back to life! And I had to shoot him again!"

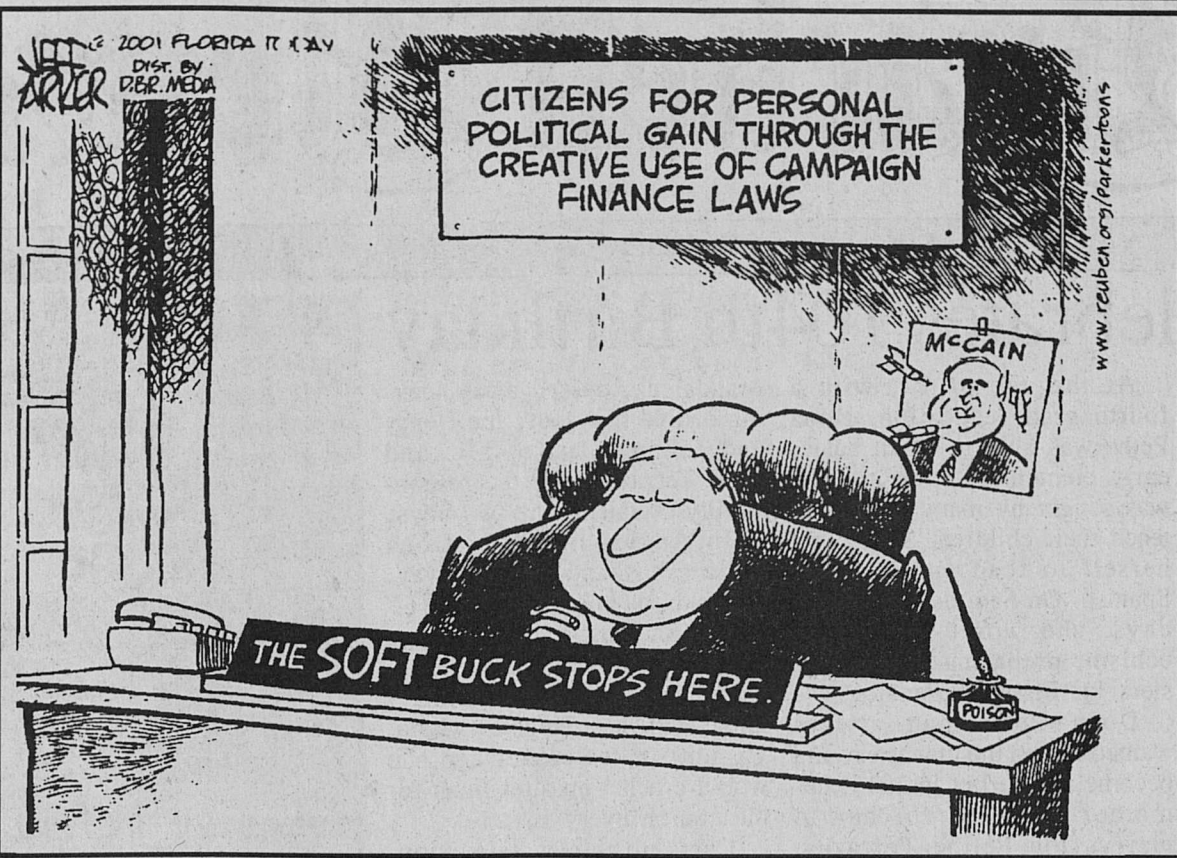
"How could a dead animal come back to life?"  
"He did! I swear he did. Yesterday he dug himself up, and today he's alive!"

"Don't be a complete idiot, boy. When you first trapped that badger I didn't know if it was a solitary predator or one of a

pair. I told you to bury it knowing you'd simply drag it in the dust and leave a scent trail for a possible mate to find. Night before last, that counterpart returned, followed the smell, found its co-bandit and dug it up. This morning, you caught the companion to the first one. It simply tried to dig up its mate. The original is still in the ground and still very dead. Now that they're both expired, let's go bury 'em and be done with this foolishness."

"Why didn't you just explain all this to me in the first place?"  
"It wouldn't have made as much of an impression on you. You'll remember this for the rest of your life. You'll tell this story a thousand times before you die."

That was the summer of 1963. My granddad Hall passed away the next winter. The badger incident is one of my fondest remembrances of him. But I



## Violating the public's trust

The Way I See It  
By Steven R. LaMascus

I am so tired of hearing about Gary Condit and Chondra Levy that I could barf. I know that is a great news story, but it is beginning to take on the same mind-numbing dimensions as the O.J. Simpson debacle.

Now Gary Condit is saying that the editorials that call for his resignation are "unfair." The editorials in question called for his resignation, saying that he "violated the public's trust."

Let me be a soothsayer here. Gary Condit is not going to resign. He is a liberal and as such he has no conscience and no morals and feels no shame. He is a Bill Clinton clone and will hang onto that power and position until the last ugly, quavering gasp. He doesn't give a hoot about Chondra Levy, her family, the American public, his marital vows, his solemn oath of office, or anything else in the world except his own power and pleasure. That is the definition of a liberal!

Did he have Chondra killed? I do not know, but I certainly wouldn't be surprised by that possibility. Now can we get to something else, before I lose my breakfast.

Speaking of breakfast, have you heard anything from the bunny huggers lately? You know, the vegetarian wackos who think the Big Bad Wolf and Bambi were best buddies and went to see Disney movies with Thumper and Flower, and who want to change the rest of us into

mindless rabbits who sit around and discuss bad foreign films, drink that sissy flavored coffee and munch on tofu and granola.

I just received a letter from one of my friends about that very thing. It was attributed to a man who is identified as a "Virginia sportsman." He apparently had the displeasure of attending the 2001 Animal Rights Conference in McLean, Virginia. Here is part of what he had to say.

"As the five days passed, I learned that no participants or attendees from any of the national conservation groups were to be found, here in their own backyard."

"The people and groups that gathered at this Luxury Hilton Hotel for five days made no bones that they are going to eliminate every traditional use of animals and many other American freedoms and traditions (italics added)."

"Although the first Amendment guarantees the right of free speech and free assembly, many of the things I saw and heard could only be characterized as inciting mayhem. Many of the people making presentations crossed state lines to get there and there were numerous inferences, suggestions, and encouragements to commit violent and unlawful acts of major magnitudes."

Here are a few of the handouts and publications being circulated at that event.

"How President Bush is using religion to kill our Constitution."

"Why we must stop the war

on drugs."  
"Why we must teach our children not to be ashamed of their bodies."

"Stopping the use of animals for meat, eggs, and dairy products."

And how about the video presentations?

"Igniting a revolution. A sympathetic primer by radical environmental and animal activists on 'ecotage.'"

"Sexual Politics of Meat."  
"Animal Liberation: The Movie. ALF raids on British laboratories and factory farms."

The letter is several pages long, and I can't cover all of it, but the above should give you the idea.

These people are genuinely dangerous. They have elevated the animal to the same level as, or an even higher level than humans. This is wrong. It is unnatural. If they want to practice vegetarianism, that is their right and I'm all for it. But when they start trying to terrorize me into abiding by their warped sensibilities they have crossed the line and become criminals and enemies. There is a thin line between practicing your rights and infringing on someone else's. Don't mess with my beef steak Bubba!

Genesis 1:26 - Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." NIV

## Well plugging program to expand

Innovative partnership with TNRC extended to Red, Canadian River Basins

Austin - Texas Railroad Commissioner Tony Garza announced the extension of an interagency well plugging program to the Red and Canadian River basins. The goal of the joint Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRC) and Railroad Commission (RRC) project is to reduce salinity levels in the targeted river basins through the plugging of selected abandoned or orphaned oil wells that are leaking or threatening to leak into the Red and Canadian drainage basins.

"The extension of the well plugging partnership into the Red and Canadian River basins means we'll be able to cover more ground, as we work to preserve water quality in Texas," Garza said.

The TNRC and RRC partnership began in August 1999. Garza joined Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commissioner John Baker in announcing the launch of a \$2.6 million well plugging program along the Upper Colorado River Basin near the E.V. Spence Reservoir.

"The additional 55 wells brings the total number of wells plugged under this innovative partnership to 226," Garza noted. "It's proof that interagency coordination works, and

by putting our collective knowledge, resources and experience to work, we can accomplish a great deal in terms of improving water quality and preserving our state's other natural resources."

A total of 55 non-compliant wells in the two regions will be plugged as part of the initiative. Five wells will be plugged in fiscal year 2001, 25 wells in fiscal year 2002 and the final 25 wells will be plugged in fiscal year 2003. Wells with the highest priority-based on an assessment system that includes a variety of health, safety, environment and wildlife factors will be plugged first.

The well plugging program's extension to include Canadian and Red River projects, part of a state-federal partnership with the RRC, TNRC and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), seeks to address nonpoint source pollution in Texas waterways.

The water along the Upper Colorado River (near the program's original site at the E.V. Spence Reservoir) and along the Red and Canadian Rivers has shown increased levels of salinity. Higher salinity, which has impacted aquatic life in the area, is the result of a variety of sources, including oil field activities, natural saline water seeps, evaporation, certain farming practices and runoff.

## Bonilla, South Texans raise water issue with Fox

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

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla (R-TX) has again raised the issue of Mexico's 1.4 million acre-foot water debt to the United States. In a letter addressed to Mexican President Vicente Fox, Mr. Bonilla joined Representatives Solomon P. Ortiz (D-TX) and Ruben Hinojosa (D-TX) in expressing his desire for a resolution.

"We are writing to again bring to your attention an issue of great importance to both our countries and our border region," the letter said. "While we are more confident than ever of the U.S./Mexico border region's great potential, we must respectfully request your assistance in finding a resolution to Mexico's water deficiency."

"We are continuing to work with our community leaders in our drought-stricken districts and with our colleagues in the U.S. Congress to find ways to conserve and deal with the continuing lack of water, but this is not enough," the letter continued. "We have many serious issues to deal with along the border that we cannot even begin to address if water reserves are not available in the Falcon and Amistad dams. We hope you will renew your efforts to find a resolution for this matter."

The Mexican water debt began in 1992 when drought struck the Rio Grande. Since the drought, Mexico has accumulated 1.4 million acre-feet of water debt. United States and Mexican officials announced in March that Mexico would start repaying the water, but Mexico failed to meet the July 31, 2001 deadline.

"Our farmers and ranchers are in dire straits. This water is not a luxury - it's a necessity," said Mr. Bonilla. "We should not be fighting for our water. This situation needs to be settled and it needs to happen soon."

Reps. Bonilla, Ortiz and Hinojosa also addressed a letter to President George W. Bush, reiterating their desire for a resolution. "As we are sure you are aware, Mexico has once again failed to comply with the requirements of the 1944 treaty and the February 2001 repayment agreement you reached with President Vicente Fox," the letter said. "While the U.S. has met its obligations... Mexico has for years failed to uphold their end of the agreement. It is time for this issue to be resolved."

Representatives Bonilla and Ortiz are co-chairs of the House Border Caucus. Mr. Bonilla introduced a resolution last year calling on the President to "utilize the full powers of his office" to get Mexico to comply with the terms of a 1994 water treaty and repay more than one million acre-feet of water which Mexico has impounded since 1992.

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# Youth Ministry

All Brackettville youth, grades 8 through 12, and their parents are invited to a Youth Ministry "Hello and Hot Dogs" meeting on Monday, August 20, 2001 at 6:30 PM in St. Mary Magdalene's Parish Hall. Please join us for dinner and get reacquainted with old friends as plans are discussed for Youth Ministry for the 2001-2002 school year.

In addition, registration for Sacramental Preparation and all other CCD classes for the 2001-2002 school year is currently underway at St. Mary Magdalene

Catholic Church. Registration forms are now available in the church. You may pick up a form now, fill it out and return it after all church services during the weekend of August 18 and 19. In addition, you may register on Wednesday, August 22, 2001 from 5-7 in the Parish Hall. Registration fees are \$5.00 for one child, \$9.00 for two or \$12.00 for three or more, however, no one will be refused a religious education! Please call Candace O'Neill at 563-2775 with any questions.

## Congressman Rodriguez to deliver keynote address at Border Trade Alliance regional meeting in Eagle Pass

(Washington, DC) On Wednesday, August 15, Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez delivered the keynote address at the Border Trade Alliance's regional meeting in Eagle Pass, Texas. The meeting brought elected officials from both sides of the border together with officials from the United

States Customs Service, INS, Department of Agriculture, and regional trade associations to discuss US-Mexico border issues.

Congressman Rodriguez will address the Border Trade Alliance at the Middle Rio Grande Workforce Center in Eagle Pass.

# DRT Library Committee Sponsors Upcoming Seminar

"Dig 'n Up Bones, Texas Style" is the topic for a day long seminar on family history sponsored by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library Committee. It will be held in Alamo Hall on the grounds of the Alamo on Friday, August 24, 2001. Seating is limited and registration is open to the public. The cost per person is \$35.00.

Brenda Burns Kellow, a certified genealogist and genealogical instructor from Richardson, will speak at the all-day program. There will be a break for lunch.

She will give four sessions, each focusing on a different aspect of genealogical research in Texas.

Sessions include "Genealogy Basics: Family History Research A-Z," both for the novice and the more experienced. It will include an overview of general repositories, Internet sites, published sources, genealogical associations,

genealogy software, and procedures and organization of material.

The other sessions will be "Researching the Republic of Texas, 1836-1846," "Researching the Lone Star State: 19th and Early 20th Century," and "Rivers, Roads, Rails and Cattle Trails."

According to Caddel-Smith chapter registrar, Pat McKelvy, who is a Library Committee appointee, the proceeds will benefit the Herpich Conservation and Restoration Fund of the DRT Library.

### FAX IT FAST!!

Phone: (830) 563-2852  
Fax: (830) 563-9538



Agnes Vondy and Pico's big bird ham it up at the grand opening of Pico's new store last Friday. The big prize in the drawing was a television set. Carol (Sunny Girl) Dimery was the winner. Jessica Jones won the red bicycle and Anna Diaz won the green bicycle.

## Kinney County Sheriff's Report .....

### Monday, August 6

6:00 p.m., Kyle Austin Dycus, 18, from New Braunfels, TX, was arrested for minor in possession of drugs and failure to appear by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie. Dycus was released Friday (8-10-01) for time served.

7:13 p.m., A woman reported a vehicle roll-over on Hwy 277 north, ten miles from town. The Del Rio Police Department was advised.

10:13 p.m., A man reported that a man had harassed his wife. Deputy Karl Chism responded.

### Tuesday, August 7

9:00 p.m., A United States Border Patrol Agent, reported a deer hit by a car on Hwy 674. Deputy Chism was advised.

### Wednesday, August 8

2:37 a.m., Wayne Patrick Washington, 23, from Alpine, was arrested by DPS Trooper Tony Ashley for violation of parole from Bexar County. Washington was released the next day on a \$7,000 bond.

4:11 p.m., Century Alarm Company reported an alarm going off on a ranch six miles east of Brackettville. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter responded to the

call. **Thursday, August 9**  
9:25 p.m., A man reported a suspicious car parked at a residence. Deputy Manuel Pena Jr. responded.

### Friday, August 10

2:35 p.m., Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo, responded to a family problem.

4:15 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to a break-in.

4:30 p.m., A woman reported a fire north of town.

4:45 p.m., A woman reported a man that was driving recklessly around a restaurant. Deputy Pena was advised.

### Saturday, August 11

3:40 a.m., A woman reported that two women were harassing her. Deputy Chism responded to the call.

### Sunday, August 12

2:53 a.m., Deputy Chism responded to loud music on Fourth Street.

12:20 p.m., Manuel Joe Reyes, 18, from Ferris, TX, was arrested for aggravated assault by Trooper Ashley. Reyes is still being held.

12:40 p.m., Raul Mata, 28, of Brackettville was arrested on an outstanding warrant for driving while license invalid and failure to appear by Deputy Pena.

1:00 p.m., A woman reported that she received a Decree of Divorce and wanted to pick up her share of the property. Deputy Pena responded.

### Monday, August 13

12:45 a.m., The Fire Department was requested for electrical shortage. The Fire Department was advised.

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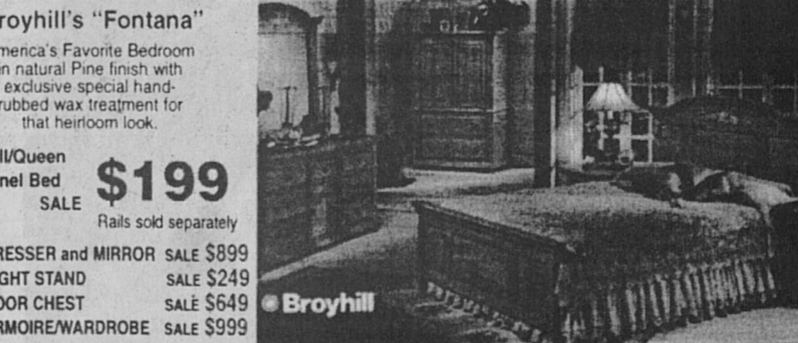
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New hunting, fishing licenses on sale Aug. 15 USDA has FMD indemnification policy

By Henry Lutz  
Contributing Writer

Austin, Texas — New hunting and fishing licenses for 2001-2002 will be available beginning Aug. 15, and Texas Parks and Wildlife is urging customers to buy early and avoid the Labor Day Weekend rush. All current annual hunting and fishing licenses expire on Aug. 31, and the dove hunting season opening the next day will bombard state's current electronic license sales system with nearly 300,000 license transactions amounting to more than \$6.7 million in sales during the Labor Day holiday weekend. Texas issues 3.5 million hunting and fishing licenses annually through 28 TPW field offices, more than 100 state parks and at most sporting goods retailers across Texas.

As an added incentive to buy early and avoid possible delays, anyone who purchases a hunting or fishing license Aug. 15-25, 2001, will be automatically entered in a special drawing. Prizes include a Browning "Gold Hunter" semi-automatic 12- or 20-gauge shotgun (\$800 value), a Browning semi-automatic .22-caliber GR-1 rifle (\$425 value), and a Castaway 7-foot popping rod and Shimano Curado casting reel (\$200 value). The Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Texas Inc. will conduct the drawing. Complete contest rules will be available on the TPW Web site (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>).

Some sportsmen will see a new look to their hunting and fishing licenses this fall as the state begins a transition to a new format. Rather than the sales receipt printout license of recent years, new printing technology will enable TPW to provide better graphics and a user-friendly product. The new version will resemble the traditional Texas license with detachable game tags around the perimeter

of the license. A better looking license is one of the benefits of a new licensing system being developed by WorldCom, which last November signed a five-year contract to handle TPW license sales. New equipment is being installed at about 20 locations around the state in August, and the system is expected to be fully implemented at all license sales outlets later this year. Both license formats will be valid in the 2001-2002 license year.

Hunters and anglers may also purchase licenses by phone toll-free at (800) 895-4248. The phone license operation serves both Texans and non-residents, enabling hunters and anglers to buy licenses over the phone using a major credit card 24 hours a day. A license confirmation number is issued at the time of purchase, and the physical license is mailed separately. Confirmation numbers will verify that a license has been purchased but will not allow hunters to take fish or wildlife that requires a tag.

Anyone planning to hunt migratory game birds such as dove and waterfowl this year must be certified under the Harvest Information Program. HIP certification will automatically be printed on the license at the time of purchase after the purchaser answers a few brief questions. Hunters of migratory game birds should verify that HIP certification is printed on their licenses. Lifetime license holders must also be HIP-certified to hunt migratory birds.

Annual resident hunting and fishing licenses cost \$19 each, \$32 for a combination hunting and fishing license. For the avid outdoorsman, the Super Combo license includes a resident combination hunting and fishing license plus all seven state hunting and fishing stamps for \$49. Sold separately, the face value of the Super Combo package is \$82. Senior sportsmen can pur-

chase the discounted Senior Super Combo license for \$25 or a \$10 senior combination hunting and fishing license.

Wherever licenses are sold, several other items for the 2001-2002 season are also available beginning Aug. 15, including Annual Public Hunting Permits and entries in Big Time Texas Hunt drawings.

The Big Time Texas Hunts program offers the opportunity to win one or more guided hunts with food and lodging provided. Proceeds are dedicated to providing more public hunting opportunity and funding wildlife conservation and research programs in Texas. In addition to the Texas Grand Slam — a once-in-a-lifetime package containing four separate hunts for bighorn sheep, white-tailed deer, pronghorn antelope and mule deer — the Big Time Texas Hunts categories include the Texas Exotic Safari, Texas Whitetail Bonanza, Texas Waterfowl Adventure and Texas Big Time Bird Hunt. New this

year and not yet on the license sales system are the Texas Premium Buck Hunt and the Texas Heritage Hunt. Applications in these new categories may be obtained by calling (800) 895-4248 or on the Web at (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>). Entries for the Big Time Texas Hunt drawings are \$10 each. There is no limit to the number of entries an individual may purchase, and entries may be purchased as gifts for others. Purchasers must be 17 years of age or older.

The \$40 Annual Public Hunting Permit allows hunters access to more than 1.2 million acres of other public hunting lands, including 137 hunting units exclusively for dove and other small game. A map booklet and supplement of dove lease maps will be mailed within a week of purchase of the permit at retail outlets; however, the map booklet and supplement can be obtained immediately by purchasing the permit at a TPW law enforcement office.

Agricultural disaster assistance available through FSA

(Washington, DC) Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez announced today a federal agricultural emergency designation for Bandera, Edwards, Frio, Kerr, Kinney, Maverick, Medina, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala counties. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) designation makes farm operators in these areas eligible for low-interest emergency loans from the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

"Severe weather conditions threaten to drive South Texas farmers and ranchers to economic disaster," Congressman Rodriguez said. "I am pleased that the Department of Agriculture recognizes this agricultural emergency, but, especially in

South Texas where agriculture is so important, we need to take further steps to ensure that our farmers have the resources they need."

Farm operators who have suffered losses caused by extremely cold and wet weather from October 7, 2000, through February 28, 2001 should contact their local Farm Service Agency for eligibility requirements. "I urge affected farmers to contact their FSA office for further details about the disaster designation and other USDA programs that are available to them," Congressman Rodriguez said.

By Susan Combs, Agriculture Commissioner  
Contributing Writer

While it's widely known that we don't have foot-and-mouth disease here in the United States, our ranchers don't have to think twice about reporting a suspected case. In the event of an FMD outbreak, a proposed U.S. Department of Agriculture policy would provide indemnification, or reimbursement, to livestock producers.

FMD, a highly infectious viral disease of cloven-footed animals such as cattle, swine, sheep, goats and deer, has been highlighted in the media due to outbreaks overseas. Humans aren't susceptible to it, but it can be financially devastating to livestock producers. To ranchers in Texas, their livestock is their livelihood. And they know

that if one animal is infected, their entire herd, including those in nearby areas, would have to be destroyed.

That's why the USDA proposed an indemnification policy to pay U.S. livestock producers for any animals slaughtered to control an outbreak of FMD. Farmers and ranchers would be paid 100 percent of the fair market value of their animals. If an FMD outbreak does occur, producers would at least find relief in knowing that they would be compensated for any livestock they lose to the disease.

The United States has worked diligently to keep FMD out; taking every precaution and educating the public are definitely paying off. This indemnification policy is just added incentive for producers to report any signs of FMD they might find in their herds.

Extension agency changes name

Extension changed its name the other day, but the work we do for you as Extension agents in Kinney County will continue right along.

There'll be no-interruption in service, if anything, we'll be even more committed to serving all the folks in this county.

Our name no longer is the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Instead, by unanimous vote of the Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System, our new name is Texas Cooperative Extension.

Extension's name had been unchanged for many years - why change now?

It's all about our mission. Extension programs have always sought to serve all Texans. Extension began its work early in the last century, when most Texans lived in the state's rural areas, and agriculture was the predominant employer, perhaps the only local industry.

Extension specialists and county agents developed their practical, how-to educational programs, based on the latest research findings at Texas A&M, the state's land-grant university. The educators took their pro-

grams to where people lived - reaching farmers in their pastures and barns, homemakers around the kitchen table, and children in 4-H clubs.

We all know that times have changed; more than 80 percent of Texans now live in cities, most of them in the state's huge metropolitan areas. Over the decades, Extension also changed, taking its educational programs to the cities, where the need for practical advice and education is as great as ever.

Extension agents today, for example, help home gardeners save water and reduce pollution by making informed choices on landscape plantings, fertilizers and pesticides. We help parents adopt good food safety and nutrition practices, consider child care choices, balance family budgets. We reach more than one million children with 4-H programs, ranging from rock-etry to embryology, that are provided mainly in school classrooms instead of clubs.

But the good work Extension does seems to be one of the best-kept secrets in the cities. Research showed that people in urban areas saw the reference to agriculture in Extension's name and assumed the agency didn't do anything for them. So when they needed help, they didn't think of Extension.

Extension's leaders believe the name change will improve our ability to serve Texans, regardless of where they live and how they make a living.

But just because agriculture is no longer in Extension's name, it doesn't mean we'll stop supporting the state's \$15 billion agriculture industry. Nor does it diminish our long standing commitment to the state's rural counties, where most of us in Extension have made our homes for many years.

County Extension agents will continue to help farmers and ranchers become more productive, work to strengthen families and nurture the development of youngsters, and support economic development in small communities.

With 1,500 employees working in 250 offices, Texas Cooperative Extension is one of the few agencies that has a presence in every county - and that won't change.

Why the word "cooperative" in the new name? It acknowledges Extension's foundation - the cooperation that exists between county commissioners courts, Texas A&M, and the USDA to make the agency's work possible.

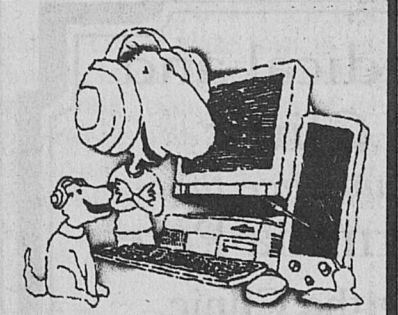
It also more closely aligns Extension with the work of its sister agency, the Cooperative Extension Program at Prairie View A&M University. Finally, the name signals Extension's increasing role in serving as a catalyst, a partner, and a cooperator with others in getting positive things done for the people of Texas.

We have changed our name, but we're keeping our promises to serve you.

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Improvements are looking good Back-to-school month features "Read to Succeed" license plates

Making A Difference By Taylor Stephenson

Congratulations to John Paul and Donna Schuster on the birth of their son, Stetson John. The little one has a few problems and continues to be cared for in a San Antonio hospital. Mr. Schuster returned to Brackettville for the first few days of school and to enroll Shelby in kindergarten. Our prayers are with the Schuster family. Staff development included work in technology, the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, and in gifted and talented and special education. Teachers also worked through campus rules and reviewed student handbooks.

Facility remodeling is still in progress at BISD. We've completed enough that school can start. The school auditorium is carpeted and we await the installation of seats, curtains, drapes and lights. It's already very nice. Major changes were made in the High School Annex and Jones Elementary School. The stadium bleachers & technology buildings are still in progress. The school budget is a huge project and it is still in progress. The School Board has set Monday, August 27, to hold the public hearing on the budget and on the tax rate needed to support the budget. Our school district received state equalization funds to match local taxes. The tax rate for 2001-02 increases by 2.56

cents per hundred dollars of value. The total tax this year is \$1,2419 and for the next year, it is \$1,2675. This tax rate maximizes state matching funds that will continue to help BISD have one of the lowest tax rates of any school district in Texas. Probably the most important task that the school board and administration have is to hire good teachers. We have an outstanding crop of new staff. I know that the community will enjoy these fine, positive staff members. We remain hot and dry in Texas. It's August and the dog days are here. The weather is always hot and dry in Brackettville in August. Have a great week!

Austin - As many Texans, young and old, prepare to return to school what better time to feature the Read to Succeed specialty license plates. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the local county tax assessor-collector's office can provide Texans with these plates, whose sales benefit public school libraries statewide. The plates cost \$30 annually in addition to the regular registration fee. Of that amount, \$25 goes to a special fund set up to provide educational materials for the state's public school libraries. Owners of fleets of 50 or more vehicles can obtain the plates for \$20 per vehicle (\$15 goes into the special fund). As

of September 2000, more than \$60,000 had been raised for the fund through the sale of these plates. The Read to Succeed license plate design features a golden background on the left side of the plate with a drawing of an open book depicting the Lone

Star Flag. The words "Read to Succeed" are scrawled in red and blue across the bottom of the plate. Today, TxDOT has more than 85 different specialty plate designs, with many of them benefiting a particular group or organization.

National survey suggests classroom design affects student performance

(ARA) - This fall, as children head back to school, parents and teachers should ask themselves: "Does my school make the grade?" According to a recent national survey of 1,050 public school teachers at all grade levels, many schools are not up to par because of the manner in which their buildings and facilities are designed. The Ideal Learning Environment survey examined teachers' opinions regarding the relationship between classroom interior design and academic performance. The survey, commissioned by the Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI) and the International Interior Design Association (IIDA), also found that 99 percent of respondents believe that school design is important for creating a good learning environment in their classrooms, further demonstrating that teachers realize a well-designed classroom enhances their ability to teach and their students' ability to learn.

comfort, and student and teacher input to create a balanced learning environment," Elliot says. A classroom that minimizes the risk of accidents is essential for the safety of students. For example, carpet in the classroom helps prevent slips and falls, and protects students from injuries. Comfortable seating and workspaces allow teachers to expand the learning area and be more creative in their approach to teaching. It also gives the students more flexibility around the room and a higher level of comfort. Natural light combined with artificial light can brighten a room and stimulate teachers and students, whereas windowless classrooms that have only artificial light can make students feel tense and cause eyestrain. Carpet can create a quiet environment with good acoustics, which helps students concentrate on what they are learning.

Teachers and students can be distracted if outside noise filters into the classroom from the halls or activities in other rooms. "Carpet is a sound-absorber, ten times more efficient in noise reduction than any other floor covering," says Kathryn Sellers of the CRI. "It also benefits learning environments because it improves safety from slips and falls, provides thermal insulation and adds comfort by providing softness on the floor to expand the learning space. For teachers, working and standing on carpet provides less leg fatigue as compared to hard-surface flooring." "Good design is fundamental to learning," says Gay Elliott, interior design coordinator for Fanning/Howey Associates Inc., the nation's largest school design firm. "Children respond differently to various classroom settings, which is why it is so important to ensure their classrooms are designed to stimulate them in a positive way."

Brackett ISD Activity Calendar

- Thursday, August 16 7:30 PM Brackett Athletic Booster Club Potluck Supper, Civic Center
Friday, August 17 Payroll Cut-Off Date
Saturday, August 18 9:00 AM Vlybl Dual Matches (Leakey, Comstock, D'Hanis) (H)
Monday, August 20 6:30 PM Jones Elem. "Meet the Teacher Night" GR PK-3, JH Vlybl @ Eagle Pass Memorial
Tuesday, August 21 5:00 PM JV/V Vlybl @ Comstock, 6:30 PM Jones Elem. "Meet the Teacher Night" GR 3-6

If you haven't done so already...please turn in your employee handbook receipt to the Central Office. GOOD LUCK! It's going to be a great year!!!

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 27, 2001 in Board Room, Central Office Building, 400 Ann Street, 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.

Table with 5 columns: Rate Type, Maintenance & Operations, Interest & Sinking Fund, Total, Local Revenue Per Student, State Revenue Per Student. Rows include Last Year's Rate, Rate to Maintain Same Level, and Proposed Rate.

Table with 3 columns: Description, Last Year, This Year. Rows include Average Market Value of Residences, Average Taxable Value of Residences, Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value, Taxes Due on Average Residence, and Increase (Decrease) in Taxes.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.2787. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.2787.

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Balance. Rows include Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) at \$1,500,000 and Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s) at \$0.

2001 Property Tax Rates in Kinney County

Table showing property tax rates for Kinney County. Columns include Last year's tax rate, General Fund, Special Road/Bridge Fund, and This year's effective tax rate. Includes various calculations for adjusted taxes and rollbacks.

If Kinney County adopts a 2001 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.7507 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2000 taxes by \$4.417.

Schedule A: General Fund Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Table with 2 columns: Type of Property Tax Fund, Balance. Row for General Fund with balance of \$300,000.

Schedule B: General Fund 2001 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Table with 5 columns: Description of Debt, Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes, Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes, Other Amounts to be Paid, Total Payment. Rows include Sinking Fund and Total required for 2001 debt service.

Schedule A: Special Road/Bridge Fund Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Table with 2 columns: Type of Property Tax Fund, Balance. Row for Special Road/Bridge Fund.

Schedule B: Special Road/Bridge Fund 2001 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Table with 5 columns: Description of Debt, Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes, Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes, Other Amounts to be Paid, Total Payment. Rows include Total required for 2001 debt service.

Schedule C: Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$0 in additional sales and use tax revenues. The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

Schedule F: Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

The Kinney County spent \$96,026 from October 1, 1999 to September, 30 2000 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$41,344. This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 412 S Ann St., PO Box 1377, Brackettville, TX 78832.

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

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**Trivia Time by Walter Branch**

1. What title was the only one to be won twice by Mary Campbell, in 1922 and 1923?
2. In what 20th-century decade did AT&T first introduce 800 numbers?
3. What movie was first - "Friday the 13th" or "Halloween"?
4. What "Dallas" character's cowboy hat made it into the Smithsonian?
5. Who was president when the Wright brothers made their historic flight?
6. What 1976 report was subtitled "A Nationwide Study of Female Sexuality"?
7. What leader did Yasser Arafat support in the Gulf War?
8. What is the world's oldest science?
9. What stage name did P.T. Barnum choose for a 5-year-old he found in Bridgeport?
10. What was the first American airline to use a computerized reservation system in 1962?

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August 19.....Bill Moody	August 22.....Ben Terrazas Jr.

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**ASTROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)**  
Watch the fine print on any legal documents presented to you this week. Competition is stiff at work. However, you're up to the challenge.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)**  
Self-doubt is dispelled as the week begins. Thus, you begin a new cycle of self-confidence. This weekend, be sure to practice teamwork with friends and family instead of going solo.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)**  
Finances take precedence as the week begins. However, a little fine-tuning of the family budget puts everything back on track. Over the weekend, keep peace with family members.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)**  
You don't know it, but you'll be looking a gift horse in the mouth. Once you realize this, take full advantage. Family finances improve as a result.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)**  
You're not always good at taking advice. Yet, this is the time you really need it. Make an effort to be more receptive.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)**  
It's a good week for forging new agreements. At work, be sure you are able to delegate responsibilities. Over the weekend, enjoy social opportunities.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)**  
Things are exploding on the work front. Fortunately, all these developments are in your favor. Tension over the weekend with your mate could escalate into an argument.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)**  
You're in the mood to stick close to home this week. At the same time, don't ignore pressing tasks at work. Once the weekend starts, feel free to enjoy domestic life.

**LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)**  
You're right at the thick of the action, which suits you just fine. Beware, though, of hogging the spotlight. Someone else should share in your glory.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)**  
A child captures your full attention this week. Between you and your mate, you're able to iron out any problems. Use caution while driving or operating machinery over the weekend.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)**  
Your charitable nature is tapped into. Don't worry. You have no reason to fear that you're being taken advantage of.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)**  
Your mate gives you good news about finances. You have long-term goals and are well on your way toward achieving them.

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**Roaring Twenties Solution:**

1. Agnes	11. Joachim
2. Ambrose	12. John Fisher (or John)
3. Andrew	13. Joseph
4. Anselm	14. Lucy
5. Augustine	15. Luka
6. Bernard	16. Monica
7. Blase	17. Patrick
8. Innaeus	18. Paul
9. Isidore	19. Plus X
10. Jerome	20. Thomas More (or Thomas)

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# Educating Our Children Forgiven is not easy

St. Mary Magdalene Church  
By Lynn McNew

School is about to start. Parents, say, "Hooray!" Teachers say, "Let's go!" Kids say something in the middle. As we begin to focus on the importance of educating our children, we should focus on the importance of their religious education as well.

Parents are the first educators of their children. This obviously includes educating them in their faith. This may include the traditions and special practices of a particular religion, but it should also include our own values and morals.

Children learn what they live and live what they learn. Do we come home from work night after night angry and upset with the boss or the other people with whom we work? Do we "borrow" things from the workplace, because the boss will never miss them? Do we speed

down the highway with one eye on the mirror to be sure no "cops" are around? Do we drink and drive? Do we gossip and spread rumors about people we know? Do we watch television programs with suggestive themes and vulgar language while the children are watching with us? Do we ignore our children when they need our help or want to talk because we are too busy or too tired?

There is a better way. When was the last time we prayed as a family, read the Bible together or even said a word of thanks when we sat down to dinner together? When was the last time we discussed our religious beliefs, or the values we wanted our children to acquire? When was the last time we talked to our teenagers about the morals we expected them to practice?

I know there are many families who do these things frequently, thank God. For those who do not, there is help. All of

our community churches have strong children and youth programs. Have you enrolled your children in one of them? Have you volunteered yourself as a teacher or to help in some way?

At St. Mary Magdalene, we have programs for all school age children. With enough people to help, we could have adult programs and classes for preschoolers as well. We have a wonderful new classroom building and an energetic, enthusiastic Religious Education Coordinator in Candace O'Neill. I'm sure she could use your help. Think about it—what can you do?

Lord, thank you for all the generous, caring people in our church, in our school, in our community who give of their time and talents for our children.

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

Frontier Baptist Church  
By Dave Crowe

Is there someone, some where, from your past that desperately needs your forgiveness and understanding?

Was the hurt, pain and/or humiliation so great and you have hated that person for so long, that you feel like, it would just be impossible for you to ever forgive them.

Have you vowed to "get even, even if it's the last thing that you ever do?"

Revenge for whatever was done to us, belongs to God. Not us. Please, turn to God for his justice and comfort.

Remember what God said, "Vengeance is mine!" God's love for us outweighs any hurtful experience that we may have been subjected to. Judgement is God's job, not ours.

God's love does not have any limits or boundaries. Oh! Come on Dave! Do you really believe all of this stuff? Absolutely! Without the slightest doubt!

The greatest story that I have ever heard of, concerning forgiveness, is the age old story of Joseph.

Joseph's story starts when he was just seventeen. Joseph's personality, character and attitude was one of arrogance. He was naughty, he was naive, he was boastful and he was insensitive. He was all the things that God deplores.

Joseph made it easy for his brothers to hate him and hate him they did. It was in their hearts to kill him, but sold him into slavery instead.

It would be good to remem-

ber at this point, that God uses people and circumstances to fulfill his plan for our lives.

God has more than sufficient power to help us face our problems head on, whatever they may be.

As humans, we may struggle to maintain our faith in the face of trials and difficulties that we may or may not have created ourselves.

Joseph and all of us who love God and cooperate with his purpose and calling cannot be separated from his love or the working out of his purpose in our lives.

God never gave up on Joseph and he'll never, ever give up on us.

God stands faithfully behind all the promises, that he has ever made to us.

God had a plan for Joseph's life and he has a definite, concise plan for each of us and our lives.

You and I face obstacles everyday but we have confidence that through every struggle, God is there to guide, comfort and help us, all the way.

With God's help, Joseph became a wealthy and powerful man and could have taken revenge on his brothers.

Instead, he forgave them and asked for their forgiveness as well. This is what God would have us all do, forgive.

Have you been patiently waiting for God to work out his loving plan for your life?

Are you experiencing a broken relationship or perhaps a betrayal of trust or some other painful restriction on your life

style right now?

God can turn whatever bad there is into good, just as he did for Joseph, he'll gladly do for you.

Instead of trying to make things happen all by yourself, let God. Turn it over to the master, he has the plan.

We must learn to trust God's timing and turn our lives and our dreams over to him.

God may be preparing you, to fly to great heights. In the middle of lifes continual problems and challenges, God reminds us, that he is in charge, that he is in control.

God remains faithful to us, just as he did to Joseph. He fulfills his promises by blessing us during trying times.

God knows what we are doing and he knows what we are learning and he knows just what he will do to use this for our benefit in the weeks and years ahead.

There's just a couple more things, that I would like to say concerning this business of forgiving our enemies.

First, it always helps when you can see the big picture. Forgiveness comes easier, when looking thru wide-angle lens. Then and when, you can see the whole picture.

Forgiving is not easy, when the other person is clearly in the wrong, but Jesus requires us to do so.

Jesus told us, "For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly father will also forgive you. But, if you do not forgive men their sins, your father will not forgive your sins.

## Temptation comes from your own desires

Gateway Ministries  
Pastor Charolette Corey

God is ready and willing to bless you when you patiently endure testing. (James 1:12) He allows testing to happen to strengthen your bond with him. When you are tested, your choices indicate whether you choose to trust him and discover a new facet of his glory and grace or to distrust him and continue to wallow in your own ignorance, sinking deeper into the mire of false pride and despair.

Our choices lead us into temptation, not God. "And remember, no one who wants to do wrong should ever say, 'God is tempting me,' God is never tempted to do wrong, and he

never tempts anyone else either. Temptation comes from the lure of our own evil desires. These desires lead to evil actions, and evil actions lead to death. So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters." (James 1:12-16)

By keeping your eyes only on Jesus, the Father will cause you not to be lead into temptation (not to yield to it) as the Lord's Prayer has taught us to pray in Matthew 6:13. He also tells us to pray for God to deliver us from the evil one.

You have a choice to take this information and be blessed by it or to be like the people of old whom God chastened by saying, "You will hear my words, but you will not understand; You will see what I do, but you will

not perceive its meaning. For the hearts of the people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes- and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them." (Matthew 13:14-15)

Harden not your heart today and instead be like those God's word speaks of when it says, "But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear." (Matt. 13:16). Count it all joy, for as a believer in Christ Jesus as your Lord and Savior, your name is written in the book of life. No weapon formed against you shall prosper. Rejoice, for Jesus has overcome the world!

Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

## Praise the Lord for his goodness

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

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endureth forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed

from the hand of the enemy, And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! Psalms 107: 1-8.

## Obituaries .....

### Mary Joyce Bell

Mary Joyce Bell, 74, of Ft. Clark Springs, Texas, passed away Monday, Aug. 6, 2001 at a local hospital. She was born July 26, 1927 in Bonham, Texas. Survivors are her daughter, Marisue Bell of Odessa, Texas. Son, Gregory Lane Bell & his wife Bonnie of Castle Rock, Colorado. Sisters: Linda Craddock of Wimberley, Texas; & Martha Richardson of N. Da-

kota. Several grandchildren. Visitation was Thursday until 1 PM. Funeral Services were at 1 PM. Thursday at G. W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home with Reverend Brian Spangler officiating. Burial was at the Masonic Cemetery. Funeral Arrangements with G. W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home @ 114 Fletcher Dr. 775-2000.

### Martina S. Arellano

Mrs. Martina S. Arellano of Victoria, Texas passed away on August 9, 2001 at the age of 82.

She was born on February 3, 1919 in Brackettville. She was preceded in death by her parents Jose and Victoriana Hernandez Sandoval, brothers Gabriel Sandoval and Pablo Sandoval, sisters Victoria Pena and Maria Aguayo.

Survivors are her husband, Francisco Arellano of Victoria, TX. Daughters: Angelica Hernandez of Victoria, TX, Anabelia Vasquez of Victoria, TX, and Victoria Bermea of Victoria, TX.

Sisters: Paula Munoz of Brackettville, Agapita Morin, of Brackettville, Euleteria Garcia of Brackettville, and Roberta Hernandez of San Antonio. Brothers: Gregorio Sandoval of Brackettville, and Joe Sandoval of Uvalde. She had nine grandchildren, twenty-nine great grandchildren, and seven great great grandchildren.

Visitation will be on Friday at 4:00 p.m. and rosary will follow at 7:00 p.m. at Artero Me-

morial Chapels. The funeral will be on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church officiating Rev. Ireneus Ekiert. Burial will follow at the Resurrection Cemetery.

The Pallbearers are; Leonard Bermea, Jr., Leonard Bermea, Sr., Orlando, Bermea, Paul Patrick Trevino, Jr., Fabian Aguillon, Jim Holston, Jr., and Eddie Hernandez.

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Empowering Families  
By Dr. Donald Smith

"Well dad, I think I'm loaded up and ready to go. I believe I can face the dragons again at State College." Both men laughed heartily.

"Mom and I really enjoyed having you home, son. We treasure these times. It won't be long until you leave for good for a job and a family of your own."

The two men stood for a moment in silence, sharing unspoken thoughts and words. The young man turned and hugged his mother. He was the youngest and she found it difficult to let him go. But it was a process that had been repeated five times in prior years with other children. "Thanks mom," he said.

"Your strength and love has given me the hope I needed to return to college. I know I can make it." Then turning to his dad he said, "I need your prayers and your blessing before I leave."

"Son, I'll leave you with the same advice that a very wise man gave to his own son many centuries ago when the young man was about to depart on a long journey. Keep the Lord in mind in everything you do, give to the poor, and guard against every form of immorality. Discipline

yourself and pay all your debts immediately. Do to no one what you yourself dislike and do not drink alcohol for the sake of getting drunk. Find yourself a woman who shares your faith

and love her as you love yourself. Seek the counsel of wise men and listen to their advice. At all times bless the Lord God and ask him to make all your paths straight and to grant success to your endeavors and plans (Tobit 4:1-19). My son, read the book of Tobit many times, and remember you have an angel to go with you, invite him into all you do and listen to him." They all prayed and the young man once again drove away.

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### God Created the Church to be a Family for ALL His Children.

Sunday Schedule:

Bible School at 9:30 am  
Choir Practice at 10:15 am  
Worship at 10:45 am

First United Methodist Church, "Home Away from Home"  
Child care available upon request. 563-2823

### First Baptist Church (SBC)

Corner of Ann and Veltman  
Pastor: R. D. Holloway 563-2245

Sunday: Bible study for all ages 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service - 11 a.m.  
Adult/Youth/Children Discipleship Training 6 p.m.  
Evening Service 7 p.m.  
Wednesdays 7 p.m. Bible Study

### Welcome!

### Church of Christ

808 N. Ann 563-2616  
Sunday A.M., 9:30 Classes - 10:30 Worship  
Sunday P.M. 1:30  
Wednesday P.M. 6:30 Classes  
Minister: Ray Melton

