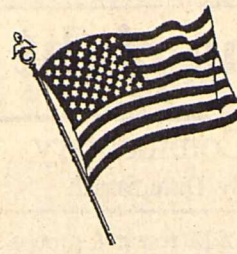


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## Armed robber nabbed

By: J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

An Illinois man wanted for armed robbery was apprehended Sunday morning by Kinney County Sheriff's Department officials.

Randall Henson, 17, is being held in the Kinney County Jail, and is facing charges of armed robbery, probation violation and automobile theft.

Henson has signed a waiver of extradition. Judge Alvin Hall set Henson's bail at \$50,000.

At 4:30 Sunday morning, Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism observed a maroon 1986 Chevrolet Cavalier driving erratic on U.S. Highway 90.

Henson, driving the car, signalled to turn on to Ann Street and later signalled to turn into Fort Clark, but he never made either turn.

Chism then initiated a traffic stop. A computer check revealed that the vehicle was reported stolen out of Champaign County, Illinois, and that Henson was wanted out of the same county for armed robbery.

The two other passengers in the vehicle with Henson were released.



Dotsy performed Saturday at the First Happy Shahan Day Festival. See story, Page 3. Photo by J.J. Guidry

## Trustees continue efforts to fill staff

By: J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

With school just around the corner, the Brackett Board of Trustees made major strides in filling the district's teaching staff after hiring four new employees at a special meeting Wednesday night.

The school board agreed to hire Alex Moses, ISL instructional lab teacher; Liz Frerich, middle school language arts; Cynthia McCaleb, middle school special education; and Kimberly Broussard, elementary.

"I'm very pleased that we've moved this far forward," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "We're basically three weeks away from the beginning (of the school year) and this is a major step in the right direction."

"We're still dealing with a couple of vacancies that we need to get filled. We're still checking on applicants all of the time and we're always interested in people who are good teachers."

The board accepted the resignation of physical education teacher Dutch Wardlaw, who accepted a position in Uvalde.

Also on Wednesday, the trustees began budget discussions. Board President Jimmy Bader said he was pleased with the first workshop of the summer.

"I think we're not only getting some things accomplished but we're seeing things now perhaps in a clearer light than it's ever been presented to us before," Bader said.

"It seems like both Superintendent Stephenson and (Business Manager) Dixie Brown are sticklers on being exact and that things are in their proper function, and there's no mismanagement of specified moneys."

Bader said the budget for the upcoming school year shouldn't be "very much different" than the current budget.

"We haven't really discussed tax rates, yet," he said.

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## County commissioners begin budget talks

The Kinney County Commissioners Court met Monday to begin working on next year's budget.

All four county commissioners - Freddie Frerich, Joe Montalvo, Cordelia Mendek and Paul O'Rourke - were present at the workshop, as well as County Auditor Cordelia Barlow.

"I think we made real good progress," Barlow said. "They went through just about every department and reviewed it. Right now, they're primarily looking at minimum wage going up."

Monday's workshop was the first of many in the coming months.

"We didn't get a whole lot accomplished, but you never do the first time you

go through a budget," O'Rourke said.

"We made a few adjustments, but it was just a preliminary meeting," he said.

Barlow said the next year's budget should be very similar to the present budget.

"The county budget usually is a little over \$1 million," she said. "It hasn't changed in the four years that I've been

here."

O'Rourke said, "The budget might be a little larger because of the increase in federal prisoners. With us getting another DPS Trooper, we should collect more in fines. I believe the budget will be somewhat larger but at this point it's hard to tell."

Barlow said the county is looking to have the tax rate set by Sept. 13.



Lenny Wardlaw (from left), John Ford and Archie Woodson put up the new marquee at the Civic Center. The sign was purchased by the Chamber of Commerce. Photo by Jewel Robinson

## DPS forces beef up Eagle Pass area

By Laura Tolley  
San Antonio Express-News

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety has beefed up its forces in the Eagle Pass area in response to complaints that drug smugglers are terrorizing some ranchers, the governor said Friday.

"We have an increased presence along the border now," Gov. George W. Bush said.

"We've got a larger presence, as we speak, of DPS agents in the Maverick County area right now," Bush said.

Eagle Pass is one of the heaviest drug-trafficking areas along the Texas-Mexico border. Fearful ranchers there have complained about increasing problems with armed smugglers using their property to move drugs from Mexico into the United States.

They say the drug traffickers are becoming more brazen because the region is so undermanned by federal law enforcement officials.

Bush said the state has responded by increasing its DPS force in the last couple of days.

"This is not a permanent placement of troops. This is a temporary placement of a bigger presence. That's because problems are getting worse and ranchers are feeling intimidated along the border," Bush said after a news conference with U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

The governor would not provide any specifics about the operation at this point.

An official, who did not want to be identified, said state authorities don't want to tip their hand to the drug smugglers.

Gramm met with Bush, DPS officials and others Friday to discuss the situation.

Afterward, Gramm told reporters the federal government has "totally lost control" of some parts of the border, including hot spots in the Eagle Pass area, to Mexican gangs who are smuggling drugs.

Gramm said manpower is the key to regaining control of the border. The nation's total Border Patrol force stands at about 5,000 agents and is growing, but he estimated it would have to climb to 20,000 in the next decade to be sufficient.

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## HELPING PROVIDE A QUALITY EDUCATION Schooler looks forward to upcoming year

By: J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

Michael Schooler has been in Brackettville for two months and he says he loves it here. Schooler was hired as Jones Elementary's principal in May. He and his wife, Diann, have an 11-month-old daughter, Mary.

"I love being in Brackettville," he said. "Diann and I are very happy here. We have a great staff at Jones Elementary. We have a wonderful superintendent and a very supportive school board. I have had just wonderful interactions with parents who have come up and talked with me about the school and what they want to see happening."

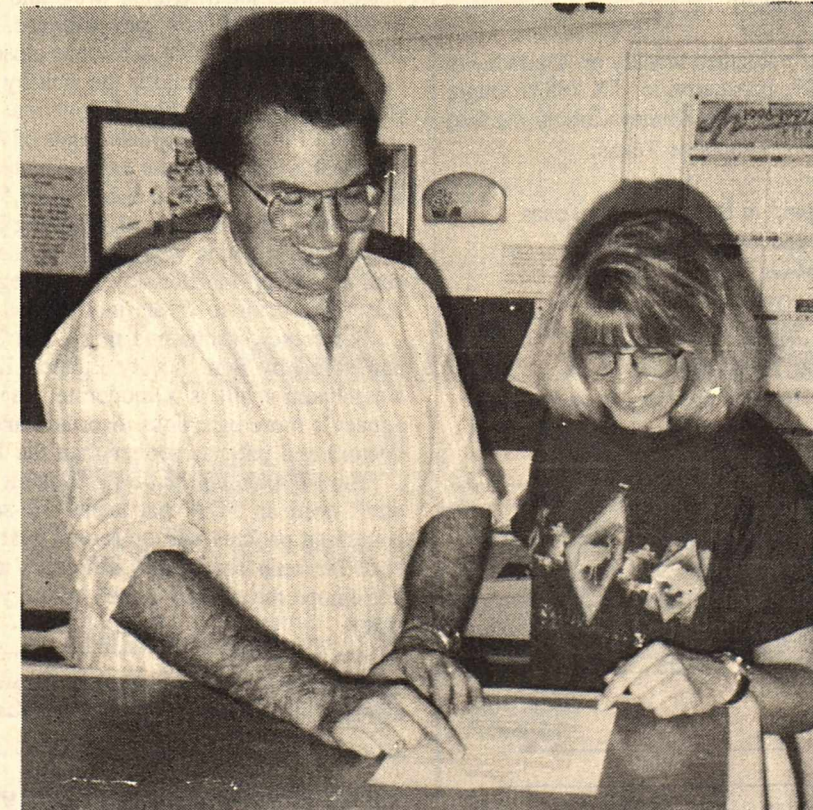
Schooler graduated from Big Spring High School in 1982. He then attended Texas Tech and Angelo State University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in 1992.

He taught two and a half years at Midland, three years at San Marcos and nine months at the Eckerd Family Youth Alternatives in North Carolina.

"Michael is interested in kids and how they learn," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "His emphasis is instruction. I think he will have a tremendous positive impact on Jones Elementary. He has an excellent staff and excellent parental help. He is a great addition to our staff."

In coming to Brackettville, one of the first jobs at hand for Schooler was completing the staff at Jones Elementary. He had to fill five vacant positions.

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Jones Elementary Principal Michael Schooler, left, and new counselor Irene Finkenbinder discuss the upcoming school year.

## Comptroller delivers July sales tax rebates

AUSTIN - State Comptroller of Public Accounts John Sharp delivered a total of \$143 million in July sales tax rebates to 1,080 Texas cities and 115 counties, a 6.7 percent increase over the July 1995 allocations.

Texas cities received \$130.3 million in sales tax rebates for July, which is 7.7 percent above the \$121 million delivered last year. Counties were rebated a total of \$12.6 million, down 2.8 percent from the \$13 million allocations in July 1995.

This month's sales tax rebates include taxes collected on May sales and reported to the Comptroller in June by businesses filing monthly tax returns.

The city of Brackettville received a sales tax payment of \$2,089.77, down 13.8 percent from the \$3,257.83 allocated in July 1995.

Kinney County's sales tax rebate of \$1,847.50 is 10 percent less than the county's July 1995 payment of \$2,053.40.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Aug. 9.

Ranchers are losing right to manage their own lands

An open letter to Texas U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm: My family has been involved in ranching all my life. I have a deep concern about the property rights of Texans and all Americans.

This issue has become very significant to me in the past two years due to a personal experience that has had a profound impact on my life.

During the summers, I've spent long days on the ranch working with my father. I learned at an early age to appreciate the hard work and late hours that go into ranching.

With labor problems, droughts and agriculture imports, ranchers cannot bear the additional burden of losing their property rights due to extreme environmental laws.

In the early 1900s, government agencies tried to help the ag producer improve his land. Today government has become more of a hindrance with its restrictive regulations.

Ranchers have lost the right to perform much-needed land management, such as removal of non-productive brush, cedar and mesquite that draw excessive amounts of water from the soil.

We are unable to effectively protect our livestock against predators. We are hindered from being more efficient producers by environmental laws that restrict our property rights.

America has forgotten that ranchers were the original environmentalists!

The Endangered Species Act and other environmental laws are not only taking away our property rights, but also our civil rights. On March 10, 1992, I experienced first hand the "God" mentality of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agency.

My father was shearing and drenching goats at our ranch near Brackettville when about 10 vehicles appeared at the pens. We never lock our gates, and it wasn't unusual to see people on the ranch because of our cooperation with Texas

Commentary By Dale Smith

A&M research groups and our federal trapper.

A "law enforcement official" introduced himself as agent John Steinbaugh and told my father that his truck was being confiscated under the "Bald Eagle Act." He accused him of poisoning an eagle.

My father denied all charges and said that there was no way they could legally take his truck.

Steinbaugh told my father that he was taking his pickup and to empty out his truck if there was anything he wanted to keep. This was all done without any type of search warrant.

After the federal agents left, my father went to another truck and radioed my grandfather, asking him to bring another pickup out to the ranch.

Agents stopped my grandfather and grandmother on the highway between Del Rio and Brackettville and confiscated their truck also. When my grandparents asked how they were to get to Brackettville they were told "that was their problem."

The agents finally agreed to take them to Brackettville where my mother and I picked them up. When I saw my grandparents treated like criminals, it took everything I had to keep my composure. I felt a mixture of rage, fear and disbelief.

At one point, I was extremely close to walking over to the head agent and hitting him. He was smaller than I, and I knew that I could hurt him. I was worried about my little brother and sister and grandmother who were all crying.

I cannot adequately express in words how I

I was only 16, but I knew it was wrong for those federal agents to treat my family this way.

Over the next 10 months, our property rights and civil rights were violated numerous times, and we suffered extensive harassment.

After spending nearly \$40,000 for legal fees and replacement vehicles, our trucks were finally returned without any charges being filed. We were never given any explanation or apology and are still considered to be under investigation.

What defense does a lawful citizen have against armed federal power? If someone doesn't stand up for our rights today, whose property and what rights will the federal government take away tomorrow?

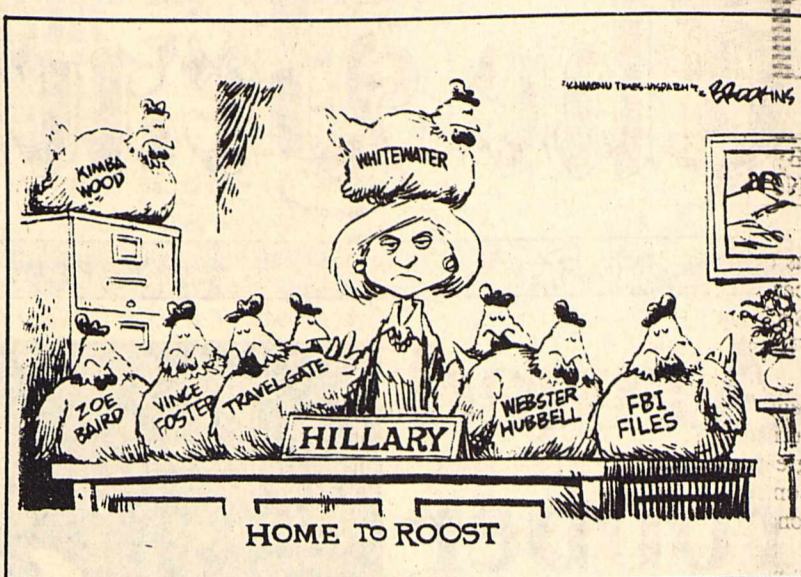
Many people feel that they are not affected by the loss of property rights because they do not own a ranch or even a lot. They are so wrong! When the government has the power to take away an individual's rights to control his land, it is, in essence, taking away rights of all citizens to control their personal property.

We suffered financial losses, but what concerns me the most is that I am losing my heritage of security and freedom. We are losing our precious civil rights.

People must stand up and protect these rights that were guaranteed to us in the Constitution. That is what our nation was founded on, and that is what makes America great.

I am asking you to help restore America to the great nation it used to be. I want a nation that I can be proud of, and I want to be able to have the same freedoms and opportunities that my parents once had.

Editor's note: Dale Smith is a 1995 graduate of Brackett High School and currently attends Texas Tech University.



Between Us by Joe Townsend

President uses issues to promote reelection

It seems that, regardless of what happens, the President can make it an issue to promote his reelection.

As should be, he had a special box at the opening of the Olympics. Every few minutes the camera turned to him. It was most interesting. One time it showed tears streaming down his face while others were laughing and applauding.

On another occasion, he seemed to be intently watching events, but suddenly he was stifling a yawn. This is nit picking, I know, but it is also revealing.

A much more serious breach of character is revealed in his actions and rhetoric about the "burning of churches". He, his attorney general and a coterie of officials from his bailiwick spent taxpayers' dollars to go to a Negro church that had been rebuilt from a fire.

With this fine brick church as a background, he loudly prated the evils of arsonists. He paraded through the crowd carrying a Negro baby, fancifully dressed, bonnet and all. He promised taxpayer dollars to help burned out churches.

For several days, he touted the disgraceful practice of racial hatreds that led to the church burnings. He subsequently garnered

millions of dollars to help these burned out churches.

Letters To The Editor

July 22, 1996

To Mary Mitchell-President FCS: In your letter you state that the Board has instructed Mr. Haenn to provide all rules, regulations, and fees be assessed equally. This is not so. The band's family members DID NOT pay their three dollars.

You also stated that I had a guest. False again. Mrs. Mitchell, I was there with my wife only.

I don't know where you get your information, but it is all FALSE. P.C. All Board Members

Dear Editor: By this perceive we the love of GOD. Because he laid down his life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

But whosoever hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassions from him, how dwelleth the love of GOD in him?

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue but in deed and truth. 1 John 3:16-18. Praise GOD I thank all those who have, and

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Is today's FDA a part of the crisis in health care?

If you are like most Americans, when you think of the FDA, you think of doctors in lab coats, working in governmental laboratories, testing the quality and safety of the food you eat and the drugs you buy.

And you'll be surprised to learn that most of what you know about the FDA is false.

Commentary

By Michael F. Cannon

The federal Food and Drug Administration, with offices in Washington, D.C. and suburban Maryland, performs no tests on the food you eat or the drugs your doctor prescribes. It has no laboratories to conduct such tests.

The meat you eat is inspected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The amount and type of pesticides used on the vegetables you eat are regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

State health departments regulate the cleanliness of restaurants and grocery stores. The drugs your doctor prescribes are tested for safety and effectiveness by pharmaceutical companies.

With the exception of the FDA employees who conduct tests on animal drugs, no FDA employees wear lab coats. Nearly all FDA employees work in huge office buildings, with the exception of FDA Commissioner David Kessler, who often works out of his home.

So what does the FDA do? Rather than perform safety tests for drugs, the FDA reviews data on safety and effectiveness compiled by manufacturers before the agency renders its opinion. The same is true with medical devices (which can be anything from a tongue depressor to an x-ray machine), biological products (medicines derived from living organisms), and food additives, which the FDA also regulates.

But what is alarming is that the FDA actually has been hurting the very people it was created to help.

Defenders of the FDA often say - and it is true - that the FDA does a pretty good job of protecting American consumers from unsafe food and drugs. So what's the problem?

America needs to be protected from unsafe drugs. But we also need the FDA to approve new medicines quickly. Why?

Suppose you are sick, and your only hope for survival is a new medicine which the FDA hasn't yet approved. You might as well call a priest. The FDA has the power to keep that treatment away from you and your doctor, and it often does without a moment's hesitation.

Never mind that you're an intelligent adult. Never mind that you and your doctor have a right to make decisions about your health.

That medicine may have been discovered 15 years ago, yet the FDA could still be trying to decide whether to make it available to your doctor. In fact, 15 years is the average amount of time the FDA takes to approve a new drug. It often takes longer. The FDA takes so long to approve new medicines, many patients suffer as they wait for the FDA to make up its mind. Many die waiting.

What's more, the FDA suppresses well-established, life-saving medical treatments. Agency regulations play fast and loose with your doctor's rights to free speech and keep your doctor in the dark about innovative therapies. This denies many patients - particularly needy patients - the best medical care available.

One example is aspirin, which has been proven effective in reducing the fatality of heart attacks if taken at the onset of an attack. Despite having been well-established in clinical studies, the FDA suppressed this life-saving therapy for eight years.

The FDA's delays also increase the cost of health care in America. The cost of steering a new drug through the FDA's 15 year-long approval process has been estimated at close to \$400 million. That cost is passed on to you, the patient, in the form of higher prices for prescriptions, doctor's bills and hospital stays.

The FDA has used intimidation to silence its critics. The agency has actually retaliated against drug and medical device manufacturers who have criticized its poor performance, by slowing the approval process for the company's product and more closely scrutinizing the company's factories. These tactics punish the sick by further increasing the cost of health care and stifling medical innovation.

The FDA has forced thousands of American jobs overseas. The California Health Care Institute has estimated that over the past five years, FDA inefficiency has cost as many as 18,500 jobs in California alone.

These highly-skilled, high-paying jobs will amount to nearly \$1 billion in lost salaries this year. In fact, many countries openly use the FDA's reputation for inefficiency, over-regulation and retaliation to persuade American firms to create jobs abroad rather than in the U.S.

For these reasons and more, the Senate will be voting soon on a bill sponsored by Sen. Nancy Landon Kassebaum (R-KS) to reform FDA. Kassebaum's bill is a moderate measure that will remedy many of the agency's more egregious disorders and bring promising new treatments to doctors and patients sooner than the FDA has heretofore been able.

The FDA should be on the lookout for unsafe medical products. But we don't need an FDA that keeps life-saving therapies away from doctors. American patients will be served best by an FDA that recognizes the balance between safety and efficiency and respects the First Amendment. Let's hope the change comes before you or a member of your family gets sick.

Editor's note: Michael F. Cannon is a health care policy analyst at Citizens for a Sound Economy in Washington, D.C.

Big Mama Sez! Never lie in bed at night asking yourself questions you can't answer.

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For ultimate performance from gas ranges, make sure the flame is kept blue and cone-shaped by keeping the burner clean and unclogged. Use a wire or pipe cleaner to unclog the burner ports.

Attention Parents of Students at Jones Elementary The Jones Elementary PTO is having a playground improvement party Saturday, August 3rd, from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

# Happy Shahan Day Festival dubbed a success

By: J.J. Guidry  
News Editor

Though attendance wasn't as high as expected, Kinney County Chamber of Commerce officials dubbed Saturday's First Happy Shahan Day Festival a success.

"It was super," said Barry Williams, event coordinator. "Everything turned out great. I do wish we had a greater turnout because there was some fantastic talent here all day long."

Saturday's festival honored 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.

"Happy was a pillar stone in this community," Chamber President Larry Sofaly said. "He brought a lot of outside industry to this town and a lot of outside people to this town."

The state of Texas, Kinney County and the city of Brackettville honored 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 this year's celebration on the weekend before Shahan's birthday since it fell during the middle of the week this year.

"It's been a great day," said Clyde Hepline, who worked for Shahan as an entertainer at Alamo Village. "Everybody that I've talked to had a great time."

"Happy did a lot for this community through the years. He taught me a lot about life in general. A lot of the things that he told me still reflect on me today."

The festival was highlighted by a dance Saturday evening as Dotsy and the San Antonio Roses performed.

Dotsy Dwyer 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 Antonio Rose," "After Sweet Memories," and "Tryin' to Satisfy You."

"I think it's wonderful," Dwyer said of the festival. "Happy Shahan has done so much for this area, much less Texas in general. It's always great

to celebrate the life of someone who is so wonderful and has done so much for so many."

Dwyer said she enjoyed performing at the festival, and seeing all of her friends in Brackettville.

"I think it's fabulous coming back to Brackettville," she said. "I've seen so many of my friends that I haven't seen in a long time."

"It's like coming home again. It makes me feel wonderful. Brackettville is like a second home to me and I love everyone here."

Saturday's event began with the official coronation of Virginia Shahan, Happy's wife of 57 years, as this year's festival queen. In the future, she will reign over all of the Shahan Day Festivals as the honorary queen.

The Spirit of Texas band, the Cebritis Dancers from Ciudad Acuna, the Ballet de Folklorico from Casa De La Cultura in Del Rio, the Vision Quest Buffalo Soldiers, the Fort Clark Saloon Dancers and Jack Schram, the travellin' preacher, performed throughout the day.

A.J. Foyt, the first four-time winner of the Indy 500, was scheduled to be in attendance Saturday, but was unable to make it. Foyt's Indy car was on display inside the Civic Center all day.

"I hope that everybody enjoyed the festival and comes back next year," Dwyer said. "I hope this really becomes a big thing, a good celebration for Brackettville."

Williams said, "We're already starting to plan what day we're going to have the festival next year, what bands are going to play, and so forth."



Virginia Shahan, left, is crowned festival queen by Barry Williams of the Chamber of Commerce. Photo by J.J. Guidry



The Fort Clark Saloon Dancers perform at Saturday's festival at the Civic Center. Photo by Amanda Ward

## Schooler sees good things to come from Jones Elementary

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"It's the biggest turnover they've had here for quite some time, I understand, so it's going to give me a unique opportunity to come in new and to have a lot of new staff," Schooler said. "The staff that has been here has been real supportive."

Another new addition to the elementary school is a counselor, Irene Finkenbinder.

"Susan Harrison does a great job at the high school," Schooler said. "However, she spends a lot of her time with the older grades. She just didn't have the time that we thought we needed a counselor for, and we want to be more proactive with these elementary-age students," he said.

"The Kinney County Committee of Juvenile Behavior said an elementary school counselor would be very beneficial to this district. The school board listened to that and Mr. Stephenson helped find the funds to make that possible. We're really looking forward to having her here."

Schooler said he believes school should be a fun place for students.

"A big goal for me is to make sure kids are having fun at school, and then to make sure that our academic scores are where they need to be," he said. "I hope that we also have a big increase in parent involvement."

"We've already started on our



Jones Elementary Principal Michael Schooler, right, says he and his wife, Diann, "love being in Brackettville."

playground renovations," he said. "Aug. 3 is our parent work day."

"We're also going to have a family-matters picnic on Aug. 19 at Rendezvous Park at Fort Clark. All of the parents of all of the children that are in the elementary school are invited for hot dogs, chips and enter-

tainment. We have a lot of neat things planned."

A couple of other new things to the school this year are a district discipline plan and a campus discipline plan.

"All though a lot of things will stay the same, but there are some changes

as well," Schooler said.

"Some of the schedules will change too. Some of the kids will be going a little longer and some of them won't be going quite as long."

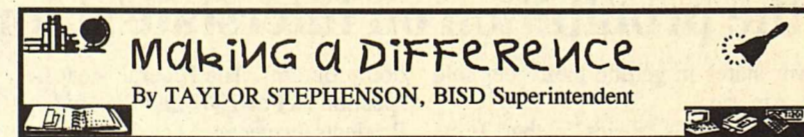
"The students will probably be getting out at about 3:00 or 3:10 this next year."

## Problem solving, water and patriotism

Hard to believe there's only a few days left in July! Like on Thursday next, the first day of August arrives! With the arrival of a new month comes new opportunity to start fresh in trying to solve some of the same old problems. Like school! You may or may not consider school a problem. This week, I want to deal with a few suggestions for dealing with problems! Here we go!

You know we have a tendency to look only at ourselves when problems occur. Remember that one about the man who had no shoes ... until he met the man with no feet. Maybe that's not the way you remember it, but it illustrates the point. Think about travelers who were on TWA Flight 800. There were folks there from every walk of life. They were thinking about problems that may have been big ones to them ... like baggage, would they have enough money for the trip, who they left behind ... the family dog, calling as soon as they arrived in Paris ... SUDDENLY: the problems went away as Flight 800 disappeared from the radar screen. My heart hurts to think about these folks who were victims of a fiendish act. All of my problems seem so small compared to the fate of these passengers.

So, what do we do to solve problems? One approach is "don't worry, be happy!" Remember the song? It's not exactly that simple. I'm happiest when I am able to plan and work through the problems. So ... maybe "be happy ... think about the big prob-



lems ... and try to work out solutions to those." Let the little problems go. As representatives of a form of life that has a higher degree of intelligence, we can be problem solvers. How do we do it? Look at a problem ... think about possible solutions ... list the solutions ... put them in order ... which is the best option, the next best, all the way down to the worst. Select an option. Once you decide ... do it ... don't worry about what if you could have chosen the second option.

School is on its way. The band is getting ready to learn fight songs ... the football team, volley ball team and cheerleaders are fixing to crank up their acts. Teachers work every day to try to get classrooms ready. The Board is working on policy for handbooks and on budget. We're trying to do things right. It takes lots of work to get it done, but we're willing to do that. We're getting along just fine, thank you!

As you get ready for school, remember ... last year is over. With the new year, we have an opportunity to become better than we were last year. We can forget some of last year's problems and BEGIN ANEW! By better, I mean ... as a student, as a teacher, as a school administrator or as a parent. We can improve. We

must first think about what we want the year to look like ... when it is over. Visualize graduation night, 1997! Whoa, it went by fast. Yeah, it did. What do you see as your big accomplishments during the school year of 1996-97? What do you have to do to get that done? Make a list. Begin to get it done. Okay?

That's about enough. It's close to midnight after a long board work session on Tuesday night, I want to ask you this week to think about some other things ... take a look at the water situation around your home for the wild animals and even domestic animals for that matter. Make sure you have a pan of water out for birds and the animals of the field. There's not much out there ... it surely will get better ... but let's keep those little ones alive while we're waiting for rain. I guess the last thing I want you to feel is pride every time that the National Anthem is played at the Atlanta Olympics. Those Olympians are part of us. We're all Americans. I feel it ... you do too. Sing along with the champions. We're Americans. This week, get water for the animals, build patriotism, and plan for next year. Make sure that you start by visualizing graduation 1997 ... then build it ... build it ... build it ... Make it happen. Have a great week!

## Community Calendar



- A.A.: Open meeting, Monday and Friday, 8 PM, Slator Hall, James St.
- Las Moras Masonic Lodge 444: 2nd Tue. 7 p.m., Lodge Hall, Ann St.
- Band Booster Club: 1st Tuesday, 7 p.m., High School Band Hall
- BISD School Board: 2nd Monday, 6:30 p.m., School Board Room
- Beta Sigma Phi
  - R of J Beta Epsilon Omicron (Sept-May) 2nd & 4th Monday, 7 p.m.
  - Preceptor Theta Sigma (Sept-May) 1st & 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
  - Laureate Iota Epsilon (all year) 3rd Monday, 7 p.m.
- Boot Scooters: Thursday 7:00 PM, Town Hall, FCS
- Mountain Laurel Garden Club: 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m. Adult Center
- Kinney Co. Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Thu. 6:30 p.m.
- FC Restaurant
  - City Council: 1st Tuesday after 2nd Monday, 6:00 p.m., City Hall
  - K.C. Commissioners Court: 2nd Monday, 9 a.m., Court House
  - Del Rio Christian Women's Club: 1st Wednesday, 12 Noon San Felipe Country Club. Reservations required.
  - FCS Pot Luck Supper: 3rd Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Service Club. Bring covered dish, plates and utensils.
  - FC Duplicate Bridge: Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Adult Center
  - FCS Art Club: Work days Monday and Saturday a.m., Meeting 1st Monday, 1 p.m., Art Studio
  - FCS Community Council: 2nd Saturday, 10 a.m., Shafter Hall
  - FCS Board of Directors: 3rd Saturday, 10:00 a.m., Board Room
  - FCS Historical Society: 4th Saturday, 9:30 a.m., Palisado Building.
  - FCS Museum/Sutler's Store: Saturday & Sunday, 1-4 p.m.
  - FCS Ladies Luncheon: 2nd Wednesday, Noon, Las Moras Restaurant. Make reservations at Adult Center.
  - FCS VFW #8360 & Auxiliary: 4th Monday, Service Club 6 p.m. Pot Luck, 7 p.m. Meetings
  - FCS Old Quarry Society: 1st Monday, 6 p.m., Adult Center.
  - Friends of Library: No regular schedule. Call library for info.
  - K.C. Historical Preservation Society: 4th Thursday, 7 p.m., Court House.
  - KC Kickers: 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Service Club.
  - Knights of Columbus: 1st Sunday, 12 Noon, Parish Hall.
  - Las Moras Hispanic Organization: Every Monday 7 p.m., at the Kinney County Courthouse.
  - Lions Club: 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Las Moras Restaurant.
  - Order of Eastern Star 204: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Hall, 407 Bedell, Del Rio.
  - FC Shrine Club: 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Las Moras Restaurant.
  - Rotary Club: Every Thursday, 12 Noon, Las Moras Restaurant.
  - Methodist Ladies Luncheon: 3rd Wednesday, Noon, Slator Hall, Please make reservations.
  - Kinney County Heritage Museum: 2nd and 4th Saturday, 1-4 p.m., Filippone Building.

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# USDA asked to drop proposal

AUSTIN - The Independent Cattlemen's Association Tuesday called upon the United States Department of Agriculture to drop its consideration of a proposed rule that would allow the nation's 93,000 schools that participate in the school lunch and breakfast programs to offer yogurt as a meat substitute.

"This ridiculous proposal reminds me of a time when certain individuals suggested to the Agriculture Department that ketchup was actually a vegetable," ICA President Jim Selman said. "I think it's time people quit monkeying around with our children's dietary health just so they can squeeze some more money out of taxpayers."

The proposed rule would permit yogurt to be credited as a meat alternative for all meals regulated by the USDA, which includes the department's low-income and summer feeding programs. Currently, 25 million students participate in the

Agriculture Department's school lunch program.

The plan is supported by yogurt makers who stand to make a substantial profit if the rule is approved. The yogurt and dairy industries have been pushing for yogurt as a reimbursable item on school lunch menus since 1981.

If the rule is approved after a public comment period, it could take effect as early as January 1997.

Selman argues that while yogurt is a good protein source, it lacks other essential nutrients offered by meat.

"According to the Department of Agriculture, there are four basic food groups: meat, dairy, and fruits and vegetables," he said.

"Yogurt is a dairy product, it's in a completely separate category. It defies reason that the Agriculture Department would even entertain such a silly proposal."

# Paddlefish project restores prehistoric rarity

By Henry Lutz  
Kinney County Game Warden

AUSTIN - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) fisheries biologist are rearing tens of thousands of endangered paddlefish, marking them with high-tech coded wire tags and releasing them in East Texas rivers.

The paddlefish project, now in its seventh year, seeks to restore to Texas waters an ancient creature predating the dinosaurs, which was almost wiped out decades ago due to habitat changes, commercial overharvest and other factors.

"The paddlefish is a fascinating survivor," said fisheries biologist Ronnie Pittman, paddlefish program leader at TPWD's Heart of the Hills Research Station in Central Texas. "It's a species that's been on the earth for 360 million years. In that time, it's survived some major ecological changes. It would be a shame if it did not survive the impact of human ac-

tivity."

Earlier this summer, biologists released 56,000 paddlefish in various rivers across East Texas. The fish have been implanted with tiny (1.5 mm long) tracking tags which can be detected with a wand-like scanner once the fish are recaptured. They were reared at the A.E. Wood State Fish Hatchery in San Marcos, where another 15,000 paddlefish are now growing in raceways and are scheduled to be released later this month.

Paddlefish can grow up to more than six feet long and can weigh more than 150 pounds. Some old-time anglers know them as "spoon-billed catfish," but the paddlefish more closely resembles the shark because its skeleton is made of cartilage, not bone, and it has a deeply forked caudal fin that slices through the water above its tail.

But any resemblance to sharks should not cause concern. Paddlefish are harmless planktivores who feed on microscopic organisms by straining for plankton with their mouths



## From Your Local Game Warden

open.

Paddlefish have been declining all along their range since the early 1900's. As early as the 1800's when European sturgeon for caviar became scarce from overharvesting, fishermen discovered paddlefish caviar was a good substitute. Caviar, or fish eggs, can sell for as much as \$100 per pound.

Combine this with the construction of numerous Texas dams, and it's easy to comprehend the impact on paddlefish. Paddlefish are very mobile, and can swim upstream for hundreds of miles during spawning and flood periods.

"The fish swam right up to the dams, where they couldn't go any further, and simply congregated in large numbers," said Pittman. "Fisherman knew this and were able to harvest

hundreds at a time in nets."

Anglers should not try this now. The paddlefish is listed as endangered in Texas and is being monitored for possible listing on the federal endangered species list. Possessing a paddlefish is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by up to a \$500 fine and \$850 in civil restitution per fish.

Since the paddlefish program started in 1989, the fish have been released at various East Texas locations, including the Trinity River above Lake Livingston, the Neches River near Lufkin, the Sabine River near Marshall, the upper portions of Sam Rayburn Reservoir, Big Cypress Bayou above Lake of the Pines and the Sulfur River above Wright Patman Reservoir. Biologists are optimistic that in this way, the species may return to relative abundance in Texas.

# New approach to controlling ticks

In the war against ticks and fleas, pet owners use an arsenal of chemicals to keep their animal parasite free, but toxic chemicals can have bad effects on pets and owners as well. Researchers have now developed growth regulators to give pet owners a less toxic alternative. Unlike toxic chemicals that destroy the insect's respiratory or nervous system, growth regulators work by preventing the tick larvae from reaching maturity. The advantage to using growth regulators is that they are less toxic and can be used inside and outside the home to control ticks and fleas. The growth regulator for ticks is currently still being tested, but because of its non-toxic effect on pets and humans, government approvals should be just down the road. There is currently a growth regulator that works on fleas only that is available and on the market.

### Lyme Disease Prevention

Lyme disease can have disabling and crippling effects on people. Severe cases force patients to rely on crutches or wheelchairs. The disease is carried by certain ticks and infects humans and pets during the blood feed. These disabling effects have encouraged researchers with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station to conduct a 14-month study on controlling this parasite. Test are being done on the lone star tick which is fairly common in Texas. This is another area where growth regulators which will interrupt the insect's stage of development, can be beneficial.

If you find yourself in tick-infested areas this summer, use insect repellent around your legs and ankles, wear long pants and socks, and check your body for ticks. If you find a tick feeding, use tweezers to remove the insect by gripping the head area. Never squeeze the body. It only forces blood back into your system and could infect you with lyme disease. If you become ill with a rash or flu-like symptoms after a tick encounter, go to your doctor immediately and ask to be tested for lyme disease.

### Landscape Maintenance Practices Save Water

Proper maintenance is a key principle in reducing irrigation requirements in the landscape. Maintenance practices, such as mulching, mowing and

by Alan L. McWilliams

fertilizing greatly impact the water efficiency of any landscape, as well as the landscape's ability to survive a drought.

In addition to mulching, other maintenance practices help save water in the landscape. Mowing turfgrass at the proper height helps conserve moisture. For example, the optimum height to mow St. Augustine grass for water conservation is three inches. The typical mowing height is 2-2 1/2 inches. However, the taller height promotes a deeper, more water efficient root system. Taller grass acts like a living mulch, shading the ground, thus reducing moisture evaporation from the soil. Also, grass that is allowed to grow taller grows slower; therefore, needing less water and mowing.

Another maintenance practice that adds to the efficient use of water by plants is proper fertilization. Applying fertilizer to the lawn at the proper time and in the proper amount can save time, effort and money through reduced mowing and watering. Fertilizers can also be a major source of pollution of streams and groundwater if excessive amounts are applied.

Fertilize the lawn once in spring and again in fall to produce a beautiful turf without excess growth which demands frequent watering. Using a slow-release form of nitrogen in spring and a quick release form in fall. Apply only 1 pound of actual nitrogen fertilizer per 1,000 square feet of lawn at one time. By using this fertilizer schedule, no other fertilizer is needed for most shrubs and trees in the lawn area.

Other cultural practices that add to the efficient use of water by plants are periodic checks of the irrigation system, properly-timed insect and disease control and elimination of water-demanding weeds.

# USDA announces dates for sheep promotion and research referendum

WASHINGTON - The United States Department of Agriculture announced that a second nationwide sheep referendum on the Sheep and Wool Promotion, Research, Education, and Information Order will be conducted Oct. 1.

USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, a marketing and regulatory programs agency, has oversight responsibility for federal research and promotion programs.

AMS administrator Lon Hatamiya said all producers, feeders, and importers who certify they were engaged in the production, feeding or importation of sheep or sheep products (except importers of raw wool only) between Jan. 1, and Dec. 31, 1994, are eligible to vote.

Hatamiya said that a second referendum is needed based on a review conducted by the USDA, which revealed that the referendum rules were inconsistently applied during the Feb. 6, 1996, referendum.

Voters may register and vote in person or request absentee ballots at one of the USDA's county Cooperative Extension Service offices.

Absentee ballots must be requested from the office serving the county of voter residence for individuals, or the county where the business headquarters is located for corporations.

Absentee ballot requests may be requested in person or by mail between Aug. 26, and Sept. 17. Absentee ballots must be received in county offices by close of business Sept. 27.

The Farm Service Agency, formerly the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, will count ballots, determine eligibility of voters and tabulate the results.

For the order to go into effect, it must be approved either by a majority of voters or by voters who account for two-thirds of the sheep and wool production represented in the referendum.

If approved, the program would be funded by mandatory assessments. Domestic producers and feeders would be assessed 1 cent per pound on sales of live sheep and 2 cents per pound on sales of greasy wool.

Importers would be assessed 1 cent per pound or the equivalent on imported sheep and sheep products and 2 cents per pound or the equivalent on imported degreased wool and wool products.

Details of voting procedures were published in the Dec. 15, 1995, Federal Register. The order, which is the subject of the referendum, was published in the May 2, 1996 Federal Register.

Copies of the final referendum rules, the order and additional information are available from Ralph L. Tapp, Chief, Marketing Programs Branch, Livestock and Seed Division, AMS, USDA, Room 2606-S, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C., 20090-6456.

# Legislation to lift the prohibition on interstate shipment introduced

WASHINGTON - Legislation to waive the archaic laws which prohibit the interstate shipment of state-inspected meat and poultry products was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives Thursday.

Passage of the legislation, which was introduced by Rep. William "Mac" Thornberry, R-Tx., would help create new jobs and eliminate the unfair market restrictions that have forced hundreds of small processors out of business.

"I think the recent proposal to reform the nation's meat inspection system is a wise one," Thornberry said. "But it's also incomplete. The industry is currently governed by two 25-year-old laws. Both of these laws contain a provision which prohibits state-inspected beef from being sold in other states unless it's subject to inspection from the federal government."

Thornberry said that foreign countries have a competitive advantage

over states in getting their beef sold in America.

"What this means is that Texas beef cannot be sold in Oklahoma unless it's inspected by someone from Washington, but beef from Mexico, Canada or another country can," he said.

"This is both unjust and unfair. If beef from Mexico is safe to eat in Lawton (Okla.) without federal inspection, you can bet your bottom dollar that beef from Texas will be safe to eat there as well."

Daniel Poffenberger, owner of the Bellville Meat Market, said, "Because of changes in state inspection laws over the past few years, I have had to upgrade to federal code without enjoying any of the benefits of being able to sell my product across state lines."

The unfair restriction affects approximately 3,000 slaughtering and processing facilities in 26 states that offer state meat and poultry inspection programs. The Federal Meat Inspection Act of 1967 and the Poultry Products Inspection Act of 1968 require inspection programs administered by the states to be "at least equal to" the inspection standards of the USDA's Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS).

The bill, H.R. 3750, does not automatically lift the ban for all certified state meat and poultry inspections. The bill would require each state to petition the Secretary of Agriculture for the change. The measure would also allow federal inspectors to randomly inspect state-inspected plants in addition to the state inspections.

"The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) strongly supports the Thornberry bill," Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Rick Perry said. "In the last three years, approximately 400 small- and mid-size meat and poultry processors have gone out

of business, many because they are unfairly prohibited from interstate commerce. Without passage of this bill this year, many more small packers and processors are going to be forced out of business because of the legislative economic disadvantage they face."

In testimony before the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy and Poultry on June 26, Perry said that Texas has 364 state-inspected plants that "would benefit from interstate shipment."

He said the Texas-inspected plants would increase their employees by approximately 30 percent and add an additional \$450 million in gross sales if the plants were allowed to ship in interstate commerce.

Sens. Larry Pressler, R-SD, and Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah, have introduced companion legislation, S. 1862, in the U.S. Senate.

# ICA annual convention and trade show begins next week in Beaumont

AUSTIN - The future of the Texas beef industry will be the prime focus of the 1996 Annual Convention of the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas.

The annual gathering is a chance for ICA members to catch-up with old friends and learn new strategies to increase productivity in an ever-changing and challenging industry.

The 22nd Annual Convention and Trade Show will be both an informational meeting and a cel-

ebration. The event kicks off Thursday, Aug. 1, in Beaumont and winds up business at noon on Sunday.

"It's been a tough year for many Texas cattle producers," ICA President Jim Selman said. "We are looking forward to meeting with our friends in Beaumont to share what we have learned and plan for our future."

Thursday's fun begins with afternoon golf, evening casino action and an all-you-can-eat buf-

fet in nearby Lake Charles, La.

Association members can plan to attend the grand opening of ICA's expanded trade show and exposition on Friday.

Optional workshops covering such topics as estate planning and tax reductions, commodities, and computers and their increasing role in agriculture will also be held on Friday.

Editor's note: For more information, please contact the ICA office in Austin at (512) 836-1321.

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## 25th Anniversary Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Ash

Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Ash will be celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary on July 28th, 1996 at First Baptist Church Brackettville, Texas. The celebration will begin with a "pot luck" luncheon starting at 12:00 noon & lasting until 2:00 p.m. Those invited are encouraged to bring their favorite food dish and join them in their celebration.

The former Ann Charlotte Kelly and Gilbert Lee Ash were married at Solidier Creek Assembly of God Church, Midwest City, Okla, on July 24th 1971.

Ann Ash was born to John & Ione Kelly and was reared in Midwest City, Okla, graduating from Midwest City High School in 1969. Annie graduated in 1970 as an LVN and in 1992 attended Howard college School of Nursing graduating in 1993. She is currently practicing as an RN at VVMH.

Gilbert Ash was born to John & Marguerite Ash and was reared in Midwest City, Okla, graduating from Midwest City High School in 1969. Gilbert is a graduate of Central State University, Edmond, Okla. He is

currently attending Seminary courses through Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Extension Service.

Gil and his wife Annie moved from Del Rio to Brackettville in July 1992, where he is pastor of F.B.C. Brackettville. Gilbert & Annie met at Soldier Creek Assembly of God Church and have been serving the Lord Jesus Christ together ever since. The Ashes believe that putting the Lord Jesus Christ first in their home & marriage has been the bonding force that has kept their marriage strong. "We started our wedding night kneeling & praying for God's blessing on our marriage, and The Lord has not failed us."

The Ashes have two sons who will be celebrating with them. Corey Lee Ash, a senior at Anglo State University, plans a career in teaching. Jason Bret Ash, a senior at Howard Payne University, plans a career in Youth Ministry and Religious education. He will continue his education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, in the spring.

Gil & Annie plan an anniversary trip to Hawaii in September.



## CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR  
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



The truck bomb that exploded in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia June 25 came as a shock, but not a surprise.

On that day, a tanker truck stopped outside the fence in front of an American military barracks in Dhahran. U.S. security forces stationed on the roof of the building observed two men fleeing the truck into a nearby getaway car. Realizing what was taking place, they began evacuating the building and succeeded in clearing the two top floors before the truck exploded.

Nineteen Americans were killed, and 450 others were injured — a terrible tragedy, in which our sons and daughters, husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters paid the ultimate price in the service of our country.

Given the World Trade Center bombing, given our experience in Beirut, given the November, 1995, bombing of Americans working with the Saudi National Guard and the May beheading of those responsible, it is incredible that a bomb-laden vehicle was able to park within 80 feet of a barracks filled with U.S. military personnel.

We had reasonably reliable intelligence that Americans would be targeted for attack again. There had been suspicious activities involving a similar truck two weeks before the bombing. We knew the barracks were under surveillance. At the Dhahran barracks, we settled for much less protection than recently was deemed essential to secure the perimeter around the White House. These facts pose the questions we must ask.

But already it is evident that we know too little about Saudi militants and their capabilities. And already it is clear that the future defense of our troops must include two inseparable components: better physical defenses (barriers, weapons and the like) as well as better intelligence.

Likewise, we know now that we must institute procedures which result in our military commanders opting without hesitation for the most careful, the most conservative course of action when it comes to protecting our forces — even if that option is the most costly or inconvenient or politically sensitive. The lives of our fighting men and women must come first. Their well being and security must be put before any other consideration. Where American troops are deployed abroad, we can't take no for an answer.

Congress is now engaged in an inquiry to determine exactly how this bombing came about, who was responsible, what went wrong and how. The ultimate sacrifice made by the American victims of this terrorist act should remain in the front of our minds from the beginning to the end of this investigation.

Our object shouldn't be to play Monday-morning quarterback, but rather to determine what we can do to make sure a tragedy like this doesn't happen again. Finally, we have an obligation to dedicate all resources necessary, as do our Saudi allies, to track down and punish those responsible for this deadly act of cowardice.



Mike Holley, President and Dr. Joseph Goebel

## Dr. Goebel speaks at Rotary

BRACKETTVILLE ROTARY CLUB  
By Frances McMaster

The Rotary Club met on the 18th of July and heard Joseph Goebel speak as chairman of the Committee on Juvenile Problems. Dr. Goebel came here from Eagle Pass where he was a teacher and Scout master. He has a Ph.D. in Earth Science Management.

The committee was an outgrowth of two public meetings on the subject of juvenile problems and has met as a committee five times. It was charged with the task of making recommendations for ways of encouraging positive changes.

Before changes can be addressed, however, one needs to understand what is considered a natural expression of juvenile behavior. It has evolved over time and its connected to the environment and culture in general. For instance what is acceptable in a city slum district, even a valuable tool for survival, may well be considered aberrant behavior in a small town.

One fact exists. Almost 1,000 juveniles live within this county. Many of these youngsters are well behaved, hard working and perform well in school. We need to focus on options for good behavior instead of delinquency. Juveniles need support in learning to become responsible citizens.

Since the economy often necessitates both parents working, some of them with two jobs, young people seldom have both parents around to offer guidance and discipline. The community needs to help out.

Communication is a major area of concern. During these developmental years, young people pull away from parents as one way of establishing a sense of identity as an adult. If good communication hasn't existed in earlier years, the connection between parents and child is doomed to problems. The committee thought group discussions would be helpful in this regard.

The schools have the children 30% of the time, and the committee thought that morals and ethics need to be taught. For misbehavior that involves law enforcement, a county juvenile board, assisted by the school, makes recommendations for discipline. To save these youngsters, a goal of positive results is essential. Dr. Goebel stressed that there is no quick fix. Changes in behavior result from a change in perspective, something difficult to achieve.

Rotary thanks Dr. Goebel for sharing the activity, to this point, of the Committee on Juvenile Problems. The next meeting will feature a visit from the District Governor.

## For Pete's Sake

A couple of local girls were discussing the candidates for State Senate. "He sure is skinny," one of them said. "When he wears a red tie, he looks like a thermometer!"

A certain second-grade teacher we know tells us she recently overheard a conversation between two little boys in her class. "Why do girls have to wear bras?" one youngster asked the other.

"Because", came the confident reply, "when they grow up they get all out of shape!"

When it comes to sales lines that pack power, a local used car salesman has one he claims never fails.

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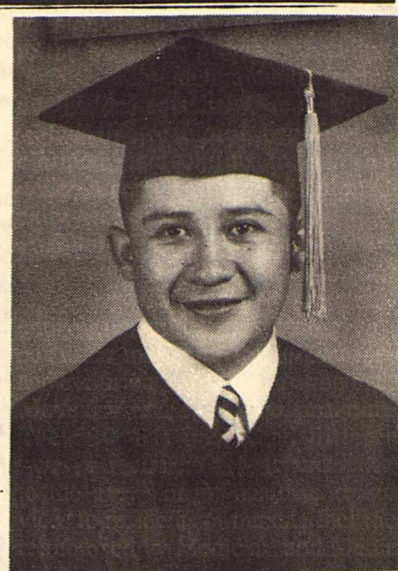
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## Bridge Anyone

by Norma Gould

The FCS Duplicate Bridge Club met Tues., July 16 with 3 1/2 tables playing the Howell Movement.

Ben & Rozetta Pingenot won 1st place. Ann Legg & Ruth Wilks tied with James Harber & Walt Geeze for 2nd place.



## Falcon off to bootcamp

Juan Ramon Falcon (Monchie) left Brackettville July 23rd for Fort Leonardwood, Missouri where he will receive his basic training. After his completion of basic training he will go to AIT to train for combat engineer. Juan says he joined the army to make something of himself. Juan is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Ramon Falcon Sr of Brackettville.

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## Area Agency on Aging

Fraud and Abuse in the Provision of services in Nursing Facilities

The office of inspector General (OIG) was established at the Department of Health and Human Services by congress in 1976 to identify and eliminate fraud, waste and abuse in Health and Human Services programs and to promote efficiency and economy in departmental operations. The OIG carries out this mission through a nationwide program of audits, investigations and inspections.

To help reduce fraud and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs, the OIG actively investigates schemes to fraudulently obtain money from these programs and, when appropriate, issues Special Fraud Alerts which identify segments of the health care industry that are particularly vulnerable to abuse. This Special Fraud Alert Focuses on the provision of medical and other health care services to residents of nursing facilities and identifies some of the illegal practices that the OIG has uncovered.

How Nursing Facility Benefits Are Reimbursed

There were 17,000 nursing facilities in the United States, as of June 1995. An OIG study reported that in 1992, Medicare payments to nursing facilities included Part B payments of \$2.7 Billion and Part A payments of \$3.1 billion for covered stays in nursing facilities. When the Federal share of the \$24 billion spent by Medicaid is factored in, the Federal cost of nursing care reached a total of, approximately \$20 billion.

Many nursing facilities receive reimbursement from both Medicare and Medicaid for care and services provided to eligible residents. Under Medicare Part A, skilled nursing facility services are paid on the basis of cost for covered stays of a limited length. Nursing facility residents may be concurrently eligible for benefits under Medicare Part B. For Medicaid-eligible residents, extended nursing facility stays may be reimbursed by state-administered programs financed in part by Medicaid.

Nursing facilities and their residents have become common targets

for fraudulent schemes. Nursing facilities represent convenient resident "pools" and make it lucrative for unscrupulous persons to carry out fraudulent schemes. The OIG has become aware of a number of fraudulent arrangements by which health care providers, including medical professionals, inappropriately bill Medicare and Medicaid the provision of unnecessary services and services which were not provided at all. Sometimes, nursing facility management and staff also are involved in these schemes.

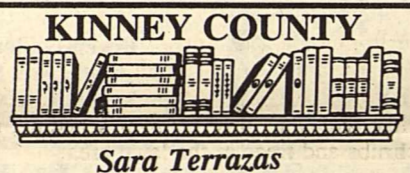
False or Fraudulent Claims Relating to the Provision of Health Care Services

The government may prosecute persons who submit or cause the submission of false or fraudulent claims to the Medicare program. Examples of false or fraudulent claims include claims for items that were never provided or were not provided as claimed, and claims for services which a person knows are not medically necessary.

Submitting or causing false claims to be submitted to Medicare or Medicaid may subject the individual or entity to criminal prosecution, civil penalties including treble damages, and exclusion from participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The OIG has uncovered different types of fraudulent transactions related to the provision of health care services to residents of nursing facilities reimbursed by Medicare and Medicaid. Some examples uncovered by OIG will follow on the next weeks issue of "Fraud and Abuse in the Provision of Services in Nursing Facilities".

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## Library Notes



The long-awaited New Handbook of Texas is here. This is a revision of the original 3-volume Handbook of Texas. The New Handbook is now published in 6-volumes and was sold to the library at a discount price of \$226.00 That would have still been a struggle for our budget had it not been for Mr. Ben Pigenot who donated half of the money to purchase the books. Thank you Mr. Pigenot.

We also have a 5 volume Home Video set of the United States Presidents. These Videos follow the lives and accomplishments of America's 42 Presidents, from the earliest days of their youth, through their Political and legal careers and on up to their taking of office. This video collection was made possible through the financial support of Mr. Charlie Ward. Thank you Mr. Ward.

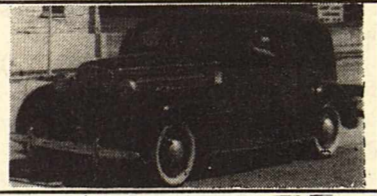
We would also like to thank Cecilia Terrazas for doing a terrific job at the library. Cecilia has been a volunteer at the library for 3 years. She began when she was 13, this year she is working with the Special - Education Summer Students and directing the Summer Drama Class. Cecilia also knows her way around the front desk and she has been doing a great job of weeding through our collection and processing new books. Good things come to those who volunteer. It's a terrific learning experience.

As always we invite you to visit the friendliest little library in Kinney County.

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## Rambling Around Kinney County

By THE K.C. RAMBLER



## Time for the Kinney County Rambler to be rambling along

The purpose of this little article was to let you know what was happening in KC as well as to bring you pleasures such as noticing lightening bugs, seeing the sunsets, being aware of life surrounding you.

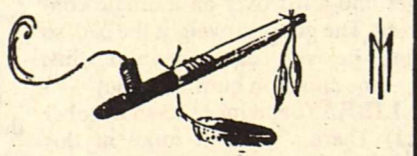
Now, there are other "writers"

coming forward to bring you the activities around KC. This little article is becoming repetitious and is no longer necessary. Time to travel on.

So so long. Be good to each other. Be happy.

## Smoke From Nakai

By Nakai Breen



Se'oh Well I promised to write about the desert people and their hunts. We think that because people live in the desert it is only waste and dried land, well some parts are but other parts there are hills, canyons, gullies and arable land with pools of water, in one word an oasis.

The ancient ones used to build traps to trap, coon, armadillo, rabbits, any type of small game but on the other hand they would travel and hunt the antelope, elks, mountain goats. Yet the woman would gather pinon nuts, mesquite, Saguaro fruit, Black thorn berry, cactus & prickly pear.

They would use all of this into different ways to prepare their meals yet the desert people were like my people the Cherokee we were farmers. They are the ones that sowed the wild

wheat, beans, (corobitas) squash or pumpkins. The mesquite beans were pounded until powder fine and an atole or porridge was made. Such a delicious drink thick and creamy with a taste of its own.

The Saguaro or Cholla flower and fruit has its time to harvest and they all work together celebrating, dancing, praying for the harvest. This fruit is cleaned and boiled and jam can be made into a drink too.

The Poleo tea from a desert herb is the best tea one can drink at the same time it is a purifier for the system.

Next week I will finish with desert people and give you a mesquite recipe.

Ahoe Nakai

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## Fight to stop drugs at the border never seems to end

By Henry Bonilla  
Congressman, 23rd District

The fight to halt drugs and drug runners from crossing our borders never seems to end. As federal and state governments continue to come up with ways to put a stop to drug smugglers, these criminals seem to find other ways to outsmart our nation's manpower and resources.

This war is being fought right in our own backyard. Ranchers all along the Southwest, from Eagle Pass to Presidio to Laredo, are being threatened by these outlaws. Their lives and property are at stake in this showdown and something needs to be done about it now.

After three years of relative silence on the drug war, the president finally appointed (retired) Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey as his new "drug czar." It's vital that we never let up in combating the

drug traffickers.

As a member of the congressional bipartisan Drug Policy Working Group, I, along with other members, continue to monitor progress in combatting the drug war. This group works hard to come up with strategies and policies that put the drug war on the front burner - just where it should have been all along.

Congress is working to ensure that halting the drug war is a priority. We've increased funding for the Office of National Drug Policy which is charged with coordinating our nation's anti-drug efforts by \$8 million, raising it to almost \$35 million.

Although increased funding for the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) will also help to battle this outrage on our borders, the federal government needs to provide more support for our already backlogged judicial system. It isn't enough to just put more Border Patrol and Customs agents

at work on the border to deter and apprehend drug smugglers. Our courts must also be prepared to handle the thousands of criminal cases that follow. Our jails are so overcrowded that drug offenders who commit supposedly minor violations are being let loose.

We must understand that drug runners are a direct and violent attack on our nation and our American youth. Many in Washington are reluctant to realize this war is not just about handing out flyers and making speeches. What it is about is protecting our borders, our people, and putting drug traffickers away.

Congress has appointed the necessary assets and resources for this fight. Now it's up to Gen. McCaffrey to coordinate the right state and federal response to this crisis. I look forward to working closely with him to find solutions to end this outrage on our borders.

## DPS forces beef up Eagle Pass border

Continued from Page 1

"This is a federal problem. The federal government has the responsibility of controlling the borders," he said.

Gramm also said the Mexican government should do everything it can to curtail drug trafficking in its country.

He toured Eagle Pass last Sunday right after U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Chief Thomas

Constantine and drug czar Gen. Barry McCaffrey visited the area en route to the Southwest Border Counterdrug Conference in El Paso.

In Eagle Pass, McCaffrey met with ranchers having problems with drug smugglers.

McCaffrey said then he will talk with high-ranking Mexican officials about the matter. He also said federal officials were taking immediate action, but he declined to provide any specifics.

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### Super Crossword

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Put together</p> <p>5 Boxer</p> <p>LaMotta</p> <p>9 Pride of the pumped-up</p> <p>13 Panther Bobby</p> <p>18 Asian nation</p> <p>19 Gulf state</p> <p>20 Gullet</p> <p>21 Be the best</p> <p>22 More distant</p> <p>23 Cheerful song</p> <p>24 Valley, Calif.</p> <p>25 Lively dance</p> <p>26 "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" group</p> <p>29 Preference</p> <p>31 Containes</p> <p>32 Actress</p> <p>Susan</p> <p>33 Take the cake?</p> <p>35 Popeye's place</p> <p>36 Like the Kahlari</p> <p>38 Hyper</p> <p>40 Prepares to refresh</p> <p>45 Sock for sis</p> <p>48 Like some beers</p> <p>50 Word form for "blood"</p> <p>52 Marvell</p> | <p>marvels</p> <p>53 Informer</p> <p>54 Standish's stand-in</p> <p>56 Sleep</p> <p>57 Sundance's sweetie</p> <p>58 Chicago and Cherbourg</p> <p>60 Help in a heist</p> <p>62 At the drop of</p> <p>63 Arrange type</p> <p>64 Hack's output</p> <p>67 Soap operas, e.g.</p> <p>114 Pasadena</p> <p>69 Well-balanced one?</p> <p>71 Guys</p> <p>72 Slick</p> <p>73 Perform again</p> <p>75 Pamper</p> <p>78 Apply lightly</p> <p>81 "Against All"</p> <p>82 He's got no soul</p> <p>84 It suits many</p> <p>85 Commercial award</p> <p>86 Blessed event</p> <p>88 Endured</p> <p>91 Cutup</p> <p>92 Fabric, frequently</p> <p>93 Least lighthearted</p> | <p>95 Department of the interior?</p> <p>97 Celebrity snowman</p> <p>98 Caveat - disorder</p> <p>100 Submarine funder</p> <p>101 Wharf</p> <p>102 Tiffany treasures</p> <p>104 Furrow</p> <p>105 Kramden's vehicle</p> <p>106 Dandy</p> <p>109 Boxer's weak spot</p> <p>110 Teen problem</p> <p>118 Too trusting</p> <p>119 Stocking shade</p> <p>121 Discharge</p> <p>122 Director Louis</p> <p>123 Playwright</p> <p>124 Atkins or Huntley</p> <p>125 Harass</p> <p>126 Vexed</p> <p>127 Horse behind bars?</p> <p>128 Pitch</p> <p>129 Huskies haul it</p> <p>130 Take five DOWN</p> <p>131 Icing flavor</p> <p>2 Fire sign</p> <p>3 Borrow</p> | <p>permanently?</p> <p>4 Countess' hubby</p> <p>5 Shook up</p> <p>6 Goodwill</p> <p>7 Cabbage cousin</p> <p>8 Beseech</p> <p>9 Off. equip-</p> <p>10 Rohmer or Roberts</p> <p>11 "The Plague" author</p> <p>12 Shoplifts</p> <p>13 Egotist's darling</p> <p>14 Theater sign</p> <p>15 Teen problem</p> <p>16 A swan was her swain</p> <p>17 TV Tarzan</p> <p>18 Kin's partner</p> <p>37 Part of USAR</p> <p>38 State words?</p> <p>39 Chest material</p> <p>41 Stephen of "Ready to Wear"</p> <p>42 Weaken</p> <p>43 Cadsge coins</p> <p>44 Great bargain</p> | <p>45 Fossey's friends</p> <p>46 Postcard message</p> <p>47 Percussion instrument</p> <p>48 Fishhook part</p> <p>49 Society miss</p> <p>51 Flicka's food</p> <p>53 Moves around</p> <p>55 Savings account</p> <p>58 Swing site</p> <p>59 Airhead</p> <p>61 Snicker sound</p> <p>64 Cops' org.</p> <p>65 Tolstoy or Gorcey</p> <p>66 Adam's grandson</p> <p>68 Laver of tennis</p> <p>70 Marching along together</p> <p>73 TV host</p> <p>74 Roman magistrate</p> <p>75 Messy ones</p> <p>76 More up-to-date</p> <p>77 Mr. Tarkenton</p> <p>79 "- it the truth?"</p> <p>80 Collective group</p> <p>83 Aristotelian character</p> | <p>85 Satiat</p> <p>87 Presidential monogram</p> <p>89 Bouquet</p> <p>90 Hole grain food?</p> <p>92 Bikini part</p> <p>94 Sweaters and chemises</p> <p>96 "Leave It to Beaver" star</p> <p>97 Bustle</p> <p>99 Toss aside</p> <p>101 Took the words out of someone's mouth</p> <p>103 Swagging</p> <p>105 June figure</p> <p>106 People</p> <p>107 Baby hooter</p> <p>108 Implored</p> <p>109 Hurricane</p> <p>110 Branch</p> <p>111 State with certainty</p> <p>112 Blood components</p> <p>113 St. Paul's architect</p> <p>115 Actor</p> <p>116 Kuwaiti kingpin</p> <p>117 Stark</p> <p>118 Pince -</p> <p>120 Western native</p> |
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Fashion	Horse	Seas	Water
Finance	Noon	Tech	Wire
Gear	Roller	Tide	

### Natasha's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)  
You're persuasive, charming and articulate this week. You also know how to put your ideas across effectively, especially to bigwigs. Dealings with agents, publishers, advisers and educators are favored. However, don't neglect your rest.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20)  
A slight disappointment early in the week arises in connection with a personal matter. What you'd hoped would happen doesn't. However, the signing of contracts is favored. Favorable dealings with advisers are also in the stars.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)  
In many ways, this is a good week for you, but you could be going too fast on a business matter. Slow down and examine each step before you take it. Cultural and non-material interests are favored over career concerns this weekend.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)  
Judgment is very good about financial interests and you could be shopping for some new possessions toward the middle of the week. In business, you meet with opportunities to get ahead. This bodes well for the future.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22)  
You're quite the social butterfly this week and love every minute of it. An important opportunity could come in connection with a friendship. Later in the week, though, you could be slightly on the cantankerous side.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22)  
Although love and romance are highlighted this week, you still could get into a tiff over an intimate concern. The good outweighs the bad, so don't be overly concerned about this. Let the situation burn itself out.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22)  
There's a small moment this week where it seems someone close to you is envious, but otherwise, it's a great time for getting together with others and for having fun and exciting good times. This satisfies the gregarious part of you.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21)  
It's steady progress for you this week on the job. An investment opportunity could arise in connection with this. Home interests are highlighted, but be careful of arguments and impatience, particularly over the weekend.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21)  
Apply yourself to the job at hand this week and put aside worry about domestic interests. Extra drive will get you where you want to go. This weekend, financial decisions are definitely favored.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19)  
Others are more than willing to meet you halfway, so there's no need to push your weight around. Contractual matters and partnership interests are highlighted toward the end of the week. Those around you are in a cooperative mood.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18)  
You see things on a long-range basis now and will be taking some important steps to put yourself in a better position career-wise. Try, though, to stay on top of what must be tended to immediately.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20)  
You should take the lead early in the week in making important phone calls. Your initiative serves you well. Creative interests are favored over socializing with others over the weekend.

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### Vision Teaser

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Picture is reversed. 2. Plate is larger. 3. Arm is raised. 4. Lamp is reversed. 5. Sweater is added. 6. Blind is lowered.

## Happy Birthday

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| July 25 | Cecilia Ann Pena    | July 29 | Glenda Saldana      |
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| July 27 | Alicia Diaz         | July 29 | Irven C. Crane      |
| July 27 | Lane Nowlin         | July 29 | Dorothea Dirk       |
| July 27 | Francisco Alejandro | July 29 | Frankie L. Martin   |
| July 27 | Daniel Martinez     | July 30 | Sterling Goodloe    |
| July 28 | Angelica Cervantes  | July 31 | Theresa Terrazas    |
| July 28 | Tom Fierova         | July 31 | Ruben Terrazas, Jr. |
| July 28 | Eleanor G. Garza    | July 31 | Jill Duncan         |
| July 28 | J. D. Samaniego     | July 31 | Maria Terrazas      |

### Methodist Vacation Bible School

Thirty-eight children, age three through 4th grade, attended Vacation Bible School at First United Methodist Church last week. The theme for the week was "Come, Follow Jesus," and the children learned how they can be better disciples of Jesus.

Thirty-one volunteers taught the children through devotions, stories, songs, prayers, crafts, games, refreshments, and lots of love.

The children learned that disciples follow Jesus by sharing, caring, and praying for other people. The week concluded with a program presented by the children during the regular worship service on Sunday morning.

Everyone (mature and young alike) learned something and had a great time.

We appreciate everyone's help.



### First Baptist Church

Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor

"The Pastor's Pen"

"God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good!" He is so good to us everyday. Even when you feel like you've had the worst day of your life, just think about how bad it could have been. I thank God for each new day. As a Christian, we have an "endless hope, not a hopeless end". Let that sink in for a minute. If any of you have read "So, Stick a Geranium in Your Hat and Be Happy", by Bar-

bara Johnson, you'll understand. She says that there is joy all around us, but that we have to look for it sometimes. Satan wants to steal your joy, but you can't let him. Just remember that "The Lord is good, and His love endures forever: His faithfulness continues through all generations". That's powerful stuff. He is awesome, and I love Him!!

-Christi Landrum

### First United Methodist Church



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

There was one of those bright orange caution cones in the middle of the street and a tall guy was directing traffic at the crosswalk between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall at First Methodist last week. One passer-by commented, "You sure have a lot of activity up here!"

Activity, yes indeed. With 38 children and 31 volunteers at Vacation Bible School, we had a lot of activity! We listened, sang, cut-and-pasted, prayed, played, gave, and ate our way through a wonderful week of loving and learning about being Jesus' disciples.

It was something else to watch and

listen to as everyone went about the various activities -- the shy smiles, squeals of delight, eyes wide with wonder, occasional protests, hand holding hand and pounding footsteps. Throughout all of it, even in the moments of silence and waves of chaos, I could hear and feel the steady rhythm of love that is God's own heartbeat.

You see it was the lifeblood of the Church, the Body of Christ, that was moving back and forth between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall. And it was good to slow down to watch the flow and hear the rhythm. Amen.

### Gateway Ministries

Pastor Charolette Cor

In the later portion of 1975 God sent me down to Kinney County on the word "sanctuary" (Not meaning running or escaping to one, but to prepare one). In February of 1977 God sent Bob Corey down here with the same vision and we became married. God has prepared us through the years as "living stones", one small portion of the "sanctuary of God: and prepared to fit snugly into His plans for this community. God has given us great love and compassion for the hurting and sick people here. I've personally spent many hours of fasting and praying in behalf of the souls of this community and the body of Christ all over the world. I'm sure I've not been alone in these activities, as there are many other brethren who have had the same vision.

The time has now come for the fullness of God's love and vision for this community to begin to blossom and produce good fruit.

God planted my family here for a reason. God has planted you here for a reason. Nothing is by coincidence. God is calling you to be a part of His vision for the family of God in this community. You have a divine appointment with Him. God's supernatural power is about to flow out to the people here and He will use people such as ourselves, and all the other pastors in town who have been praying for the love and blessings of God to be poured out upon this commu-

nity. Get your sanctuary prepared. Not only your "spiritual sanctuary" but also your physical sanctuary. God is not only going to bless the people of Kinney County, but also is going to send us speakers here from many countries. People will be coming from all parts of the world to hear the anointed word of God that they will share with us.

God has called us to not only provide family services to help our community, but also to extend a helping hand to all of the world through our prayers and support as guided by God.

God is calling you to be a part of this vision. Act now as God directs you, and as His mighty hand is moving. Don't delay!! God gave you life at conception. God wants you to help others have eternal life with him and experience His unconditional love.

God's "rain" of love will be falling down soon. His "deluge" of blessings are seeking us out to overtake us. Keep your ears open to hear Him, your eyes open to see what He is trying to show you and allow Him to stretch your heart to a bigger size than its ever been before.

Major manifestations of His supernatural power are headed our way soon. BE READY!!

STAND IN FAITH  
REST IN HOPE  
WALK IN LOVE



### Frontier Baptist Church

Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

We live, so to speak, in two different worlds. If we have put our trust in Jesus Christ as our personal Savior, we live as a part of the family of God, indeed as His children. We also live in a world, much of which is controlled by Satan and oblivious to God.

When Jesus was in the world, 3 out of 5 in the Roman Empire were slaves. Jesus recognized this, and though he never condemned it or fought against it, His way has destroyed slavery wherever He has become a dominate factor of life.

In the time of Jesus, the Roman Empire was ruled by the law of "Man", this decreed that woman was to be kept in dependence to the male, "never fit for dependence - impure as a falsehood". Jesus never disputed this openly nor did he fight against it. However wherever Jesus reigns womanhood is exalted and placed on a pedestal.

Where Christ is there is a new conduct toward man and also toward womanhood. Jesus walked among the people. In a social order where the leper was despised, Jesus "touched" the leper and even cured his leprosy. To be Christian (literally a follower of Christ) we must walk among people with a helping heart and hand.

There is much tension in the world

to-day and even within the church as to what is the prime responsibility of the church. Those who resent the church taking a stand on morality and the teachings of God in the Bible want Christians to confine their morals, their teaching and godly actions to the inside of the church wall.

If anything the church does or says does not point man kind to the cross of calvary and the saving grace of Jesus Christ as redeemer, then the church needs to take down it's shingle and call it's self a social agency. The church must assume some responsibility to minister to the social problems of society but any ministry that does not spread the Gospel (Good News) merely feeds the fires of problems, solving nothing.

Jesus said to his followers, "ye are the salt of the earth". And again, "Ye are the light of the world". This does not refer to passing out food stamps, fancy free housing, over abundant medical care. Jesus is the true light and we become the "Light of the World" as we reflect the true light. Jesus Christ. We must live in the world, we can live in the family of God. Next Lord's Day there will be another message from the Bible at Frontier Baptist Church at 11:00 A.M. Come and see.

### Obituary



#### Georgie Lee Thompsen

Georgie Lee Thompsen, age 77, Died July 22, 1996 at Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital. She was born November 2, 1918 in Kinney County.

She is survived by her Daughter and Son-in-law: Katherine Marie Clapp and Husband Ken of Houston, Texas. Sister: Genevieve Rudman and Husband Richard of Brackettville, Texas. Grandchildren: Virginia Hutchings and husband Ed, Michael Simeon Ford and Sherry Clapp. Great-Grandchild: Percilla Hutchings. Sister-in-law: Rita Sims of Brackettville, Texas.

Rosary was recited Wednesday,

July 24, 1996 at 8:00 p.m. at the Brackettville Chapel.

A Mass was held Thursday, July 25, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Brackettville, Texas.

Burial followed at Masonic Cemetery in Brackettville, Texas.

Arrangements were under the Del Rio Funeral Home, 200 E. Garfield St. dba Brackettville Funeral Home 114 North St, Brackettville, Texas.

Pallbearers were: Dub Nixon, Les Schafer, R.W. Schafer, Jr., R.W. Schafer, Sr. Emil Schafer and E.J. Wallen. Honorary Pallbearer: Buster McBroom.

#### Grief Support Group To Meet

HUGS, Help Using Grief Support, meets next on Friday, June 28, from 2:00 - 3:00 PM in Slater Hall at the First United Methodist Church on James Street. (HUGS meets on the fourth Friday of the month at Slater Hall at the same time). Each meeting has a topic introduced to start the discussion, and this month's topic is

"Growing through Grief."

Hospice Uvalde Area, a not-for-profit agency of Hospice San Antonio, invites anyone from the Brackettville area to participate in HUGS. For more information please call Edwin Sasek, Bereavement Services and Pastoral Care Counselor, at 1-800-339-6691.

#### Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

We have bid adios to another dear friend, Georgia Thompson has departed this life to enjoy heaven for all eternity. Georgia was born in Brackett and save for a few departures had spent her entire life here. After her husband, Bob, went on to a fairer land, Georgia took charge of the family business until it was apparent she no longer could handle it. For the last months of life here she suffered from progressing lung cancer. Finally when doctors had done all they could do she lived until the final days encouraged by her family and her many friends. Georgia was a friendly person, deeply loyal to her family and friends.

She was deeply compassionate and caring. Until the time we are united with her round the throne of God, Georgia will be deeply missed. Surely Georgia Lee Thompsen was an Unsung Hero.


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Sing unto the LORD, O Ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.  
For his anger endures but a moment; in his favor is Life. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.  
And in my prosperity I said, I shall never be moved.  
LORD, by thy favor thou hast made my mountain to stand strong; thou didst hide thy face, and I was

troubled.  
I cried to thee, O LORD, and unto the LORD I made supplication.  
What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee?  
Shall it declare thy truth?  
Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me, LORD, be thou my helper.  
Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing; thou hast put off my sack cloth, and guided me with gladness.  
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**St. John's Baptist Church:** Crockett at Keene St., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Worship Service Thursday 7:00 p.m., William P. Adams, Sr., Pastor, 563-9175.

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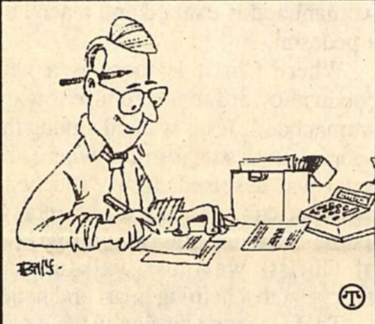
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**Trustees begin budget talks**

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"In education, this is a very critical year because the next two years Tier 2 money, guaranteed yield from the state, depends on what our tax rate is this year."

Stephenson said he was happy with the progress that the board made during Wednesday's budget discussions.

"Everything is going well," Stephenson said. "The board has already decided raises for certified staff and for our classified staff, and that's the major portion of a budget."

"There's so much detailed work, and what we're doing is studying the budget needs. All of our teachers and department heads have turned in their requests. We're trying to funnel those in within the resources of the school."

"It's a difficult time in Kinney County, particularly with the agriculture," he said. "It's dry and feed prices are high, and we're aware of that."

"We're trying to have a conservative budget without any kind of major increases. We're working on that and trying to realize our obligation to fund a really good education for our kids."

On Tuesday, the trustees met in a closed meeting to discuss the student handbook for the upcoming year.

"We just went through the student hand book and made some changes in the clarification," Bader said. "It went very well."

"I think we're going to have a very workable document for our kids to have and take home, and be able to expect to be adhered to."

Stephenson said this year the district will release a code of conduct.

"One of the major changes this next year is that the code of conduct will be a separate handbook."

**Kinney County Sheriff's Report**

The Kinney County Sheriff's Department is currently housing 27 prisoners at the County Jail, including 22 federal prisoners and five county prisoners.

**Wednesday, July 17**

4:15 p.m., An accident was reported at the county pool. A 16-year-old girl was on a boy's shoulders. She jumped off of the boy into the shallow end of the pool and hit her head on the pool floor. EMS administered first aid, and the girl was transported to Val Verde Memorial Hospital for precautionary measures.

**Saturday, July 20**

7:29 p.m., A two-car accident was reported in the 700 block of Ann Street. Antonio Munoz Garza of Brackettville was travelling southbound on Ann in her 1981 blue Ford pickup when a vehicle travelling on Veltman Street struck her vehicle. The second vehicle fled the scene.

"All of our discipline and conduct rules will be there (in the handbook) where you can see them. Those will be coming out at the beginning of the school year."

"I'm really enjoying working with the board," he said. "They're working as a unit. It's a difficult time but we're getting it done."

Gilbert Meyer, who was travelling northbound on Ann Street, told officers he saw a small white pickup with dark primer on the front fender go through the intersection and hit Garza's truck. Officials have a suspect in the case and warrants are pending.

**Sunday, July 21**

4:30 a.m., Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism observed a maroon 1986 Chevrolet Cavalier driving erratic on U.S. Highway 90 and initiated a traffic stop. A computer check revealed that the vehicle was reported stolen out of Champaign County, Illinois. It also revealed that the driver, 17-year-old Randall Henson, was wanted out of the same county for armed robbery. Henson was arrested and booked into the Kinney County Jail. He is being prosecuted for armed robbery, probation violation and automobile theft. The two passengers with Henson were released.

**First Happy Shahan Festival**

The First Annual Happy Shahan Day Festival was a success, with top notch entertainment and a full civic center of crafts, arts, jewelry, and food. Virginia Shahan surrounded by friends and family made a beautiful Festival Queen and the Chamber is honored to have her as an honorary queen from now on. The crowd enjoyed the little Ballet de Folklorico "ladies" from Casa De La Cultura in del Rio. The Spirit of Texas show band is well known all over Texas for their crowd pleasing cowboy music and they did not disappoint. The Vision Quest Buffalo Soldiers impressed all with their precision drills and military behavior. The surprise highlight of the day was the Cebritias dancers from Ciudad Acuna. They put on a highly professional show that dazzled everyone! The costumes, the dances, and the dancers were all fantastic! Thank-you Jack Schram for arranging transportation for them. If it wasn't for you we would not have gotten to see them. Thanks to A.J. Foyt for entrusting us with his "Indy" Car for the whole day. We were disappointed that he himself was not able to attend.

Special thanks to Jack Schram, dba "The Travelin' Preacher and the Fort Clark Saloon Dancers; La Von McLane, Cindy Anderson, Lynda Conrey, Ida Holley, Norma Schram, and Nona Hoeller, who is the instructor. They finished off the day with a flash of color, not to mention what else, and a lot of good humor. Baby's B-B-Q provided delicious brisket and sausage B-B-Q platters for lunch and came through on short notice. To the Alamo Village for the gun show, The Gift Box, for the sash & roses, Carson Distributing for the drink machines, Thank-you for all your help! To Clyde Hepline, Ron Ring, and Genie Nixon,

thanks for keeping "The Show" going and the crowd informed.

Special thanks to the following businesses for their support of the Chamber's Secret Bid Auction. They are as follows:

Parts Plus, Fort Clark Springs, Country Gardens, Harris Western Wear, Nature's Best and Davis Hardware, Kinney County Wool and Mohair, Russell's Hardware, Uvalde Tractor Supply, Lujan's Bike Shop, Pico, Alamo Saddle, H's Crafts, Larry Walker, Southwest Service Center, T.J. Moore Lumber, Uvalde Opera House, Corona Club, The Brackett News, Sunshine Garden Center, Uvalde Wood Shop, Uvalde Supply, La Quinta Inns, Park Chalk Bluff, Alamo Lumber, Borders Best Tours.

Thanks to Barry Williams for arranging entertainment, the Shahan Family for their support, Howard and Amy Skelton and Barry Williams for their work on the Silent Auction. The Brackett News and Jewel Robinson, Barry and Annie Williams for publicity all over Southwest and Central Texas, John Ford for the fantastic posters and the new marquee at the Civic Center, the Kinney County EMS, The Kinney County Sheriff's Department, and the Kinney County Judge, Tommy Seargeant and the County Commissioners for their support. The Chamber president, Larry Sofaly is extremely proud of all of his board of directors. There is always a great deal of back breaking work involved in putting a festival on and many late nights. Kenneth and B.J. Hale, Cash Letsinger, Archie and Jill Woodson, Jewel Robinson, John Ford, Tom Ertle, J.E. & Sondra Meil and Jack Schram, specially, went above and beyond the call of duty.

Most of all the Kinney County Chamber of Commerce appreciates all the people that bought tickets and came to the festival. Festivals such as this one, the Cinco De Mayo Celebration, The Seminole Celebration, and Fort Clark Days are opportunities to encourage people to go ahead and drive out and see what is here. These festivals are put on to bring special entertainers to our area. To offer a day for the community to get together, put work aside and relax, while being entertained. Forget driving to San Antonio, out of State, or Mexico--we bring the best to Brackettville! This year's First Annual Happy Shahan Day Festival had excellent entertainment. The San Antonio Roses with Dotty put on a Dance to end all dances and the small crowd in attendance did not deter them in anyway. You need to see these folks when the opportunity presents itself!

It is the Chamber's intention to bring in unusual entertainment and to bring special attention to our County. Festivals such as this one, are an important part of a Chamber of Commerce' work for a community. As hard to put on as they are and as disappointing as the turnout can sometimes be someone has to keep trying to find out what will work. We appreciate your suggestions and comments, but most of all we need your attendance, participation, and support! Without it, it will not be long before no one has the energy or the ego left to keep trying. Keep that in mind the next time you see a poster advertising a "Festival" in Brackettville or Fort Clark Springs or someone asks you if you are going.

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