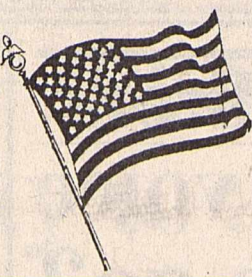


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City of Brackettville employees Richard Ortega, left, and Domingo Villarreal were literally up to their shoulders in work last week. A three-fourths inch water pipe broke outside of the Kinney County Appraisal District building. The cause of the breakage was time and a rusty pipe. Brackett News Photo by Margie Allen

County officials abandon idea of building detention facility

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Plans for building a new detention center in Kinney County were abandoned by the commissioners court after a 3-2 vote at Monday morning's regular meeting.

County officials originally discussed building a detention facility in efforts to bring income into the county by housing federal prisoners. The county currently houses federal prisoners in its jail for \$35 a day, but space is

limited. The proposal called for constructing a 96-bed facility.

The Commissioners Court and County Judge Tommy Seargeant appointed a detention center committee to investigate the feasibility of the county constructing a new facility.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Paul O'Rourke made the motion not to proceed with plans to build a facility based on the committee's report, which said the committee members unanimously agreed that a detention center

would not be profitable for Kinney County.

"I think if there would have been 90 percent of them for it I would have probably considered it, but you're talking \$250,000 a year payments on this thing; that's half our budget from our taxes," said Precinct 1 Commissioner Freddie Frerich, who seconded O'Rourke's motion. "If this thing failed, we would have to raise taxes by 100 percent. We could bankrupt this county for 20 years."

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Trustees help fund playground project

The Brackett School Board agreed to give \$7,000 to the Jones Elementary PTO on Monday night.

PTO officers were at the meeting and requested the funding. The organization has raised \$3,000 this year and is planning for \$10,000 in improvements to the elementary school's playground.

"Our PTO has done an outstanding job this year in raising money," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

The PTO will meet on Tuesday at 6:30 at the school district's cafeteria to determine how the money is spent.

Drugs found in Task Force building

Marijuana, along with numerous other items, were left behind in the building that formerly housed the Allied Area Narcotics Task Force (AANTF), Kinney County Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said.

Burgess informed the commissioners court Monday morning that someone had broken into the Task Force building.

Deputy Sheriff Vito LaGioia was on patrol making security checks when he discovered that the building had been broken into. The Task Force is one of the locations the Sheriff's Department checks on a daily basis.

"When he went by with the spotlight, he saw that the top door on the trailer was open; that's why he went in," Burgess said.

"Evidently, he disturbed them because they had a bumper jack under a Chevrolet and they dropped lugs and everything. We didn't find anything missing, but we don't know how long they've been going in there."

Burgess said deputies "have trouble with security because we can't see."

"There's no lights there. The back end of the fence is washed out and anybody can get under it."

"We just had a load of dirt dumped in there," he said. "That's all it needed. That plugged it up and then we can see when they go over that barbed wire."

Kinney County is the former grantee of the Task Force. The AANTF moved its base location to Medina County on June 1.

"They left a lot of stuff up there," Burgess said. "There's even dope in that house trailer. We found a baggie of marijuana in there. There's TVs in there. It's full of good stuff. There are vehicles galore up there."

County Auditor Cordelia Barlow told the court that the titles to the vehicles have been transferred to Kinney County. She added that the vehicles will be auctioned off.

Trustees fill vacancies

The Brackett School Board filled four teaching vacancies at a special meeting last Wednesday.

Dusty Brotherton was hired as Brackett's head volleyball coach. He will also teach in the high school and middle school. Brotherton, a graduate of Angelo State University, was the Athletic Director at Comstock High School and has 10 years of experience.

Ron Arneson was hired as an assistant football coach and history teacher. Arneson has two years of experience. The Tarleton State graduate was a junior high teacher at Sinton.

Lori Schuster was hired as a fourth grade teacher. She comes from Veribest ISD, where she also taught fourth grade. She is a graduate of Pan American University.

Hector Jimenez was named Brackett's head band director. He will continue his duties as a fifth grade teacher, but will not teach social studies.

Roxanna Gonzalez was hired as assistant band director. She will also teach elementary music. Gonzalez, a native of Del Rio, recently graduated from the University of North Texas.

June Kaminski resigned as food services coordinator.

Aging Services requests funding from the city

Elderly budget appears to be OK

The Kinney County Aging Services' budget seems to be running on track, Site Director Maryn A. McIntire said.

McIntire presented her monthly report to the commissioners court at Monday morning's regular meeting.

McIntire estimated Aging Services' expenses through the remainder of the fiscal year (June through September) at \$26,337.24, including monthly expenses of \$3,668.31 for payroll, \$600 for electricity, \$100 for water and gas, \$120 for gas for the van, \$12 for van repairs, \$25 for insurance, \$2,000 for food, \$29 for telephone, and \$30 for cable.

Income for the remainder of the fiscal year was estimated at \$26,766.96, including \$23,166.96 from the Middle Rio Grande Development Council and \$3,600 through donations.

"If we watch our money and try not to spend over this amount, we'll make it" through the end of the fiscal year, McIntire said.

McIntire said the Aging Services is also planning fundraisers to bolster the program's income.

"We have a couple of fundraisers in mind already, so that's going to add to that," she said.

The Brackettville City Council discussed helping fund the Kinney County Aging Services program at its regular meeting Tuesday night.

Site Director Maryn A. McIntire requested that the city contribute \$7,000 annually to the Aging Services program.

"I sat down with the mayor and worked on (the Aging Services) budget, and looked in depth at what has transpired and what has happened," Brackettville City Secretary David Luna said.

"To be very honest with you, I would be reluctant to advise the city council to give anything at this point based on what I see."

"It's a matter of mismanagement on the county's part; I'm not afraid to say that after I worked these figures."

"It is not proper to give any

"I would hate to recommend to the council to take on anything at this point until the commissioners do their work and give this entity the money that they need to operate ..."

Brackettville City Secretary David Luna

department a fictitious budget or a bunch of figures that they're not going to adhere to or follow through," he said. "It's not right to give or take."

McIntire said the county gives the Aging Services program money on an as-needed basis.

"I've heard that tale at the county before: Just because it's on paper doesn't mean it's in the bank," Luna said. "That's not

"I believe in this program. I believe that if the city goes into this program to help that at least it should be a solid program," he added.

"Why doesn't the county get it in shape and let us control the whole program?"

The city council unanimously agreed to table the issue and discuss it at a later date.

"I think what the concern is, is that if the city were to fund \$7,000 for the following budget year, that would be another \$7,000 that the county would not have to fund because the slack was being taken up over here," City Councilman Wes Robinson said.

"The request is for the next budget year and it starts Oct. 1, so we have several months to look into it and find out a little bit more about it," he added.

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Clinton, all of his life, has defied moral tenets and so much of the time has won. He feels he can have his way any time he chooses. **Opinion/Page 2**

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AUSTIN - Beginning this month, Texas game wardens will be out in full force patrolling lakes, rivers and bays. **Outdoors/Page 5**

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HELPING WAR SURVIVORS Physical therapist works to rehabilitate people disabled in the Bosnian conflict

By Thomas Huang
The Dallas Morning News

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Not long after Mary Lou Hunt arrived here in Tuzla, the shelling of a public square killed 71 young people who had gathered to celebrate a national youth day.

The physical therapist, who grew up in Texas, had almost gone to the square to get coffee. Instead, she had stayed home. She's still not sure why.

That night two years ago, she turned on the TV. She saw the carnage. Most of the dead and the 150 injured were in their teens or 20s. She realized that she had been spared. And that she would have to steel herself.

Her work, to help the injured piece together their shattered lives, was about to begin in earnest.

"As a therapist, you always hear tragic stories, but here was massive death," says Ms. Hunt, 40. "You have to be objective. For me to survive and be here as long as I've been, I can't stop and feel sorry. Everyone I meet has a tragic story. I listen and I empathize. But if I took each story to heart, I'd die."

And so Ms. Hunt helped rehabilitate 60 patients following the shelling, people who were recovering from broken bones, amputations and head and spinal cord injuries. And still she recognizes the paradox within herself a healer who must care for others, but who, to endure, must not care too much.

Ms. Hunt and her colleague, Laura Hamilton, 29, an occupational therapist from Utah, oversee a physical rehabilitation pro-

gram sponsored by the International Rescue Committee, a U.S. relief agency that assists refugees and others affected by war in more than 20 countries.

The need for such rehabilitation is great, Ms. Hunt says. Before the war, there were five or six paraplegics in the Tuzla area. Now there are about 80. Three years of war resulted in 25,000 permanently disabled people in Bosnia, and as many as 70,000 people need physical rehabilitation.

Ms. Hunt and her colleagues are training Bosnian therapists, doctors and nurses in new treatment methods. And they are teaching patients how to use wheelchairs and prostheses. They even traveled last winter with several disabled people to Colorado



Mary Lou Hunt (center) was welcomed back to Brackettville last week by aunts Elouise Davis, left, and Mary Helen Krieger, right, and uncle Clay Hunt. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

to help them learn to ski. And they've helped start a local wheelchair basketball team.

"We hope to keep the friendship," says basketball player Adem Dzumbic, 28, who was injured in a grenade attack as he fought on a nearby mountain. "Without her, we wouldn't have success, a chance to play basketball."

"She taught us how to move the wheelchairs on the streets with

curbs. This was a big mountain for us, and we learned how to go up and down. She is the best."

One afternoon, in the rain, she visits the site of the May 25, 1995, shelling. There is a makeshift memorial at the square, with flowers, photos and a list of the names of the dead. Shops and cafes have reopened, and men have set up a table to sell cartons of cigarettes.

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Letter to the Editor

Where did the voice of the people go?

"Committee this, committee that", whatever happened to the "voice" of the people?"

Since when did the "people" opt to allow for committees to decide their future and their fate? I don't recall seeing this option placed on a ballot and "voted" upon! I have never actually been approached and asked, what I think about these issues, by anyone serving on any of these committees!

I do however, see a lot of opportunities that are being passed by or looked over in Brackettville because either, (1) we never hear about it or (2) when we do hear about it, "a committee," was formed (by whose and what authority) to voice our opinions for us!

I, for one believe, it is a turning point in this communities' life, and it is time to either "stand and voice our true opinions or suffer the consequences of other peoples' choices and decisions, that have been made for us!

It's not that, I'm for or against, I simply want to be allowed our "God Given Right," to vote on anything that ultimately will affect

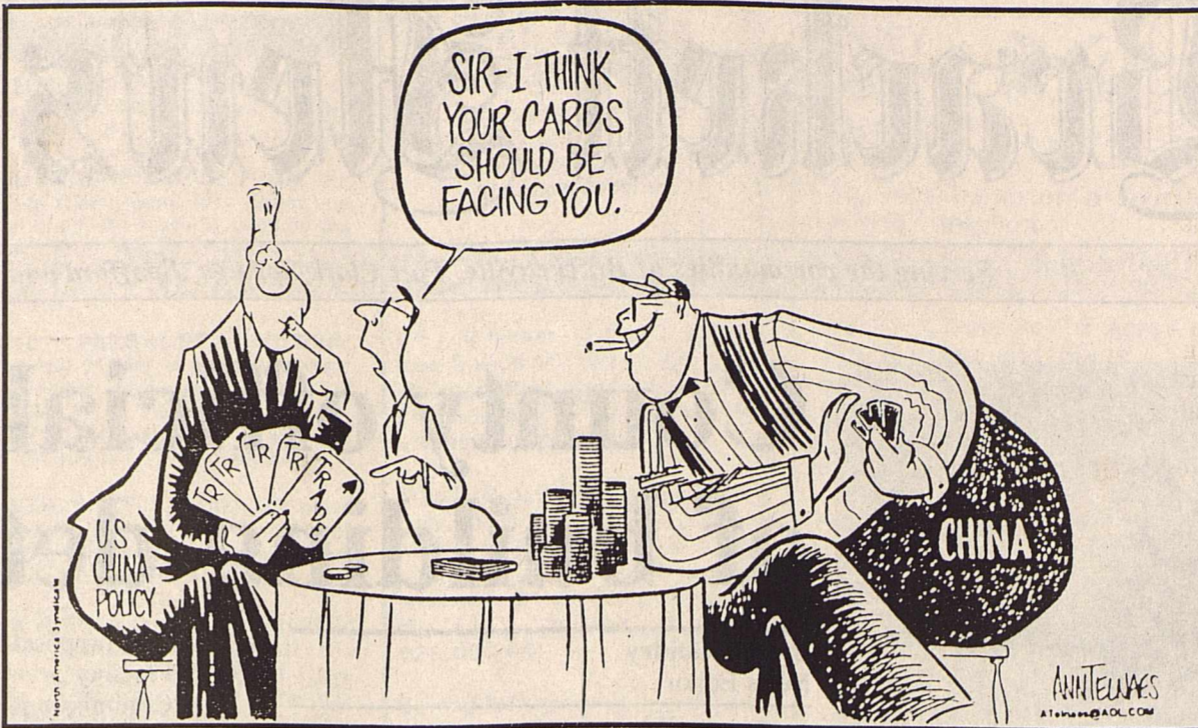
our community, as a whole!

The fact that our forefathers interjected "God" into the formulation of our Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, was no accident, because there are certain morals and standards that we must follow. As stipulated in our Constitution, "We The People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their "Creator" with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments, are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the Governed!"

They foresaw (even then) the retribution and the consequences of our neglect of the privilege, TO VOTE!

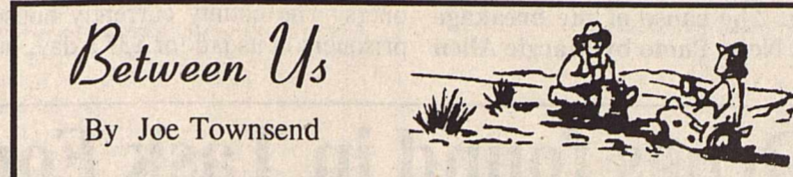
As a friend of mine said to me, "That's what gave us our strength and that's what gives us our power."

"Thank You, Sincerely,"
Marsha H. Harrell
P.W.F.C.



Thinking people do care about the needs of American citizens

If you give arrogance and self aggrandizement enough they will always lead to destruction. Bill Clinton all of his life has arrogantly defied moral tenets and so much of the time has won. He has been so successful in politically adroit actions, he feels he can have his way any way and time he chooses. His lies about his opponents wanting to "take the food from the mouths of school children" and cut the income of all old people on Social Security so conned the unthinking masses he was reelected. He convinced that the evil republicans shut down the government. In truth Bill Clinton shut down the government. Never forget Congress (House and Senate) passed budgets by a big majority. Clinton's veto caused the government to shut down. He does not believe in the majority rule unless the ruling rubber stamps his deals. Now comes Congress to pass a massive aid bill to many states where floods have devastated literally thousands of homes and families. To prevent an obnoxious president from again shutting down the government Congress (House and Senate) added



an amendment to the bill making it mandatory that the government remain active at the same rate as the previous year until a new budget is signed. Congress also added an amendment stating the Census must actually count the people rather than have bureaucrats guess at the numbers. The constitution says the population must be "Counted" of course what the Constitution says means nothing to Bill Clinton.

He blows his stack and loudly brags that within 20 minutes of receiving the bill he vetoed it. He couldn't really care less about the desperate needs of thousands of American families. He loudly brags he vetoed it because "the republicans" added things for "political" reasons. What's wrong with the Census having to count the populace? What's wrong with providing for the government to remain open over the whims of a

bloated political tyrant. This time the whole world now sees Bill Clinton for what he really is. He has blatantly shown what he is but this time he can't con the people to get his way. Congress will fight back. Television segments glaringly will show who is to blame for the needs of people not being met. The provision was made but the President will be clearly shown as the villain. This time he will not be able to blame the Republicans nor Congress. Those whose houses and belongings have been washed away will never cease to blame Bill Clinton. He has gone to the well once too often. Congress should pass the same bill again and send it back "Within 20 minutes" to show this political hack that there are those thinking people that do care about the needs of American citizens and less about their self aggrandizement and arrogance.

Five rules for successful citizenship

By Robert E. Reed Jr.
Christian Coalition Exec. Director

Just as there are key rules and principles for living the Christian life, the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, the Golden Rule, there are also rules for citizenship and civic action. No formula will guarantee political success, but remembering these principles will increase your ability to get things done.

1) Your involvement in politics is a marathon, not a sprint. Don't think you can turn America around in one year or one election cycle. This country did not get into the trouble it's in overnight.

Consider every great social reform movement in the history of our nation. The Womens Christian Temperance Union was founded in 1873 and didn't pass its first national temperance law until 1914. The NAACP was founded in 1909, but its members didn't see a major civil rights bill succeed until 1947; desegregation wasn't achieved until 1964 and 1965.

2) An 80 - percent friend is not a 20 percent enemy. There are very few people in politics with whom you will agree 100 percent of the time. In 1995 Christian Coalition was working to ban Internet pornography.

In an election in which Jimmy Carter swept the South in a landslide, Carroll Campbell won his district in a landslide.

Campbell was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1978 and then went on to become governor.

4) It is never as bad as you think it is when you lose and never as good as you think it is when you win.

To be successful in politics, you can't have sky rocketing highs and plummeting lows.

In 1992 Bill Clinton became the first Democratic president after a 12 year reign of Republicans in the White House. The media hailed his administration as the next Camelot.

We believe that children like my 8-year old daughter Brittany should not be able to get on a computer and with three clicks of a mouse be able to access hard-core and child pornography.

Many of our movement's good friends opposed that legislation. It finally came down to a conference committee with House and Senate members deciding whether or not the bill would go to the president. The bill cleared that conference committee by one vote. That winning vote was cast by liberal Democrat Pat Schroeder of Colorado.

That experience serves as a reminder that there could very well come a time when a person that you never reviewed as a friend could make the difference in whether you win or lose.

3) There is no substitute for a strong grassroots organization.

You might have money, a brilliant candidate, a righteous and moral cause, and sophisticated polling. But if you don't have a strong grassroots organization, you won't achieve permanent success.

One of Lee Atwater's first campaigns was for state senate candidate Carroll Campbell in Greenville, S.C. Atwater focused all of his energy on grassroots organizing in key counties and precincts.

He would explain that the 14th Amendment makes it clear that everyone has a right to life and that no one can be deprived of the right to life without due process of law.

As people who love God and who love this country, we should remember that governing is a spiritual issue, about which we need to pray.

If we bathe these rules in fervent prayer and go out with a humility and a reliance on God ultimately for the outcome, I believe we will see America restored to what she was intended to be, one nation under God.

The root of the IRS nightmare: The tax code

By Henry Bonilla
U.S. Congressman 23rd District

This week the light dawned on some folks in Washington. Finally, people are starting to understand what you've known all along, our internal revenue code has got to go, and the IRS as we know it has to go with it. This week, a congressional commission endorsed overhauling the IRS, making it a more customer-friendly, efficient operation.

It's ironic that the very same week the commission released its plan, one taxpayer's nightmare with the IRS made the news. In Colorado, a judge ordered the IRS to pay \$325,000 to a taxpayer whose business and reputation were trashed by IRS auditors. It seems that the woman made some rude and insulting comments to an IRS auditor. While her comments may have been inappropriate, the IRS's retaliation was out of control. The agents padlocked her

stores, posted statements implying that the woman and her family were drug dealers and released her tax information to the media.

It's outrageous that something like this could ever happen in America. While the proposed plan to restructure the IRS is a good first step toward preventing more of these atrocities, the problem is never truly over until we get at the root of the problem.

The commission recommends setting up an independent board to oversee the IRS. The idea is that an independent body will help the IRS be more accountable for its decisions and generally run more efficiently. As it is now, many top decision makers at the IRS and the Treasury Department are lifetime bureaucrats who have no outside experience.

This lack of expertise and the lack of responsibility at the IRS has made it the ugly nightmare most of us have come to loathe today.

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Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

The budget's half empty glass, leaves a lot to be desired

"All government, indeed, every human benefit and enjoyment, every virtue and every prudent act, is founded on compromise and barter." Edmund Burke.

The budget agreement Congress approved in May represents a classic illustration of Burke's observation.

I was a less-than-enthusiastic supporter of the agreement because, like the proverbial half-empty glass, it leaves something to be desired.

At the end of the negotiation process, the executive branch and members of Congress on both sides of the aisle achieved some (not all) of their objectives.

I voted for this agreement despite my reservations because, if its assumptions are correct, it will lead to a balanced budget in five years.

We have to keep our eye on the goal of achieving a balanced budget, and the agreement focuses on that over-arching principle.

The agreement outlines \$85 billion in net tax cuts which should include: a phased-in, \$500-per-child tax credit for families, a phase-out of income limits for IRA deductions and the creation of new IRAs that don't have tax-free deductions, but do allow tax-free withdrawals, cuts in inheritance taxes and capital gains taxes and education tax credits for college.

In addition, the following provisions were agreed to:

- An estimated \$16 billion for expanded health coverage for needy children.
- \$10 billion to restore some benefits to immigrants.
- Increased spending on schools and the environment.
- A projected \$115 billion savings in Medicare spending to keep the program solvent for another decade.

The agreement does not cut government spending as much as I would have liked. And I am committed to providing Americans with significantly more tax relief than this measure allows.

But it does give us the opportunity to provide some tax relief for working families.

I suspect that I wasn't the only member of Congress who voted for this measure primarily because it offers a real chance of balancing the federal budget by the year 2002.

I continue to believe that deficit spending robs this country of its life blood, mortgaging future generations to pay for what we want to do today.

Balancing the budget remains a critical necessity.

That said, Texans need to understand some pertinent facts about this budget agreement. It doesn't cut spending, it limits the growth of spending.

The savings necessary to balance the budget will come largely in projected savings from reducing the growth of entitlement programs. And, most important, the books are not yet closed.

A budget resolution is a measure that sets only general targets for spending and revenue.

It describes the size of the pie and a rough outline of how it's to be sliced. Specific tax and spending legislation remains to be written.

That will be the hard part. When that process begins, my priorities will remain the same: a child tax credit, significant capital gains tax cuts, expansion of IRAs and the eventual elimination of the death tax.

This budget gives us an opening to pursue those objectives.

TAAS results presented to board

Counselor Susan Harrison presented the spring TAAS results to the school board Monday night. "Our TAAS results were both encouraging and not encouraging," Stephenson said. "We had definite high points in the middle school, seventh and eighth grade in particular. All of their subjects were outstanding."

Reserved Seating
The trustees agreed to increase the price for reserved seats at the Tiger football games to \$7 a game.

The tickets will go on sale July 1, and will be sold through August 1. The size of the reserved section will be determined by the number of tickets that are sold.

Financial Update
The trustees designated the First State Bank of Brackettville as the district's depository for all funds. Stephenson presented a financial update and budget amendments were approved.

GPA Committee
The district's committee presented a proposal to determine how the district figures a student's grade point average, and how the valedictorian and salutatorian are selected.

The proposal was a first reading and will be discussed at next month's July 7 meeting.

Eighth Grade Ranking
The first reading of a proposal on eighth grade ranking and graduation procedures was read. The proposal will be discussed again at next month's meeting.

Local Policy Update 55
The school board approved the second reading of Local Policy Update 55.

"Primarily, it's a continuation of our efforts to upgrade all of our policies to conform to Senate Bill 1," Stephenson said. "The state continues to do revisions."

"The policies were on testing procedures, special populations, and services like gifted and talented."

Alternative School Rating
The trustees approved the rating system used for the district's alternative school.

"Primarily, we looked over our evaluation system for our alternative school, and they had met all of their requirements," Stephenson said.

"They don't use TAAS scores because not all of the kids take TAAS. They use the number of seniors that graduate and the number of credits that are earned. I'm very pleased with their progress."

Council questions Luna's authority to adjust budget

By Margie Allen
Staff Writer

The Brackettville City Council held its monthly meeting on Tuesday. All council members were present with the exception of Tino Gomez.

The financial report for last month was questioned by Councilman J.J. Guidry and Mayor Pro Tem Wes Robinson. The shifting of line items within a budget without council's knowledge was the cause for concern for the newest members of the city council.

City Secretary David Luna claimed that he had the legal right to shift line items within a particular budget without consulting the council as long as the amount did not exceed \$4,999.

Luna said it was illegal to shift monies between different budgets. He would have to take this action before the board.

When put to a vote to pass the financial report for the past month, Councilwomen Tencha Pena and Mary Flores voted to pass the report and Councilmen Guidry and Robinson voted against it. Mayor Carmen Berlanga chose not to vote, to leave it a tie.

Seeding for Rain
Henry Fuentes gave an informational presentation on a rain enhancement program which involves seeding clouds to increase the amount of rainfall by 20 to 30 percent.

Fuentes said that the state would fund half of the project. The cost would be 8 cents per acre, with Kinney County alone having 906,439 acres.

Kinney County would join with eight other counties, including Val Verde, Edwards and Real.

Fuentes said that everyone would benefit from this program, not just the farmers and ranchers.

Spofford Waste
Tootsie Herndon spoke before the council about the mandatory closing of the Spofford dump by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission. Her main concern at this time was what Spofford would do with its trash.

The council decided to issue temporary permits to Spofford residents at a cost of \$6.50 per month per customer, allowing Spofford residents to dispose of their waste at the city's collection site. This will be in force until Spofford is connected to the Brackett water supply, which should be sometime this year.

Undeveloped Lots
A motion was passed unanimously to negotiate the sale of Block J, Lots 15, 16 and 17 in the Brackett addition. These lots were confiscated for delinquent taxes.

The original suit was filed June 1983. The lots were sent to auction but did not sell. They have now been held in City Trust.

Each lot is valued at \$1,045.12. If sold, the money would then be split between the city, county and school.

Recreation Facilities
Martha Hooten approached the council with a request for the city to donate water for the county swimming pool. Hooten said that the county could not open it as they no longer had all of the budgeted funds for the pool.

The council agreed to let the county purchase the water at a minimum rate, and then to reimburse the county for the cost of the water.

Pena suggested that a concession stand be set up and also for

an entry fee to be charged to help offset the cost.

Hooten also reported that the Brackettville Lions Club donated \$200 to the pool fund.

Expanded Local Calling
Joe Cardenas of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council reported on the Expanded Local Calling (ELC).

ELC would provide toll free calls to Del Rio and Uvalde with a monthly cost of \$3.50 per residential phone and \$7 per business phone.

Officials said the long distance charges far exceed the minimum cost of the expanded local calling fees.

Cardenas said that there will be ballots sent out to everyone in the 563 prefix area. This will enable everyone effected by this project to vote yes or no.

Fire Marshal's Report
Faustino Sandoval Jr. reported that since October there have been 13 fires and one false alarm. He said that he had inspected four buildings since last month's meeting.

Sewer Project
Larry Soflay reported that the sewer project is almost completed. There is only one tie in left to be done.

City Secretary's Update
Luna read a memo from Juan Hernandez of the Texas Department of Transportation concerning the new stop light to be installed on Highway 90 and Ann Street. This should be installed by October 1997.

The JTPA has provided funds for five area youths to work for the city. They have been cleaning drainage ditches and painting fire hydrants.

Commissioners vote not to pursue detention center

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"It's just not a positive report and I can't go along with it at this time," Frerich said. "If anybody comes up with some more information later, I'm sure we can open it up and review it again. At this time, it's just too risky."

O'Rourke, Frerich and Precinct 2 Commissioner Joe Montalvo all voted for following the committee's recommendation. Seargeant and Precinct 3 Commissioner Joe "Boy" Williams voted against.

"I wouldn't see anything wrong with keeping an open mind, not necessarily proceed but back off a while," Seargeant told the commissioners. "But that's up to you all."

According to the report presented to the commissioners, the committee spoke with representatives of seven counties that currently have detention centers.

"Depending on the person spo-

ken to in each of county, the answers were quite different," the report said. "It is our conclusion that persons involved with financial situations of a county have grave reservations. However, individuals actually involved in the centers - jail administrators, sheriffs, etc. - were more enthusiastic."

The committee said it did not find a detention center that made a profit for the county, adding that the losses varied from a few hundred thousand to over a million dollars each year.

"My opinion is that it would make money," Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said at Monday's meeting. "I agreed that I would go with their decision so that's all I'm going to say about that."

The committee unanimously agreed that if the commissioners court decided to pursue building a detention center, it should be

submitted for a vote of the citizens of Kinney County.

In its report, the committee suggested that a remodeling program on the present jail facility be reviewed. The group said it feels that the present facility may possibly be enlarged to add more beds and that the sheriff, deputies, dispatcher and files could be headquartered in another location.

"We have no office space," Burgess said. "As the years go along, you acquire more filing cabinets. You fill up with paper, and that's slowly running us out of the toxilizer room."

Members of the county's detention center committee included Gil Raymer, Tom McNew, Gil Ash, Oscar and Dennis Slubar, Mike Holley, W.J. "Mac" McChesney, Tilda Sierra and Mona Miller.

Commissioners OK new personnel policy

The Commissioners Court adopted a new personnel policy for the county during a regular meeting on Monday morning.

The personnel policy, which was unanimously approved, gives employees who have worked for the county less than five years 10 vacation days per year. Employees with five or more years of experience receive 15 days per year.

An employee must work for a minimum of one full year before being eligible to take any vacation. Vacation will not be accrued while an employee is on leave without pay.

The maximum amount of unused annual leave that an employee shall be allowed to have at any one time shall be the amount the employee would normally accrue in 12 months.

In separate action, the commissioners approved the carry-over of vacation time from last year for all employees.

Under the new personnel policy, full-time regular employees will receive 10.05 sick leave days per year, and part-time employees receive 2.5 days per year.

The maximum accrual that can be carried over into a new calendar year is five working days.

The court also agreed to end the pay periods on the 13th and 28th days of the month, and to pay employees on the 15th and 30th day of the month.

Computer Classes
The court approved two computer seminars for the library which will be conducted by Dr. Computer of Brackettville.

The seminars, which are scheduled for July 17 and July 31, will cost \$3 a course. The money raised from the seminars will be donated to the library.

Sheriff's Report
Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess informed the court that the sheriff's department had a jailor's position open.

Burgess recommended having the current jailors work overtime to pick up the slack, and use the budgeted salary of the vacant position to pay the overtime costs. The commissioners unanimously voted for the action.

Road and Bridge Report
Cliff Fritter presented the Road and Bridge Department's report to the commissioners court. In the last month, the department worked on Schubach and Standard Lane, and on Las Moras.

The commissioners approved all accounts, bills and department reports.

Executive Session
The court met in executive session to discuss personnel and to consider pending litigation on Pinto Creek Bridge. No action was taken.

Budget Amendments
The commissioners court also approved budget amendments.

Community Calendar

Thursday, June 12
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

Tuesday, June 17
7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Saturday, June 14
10:00 a.m., The Fort Clark Springs Community Council

meets at Shafter Hall on Fort Clark Springs.

Thursday, June 19
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets.

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Caribbean cruise turns into history lesson of the Panama Canal

By Frances McMaster
Contributing writer

The Rotary meeting on June 5 was chaired by Vice President John Ford since President Mike Holley was unable to attend.

Frank Cheaney presented a talk on a recent cruise of the Caribbean he and his wife, Ruby, took. The focus of his talk, however, was on the Panama Canal which they took to reach the Caribbean.

The Cheaneys caught the cruise liner in Los Angeles. They docked at San Diego, sailed around the Baja Peninsula and across the Sea of Cortes, and then stopped at other ports in Mexico and Costa Rica before entering the Canal.

They arrived in the anchorage of the Pacific side of the Canal, Balboa, and spent the night. Passenger ships usually chose to pass through the Canal during daylight hours.

The Cheaney's ship was delayed because a nuclear submarine was passing through. For security reasons, such passages are not announced in advance. Cheaney reported that just seeing this submarine was quite interesting. Army gunboats traveled with it fore and aft and, of course, the ship was on the surface of the water.

The principle of the Canal is that ships go through a series of three locks on the Pacific and three on the Atlantic side. At the center, the ship crosses cut through the continental divide and a man-made lake formed by dam-

ming the Chagres River.

The lake is fed by the water collected from the rain forests. Ships are lowered by gravity as a lock is opened and water is emptied into the ocean.

Each lock contains 66 million gallons of water. To give an idea of the amount, Cheaney noted that the Fort Clark swimming pool holds one million gallons. The lock gates are seven feet thick, 82 feet high and weigh up to 730 tons.

The ships are towed and stabilized by electric locomotives called "mules." This is a carry-over from the time when actual mules towed the ships through the canal.

Very little space remains on each side of a vessel as it passes through the locks. Most cargo ships are built to specifications to insure safe passage.

History tells us that when Columbus sought a route to China and India, he explored the Atlantic side of this particular area in 1502. He never dreamed he was only 50 miles from the Pacific at this point.

In 1513, Balboa crossed the Isthmus of Panama and claimed all the land washed by the Pacific Ocean for the King of Spain.

In 1534, King Carlos I king of Spain, had the area surveyed to see if a canal could be built. The surveyors said it was impossible. However, a cobblestone road was built called El Camino Real, and it provided a route for transportation across the Isthmus for hundreds of years.

In 1849, those adventurers traveling to the California gold fields crossed this road, saving themselves the thousands of miles it would have taken if they had sailed around South America. This demonstrated the need for a better way to cross the Isthmus of Panama.

The United States finished building a railroad in 1855. The project was tremendously expensive and many lives were lost in its construction.

The builder of the Suez Canal, Ferdinand de Lesseps, visited the Canal in 1879 and decided he could construct a sea level canal at the Isthmus of Panama.

He was able to get the financial backing and, under an agreement made by France, began building in 1882. It was expensive and disease cost the lives of 22,000 laborers from yellow fever and malaria, resulting in abandonment of the effort.

The French gave up and sold the concession to the United States in 1902. Columbia owned the Isthmus of Panama at the time. (Panama as a country did not exist at that time.) Columbia was not in favor of this and did not want to honor this treaty to complete the work the French had started.

An uprising occurred, with the United States in the background, and the Panamanians broke away from Columbia. Then the United States negotiated a treaty with Panama.

Plans for a sea level canal were soon abandoned and the idea of a series of locks with a cut through

the center was embraced. The disease factor, however, was so overwhelming that work on the canal had to be shut down entirely while attention was directed to sanitation. A comprehensive cleanup was conducted.

Cheaney brought out an interesting fact: the hero of this venture was a Dr. William Gorgas who was stationed at Fort Clark in 1883.

In 1904, Gorgas was assigned to the canal project. He had rid Cuba of yellow fever and had gotten malaria under control during 1888 through 1902, and he did the same for Panama.

Isolation wards were created. Standing water was either covered or oil was poured on it. In less than two years, the situation was under control.

Construction then began in earnest. An earthen dam was built to create the lake. The mountains still offered a challenge.

As the nine miles through the continental divide was cut, they found that the more they dug, the more they had to dig because of giant mud slides. A month's work would be undone by a mud slide lasting a few hours.

Every vehicle had to run on tracks because of this mud. The heat and excessive rain made working conditions intolerable. However, for seven years, work went on, day and night.

They expected the slides to stop eventually, but they did not. However, the original plans by Chief Engineer Stevens were followed.



Mr. Frank Cheaney and Mr. John Ford

The French had been unable to solve the problem of getting rid of the dirt, but the Americans' equipment was twice as big, twice as powerful, and nine times as efficient.

People from all over the world came to see the cut being constructed and to see the mud slides. The slides continued even after completion.

Upon completion, one single lock is taller than the Eiffel Tower and has a thousand moving parts. The amount of dirt removed from the cut was equal to a building 19 miles high with a city block of space.

The cost of construction was five times more than that spent on the acquisition of Alaska, the Louisiana purchase and the Philippine Islands. Construction was completed six months ahead of schedule and the cost was significantly less than estimated.

The treaty of 1904 gave the United States the right to build the canal and complete sovereignty of a strip of land 5 miles wide on

either side of the Canal Zone. The United States paid Panama \$10 million for this and was to pay \$250,000 yearly.

Strained relations have occurred over time. New treaties were signed in 1939 and 1955. In 1978, another treaty returned more than half of the Canal Zone to Panama and provided that the operation of it is to be completely assumed by Panama in the year 2000.

For ships to pass from ocean to ocean, a fee is charged based on weight and cargo. The average charge is \$14,000. The time it takes is variable, depending on weather, water currents, and rain. It is usually eight to ten hours. Each ship, regardless of the type, must use pilots provided by the Canal.

One interesting side light is that, because of the geographical twist of the Isthmus, it is the only place in the world where the sun rises in the Pacific and sets in the Atlantic. The Atlantic opening is further West than the Pacific.

Physical therapist brings energy, expertise to bear on the problems of disabled Bosnians

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Less than two months after the shelling, thousands of refugees,

mostly women and children, poured into Tuzla. They were fleeing the eastern town of Srebrenica, which had been over-

run by Bosnian Serbs and where, it was later discovered, as many as 8,000 Muslim men had been massacred.

The women and children lived in tents at the Tuzla airport, and once again, Ms. Hunt and her colleagues went to work, assessing the refugees' injuries and rehabilitating them. After the intensity of that spring and summer, she couldn't help but feel drained.

"I was the most sad" in late 1995, she recalls. "I drank five beers one night and wrote a long, sad letter [to a friend in America]. I was lonely for companionship. There's a certain isolation that happens."

"You're in a situation that's not yours," she says. "You have little access to lifelong friends and family, to feel like you're home. We'd worked hard for six months. It was time to think of all of the stories that were here. There'd been shelling, little food on shelves not much money around."

To ease the pain, Ms. Hunt and her colleagues employ a dark humor, the kind that develops during war and lingers long after. One worker, for example, says that, if he were reincarnated, he would like to come back as a tree, as long as it wasn't in Sarajevo, where most trees were cut down for firewood during the war.

With Ms. Hunt's and Ms. Hamilton's support, many of the disabled are speaking up for their rights. It is an outrage, they say, for the disabled to have to live in high-rise apartments with no elevators.

Yet that is still common, says Ms. Hamilton. A friend of hers who uses a wheelchair has to pay two men to carry her up to the sixth floor of her apartment building.

One of Ms. Hunt's patients, Ms. Selma Sakic, 22, says Bosnian officials choose to keep most of the disabled in hospitals, instead of integrating them into society. This must be changed, she says.

For Ms. Sakic, who lives with her family, being in a hospital "is like running away from the truth, from your real life. But unfortunately, a lot of people here are in hospitals for a long time. Their houses are not accessible, and they cannot go back."

There's a parallel between what happened in the United States after the Viet Nam War and

what is occurring now in Bosnia, a move, albeit slow, away from institutionalizing the disabled toward teaching them about self-care, Ms. Hunt says.

"After Vietnam, that's when social changes occurred for disabled rights," she says. "That's when we made the greatest strides."

The law in the United States now requires most buildings to accommodate the disabled with ramps, elevators and other features.

The Vietnam War influenced Ms. Hunt, who grew up in the West Texas town of Brackettville and later, San Antonio. In the 1960s, her Army colonel father was overseas, and her mother, who had multiple sclerosis, would take her along to the hospital.

"When I was a kid, my mom had to go to therapy to Brooke Army Hospital in San Antonio," she says. "She did physical therapy, and I'd hang out with people injured by war."

"I was about 8," she says. "I'd see guys with parts of their skulls missing, guys with bad burns, guys in wheelchairs. And yet I looked at it as an optimistic place."

The soldiers simply would not give up, she says.

She saw the same determination in her mother, who died in 1989.

"My mom, I never saw her walk normally," she says. "When I was 12 she was in a wheelchair. I saw that she was able to function and do well. I knew that life didn't have to stop when you were in a wheelchair."

Ms. Hunt, who studied at the University of Texas campuses in Austin and San Antonio, has lived since May 1995 in Tuzla, a working class city known for its chemical industry, coal mines and underground salt deposits. In lighter moments, she and her friends compare Tuzla's coal-burning power plant, with hulking towers that loom over the city, to the nuclear reactor shown at the beginning of *The Simpsons*.

She has worked with disabled children in St. Louis and New York. In 1994, she visited Bosnia as a volunteer, delivering wheelchairs. She says she was moved

by the needs she saw here.

"I remember flying back home, asking myself, 'Is this something I want to do?'" she says. "Was it fate? God? Why was I exposed to this? I was in a position to do something here." She decided to return, and to stay.

On this late afternoon, after visiting the site of the shelling, Ms. Hunt drives to a graveyard to the north. On a slope, it overlooks the city center. At first she thought she would forego this. But perhaps the melancholy of the day and her pain she says have made her change her mind, led her to this grove of tall pines and weeping willows.

Fifty young people lie here, their burial mounds topped with flowers, with porcelain vases placed before plain wood markers. Ms. Hunt reads name after name, and most of the fallen have birthdates in the early 1970's.

"Here's the little boy, the 3-year-old," she says. "A tiny piece of shrapnel tore into his heart."

Here lies what was to be Bosnia's future, she says. At the mass burial, she saw the candles lighted in a triangle of fire, and a Catholic priest and Muslim imam gave a joint service deep in the night.

"Imagine a small community in Texas becomes isolated, and people can't go 30 miles out because the enemy's there," she says. "There's no regular food supply. Electricity is rationed. To have shelling and not be paid, yet still come to work. I wonder how Americans would act, not for a day or a month, but for three years."

Several yards away, a Bosnian woman enters the graveyard and bursts into tears. She says it's the first time she's been back to Tuzla since the war.

Ms. Hunt sits down on a bench and in silence she gazes at the trees, the sky, the graves, and she reflects on the Bosnians she's come to know.

"I admire their struggle," she says, finally. "I like their belief in life. They spent their energy on surviving. And now it's time to grieve."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

The Kinney County Appraisal District Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 1998 fiscal year.

The Public hearing will be held on June 24, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. at the Appraisal District Office at 503 S. Ann Brackettville, Texas.

A summary of the Appraisal District budget is as follows:

The Total amount of the proposed budget is \$152,160.

The total amount of Increase from the current year's budget is \$11,314.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 3.

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 3.

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District.

If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the Appraisal District Office.

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Don't be a pain in the boat


Austin-Beginning this month, Texas game wardens will be out in full force patrolling lakes, rivers and bays throughout the summer, and the phrase, "Don't be a pain in the boat" will again be a familiar refrain.

Following last year's successful \$1.2 million boating safety initiative, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is gearing up for another summer of saturation patrols on busy, high-profile waterways, scheduling boater education courses, and planning a public awareness campaign to further increase boating safety awareness.

For the boating public, the three critical messages of the TPWD initiative again are: wear personal flotation devices at all times; obey Boating While Intoxicated laws (BWI); and be especially careful on personal watercraft (PWC).

"After implementing the initiative in 1996, boating-related fatalities decreased to 37 from 66 the previous year," said TPWD law enforcement director Jim Robertson. "Many conditions, including low water at lakes caused by the drought, contributed to the decrease in fatalities. But, there is no doubt in my mind that the increased law enforcement presence had a tremendous effect on boater's behavior."

This year, the work of game wardens is cut out for them in light of the fact that Texas is not facing the severe drought conditions that existed in 1996. Water levels at lakes throughout the state are up significantly due to recent rains



On The Wildlife Side
By Henry Lutz
Kinney County Game Warden



and TPWD officials say that they expect boaters who may have stayed away last summer due to low water to return this year.

As with the 1996 initiative, game wardens will team up with local law enforcement agencies to patrol busy lakes and enforce the Texas Water Safety Act. Game warden saturation patrols begin May 9 and will take place on weekends through Labor Day. Joining TPWD in the statewide effort are the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC). DPS troopers plan on patrolling lake areas on busy weekends, and TABC agents will look into any alcohol-related incidents.

The stepped-up patrols will cover all of Texas from the Lower Laguna Madre coast near Port Isabel, to Lake Greenbelt near Amarillo, to Lake O' The Pines near the Louisiana border, to Lake Amistad near Del Rio and many of the waterways in between.

"With traffic on Texas waters increasing yearly comes the need to make sure that all Texas boaters are aware of boating safety laws," said Lee Bass, Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission Chairman. "The program is being funded through an increase in boat registration and titling fees. It's part of the commitment our Com-

mission has made to Texas boaters to invest that increased revenue to make Texas waters safer."

A public awareness campaign will again be a larger part of the initiative including media events at busy, high-profile lakes, radio advertisements, public service announcements and radio promotions - all emphasizing the importance of boating safety. The theme of the campaign "Don't Be A Pain In The Boat" will be featured in all aspects of the campaign.

"The boaters of Texas deserve peace of mind," said TPWD executive director Andrew Sansom. "They should be able to enjoy a day at the lake without fear of crossing paths with a drunken or irresponsible boater. This proactive program is designed to enhance the safety of boaters through high profile law enforcement water patrols."

During the initiative last year, game wardens made contact with more than 150,000 boaters and 450,000 people on Texas waters. Wardens filed nearly 13,500 water safety citations during 1996 with nearly 9,000 of those citations issued during the initiative (May 17 through Sept. 2), compared to just over 9,000 during all of 1995.

"We found that 94 percent of the boaters contacted were in compliance with the laws," added

Robertson. "It's encouraging to know that the majority of boaters are aware of the requirements and are following the laws."

Wardens also filed 168 BWI cases during the initiative, compared to 79 in 1995.

"By far, the majority of boaters were happy to see us," stated Carlos Vaca, TPWD boating law administrator. "Our constant, highly visible presence on lakes and rivers really proved to be a deterrent to reckless behavior and put boaters on their best behavior. People heard, through the grapevine and the media, that we were out each and every weekend. It wasn't a surprise or covert operation, we made it clear that we'd be out there and we'll do the same this year."

Recreational boating safety is a primary area of responsibility of Texas game wardens.

In addition to checking boats for equipment required under the Texas Water Safety Act and monitoring boating activities to ensure safe operation, wardens make a major effort to enforce the BWI statute.

Statistics show alcohol is a contributing factor in many boating accidents and fatalities.

In addition to statewide program partners, the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) will assist with efforts on water bodies under its jurisdiction.

"Boater safety can best be improved with a balance on increased law enforcement and boater education," said Jim Richardson, supervisor of water surface management with LCRA.

But, I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall

I heard a story about a man who died and went to heaven. When he got there he noticed there were several angels in chains.

He asked Saint Peter why someone in Heaven would be confined.

"Oh, those folks are from Texas," he replied, "We have to keep them chained up for a while to keep them from trying to go back!"

Not only am I proud of my community, I'm also very proud of my state.

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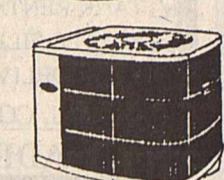
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Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, June 3

9:32 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported a wreckless driver in a black Ford extended-cab pickup driving by the baseball field. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene. At 10:06, he reported the baseball game was over.

Wednesday, June 4

4:10 p.m., Christi Ball Athans, 47, of Corpus Christi was arrested on third degree felony charges of possession of a controlled substance by DPS Trooper Ashley. She was booked into the Kinney County Jail and magisterated by Judge Tommy Seargeant. Athans was released the same day after posting a \$5,000 bail bond.

Thursday, June 5

12:59 a.m., A Brackettville man reported a red 1984 S-10 Chevrolet pickup speeding up and down Fulton Street near his residence. Deputy Vito La Gioia was dispatched to the scene, and he was unable to find a truck in the area.

7:22 a.m., A Brackettville woman called 911 and said she needed assistance at her residence on Veltman Street. She said someone had broken a window on her son's car and taken a CD player and some CDs. Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess was dispatched to the scene. The case is still under investigation.

1:32 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that her dog had bit her grandson. EMS officials were dispatched to the scene.

8:59 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported a possible fight on Spring Street.

9:18 p.m., A Brackettville man reported a loose dog on W. Spring Street. Officials attempted to notify the owner of the dog.

9:26 p.m., A Kinney County man reported an illegal alien on 674. Border Patrol officials were notified.

9:27 p.m., Two Brackettville men came to the Sheriff's Office following a fight. The first complaint said the other man "started pushing me, hitting me. I got in the car to leave and he knocked out the window. Then, I started to go to the Sheriff's Office and

he ran towards the Sheriff's Office and hit me again. I figured I would just call, then he threw something and broke another window." The second man said the other tried to "physically hurt my friend who is a recovering accident victim. I stepped in and tried to talk to (him) and he tried once to hit me. I asked him not to do so. He tried again and I retorted with four or five open hand slaps to the face. He then got into his vehicle and attempted three times to run me down. And after the third time, I got angry and picked up a rock and threw it at him, hitting his vehicle. Then he drove off and threatened me that I was to be dead, and he was going to his shot gun."

Friday, June 6

1:13 p.m., Fort Clark Springs security reported a break-in at a residence in Unit 15. Pictures were taken at the scene and officials tried to obtain fingerprints. The case is still under investigation.

4:15 p.m., DPS officials reported a tractor trailer roll-over 18 miles south of Del Rio on Highway 277 and requested that Trooper Richard Slubar be notified. Del Rio DPS' radios were knocked out during the storm. Slubar was dispatched to the scene.

4:42 p.m., A Border Patrol official reported loose cattle on Highway 674. The owners of the cattle were notified.

6:30 p.m., Fort Clark Springs security reported a possible burglary in Unit 2. Chief Deputy Sheriff Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the scene and met with the complainant. No items were reported missing, but \$60 damage to the residence was reported. Officials dusted for fingerprints.

9:33 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that a lady had taken \$20 from him to buy groceries and did not give him the money back. Deputy La Gioia was dispatched to the scene. At 9:48, La Gioia reported that the matter had been resolved.

10:06 p.m., A Brackettville

woman reported suspicious persons on E. Veltman Street, one of which had been stealing. Deputy La Gioia was dispatched to the scene but could not see anybody.

11:00 p.m., Border Patrol officials contacted Deputy La Gioia in reference to a burglary committed by three illegal aliens who were in the custody of the Border Patrol. La Gioia took custody of the stolen property. It is unknown at this time exactly where or from whom the articles were stolen. The property was placed into the evidence locker. Attempts are being made to locate the owners and burglarized building. At this time, no charges have been filed on the three illegal aliens.

Saturday, June 7

6:15 p.m., An employee at Mario's Bar asked for assistance in escorting a woman from the premises. Deputy Adrian Pena was dispatched to the scene and said the subject had already left.

7:26 p.m., A calf was reported loose on Highway 90. The owner of the calf was notified.

8:00 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that her brother had sold a washing machine that belonged to her mother, and she said that she wanted it back. Deputy Pena met with the woman's brother, who said he would get the washing machine back.

Sunday, June 8

10:00 a.m., Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to Fort Clark Springs in reference to a possible runaway. A Fort Clark man said that his 14-year-old niece had walked off of the Fort after a family disagreement. At 11:15 that morning, the family members were reunited.

Monday, June 9

8:25 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported a suspicious vehicle near The Jug Store. DPS Trooper Slubar was dispatched to the scene and was unable to locate the vehicle.

11:19 a.m., Chief Deputy Fritter was dispatched to Seminole Hall in reference to a burglary. A computer was believed to be stolen. The case is still under investigation.

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BUT, THERE'LL YOU'RE 18 AND TIT 16... CAN'T WE TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES?
"HEADS! YOU HAVE TO GET MARRIED... TAILS! IT'S ME!"

Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Crazy
5 Army vehicle
9 Spooky
13 Heedlessly impulsive
19 Scandinavian seaport
20 "Born Free" illness
21 Put trust in
22 Rub the wrong way?
23 Forget father
24 Gatz or Musial
25 Astronaut Shepard
26 Lodger
27 Start of a comment by Rodney Dangerfield
31 Relatives
32 Shake-spearean snake
33 Wallet stuffers
34 Reception problem
38 Turkish topper
40 Twenty
43 Estrada of "CHiPs"
47 Breaker

48 Come to terms
50 Primogenitary
52 Writer
53 Japanese dog
55 Tears to shreds
57 Author LeShan
58 Desert refuge
60 Part 2 of comment
62 Some Madison Ave. workers
64 Robert of "Spenser: For Hire"
65 "Krazy —"
66 British counties
68 It has a bit part?
69 Winter mo.
72 Part 3 of comment
75 Literary contraction
76 She's a Dahl
78 They're hard to break
79 Ascot or bolo
80 Diving birds
81 Boca —, Fla.
82 Part 4 of comment
87 Jan and Dean hit
88 Opposite of WNW
89 Look daggers
92 Having more smarts?
93 Tennis term
94 Suzanne of "Step by Step"
99 "— forgive those ..."
100 Actress Thompson
102 Once fashionable
103 Procure
104 Suave
106 Charlotte's st.
108 Miss Piggy's pronoun
110 Rock producer Brian
111 End of comment
119 Gauguin setting
121 Swiss peaks
122 Pub orders
123 Gulf country
125 Bring to light
126 Give a hoot
127 "Hi—, Hi-Lo"
128 Beige
129 Comic Russell
130 Entangle

131 White House tier
132 Sandwich spread, for short
DOWN
1 Author John — Passos
2 Vno center
3 Defect
4 Caesar's suit?
5 Lange or Tandy
6 Singer John
7 Jacob's twin
8 Hunger pain
9 Acts like an ass?
10 Backslide
11 Word of woe
12 Sociable stalling
13 Leathermecks
14 Domicile
15 Nod off
16 Showed up
17 Citrus cooler
18 Part of r.p.m.
28 Slalom
29 Did nothing
30 Seoul man?
34 Lohengrin's bird
35 Daily receipts
36 Tel —
37 Head of France?
38 Mr. Rogers of TV
39 Velvet finish?
41 Twain's other name
42 Most peculiar
44 Dwell
45 Eaves-dropper?
46 All right, in slang
49 Persona non —
51 Knight games?
54 Louisiana neighbor
56 Mast transit?
59 "Exodus" protagonist
61 Khynstyne of "Head of the Class"
63 "Damn!"
66 Harding and Henie
67 Frequent traveler?
68 Cheeseboard choice
69 Cowboys' home
70 Beethoven symphony
71 Experimented with DNA performer
73 Runs after
74 A real knockout?
77 Conclude
81 Make an observation
82 Tare's relative
83 Absalom's slayer
84 — Major
85 In stitches?
86 Oak or elm
90 Aboveboard
91 Bunyan's whacker
95 Cloudiness
96 Occasional athlete
98 North African nation
101 Shenanigans
105 Director
107 Honey
109 Beginning
110 Tom of "The Seven Year Itch"
111 Freighter or ferry
112 Ted of TV
113 Panache
114 50 percent
115 Director Kazan
116 "Carpe —"
117 Marineland performer
118 Guarded
119 Decimal base
120 Mr. Baba
124 Stusa —

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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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Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Guard your tongue when speaking with bigwigs. You could say something that will be misconstrued unfavorably. Avoid the temptation to day-dream later in the week.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Insisting on having your own way doesn't enhance a romance. However, your originality and charm bring you business gains. Try to apply those traits to your personal side.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
You're just full of words of wisdom, but keep them to yourself. Unsolicited advice can lead to bad feelings. Interests of the heart are favored during the weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Family members and friends find you overbearing this week. While you have good ideas and want people to listen, you're not always right. Someone else has a better proposal.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Before leaving the house, it's best to leave those credit cards home. Be careful what you say, since you could end up with your foot in your mouth. Business and pleasure mix this weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
You have much to do and will have to rush to get through it. Pay attention to what you're doing. Happily, you make valuable career strides by week's end.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
It seems you can do nothing wrong at work. Take full advantage of that and press your point with higher-ups. In romance, be prepared to reach compromises this weekend.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Your impatience will

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
Something you've left undone needs attention. Unfortunately, you don't accomplish as much as you'd like. Do what's feasible and then enjoy the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
A friend is thwarting you at every turn and seems to be itching for a fight. Ever the diplomat, you can get to the root of the problem peacefully. Couples share renewed romance this weekend.

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HOCUS-FOCUS

FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
Differences: 1. Golf club is moved. 2. Sign is missing. 3. Cap is different. 4. Trap is missing. 5. Arm is moved. 6. Shirt is different.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 12	Sue Sims	June 16	Dan Foreman
June 12	Thomas E. Field	June 16	Yvette Clementz
June 12	Martha Moore	June 16	Billy Joe Walker
June 12	Cecil Y. Smith	June 16	Mariay Yeackle
June 13	Molly Montalvo	June 16	George Vipond
June 14	La Von McLane	June 17	James K. Rushing
June 15	Essie Coker	June 17	Janis Floyd
June 15	Cecilia Terrazas	June 18	Caleb Crumley

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Mark your calendar for June 16th through 21st, Monday through Sat., 7 p.m. - 10 p.m., as Dr. Terry Peters Evangelist, having recently come from preaching in Brazil, will share his testimony and witness of God's miracle-working power alive in India, Pakistan, as well as the U.S.A.

speaking listeners. Come expecting your miracle and be blessed as God touches your life with hope, healing and unconditional love. All churches are invited. God is bringing his body together in unity. We will also have churches attending from Del Rio, Eagle Pass, and Uvalde. Anyone wishing to help out please call. For more information call Pastor Bob or Charolette Corey, 563-9331 or if you are out of town, 1-800-578-5153.

Bring friends and family to the Wintergarden Area Miracle Crusade to be held at the Kinney County Civic Center. Dr. Peters will also have his beautiful wife, Gerri Peters, available for interpreting to Spanish

First Baptist Church
Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor
'The Pastor's Pen'

The End of the world is near! A poll conducted by U.S. News & World Report has shown that a total of 59% of Americans believe the world will come to an end or be destroyed. The high percentage seems to reflect an increasing pessimism with national and world conditions and a growing belief that society is getting worse with no hope of recovery. The survey of 1,000 adults also showed that 61% think there will be a final Judgement Day. 'Belief in an apocalyptic end to history is by no means limited to the religious fringe,' concluded U.S. News religion editor Jeffrey

Sheler. In a related story, best selling author Hal Lindsey, whose books on prophecy and the end of the world from a Biblical perspective have sold more than 20 million copies worldwide, says that in his experience more non-Christians than Christians seem to be aware of and concerned about the end of the world. If what we read in the Bible is true concerning the end of time and judgement (and it is true), then isn't it time to do something to be saved from such an end? Do something today! The end may be nearer than you think!

I'd like to start by saying Thank You. Thanks to everyone who has made me feel welcome here in Brackettville, Texas. I feel like I have found a family, a wonderful Christian family, away from home, and I thank you! I would like to encourage you as you go out the door today to know that you are surrounded by love. God places many very special people in our lives who serve as encouragers and motivators. These people, we anoint with the title 'friends.' A good friend is a

wonderful thing to have! As you leave today, think about the best friend that you could ever have, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. No other friendship can even come close to the one you can have with Jesus. He will never leave you, and he would do anything for you. Now that is the ultimate friend! Think today about how much you mean to Jesus and how much he loves you and I promise that you will have a brighter day! Michael.

Church Directory

- St. Andrews Episcopal Church: Henderson & Fort Sunday Church Service 10:45 a.m. on Sunday. Rev. Mike Davis 563-2929.
Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): Sunday Services 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Joe Townsend, Pastor, 563-2158.
First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m., Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m., Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.
Baptist Hispanic Mission: 307 N. Ann Street, Sunday 9:45 a.m.; Wednesday 5:30 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 p.m., Eugenio Duran, Pastor.
Church of Christ: N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study Sunday 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church: Sun. Masses at 8:00 A.M. (Spanish) and 10:30 A.M. (English); Mon., Thurs. and Fri. Mass at 7:00 AM; Wed. Mass 12:00 noon, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until (9:00 P.M.) Sat. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 - 6:00p.m. Mass 6:30 PM. Rev. James Cashin Pastor 563-2487.
St. Blaise Catholic Church: (Spofford) Sun. Mass 5:00 P.M. Rev. James Cashin Pastor 563-2487.
First United Methodist Church: 'Celebrate and Witness' Fellowship 9:30 a.m., Church School Classes 9:45 a.m., Service of Worship 11:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 p.m., Sheree Harris, Pastor.
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, 563-2582.
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church E.L.C.A. Services: 9:00 A.M. Corner of Fort & Henderson in Brackettville. Bible study; Monday morning at the parish hall - 10: A.M., also at the corner of Fort & Henderson, Streets Reverend Nathan Lafrenz, 563-2047.
Templo Elim Asamblea de Dios: North Street, Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 p.m., Rev. Abundio Mancha, Pastor, 563-9237.
Gateway Ministries (Non-Denominational): 301 E. Spring St. (across from post office), Praise & Worship Fellowship Sunday 10:30 a.m., Bible Study Wed. 6:30 p.m., Ladies Prayer meeting Thurs. 6:30, Robert W. Corey, Pastor, Charolette Corey, Associate Pastor, 563-9331.
New Jerusalem Temple Apostolic Church: 514 E. Louise St. Sunday School 10:30, Church 11:30, Bible Study: Wed. 7 p.m., Mission: 3rd Thurs. of each month 6 p.m. Pastor Rudy Goodloe (563-9468)

Obituary
Ernesto Villarreal Jr.

Ernesto Villarreal Jr. age 25, died June 7, 1997 at the Baptist Medical Center in San Antonio. Born April 2, 1972 in Del Rio, Texas. He is survived by his wife Selina Villarreal. Daughter: Marissa Linda Villarreal. Parents: Ernest and Diana Villarreal. Brothers: Michael Villarreal, Domingo Villarreal and Moses Villarreal all of Brackettville. Sisters: Deborah Villarreal of Kerrville and Melinda Villarreal

of Brackettville. Funeral Mass was held Monday June 9, 1997 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Brackettville at 4:00 P.M. Burial at the Kinney County Cemetery. Pall bearers were Michael Villarreal, Domingo Villarreal, Moses Villarreal, Dan Villarreal, David Villarreal, and Domingo Villarreal. Funeral arrangements under the direction of the Brackettville Funeral Home 114 North Street.

St. John's Baptist Church
Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.
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Praise the Lord! But when, ye pray use not vain repetitions, as the pagans do; for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye, therefore, like unto them; for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. After this manner, therefore, pray ye: Our Father, who are in heaven, Hallowed by thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily

bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. St. Matthew 6: 7-13. Praise the Lord! A wise son maketh a glad father, Proverbs 10:1 Happy Father's Day. Charles E. Wilson Day will be held, Sunday, June 22, at 3 p.m., at St. John's Baptist Church, 116 E. Crockett.

Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

As Father's Day approaches we do well to pause and think of the Heavenly Father. The latest feminist blasphemous attempt to destroy the Fatherhood of God is nothing short of insanity. Publishing houses that print this trash show they are interested only in money. There are on the market translations that refuse to use any male connotations. God the Father has been renamed Mother God. It probably is a fact that these radicals cannot accurately call God their Father. According to the Bible God is Father only to those who personally put their faith in Jesus Christ and then become "sons of God," "Children of God." Thus God becomes their Father. There is only one God. Jehovah. He created the world and everything in it. He created man in his own image, an eternal soul. As a merciful Father, knowing man would sin, planned before the

foundation of the world a way for man to be redeemed from sin and made fit for a perfect heaven. As a provident Father, He guarantees to meet the needs of his children. As a protective Father, He so many times protects man from himself and the world about him. As a loving Father he demonstrates his love for his own. In life's darkest hour He brings solace. In life's happy hours He adds yet greater joy. As Father, He guarantees that all who are His will be with Him in Heaven for all eternity. Sending His Son to die on the Cross He opened wide His heart to invite all mankind in, one by one. In this Father's Day season all will do well to say again, "Our Father who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name." Another message from God's Word awaits all who worship at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Come and See

Unsung Hero
By Joe Townsend

A fine lady came to Brackettville several years ago. She is a devoted wife and mother of two fine children. She is an employee of the Co-op and in addition has an insurance agency. She is a very efficient and capable individual. She is warm hearted and friendly. To know her is to like her. Surely Debra Massingale is an Unsung Hero.

Thank You

The family of Ernest Villarreal Jr. and Antonio and Celia Ramon would like to thank all the relatives, friends and everybody for your support with food, flowers, cards, money and especially for your prayers during this time. Everything was greatly appreciated. Thank You and May God Bless You.

THANK YOU ALL

I would like to thank all the people that called, visited and offered their help during my recent stay at the hospital for surgery. Your over-whelming offer of help, cards and prayers left a knot in my throat and a warm feeling in my heart for the people of this community. Good neighbors and friends, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. May God bless all of you. Rueben C. Martinez

The Illustrated Bible

How could God be partial to any man or group of people and still command the respect and adoration that He does? It is man who has set barriers against his fellow man, barriers which run counter to the commandment about loving one another. In God's eyes, we are all His creations and in God's house there is no room for divisive-

ness. God sent His Son Jesus to earth to teach men what is right and how to gain His Father's acceptance. We need look no further than His words to know the way to gain God's acceptance. It is an easy lesson to learn and one that will enrich our lives and help to prepare the way for our lives beyond death. ©1997 King Features Synd. Inc.



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