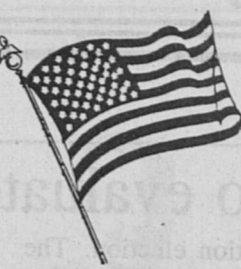


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Briefs ...

Brackettville man overdoses on cocaine

A Brackettville man overdosed on cocaine early last Thursday morning.

The man's mother called 911 at 3:07 in the morning and he was transported to Val Verde Memorial Hospital by Kinney County EMS personnel at 3:14.

The case is under investigation by the 63rd Judicial District Narcotics Task Force.

Athletic physicals given next week

Athletic physical examinations will be given on Wednesday at the United Medical Center. Girls will start at 9 a.m. and boys will start at 1:30 p.m.

Physical forms will be mailed to all athletes. Those who do not receive a form by Wednesday can pick one up at the BISD Central Office or the football field house. For more information, call David Yeager at 563-2491, ext. 190.

Agents apprehend 89 in Brackettville

DEL RIO — U.S. Border Patrol agents made 89 apprehensions in Brackettville during the period of July 8-14, officials announced.

There were 675 total apprehensions made in the Del Rio Sector, including 315 in Eagle Pass, 86 in Carrizo Springs, 76 in Del Rio, 44 in Uvalde, 27 in San Angelo, 19 in Rocksprings, 17 in Abilene, and one in both Comstock and Llano.

Agents in the Del Rio sector seized 682.85 pounds of marijuana, valued at \$546,283.20.

Athletic boosters to meet on Tuesday

The Brackett Athletic Booster Club will meet Tuesday night at 7 in Room 7 of Jones Elementary School.

Uvalde center has to move to a new temporary location

UVALDE — The Uvalde Service Center has moved to a temporary location due to structural damage to its building at 103 Weeping Willow. It will be operating at 2420 E. Main St. in Uvalde for at least three months. This location is on Highway 90 East, next to Jack's Steak House.

State official says estimate for water cap is 'clearly wrong'

Mace suggests using figures from '62 study

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

A Texas Water Development Board official said the figures used by the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District to set its pumping limits are "clearly wrong."

Robert Mace was one of several state officials who were in Brackettville last Thursday to answer questions at a Groundwater Conservation District special meeting.

Last month, the board tentatively adopted pumping limits of 98 acre-feet for the Edwards Aquifer and 15,517 acre-feet for the Edwards Trinity Aquifer, pending a verification of accuracy from state officials. The figures are recharge rates included in a 1997 regional water plan released by the Texas Water Development Board.

"We don't really believe that there is only 98 acre-feet per year recharge in the Edwards Aquifer," said Mace, who works in the Texas Water Development Board's Office of Planning. "We've all agreed



Photo by J.J. Guidry

Discussing water issues
Robert Mace of the Texas Water Development Board answers questions last week while meeting with members of the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District.

that number doesn't make sense."

Mace said a 1962 report by Bennett and Sayre has a more accurate estimate of annual recharge in Kinney County of

70,000 acre-feet per year. However, the study says: "No direct method was available for estimating the recharge to the Edwards and associated limestones in Kinney County."

Board member Don Hood said the study by Bennett and Sayre points out that the estimates are reasonable, but are

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Board delays adoption of district rules

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

After numerous disagreements, the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors postponed the adoption of its rules.

The district hosted a public hearing on the rules Tuesday night, but subsequently agreed to further discuss the proposal in a workshop next Thursday afternoon at 1:30.

Officials are hoping to host another public hearing and adopt the rules at the district's regular meeting on Aug. 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Of six motions that were made Tuesday night, the only unanimous decision was to have the workshop next week.

Cecil Smith, president of the board, said Tuesday's meeting "got set and it was too soon to pass what we had."

Director Zach Davis said the board was "railroaded."

At the start of Tuesday's

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Fort members to present petition to board Saturday

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

A petition signed by over 400 Fort Clark Springs members requesting a special meeting to vote on removing five directors will be presented to the board Saturday during the association's monthly meeting.

The petition says the purpose of the special meeting is to vote on the removal of Shirley Hadsell, Jack Simpson, Carol Miller, Glen White and Frank Cheaney from the board.

The special meeting is proposed to be held at Post Theater on Saturday, Aug. 10, at 10 a.m.

The board discussed the special meeting with its attorney, Haygood Gulley, during a workshop on Tuesday.

Director Tom Saylor asked that the members' request be placed on the agenda for Saturday's meeting, but Hadsell pointed out that the request was not turned in on time.

Even though the request was late, both Cheaney and Simpson

agreed it should still be put on the agenda.

"As the secretary, I personally have no objections to placing this on the agenda," Cheaney said.

Simpson said: "The members have called for a special meeting. I think this special meeting should be observed, and we need to accept this for that reason. I agree with what Frank said, even though it was presented late, we need to accept

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Photo by J.J. Guidry

Community involvement
Brackett Superintendent Taylor Stephenson (left) presents a certificate to Ricky Alvarado, manager of Pico's, for his contributions to the school system.

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Steven LaMascus

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Chuck Hall

Well, I just got back from the annual trip to Ruidoso, N.M. I go each year with Ted Zrzavy. We like to watch the ponies run. This year, the horses weren't good to me.
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City still exploring methods to improve water pressure

By J.J. Guidry
Staff Writer

Brackettville officials are looking into a grant to help improve the water pressure in the city.

City Secretary David Luna said he has been discussing a 100-percent grant with officials from the Middle Rio Grande Development Council.

"We have addressed in the years that I have been here the streets, the drainage, hydrants in the mercantile area, the sewer and we have never been able to get the water pressure that we need in this town," Luna told the City Council during its July meeting.

"You go to other towns, stay in hotels or visit someone and you notice that the water pressure is a whole lot better than what it is here. A lot of it has to do with the way the pipes are laid out. Some of it has to do with the fact that our water tower is not big enough."

Luna said there is not enough

money for another water tower, but said officials are studying the feasibility of raising the ground-storage tank.

"The other day when I was coming in from Hondo, I noticed that Fort Clark's ground-storage tank is elevated so it is higher, and ours is really low. I am more than sure that they have a capacity of water that creates more volume in their lines because it is so high. We never thought of that."

"We may be able to add two rings to our groundwater storage, but we need to talk to an engineer to see if it's going to make a difference. We're going to look into the feasibility, we're going to do a study and see what we can do with the water system in Brackettville."

Approximately five years ago, the city installed a hydro-sprayer through a grant to increase the water pressure.

"It did pick up some with the pressure on the northeast side of town," Luna said. "I know that they told us that the hydro-

sprayer would make some difference, but not a whole lot of difference, and that's what it turned out to be. With that thing, we spent an awful lot of money on other people, on engineers and attorneys."

Luna said he wanted to make sure the majority of the funds would be used directly towards the project before pursuing the grant.

"A lot of people talk about free money. The money is free, but you paid into it to begin with. When it's all-over with, the people involved take more of a portion than the actual structure itself," he said. "If we're going to get a certain amount of money, I want more of a percentage going to the structure than I do to all of the other people involved. We don't just need to go for money because money is out there. They make 10 percent off of administering that deal. They're making money, but we're not getting anywhere. We're not doing the citizens any good by doing that."

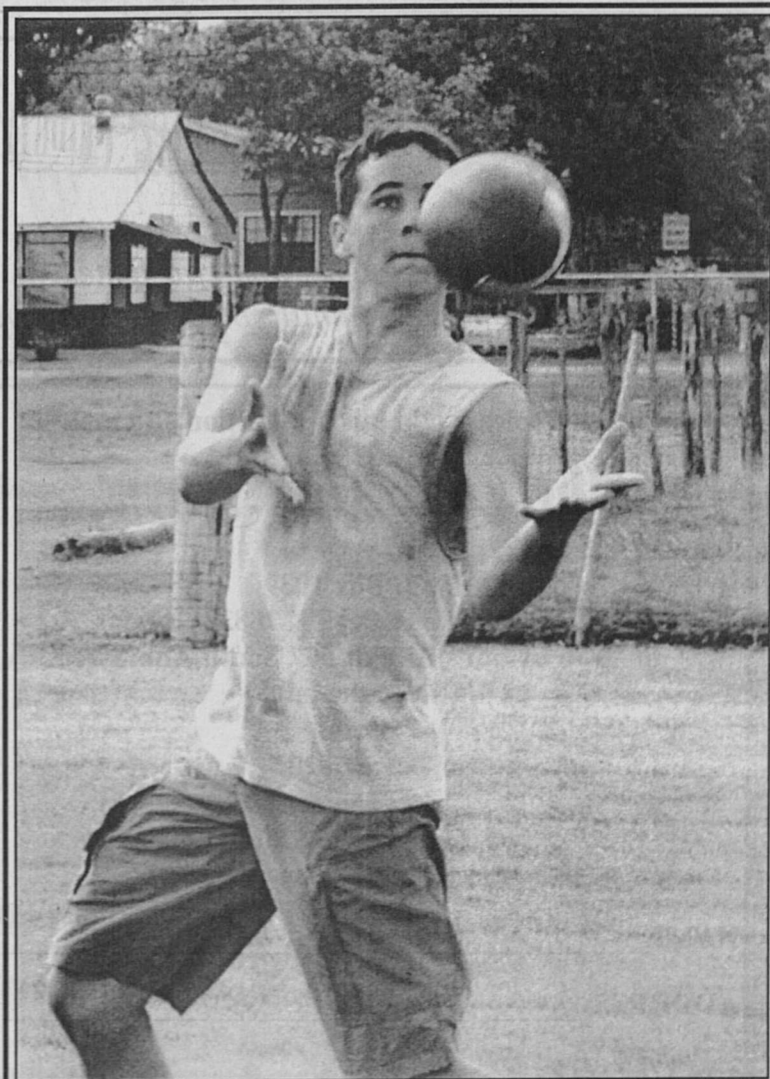


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Receiving skills
Miles Braesicke works on his receiving skills during the BHS football camp. See related photo, Page 3.

Editorial

Water board needs to evaluate its priorities

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District (KCGCD) attempted to adopt rules Tuesday evening to govern virtually all use of water within the county.

The law requires proper notice to the general public of the proposed rules and a public hearing prior to their adoption. The water board met their legal requirement by posting notice of the hearing in the *Del Rio News Herald* and at several public places, but they failed to meet their ethical obligation to the community.

Although the board voted on July 2 to hold a public hearing and publish the agenda in *The Brackett News*, a date for the hearing was not approved at that time. Eight days later, on July 10, Darlene Shahan, board secretary, requested publication of the notice in the paper — well over 24 hours passed the advertising deadline.

The proposed rules, as filed with the county clerk and made available at the county library and Fort Clark Springs main office, were incomplete. Numerous definitions and limits were left blank, in addition to a statement at the bottom of every page stating it was a preliminary draft that had not been reviewed by the board or by the district's legal counsel, and were not official proposed rules. In fact, the board also received revisions to these rules the morning of the hearing. It is the opinion of this newspaper that the board was unprepared and ill advised to proceed with a public hearing under these circumstances.

Some members of the board wanted to change the rules after the public hearing and then adopt them. The whole purpose of a hearing is to give the public a chance to speak out on the proposal. If the rules are changed after a hearing is held, the ability of the public to speak out is silenced. The board made the right decision to finish the rules, and then hold another public hearing before voting on the proposal.

Last Thursday, representatives of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) spoke at length with the KCGCD board about requirements, deadlines, groundwater availability and how to set up a district. They specifically said that the district needed a groundwater management plan within two years of

the confirmation election. The representatives also stated that the board needed proposed rules to submit with the management plan, but that the rules need not be adopted. The TWDB also offered its help in developing a management plan and rules for the district.

Why did it take the board seven months to ask the TWDB to make a presentation? Why has the board spent the past several months developing rules instead of a management plan? Why has the board drafted what is arguably the most restrictive set of groundwater rules in the state, outside the Edwards Aquifer Authority?

Director Don Hood stated during last Thursday's meeting: "I would much rather follow the Texas Water Development Board guidelines and not listen to anybody else except the state of Texas. That way, we're covered."

Hood did the exact opposite. Robert Mace, Ph.D., with the TWDB Water Resources Planning Division, told Hood last Thursday that the 1962 Bennett and Sayre report was "the best way to come up with an estimate for recharge in this area."

"In terms of the information that is available to me in the reports, my professional opinion is that number of recharge."

The Bennett and Sayre report states the annual recharge of Kinney County is "roughly 70,000 acre-feet per year."

The KCGCD was also advised on July 9 by LBG-Guyton Associates, a professional groundwater and environmental engineering service, that the recharge numbers in the 1997 regional water plan were on the low end.

Despite this information to the contrary, Director Hood moved to adopt the drafted rules in their entirety, with limitations on permitted production of "98 acre-feet in the Edwards Aquifer, 15,417 acre-feet in the Edward-Trinity Aquifer, and 15,417 acre-feet in the Austin Chalk Aquifer."

Those figures were adopted in the board's June meeting subject to verification by state water board officials. Obviously, the numbers were not verified — by two different sources.

The production limits in the draft rules are far below the irrigation requirements for agricultural producers in Kinney

County, not to mention the requirements of the municipalities.

Why were those numbers still in the draft rules? Why did the board try to pass rules with figures that state officials said were "clearly wrong?"

There are many other sections of the rules that are questionable. Rule 3.03 states a director may serve as general manager of the district. This is legal, according to Chapter 36 of the water code. However, it poses many conflict-of-interest questions. It is also a violation of the bill that enabled the KCGCD, which says a board member may not receive compensation. The board needs to change rule 3.03 to state a director may not serve as general manager.

Rule 9.01 C states: "For wells that will produce in excess 500 acre-feet per calendar year, the application must be accompanied by a hydrology/hydro-geologic report prepared by a qualified geologist, hydrogeologist, or hydrogeologic engineer for the area in which the well is proposed to be located." This rule puts an undue burden on agricultural producers of any size. Adoption of this rule will virtually end crop production in Kinney County.

Rule 9.03 C (5) states wells not capable of producing more than 17 gallons per minute located on 10 or more acres of land are exempt from permitting. However, under Section 10 — Well Spacing and Production Provisions, no more than one well can be drilled per 160 acres. Rule 10.03 F states: "Exceptions to the spacing rule will not be granted for property subdivided after the adoption and effective date of these rules. Owners of property subdivided after that date will be required to furnish water from a single well to all tracts contained within the boundary of 160 acres."

These are only a few of the problems with the rules. The proposed rules are overly restrictive and will most likely prove detrimental to the development and growth of this county.

The district needs to quit trying to adopt arbitrary rules and adopt a water management plan. This will refine the focus and goals of the district and in the process determine the rules that will be necessary to implement the plan.



Where are we going

The Way I See It
By Steven R. LaMascus

I'm sure you have noticed lately the desperate attempt to eradicate God and Christianity from everything and everywhere except the inside of a church building. The latest attempt by that clown in California to have the Pledge of Allegiance declared unconstitutional is but a minute speck of dust in the universe of atheism and secularism that is sweeping the country, if not the world. From what I have received recently from various readers, it appears that he (the Left Coast atheist) is on the verge of being prosecuted for perjury, because he lied when he filed the court case. It seems that he is separated from his daughter, whom he was so desperately, he says, trying to protect from the evil of "organized religion."

In fact, she lives with her mother, and both she and her mother are Christians, and disagree vehemently with Bozo the Atheist. The case was apparently filed by the father without the knowledge or consent of his daughter or his ex-wife. If true this makes it abundantly clear that his only motive was hatred and a desire to do evil. It is hard to explain, but while I hate everything this lying, Satan-serving malcontent stands for, I feel very sorry for him as well. He is lost, has nothing but evil and hatred in his heart, and hates himself because he has nothing

to believe in. He is empty and wants everyone else to be as miserable as he is. The truth is that there is only one reason to be an atheist: that is so that you don't have to feel guilty when you do something evil!

Now let's discuss the church and state quagmire. First, let's define Church. My Bible says that The Church is not a building where you go to see in your best suit and feel self-righteous on Sunday morning. When Jesus talks about his church he is talking about every Christian in the world. The Church is not a building it is the people who believe that Jesus was and is the Messiah, and that the only way to save your sorry soul is to "confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, and you will be saved." Romans 10:9 NIV

From this it should be obvious, even to the most reality challenged, that a "separation of Church and state" is simply an impossibility. You cannot separate the nation from the people! And the people are the Church.

When Thomas Jefferson wrote his oft quoted and never understood letter to that group of Danbury Baptists, stating that there must be "a wall of separation between Church and State," he was not talking about having a totally secular, devoid of faith and religious belief, completely atheistic national government. That would never have dawned on him. It was beyond his un-

derstanding, I believe, that there should be an absence of faith in the daily governing of a great nation. When the session of the "supreme" court that enacted that infamous and erroneous decision sought a legitimate a reason to do so, they were forced to look outside the official documents of the United States, beyond the reality of what the Founding Fathers used to describe their vision of what a nation should be, and resort to a private letter, written as a passing explanation to a group of Baptists who were, probably, trying to persuade the president to select that particular branch of Christianity as the official United States religion. Jefferson then explained to them that the "separation of Church and State" did not allow the government to select any religion as the "State Religion," and that to do so was not only morally wrong, but constitutionally illegal. That is what he meant!

You see, the primary difference between Christians and atheists is that atheists have no governing morality to guide them. When they divest themselves of a belief in God, they void any moral obligations. There is no ultimate punishment for any act, no matter how evil, so there is no moral dam to prevent a flood of debauchery, immorality, and untruthfulness. When there is no God, there is no reason to be good, or even try to be good.
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Letters to the Editor

Fort Clark director apologizes on behalf of general manager

I apologize! I was raised to tell the truth no matter what happens, even if it takes the hide off. I was also taught to be respectful and kind, to respect other people's property, their differences and their opinions. Everyone has a right to their opinion and their beliefs, even when they are confused.

Because of the manner in which I was raised, I take a zero tolerance stance in regard to liars, cheats and thieves. I also have a very low opinion of arrogant and rude people. There is no excuse to be rude.

During the recent Sesquicentennial Celebration Ceremony, the Seminole Indian Scout Association was not even included in the program, except as an afterthought. This is not the first time the Seminole Indian Scout Association has been treated badly by Fort Clark. There is no excuse for this kind of rude and inconsiderate behavior.

Citizen questions city councilwoman's statement on salaries

Last week's article in *The Brackett News* concerning the City Council opposing the Appraisal District budget left several questions unanswered.

How did the city vote on an Appraisal District budget that has not been approved by the Appraisal District's board? Did anyone else notice that the

This year, when the Kinney County EMS was not able to host the Kinney County Easter Egg Hunt, they asked the fort and the Brackettville Lions Club to consider co-sponsoring the event for the community. The Easter Egg Hunt is an annual affair and has been historically held in Rendezvous Park, with all the children from the county invited. The Fort Clark Springs Association Recreation Committee carried the Easter Basket with support from the Brackettville Lions Club. The Recreation Committee asked for the "open gate" and Rendezvous Park to be reserved. The GM, backed up by a member of the board, stated that Rendezvous Park was rented and could not be used, that the event would have to be held in the Old Motor Pool. The Old Motor Pool area does not have enough space for the number of children involved. The truth was that Ren-

dezvous Park was not rented at any time during the entire week-end — it was available for use.

This is a good example of what the GM and some board members think about the members and the citizens of the county.

During the June meeting, Vice President Jack Simpson proposed a program to increase the use of the Motel on the fort during the slack days of Monday through Thursday, by reducing the rental rate. Since the GM did not know how much it costs to operate the motel, the motion was tabled until that information would be available. It is necessary to have this information in order to set a rate that is not below operating cost.

On June 20, the board met in a special called meeting to consider Mr. Simpson's motion and finish this bit of business. When the GM was again asked about the operating cost of the motel,

she still didn't know and didn't have the information available with her. She had known about this requirement for information for five days, and she still wasn't prepared. She then fumbled around and came up with a number, but who knows if it is correct? This is a major management flaw. I find it absolutely incredible that the general manager does not know the per unit operating cost for every department on the fort.

I feel I must apologize to the members of association and the citizens of Brackettville and Kinney County for the bad behavior of the general manager. I am disappointed and embarrassed. I am also extremely disappointed with the majority of my colleagues on the board, because they are content to tolerate, without question, a management style that is a formula for ruin.

Tom Saylor

increased over 100 percent during a five-year period. Where was the City Council's concern about "high-paying salaries" when that occurred?

My grandmother, Big Mama, would have said, "People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw rocks."

Wes Robinson

New school year is just around the corner

Making a Difference
By Taylor Stephenson

School will begin in less than five weeks. Summer football and volleyball will be starting a couple of weeks before school starts. Also, the band and cheerleaders will resume regular practices.

The first day of school is Monday, August 19.

Maintenance Projects
Summer maintenance projects are moving along well. The Alternative School has new tile covering in four of its classrooms. The high school annex hall has a new paint job.

We're adding a few lockers and new doors on the auditorium. Elementary remodeling continues into the fifth and sixth grade hall with painted lockers, classrooms and new carpet and tile. This work is in progress.

We will complete roofing on buildings with built-up roofs sometime this week (tar and gravel roofs). Then, we'll begin to put on metal roofs on both of the school gyms.

Bids on the new fitness center were opened on Wednesday. Our own maintenance and custodial staff are busy getting detailed work in all of the buildings ready.

Richard Terrazas will soon begin to get buses and cars ready for the busy fall season.

Exchange Student
I encourage families to consider housing Rotary's foreign exchange student for 2002-03, Maarten Hans Vos, who is from the Netherlands.

Maarten is 17. He speaks Dutch, English and German, and prides himself on his ability to get along with people. Vos enjoys sports and wants to play on the Tiger football team.

Would you be willing to be a host family?

Contact Bill Haenn if you would consider keeping this young man for a semester. He will be arriving in about a month and needs housing when he arrives.

The families who kept our exchange student from Germany had a great time. You might con-

tact the Lloyd Lee Davis Jr. or Marvin Davis families to check out their experience.

Rain Still Falling
Rain continues to fall. We had 1.4 inches Sunday afternoon. There are still lots of clouds. Uvalde folks say it rained most of the day Monday.

Long-range forecasts show clearing for later in the week. Folks around San Antonio are ready for rivers and lakes to recede.

Missions Baseball
Last weekend, my family went to see the San Antonio Missions baseball team play. I had not been to see the Missions since I was about 14 in the Knot-hole gang. We used to get in free, except for the 9-cent bus ride over from the other side of town.

I had just as much fun cheering for the Missions as I did years ago. My grandson, Taylor, enjoyed the barking crowd (including his grandfather) on "Who Let the Dogs Out?" It's a trip worth making.

Have a great week!



Football camp
Participating in Brackett's football camp last week were, top row (from left): Michael Stephenson, Josh Kluzek, Miles Braesicke and Romero Pina. Bottom row: Stanford Conoly, Cullen Duncan and Chris Seargeant. Not pictured: Will Conoly, Robert Davis and Clay Threadgill.

EMS personnel stay busy with runs, seasonal work

EMS Update
By Carolyn Rutherford

It's been a while since I visited with everyone. We have been very busy with EMS runs and other seasonal work, dealing with the weather, training and planning for the next budget.

The Middle Rio Grande Development Council has asked me to announce that all Fire Department, law enforcement, HAM radio operators, clinic

and EMS personnel are welcomed to attend the initial First Responders Preparedness meeting at the Brackettville Middle Rio Grande Development Council office on Wednesday July 31, at 6 p.m.

This meeting is related to the Homeland Security at the federal level, along with the state's program to increase rural areas' part in the State Emergency Plan.

Please call me at 563-9090 (leave a message on the machine

if we are out) if you have questions or want to come to this important meeting.

Weather Conditions
Please be aware of your surroundings and weather conditions. Kinney County has had "spotty" rains lately, with all kinds of rainfall readings.

If you hear the siren sounding a warning that lasts longer than 15 seconds (other than the daily noon check), take cover immediately. The siren does not tell you what kind of prob-

lem there is; you need to listen to weather and television stations to stay informed.

Homeland Security
Monitoring San Antonio television stations during national crises dealing with Homeland Security is another way to stay informed and to learn how to provide your family's safety.

It is always a good idea to have supplies put up for three to seven days, including water (change it out every 30 days), dehydrated or canned food,

enough for each member of your household.

Personal hygiene products, disposable diapers, and even prescriptions for medicine need to be stocked up for several days' supply.

Emergency Situations
If you have an emergency, call 911. If you need an ambulance, Texas Department of Health requires me to inform you that the first ambulance called must be staffed with minimum TDH certified personnel

(at least two certified individuals).

Any subsequent calls while the initial ambulance is out may be staffed with a minimum of one TDH certified attendant.

At all times, our patient is cared for by TDH certified attendant(s).

If you have any questions or concerns about EMS or Emergency Management, please visit our office at 401 S. Ellen St., Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or call 563-9090.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Monday, July 8
3:40 p.m., A woman reported a fight at the rest area, on Highway 90 East.

Tuesday, July 9
12:55 a.m., Graciela Avila Bernal, 40, and Erica Elizabeth Bernal, both of Poteet, were arrested for DPS warrants out of Kinney County by DPS Trooper Juan Lozano. They were taken to the Val Verde County Jail.

1:30 a.m., A resident from Fort Clark reported that a white van was driving in and out of driveways. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was advised.

10:35 p.m., A woman said that a white van with no lights was driving through her property. Deputy Chism responded.

10:57 p.m., Deputy Sheriff Manuel Pena responded to a business that was insecure.

Wednesday, July 10
2:20 a.m., A train was reported blocking Highway 131.

8:39 a.m., A man requested a wrecker 15 miles east of Del Rio on Highway 90. Rio Wrecker Service was contacted.

5 p.m., Mitchell Travis Wil-

son, 45, of Brackettville was arrested for assault causing bodily injury and family violence by Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter. Wilson was released the next day on a personal recognizance bond.

8 p.m., Deputy Pena responded to a complaint.

Thursday, July 11
At an unknown time, Adam Caton, 19, of Brackettville was arrested by Sheriff Buddy Burgess for a revoke bond.

Friday, July 12
9:30 a.m., Deputy Sheriff Bobby Guidry responded to an assault.

11:30 a.m., A woman requested a deputy at her residence. Deputy Pena was notified.

At an unknown time, Rosa Josephine Rodriguez, 25, of Brackettville was arrested for theft by Sheriff Burgess. She was released the same day on a personal recognizance bond.

At an unknown time, Osbaldo Cortez, 27, of Houston was arrested on outstanding DPS warrants by DPS Trooper Tom

Wylie.

Sunday, July 14
1:33 a.m., Antonio Jose Sanchez, 36, of Brackettville was arrested for assault causing bodily injury by Deputy Pena. Sanchez was released the same day on bond.

1:39 a.m., A 911 call was received. Three teenagers were reported walking on Highway 277 North.

3:01 a.m., A woman said items were thrown at her trailer. Deputy Pena and Trooper Wylie both responded to the call.

7 a.m., Emma Salazar Salgado, 49, of Sweetwater was arrested for driving while intoxicated, third felony, by Trooper Wylie. Salgado was transported to the Uvalde Sheriff's Office.

4:50 p.m., A man said that a dog had chased him. Reserve Deputy Manuel Pena Sr. informed the owners about the situation.

11 p.m., Noe Tovar Perez, 23, of San Antonio was arrested for outstanding DPS warrants by Trooper Wylie.

BUSINESS



Family, friends and employees of Alamo Saddlery were on hand last Thursday as the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the grand opening of the saddlery's new location on U.S. Highway 90 and Highway 693.

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Obituary

Louisa Derengowski

Louisa C. Derengowski, age 95, entered into peaceful rest in Uvalde. She was born October 17, 1906 in Brackettville. She was preceded in death by her husband Paul Derengowski and her son Alonzo Talamantez and daughter Jennie Talamantez and one brother and three sisters.

She is survived by the following: daughters; Rose Marie Fuentes and husband Henry of Brackettville and Cordelia P. Barlow of Brackettville. Sisters; Carrie Garcia of Brackettville, Mary Jane Talamantez of Brackettville and Rebecca Terrazas of San Antonio. Grandchildren; Anthony P. Negrete, Mario Fuentes, Michael G. Negrete and Patrick Negrete. Great-grandson: Gabriel Walker. Great granddaughter: Ashley Negrete and Chelsea Negrete.

Visitation was held Sunday, July 14, 2002 from 2:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. at the Brackettville Funeral Home Chapel. A Rosary was recited at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel.

A mass of Christian burial was held Monday, July 15th at 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary of Magdalene Catholic Church. Burial followed at the St. Mary Magdalene Catholic cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Del Rio Funeral Home, DBA Brackettville Funeral Home.

Walk on the water

Gateway Ministries
By Pastor Charolette Corey

Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. (Heb. 7:19) Be like Peter who when he saw Jesus walking on the water, he had faith that it was Jesus and desired with all his heart to be near him in the midst of the storm.

When other believers were walking in doubt and unbelief, Peter said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

So (Jesus) said, "Come". And when Peter had come down out of the boat, He walked on the water to go to Jesus." (Matthew 14:22-34).

It was only when he took his eyes off of Jesus (the answer) and put his eyes on the storm (the problem), that he began to sink.

Peter did what we should all do when we feel ourselves sinking. He cried out saying "Lord, save me!" Jesus didn't wait a while to teach Peter a lesson for not keeping his eyes on him. "And Jesus immediately stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Mary's place in the Catholic faith

St. Mary Magdalene Church
By Lynn McNew

One of the most misunderstood traditions in the Catholic Church is an appreciation of the role of Mary in the practice of our faith. Catholics do not worship Mary. We honor her because she is the mother of Jesus. We believe that she was born without the stain of sin and at her death she was taken body and soul into Heaven.

When Catholics pray the rosary, we are remembering important events in the life of Mary. Are we praying to her? Yes, in the same way we would talk to a revered family member. I'm sure anyone who has lost a parent or grandparent finds himself talking to that parent in a prayer-like fashion. We are telling that person how much we love (and miss) him/her. Sometimes we are asking that person for some guidance solving a problem. The bible tells us that Mary instructed Jesus during His lifetime. In Luke 3:48, she scolded Him for staying behind in the temple.

John 2:1-5 tells us she was instrumental in the performance of His first miracle. We believe that she will intercede for us, put in a "good word" if you will, with her Son.

Do we need Mary to pray for us? We often ask to be put on someone's prayer list or for our

church family to say a special prayer for us. It is in this same manner that we pray to Mary.

Perhaps the most beautiful tribute to Mary is found in Luke's gospel 1:46-55, also known as "Mary Cantic." It says in part, "My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit finds joy in God my savior. For He has looked upon His servant in her lowliness; all ages to come shall call me blessed. God who is mighty has done great things for me, holy is His name." (from the New Catholic American Bible)

When you enter a Catholic Church, you will see statues of Mary. In our homes we display pictures of family members of whom we are fond. In our church home, the statues serve

the same purpose—a reminder of someone we love. We don't pray to the statue, anymore than we pray to the crucifix displayed above the altar. We pray to the person represented by that statue, and through that person, to our God.

Mary has appeared to people throughout the world, at places such as Fatima, Lourdes, and to a young boy in Mexico. In each case, she has said that Jesus wants us to pray for peace in the world. She is speaking to us from her honored position as His mother. Known as "Our Lady of Guadalupe", Mary is the patron saint of the Americas.

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

Better on the inside

By Rev. Brother J
Contributing Writer

Last week I had the opportunity to talk to an old friend that used to live in our town and went to church with us.

She and her husband have purchased an old house in another town and are trying to fix it up. They have the inside looking real nice but they have not touched the outside (to her dismay) and it looks pretty bad. She said I would like to put up a sign in the front yard that says, "It looks better on the inside." That reminded me of something the bible says about the Christian

life. When we accept Jesus (put our faith in Him) as our Savior, we aren't necessarily changed physically but there is assuredly a spiritual change on the inside (2 Corinthians 5:17). The Bible says that man is a body and spirit (Genesis 2:7, 1 Thessalonians 5:23). One of the results of that new life (spiritual birth John 3:3-8) is Joy (Romans 15:13). If we do not have Christ in our life we will not understand what it is like, it is one of those things that is hard to explain but wonderful to experience.

You have to experience it for yourself. See you in church on Sunday.

Trust in him

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

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 baytree.

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.

But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.

But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

And the Lord shall help them and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked and save them, because they trust in him. (The Jesus Lord). Psalms 37:34-40.

Courage amidst distress

Empowering Families
By Dr. Donald Smith

Lisa walked into the house and stood in front of her mother, visibly shaken. Her eyes were red and her mouth was set. She was obviously angry. Linda spoke without looking up. "You're home early tonight, honey. Something wrong?"

She looked up. Lisa's appearance took her breath away. "What happened?"

Lisa fell into her mother's arms, crying. "Mom, it was horrible."

she continued. "He's nothing but a no good..." Interrupting, Linda spoke gently. "Come, let's go to the kitchen and make some tea."

"Now, tell me what happened," Linda said as she poured the hot water. "Well," Lisa began, "after we got out of the movie, instead of going to get a hamburger and Coke, Johnnie drove out to the dark side of the gym parking lot. He put his arms around me and tried to kiss me. I couldn't get away from him. Then he pushed me down in the seat and tried to get my clothes off. He said we should have sex. I started screaming and kicking. I finally got the door open and started running and screaming. He started to follow me, but he stopped. Mrs. Johnson was driving down the street and recognized me."

I told her I had fallen and needed to get home." Taking Lisa into her arms and wiping the tears, Linda hid her own anger and measured her response. "Lisa, I am so proud of you. Proud that you had the courage to say no and struggle free. Dad will take care of this with Johnnie and his parents, and the police."

"A very wise man long ago said when you make a friend, first put him to the test before you trust him (Sirach 6:7). He also said to limit the time you spend among fools, but seek the company of thoughtful men (27:12)." This column is brought to you by the St. Henry DeOsso Family Project, working in Brackettville to strengthen family faith and education.

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It's a Boy!

Terry and Karla Bowman, proud parents of Tanner Dawson Bowman, born July 12, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. at Nix Hospital in San Antonio. He weighed 8 lbs 6 oz and 21". Grandparents Chuck and Connie Hall of Brackettville and Glenn and Jean Bowman of Marble Falls.



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Youth retreat
Members of Castle Hills Baptist Church held a youth retreat at the First Baptist Church here last week. Children from local churches also participated in the two-day event.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

Mace suggests water district uses figures from 1962 study

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"based on assumptions and not entirely true."

"I would much rather be safe than sorry," Hood said. "I would much rather follow the Texas Water Development Board guidelines and not listen to anybody else except the state of Texas. That way, we're covered. If the state of Texas comes up with some different information... we will reset our caps. It's not a problem. My sixth sense tells me I would just rather stick with the state of Texas."

Mace told Hood that the 1962 report was "the best way to come up with an estimate for recharge in this area."

"When I reviewed what these guys did, I didn't think it was a bad attempt to come up with an estimate of recharge," he said.

"In terms of the information that is available to me in the reports, my professional opinion is that number of recharge. You all can disagree with me, that's fine. I think the 98 acre-feet that the board has used from the '97 water plan is clearly wrong."

Mace also discussed the Pla-

teau Region Water Plan and 2002 State Water Plan, which includes available volumes of 331,320 acre-feet for Edwards Aquifer, 890,500 acre-feet for Edwards-Trinity Aquifer and 126,600 acre-feet for other aquifers in the county.

"They approached availability in terms of how much water is in the aquifer," Mace said. "This represents 30 percent of total volume of fresh water. They just calculated how much water was in there and reduced it by 70 percent."

He said the decisions the board makes "depends on what the district wants to do with groundwater management in terms of groundwater availability and what your goals are for the aquifer."

"Hopefully, I'm not convincing you hydro-geology is a voodoo science," he said. "I don't want to pretend we know everything. We have limited information. We're kind of like Sherlock Holmes trying to put together the picture from clues that we have, like wells, spring flow and things like that."

Board delays adoption of rules

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meeting, Davis motioned to postpone the public hearing. Henry Fuentes seconded the motion, but the measure failed by a 4-3 margin. Davis, Fuentes and Smith voted in favor of the motion, while Don Hood, Darlene Shahan, Hadley Wardlaw and Bob Young opposed it. Following the hearing, Davis motioned that the adoption of the rules be tabled, but the measure again failed by a 4-3 vote. "I'm not prepared to adopt these tonight," Davis said. "I want time to further review these documents."

Davis said members of the public did not have adequate time to review the proposal, adding that the "copies of the draft proposed rules made available to the public were incomplete, containing numerous blanks, and had the potential to be misleading to the reader."

On the cover page of the draft, and on ever other page in a footnote, the rules say: "This document has not been fully reviewed by the board or by the district's legal counsel, and is not an official proposed rule of the district." Notice of the public hearing was first published in the *Del Rio News-Herald* last Friday. "I really think that the success and failure of this board is dependent on how the community perceives us," Fuentes said.

"I know I haven't had an opportunity to digest these rules. I would like to have more time to review these things. In all fairness, we need to allow everyone time to digest these rules." Smith said the board had never discussed the changes that were made to the proposed rules. The rules being considered were made public last week, but it came to light in the meeting that the district's attorney, Jace Houston, had sent revisions that morning. Some of the directors were not aware of the revisions. "I was told by Jace Houston

this morning that there was going to be a revised draft," Davis said. "He said that there were changes he made this morning that weren't incorporated into this." Despite additional revisions from Houston, Hood urged the board to press on with the adoption of the rules.

"From our lawyer, we paid \$2,900 for him to bless all of our rules," Hood said. "We will always have the opportunity to revisit and amend the rules as new ideas or issues emerge."

"Why in the heck did we spend \$2,900? We're in the same place we were two months ago. We had a workshop."

Hood made a motion to adopt the rules in their entirety, but twice amended his motion to exclude sections of the proposal before taking his motion off the floor. He then tried to pass the rules one section at a time. He motioned to adopt Section 1.01 and Shahan seconded the measure, but it failed 5-2 with the other directors opposing.

Robert Mace of the Texas Water Development Board told the directors last week that the figures they used to set the district's pumping limits were "clearly wrong," but those limits still remained in the proposed rules that were considered Tuesday night.

"They told us that those two figures are completely wrong," Smith reminded the board.

Smith added that the directors needed to fill in the blanks in the rules and let the public have an opportunity to review the additions before adopting the rules.

"This preliminary draft is insufficient," he said. "We have specific (rules) that are going to have the most effect on people, and they are not filled out. I think before we vote on any rules, we should have these blanks filled out so the people can look at them. We have to come up with figures, but I think they should be published before we vote on any rules."

Thank You

The family of Rosa Rios would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers. We would also like to thank you all for the cake walk and any donations. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Again thank you very much
Rosa Rios

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Columnist does his part to help keep New Mexico green

But I could be wrong
By Chuck Hall

Well, I just got back from the annual trip to Ruidoso, N.M. I go each year with Ted Zrzavy.

We like to watch the ponies run. This year, the horses weren't good to me. I bet on one equine animal that only had three legs.

I didn't notice prior to the race. Aren't they supposed to announce those kinds of things?

In another race, I bet on a Clydesdale. How was I supposed to know he would get outran?

The race was for 350 yards. I thought he had a chance. He didn't.

Another nag had coronary failure. Stupid brute died in the starting gate.

The one gelding I was sure

of is still running somewhere along the track. He will cross the finish line someday.

At least I did my part to keep New Mexico green. Better luck next year.

The high-light of this year's trek was a black bear. A forest-deserting, garbage dumpster-diving, free-handout seeking bear.

Winnie the Pooh was a shiny, handsome bruin of about 250 pounds. He seemed cute enough when we saw him about 50 feet from the front door of our condo, but had he came any closer, I may have had to hurt him.

Horses and bears. That has to be the beginnings of a first-rate country and western song.

Horses and bears. I can almost hear the melody. But I could be wrong.



Jewel Robinson (second from left), publisher of The Brackett News, is presented a Bluebonnet Certificate from local Daughters of the Republic of Texas members Louis Stone (from left), Mary Seaver, Pat McKelvy and Agnes Vondy.

DRT recognizes local newspaper

The Caddell-Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas recently presented a Bluebonnet Certificate to Jewel Robinson, publisher of *The Brackett News*.

The Bluebonnet Certificate was originated in 2001, celebrating the 100th year that the bluebonnet had been designated as the State Flower of Texas. It is presented to those who have done an outstanding job of publicizing the period of 1836-1845 when Texas was a Republic.

Over 100 DRT chapters in Texas compete annually to see who can have the most "print inches." At the recent state convention in Austin, the Caddell-Smith Chapter received a first-place certificate for having 2,815 print inches, outdistancing the second-place chapter by over 1,000 inches. This could not have been possible without the support of the local newspaper.

Brackett's DRT members are Charolette Corey, Pat McKelvy, Mary Seaver, Louise Stone and Agnes Vondy.



Rotary Club President Dave Alexander (left) welcomes District Governor Gene Clement to Brackettville.

Rotary discusses plans for upcoming year

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Rotary District Governor Gene Clement and Assistant District Governor Eamonn Grant met informally with members of the Brackettville Rotary last Wednesday for an evening meal at Las Moras Restaurant and at the Club Assembly on Thursday.

Dave Alexander, president of the local club, discussed plans for the coming year on Wednesday evening, and Clement spoke at Thursday's meeting about the goals of Rotary International.

Bhichai Rattakul of Thailand, president of Rotary International, has declared the theme of

this year is to "Sow the Seeds of Love through Rotary International."

The major focus of the Rotary Foundation will be to support the PolioPlus program.

A new campaign has been launched to raise \$80 million to help finish the goal of eradicating polio that was started in 1985. To begin the project, Rotary donated more than \$240 million. The work was done in partnership with the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

The renewed effort is too fulfill its commitment with the goal of eradicating polio by 2005, Rotary's centennial year.

Much has been accomplished through the amazing efforts of volunteers, Clement said.

Volunteers have had to go into primitive areas, often difficult to reach.

They have sometimes moved through places riddled with land mines. Volunteers have traveled by foot, camel and horseback into the Himalayas. They traveled by boat down river in Malaysia to reach the river-children. Language differences have created barriers at times.

Clement said the most extreme incident was in a war zone when shooting was stopped long enough for volunteers to administer the vaccine to children.

Projects for the local club were also discussed and will be set at a later date.

Plans are being completed for the imminent arrival of exchange student Maarten Vos from the Netherlands.

Any student interested in applying to become a future exchange student from here to a foreign country may explore this opportunity by contacting Alexander, Bill Haenn, Superintendent Taylor Stephenson or by looking up Rotary's website.

Clement lives in Pleasanton and Grant is from San Antonio.

Rotarians expressed appreciation for their visit and enthusiasm for the coming year's activities.

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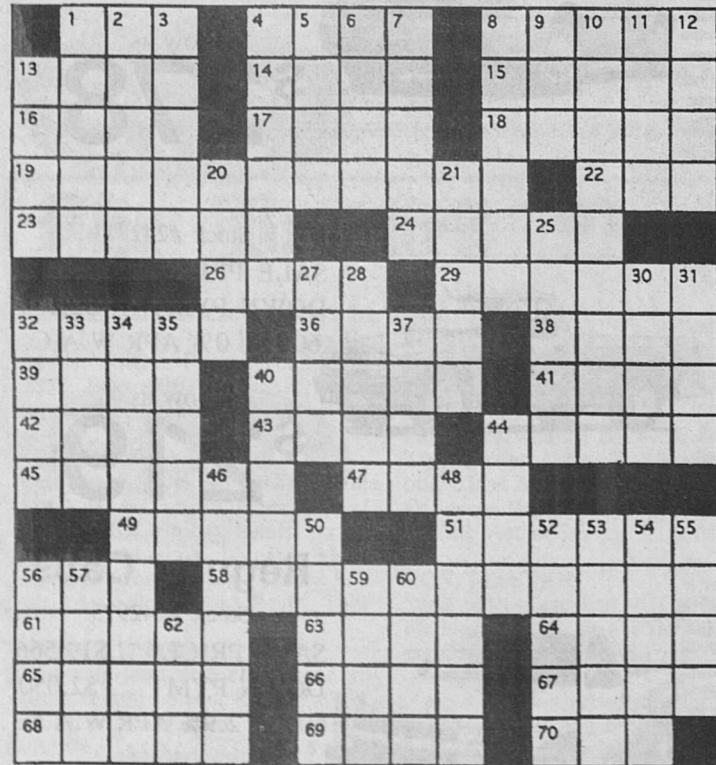
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Trivia Time by Walter Branch

- In what film did Robert Redford make his directorial debut?
- What was New York City Mayor Fiorella LaGuardia's nickname?
- How many noggins are there in a pint?
- In what country is the resort city of St. Moritz?
- What is the name of the winged horse of Greek mythology?
- What is the unit of measure for a racehorse's height?
- What was China's last imperial dynasty?
- What does MASH stand for?
- What is regicide?
- What does a dipsomaniac crave?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| July 18.....Rosalie Boysen | July 22.....Elvira Morin |
| July 18.....Louise Reese | July 22.....Ernesto Ortiz, Jr. |
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| July 21.....Juanita Garcia | July 23.....Luzgarda Fuentes |
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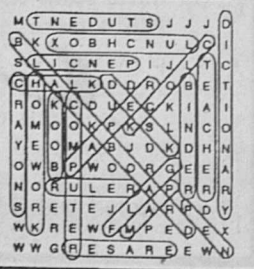
by Charles Cooper

- ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Try to avoid being overly influenced by a friend this week. While this person is genuine, your best interests aren't being served. Stick to your own instincts.
- LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You're making progress at work, but not as much as you'd like. Be patient. Some things can't just happen overnight, and this is one of them.
- TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) This is a good week to restock cabinets with essentials. You've been a bit neglectful of the household of late. Correct this by the weekend.
- SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) In your quest to reach that special goal, be sure you don't trip over yourself. Weigh every action carefully. If not, you're going to make a fatal blunder.
- GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) All's quiet this week on the work front, which suits you just fine. Co-workers are in generally congenial moods. Perhaps a lunch later in the week is in order for all of you.
- SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) It's a good week to start a new hobby or enterprise. This activity will provide more focus for you. Over the weekend, attend to domestic needs.
- CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A business meeting which takes place early this week is fortuitous. You learn something of value to use in the future. Over the weekend, it's play, play, play!
- CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Someone has been talking to you, but you haven't heard a word. Make an effort to be more receptive. It's for your own good in the long run.
- LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A surprise telephone call warms your heart. While this person lives far away, a visit in the near future is possible. Enjoy the weekend with family and friends.
- AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Friends and family are of utmost importance to you. Be sure you pay more attention to those people you've been neglecting. A weekend get-together is perfect for this.
- VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You have a bit of a sharp tongue this week, and lash out without thinking. The person you've offended won't easily forgive you this time. You're going to have to go that extra mile.
- PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You'll be happy with what transpires at work this week. Co-workers rally for you and provide the help you need on a project. This weekend, a romantic introduction is possible.

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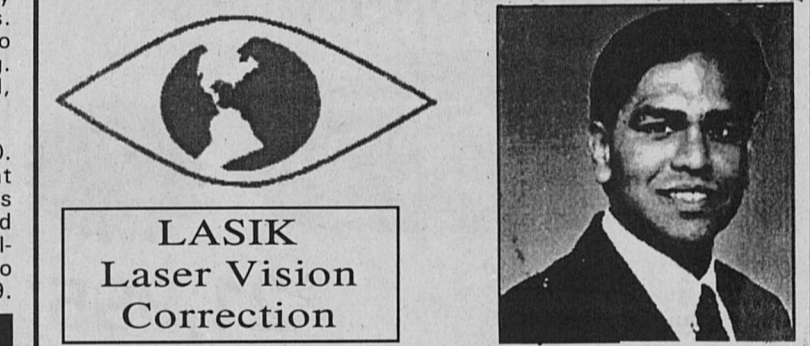
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FCSA members to present petition

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it. This is from the members." Cheaney outlined the procedures for a special meeting of the membership in the association's July newsletter. Fort Clark Springs member Rudy Brenk publicly questioned the procedure in a letter, citing statutes in the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Acts. "I think Frank has done a good job with what he's doing, and I praise him for that," Simpson said. "But I have heard person after person saying it's going to be one way, and then we have others that say it's going to be another way, so what I'm looking for is the right way. I'm not taking sides with anybody. I just want us to do it one time and do it right — not do it one time and be wrong, and there's a lawsuit." Gulley told the board: "To determine what is the 'right way,' we have to harmonize between what has been passed by

the association and what is in the statutes, and see if it will work together and how they work together. If one prevails over the other, why does it prevail over the other?" "Most of this will be found in the law and different court cases. It's not going to be found strictly by reading the statutes. It will be found in court cases and how the courts say we ought to handle those differences," he added. Gulley said it would take him a week to 10 days to do research and come to a conclusion. "This is very important to the board and very important to the membership," he said. "It is something the board doesn't want hastily put together, so to speak, nor does the membership want the board to hastily make a mistake." Carol Miller said having a special meeting Aug. 10 was unrealistic. "At this point, until we get a

decision from Mr. Gulley — and in effect it will have to throw out our bylaws — we do have to continue to go by our bylaws," she said. "According to our bylaws, it does say that all elections will be held at the annual meeting. It also states very specifically ... that any voting taking place at a members' meeting will be by mail ballot. There is just no way that all of that could be done in a three-week period. Besides, it's the board that sets the meeting date. "What it does say in there is that the members will be notified of the meeting not less than 10 nor more than 50 days prior to the meeting, but it does not say anything as to when the meeting has to be after something is presented. "As of right now, the way I read our bylaws and until Mr. Gulley says otherwise, there is no way we can do that," Miller added.

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Just let it all hang out; if it feels good do it; whatever trips your trigger. Deny God often enough and long enough and he will simply abandon you and turn you over to whatever evil you desire to worship. We have two sides in the nation today that will never, not ever, find a way to coexist: liberal or conservative, Godly or atheist, good or evil — call them what you want. The time is fast approaching when you are going to have to crawl down off the fence and choose whether you are for God or for evil. Because, whether you want to believe it or not, a nation without God is a nation devoted to Satan. 1st Corinthians 15:58 — "Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." NIV

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