

# The Brackett News



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**Honoring our heroes, local and national**

Kinney County citizens turned out at the Courthouse last week to commemorate the deaths of the 2,934 people that were killed Sept. 11, 2001, in an assault on the American way of life. Local fire, EMS and law enforcement heroes were also recognized at the ceremony.

Photo by Jewel Robinson

## Fort Clark goes to court

District judge holds hearing today with association, board members

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Editor

District Judge Tom Lee will hold a hearing concerning the controversy at Fort Clark Springs this morning at 9:30 in the District Courtroom at the Courthouse.

Fort Clark Springs Association filed a lawsuit last week against two of its directors, and five other members with claims to seats on the Board of Directors.

Board members Mona Miller and Tom Saylor appointed five new directors earlier this month at a special meeting — Nolan Brandt, John Dixon, Al Jenkins, Rozetta Pingent and Santos Yerena.

The association filed suit on the seven individuals and was granted a temporary restraining order, which prevents the individuals from: "holding themselves out to be the officers and directors of FCSA; conducting business in the name of FCSA; and attempting to take control of the directors' meeting room, the business, payroll and personnel records of the plaintiff and attempting to hire or discharge plaintiff's personnel."

Over 400 members signed a petition, initiated by the Preser-

vation Society, requesting a special membership meeting, which was held on Aug. 10, to recall the directors. The majority of the members voting chose to remove Carol Miller, Glen White, Jack Simpson, Frank Cheaney and Bob Williamson, and to keep Saylor and Mona Miller.

The lawsuit states that the association "notified the membership of the proper procedure to call a special meeting and to hold a recall election" and that the individuals "deliberately chose to ignore following the procedures set out in the corporation's by-laws and protective restrictions."

Fort Clark Springs General Manager Maggie Banner Kerr said she is "doing fine" in the fall edition of *The Sentinel*, a publication of the association, despite efforts from the Preservation Society to have her removed from her position.

"Hey, don't worry about me. I am doing fine," she wrote. "The job as general manager of this wonderful fort is going great! So don't worry about me faltering or quitting anytime soon. My job is a rewarding and challenging experience every day and that's what I like out of life!"

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**Maggie Banner Kerr**

## Water board receives loan

AUSTIN — The Texas Water Development Board approved a \$16,000 loan from the Groundwater District Loan Assistance Fund Wednesday to the Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District.

Loan proceeds will be used to finance a portion of the district's initial creation, start-up and operating costs.

This is the first loan authorized from the program. Groundwater districts were authorized by Senate Bill 1 to apply to the Texas Water Development Board for financial assistance.

Kinney County is comprised of 891,520 acres and has an estimated population of 3,379.

## City adopts grant fund

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Editor

The Brackettville City Council adopted a resolution for a grant fund of \$267,844 for water system improvements at its September meeting.

Officials are hoping a new elevated water storage tank will help improve the water pressure in the city.

The city is applying for a grant through the Office of Rural Affairs to fund the construction of the new tank.

The 100-percent, federally-funded grant is for \$267,844, according to Carl Esser of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council.

"We are in need of more water pressure," said David Luna, city manager. "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."

The number of water-users in Brackettville has increased dramatically in recent years.

"When I came to the city, there were 482 accounts," Luna said. "There are 796 accounts now."

If the grant is approved, the new tank will supply water-users east of Ann Street and the existing water tank will supply users west of Ann Street.

Luna said the new tank would be located on the northeast side of town near the cemetery.

"There is a spot right there on the east side of the Benitez residence that belongs to the

city," he said. "It's big enough to put a tank there and to secure a perimeter fence around it."

"It's close enough to a main line that it's feasible to be able to hook up straight down the street by the Saenz residence. There is no rock at that location," Luna added.

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," he added.

## Water district to hold public hearing on amendment to rules

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Editor

The Kinney County Groundwater Conservation District has scheduled a public hearing and special meeting next Wednesday afternoon at 1:30. The meeting will be held in the District Courtroom at the Courthouse.

The agenda for the special meeting includes the deletion of Rule 9.04B, and the adoption of an amendment to the rule.

Rule 9.04B currently reads: "Single commercial wells: The permit requirements of these rules do not apply to persons

owning only one commercial well within the district."

The *Brackett News* was unable to obtain a copy of the proposed amendment to the rule prior to deadline.

The district formally accepted the resignation of Henry Fuentes during a special meeting last week. Fuentes resigned due to health problems.

"I hate to see us lose somebody like Henry," Director Zach Davis said. "I don't think there is anybody in this community that carries the respect that Henry does. He was a real asset to this board."

## Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery Association celebrates 130th anniversary this weekend

The Seminole Indian Scout Cemetery Association will celebrate its 130th anniversary this weekend "in the honor and reminiscence of our ancestors and our heritage."

The festivities begin with a parade on Saturday morning at 10. Parade participants will gather at the Brackett Alternative School on Ann Street at 9.

The parade will go through downtown Brackettville on Ann Street and end at the Carver School parking lot.

For more information on the parade, call Augusta Ann Pines at 563-9779.

A program at the basketball court on the Carver School grounds will begin at 11.

The guest speaker is Paulina del Moral of Torreon, Coahuila,

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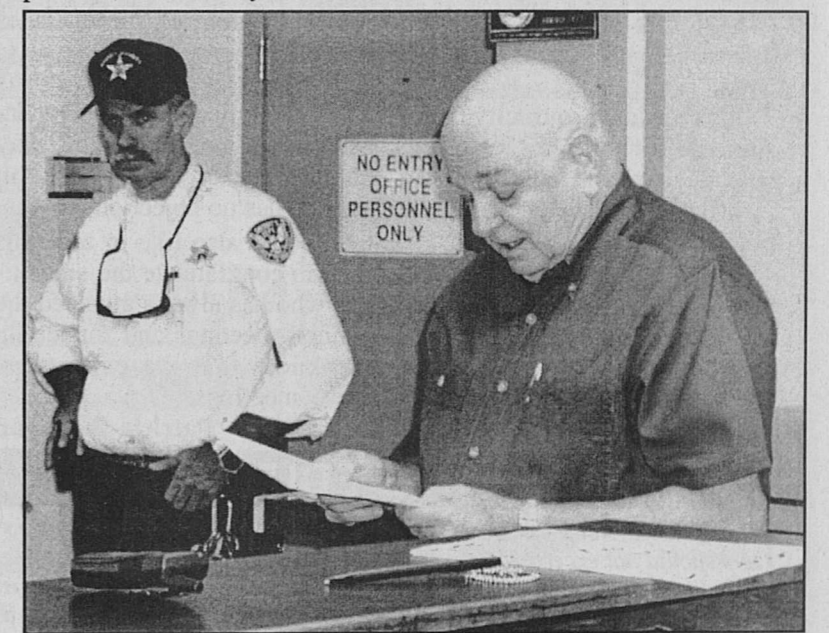
Mexico.

To exhibit booths on the grounds for two days will cost \$20. Fees must be paid in advance.

For more information, call Pines at 563-9779 or Clarence Ward at 563-9394, or e-mail him at cward@rionet.org.

There will be a barbecue at noon on Saturday. Donations of \$4 and up per plate will be accepted.

Also on Saturday, a history and genealogy seminar will be



**Questions of legality**

Kinney County Deputy Larry Robinson (left) looks on as Fort Clark Springs Director Tom Saylor conducts a meeting. The association has obtained a temporary restraining order against Saylor, Director Mona Miller, and five others with claims to seats on the Board of Directors.

Photo by J.J. Guidry



**Raising the flags**

Kinney County Judge Herb Senne (from left) and Monty Montgomery, retired from the U.S. Army, watch Albert Payne raise the POW/MIA flag and a U.S. flag that had flown over the Capitol in Washington D.C. Monday at the Courthouse. Montgomery donated POW/MIA flags to the county and to the U.S. Border Patrol. National POW/MIA Recognition Day is on Saturday.

Photo by J.J. Guidry

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Did losses cause reassignment?

It is disappointing when someone continually attacks people who work hard to improve the educational and athletic opportunities for all students in our community. It is even tragic that disgruntled individuals and small groups seek to tear down the fine schools in Brackett that their children attend.

When Athletic Director David Yeager came to work for BISD four years ago, most people in our community wanted a change and to see improvement in all of our athletic programs. It is his job to try to improve both the boys' and girls' programs in all sports.

He immediately began a very disciplined football program which promoted "team" spirit, unity and pride through hard work. The Tigers have been a winning team every year since.

Coach Yeager has also tried to make improvements in our girls' programs during this time, but change can be hard to accept and difficult to make without offending some individuals. You can never please 100 percent of the people 100 percent of the time.

Consider the district win-loss record of the girls' varsity basketball team: 1998, 5-5; 1999, 2-8; 2000, 3-7; 2001, 2-8.

Could this record have had

something to do with the reassignment of Gregg Nowlin as girls' head basketball coach in an effort to improve the girls' program?

It has been said that "you cannot rest on your laurels." One cannot continue living on past achievements, but must continue to improve, make adjustments and move forward or else stagnate.

One change Coach Nowlin did make that I totally agreed with was to move my daughter from varsity to the J.V. team during her sophomore year. After sitting on the varsity bench her entire freshman year, she was finally allowed to play in a game for more than one or two minutes. She was very happy and so was I.

We, the parents, are the primary teachers of our children by our example — what we say and do in our homes, our churches and our community. Coaches and teachers likewise can have a profound effect on our children by what they say and do.

I urge everyone to unite to improve our community and our schools, and to continue to make Brackettville and Fort Clark a wonderful place to raise our children. May God bless us and guide us in this effort. Go Tigers and Tigerettes.

Lloyd Lee Davis

Citizens should demand changes

Concerned citizens: In the previous letter to the editor, we had and have concerns on the matters that were listed about our city's conditions. I know there are many more concerns that we all have, like the following:

Why were the City Council members told that city employees' TML intergovernment employee benefits health insurance was going to be cancelled in October 2002 when it was cancelled on March 31, 2001?

Why was a computer — purchased with taxpayers' money — from City Hall given to a city employee for her personal use at home, when it could have been donated to the library, the Lions Club or any other organization?

Last, but not least, why are (office) job openings at City Hall never advertised?

Is it because our city manager has someone not qualified, not educated and inexperienced in office duties in mind for the position?

These are just some of many more questions people would like answered by our city manager, but we are scared to ask.

One important thing that we need to keep in mind, which is

very important, is that we have the freedom of speech. If you do not speak up, no one will hear you.

We, the people of this city, are the ones who voted these councilmen in, hoping to see a change, but no change has been done due to their fear toward our city manager. We, the people, voted these councilmen in and we together could take them out, without waiting until the next election.

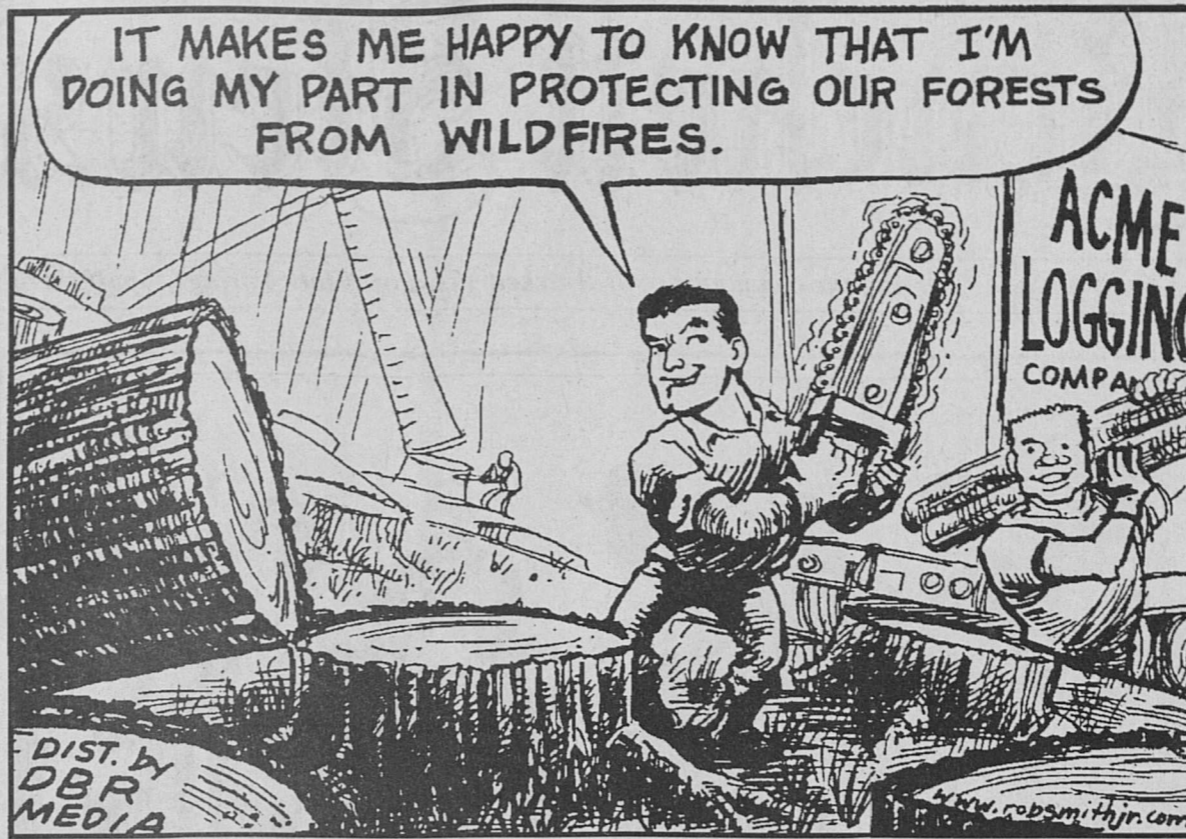
One councilman can not do it all. We need people that are going to be fair and stick together without fear to anyone.

One other thing to keep in mind, that I was not aware of, is that we as citizens are allowed to attend city council meetings held every month and this is where freedom of speech takes its control.

If you have any questions about attending or speaking out at council meetings, you may contact our city manager. I'm sure he has no objections to this.

I would also like to take this time to congratulate the one citizen who has always attended the council meetings and for letting me know that we can attend these meetings.

Patricia Barragan



Changing of hearts will lead to a better future

Chuck Hall told a story once about the old Indian and the young Indian.

The old Indian was explaining the human condition to the young Indian. He said that inside there are two wolves. One is vicious, vindictive and evil, waiting to devour anything good or wholesome. The other is a kind, thoughtful, helpful wolf that only wants what is best. These two wolves are always at war inside you and one of them will eventually win.

The young Indian asked how you could know which wolf will finally be victorious.

The answer? It will always be the one you feed!

It is simple, really. If you are consumed with thoughts of anger and think the world is out to get you, you will probably be correct.

If, on the other hand, you want only what is best for everyone and are willing to follow the example of Jesus when he said, "Love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven," then you will probably be blessed with a life of peace and harmony.

Human nature is prone to look for a scapegoat any time we feel we have been wronged. It is just our nature to deny that we have any part to play in our own agony.

It is one of the prevalent man-



The Way I See It

Steven R. LaMascus

our children are becoming more and more unruly, about why our schools are more dangerous than ever, about why our air is polluted, about evolution, about homeland security, about illegal immigration — I could go on for pages.

Most of our problems stem from the simple act of denial. We are convinced that if we can find someone to blame the problem will go away. Sadly, that isn't true.

The first rule to solving a problem is to be able to state the problem. If we state the problem as 2 x 2 = and the answer we are looking for is 22, we are never going to succeed.

What we need to do is stop looking for scapegoats, boogey men, communist plots and personality cults, and accept that we are not perfect. We need to look inside before we look outside. We need to accept truth and reject gossip. If we are the best we can be, the rest of the world will notice it. That is what Jesus was trying to tell us in the Beatitudes; that if we have no change of heart we can never change the world for the better.

Matthew 5:38-40, "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles."

tras in today's society. If we do something wrong it is somebody else's fault.

A person murders his parents and blames it on the fact that his mother didn't breast-feed him when he was a baby. A drunk is not a drunk but a victim. A thief is not a thief but a victim of society. A terrorist is not a heartless murderer but a religious zealot.

It is never our fault. If we reject responsibility, we reject our own human frailty.

I hate to be the one to break it to you, but most of our problems are self-imposed. We desperately need to be more introspective. When we have a problem, we first need to look at ourselves and find if there was some way we could have averted disaster. Most of the time we'll find that it was our own negligence that caused our pain. Still, we need to assuage the anguish by placing the blame elsewhere, anywhere else.

It is a basic desire of the human ego to be free of guilt. The psychiatric term for this is denial. It seems that most of the U.S. today is in denial.

We are in denial about why



Just Chatting

J.J. Guidry

Lawsuit abuse proves costly

Did you know the National Center for State Courts reports that there were more than 15 million civil lawsuits filed in 1999 — or one lawsuit for every 18 people in the United States. That equates to a lawsuit filed every 2.08 seconds, the equivalent of one lawsuit filed with each blink of the eye.

Lawsuit abuse continues to be a problem in our country. Our courts are being overwhelmed by frivolous lawsuits.

Here's a look at a few lawsuits that caught my eye in the last week:

■ Kenneth Bianchi, the "Hillside Strangler" serial-killer in California and Washington in the 1970s, filed a lawsuit in June against Whatcom County, Wash., seeking \$100 per day for 23 years of lost wages, in addition to punitive damages and damages for emotional distress.

Bianchi claims that police and prosecutors withheld key evidence, leading him to plead guilty to the murders of seven women in 1979.

Bianchi is serving a term of more than 118 years in the Washington deaths at the state penitentiary in Walla Walla. He also was sentenced to five life terms in California.

Bianchi says that he developed a false impression of the strength of the prosecution's case because of the allegedly withheld evidence, and thus decided to plead guilty.

"It's absolutely ridiculous, as is everything else that he has sent to us and moved for in the past 23 years," Whatcom County Prosecutor Dave McEachran said. "Kenneth Bianchi was just guilty as sin."

Would you confess to murdering seven people, knowing you would die in prison, if you were innocent?

■ Child-sex-assaulter Kevin R. Hill, 36, filed a lawsuit from prison against St. Clair County, Ill., demanding \$100,000 because county officials caused him and his family "grave personal and professional financial devastation" when they charged him with the crime — a crime that Hill pleaded guilty to.

We cannot continue to pay the rising costs caused by unwarranted litigation. The "sue first and ask questions later" approach to solving problems provides publicity for lawyers, but so angers the parties that it guarantees prolonged litigation. We should allow defendants to insist on mediation before going to trial.

In addition, the increased use of predatory and meritless litigation to extract large settlements is an abuse of the legal process that harms good businesses and, ultimately, consumers. We, as citizens, should pursue efficient, cost-effective solutions to the problems.

It's time we make a change. Our court systems deserve it.

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The 2002 Breast Cancer Awareness Program will be sponsored by Val Verde Regional Medical Center from Sept. 23rd - Sept. 27th. Discounted mammograms will be made available to non-symptomatic women 35 years and older for a limited time this fall.

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To Schedule An Appointment Call Val Verde Regional Medical Center (830) 778-3651

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NO CALLS PRIOR TO Sept 23rd FOR APPOINTMENTS FOR MORE INFO. CALL 830 - 778-3651

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Big Mama Sez!  
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OBITUARY

Perry Franklin "Frank" Farley

Perry Franklin "Frank" Farley, 87, died Thursday, Sept. 12, 2002, in Wharton following an extended illness.

He was born on July 7, 1915, in Sanderson, the son of the late Dan Paul and Maude Elizabeth Musgrave Farley. Farley attended Crystal City High School and was awarded the football MVP award in 1933.

He married Faye Tidwell and had four loving children. He was later remarried to Irene Caywood, who preceded him in death. On March 13, 1994, he married Helen Wind Wendel in Wharton. She preceded him in death on Oct. 24, 1999.

Farley worked as an operator of heavy equipment until late in his life. He was a former resident of Port Neches and resided in Wharton since 1992.

He was a member of Grace Community Fellowship and loved fishing, telling stories and playing table games.

Farley is survived by daughters and sons-in-law, Jamie and Dwight King of Wharton and Dana and Wiley Johnson of Houston; son and daughter-in-law, Perry and Annette Farley of Fayetteville; granddaughters and spouses, Amy and Eric Kraft and Abby and Troy Schubach; and grandsons, Dr. Will Farley, P.J. Farley and Cecil Farley.

He was preceded in death by his son, Michael, four sisters and two brothers.

Funeral services were held on Saturday in the chapel of Wharton Funeral Home with David Allen officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Wharton Boys and Girls Club, 2120 Newton, Wharton, TX 77488.

Funeral services were under the direction of Wharton Funeral Home.

BRIEFS

Boysen offers tips on new teacher taxes

There is a new tax law for 2002 and 2003, according to Roland Boysen. Kindergarten through high school teachers are eligible for a deduction for school supplies and expenses, up to \$250. The deduction can be found on page 1 without any reduction or other itemization.

"The deduction is new for these two years only," Boysen said. "If you gave up saving receipts because you weren't able to itemize under previous law, here is a new chance to save a few dollars when you file for the next two years. Hopefully, this might get extended."

Agents apprehend 665 in Brackettville

DEL RIO - U.S. Border Patrol agents apprehended 665 illegal aliens in Brackettville during the month of August, officials announced.

There were 4,297 total apprehensions made in the Del Rio Sector, including 1,637 in Eagle Pass, 659 in both Carrizo Springs and Del Rio, 215 in Uvalde, 170 in Abilene, 104 in San Angelo, 97 in Comstock, 69 in Llano and 22 in Rocksprings.

Agents seized 1,642,049 pounds of marijuana, valued at \$1,313,639.

Early Bird Breakfast is set for Sept. 20

The 2002 Early Bird Breakfast, sponsored by McDonald's and the Uvalde Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Friday, Sept. 20, from 6 to 9 a.m. on the Chamber of Commerce front lawn, located at 300 E. Main St. This year's menu includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee and juice. Plates will be \$3 and tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, call the Uvalde Area Chamber of Commerce at (830) 278-3361.

Knights of Columbus to hold a barbecue

Barbecue beef or chicken plates will be available for a \$5 donation to the Knights of Columbus charity activities from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday on Ann Street in front of the Catholic Church.

Elementary to host immunization clinic

There will be a children's immunization clinic next Thursday, Sept. 26, at Jones Elementary School in the fifth and sixth grade science lab from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Monday, Sept. 9

9:56 a.m., An REA employee reported a vehicle accident next to Pinto Creek on Highway 90, west of Brackettville. Sheriff Buddy Burgess was dispatched to the scene. The vehicle was found near Perdido Creek.

3:51 p.m., A woman said kids were loitering in front of Super S grocery store and showing gang signs to people who were driving by. Chief of Police Arnulfo Alonzo was dispatched.

5:09 p.m., A man reported that a person had been hit with a tire at Highway 90 Tire Service. EMS officials responded.

8 p.m., A man reported an intoxicated driver speeding on Gove Street. Chief Alonzo and Deputy Karl Chism responded.

Tuesday, Sept. 10

2 p.m., Sabu Flores, 17, of Brackettville was arrested for assault causing bodily injury by Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter. He was released the same day on a personal recognizance bond.

8:10 p.m., A woman reported a disturbance between two tenants at the Senior Apartments. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.

Thursday, Sept. 12

2:15 a.m., An employee from Inter Star System reported an alarm going off at a ranch on Highway 90, west of Brackettville. Deputy Manny Pena Jr. responded.

Friday, Sept. 13

3:25 a.m., Joe Soto, 38, of Dallas was arrested by Deputy Bobby Guidry on a motion to

revoke a probated sentence for driving while intoxicated.

10:55 p.m., Efrain Garcia, 46, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Pena Jr. for driving while intoxicated. He was released two days later on a personal recognizance bond.

11:46 a.m., Joel DaBosque, 39, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Pena Jr. for outstanding warrants out of Tarrant County. He was released on a \$1,500 bail bond.

Saturday, Sept. 14

6:56 p.m., A man called 911 to report that his brother took his VCR, tapes and other property from his residence on N. Beaumont Street without permission. Deputy Manny Pena Sr. responded.

9:26 p.m., A woman said that her son was beating up her boyfriend at her residence on Highway 90. The woman said she was scared of her son. Deputy Pena and Constable Cordelia Mendeke responded to the complaint.

Sunday, Sept. 15

12:32 a.m., A Pico employee reported an intoxicated man trying to purchase alcohol. Deputy Pena responded to the call.

5:15 a.m., A man reported that someone was trying to break into his residence on E. El Paso Street. Deputy Pena responded to the call.

6:06 p.m., A woman reported an individual on Highway 90, east of Brackettville, near a guardrail that looked lost or sick. Constable Mendeke responded to the call.

BISD celebrates American Character Week

BISD's schools observed American Character Week, which included ceremonies at the elementary, junior high and high school focusing on patriotism and 9-11.

At BHS, the history club and sponsor Kathy Bader were in charge of the program. At Brackett Junior High, Mary Petrosky and the choir led the ceremonies. I am proud of our teachers and our students.

The celebration at the Courthouse was a good one where our local heroes - fire, EMS and law enforcement - were recognized.

Fifth Week

This week marks the fifth week of school. It is going by fast. Remember that students must be passing all subjects at the six-weeks period in order to be eligible for competition.



Making A Difference

Taylor Stephenson

BHS Sports

The cross country team placed fifth in the Medina Valley Meet this past Saturday. The top four teams were in larger classifications than AA. We are proud of coach Jennifer Harris and the team.

The BHS football team is now 3-0 after the win over Sabin. We won't play at home again until Oct. 11. The Tigers play in Cotulla this Friday night. Coach David Yeager and the football team continue to win!

Volleyball won two and lost two at a tournament in Utopia. They're doing fine and will begin district play on Tuesday in Brackettville.

Our community extends best wishes for success in district to the Brackett volleyball team and coach Dusty Brotherton.

Letters to the Editor

I have made it a practice never to respond to letters to the editor.

We are blessed with a fine school system that has a superb staff. I believe in our American values of self-expression and freedom of the press. However, I urge you to remember that there are always at least two sides to any story.

Employees have a complaint procedure that is outlined in law. The same privilege is extended to parents and commu-

nity members.

Formal complaints should be dealt with at the teacher level, then to the principal and then to the superintendent. Finally, the board can receive the complaint if it hasn't been resolved earlier. Complaints are dealt with in a timely manner as there is a time limit on the filing of the complaint and on its resolution.

My goal is to maintain a fine school system in Brackettville. Fortunately, in my 28 years of serving as a superintendent in three school systems, negative letters to the editor about the school system have rarely occurred, if ever.

I would reinforce my thanks to the public for its support of our fine schools, the Board of Trustees, our teachers, and our students.

Have a great week!

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# Cotulla next up for unbeaten Tigers

## Rosetti, Brackett run over Yellowjackets in 28-7 victory

By J.J. GUIDRY  
Sports Editor

The Brackett Tigers will look to keep their perfect record intact Friday night when they face the Cotulla Cowboys on the road in a 7:30 non-district contest.

Cotulla (2-1) will be the third 3A team the Class 2A Tigers (3-0) face this season. They posted wins over Lytle and Crystal City, both 3A schools, in their first two wins, and are coming off of a 28-7 win over Sabinal.

"Cotulla has a new coaching staff and they're really full of

optimism," Brackett head coach David Yeager said.

"Their only loss was to Blanco, the defending state champions, and it was a good ball game from what I hear. We're expecting a good battle down there.

"They have a really quick team. They have a fast running back that can take it the distance any time he touches the ball, so we're going to have to really get to the football, surround him and tackle well," he added.

Tony Rosetti rushed for 196 yards and three touchdowns to



Tony Rosetti

pace the Tigers in their win over the Yellowjackets last week.

"Tony ran real well," Yeager said. "Our offensive line did a good job of giving him some creases, and he did a good job of finding those holes. Tony has really good feet, good hips and good quickness."

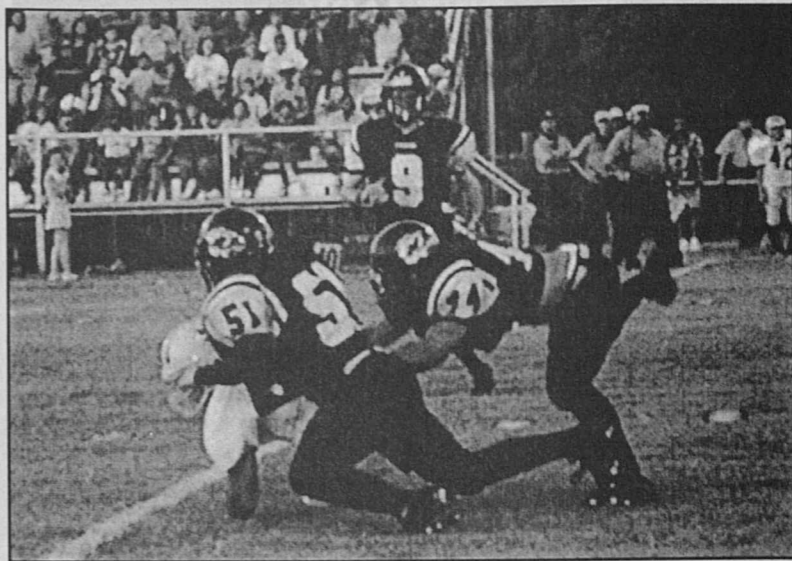
Dietrich Davis recovered a

fumble and returned it 13 yards for a touchdown to give Brackett a 7-0 lead less than two minutes into the contest.

Rosetti scored his first TD of the game on a 53-yard run to put the Tigers up 14-0 at the half.

Sabinal's only score came at the 2:22 mark in the third quarter when David Rodriguez connected with Randy Moreno on a 38-yard scoring strike.

Brackett put the game away as Rosetti scored on runs of 8 and 5 yards, respectively. Mark Kesteloot was 4-for-4 on PAT kicks for the Tigers.



Behind the line of scrimmage Photo by Javier Cervantez

Brackett's Glen Morgan (51) and Philip Munoz (74) sack Sabinal quarterback David Rodriguez as Tillman Davis (9) comes in to assist during the Tigers 28-7 victory Friday.

## Tigers blank Yellowjackets

SABINAL —The Brackett junior varsity picked up their first win of the football season last Thursday, blanking the Sabinal Yellowjackets 27-0.

Tres Rueda led the Tigers (1-2) with a pair of touchdowns on runs of 22 and 10 yards, respectively.

Cody Edwards crossed the goal line on an 8-yard run and Brand Wylie scored on a 2-yard plunge.

Maarten Vos booted three PAT kicks for Brackett to round out the scoring.

Edwards also picked off a Sabinal pass, and Clyde Adams blocked a punt.

The Tigers resume action tonight at 6:30 as they host the Cotulla Cowboys.



Photo by J.J. Guidry

### Tough defense

Ramiro Pina (35), Jose Talamantes (55) and Rolando Ortiz (64) have solidified the Brackett junior varsity defense this season. The Tigers blanked Sabinal 27-0 last week.

## Tigerettes break even at Utopia tourney

UTOPIA — The Brackett Tigerettes broke even at the Utopia tournament last weekend, winning two of four games.

Vanessa Castillo represented Brackett on the all-tourney team.

The Tigerettes opened the tournament Saturday with a 15-10, 15-6 win over Sabinal, with a team serving percentage of 91.

Castillo and Beth Ballew each had eight service points for Brackett, and Amanda Davis posted seven. Stacey Castilla and Ashley Castillo both had two kills, and Allison LaMascus had three assists.

In the second round, Brackett defeated Leakey 15-12, 8-15, 15-9.

Vanessa Castillo had nine service points in the contest, and Valerie Terrazas scored seven. Ashley Castillo pitched in three kills, while Castilla and Sarah Meyer each had two. Castilla



Vanessa Castillo

also had three blocks, and Davis chipped in two assists.

The Tigerettes then fell to Stacey 15-5, 12-15, 15-13.

LaMascus and Celina Cano had six points apiece. Meyer had three kills, and Davis and LaMascus each had three assists.

Brackett fell to D'Hanis 15-13, 15-17, 15-10 in its last match.

Vanessa Castillo was the top scorer with 12 points. Ashley Castillo finished with four kills, while Ballew and Meyer both had three. LaMascus had six assists in the contest.

Davis had a team-high serving percentage of 92 in the tournament, and Terrazas had a 91 serving percentage.

### BRIEFS

## Cross country team claims fifth place

CASTROVILLE — Juliann Ashabranner was clocked at 13:06 en route to a second-place finish at the Medina Valley Invitational cross country meet this past weekend.

Ashabranner led the Brackett Tigerettes, who came in fifth place overall as a team. Tammy Smith also finished in the top 20 for Brackett. She was 16th with a time of 14:00. Other team members competing were Jessica Crane with a time of 14:53, Nicole Mata with a 15:00, Brandy Smith with a 15:11 and Clarissa Aguirre with a 21:34.

In the junior high division, the Cubettes finished in fourth place overall. Daphne Hunt led the young team with a third-place finish, posting a time of 14:46.

Bianca Stewart clocked in at 16:26, Nadine Terrazas ran a 16:27, Julie Castillo had a 16:45, Analda Watkins had a 16:57, Elva Garcia ran a 17:05 and Chaito Sanchez had a 23:30.

The varsity girls team will compete at the Maverick cross country meet in Pearsall this Saturday.

## Cubettes remain undefeated with win

The Brackett Cubettes eighth grade volleyball team remained undefeated Monday after posting a tough 14-16, 15-11, 15-6 win over Del Rio White at home.

Kara Yeager paced Brackett with 16 service points, including four aces. Laura Meyer had 13 points and a team-high six aces for the Cubettes.

Emily Valenzuela chipped in six service points, Lola Cano posted five, Lisa Morgan had two and Cynthia Jaso had one. Morgan and Valenzuela each had one ace. Valenzuela had two kills for the Cubettes, and Meyer, Morgan, Yeager and Delbosque each had one kill.

## Cubs tie Sabinal

SABINAL — Fermin Villanueva rushed for over 100 yards, including TD runs of 65 and 45 yards as the Brackett Cubs tied Sabinal 14-14 in junior high football action.

Robert Davis completed two passes to Josh O'Neill for 30 yards.

The Cubs (0-1-1) resume action today as they host Cotulla at 5 p.m.

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### Brackett Cubs

Members of the Brackett Cubs soccer team are, top row (from left): Wyatt Blake, R.J. Hernandez, Austin Pettett, Adam Resendez and Ceasar Castillo. Bottom row: Austin Del Bosque, Rolando Gutierrez, McKenzie Castillo, Dustin Sanchez and Arturo Castillo.

## Cubs rebound with 2-1 victory, Tigers battle to a 2-2 deadlock

By KEN SELLERS  
Contributing Writer

The Brackett Cubs (under-8 age group) played their first game last Saturday after the opening weekend. The kids played hard and won their game 2-1.

We are grateful to the coaches, Carol Pettett and Becky Resendez, for their leadership of this fine group of 6- and 7-year-olds. Both coaches and the kids are new to organized soccer so their success is even more impressive.

The game was a learning experience for the team and the coaches. We wish them continued success, but most of all, fun with good sportsmanship.

The Brackett Tigers (the under-10 age group) rebounded from their opening loss to tie their opponents this week, 2-2.

After being blanked the first week, the kids were overjoyed

to score some goals and to see their growth as soccer players.

The coaches, Julie Bruce and Eunice Blankenship, instituted some changes for this second game, which obviously helped. We are thankful for their commitment to the 8- and 9-year-old kids.

Our two Brackettville youth with the U-14 Sidekicks improved this Saturday.

After a disappointing big loss last week, the Sidekicks rallied on defense to close the gap this week, losing only 2-1 to the Del Rio Host Lions.

The kids continue to grow in confidence and an attitude of sportsmanship.

Brackettville can be proud of the way in which its youth represented our community in Del Rio.

The U8s and the U10s continue to practice twice a week using the new soccer goals built for them by J. E. Meil from ma-

terials bought at a discount at Kinney County Wool and Mohair.

The Brackettville Soccer Club received an unusual, but important contribution this past week from John D. Woolf of Six Points, Inc., a member of the Lakota Tribe of the Sioux Nation, in Lincoln, Neb. We are unsure of Mr. Woolf's connection to Brackettville and soccer, but we are thankful that he has aided our growth for the kids of Brackettville.

A few more donations, both corporate and individual, are still needed to complete our purchase of materials that will help our coaches and kids to be better prepared this year and next.

To make a donation, please contact Ken Sellers at 563-2823 or Eunice Blankenship at 563-9299, or send a check made payable to "The Brackettville Soccer Club a.k.a. Ken Sellers" to P. O. Box 93, Brackettville.

# Chaplain assists during crisis

By FRANCES McMASTER  
Contributing Writer

Frank Lopez, a chaplain with the U.S. Border Patrol, spoke to the Brackettville Rotary Club last Thursday about the program instituted by the National Headquarters to serve the needs arising from crises experienced within the ranks of the Border Patrol.

In 1998, six deaths occurred within the Border Patrol. This was the largest number of deaths among any of the law enforcement agencies, and it called attention to the need for a better way to respond to such occurrences.

As Lopez remarked, Border Patrol agents sometimes deal with criminal elements and are exposed to danger in their work. At that point in time, if an agent was killed, no plans existed to help those left behind to cope with their grief or the problems caused by the loss.

## Maxwell named pageant runner-up

Codi April Maxwell was recently crowned first runner-up at the Miss Texas American Princess Pageant in Dallas. Codi is the daughter of Sandi and Robert Maxwell of San Antonio, formerly of Brackettville.

The competition was host to 102 girls in the division. Codi qualified to represent Texas at the 2002 National American Princess Pageant in Florida during Thanksgiving week.

She also won the Spirit of American Coed Pageant Award, Most Promising Model Award and a \$1,000 modeling scholarship, plus various cash awards.

Codi is a 7-year-old second grade student who will be entering Thornton Elementary in San Antonio. She is also a professional runway and print model with Avant Casting.

Washington D.C. to address this problem. Washington produced a Critical Incident Response Manual and came up with a program comprised of four parts.

The first was a Family Support Program to help families at the death of an agent. The second was the Peer Support Program to train other agents in crises and stress management in order to serve as a support system. The third program was an Honor Guard to conduct ceremonies and to present the colors at funerals. The fourth was the Chaplain Program.

In May of 1999, Lopez had studied and become ordained as a minister, but he had joined the Border Patrol in 1988. As he put it, he was an agent first.

When the program was put into effect, Lopez became a chaplain and served 10 counties.

In 2001, other agents were trained and a team was formed and chaplains assigned to Brackettville (Bryan Jones), Eagle Pass, Del Rio and Carrizo Springs. These men

were either ordained ministers or pursuing education in the field.

Lopez said that the Border Patrol is poised to experience structural and manpower growth — it is an excellent time to institute the Chaplaincy Program. The mission of the program is to serve as a comprehensive resource for crises intervention and resolution. It will be able to help in community crises such as during floods and offers help to other law enforcement agencies when needed.

Special modules address problems that may arise within the agency. Young people coming into law enforcement come from varied backgrounds. Training in traditional values such as patriotism, loyalty, and integrity is provided through a personal enrichment program. Help is available on cultural issues that may occur within the police profession. For example, how being a policeman impacts the family's life.

The Chaplaincy Program also is charged with identifying, categorizing and developing resources for

referrals such as employee assistance programs. Lopez explained that when help is available on personal and family issues, the agency as a whole runs more efficiently.

Very specialized training is required to serve in the Chaplaincy Program. Lopez noted that it is by law to have secular purposes, but he said that after the secular has been addressed, chaplains may offer spiritual help.

During the flooding at Del Rio a few years ago, the Border Patrol played a major role in dealing with the crises. Recently, an immigration agent was hit by a car and severely injured, and the Border Patrol response team was used.

Jones Elementary School Principal Paula Renken credited Lopez with providing a valuable service to students when an automobile accident took the life of someone well known to the students last year. This demonstrates the role the Border Patrol plays in addition to watching our borders. It is truly a helpful part of the community in which it serves.



Barkley Simmons and Amanda Ward

## ENGAGEMENT

### Simmons, Ward plan wedding in November

Neal and Barbara Simmons are proud to announce the engagement of their son, Barkley Neal Simmons, to Amanda Christine Ward.

The bride elect is a graduate of Brackett High School and a student at Sul Ross State University.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Brackett High School and Scottsdale Culinary Institute, Le Cordon Bleu. He is the chef and co-owner of Barbara's Table in Brackettville.

The couple plans a November wedding at the Old Quarry Amphitheater on Fort Clark Springs.

## BRIEFS

### McNew discusses Beta Sigma Phi theme

Lynn McNew discussed this year's theme for the Preceptor Theta Sigma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi as she hosted the sorority's meeting at her home last Monday. Using the theme "Gateways to Friendship," McNew talked about different levels of friendship, similar to rings from a rock thrown in a pool. She said the farthest ring represented acquaintances, and the closest ring represented Beta Sigma Phi sisters. Then, each sister was given a small garden gate on which she wrote three attributes of friendship and then decorated with leaves and ladybugs. Finally, a candlelit ceremony, a "Circle of Friendship," was held.

Projects for the upcoming year were discussed. The chapter yardstick was discussed, as well as ways to add points. Raffle tickets were distributed. Refreshments of chicken salad, fruit and cookies were served to the following members who were present: Jan Chism, Luella Gilliland, Shirley Hadsell, Doraline Kellar, Pat McKelvy, Janie Meredith, Arlys Simpson and Bobbie Waddill.

### Local Arts Council launches new season

The Kinney County Arts Council launched its 2002-03 season last Tuesday with its first monthly meeting, which was held in the home of Rozetta Pingnot. In attendance were Ella Chambers, president; Gertie Trautwine, past president; Pingnot, treasurer Kim Schmidt, secretary; and Dee Curry.

Business included the status of a state grant and tax-exempt applications, as well as discussion on an exciting holiday fundraiser. In addition, ideas for a spring program benefiting Brackett ISD students and for the enjoyment of Kinney County residents were considered. The council is looking forward to an inspired year of bringing the arts to Kinney County. They welcome everyone interested to participate and encourage anyone who loves the arts to become a member. For more information, call 563-2119.

### Festival Committee hosts luau Saturday

Dig your flowered shirt and grass skirt out of the closet and brush up on your hula and get ready for an evening of good fun and good food!

The Fort Clark Springs Festival Committee will host a Hawaiian luau on Saturday night at 6 at the Fort Clark Golf Club. A menu of teriyaki chicken or Hawaiian ham with all the trimmings will be served. Coffee and Hawaiian Punch will be served; otherwise, it is BYOB. There will be music and entertainment. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children under twelve. Tickets are limited and should be purchased in advance. Tickets are available at the Adult Center or by calling 563-3070 or 563-9229.

### Beta Sigma Phi hosts its Beginning Day

Beginning Day for the Beta Epsilon Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi was held at the home of Dee Curry on Aug. 25. The program for the year, "Creating a Visual Autobiography of Self," was enthusiastically reviewed. Members visited, shared summer experiences, and enjoyed great food as they opened the new year.

The first meeting of the year, hosted by Elizabeth Goebel, was held in the home of Connie Miller on Sept. 12. Elizabeth provided a delicious array of spreads, crudities, dip and chocolate sweets, preparing the fine food with recipes from last season's cookbook. The first fundraiser of the year was discussed. It was decided that holiday gift bags would be constructed and sold.

The next meeting will be next Thursday, Sept. 26, with Linda Hill serving as hostess in the home of Connie Miller.

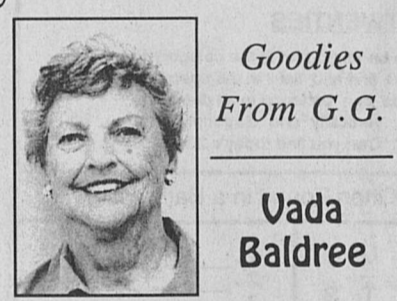
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Heat vegetable oil (at least 6 cups) over medium heat in a deep pan or fryer. In a large shallow bowl (or pie plate), combine the dry ingredients. Break the eggs into another shallow bowl or container and blend. Check the oil temperature by dropping a pinch of



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flour into it. If it bubbles rapidly, it's ready. Or drop an unstruck match into the oil. If the match lights, it's ready. (Trust me — that's safe).

Dip each piece of chicken into the egg mixture, then coat generously in flour mixture. Drop into oil and fry 15 to 25 minutes until golden brown. Best of best, drain on cake racks with paper towels underneath — less oil on food!

## DRT Library subject of program

Pat McKelvy, a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library Committee, presented a program on the group's library at the Caddel-Smith Chapter meeting last Thursday.

The 12th Texas History Forum, sponsored by the DRT Library Committee, is scheduled for Oct. 18 at Alamo Hall and the theme is "Tejanos and Texas: An Evolution of Culture." This event is open to the first 100 paid registrations, due to fire code limitations.

The Bexar Archives on microfilm — the principal resource for the Spanish and Mexican history of Texas through 1836 — is now available in the library for use and donations continue to be requested. One reel of microfilm cost \$101 and the Bexar Archives consists of 200 reels.

Donations of family papers, records and images of early Texas are important to the DRT Library.

The library has an excellent system for protecting, indexing and cataloging collections for patron use. The vault, with its temperature and humidity controls and excellent security pre-

cautions, assure the ongoing safety of any prized possessions and their continued availability for future generations that are donated.

The library has professional staff members who are leaders in the library and archival field who can advise one on the best organization and placement of cherished treasures.

Just recently, Agnes Fritter Vondy donated some early 1890s editions of *The Brackett News* to the Library collections.

A physical tour of the library can be arranged for groups of 10 or less.

Membership in the Daughters of the Republic of Texas is open to any female over the age of 18 years who can prove she is a lineal descendant from a person who lived in Texas during the time it was a Republic.

The next Caddel-Chapter meeting is on Oct. 12 at 11 a.m. at the Uvalde Country Club. Prospective members are welcome. For further information, contact any local chapter member: McKelvy, Vondy, Charlotte Corey, Mary Seaver or Louise Stone.



But I Could Be Wrong

Chuck Hall

## Stoney, Jack, Casey and Happy

Wes Robinson remarked that he had a lot of respect for Mr. Burks, but he didn't know why he was called Stoney. I explained that there had been a TV show called "Stoney Burk," starring Jack Lord, about the life of Casey Tibbs.

"Who was he?" Young people, you got to love 'em.

He earned nine world championships, the first at the age of 19. After a few minutes of telling the tale of his rodeo career, I remembered something else about the man. He came here once when I was in school. I'm not sure of the exact year, but I think it was in the mid '60s.

Anyway, he was here as a guest of Happy Shahan. Mr. Shahan asked him about his hometown and discovered that, due to his traveling, Mr. Tibbs didn't have any place that he actually called his hometown. Never one to miss an opportunity to promote Brackettville, Happy quickly asked if Casey would like to call Brackett his hometown.

Casey Tibbs liked the concept and Happy Shahan promoted the idea. I remember returning to Brackettville from college and seeing the signs about a mile from town featuring the man on a saddle bronc, and the words that read "Welcome to Brackettville, Texas, hometown of world champion saddle bronc rider Casey Tibbs."

I don't know if he ever came back to visit Brackettville. I don't even know if Casey Tibbs really thought of this as his hometown, but I know very well that Happy Shahan did. But I could be wrong.

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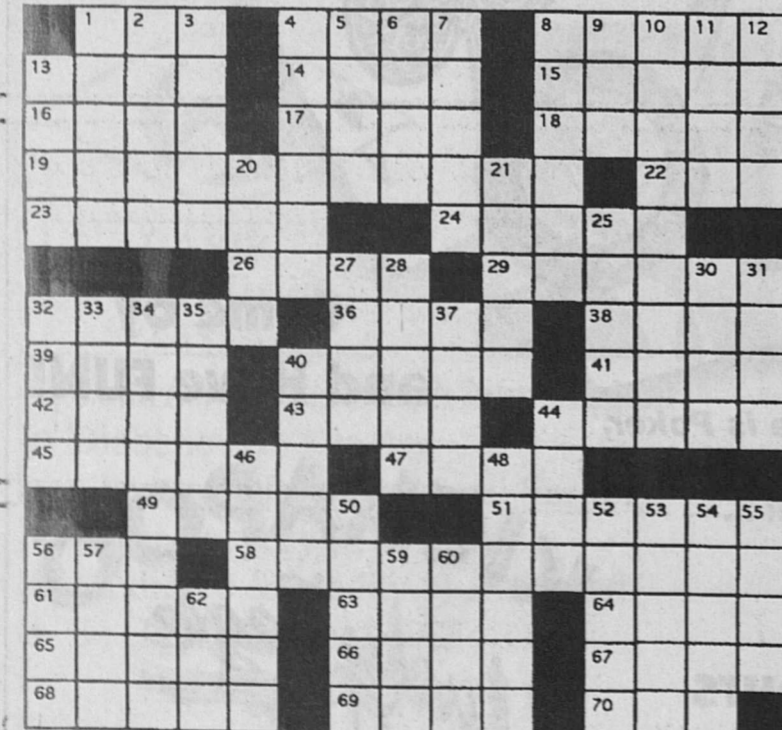
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Trivia Time Answers (c) 2001 DBR Media, Inc.

1. Versailles; 2. "Mein Kampf" by Adolf Hitler; 3. Resurrection; 4. Judge Doom; 5. Brown and orange; 6. Cairo; 7. The coffee plant; 8. A toothbrush; 9. One; 10. Shawmut

**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—forward, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today's 20 words?

Today's Category: Things Often Found in a Bathroom

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**Trivia Time by Walter Branch**

- What \$325 million chateau was finished for Louis XIV of France in 1682?
- What German book was one of the top-selling non-fiction books of 1939 in the U.S.?
- What is the English translation of the Russian word, "perestroika"?
- What is the name of the villain stalking Roger Rabbit in "Who Framed Roger Rabbit"?
- What are the two main colors of the A&W Root Beer logo?
- In what city was Egyptian President Anwar Sadat assassinated in 1981?
- What plant did the Dutch smuggle from the Arab part of Mocha in 1690 and plant in their colony on Java?
- What did Lothrop Withington, Jr. pull from his pocket after becoming the first person to swallow a live goldfish in public?
- How many in four chances does New York City have of celebrating a white Christmas?
- What was the original name of Boston before 1630?

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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| Sept. 20..... Wil Shahan        | Sept. 22..... Phyllis Meyer    |
| Sept. 21..... Cecilia Arroyos   | Sept. 22..... Petra Morin      |
| Sept. 21..... Caroline Longoria | Sept. 23..... Frank Brissette  |
| Sept. 21..... Brian Townsend    | Sept. 23..... Vanessa Williams |
| Sept. 22..... Bea Bohne         | Sept. 24..... Candy Hobbs      |
| Sept. 22..... Kandace LaMascus  | Sept. 24..... Charlene Simmons |
| Sept. 25..... Johnny Castro     |                                |

**HOROSCOPES**

by Charles Cooper

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)  
Try not to allow a minor problem become too big. Nip this in the bud this week. Later in the week, a project you've been working on reaches fruition.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20)  
Your romantic life is on the upswing. This is particularly true for singles. This weekend, your goals are within reach.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)  
You focus on finances in the beginning of the week. By midweek, you can relax a little bit. The week-end brings the news you've waited to hear for some time.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)  
Avoid that co-worker who has a tendency to brag. That overly-inflated ego could really get on your nerves. Over the weekend, domestic concerns come to the fore.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22)  
For some reason, communications aren't clear this week. Make it a point to listen more carefully. This way, you can avoid making unfortunate mistakes on the job.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22)  
This is the week to take your time. Pay close attention to detail. By week's end, your project is completed to perfection.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22)  
Avoid a compulsion to spend too much money this week. Granted, you're in decent financial shape. However, that doesn't mean you have money to burn.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21)  
Compromise is of the utmost importance this week. While your mate is in a cantankerous mood, you can smooth things over. By week's end, all is harmonious.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21)  
Indulge your independent nature and strike out on your own this week. Time by yourself allows you to come up with a better plan for work-related matters. By week's end, everything falls into place.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19)  
While making your case, try not to press the point too zealously. Listening to another's viewpoint just could teach you something. Family interests are highlighted this weekend.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18)  
Your persistence pays off this week. However, avoid a take-no-prisoners approach. Being overly abrasive will set you back.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20)  
You need to guard against impatience. In particular, emphasize teamwork on the job. Co-workers sometimes have better ideas than you.

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**Roaring Twenties Solution:**

1. Aspirin	11. Shampoo
2. Cabinets	12. Shower
3. Comb	13. Sink
4. Counter	14. Soap
5. Cup	15. Tissues
6. Faucet	16. Toilet
7. Make-up	17. Toothpaste
8. Mirror	18. Towel
9. Mouthwash	19. Tub
10. Powder	20. Washrag

# The U.S. remembered Sept. 11, but we really wanted to forget

Last week we remembered! We remembered what it felt like to be shaken from our complacency by a stark reminder that no person, place or nation is invincible.

We remembered what it felt like to have death thrust into our living, our pursuit of immortality crumpled and tossed in our face.

We remembered the changes in our way of living that plunged with an economy frightened for the future.

We remembered and may have even shed a tear. We remembered and longed for the way it was. We remembered, but we really wanted to forget.

What happened on Sept. 11, 2001 was a severe reminder that we in America live very differently than most of the rest of the world. In places like Northern Ireland, Zimbabwe, Chechnya, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Iraq, Iran, etc., events like those

at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania a year ago are common occurrences.

The terror, the death, the way of living we had thrust upon us as a nation, as a community, are ever present and, seemingly, never ending for most of the children of God whom we should be embracing as brother and sister.

As our lives have been altered by those events, so should our hearts. As we want protection from the violence of terror imposed by those who would disrupt our lives so as to make them like their own, we must work for protection and peace for all of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

As Jesus was dying on the cross he spoke to his disciple John, telling him that Jesus' mother, Mary, was John's, responsibility. In speaking to John, he has also spoken to us. The



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mothers, fathers, wives, husbands, brothers, sisters, daughters, sons — the survivors — of those who die at the hands of violence perpetrated against peace are always the responsibility of Jesus' disciples.

We, who have a lot despite the changes wrought in our lives last September, must remember that we are the disciples who must now be the love and concern of Christ.

We must reach out to all who have been terrorized, not just those who live in the same great country as ourselves.

If there must be a war on terror, it has to be against all who would use violence to impose their political solution on anyone else, regardless of that nation's current relationship with our own.

If we must violently intercede in Iraq because of the threat of danger they pose to the United States and other parts of the world, then we should intercede as well in Northern Ireland, in Chechnya, in Pakistan, India, etc.

How can we deny to our endangered brothers and sisters in Christ around the world the peace that we seek for ourselves? Can we be so near-sighted and still call ourselves disciples of Jesus?

Visit us at First United Methodist Church for worship this Sunday at 10:45 a.m. as we attempt to understand and embrace God's call to discipleship in relation to all the world.

# U.S. has a new pride in liberty and freedom

With the first anniversary of the tragic events of Sept. 11 comes a new sense of pride in the liberty and freedoms that we have always enjoyed.

Liberty and freedom are two things that most Americans would or have died to preserve, but where did we get them in the first place?

"God Bless America" is far more than a motto or slogan.

It's true that America's origins began by freedom-seeking men and women who came half way around the world to this new, virgin land in search of a place void of laws, taxes and rules, so they could live free of tyrants and their tyranny.

Let's you and I take a moment to scripturally look at these two words, liberty and freedom.

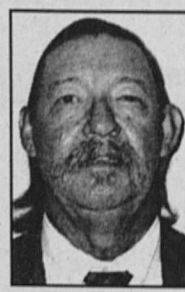
Liberty is the freedom from oppression, slavery, bondage, imprisonment, etc.!

Jesus characterized his mission by quoting the words of Isaiah, "the spirit of the Lord... hath sent me... to preach deliverance to the captives, ... to set at liberty them that are bruised." (Luke 4:18)

Paul confirmed this in the following words: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty where-with Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." (Gal. 5:1)

The freedom which Christ brought to mankind is freedom from the law, and so from sin and death, which are bound up with the law.

The condemnation of the law has been removed forever and the regenerated Christian lives as a free son of God.



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However, the scripture warns us against abusing the liberty by using it as an excuse, as a license.

Let me explain. Being a freeman of God, we are not at liberty to sin, but to perform the will of God. We have become the bond servants of righteousness.

In 2 Cor. 3:17, Paul says, "Now the Lord is that spirit; and where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

James 1:25, "But who looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

1 Peter 2:19-20, "For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? But if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptance with God."

In the first or second grade we were taught, "I pledge the allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all," remember?

## Self-esteem is earned, not granted

"Laura, I hear Ginny's having to repeat a couple of classes this year. That's awful. You and Dan need to appeal it to the superintendent and the school board. Make a lot of noise. After all, Ginny's whole education is at stake. This will keep her from graduating with her class."

"I can understand your point of view Marge, but we're not going to appeal. Ginny's having to retake two subjects she failed last year. She also failed two portions of the state-mandated tests. It will only postpone her graduation for one semester. That is, if she works hard and passes everything in one extra semester."

"I don't understand you, Laura," Marge retorted. "This is your daughter. I'm sure if you made enough noise to the right people some things could be changed. It's happened before."

"Listen, Marge. Dan and I feel bad about Ginny's educational delay. But, we're just as interested in development of her character as we are in her education."

"The fact is, she failed and there was no reason for it. The teachers all say she is plenty bright, but she decided to goof off and not work and get her homework in. It's something we should have paid attention to last year so we share the



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blame." "But what about her self-image?" Marge whined. "I can't believe you're not concerned with how this will make her feel about herself."

Laura took the challenge. "Marge, what do you think it will do to her self-image if we intervene? You know, there's no inherent right to good self-esteem. Its hard work and discipline followed by success for the effort that fosters good self-esteem."

"A very wise man once said good self-esteem is accompanied by humility and you prize yourself only as you deserve (Sirach 10:27)."

"Ginny is learning that self-esteem is earned not granted. Dan and I are standing with her and are working with her to develop some good homework and study habits."

**Editor's note:** This column is brought to you by the St. Henry deOsso Family Project working in Brackettville to strengthen family, faith and education.

# Mom puts faith into Jesus Christ

For me, my mother has been a symbol of our nation.

Her ancestors were a melting pot of English, German, Black Dutch, Swiss, Irish, Cherokee, etc.

She is a vessel of honor that has gathered them all into herself and let the light of God's love shine out to all the world around her.

She loves and protects her children. She has nurtured and disciplined them so that they too could live happy, fulfilled lives.

When she has been hit by adversity, she may have waived a moment in grief or pain, but has been quick to recover and rise up in the supernatural strength of God, because Jesus Christ is her provider, her healer, her peace, her joy, her banner and her plum line. She is known for her faith in Jesus Christ. Everyone around her associates her with her Christian values.

When she makes a mistake, she is quick to repent of it with broken heart.

She is quick to reach out a helping hand and to soothe the broken hearted. She does not think more highly of herself than she ought, yet she is the guiding force in the lives of everyone around her.

God listens to her prayers and



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those who were cold hearted become convicted and their hearts melt and become softened that they can receive the truth.

She is patient and willing to forgive wrongs done unto her. She is willing to extend the hand of forgiveness and unconditional love even unto those who have wronged her. She waits until an appropriate time of need in the life of that other person and then shares the healing power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The works of her hands praise her because the favor of God is upon her. The nation may consider 9-11 as a day of remembered grief, but I, for one, rejoice because it was the day God especially set aside to bring her into this world, Sept. 11, 1928.

Happy belated 74th birthday, Momma!

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

## OUTDOORS

### Hunter education class to begin on Sept. 30

A hunter education training course has been set to begin on Monday, Sept. 30.

The course will continue on Tuesday, Oct. 1, Monday, Oct. 7, and conclude on Tuesday, Oct. 8.

Registration for the four evening classes will be Monday night at 6:30, followed by class until 9:30 each night.

The classes will be held at Brackett High School, in Annex Room 5 (the science room) in Brackettville. The entrance is off of Fulton Street, across from the new high school building.

The cost is only \$10 per person. The class is a 12-hour course needed for certification. Everyone must attend all 12 hours to successfully complete the course and be certified.

Every hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must success-

fully complete a hunter education training course.

Hunters of all ages are welcome to attend. A parent or other relative is encouraged to attend with their child. The minimum age of certification is 12 years old. In other words, you must be 12 years old at the start of the course.

If you are a hunter and you are 17 or older and born after Sept. 2, 1971, you must have this course to hunt. You will receive a citation if you hunt and have not completed the course.

This course is good for life. It has to be completed only one time.

Other states may require that a hunter complete a hunter safety or education course before hunting there. This course meets the requirements necessary for hunting out of state.

■ Under 12 years of age, you



A Little on the Wildlife Side

Henry Lutz

Here is some additional information in regards to hunter education.

If you were born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, and you are:

■ Age 17 and over, you must successfully complete a hunter education course to hunt.

■ Age 12 through 16, you must successfully complete a hunter education course or be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years of age or older when hunting.

■ Under 12 years of age, you

must be accompanied by a licensed hunter 17 years of age or older when hunting. You are not old enough to take the course and be certified.

Hunters, regardless of age, need to purchase a hunting license and any stamps (if needed) and must carry them with him or her at all times while hunting.

Upon completion of the hunter education course, you will receive proof that you have completed the course. This proof of certification is required to be on your person, along with your hunting license, while hunting. It is not required to purchase a license.

If you need more information or have questions about the hunter education class, please call me at 563-2507 or 563-5083.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church Welcomes You Corner of Fort & Henderson

Sunday Services 10:45 am Eucharist: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday Morning Prayer: 2nd, 4th Sunday

Sell it fast in the classifieds, 563-2852

### 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

### 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

### Welcome! Church of Christ

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

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