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Art Finkenbinder and the rest of the Brackett coaching staff are working to get the facilities at Tiger Stadium ready for the upcoming football season. See related sports stories, Page 4. Photo by J.J. Guidry

Shahan honored Saturday

Chamber makes final plans for Happy Shahan Day Festival

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce is making final plans for Saturday's First Annual Happy Shahan Day Festival.

The day-long event, which lasts from 10 a.m. to midnight, will take place at the Kinney County Civic Center.

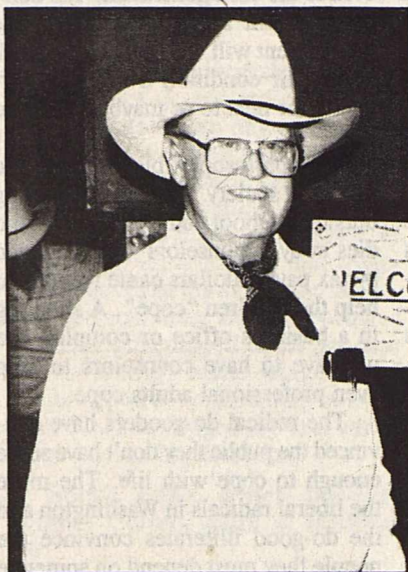
The festival honors James T. "Happy" Shahan, longtime Kinney County business and civic leader, who passed away Jan. 30, after a long bout with cancer.

Shahan is credited with turning Brackettville into the "Movie Capital of Texas." He brought the first movie crew to Brackettville in the early 1950s to film "Arrowhead," starring Charlton Heston.

He is most famous for convincing legendary actor John Wayne to come here in 1959 and make his epic film "The Alamo." After Wayne left, Shahan dubbed the massive movie set built by Wayne on Shahan's ranch, Alamo Village Movie Location.

Over the last 37 years, more than 100 feature films, television movies, mini-series, commercials and music videos have been filmed at Alamo Village and in the Brackettville area.

The state of Texas, Kinney County and the city of Brackettville honored



JAMES T. "HAPPY" SHAHAN

Shahan last year as the "Father of the Texas Film Industry." County and city officials declared Shahan's birthday, July 24, an annual "Official Day of Celebration," to honor the Whitehouse native's numerous accomplishments.

The Chamber of Commerce decided to hold the celebration on the weekend before Shahan's birthday since it fell during the middle of the week this year.

Saturday's event begins at 10 a.m. with the official coronation of Virginia Shahan, Happy's wife of 57 years, as this year's festival queen by the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce. In the future, she will reign over all the Shahan Day Festivals as the honorary queen.

At noon, the Spirit of Texas band - made up of Rudy Robbins, Ray Tate, Roger Heinen and Johnny Way from Bandera - will perform their first show of the day.

There will be arts, crafts, exhibits and lots of food and fun inside of the Civic Center. The River City Carnival will be set up behind the Civic Center and operate rides, games, and concessions all day and into the evening.

A.J. Foyt, the first four-time winner of the Indy 500, will be in attendance to answer questions and visit with the folks during the early afternoon hours.

Foyt's Indy car will be on display inside the Civic Center all day. Foyt, who has earned over \$5 million during his career, is the only driver to have won seven national Indy car championships.

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Brackett athletes earn all-state honors

Five Brackett athletes were awarded all-state honors by the Texas Sports Writers Association for their accomplishments in baseball and softball.

Seniors Brian Hooker and Debra Frerich, juniors Ramon De Leon and Lindy La Mascus and sophomore Jorge Rodriguez were named to the all-state squads released Wednesday.

"I'm real proud of all five of the kids," Athletic Director Roy Rokovich said. "I think it's outstanding for our school and our athletic program. I think the kids worked extremely hard to get those honors."

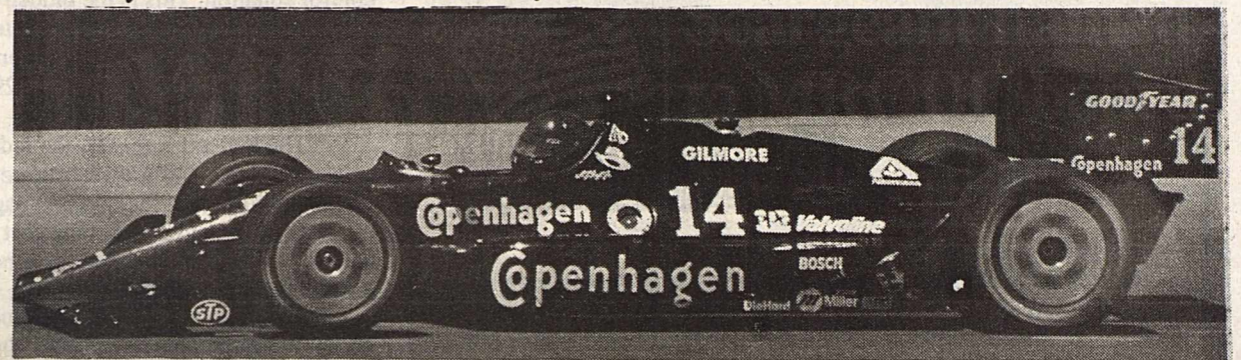
Rokovich said the honors also reflect baseball coach Gary Grubbs and softball coach Gregg Nowlin.

"The coaching that these kids have received, I think, has been outstanding. Coach Nowlin and Coach Grubbs have done an excellent job with our softball and baseball programs."

Rokovich said the success of the baseball and softball teams should carry over into other sports.

"This is a great honor for our town. I think it says a lot for Brackettville, where we're headed with our programs and the dedication of our kids. Hard work and success is contagious. All of our programs are looking up. The kids are excited about coming to school and being a part of this athletic program."

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A.J. Foyt's Indy car will be on display inside the Civic Center all day Saturday during The First Annual Happy Shahan Day Festival.



The Las Moras Masonic Lodge installed new officers last Wednesday night. New officers for the ensuing year are, top row, from left: Senior Warden Frank Taylor, Worshipful Master Wes Robinson, and Junior Warden Charles Hall. Bottom row: Chaplain Tom Faulkenberry, Senior Deacon Mike Fielding, Tiler James Haga, Treasurer Ray Kurtz and Installing Officer District Deputy Grand Master Joe York Jr. Not pictured: Secretary Bruce Clements, Junior Deacon Warren Outlaw and Senior Stewart Charles Porter. Photo by Genie Robinson

Senator wants military surveillance and troops for drug battle on border

Special to the News

HOUSTON - Modern military surveillance hardware should be installed immediately along the Texas-Mexico border and military troops used to combat illegal drug trafficking, particularly in the Eagle Pass area, U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm said Monday.

"Basically what is happening is we have lost control of our border area in roughly 100 miles around Eagle Pass," Gramm said after touring the area Sunday and meeting Monday with Drug Enforcement Administration officials in Houston, according to the Associated Press.

"The bottom line is, and it's not an overstatement to say, that not since 1916 when we sent John J. Pershing to the border to try to stop Mexican gangs from raiding American cities have we faced a problem of this magnitude."

Ironically, Gen. Pershing and his troops failed in their mission to capture the Mexican bandit Pancho Villa and subsequently withdrew.

Gramm's comments came less than a week after Barry

McCaffrey, the retired Army general named by President Clinton to head the Office of National Drug Control Policy, toured the same area about 140 miles southwest of San Antonio with DEA chief Thomas Constantine.

McCaffrey and Constantine also met with ranchers living on the Rio Grande border who say the smuggling on their property has increased in the last five years.

"Mexican criminal elements have purchased land and now are intimidating ranchers off their land," Gramm said. "Drug smugglers who once tried to hide their actions now do it in broad daylight and now are counting on their ability to intimidate Americans."

Gramm complained that U.S. Border Patrol agents were equipped with outmoded and inefficient equipment, like Vietnam War-era sensing devices and inferior night vision instruments.

Up-to-date military equipment should be transferred now and Army forces used to train DEA and Border Patrol officers, he said.

"I think we can and should use military force," Gramm said.

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WHAT A WAY TO SPEND YOUR SUMMER

Skinner enjoys entertaining tourists at Alamo Village

By: J.J. Guidry
News Editor

With one year of high school remaining, Matt Skinner decided he would get a job this summer. And he has found one that he loves.

Skinner, a 17-year-old from Alpine, entertains audiences at Alamo Village six days a week - Tuesday through Sunday - singing country and western music.

"I love working at Alamo Village," Skinner said. "I've learned a lot. I'm having a great time."

"I'm meeting lots of people. I get to set up on stage and play pretty much all day, and I've always wanted to do that. How many 17-year-old kids get a summer job doing what they like?"

Working at Alamo Village has given Skinner a chance at acting. He performs in old-fashioned gun fights four times a day at the famed movie set.

"Acting is something completely and totally new to me," he said. "I acted a little bit when I was little. I'm having a good time with it."

Skinner first started in music six years ago, and has developed most of his talents on his own.

"I had a guitar for years but it only had one string on it," he said. "About six years ago, I got a guitar from my grandmother (Cornelia Skinner) that had all six strings on it. Then, my godfather (Lin Carney) taught me a couple of chords."

"I tied on with a fellow named Mike Stevens, who is a guitar builder in Alpine. He showed me a few things

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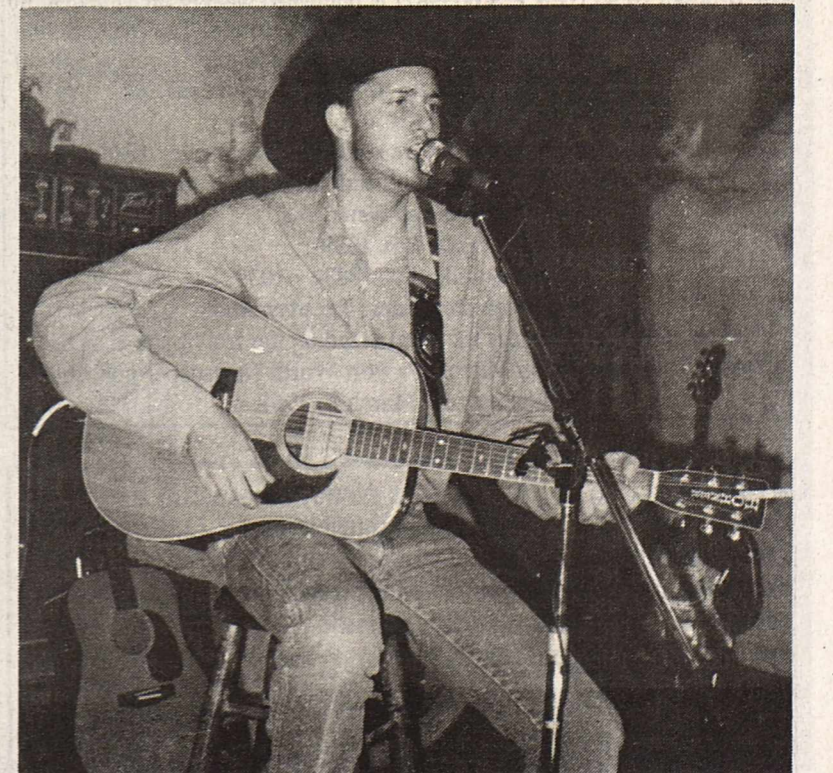
here and there, and still does all the time. "I mostly picked it up by myself. I'd be watching TV or just sitting around somewhere playing around on the guitar, learning how to strum it, learning how to pick and learning how to sing, all on my own."

Skinner said he hopes to make it in the entertainment business one way or another.

"It has always been a dream of mine to be a major recording star," he said. "If it doesn't pan out on the performing end of it, I'm going to get into the business part of it, go to Nashville, Austin or wherever there is a good music industry and places to go to be a marketer."

But for the time being, Skinner is enjoying entertaining tourists at Alamo Village.

"I love Alamo Village because it's a place where you never have to grow up," he added.



Seventeen-year-old country singer Matt Skinner from Alpine is entertaining at Alamo Village this summer. Photo by J.J. Guidry

Between Us
by Joe Townsend



What has happened to America? Or perhaps I should ask, "What has happened to the people of America?" This nation became the greatest nation in the world because the people felt responsible for themselves. People believed they had to sustain themselves. They believed that when one committed a crime he should pay for it. They believed that if they had a problem they had to work it out. By and large they believed that to depend on charity and "welfare" was a disgrace. They believed that a person paid for what he got with money he worked for or he did without.

The real problem is that the radical liberal government has ingrained into the thought pattern of the American people that they are a bunch of ingnoramus soft heads unable to care for themselves. "You don't need to work the government will give you more than you could earn" has been ingrained into the lives of many, some even to the third generation. You don't need to rent a mediocre house, the government will build you a fine brick house, air condition it and half furnish it for next to or maybe totally no rent.

Now the biggest part of society feels like "Uncle Sam" or someone should give them something. I often hear someone say "I gave that company many years of my life: or military people say "I gave so many years for my country". This always precedes a demand or expectation of something.

This philosophy bleeds over into much of society. There's a shooting outside a school and before the sound dies away "counselors", well funded by tax payers dollars came running to help the children "cope". A shooting in a business office or complex and we have to have counselors to help even professional adults cope.

There is no higher character trait than honesty. A man who "gave" so many years to a company or "for his country" in honesty, "gave" nothing. He sold himself and his work for his paycheck. He was paid for all those years. The "Native American" (more accurately "American Indians") demanding something from the American taxpayer because their ancestors were mistreated is a pure and simple scam. The Negro who demands special treatment because his ancestors were slaves is a scam. Why won't people accept responsibilities for themselves. If a man is a failure, he is the one to blame, not some act against an ancestor he never knew.

The radical do-gooders have convinced the public they don't have sense enough to cope with life. The more the liberal radicals in Washington and the do-good illiterates convince the people they must depend on someone else who has read a different book or dreamed up another whacky idea, the sooner this nation will crumble into the dust of what used to be. Every man, woman and child should remember he is created in the image of God and can and should be able to stand on his own two feet without being propped up by artificial means. What havoc that would create in the blood sucking bureaucracies but what a cataclysmic drop in taxes.

Big Mama Sez!



The person who is always blowing his own horn is usually off key.

PLEASE REMEMBER that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our paper. We realize that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.

CAPITOL COMMENT
U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Cost of Government Day
No Reason to Set Off Fireworks

"Cost of Government Day" arrived on July 3 this year, but none of us should be celebrating. This grim date marked the point, counting from January 1, when Americans had earned enough in gross income to pay off all direct and hidden taxes — the cost of their federal, state and local governments, plus the cost of regulation. The total cost of government in 1996 is estimated at nearly \$3.38 trillion — nearly a third of which is hidden regulation — or more than \$13,000 for every man, woman and child in America.

How has this happened? It is the result of government's mistaken notion that it can put Americans' money to wiser and better use than they can. "Tax and spend" is by now a familiar refrain that reveals an uncomfortable truth — government raises taxes to increase spending. Federal spending and tax rates have increased consistently and steadily for the past 40 years. The federal government will spend about \$200 billion this year over and above what it takes in, and that still doesn't satisfy government's insatiable appetite.

It has become far too easy for government to spend money and even easier to tax families for more. Congress is trying to reverse this trend. Had Congress' Balanced Budget Act been signed into law, American families would have enjoyed real tax relief; nearly 29 million families would have been able to keep more of what they earn this year.

What difference would the Balanced Budget Act have made? Many would have enjoyed a \$500 per child tax cut. Newlyweds wouldn't have had to learn the unpleasant truth about the marriage penalty. Families who bear the responsibility for taking care of elderly grandparents would have received a \$1,000 credit for custodial care. Homemakers would have been able to set aside \$2,000 per year, tax free, in individual retirement accounts. Students who pay interest on their schools loans would have benefited from as much as a \$2,500 deduction for their annual interest payments. Those who are paying on home mortgages would have saved an average of \$1,880 a year as a result of lower interest rates a balanced budget would produce.

The cost of regulation is the other factor in this government-out-of-control equation. This is the hidden tax — the stealth tax.

* Washington University Center for the Study of American Business reports that the United States now employs the largest regulatory workforce in the history of our country 130,929 people — a 28 percent jump from the 1985 level of 102,192.

* The Federal Register, the federal government's catalog of proposed new regulations, has grown from roughly 41,000 pages a decade ago to its current size of more than 96,000 pages.

* Government regulations cost U.S. businesses \$600 billion a year to comply with all the red tape — and smaller firms bear a proportionately greater share of this burden.

* The federal government, alone, is responsible for more than \$739 billion in hidden regulatory taxes this year.

"Cost of Government Day" this year, July 3, 1996, was just one day earlier than "Cost of Government Day" 1995, when Americans stopped working for the government on July 4. At this rate it will be 2075 before we can stop working to support government and begin working for ourselves on the day we pay our taxes, April 15.



Letters To The Editor

July 16, 1996

Mr. William F. Haenn:

Thank you for your letter dated July 5, 1996.

As you stated in your letter the dances were advertised with a fee.

I did not attend your dance or participate in it as you falsely accuse me of. I was at the swim park as a member of Fort Clark Springs, I am entitled to do so. Because a dance is taking place, that does not cancel my rights.

The band from Del Rio did not play until 8:00 p.m., yet they were there since 8:00 a.m. with their families enjoying our facilities. They did not pay their \$3.00, yet they were not asked to leave.

I will not be discriminated or threatened by you or any one else. The next time I am threatened, I will take you to court.

A member that pays his assessments.

/S/ Antonio Rodriguez
Brackettville, Texas 78832

Felt the need to tell you how much I enjoy reading *The Brackett News* with its new format. The enlarged headlines cause each article to stand out. The box on the front page giving a concise "Inside" and "Index" alert the reader to important news on the inner pages.

More people should subscribe. What would K.C. do without a newspaper? It is an important addition to our lives here. I, for one, applaud Jewel Robinson and her staff for all the work and dedication.

Ann Legg

Everyone in the county would en-

Chamber prepares for festival

Kathryn Letsinger
Contributing writer

The Chamber of Commerce is currently working hard to keep up with Barry Williams while he wraps up the entertainment slate for the Happy Shahan Day Festival.

Saturday's festival promises something for everyone and a full days entertainment will be enjoyed by all. Support your Chamber's efforts and bigger and better festivals will surely follow!

Advance tickets, good for the whole day and the dance, can be purchased at The Giftbox. Booths are still available.

There are several new businesses in town. Stop by Salomon's Curios next to Stop-N-Shop on Highway 90.

They have western type statues and mexican style pottery. They also carry excellent leather products in the

way of bridles and saddles at reasonable prices.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon De La Cerda have a lovely family and moved here from Eagle Pass. They have settled into Brackett quickly, as they are kin to the Flores family, who currently operate the Crazy Chicken Cafe.

Fantastic Cuts has opened up in Mac's old barbershop at 105 W. Spring Street. Terry Castillo is the stylist.

She cuts, styles, and perms women, men and children's hair. Her rates are very reasonable. Terry has a newborn and is trying to balance work and home.

Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00 am to 9:00 pm. On Saturday, she is open from 8 to 5, and closed on Sunday and Monday.

Be sure to patronize these new businesses and welcome them to Brackettville.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

The Kinney County Sheriff's Department is currently housing 28 prisoners at the County Jail, including 22 federal prisoners and six county prisoners.

Wednesday, July 10

An informant called the Sheriff's Department alerting officials that Armando Estrada was leaving town on an eastbound bus. Estrada, 24, was wanted on an outstanding bench warrant for assault causing bodily injury. Officials were able to catch the bus near Cline on Highway 90. Estrada was taken off of the bus, arrested and transported back to Brackettville where he was booked into the Kinney County Jail.

Friday, July 12

A routine vehicle stop at the Border Patrol checkpoint near Cline resulted in a drug-possession arrest. A drug dog alerted to narcotics in Ana Alicia Vega's vehicle. Border Patrol officials contacted the Sheriff Department about the situation. Vito La Gioia, Kinney County sheriff's deputy assigned to the drug task force, arrested Vega, a 29-year-old from Vernon, for possession of cocaine less than four grams, a third degree felony. She was transported to the Val Verde Detention Center in Del Rio, and was released on bond the following day.

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Saturday, July 13

Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was on routine patrol when he saw Johnny Cuellar walking down the street. Fritter had prior knowledge that Cuellar had an outstanding warrant for violation of probation. Cuellar, 46, of Brackettville, was arrested and booked into the Kinney County Jail.

Tuesday, July 16

David Joyce Andrew, a 19-year-old from Irving, was pulled over by a Highway Patrol officer for a speeding violation. A computer check revealed that Andrew had an outstanding felony warrant out of Washington state for aggravated assault. Andrew was booked into the Kinney County Jail, and was released later in the day after making bail.

Sergeant elected to MRGDC Board

Kinney County Judge Tommy Seargeant was elected as Secretary and Treasurer of The Middle Rio Grande Development Council Board of Directors at their annual meeting, in Carrizo Springs. Former Del Rio City Council member Garry Kyle was elected as Board President; La Salle County Judge Jimmy Perez Patterson was elected as First Vice President, and Del Rio City Councilwoman Gloria Lopez was elected Third Vice President.

The Council also approved a 1996/7 annual budget of 6.8 million dollars. The Board of Directors is the policy-making body for the Middle Rio Grande Development Council. MRGDC is a Regional Council of Governments which includes all communities within Kinney, Dimmit, Edwards, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala counties.

Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala counties.

A Council of Governments is a voluntary association of local governments that addresses the problems and planning needs that cross the boundaries of individual local governments, or that require regional attention. Regional councils do not have taxing power or regulatory authorities that are possessed by general purpose local governments, cities and counties or other local government.

MRGDC is responsible for the administration of the Job Training Partnership Act, Community Development Block Grant, Services for Older Texans, Economic Development Administration, Small Business Development Center, 9-1-1 Emergency Response System, and Criminal Justice Program.

Garcia, Santos get promotions

Jesse Garcia and Tim Santos of the Kinney County Sheriff's Department have received promotions following the resignation of Elidia Estrada.

Garcia was promoted to Sergeant, filling the position left vacant by Estrada. Garcia will inherit Estrada's \$1,000 a month pay, a \$100 raise from his previous monthly salary of \$900.

"I've been working with Jesse for six months," Kinney County Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said. "He's really dedicated to his job."

"I think he's the most qualified to take that position. He knows the job and he gets along good with people."

Tim Santos was promoted from jailer to deputy sheriff. He will earn Garcia's salary slot of \$900 a month.

Burgess said it will be advantageous for the department to have another deputy.

"It will be a big advantage for the community and the county," he said. "It will give us greater coverage, and the officers we have now won't be working fatigued all the time."

In June, Santos completed the Basic Peace Officers Certification class of the Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy at Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde.

W.C. "Bill" Madison, Law Enforcement Academy Regional Coordinator, recognized Santos for high night firing average and high stress course achievements.

"I think he will be a good addition," Burgess said. "He appears to have good common sense. We'll just have to watch and see how he does. I think that he will be a good deputy." Santos was making \$800 a month. Maria Martinez was hired as a new jailer and will fill that salary slot.

Attention Readers:

Please let us know if you approve of the recent changes to the newspaper. We would welcome your thoughts and ideas, in the form of letters to *The Brackett News*. If you feel we are missing something, let us know. Contrary to the opinions of newspaper editors, it is the readers who should determine what is printed in the newspaper.

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Bonilla, Sharp and Junell scheduled to speak at Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' annual convention

UVALDE - U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla will speak to Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' members at noon on Friday during the Association's 81st annual convention. Convention business activities will be held in the Wayne Matthews Student Center at Southwest Texas Junior College.

Bonilla represents the 23rd District of Texas, which includes Kinney County, and serves on the House Appropriations Committee. The 23rd District is the largest district in Texas, accounting for 22.3 percent of the total square miles in the state. Elected in 1992, Bonilla has emerged as a leader in the fight to protect private property rights and to reduce the federal burden on small business.

State Comptroller John Sharp will speak at the convention at noon on Saturday. Sharp served in both the Texas House and Senate, and on the Railroad Commission prior to being elected as Comptroller of Public Accounts in 1991. He has been instrumental in paring down big government and will speak on priorities for the next legislative session.

State Representative Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, will speak during the National Resources portion of the meeting at 10:45 on Friday morning. Junell, a member of Governor Bush's Citizens' Committee on Property Tax Relief, will report on tax reform as it applies to property and agriculture, and possible issues to be addressed in the next session of the Legislature.

In discussing the convention, Association President T.J. Jarrett of Del Rio said that each standing committee has a full slate of speakers pertaining to their specific area of interest. These speakers include:

- Dr. Floy Lilly, program manager, Murchison Chair of Free Enterprise, University of Texas, whose topic is "Liberty and the Green Crusade - Visions in Collision."

- Ike Sugg, Fellow in Wildlife and Land Use Policy at the Competitive Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., will focus on the failures of governmental programs and the successes of private conservation efforts.

- Mike Dail, Federal Bank of Mason, will discuss agriculture and private property rights.

- Peter Orwick, director of governmental affairs for the American Sheep Industry Association, will report on what he sees for agriculture on the national level.

Speakers are also scheduled on wool and mohair, lamb and goat marketing, livestock protection, Mohair Council of America, animal health, and education and promotion.

The convention starts Thursday with the Goat Ropers Golf Tournament, a sporting clay shoot-out at the Spanish Dagger Hunting Resort and a fiesta at the home of Rusty and Jama Brown.

The Annual Membership Banquet and Awards Presentation will be Friday evening, followed Saturday evening by a barbecue and dance to conclude convention activities.

In addition, there will be a two-day Crazy Olympics for the kids, and various activities for the ladies.

From Your Local Game Warden

Dove hunting season begins in September

Here are the hunting dates for the upcoming seasons:

Mourning doves
Central Zone, which includes Kinney County north of Highway 90:

- Dates: 49 consecutive days, beginning Sept. 1, and ending Oct. 19, and 11 consecutive days, beginning Dec. 26, and ending Jan. 5, 1997.

- Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

- Bag and possession limits: 15 mourning, white-winged and white-tipped doves in the aggregate including no more than six white-winged and two white-tipped doves per day; 30 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves including no more than 12 white-winged and four white-tipped doves in possession.

South Zone, which includes Kinney County south of Highway 90:

- Dates: 45 consecutive days, beginning Sept. 20, and ending Nov. 3, and 11 consecutive days, beginning Dec. 26, and ending Jan. 5, 1997.

- Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

- Bag and possession limits: 15 mourning, white-winged and white-tipped doves in the aggregate including no more than six white-winged and two white-tipped doves per day; 30 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped doves including no more than 12 white-winged and four white-tipped doves in possession.

White-winged doves
Special white-winged dove area, which includes Kinney County south of Highway 90:

- Dates: The first two complete weekends in September (Sept. 7, 8, 14, 15).

- Shooting hours: noon to sunset.

- Bag and possession limits: 10 white-winged, mourning and white-tipped doves in the aggregate includ-

Proposed early-season migratory game bird hunting regulations are similar to last year's except that one fully-feathered wing will not be required on all doves taken in the South Zone while being transported from the place where taken and that person's residence.

ing no more than five mourning doves and two white-tipped doves per day; 20 white-winged, mourning and white-tipped doves in the aggregate including no more than 10 mourning doves and four white-tipped doves in possession.

Proposed early-season migratory game bird hunting regulations are similar to last year's except that one fully-feathered wing will not be required on all doves taken in the South Zone while being transported from the place where taken and that person's residence.

Also, the public will be notified by news release and toll-free telephone number after Aug. 10, whether the USFWS will approve a 16-day teal season and a five-bird daily bag limit.

The mourning dove season closing date in the second-season segment in the South Zone has been moved up two days to be consistent with the Central Zone closing date.

In addition, migratory game birds may be taken from floating craft provided all motion from sail or motor has ceased.

Falconers may possess a firearm while hunting migratory game birds either during the general gun season or the extended falconry season.

Texas is tops in population growth

Texas is big and getting bigger. Texas has the fastest growing population in the country. There are already 18 million people in Texas and that number is increasing about two percent each year. Dr. Steve Murdock heads the Center for Demographic and Socioeconomic Research at Texas A & M. His population reports go to the legislature for consideration on the need for social services. Murdock predicts Hispanics will account for 47 percent of the Texas population by the year 20-30. Texas will be 36 percent Anglo and about ten percent black. Murdock says those numbers reflect immigration and birth rate. Hispanics tend to have three children on average as compared to two for blacks and just under two for whites. Murdock cites another study that predicts the average Texas household in 20-30 will be three-thousand dollars poorer than it is today. All that translates into more need for welfare. How to counter that through reform, education or other means will be up to the state legislature to decide.

Baby boomers are middle-aged now, but they'll be elderly soon enough. That will mean more need for health care and other social services. As our population gets older on average, the rate of school enrollment will slow down. But that doesn't mean Texas can slack off in putting an emphasis on education. Murdock says it's estimated that by the year 20-10 only 15 percent of jobs will be for people with less than a high school education. Murdock's figures show that by the year 20-30 more than 50 percent of the Texas population will

be minorities. If the characteristics of that minority population do not change, we will have a less-skilled, less-educated work force that will make less money than it does now.

BROWN PATCHES IN YOUR LAWN?

Typically, we think of most lawn diseases occurring in the fall when temperatures begin to drop and especially if we receive any autumn rain. That's when fungi that cause take-all patch and brown patch begin to show up. Proper fall turf management strategies can help lawns survive the attack from these fungi. But occasionally, it becomes a problem in the spring and summer months, especially when we experience the extremely high humid days like we have been recently.

Brown patch fungus attacks the base of the leaf. Affected leaves turn yellow and pull off easily and the base of the leaf is slimy and rotted. Since brown patch attacks the leaves, and not the roots, the turfgrass will recover. However, affected turf is more susceptible to cold injury during a hard winter.

Take-all patch fungus attacks the roots. While take-all patch symptoms do not appear until spring, infection begins in early fall and continues during cool, wet conditions like those we sometimes have during fall and winter (or if conditions are right, sometimes during the summer) Because the roots are rotted, entire stolons may be lifted easily from the soil. The damage is similar to white grub damage: however grubs can be seen in the soil if they are the cause of the damage. If they are not easily visible

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by Alan L. McWilliams

in the soil in affected areas, then you would suspect take-all patch disease.

One of the problems with these diseases is in the way they show up to the homeowner. They start off as a small brown, dry-looking spot in the lawn. Most people, myself included, think that they are not watering enough in that spot or it has missed some watering, so they apply more water and keep it wet hoping to "bring it back". But instead, they are actually creating a more ideal situation for the disease than it had to begin with and it begins to spread out from the initial affected area.

Cultural practices that encourage deep vigorous root systems reduce the damage caused by these fungi. Proper water management is critical. Adequate surface and subsurface drainage is necessary. Water your lawn when needed. A good test to determine when to water is when your footprints are visible after you walk across it. Early morning is the best time to water because the grass leaves dry quickly and brown patch fungus needs a number of hours of leaf wetness to cause infection, such as from evening watering and dew formation. Infrequent but thorough watering produces a deep-rooted turfgrass.

Although there are numerous fungicides available for control of brown patch, these do not control take-all patch. So you should use a fungicide for take-all patch only if you are sure

you have it. Only two fungicides are currently labeled for control of take-all patch. They are Rubigan and Bayleton 25. Rubigan is used by primarily commercial applicators while Bayleton is available for the homeowner. Fungicides are most effective as preventive treatments and are much less effective as curative treatments after the disease is established. Always read and follow all label directions when using a fungicide.

If you would like more information call or come by the Kinney county office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

Extension programs conducted in Kinney County serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

EDUCATION

Vacationing in Kentucky

I left Tuesday morning last, right after a lengthy board meeting the night before, for a week's vacation in Kentucky. My son, Mike, has just completed his first year at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. We get to see him a couple of times a year. We're a close family. Our daughter Traci works in Lubbock as an Occupational Therapist, so we get together when we can. This trip has been planned for months, so we all looked forward to it.

We flew Southwest. It has always been on time, and you feel safe on their planes. The planes are always full (others must feel the same way). Flew to Louisville (home of the Kentucky Derby). Kentucky has had great moisture for the past few months, although the tap had been turned off for the past month. We experienced a grand thunderstorm the night before returning to Brackettville, brought about two inches of rain to the blue grass of Kentucky.

Our first stop was Danville. It's a city the size of Uvalde with a college that is known throughout the nation for high academics and for its dedication to the arts. A former music student, Dr. George Foreman, and his wife, Diana, were kind enough to pick us up at the airport and let us stay in their beautiful Kentucky home. George was a fine trombone player that I taught in my early days in band. He heads the Fine Arts Department at Centre college. George has led the college to nationwide recognition. They put on an All American Brass Festival in June that is the talk of the nation. Even the Wall Street Journal decided to cover the festival this year, so it's high quality. Danville has tremendous community involvement,

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, BISD Superintendent

lots of wealthy patrons and does what others dream of doing with their communities and education. I was impressed that the State of Kentucky sponsors summer institutes for its gifted and talented students where the state takes them to area colleges for seminars in art, history, language and whatever. It's a classy program. Our state needs to pay more attention to summer opportunities for the advanced students. Hope that our governor and state legislature can funnel some energies and money here in the future.

From Danville, we moved on to Lexington. While there, we were very much in tune with the fact that the University of Kentucky won the National Intercollegiate title in basketball this year. Coach Rick Pitino and the Wildcats have earned the respect of the nation. The town of Lexington and the surrounding area are green, green, green - lots of water, lots of trees, and lots of horses, like Man o'War (statue over the burial ground). We watched a display of horses at the Kentucky Horsefarm that was out of this world. Even if you've never been around horses, you would like this stuff.

So, during this time, I reflected a lot on the month that I have spent as superintendent. I want to delegate more. I want to be more proactive, fixing those things that I can fix, but letting things go that I can't. We have a great school system in Brackettville. Our challenge in the next 3 years is

to give our kids the very best that they can receive. That best includes time for me to think, to reflect and to plan. I like to be hands on, but must depend on others sometimes for their hands. I will do more delegating. I want to spend more time reflecting, laying out plans and working on the very foundations for our school system. In the past month, I feel that I have had to manage far too many crises. With planning, cooperation and a synergistic approach to our school system, we will all feel better. So, if you saw me looking frazzled the month that just passed, it will change. Don Sims is back at work and will assume more responsibility for the high school. Soon, George Burks will be back to help with the Middle School leadership. Michael Schooler is doing a grand job with the elementary. We have an excellent finance department with Dixie Brown and Marla Madrid. Our maintenance department, headed by Richard Terrazas and our custodians, is doing just fine.

So, vacation is nice. Kentucky is a grand state. I live in Texas by choice, because it's number one with me. But, if you're looking for a state to go visit for some of the most beautiful sights that I have seen, give Kentucky a try. This week, I'm going to rework my concept of what a superintendent should be. It involves delegating more, with the quality checks along the way. I'll let you know how it works. Have a great week.

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Three Tigers make all-state team

Three Tigers earned honors on the Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 2A all-state baseball team. Representing the Brackett Tigers on the sports writers' elite squad are senior Brian Hooker, junior Ramon

De Leon and sophomore Jorge Rodriguez. De Leon and Hooker were selected to the second team at pitcher and catcher, and Rodriguez was named to the third team as a third

baseman. "It is absolutely fantastic," Tigers coach Gary Grubbs said about the all-state selections. "All three of them are very worthy. I'm very proud of them."

The Tigers finished 21-7 this season after claiming their second-straight District 29-2A title and the school's first-ever playoff win in baseball.

"Having three kids make all-state says something about our program. I think this will be something that will continue here in Brackett. I think this will help all of our athletic programs."

Hooker hit .440 and had a .538 on-base percentage. The clean-up batter had 26 RBI, 23 runs and nine stolen bases.

"Brian is very worthy of the honor," Grubbs said. "For the three years that I've been here, he has steadily improved and has played wherever I asked him to play. To be able to move from second base to first base to catcher is a sign of a great athlete."

"He was a leader for us this last year. I thought he was, by far, the best catcher in district. With the work ethics that he has, he's going to have a lot of success when he goes to college at McMurray."

De Leon was the Tigers' pitching ace, compiling a 16-2 mound record and a 1.27 earned run average.

In 94 innings, he allowed 17 earned runs while fanning 78 batters and walking only 15.

Offensively, the junior batted .575 with a .630 on-base percentage. He scored 36 runs, drove in 33 more and stole 21 bases.

"Ramon went 16-2 and he was the winning pitcher in the San Antonio area," Grubbs said. "He turned out to be a good leader on our team. He was a very good hitter and a great control pitcher."

Rodriguez batted .444 and had a .516 on-base percentage. He had 29 runs, 29 RBI and 11 stolen bases.

"Jorge is a very consistent defensive player," Grubbs said. "He can really go to either side, right or left, to stop the ball well."

"He has a great arm and a very quick bat. He's a kid that is maturing each year. He was very deserving."

Two other players from District 29-2A were named to the all-state team.

Natalia pitcher George Monreal and Lytle second baseman Armando Esquibel both made the third team. Esquibel is a senior and Monreal is a sophomore.

"It shows that we play against some very good opponents, and it shows that there are some very good players in our district. That just speaks well of our program and how good our team is."



Brackett's Ramon De Leon (from left), Brian Hooker and Jorge Rodriguez were named to the Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 2A all-state baseball team. Photo by J.J. Guidry

Sports briefs

Athletic physicals

Physicals for Brackett high school and junior high athletes will be Aug. 31, at the clinic.

Physicals for girls will be from 9 a.m. to noon, and the boys begin taking examinations at 1 p.m. All students must have a physical in order to compete in any sport during the upcoming year.

The forms for the physicals are being mailed out to all returning high school and junior high athletes, and all incoming seventh graders.

If you have not received the information by mail, you may pick up a form from Roy Rokovich at the field house, from Gregg Nowlin at the gym, or from the administration office.

The forms must be signed by the child's parent before the physical is taken.

Keller takes over

NATALIA - Chris Keller has been hired as Natalia's head football coach.

Keller, a defensive coordinator at Hondo last year, replaces Walter Stein, who is now the district's high school principal.

Mark Marcum was promoted to Athletic Director, and Stein will remain as the softball coach.

Booster club to elect officers

The Brackett Booster Club will elect officers for the upcoming school year on Wednesday during a 7:00 meeting at the high school library.

The booster club was scheduled to elect officers last night. Because of lack of attendance at the meeting, officials decided to elect the new officers next week.

Secretary Kandace La Mascus read the minutes from the two previous booster club meetings. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Pam Melancon gave

the financial report. The booster club currently has \$3,724.84.

Athletic Director Roy Rokovich gave the coach's report, discussing sports for the upcoming school year.

In new business, the booster club discussed spirit projects, calendars, a barbecue fund-raiser, a membership drive and a pot-luck dinner.

The group agreed to try and have a potluck dinner on either Tuesday, August 13, or Thursday, August 15.

Officials said the dinner would be a good opportunity to solicit memberships.

Two Tigerettes earn honors

Brackett's Lindy La Mascus and Debra Frerich were named to the Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 2A all-state softball team.

La Mascus, a junior, was selected to the first team as an outfielder and Frerich, a senior, was chosen as a third team second baseman.

"It's great," Tigerettes coach Gregg Nowlin said. "It says a lot for our softball program."

"Lindy and Debra are very deserving, and we had a couple of other players that were considered, but it's a tough team to make. That's why they call it all-state, it's made up of the best players from around the state."

La Mascus, who also pitched for Brackett, hit .600 this season with 35 stolen bases and 25 RBI.

"Lindy had an excellent year," Nowlin said. "She had the kind of year that a lot of people dream about."

"Her numbers were really awesome. She did a great job for us this season."

Frerich batted .486 this year and had 27 stolen bases and 20 RBI.

"Debra had a tremendous year," Nowlin said. "She was our most improved player. In a year's time, she improved in all of the statistical categories."

"Making all-state is a good way to top of her career. We're going to miss her next year. She's a tremendous second baseman."



Lindy La Mascus, left, and Debra Frerich, center, made the TSWA all-state team, which was initiated by J.J. Guidry. Photo by Wes Robinson

Local sports scribe watches idea grow

Brackett News Sports Editor J.J. Guidry had an idea one day, and he has watched that idea turn into an annual event.

Two years ago, Guidry suggested an all-state softball team to the Texas Sports Writers Association. The team is now a reality, and it is continuing to grow.

"This is a great thing for high school softball," Devine coach Gayle Sessions said. "Before the sports writers began selecting a team, the only way a player could make all-state was to make all-tournament at the state tournament."

"Now, this gives all-state recognition to other players who do not make it to state, but are deserving."

When Guidry put together the first all-state team in 1995, there were only two classifications - 5A and 3A.

This year, because of the increase in classifications and the growing number of teams playing softball, two other TSWA members served as all-state chairmen - Brett Tulloss of Rockwall and Rick Krestzshmar of the Wise County Messenger.

"J.J. has done a great job," TSWA President Pat Turner said. "He got the team started, and he's the reason it has continued to grow."

Over 300 players from Texas were nominated this year for the four TSWA all-state softball teams.

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Texas Sports Writers Association all-state teams

CLASS 3A BASEBALL
 ■ Coach of the Year: Tommy Parker, Crockett.
 ■ Player of the Year: Kendall Rhodes, Crockett.
 ■ First team: Robert Caskey, Cuero, pitcher, senior; Kendall Rhodes, Crockett, pitcher, senior; Solomon Johnson, Mexia, pitcher, senior; Cory Pierce, Sweeny, catcher, senior; Heath Pavliska, Liberty, first base, senior; Jeffrey Smart, Liberty, second base, senior; Greg Duvall, Montgomery, third base, senior; Tyler Dunlap, Pleasant Grove, short stop, senior; Jason Pekar, Stafford, outfield, junior; Hayden Holocek, West, outfield, senior; Cody Skinner, Teague, outfield, junior; Kendall Rhodes, Crockett, designated hitter, senior.
 ■ Second team: Johnny Stewart, Rockdale, pitcher, senior; Brian Steffek, Stafford, pitcher, senior; Cande Montes, Kermit, pitcher, senior; Mike Bonewald, Cuero, catcher, senior; Bo Sims, Medina Valley, first base, junior; Phillip Patranello, Caldwell, second base, senior; Reggie McKnight, Crockett, third base, senior; Fernando Ramirez, Connally, short stop, senior; Jeremy Sunday, Mexia, outfield, senior; James Hill, Pottsboro, outfield, senior; Eric Crabb, Duvall, outfield, junior; Jason Pekar, Stafford, designated hitter, junior.
 ■ Third team: Kevin Lane, Connally, pitcher, senior; Cory Pierce, Sweeny, pitcher, senior; Keith Whatley, Atlanta, pitcher, sophomore; Chris Farr, catcher, Buna, senior; Victor Saucedo, Kermit, first base, senior; Anson Lewis, Waco Robinson, second base, junior; Brian Kent, Waco Robinson, third base, senior; Brian Steffek, Stafford, short stop, senior; Craig Bauman, Llano, outfield, junior; Curtis Brawley, Medina Valley, outfield, junior; Shawn Burleson, Kountze, outfield, senior; Steve Hillin, Buna, designated hitter, senior.

CLASS 3A SOFTBALL
 ■ Coach of the Year: Laura Oltman,

Sweeny.
 ■ Player of the Year: Janette Grovey, Sweeny.
 ■ First team: Melissa Roach, Waco Robinson, pitcher, freshman; Amanda Pilcik, Bellville, pitcher, junior; Lindsey Parker, China Spring, pitcher, junior; Amanda Cozart, Clyde, catcher, junior; Janette Grovey, Sweeny, first base, freshman; Stephanie Hillendahl, Bellville, second base, sophomore; Ronda Savage, Devine, third base, senior; Crystal Prather, Quinlan Ford, short stop, senior; Tawana Caldwell, Sweeny, outfielder, sophomore; Brandi Williams, Farmersville, outfielder, senior; Lora Watson, Lorena, outfielder, senior; Vanessa Estel, Boyd, designated hitter, senior.
 ■ Second team: Kelly Trout, Hooks, pitcher, junior; Lani Morton, Rockdale, pitcher, sophomore; Traci Stehle, Devine, pitcher, senior; Christy Garcia, Farmersville, catcher, junior; Julie Bryant, China Spring, first base, senior; Resia Minshew, Mount Vernon, second base, senior; Amanda Mueller, Medina Valley, third base, senior; Christy Gonzalez, Hillsboro, short stop, senior; Jessie Lovelace, China Spring, outfield, senior; Wendy Saenz, Devine, outfield, senior; Jaime Schimara, Bellville, outfield, senior; Julie Giddens, Gatesville, designated hitter, senior.
 ■ Third team: Kerry Kimbrough, Westwood, pitcher, junior; Rebecca Barthlow, Clyde, pitcher, senior; Angela Rios, Diboll, pitcher, junior; Re Bagby, Waco Robinson, catcher, senior; Amy Rogers, Mount Vernon, first base, senior; Teleisha Jackson, Comanche, second base, senior; Andi Roach, Quinlan Ford, third base, junior; Theresa Tindie, Rockdale, short stop, senior; Jemekie Fountain, Mount Vernon, outfield, sophomore; Kelli Clawson, Mount Vernon, outfield, junior; Traci Foreman, Orangefield, outfield, sophomore; Melissa Nelson, Madisonville, designated

hitter, junior.
CLASS 2A BASEBALL
 ■ Coach of the Year: Jon Wunderlich, Weimar.
 ■ Co-Players of the Year: Robert Sainz, Weimar; Andy Ness, Pilot Point.
 ■ First team: Cory Stewart, Comfort, pitcher, sophomore; Robert Sainz, Weimar, pitcher, senior; Chris Frazier, Salado, pitcher, junior; Andy Ness, Pilot Point, catcher, senior; Steven Douglas, McGregor, first base, senior; David Howard, Harmony, second base, senior; Sergio Falcon, Gunter, third base, senior; Chad Schmidt, Skidmore-Tynan, outfield, senior; Kris Sipe, Pilot Point, outfield, senior; Shawn Easley, Salado, outfield, senior; Chris Adams, McGregor, designated hitter, senior.
 ■ Second team: David Reyes, Kennedy, pitcher, junior; Famon De Leon, Brackett, pitcher, junior; Chris Adams, McGregor, pitcher, senior; Brian Hooker, Brackett, catcher, senior; John Enriquez, Kennedy, first base, senior; Danny Barber, Centerville, second base, junior; Paul Cochran, Prosper, short stop, senior; Joe Rodriguez, Kennedy, third base, senior; Jason Medina, Kennedy, outfield, senior; John Hartsfield, Anna, outfield, senior; Ben Mankin, Ranger, outfield, junior; Cory Stewart, Comfort, designated hitter, sophomore.
 ■ Third team: Courtney Goeden, DeLeon, pitcher, senior; Russ Horton, Pilot Point, pitcher, junior; George Monreal, Natalia, pitcher, sophomore; Steven Marek, Rosebud-Lott, catcher, junior; Cody Hathcock, Grand Saline, first base, junior; Derek Robinson, Palmer, second base, senior; Armando Esquibel, Lytle, second base, senior; Jorge Rodriguez, Brackett, third base, sophomore; Lee Roy Estrada, Flatonia, outfield, senior; Rocky Galindo, Hamilton, outfield, senior; Jason Cogburn, DeLeon, outfield, senior; Cody Pick, Riesel, designated hitter, senior.

CLASS 2A SOFTBALL

■ Coach of the Year: Jim Owens, Blooming Grove.
 ■ Co-Players of the Year: Kristi Tunnell, Blooming Grove; Tracy Graves, Three Rivers.
 ■ First team: Amanda Cobb, Hawley, pitcher, junior; Angie Karnowski, Moody, pitcher, junior; Audra Bingham, Coahoma, pitcher, senior; Alison Urbantke, Riesel, catcher, junior; Lesa Dunbar, Slocum, first base, senior; Kristi Tunnell, Blooming Grove, second base, senior; Barbara Simmons, Valley Mills, short stop, senior; Tori Elmore, Coahoma, third base, junior; Cassie Tindol, Coahoma, outfield, freshman; Lindy La Mascus, Brackett, outfield, junior; Jessica Wagner, Three Rivers, outfield, sophomore; Tracy Graves, Three Rivers, designated hitter, sophomore.
 ■ Second team: Misty Bachman, Slocum, pitcher, sophomore; Amy Rousey, Hubbard, pitcher, junior; Trisha Hollembeak, Natalia, pitcher, junior; Shana Earnest, Coahoma, catcher, sophomore; Kristin Fuller, Hubbard, first base, junior; Jennifer Gonzales, Three Rivers, sophomore; Courtney Coker, Blooming Grove, third base, sophomore; Misty Genter, Three Rivers, short stop, sophomore; Julie Murphy, Hawley, outfield, junior; Amy Dunn, Hubbard, outfield, senior; Leticia Armstead, Burton, outfield, senior; Amy Rousey, Hubbard, designated hitter, junior.
 ■ Third team: Tracy Graves, Three Rivers, pitcher, sophomore; Laura Ellis, Blooming Grove, catcher, sophomore; Stephanie Stone, Coahoma, first base, junior; Debra Frerich, Brackett, second base, senior; Brittney Coker, Blooming Grove, third base, sophomore; Joanna Ellis, Blooming Grove, short stop, junior; Barbara Simmons, Valley Mills, outfield, senior; Lee Ann Stinson, Natalia, outfield, sophomore; Tina Henderson, Lexington, outfield, sophomore; Beth Wells, Natalia, designated hitter, junior.



The Felipe Martinez family had their first annual reunion on June 29-30, in Brackettville and Fort Clark.

Martinez family celebrates at reunion

The Felipe Martinez family had their first annual reunion on June 29-30. The reunion started with a mass in honor of the reunion at 8 a.m. After mass, there was a breakfast for the family at the Service Club. All of the family wore red T-shirts with the Martinez Code of Arms emblem in the front, and on the back it read "The First Annual Family Reunion 1996." Activities followed up to 9:00 that night when we had the dance.

Special thanks to everybody that participated in making this event a big success: Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Martinez, Ms. Mary M. Martinez and Samson Rios, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hernandez (Rosie Rios) and daughter Alexia Chale Hernandez, Mrs. Debbie Mora (Debbie Rios) and her sons Anthony and Michael Mora, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel L. Garza (Mary E. Garza) and their daughters Melissa and Marcella Ann Garza also their friends Fernando DeLeon and Don Rousseaux, Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Cooksey and son Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Cooksey, Ms. Brenda Cooksey and Jim Hickman, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ternes (Barbara Martinez) and family, Heather, Christina and Kevin, Mr. and Mrs. Ambrasio Martinez and son Shannon, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Terrazas (Terry Martinez) and family, Jeaniffer, Stephanie and B.J., Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Quioz and son Johnathon, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Martinez & family Felicia and Clarisa, Mr. and Mrs.



Mr. and Mrs. Felipe Martinez welcomed friends and relatives to a family reunion in June.

Charles Young (Gloria Martinez) and family Jefferey, Kenny, Steven and Kristal, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Young (Esmeralda Martinez) and family Ricky, Brian, Kevin and Keila, Mr. Richard Martinez, Mrs. Lydia Martinez and husband Anatasico Rodriguez and sons Eric and Mathew Martinez, Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Martinez and family, Ricky and Kristal, Ms. Tanislada Moreno and Companion, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hernandez and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Humes and family Todd, Tabitha and Trent.

at the Martinez' residence which included barbecue and all the trimmings. For dessert, they feted on white cake and vanilla ice cream. Our reunion was a big success and hope we will be together next year. In honor of our beloved brother Albert, we met at the Catholic Cemetery to pray and place tributes and momentos of green (favorite color) on his tombstone.

Previously, on Aug. 24, 1994, The Martinez' were honored by their children giving them a grand dance and dinner in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

On Sunday, there was a barbecue

Ricks named U.S. National award winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Jeffrey Ricks has been named a United States National Award winner in Honor Roll.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes less than 10% of all American high school students. Jeff Ricks, who attended Medina Valley Jr. High was nominated for this national award by Medina Valley Jr. High School, Castroville, Texas. Jeff will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally. This is the second year, Jeff has received this award.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest, aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm,

motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude, cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

While in junior high, Jeff participated in U.I.L., band, football, he received Award of Academic Excellence for all three years in junior high school and 4-H. He showed crossbreed lambs at the county, district shows, as well as, San Antonio Livestock Show. He is and has been on the county "22" rifle team and participated at district. He is the President of the La Coste 4-H Club. Jeff will be a 9th grader at the Medina Valley High School this fall.

Cody Ricks has finished his second year at Texas A&M University - Kingsville. He is majoring in Agribusiness with Farm and Ranch Business Management.

Kenneth and Clara Ricks of La Coste are the proud parents of Jeff and Cody. Grandparents are Wanda Stein of La Coste and Anna Lee Ricks of Brackettville, TX.

For Pete's Sake

Grandpa Light was seated on an up-turned Coca Cola case in back of the stove at the country store.

Three other men were parked on like seats, or up-turned empty nail kegs around the glowing pot-belly, enjoying the daily conversation.

Somehow, the topic of talk got on religion. There was a Methodist church, a Baptist church and a new Presbyterian church in the community, and the men got to talking about which of them might have the right idea.

They talked long and loud about the merits or shortcomings of the various denominations, each man expressing his defiant opinion.

Gramps Light didn't say a word. Finally, one of the debaters glanced around back of the stove and saw Gramps sitting there.

"What do you think, Gramps?" he asked him.

Gramps lit his pipe and puffed a couple of times before he answered.

"Well," he said, "I'm thinking that there are three ways you can get from here to the Grist Mill. But when you get thar, the Miller ain't a-going to ask you which way you took. He's going to ask you how good your corn is!"

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Cameo from the past

By J. Lee Ballantyne
Contributing writer

I taught school for 25 years and most of it was the fourth grade. The children are just beginning to be persons in their own right and it is an education to a teacher as to where you can lead them.

So the day came to move into our bright new building and what a day it was!

The waste baskets had to be dumped a number of times so we could carry the needed books and of course as happens in all moving experiences, there was many extras that just had to go along. So when the fourth grade marched down the hall of the old school for the last time it was a sight to behold. I wasn't sure we would make it, but we did.

All went well even with the air of excitement and when they marched down the hall to the new fourth grade room there was an air of expectancy and anticipation. Nice new desks and a beautiful new room.

I thought they deserved at least one shout of happiness. So after one loud "Thank you for the new room" we settled down to learning for the next months.

Bridge Anyone

By NORMA GOULD

The FCS Duplicate Bridge Club met July 9, with 4 tables playing the Howell movement. In a very close game, 1st place was won by Ben Phigenot & Norma Gould. With only 1/2 point difference, Mona Miller & Dena Scott won 2nd place with Ann Hilber & Betty Inman winning 3rd only a point behind 2nd place.

Rotary Club honors Shahan and Kreiger

Happy Shahan and Allen Kreiger were honored by the Brackettville Rotary Club on Thursday.

They are no longer with us, but each will long be remembered for what he contributed to the club. In fact, the Brackettville Rotary came into existence because of founding member Happy Shahan. Allen Kreiger joined soon after.

Shahan and Kreiger attended weekly Rotary meetings for over fifty years. Each served as president and played a vital part of Rotary's operation over the years. Each was a Paul Harris Fellow, an honor bestowed by the club.

A memorial bronze plaque was unveiled Thursday with both their names inscribed on it. The plaque is hung on the wall upstairs at Las Moras Inn where Rotary has been meeting for most of its years.

Mrs. Happy Shahan, Virginia, and Mrs. Allen Kreiger, Mary Helen, attended the meeting and were seated at the head table. Tully and Darlene Shahan were there, as well as Alan Kreiger, Jr.

The presentation of the plaque was made by Frank Cheaney on behalf of Rotary. He also gave Shahan and Kreiger a key chain with a Rotary emblem as a reminder of the organization which played such a major part in their husband's lives.

Newly elected president Mike Holley presided at a brief business meeting. He announced that the District Governor will visit toward the end of this month.

Honoring one's predecessors is a good way to begin a new year. It promotes a sense of continuity and purpose. Mike Holley, as the head of a newly elected group of officers, is off to a strong start.



President Mike Holley, center, and the Brackettville Rotary Club honored Happy Shahan and Allen Kreiger Thursday. Holley presented Virginia Shahan, left, and Mary Helen Kreiger a key chain with a Rotary emblem.

Smoke From Nakai

By Nakai Breen



Se'oh

This sunrise I will tell you about the coastal Indians. They were and still are fisherman. They live by the sea. The coastal Indian lived off what was caught in their nets such as salmon, clams, smelts. They even ate kelp and sea weed. They were excellent weavers, their nets were and still are the best to be used on the salt waters. Mainly they ate the fish but this was supplemented with roots and berries.

Their baskets were woven of the sea grass and in a conical shape. These coastal people roam from the northwest to the Gulf of Mexico. They would cut the fish up then fillet

them so they could salt it down and dry it and be able to keep in storage for later use. The clams & shell fish were baked first in the sand by the sun. Later on the big fires.

The best soup ever made was the turtle soup, that to this day is so good. While I was in Washington state and in Oregon I had the honor of eating with them the turtle soup and the salmon. Its amazing how in todays world we starve to death if we do not have any meat from the store. Yet my brothers survive by the sea and land. Next week I will talk about the desert people.

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Previously, on Aug. 24, 1994, The Martinez' were honored by their children giving them a grand dance and dinner in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Laureate Epsilon Iota

Oleta Townsend was July hostess for Laureate Epsilon Iota Sorority on July 15, 1996.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Nakai Breen led the group in reciting the opening ritual.

Secretary Lily Schwandner called the roll call and presented minutes from the June meeting.

The treasurer's report was given by the treasurer, Walela Gum. No one had received correspondence from International.

The hostess presented a cultural program regarding home beauty programs.

Door prize was won by Nakai. After recital of the closing ritual and the Mizpah in unison, refreshments were enjoyed by Mabel Parham, Orlean Riley, Nakai Breen, Walela Gum, Mildred Borden, Lilly Schwandner and the hostess, Oleta Townsend.

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City celebrates Shahan Day



The San Antone Roses, Dotsy Dwyer, left, and Suze Raff, will perform at a dance Saturday at the First Annual Happy Shahan Day festival.

Continued from Page 1

Traveling from Ciudad Acuna will be the Cebritis Dancers. The traditional Mexican dance troop will perform an hour-long show at 3. There are fifteen dancers in full costume.

The evening will conclude with a dance from 8 to midnight as Dotsy and the San Antone Roses perform.

Dotsy was discovered and promoted by Shahan at Alamo Village. While successfully recording for RCA

records for six years, she had several Top 10 hits including, "Storms Never Last," "I'll be Your San Antone Rose," "After Sweet Memories," and "Tryin' to Satisfy You."

Dotsy Dwyer performs with Suze Raff as The San Antone Roses all over the United States, Canada, and Europe. Along with their original material, they perform a wide variety of songs, including many old country and pop favorites, as well as plenty of current chart-busters.

Tickets to the Festival are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, 6-11 year old, at the door. Children under 5 are admitted free.

The tickets are good for the whole day, including the dance.

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Super Crossword

MagicMaze

Natasha's Stars

ACROSS 1 Snake-charmer's crew 5 Door part 9 Soprano Gluck 13 In the course of 17 Plants 18 Notes from Bellini? 19 Belly sound 20 Transmit by bytes 22 Like some leaves 23 Head for the clouds 24 Grimm creature 25 Tenor's tribute 26 "I'm working..." 27 Hen's honey 28 Napoleon's cousin 30 Indiana neighbor 31 Start of a remark by Milton Berle 36 Veto 37 Freddie the Freeloader, e.g. 38 room (family hangout) 39 Have a hunch 42 "See ya!" in Sonora 44 Smellery 50 Get-together's output 51 Pointless 52 Driving hazard 53 Lubricate 54 Fix a light 55 Actress Sinclair 56 Stopped in one's tracks 57 Pal 59 Type of solvent 61 Skirt style 62 - Lanka 63 Middle of remark 70 "Zebra" 71 Autumn decoration 72 Dale Evans or Annie Oakley 73 Man of the cloth? 76 First-class 77 Snarl 79 Pigskin prop 80 112 Down's domain 81 Barnyard birds 82 Boor 83 Marsh, for short 84 "The Night Watch" artist 87 Luster 88 Strapping 89 Cereal grain 90 James of "The Godfather" 91 Atty.'s org. 92 End of remark 103 "Java" man? 104 Gless role 105 Nice ninny 106 Half-baked? 107 Jergens or Astaire 109 Openings 110 - de-camp 112 Type of sofa 113 Doctrine 114 Pennsylvania port 115 Article 116 Pope or Voltaire 117 Hasty 118 Cherry and tomato 119 Investigative 120 Punta del - DOWN 1 Isolated 2 Edna Ferber novel 3 False show 4 Down in the mouth 5 Alexander of "Seinfeld" 6 Smell to savor 7 Actress Farrow 8 - in the Park 9 Artemis' brother 10 Sanctioned 11 Cuomo or Lanza 12 On one's toes 13 Diplomatic off. 14 Casablanca's country 15 Spud state 16 "The - and Daniel Webster" 17 Ebb's partner 21 Frame of mind 27 Tiger tots 32 Present for pop 33 Complain 34 Sarah - 35 Not many 39 Skimmer material 40 Susan Lucci role 41 Mideast desert 42 Cabinet wood 43 Excavated 44 Actress Massey 45 Demolished 46 Bonanza material 47 "Who Slew Auntie -?" 48 Relatives 49 Crafty 51 Canadian national park 52 Prepare the coffee 55 Saunter 56 Roadway warning 57 Move like a millipede 58 Boxer's bailiwick 60 Semester 61 Sharp 62 Crab's expression 64 Inspected too closely? 65 Dewy 66 It gets squirreled away 67 - "Andronicus" 68 Inflict 69 Gray matter? 73 Mal de - 74 Multipurpose vehicle 75 "Serial -" (movie) 76 Sundown, to Shelley Mildori 77 Treaty town 78 Ms. Mc- Clanahan 81 Get the - (be dismissed) 82 Padre 83 They're the pits 85 They hold their liquor well 86 "Go, team!" 87 Mizzen, for one 88 Cable channel 90 Turning points 91 Justice Fortas 92 "I didn't hear you" 93 Duck down 94 Sports center 95 Rock star Daltrey 96 Entangle 97 Not so hot 98 Pluto's place 99 Rival 100 Ship crane 101 Clear the slate 102 Dollars for quarters 108 Ordinal suffix 111 Skater Mildori 112 SHAEF commander

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You'll begin a home decorating project early in the week. Later, arguments about money are likely to arise, but you've done your financial homework. What you want to do is really affordable. The weekend looks good for a quick getaway. TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new assignment, which will be to your liking, comes your way early on. You could meet with romance through an introduction made on the job. However, those who are in a committed relationship should resist temptation. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your social graces will be an asset in business this week. You'll finally receive recognition for your work from cantankerous bigwigs. A possible disagreement could arise this weekend with a loved one, but avoid being stubborn. CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're a bit restless as the week dawns. Going out for good times is favored over staying at home this week. Travel is in the stars for you quite soon and romance is part of that. LEO (July 23 to August 22) You'll be spending quality time with a romantic interest this week. Avoid confrontations in business since these are sparked by jealous co-workers. Make that special call this weekend to a troubled friend who needs your assistance. VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A romantic cycle begins for singles. Bonds of affection will grow stronger among those who are attached. Enjoy fun amusements later in the week, but try to avoid spending too much money; you can have fun inexpensively. LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You've been going out more often than usual for fun times. However, try not to let a small upset between friends turn into a huge area of contention in which you're dragged in the middle. Perhaps it's best to relax this weekend. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Travel and artistic interests are likely to be the priorities which are uppermost on your mind this week. Avoid forcing issues in business, even though you are impatient to make certain changes. The situation soon turns in your favor. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your social life will pick up this week, and singles are likely to meet with a new admirer. On the job, it's best to keep peace with that cantankerous co-worker. Eventually, this person meets you halfway in a spirit of cooperation. CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A cycle begins that is favorable for shopping. Although you could become impatient with a personal adviser, in business, your charm works wonders. Utilize this to its best advantage. Seek out a trusted friend this weekend. AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You'll be sprucing up your wardrobe and appearance this week. You'll also get encouragement to proceed with a project that's been on the back burner at work. Feel free now to jump in. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A disagreement with a friend, could occur over money should you decide to say yes to a loan request. Plans for travel fall into place. However, make it a point to guard your valuables. ©1996 by King Features Synd.

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1 through 117 indicating starting positions for words.

Vision Teaser. Two panels of a cartoon showing a man and a woman in a room. Find at least six differences in details between panels. Differences: 1. Toothbrush is added. 2. Fences are longer. 3. Swing is raised. 4. Girl is moved. 5. Sleeves are shorter. 6. Headband is added.

Happy Birthday. July 15 Woodie Hornburg July 18 Louise M. Reese July 18 Antonio Pena July 18 Rosalie Boysen July 19 Vella Gumm July 19 Doc Cruise July 20 Ruth Dennis July 21 Danie Arroyas July 21 Martha Hooten July 21 Ada J. Fletcher July 21 Floy Brown July 21 Juanita Garcia July 21 Matthew Rocha July 21 Katherina Pena July 22 Elvira Morin July 22 Ernesto Ortiz Jr. July 22 Betty Tidwell July 22 Jeff Russell July 23 Tina Lumberas July 23 Amy Walker July 23 Joseph D. Shipman July 23 Luzzgarda Fuentes July 23 Jennifer Ashabranner July 24 Travis Wilson

First United Methodist Church



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

Last Sunday night when I was putting William, our 8-year-old son, to bed, he asked, "Mama, when is daddy going to give me my birthright? And what is a birthright, anyway?"

I smiled. I knew that morning his daddy had preached on the story of Jacob and Esau. In the story, Jacob had swindled Esau out of the coveted birthright. The birthright entitled Esau to a special blessing from their father, Isaac, and upon Isaac's death, Esau would inherit twice as much of Isaac's estate, as well as become the grand patriarch of their clan with all of the respect and power that goes with it. All this just because Esau was born first. But it was not to be - his little brother, Jacob, conned him out of it.

He has a little brother too! (One whose motto is "ME first!!"). I explained to William that his greatest, most wonderful birthright is that he is God's child and that God has already given it to him.

That birthright is available in Jesus Christ to each and everyone of us. Actually, it's not a right at all, but a gift of life and love from God. It is a blessing that no one can deny or steal from us - except ourselves. All of the security, joy and hope in God is ours if only we don't rob ourselves of it by forgetting about it.

As I told William, our most wonderful and important birthright is ours right now! WOW!

William rested a little easier. I hope you will too.

That's what made William so ner-

Frontier Baptist Church

Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

There sometimes is a great difference in being a "Christian" and living a "Christian Life". Anyone who has personally accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord is a Christian. He has become a child of God. His relationship to God is not affected by what he does. God does not want any child of His to be disobedient. He wants all to be perfect. Indeed Jesus himself urges us to "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father in heaven is perfect." But God knows we will not be perfect so He sent His Son Jesus Christ to die for each of us to pay for our sins; whatever they may be; as many as they may be; as often as they may occur.

They were "first called Christians" at Antioch. This was for two reasons. First, their lives demonstrated a new way of life. Second, they told anyone who would listen about Jesus and His redeeming love. A "Christian life" is simply a life that demonstrates to the world that Jesus is the guide of that life. A Christian life, though at times sinful, will by and large be on the side of righteousness.

A Christian life is a strenuous life. A number of times in the Bible the Christian life is likened to warfare. The most strenuous time for a nation is when engaged in war. A Christian

life is in a constant, battle with Satan, his wives, his ways and his agents. The battle never ends. Though Satan knows he has lost the war he still battles. One of the biggest problems a Christian has is to "Stand". It is not easy to stand for Christ and right in the face of scorn and criticism, sometimes even from family and friends. The Scripture points out that we battle spiritual personalities, wicked personalities, diverse personalities, powers, principalities and rulers. Anything that is against God, or that is against His teaching in His word calls for the Christian to "Stand".

As a Christian lives he should grow as a Christian. He should grow in his understanding and love for God, for self and for others. He can grow by studying the Bible, by prayer and by practice.

A Christian life is a victorious life. The Bible plainly teaches that when we walk with God, ours is the victory; over self, over Satan, over sin.

While a Christian already has a home in heaven, a Christian life adds to the "crown of life" to be his when he gets there. Another message from the Bible awaits all who come to Frontier Baptist Church Sunday at 11:00 a.m. come and see.

Gateway Ministries

By Charlotte Corey

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY is the fact under which we operate. That sovereignty also controls our situations and environment whether it be child - parent relationships, spouse-spouse relationships, employer - employee relationships or church leader - church member relationships. God is in complete control, loving you all the while, even when it might not appear so at moments. God uses people in authority over us as hammers and chisels to refine and shape the rough diamond that each of us are. The refining process is not usually "comfortable" because it usually requires a Godly response to a trying time. God is not so much concerned about putting us in comfortable circumstances as he is in judging our RESPONSE to the circumstance. This "refining" process gives us an opportunity to stand on God's word, giving Him our "rights" in the situation (remembering that He takes good care of everything He owns) and letting Him be the one to change the hearts of the person or people involved. The scripture says in Proverbs 21:1 "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever He will." Whether it be a king or anyone He has placed in authority, God can turn that person's heart the same

as he does a meandering river by using the pressure of the current and time. It is up to us, though, to pursue the issue in a Godly fashion. This first entails checking ones own attitude (make sure you are not operating in a spirit of laziness, condemnation, upgratefulness, bitterness, impurity, or independence causing disloyalty.) Secondly, make sure you have a clear conscience (correct any offensive attitudes in yourself, fulfill the wishes and unfinished directions of those in authority, ask forgiveness for any wrongdoing, making restitution where necessary.) Thirdly, discern the basic intentions of the person in authority (ask the person to point out any blindspots in yourself, ask them what their goals and wishes are, discern bigger goals which God may have designed to be accomplished through the situation.) Fourthly, design a creative alternative. Fifthly, appeal to the person in authority with respect, and finally, Give God time to change the mind of the person in authority. In the book of Daniel 1:1-8 God gives an example of such procedures being successfully used. God is sovereign. He is in control. He wants what is best for you. Let His will be done in you so that you may ...Stand in faith, rest in hope and walk in love.

Crossword puzzle grid with answers and Canadian Football League logo.



St. John's Baptist Church

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OH, give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him; talk ye of all his wondrous works.

Glory ye in his holy name; let the heart of them rejoice who seek the LORD. Seek the LORD, and his strength; seek his face evermore.

Remember his marvelous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth; O ye

seed of Abraham, his servant, ye children of Jacob, his chosen.

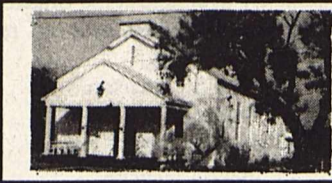
He is the LORD our GOD; his judgements are in all the earth. Psalms 105: 1-7

Praise The Lord

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Come feast with us in the LORD the table is set. Praise GOD. What a mighty GOD we serve.



First Baptist Church

Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor

"The Pastor's Pen"

Back in the first century, the word Christian did not have the same meaning we attach to it today. The word means "little Christ", and it was a derogatory term. Even so, it tells us a lot about how the early church lived (when I say church, remember that the church is the group of people, not the building). Jesus loved people where they were. He didn't wait for them to "get their life straight". If

Jesus, the Lord of Lords, takes people just as they are, then what right do we have to demand change before they can come into our "church"? I pray that God will give me a heart for lost people and the love that He has for them. That is my prayer for each of you as well. Let His love live in you, and you will love His people just like He does. God bless you!!

-Christi Landrum

Rose attends Alto Frio Baptist Encampment

Misty Rose daughter of Pat Rose III and Sharon, and a member of Brackettville First Baptist Church recently attended a youth ministry leadership camp at Alto Frio Baptist Encampment at Leakey, Texas. The camp which commenced on Friday and concluded on Monday aids in preparation for ministry of youth to youth. Those in attendance became a leadership team that took care of many of the details necessary to prepare for the area wide youth camp of nearly 800 people that would begin on Monday afternoon. Those days of special training were immediately taken advantage of as those in training were given major responsibilities in the youth camp that began directly following the leadership camp.

Misty's role in the week that followed was to take the leadership of a

small group Bible study and recreation team. Each day she led a group of 12 to 15 young people in a study of God's Word to have a clear understanding of God's love and how it is possible to have the assurance of Heaven rather than Hell being their eternal home. Each day Misty also was a team leader in some very unusual recreational activities which included a tug-of-war in a mud pit, body-walking, snowman building using a body and mixture of oatmeal, eggs, shaving cream and water to plaster the body with. Each activity was designed to encourage teamwork and unity. Misty has been very active in the First Baptist Youth Group exhibited an ability to lead and is a tremendous asset to the church and community.

St. Mary Magdeline's Youth Group

Elected officers for 1996-1997. They are as follows: President: Amy Bader, Vice President: David Melancon, Secretary: Amanda Meek, Treasurer: Michael Aguirre. There will be a meeting for all new coming

members on Sunday, August 4th at 6:30 p.m. Please feel free to attend. If you have any questions contact Amy Bader 563-2198 or David Melancon 563-9493.

The Home Coming

Area showing of world wide picture's new dramatic film "The Home Coming"

Peer pressure ... The need to belong ... Choices.

Jordy Rembrandt (JEREMY PETER JOHNSON) is a big-city tough guy who's faced with these issues in ways he hasn't experienced before.

When a judge decided to send him away from the city, hoping for a turnaround, Jordy finds himself in a small-town high school. He understandably looks and feels out of place. But despite their obvious differences, Jordy is immediately befriended by Wally (G. RILEY MILLS) and Pam (AIMEE GARCIA). They form an unlikely friendship that eventually teaches Jordy what it means to be a friend and to belong.

With the homecoming football game and an intense rivalry with a neighboring school forming the background for THE HOME COMING, we find Jordy struggling with how to fit in this vastly different world. He finds that even becoming a star ath-

lete doesn't supply all the answers. Pam, too, is faced with a choice: to honor the boundaries she's set for herself as a young Christian, or to cross those boundaries as feelings for Jordy grow. Wally has his own struggles to deal with as a "physically challenged" teen striving for acceptance, but remains the strength the others come to lean on.

THE HOME COMING - a brand-new dramatic movie from World Wide Pictures, the motion picture ministry of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association - speaks to everyone who's had to struggle with peer pressure, belonging and making the right choices ... in other words, all of us.

Pastor Gil Ash and the congregation of First Baptist Church would like you to attend their showing of this outstanding new film. THE HOME COMING will show on July 28th at 7 p.m. at Ann & Veltman street in Brackettville, Texas. For more information, please call the church office at 210-563-2245.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

Today I want to pay tribute to a young man who has recently become a fine addition to our area. He has spent his life here and in the area. He's a product of Brackett Schools. He often wrote for The Brackett News. He then was a reporter and writer for the Del Rio paper for a while. He then was a reporter for the Devine newspaper. Now he has come back to Brackett and is the editor of The Brackett News. Already there are some beneficial changes in the format of the paper. He is much interested in the community. He is a very friendly person. He is quite serious about his responsibilities. He is most accommodating, considerate and dedicated to his work. As an Unsung Hero J.J. Guidry ranks among the best.

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New school, new rules... choices still required.
THE HOME COMING
The High School Daze of Jordy Rembrandt

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HealthFind and ProFind set for October 18-20

Finding physicians, physician assistants, and advance practice nurses for rural Texas communities can be a daunting task. In the past, communities have had few options: hiring an expensive recruiter, or taking on the exhausting search themselves with no guidance. The Center for Rural Health Initiatives, the State of Texas office of rural health, offers an alternative to these choices. HealthFind and ProFind are community-focused "recruitment exchanges" that are exclusively for rural Texas communities in need of primary care health professionals. Each spring and fall, HealthFind and ProFind include growing numbers of communities and physicians. The next HealthFind and ProFind Exchanges are set for the weekend of October 18-20 at the Sheraton Park Central in Dallas.

Because of HealthFind, more than 75 physicians in the past five years have chosen to practice in rural communities. In fact, HealthFind is so successful that the Texas Rural Health Association named it the 1995 "Program That Has Made a Difference in Rural Health." Results like these emphasize the importance of community members participating in a community-based recruitment program. And, as community needs change and develop, so do Center programs. The Center added ProFind to its list of programs last year to respond to the growing need for recruiting PAs and

APNs. This fall's ProFind will mark the second event focusing exclusively on finding physician assistants and advance practice nurses for rural Texas.

The events are held on two consecutive days, with community registration available for either or both events. Communities are given a price break if registering for both events. Registration costs include booth space on the Exchange Floor, detailed information sheets for each professional registering, and a luncheon buffet and networking reception for up to four community representatives.

Community representatives involved in health professional recruiting agree that HealthFind and ProFind are unique, low-cost, and effective methods of recruiting. Surveys of communities that have attended CRHI events show that the Center's programs cost significantly less than alternative recruitment methods, while also allowing for communities to maintain control over the process. As one community representative put it, "There's just nothing else that comes even close to doing what HealthFind and ProFind do. It's in our best interest, part of our recruitment plan, to attend every event. Recruiting is a full-time job even in our small community, so we can't afford to let our guard down."

With more competition for primary care health professionals than

ever, finding the right professionals to come to a rural community becomes a real challenge. For rural Texas communities, HealthFind and ProFind offer the chance to meet with many health professionals who are specifically interested in rural primary care practices. By attending HealthFind or ProFind, communities get the opportunity to present a complete picture of local life to ensure both the professional and community of the best possible match. Each community designs a booth that exhibits information not only about the practice opportunity, but also about the community and what it offers as a home. HealthFind and ProFind offer the only place where interested health professionals and their spouses can "waltz across Texas" and get a comprehensive look at a variety of practice sites in just one weekend.

In addition to introducing communities to physicians, PAs, and APNs, HealthFind and ProFind offer rural Texans the opportunity to meet and network with community leaders from other rural communities as well as staff from state agencies and professional health associations. Mark your calendars now for the Fall 1996 HealthFind and ProFind Exchanges, scheduled for October 18-20, since early registration assures a booth space and good placement on the Exchange Floor. For more information, contact the Center at (512) 479-8891.

Looking to help those with diabetes

By: Henry Bonilla
23rd District, Texas

Most of us can name someone we know who has been struck with the deadly disease of diabetes. Whether its a relative or a friend, young and old alike are afflicted by this widespread killer. The worst part about it is that estimates show half of the people suffering from diabetes don't even know it.

Right now there's no cure for this disease. Many doctors, however, believe that diabetes can be avoided by eating healthy food and exercising more. Researchers are currently working on the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP), a widespread attempt to combat the disease.

This five-year, \$130 million study is cosponsored by the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the American Diabetes Association. It will include 4,000 participants. Furthermore, it's the first of its kind aimed at preventing diabetes.

Researchers are looking for people over the age of 25 who have elevated blood sugar levels. If you join the study, you'll be asked to exercise and eat healthy food, take pills that lower blood sugar and visit a medical center on a regular basis to have your blood sugar level, weight and blood

pressure checked.

Half the participants in this study will be African-Americans, Hispanics or American Indians, all of whom are affected disproportionately by Type 2 diabetes, the kind that accounts for between 90-95 percent of all diabetes cases.

Signs of diabetes include the following:

- *Fatigue
- *Excessive thirst
- *Rapid weight loss
- *Blurred vision
- *Frequent urination
- *Cuts or bruises that are slow to heal

Early detection is crucial. The above-mentioned warning signs are all red flags indicating you should contact your doctor. Time is critical.

Those of us in Congress who support diabetes research and prevention efforts have been successful in providing necessary funds for this effort. With more resources available for diabetes education and research, we can help prevent our friends and family from suffering from this heartbreaking disease.

If you're interested in learning more about this study, please call the DPP at 1-888-377-5646. With your participation, you might help save a life.

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CPR TRAINING:

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- New Standards Required by TDHS Included
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