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LaGioia named new jail captain in Val Verde

DEL RIO - Brackettville's Vito La Gioia has been named jail captain by Val Verde County Sheriff D'Wayne Jernigan, who recently took office.

Pat Dugan was named chief deputy and LaGioia's appointment as third in charge completed Jernigan's supervising staff.

LaGioia has seven years of experience as a narcotics officer with the Kinney County Sheriff's Office. He will be responsible for the day to day operations of the Val Verde County Jail.

"Vito is going to be a real asset to Val Verde County," Jernigan said. "He has extensive law enforcement experience and detention center experience."

"I think Vito can provide a lot of leadership in running the jail efficiently and effectively, saving the taxpayers money," he added.

LaGioia has since resigned from the Kinney County Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said, "We're going to try to fill the position as soon as possible."



H.C. Hunt and the infamous Buddy help get Daphne Hunt and her horse Selosa ready for Saturday's parade.

High speed chase ends in surrender

Harris being held on \$10,000 bond

DEL RIO - A 44-year-old man from Yancey, Texas, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault after leading law enforcement officers on a three-county chase last Thursday.

Richard Dale Harris is being held in the Val Verde County Jail on \$10,000 bond. The man evaded officials in Del Rio and was finally captured two miles west of the Nueces River in Uvalde County.

The incident began early Thursday morning when the Del Rio Police Department received a complaint concerning a disturbance in a tractor trailer parked behind Blockbuster Video.

When the officers arrived on the scene, they found what was believed to be a hostage situation, according to Detective Robert Hernandez of the Del Rio Police Department.

Harris was inside the tractor trailer with his 39-year-old wife, Jackie, and their 21-year-old daughter, Samantha.

The officers were able to remove the women from the truck, but Richard Dale Harris refused to exit the vehicle, Hernandez said.

"He started the truck and took off," Hernandez said. "We believe he was headed back to Yancey, which is south of Hondo."

Harris traveled south on Avenue F and continued east on U.S. Highway 90. Soon after Harris drove off, officers from the Val Verde Sheriff's Office and the Department of Public Safety joined in the chase.

Spikes were set up at the main entrance of Laughlin Air Force Base, where Harris blew out the front left tire on his vehicle. He blew out the other front tire on another set of spikes near Pinto Creek. The blown tires didn't stop Harris, who continued to drive on the front rims, travelling at speeds over 70 miles per hour.

Kinney County Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess blocked off Loop 166 to keep Harris from taking the chase into Brackettville.

The blown tires began to take effect and Harris finally stopped about five miles west of Uvalde. A few minutes after stopping, he surrendered to officials.

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School Board approves policy addressing graduation honors

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

A policy determining valedictorian and salutatorian eligibility honors and class ranking of students graduating with honors was approved by the Brackett School Board Monday night.

The original plan was developed by a committee and presented to the school board last month. The trustees adopted the policy with two major provisions.

The policy says that students competing for valedictorian or salutatorian honors or students

graduating with honors must take a total of five "advanced and/or dual credit" and "advanced elective" courses.

The students must take one advanced and/or dual credit course from each academic discipline (English, math, science and social studies) and one advanced elective course.

Students may take as many advanced courses as they wish, but a maximum of nine courses will be considered in the grade point average. Those nine courses include two from each academic discipline and one advanced elective.

The grades for the courses taken in excess

of the maximum number of nine will be considered "inactive." The grades will be posted on the student's transcript, but will not be averaged into the student's GPA.

Only students in attendance at Brackett High School for four years will be considered for valedictorian and salutatorian honors. To graduate with honors, a student must have a minimum GPA of 4.0.

The advanced and dual credit courses will carry a value of five points. All other courses carry a value of four points.

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Teachers' salaries remain a priority

Paying teachers over the state minimum salary is still a priority for the Brackett School District, Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said.

The district's pay scale was discussed at Monday night's school board meeting.

The district's teachers currently make \$1,000 over the state minimum.

The state has given a raise to all teachers around the state, in-

creasing the minimum salaries, and it will take effect if the Constitutional amendment is approved in the Aug. 9 election.

Because the district already pays over the state minimum, the amount of the raises could be minimal.

For example, a first-year teacher in Texas receives a minimum annual salary of \$19,950.

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Family Violence Center seeks volunteers in Kinney County

The Amistad Family Violence and Rape Crisis Center (AFVRC) is seeking part-time volunteers in Kinney County.

The Kinney County Commissioners Court agreed to allow the AFVRC to open a temporary office at the Filippone Building at a special meeting last week.

"Didi Kolkebeck (executive director of the AFVRC) has been very successful

in Del Rio," Kinney County Judge Tommy Seargeant said. "She would like to set up a temporary office here."

"We're having more and more family violence here in Kinney County and she has a place she will take the wife to and the kids."

"It doesn't cost Kinney County anything, and that's what I like about it," Seargeant said. "It's funded through a

grant. It will help the sheriff."

Domestic violence is the different stages of mental, emotional, physical and sexual abuse derived from the power and control involved in an intimate relationship.

This is not just a "husband and wife" problem, it is a community problem that can effect parents as well as teens, children and any other individual that may

be exposed to a Violent Relationship.

Sexual assault is many different types of sexually aggressive behavior, such as child sexual assault, sexual harassment, acquaintance/date rape, marital rape and stranger rape.

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault are very real problems that exist in urban and rural communities like Brackettville.

Researchers estimate that up to 4 mil-

lion women in the U.S. are abused every year. Approximately one-third of women in hospital emergency rooms are there because they are victims of domestic violence.

In Kinney County alone, there are an average of at least 40 cases of domestic violence that are documented annually.

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Professor Stephen Kerbow discussed radical liberalism and the downfall of society at last Thursday's Rotary Club meeting.
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Tigerettes honored

The Brackett Tigerettes had four players named to the Second Annual All-Southwest Texas Area softball team.
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McDaniel working at Bonilla's office for the summer

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Brackettville resident Wendy McDaniel is working as a summer intern at U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla's Washington, D.C., office, the District 23 congressman announced.

"I am delighted that Wendy is helping out in my Washington office," said Bonilla, R-Texas. "She is a good student and her experience in agriculture and communications makes her ideal for this internship."

McDaniel began her six-week internship on May 27. She is handling a number of issues in the office, including assisting Bonilla and his staff on communications and press issues, coordinating constituent tours in Washington and assisting in legislative matters.

"As I continue to defend private property rights and work as the only Texan on the House Ap-

propriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, Wendy's experience will be a tremendous help," Bonilla said. "It's great to have her on my team."

McDaniel earned a degree in agriculture communications from Texas Tech University in May.

McDaniel came to Bonilla's office with extensive journalism experience. She worked with the Plains Cotton Cooperative Association, KBLK in Lubbock and the Hale Center American. She is also a member and former president of the Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow.

"It's great to have Wendy bring her first-hand knowledge of West Texas to Washington, D.C.," Bonilla said. "I know many of my constituents are glad to hear a voice from home on the other end of the line."



Brackettville's Wendy McDaniel, left, is working as a summer intern in U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla's Washington, D.C., office.

Gomez named food services manager

Honey Bee Gomez has been hired as food services manager at the Brackett Independent School District, Superintendent Taylor Stephenson announced Tuesday.

Five people applied for the position, which was left vacant after June Kaminski resigned.

"June did an outstanding job," Stephenson said. "She will be missed."

"Honey Bee has worked in our school cafeteria for several years," Stephenson said. "She knows the operation, she knows the staff, and she has been through a lot of the training that is required."

Carolyn Card recently resigned her position at the cafeteria. With Gomez' promotion, that leaves two vacancies in the department.

"We have two positions available," Stephenson said. "We are advertising for those positions and will be accepting applications immediately."

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



Court overrules the Constitution

The high cost of electing many government officials lies in the appointees they foist on the public.

Beginning with the appointment of Earl Warren to the Supreme Court, the court has become a legislative body.

It no longer holds with the Constitution and the laws of the land, but in its findings effectively destroys the Constitution. It has become an arrogant, power hungry institution that many times defies the will and good of the people.

The Constitution says, "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

This is the same amendment that says, "Congress shall make no law ... abridging freedom of speech or of the press."

The Supreme Court has stretched "abridging freedom of speech" even to allow the burning of the American flag. On the other hand, there have been numerous findings against religion.

Congress tried to remedy the situation by passing a law that made the government responsible for proving a detrimental effect of a religious act before derailing it.

In its arrogance, the court has

now held that Congress cannot enact such a law. Hence, the Catholic Church in Boerne cannot raze its current structure because a committee (appointed, not elected) says it is a historic structure and cannot be altered.

A congregation that has grown from slightly over 100 to more than 1,200 must meet someplace else because the original sanctuary is far too small.

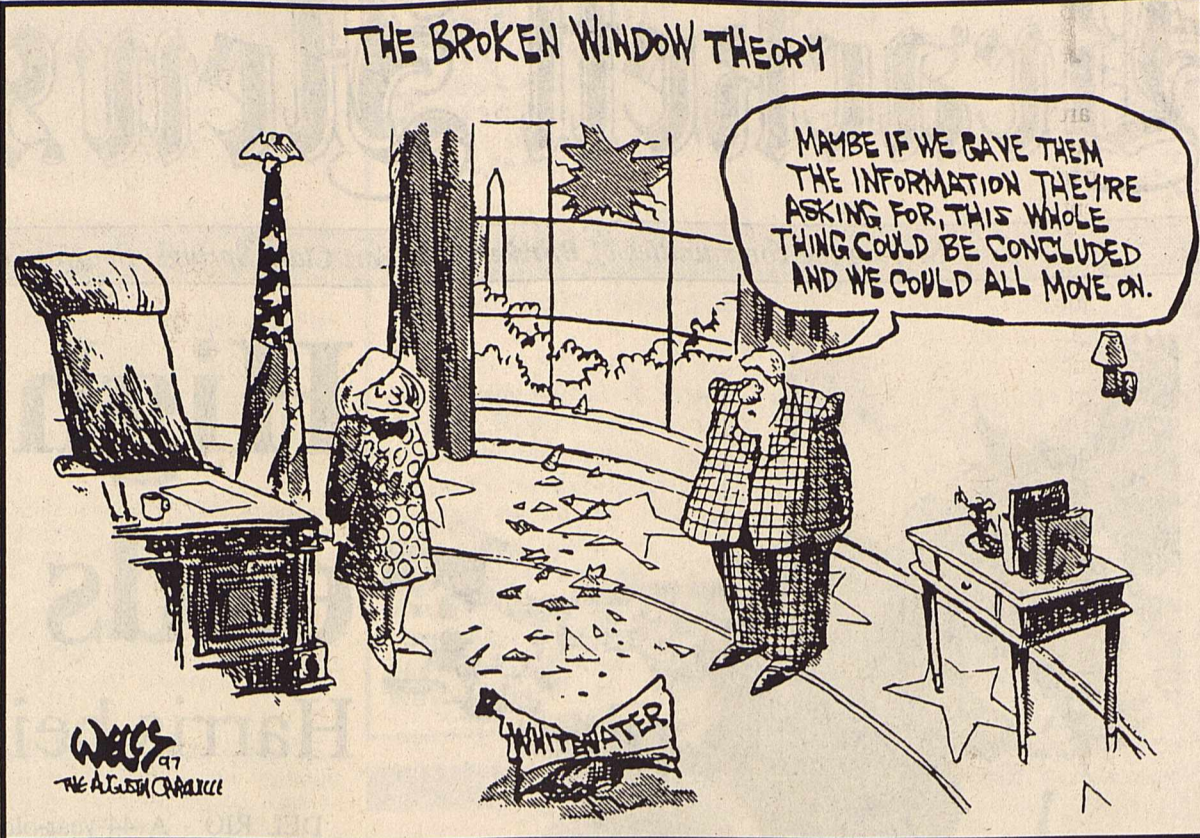
This committee, with the sanction of the Supreme Court, has blatantly overridden the Constitution. Of course, the final result rests with the people.

Boerne should throw out the anti-Christian forces and replace them with people sensitive to the worship of God and the spread of his word.

The key to a great nation and the good of a town is the total promotion of God and his kingdom.

Those who are on the side of saying an old building is more important than the ministry of that building will someday find their opposition to God and his word and work is anathema to God and will bring judgement on those fighting him and his church.

A Supreme Court that holds this will ultimately call forth God's judgement.



Saving the Medicare system

Medicare is on the financial critical list. The Congressional Budget Office says that the Medicare trust fund will be broke in the year 2001. It ran a deficit for the first time last year and will run a \$12 billion deficit this year.

If this "patient" doesn't receive immediate treatment, all taxpayers will be called upon to provide a massive transfusion of cash very shortly.

On June 24, the Senate approved a prescription that will help save the Medicare system so it will be there for current and future generations of Americans.

The medicine includes a provision to slowly raise the eligibility age for future recipients from age 65 to age 67. This will take place by increasing the eligibility age one month each year for 24 years beginning in the year 2003. To honor commitments made to those nearest to eligibility, this change will not affect anyone now 59 or older.

In 1983, facing a Social Security system on the verge of bankruptcy, Congress and President Reagan changed the age provision in Social Security, raising the eligibility age gradually from 65 to 67 by the year 2027. The Senate has voted to put Medicare on the same track for much of the same reason.

For example, if you were born in 1942, Social Security benefits and Medicare coverage will begin for you when you are 65 years and 10 months of age. If you were born in 1950, Social Security and Medicare coverage will begin for you when you are 66 years old.

This measure will help to stabilize Medicare until badly needed structural reforms can be implemented to restore Medicare to sound financial health. It seems a reasonable step to take to ensure that Medicare still exists when Baby Boomers and Generation-Xers retire.

The alternative would be eventually to raise payroll taxes a whopping 250 percent on working families least able to afford it, or drastically reduce the coverage provided all beneficiaries. To do nothing would be totally reckless. We had to make some tough decisions here.

When Medicare was enacted, the average life expectancy for men at age 65 was about 13 more years, for women, about 16. In 2030, when the age

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U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

provision is fully phased in, the average life expectancy for men at age 65 will have risen to 17 years, for women, to 20.5 years.

Raising the eligibility age slowly represents a modest step that will help save the system and give people plenty of time to plan. Many people now continue to work past 65 and, according to trends, more will in the future.

The Senate bill also includes a provision that increases the premium for Part B Medicare services for seniors making over \$75,000 a year.

Part B is a voluntary program that includes all physical services after retirement. All of the savings collected from this provision will go directly to the Medicare trust fund.

The increase for those affected would range from \$42.80 to \$175 per month, depending on the amount in excess of \$50,000 per year.

Asking our seniors who can afford to do so to pay a little more for this voluntary program is one more way for us to save the Medicare program, while keeping our commitment to providing health care at reasonable costs for all.

Congress and the President have the responsibility to meet this crisis, and 38 million Medicare beneficiaries have the right to expect decisive leadership rather than gimmicks. Our principle concern is to make sure that Medicare beneficiaries continue to have access to quality health care.

This bill now goes to conference between the House and Senate and must be signed by the president.

I would be interested in your views on this solution, and if you agree with it, what thoughts you may have on how we can ensure Medicare will be there for every senior citizen now and in the future.

Election reform measures: Waiting for the green light

By Antonio O. Garza Jr.
Secretary of State of Texas

This year's legislative session saw the passage of several elections-related reform measures designed to better protect the right of U.S. citizens in Texas of all races to register and vote.

But if you are eagerly awaiting their timely enactment, as I am, don't hold your breath. We may be waiting a good, long while.

Because they affect voting rights, these new laws must be submitted under the Voting Rights Act to the federal government for approval before they can take effect.

That's bad enough. But, believe it or not, some election reform measures that Texas lawmakers passed two years ago have still not received the green light they need from the federal government under the act to take effect.

A prime example is a 1995 law that would cut dramatically the number of non-citizens who register to vote.

That measure was designed to keep employees at certain state agencies from having to offer voting registration to persons known to be non-citizens when those persons apply for or renew their applications for social services.

We submitted the law to the

U.S. Department of Justice for approval, as required. Since then, the department has been playing a cat and mouse game, whereby it waits until the last minute to respond to our request for approval, only to give us some vague directive to produce "more information," which triggers yet another 60-day period during which we must wait for a response.

In the meantime, our citizens' faith in the voting process dwindles as certain state agencies are obliged to continue to offer voter registration, even to those known to be ineligible to vote. That's not fair, either to citizens or non-citizens.

In this country, citizens should be able to rely on the notion that if they play by the rules, no matter what their national origin, their vote will count.

Non-citizens should be able to

rely on information provided by state agencies and should not be misled into doing something that may ultimately get them deported.

And it's not as if that particular 1995 reform measure was controversial. It was part of an entire package of election reforms that sailed out of the 74th legislative session with the support of white and minority members, Democrats and Republicans, alike.

The federal government, specifically the Justice Department, has gone to extremes in enforcing the Voting Rights Act by turning it into an opportunity to micro-manage state affairs.

Such actions serve to undermine the integrity of the voting process in Texas, and they are absolutely unacceptable to those of us who believe that Texas can manage its own affairs without interference from Washington.

Washington's latest land grab

By Henry Bonilla
U.S. Congressman, 23rd District

The Clinton Administration is at it again. The Washington bureaucrats are sharpening their pencils, getting ready to write new rules and regulations in the name of their latest proposal, the American Heritage Rivers Initiative.

Our own Rio Grande, the lifeblood of the region, is a potential candidate for inclusion on this list.

I represent 800 miles of the Rio Grande and am very concerned over the vagueness of the proposal and the potential for property rights infringements.

This patchwork proposal will be jointly administered by the Departments of Agriculture, Interior, Defense and Housing and Urban Development, as well as the Environmental Protection Agency.

This government alphabet soup seems far more likely to complicate the lives of those living along the Rio Grande than taking positive action on behalf of the region.

The Council for Environmental Quality, which conceived the Heritage Rivers Initiative, claims it will improve communities' access to federal grants and access to experts in the field of river restoration. They even assert that it will lessen bureaucracy.

One has to wonder why the administration is not already providing this assistance and how creating a new federal program would even lessen bureaucracy.

An even greater concern is this proposal's potential to infringe on private property rights. The Heritage Rivers Initiative proposal contains no provisions protecting private property rights.

The administration has finally met in Austin with the Texas Agriculture Council, state officials and other interested parties.

If this program is truly all the administration claims, they should have no problems changing the proposal to address Texans' serious concerns.

I share these concerns because the administration tried to sneak this proposal by the American people with a short 21-day comment period. Only after being bombarded with requests did they agree to extend the comment period to 60 days so that all concerned Americans have a voice.

The significance of the Rio Grande will not change based on this designation, nor will it be diminished in any way if it does not receive this designation.

I will continue to stand strong for property rights and recognition to the area for the rich heritage and culture that the river has brought the region.

We need not sacrifice any rights to obtain federal recognition of our region's beauty and importance. We know that far better than any Washington bureaucrat the unique nature of our region.

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Trustees approve policy addressing graduation honors

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The original proposal offered the option of using a grade in Gifted and Talented (GT) course as an equivalent to an advanced or dual credit course.

Trustee Gloria Garcia made the motion to approve the policy without the GT equivalent.

"I believe that our GT program needs improvement," Garcia said. "As it stands right now, I believe it would be unfair to award the same number of GPA points for a GT course as would be awarded for a dual-credit course."

School Board member Steve LaMascus made a motion to amend

Garcia's motion, adding the stipulation that every advanced course be offered on an annual basis when requested by a student. The amendment was approved.

"I think it's better than the original proposal," LaMascus said of the new policy. "I'm satisfied with it."

LaMascus said that offering the advanced courses annually "was an integral part of the update."

"In the past, while one child might be able to take a course that he was interested in which gave him a five-point credit, another child that signed up for a course would be denied that opportunity simply because there weren't enough kids in the course to hold it," he said.

"The way it is now, even though there might not be enough students in a class to justify it under a monetary basis, I think it's very important that each child be given the chance of earning the credit, giving them an equal opportunity to vie for the honors of salutatorian and valedictorian, high honors in the class."

LaMascus was also against the advanced courses being worth five points, rather than four.

"I have seen in the past where kids would take a class simply because they could get extra credit for it and that would get them farther along the line toward one of the honors of salutatorian or valedictorian," he said. "Very simply, it pro-

notes competition where there shouldn't be any competition."

Eighth Grade Graduation

The School Board also passed a policy dealing with eighth grade ranking and graduation Monday night.

The class ranking in the eighth grade will be determined by averaging the semester grades earned in the core subjects taken during the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Core subjects are language arts, math, science and social studies.

The top four ranked students will participate in the graduation ceremony. The highest ranking student will give a speech, the second ranked graduate will introduce

the speaker, the third ranked student will open the ceremonies and the fourth ranked student will close the ceremonies.

Local Policy Update 55

The trustees adopted Local Policy Update 55 at this week's regular meeting.

The policy addresses payroll procedures, standards of conduct for employees, qualifications for principals, and substitute, temporary and part-time positions.

"The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) has been revising policies to make sure everything conforms to Senate Bill 1," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "These were the updates in this particular section."

Family Violence Center to open in Brackettville

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Statistics in sexual assault are also frightening. One in every four girls and one in every six boys will be the victim of sexual assault before the age of 18; 84 percent of all rapes are committed by someone the victim knows, including spouses, relatives, acquaintances, neighbors and boyfriends, 57 per-

cent of rapes occur on a date.

Immediate crisis counseling is the most effective way for a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault to begin the healing process.

This is why Kinney County, in conjunction with the AFVRC, is searching for volunteers to work part-time answering calls, enhancing community awareness and pro-

viding Crisis Counseling to these victims in Brackettville, Spofford and other surrounding communities.

A volunteer's assistance could make a significant impact on the lives of these victims and benefit the community as a whole.

If you are interested in applying, please call toll-free 1-888-774-2744 for more information.

Volunteers still needed

We have, so far, been unsuccessful in reaching any ECAs or EMTs in our county who are able to give hours at this time.

We have received tentative agreements from paramedics who work for Val Verde EMS to work a weekend or two for us.

In order for these paramedics to be able to volunteer hours, we would need to house them and their families at the Fort Clark Springs Motel. However, our funds and the funds that are available from the Kinney County EMS Volunteer Organization are very limited.

If you would like to make a donation for this cause, you may contact Rose Mary Slubar at the United Medical Center Clinic at 563-2434.

Kinney County EMS Pulse

By Ruby Meyer, EMT

ECA Class

We have contacted an instructor and are making arrangements to get the ECA class off the ground.

As soon as we have a concrete date set, we will have it published in The Brackett News.

This class will be free for those who are willing to volunteer hours every week for at least six months.

Volunteer Driver

We would like to thank Steve Flores of the Brackettville Bor-

der Patrol who has volunteered to drive for us on his days off.

So far, he has gone on one complete run and waited with us at the station while we were on standby during the "chase" that went through Brackettville last Thursday.

We are still in need of volunteer drivers during the night and weekend shifts. If you would be willing to drive for us, please contact Michelle Rosas at the Kinney County EMS office at 563-9090.

High speed chase ends in Uvalde

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Hernandez said a .22-caliber rifle was found inside the tractor trailer, along with ammunition and casings.

Several bullets fired by law enforcement officials pierced the vehicle's radiator. One shot hit the windshield just inches from where Harris' head was when driving the

vehicle. A headlight was completely shot out, a bullet was lodged into the driver's side fender, and several other shots hit the mud flaps on the rear of the truck.

Before the chase, Harris apparently digested several pills in front of his family in an attempted suicide.

"Supposedly, he took a two-

month supply of diabetic medication and an unknown quantity of ibuprofen prior to the chase," Hernandez said.

After the chase ended, Harris became ill and was admitted to the Uvalde Memorial Hospital. After being released from the hospital on Tuesday, he was transported to Del Rio where he was booked into the Val Verde County Jail.

Stephenson: Teachers' salaries a priority

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A first-year teacher at Brackett makes \$20,950. If the amendment is passed, a first-year teacher in Texas would make \$21,620. Officials would like to give the full \$1,670 raise, but the first-year teacher's salary would only have to be raised \$670 to meet state minimums.

The amounts of the raises vary with the number of years of experience.

"The state gave a good minimum raise, if the amendment passes," Stephenson said. "We're \$1,000 above the basic schedule and we would like to stay there."

"I don't know if we can get there in one year or two years. They didn't put a lot of new money into the state funding this year. We're working through some local appraisal adjustments that are causing some difficulties. It is a priority."

The school board is beginning to work on the budget for the upcoming year. Two workshops were set for July 21-22 at 5:30 p.m.

The trustees were presented the annual budget for the Kinney County Appraisal District Monday, but took no action. The board will either approve or disapprove the budget on July 21.

Personnel

The school board accepted Susan Davis' resignation. She was a middle school reading teacher.

"She is a caring teacher," Stephenson said. "She

loved reading. She thought the way to really help a child have a better future was to teach that child to read."

"She worked very hard in our Title 1 program. She had students who were behind in their reading and she tried to bring them to grade-level and did an outstanding job."

Cathy Lutz was hired to replace Davis as a Title 1 reading teacher, and Bonnie Brotherton was hired as a special education teacher.

Maintenance Update

Stephenson said the new water well at the football field is completed and being used. He added that there are plans to improve the parking lot at the stadium.

The carpet in the elementary school is being repaired, according to Principal Michael Schooler.

Repair estimates for the Rose house were presented to the board. The trustees are going to repair the house and rent it to a school district employee.

The board voted to take bids on the Guidry house and use that money to repair the Rose house.

School Calendar

The state legislature added one day to the school calendar. The board approved adding May 4 as a day of instruction. That date was originally scheduled as a holiday.

Stephenson said school district's around the state will have to add another day for the 1998-99 school year.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Wednesday, July 2

1:18 p.m., The Texas Highway Department called to report that a man had fallen from a bridge. Deputy Sheriff Adrian Pena was dispatched to the scene. He said the man appeared to have suffered back injuries, so he notified EMS. The man was transferred to the Val Verde Regional Medical Center.

Thursday, July 3

11:30 a.m., Miguel Angel Andrade, 40, of Arlington, was arrested by Department of Public Safety Trooper Tom Wylie for driving without a license. He was released the next day after paying a \$75 fine.

Friday, July 4

6:18 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that a pickup ran into a powerline on North and Riordon streets. He said there were no injuries but assistance was needed. DPS Trooper Wylie was dis-

patched to the scene. Wylie arrested the driver of the vehicle, Moses Hernandez, 19, of Brackettville, for driving without a license. He was released the same day after paying a \$75 fine.

10:38 p.m., A Brackettville man said that he hit another man in the head because he was causing trouble with his mother and grandmother.

Saturday, July 5

4:05 p.m., A Brackettville woman said that her son was drunk and was arguing with his father. She said that she was afraid because the two had never argued before. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the scene and said everything was fine.

Sunday, July 6

8:30 a.m., Robert Hilton Hagan, 38, of San Antonio, was arrested by Department of Public Safety Trooper Richard Slubar on

an outstanding warrant out of Travis County for fraud. Hagan was booked into the Kinney County Jail and is still being held.

3:22 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported a grass fire on N. Sheedy Street. The Brackettville Fire Department was dispatched to the scene.

5:05 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that a keg of beer was stolen from his mother's residence on Veltman Street on July 5 at about 3 p.m.

Monday, July 7

5:00 p.m., Adolfo Vivanco, 20, of Grand Prairie, was arrested by DPS Trooper Slubar for driving without liability insurance, displaying fictitious motor vehicle inspection sticker, and displaying an expired license plate. Vivanco was released the same day after paying a \$120 fine and posting a \$1,000 bail bond.



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Smoke From Nakai

By Nakai Breen



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 This sunrise, I will talk about death in my people's way. In today's time, things are completely different; we are buried in cemeteries or cremated.
 But, in the ancient days, it was said that once the spirit has left the flesh it meant that the end had come and that the spirit needed us no longer. They have been wean from the sadness and no longer belong to our plane.
 The happiness as children of Mother Earth and the joy they gave to their loved ones will now go to rest and then they are able to go into another plane to start a new travel.
 They have already left the breast of their mother, and she will only grieve for the departing

until another sunrise. She will only look up to ask our creator to receive the loved one.
 The spirit grows once the departed one is buried and the prayers will continue sunrise to sunrise until only the memory of the past is the only thought that will last.
 Death is the greatest (ada-hne-hdi) gift that the creator has given each one of us because we call the shots on this one because as we live our life we choose to live on. We are our own caretakers. We experience everything in one lifetime - some good, some bad. At times, we destroy ourselves. At times, we rebuild ourselves.
 Be gentle to one another.
 Nakai

Kerbow discusses radical liberalism vs. conservatism

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Southwest Texas Junior College Professor Stephen Kerbow discussed radical liberalism and the downfall of society at last Thursday's Rotary Club meeting.
 Kerbow was introduced by J.J. Guidry, program chairman for July. Guidry has taken courses under Kerbow and said that he found him to be an "excellent teacher and speaker."
 Kerbow, a member of the Uvalde Rotary Club, spoke on politics and compared the stance of what he labeled radical liberalism versus conservatism.

He called attention to the changes that have occurred in society, particularly the cynicism, suspicion and greed prevalent today. He also singled out events and attitudes that have taken society in what he considers the wrong direction.
 Kerbow believes one solution to these problems is to transcend



Stephen Kerbow, left, is welcomed to the Rotary Club meeting by J.J. Guidry, program chairman. Photo by Eric McMaster

the political parties. A lot of the ills of society could be corrected by the coming together of people who are attuned to a more conservative position rather than one that is extreme.
 By using reason rather than emotional reactions, solutions

could be found to existing problems, he said.
 Kerbow graduated from West Texas State University with a bachelor's and master's degree, majoring in history and minoring in political science. He has been teaching in Uvalde since 1990.

But, I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall

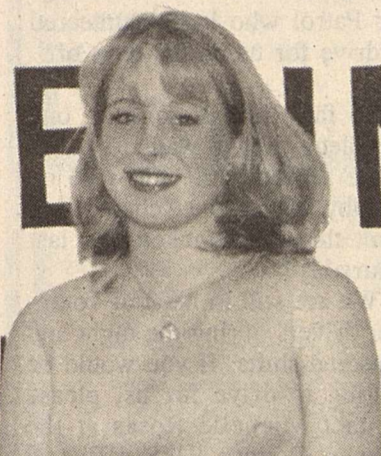


The Revelation

I appreciate all of the phone calls and letters you sent, but I had to wait to tell this in print.
 Last week, I told you about my vision. I was looking at the dirt on the hood - Connie had been after me for weeks to wash it - and suddenly it came to me ... Dirt is good! I am talking about Mother Earth! Tierra Firma! Why wash it off?!

Dirt is the most indestructible thing I know of. It actually protects the paint.
 If a stupid bird should dook on your car, wouldn't you want a protective layer between that and your paint?
 Sure you would. Now, I ask you, what is more economical than dirt? Why do you think they use the expression "dirt cheap?"
 Why didn't I think of it before? I'm never going to wash my vehicle again.
 Wait, what about that old hat of mine? Doesn't the same theory apply? What about me?
 The possibilities are endless. It may wreck the soap industry, so if you have stock in Procter and Gamble this might be a good time to unload.
 But, I could be wrong.

Ward attends TFB seminar



CHERRISE WARD

SAN ANGELO - Brackett senior Cherrise Ward attended the Texas Farm Bureau's 34th Annual Citizenship Seminar here June 16-20.
 Cherrise, the daughter of Tim and Debbie Ward, was sponsored by the Val Verde/Kinney County Farm Bureau.
 The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to Jim McDaniel, president of the local Farm Bureau.

Family tranquility and summer time

Summer is upon us and among the many challenges we, as parents and grandparents, face is satisfying the nutritional needs of our respective offspring.
 I am reminded of the many summers I struggled through trying to simultaneously feed two self-reliant headstrong children three meals a day and remain somewhat sane.
 To balance meals nutritionally and compete with the deluge of junk food was and still is the nemesis of all parents.
 Early on, I considered making mealtime interesting and fun my biggest challenge.
 It was paramount that the entire family attend at least one meal

Health and nutrition

By: June Kaminski

together. This was not entirely successful as unbeknownst to me my son would taunt my daughter across the table until she would snort out laughing, spewing food items of all sorts across the table and herself. In fact, her shirts would end most meals with more coverage than the O.J. Simpson trial.
 To this day, I am amazed at the variety of food one can pass through the nose.
 Anyway, the ensuing battle between spouse and children resulted in one or both kids being sent away from the table. I think, collectively, Larry and Jo Ann lost 20 pounds that summer from missed meals.
 Due to the failure of domestic tranquility at the table, I decided to try finger foods. This was slightly more successful due to the amount of separation I could induce between siblings.
 Additionally, I discovered that most kids simply enjoy eating on the run.
 Kool Aid popsicles and pudding pops became the mainstay of junk food indulgence with the occasional carob covered frozen banana.
 Peanut butter and jelly finger sandwiches are handy for the child on the run and usually pass through the human nostril with minimum difficulty.
 Refrigerated fruit and vegetable trays are always a hit for the youngster in your life.

Plain yogurt and honey make a yummy fruit dip and low fat salad dressings definitely make veggies more interesting. You can smile all the way to the bank because not only have you cleverly provided nutritionally needed food, but you have saved money.
 Summer produce is usually reasonably priced and is always cheaper than the dreaded junk food.
 Don't neglect hydration, little people often become too busy to take enough fluids. Keep lots of tea and water on board. Steer them diligently away from the colas as caffeine induces a diuretic action and serves to dehydrate.
 Watch the fruit juices, they are excellent sources of carbohydrates and energy, but they can wreak havoc on the teeth due to the high sucrose concentrates. Many a small mouth has suffered from too much sugar between the teeth and inadequate brushing.
 Enjoy the summer and the additional time with your family. Take heart, it is self limiting and soon the little darlings will be back in the capable hands of their teachers.
 In the meantime, offer frequent nutritional snacks, lots of fluids and plenty of playtime.
 Don't forget the ever popular Krispie Treat. It doesn't offer much nutritionally, but it is always a favorite. Did I mention that the average child can easily pass a two-inch Krispie through the left nare with ease?

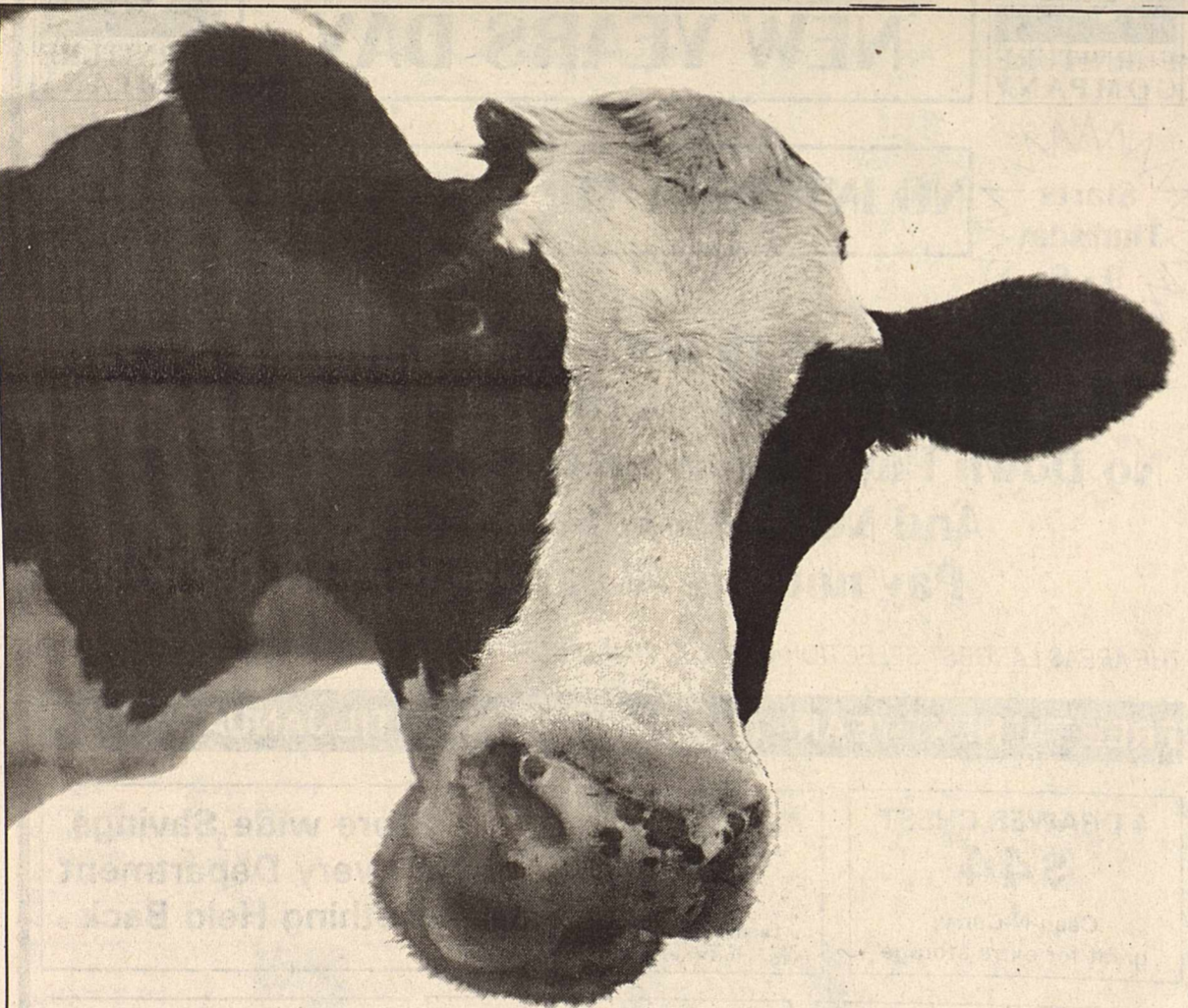
Pete's Sake

A long conversation

George Collings drives one of those big 16-wheeler rigs. He told me that on a recent run through Texas, he saw a tornado coming straight toward him.
 George quickly pulled over and stopped the truck, jumped out and crouched behind a fence.
 But just before the funnel-shaped cloud got to him, it veered away, passing directly over a small wooden shack across the road, leaving a heap of rubble and kindling wood where the building stood.
 George hurried across the road to see if anyone might have been in it.
 Where the shack had stood, there was a hole in the ground, partly filled with shattered and broken plants. At the bottom there was an old man, clutching tightly to a piece of timber and keeping his eyes squenched tightly shut.
 "Say, mister, are you alright?" George called.
 Opening his eyes, the old man looked around cautiously.
 "I think so," he said.
 "Was anyone else in there with you?"
 "Just me and God," the old timer replied. "And we been having a long conversation!"

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School board eliminates reserved seating section

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

After receiving a staff report on early ticket sales for the upcoming football season, the Brackett School Board voted 4-2 Monday night to do away with reserved seating.

The decision was made to go one season without reserved seating and then to evaluate the results and opinions next year.

At last month's regular meeting, the trustees raised the price of reserved seats from \$4 to \$7 a game. The board then asked the district's staff to poll the current season ticket holders to see how many would purchase seats this year with the price increase.

According to the report presented to the board, officials attempted to contact 66

people, 16 of which could not be reached. Of the 50 responding, 29 (58 percent) said they would purchase reserved seating, 12 (24 percent) said they would not, and nine (18 percent) were still undecided.

Of the 50 people responding, eight said the price was too high and four said their decision depended on the location of their seats.

"I think it will help create more cohesion among the spectators in the stands by not having a division fence there," said Lloyd Lee Davis, who made the motion to do away with the reserved seating.

"We're doing this on a one-year basis and we'll see how it works. If the majority is happy with it that's what we'll do because a majority rules."

Davis, Steve LaMascus, Darlene Shahan and Jimmy Bader were in favor of the action, while Rose Mary Slubar and Gloria Garcia voted against the measure.

"I don't think it's a good idea," Slubar said. "There are a lot of people that have handicaps and the reserved seating accommodates them."

"Also, some people have to work late. If they have reserved seating, they don't have to worry about getting there 30 minutes or an hour before the game. The reserved seating just helps them have a seat available so they can watch the game."

The trustees agreed to keep the general admission tickets priced at \$4 a game, with a \$2 charge for students. Advanced season tickets will be available for those who want to avoid standing in line at the games.

Four Tigerettes earn honors

The Brackett Tigerettes had four players named to the Second Annual All-Southwest Texas Area softball team.

Representing the Tigerettes on the elite squad are senior pitcher Courtney Harrison, senior third baseman Amy Bader, senior outfielder Lindy LaMascus, and sophomore second baseman Stephanie Terrazas.

LaMascus was Brackett's leading hitter with a .527 average. She had 22 runs scored and 16 RBIs.

Terrazas boasted a .396 batting average, with 16 runs scored and 17 RBIs.

Harrison hit .377. She led the team in RBIs with 27 and extra-base hits with 10.

Bader had a .316 average. She scored 15 runs and had 10 stolen bases.

All-Southwest Texas Area softball team

The Second Annual All-Southwest Texas Area softball team as released this week by The Brackett News:

Pitchers: Sabrina Orona, Pleasanton, senior; Samantha McLure, Devine, junior; Misty Thompson, Devine, junior; April Rodriguez, Natalia, soph.; Heather Tondre, Medina Valley, soph.; Courtney Harrison, Brackett, senior; Shawna Nihart, Bandera, senior; Brandi Jones, Uvalde, soph.; Samantha Masar, Carrizo Springs, soph.

Catchers: Lydia Pacheco, Pleasanton, senior; Trisha Hollembeak, Natalia, senior; Monica Limon, Del Rio, senior.

First base: Tammy Foulds, Devine, senior; Lyndsey Watts, Pleasanton, junior; Jessica Martinez, Medina Valley, senior.

Second base: Jennifer Terrazas, Brackett, soph.; Leticia Gomez, Pleasanton, junior; Christie Bedingfield, Jourdan, junior.

Third base: Natalie Hill, Del Rio, junior; Amy Bader, Brackett, senior; Celica Fraga, Natalia, junior.

Short stops: Nadia Muraira, Del Rio, senior; Elizabeth Milward, Medina Valley, senior; Lesley Zambrano, Carrizo Springs, senior.

Outfielders: Amy Haby, Medina Valley, junior; Lindy LaMascus, Brackett, senior; Candyce Selby, Pleasanton, soph.; Lee Ann Stinson, Natalia, junior; Patsy Martin, Devine, junior; Annie Rodriguez, Eagle Pass, senior; Laura Salano, Eagle Pass, junior; Theresa Shaw, Uvalde, senior; Veronica Rodriguez, Poteet, junior.

Designated hitters/utility players: Leah Lorraine, Devine, senior; Molly Wilson, D'Hanis, junior; Dida DeLeon, Charlotte, senior.

Coach of the Year: Laurie Lentz, Medina Valley.

Del Rio club offers bounty on bass

DEL RIO - Three largemouth bass were released into Lake Amistad on June 29. Each of these fish have \$1,000 bounties.

The first of the three bass was released in front of Governor's Landing, between the Highway 90 bridge and marker DR2. It weighed in at 3.9 pounds.

A 2.8 pounder was released at Marker N, near the Rough Canyon Harbor, and a 3 pounder was released at Marker 11, near Box Canyon.

To be eligible for the bounty, a \$10 registration fee is required. Registration forms can be obtained at several Del Rio businesses, and at Rough Canyon and Box Canyon.

The registration is for one year from the date of registration. There will always be at least three fish with bounties in the lake.

Rules include: you must have a valid fishing license or be license exempt, the fish must be caught by a legal means, you must be registered, and the fish must be taken to an official verification site.

The official sites are Angler's Lodge, Amistad Bait and Tackle, Trail West, Hector's Lakeview Inn, Rough Canyon Marina and Diablo East Marina.

At the verification site, call the 1-800 number on the tag. They will need some information, so have the tagged fish with you.

The proceeds from the project will benefit local charities and will go towards scholarships.

During the spring of 1998, three more will be released with the ones released recently becoming of lesser value bounties.

This project is being conducted by the Big Friendly Bass Club in conjunction with several sponsors from Del Rio, Acuna and the surrounding area.

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Some hunting dates approved

Here is a look at the 1997-98 hunting seasons that have been approved:

White-tailed deer
■ **Archery:** Sept. 27 through Oct. 26.

■ **General:** Nov. 1 through Jan. 4 in North Texas, Nov. 22 through Dec. 7 in four panhandle counties, Nov. 8 through Jan. 18 in South Texas, and Jan. 19 through Feb. 1 in South Texas for antlerless only.

■ **Muzzleloader only:** Jan. 10 through Jan. 18 in 47 counties for antlerless only.

■ **Mule deer**
■ **Archery:** Sept. 27 through Oct. 26.

■ **General:** Nov. 22 through Dec. 7 in the panhandle, Nov. 29 through Dec. 14 in the Trans-Pecos area, and Nov. 22 through Nov. 26 in five panhandle counties.

■ **Quail**
■ **Statewide:** Nov. 1 through Feb. 22.

A Little On The Wildlife Side
By Henry Lutz
Kinney County Game Warden

Turkey
■ **Archery:** Sept. 27 through Oct. 26.

■ **Fall season:** Nov. 1 through Jan. 4 in North Texas, Nov. 8 through Jan. 18 in South Texas, and Nov. 8 through Feb. 22 in Brooks, Kenedy and Kleberg counties.

■ **Spring season:** April 4 through May 10 in North Texas, March 28 through May 3 in South Texas, and April 13 through April 26 in 17 East Texas counties (shotgun only).

The proposed dates for mourning doves are:

■ **North Zone:** Sept. 1 through Oct. 30 and Dec. 26 through Jan. 5.

■ **Central Zone:** Sept. 1 through Oct. 19 and Dec. 26 through Jan. 5.

■ **South Zone:** Sept. 20 through Nov. 7 and Dec. 26 through Jan. 5.

The proposed dates for the white wing dove season for the special white wing dove area of South Texas (south of Highway 90 in Kinney County) are the first two weekends in September (Sept. 6-7 and Sept. 13-14).

Daily bag limits are pending approval from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife. Those limits and regulations pertaining to dove hunting will appear in this column as soon as they are approved.

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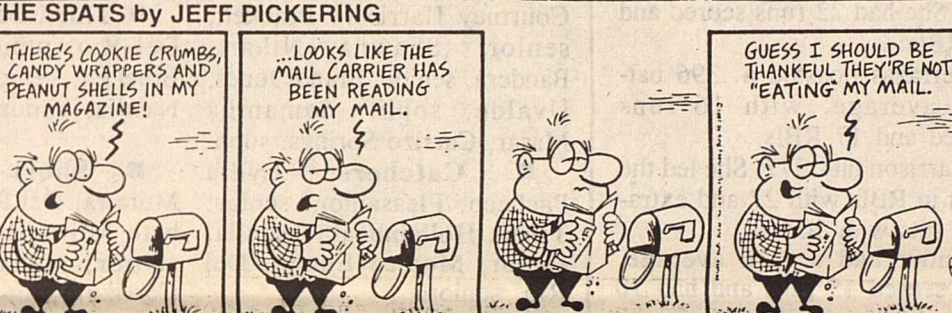
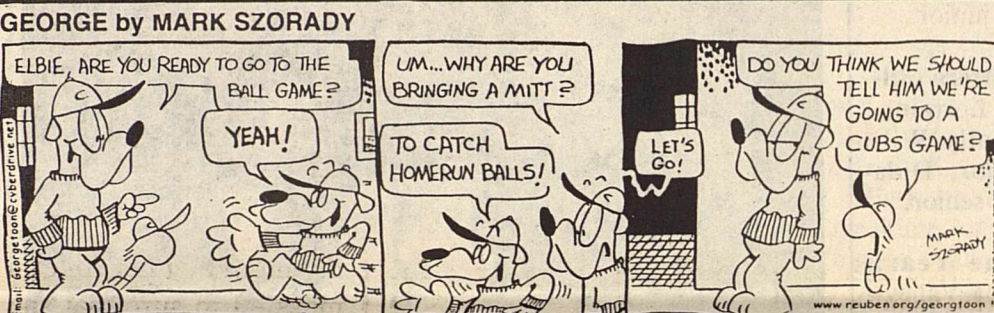
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Super Crossword

ACROSS
 1 Scatter
 6 Turnkey
 12 - Dhabi
 15 Shirley, to Warren
 18 Spanish region
 20 Complete
 21 Give in to gravity
 22 - "pro nobis"
 23 Sailor's greeting?
 25 Beekseper's greeting?
 27 Goal
 28 Fruit-tree spray
 29 Atkins or Huntley
 31 Palomino's pride
 32 Had no doubts
 33 Biblical prophet
 37 Not as common
 38 Dog star?
 41 Director Riefenstahl
 42 In no case
 45 Chef's greeting?
 50 Wet blanket
 51 Weaken
 54 Legal matter
 55 Best of films
 56 Grab

DOWN
 57 - loss for words
 58 Asian ox
 59 Way out
 60 Livestock
 63 Car bomb?
 65 Congenial
 66 "God's Little" (58 film)
 67 Antisocial fish?
 68 Cashier's greeting?
 77 Ban of Israel
 78 Colorado natives
 79 Les Etats-
 80 "Orlando" author
 82 Coffee accompani-
 84 Pierre's st.
 85 "M*A*S*H" extras
 88 Thompson or Salonga
 89 -3 fatty acid
 91 Pitch
 92 Craftiness
 93 Fast way to the U.K.
 94 Salt serving
 95 Farmer's greeting?
 100 Screwdriver ingredient
 101 Literary pseudonym
 102 Give tempo-
 103 Alma -
 106 Short race
 108 Composer Carl
 111 Border on
 112 Bartone
 114 Gulliver
 115 West of Hollywood
 118 Periodontist's greeting?
 120 Carpenter's greeting?
 126 The end?
 127 Business abbr.
 128 Fit to feast on
 129 Sahara vision
 130 Dodger Ron
 131 Crank's cry
 132 Incites
 133 Mork's superior
 DOWN
 1 Auction
 2 '82 Jeff Bridges film
 3 Durban dough
 4 - loo yong
 5 Valhalla VIP
 6 Ridicule
 7 Blyth or Beattie
 8 Japanese statesman
 9 Fleur-de-
 10 Poetic
 11 Get to
 12 '68 U.S. Open winner
 13 Tease
 14 "Gross!"
 15 Detection device
 16 Cara or Castle
 17 Singer Leo
 19 "Aida" river
 24 Gullet
 26 "Kismet" character
 30 "Messiah" composer
 32 "Krazy" -
 33 Antlered animal
 34 Hibiscus garland
 35 "No Room at the" (45 play)
 36 Actor Arno
 37 Drive off
 38 Crooked
 39 Mets' milieu
 40 Chore
 43 Buffalo waterfront
 44 Namely: abbr.
 46 "... like you've just - ghost!"
 47 41st, in the Forum
 48 In reserve
 49 Made of a
 certain grain
 Pacific islands
 Coral outcrop
 Committee
 WWII gun
 Southwestern stickers
 Feels sore
 Rubbish
 N.Y. hours
 Small vessels
 Some woodwinds
 Kapitan's domain
 Producer Prince
 Yellowfin or albacore
 Relish
 Bestow
 Artemis, in Rome
 Inquisitive one
 Big name in travel
 Secretary, e.g.
 Horrified location
 Motown's Marvin
 Nutritional need
 Lobe probe?
 Beyond
 "60 Minutes" network
 Seville shout
 Benjamin of the Cars
 "Road" star
 Chinese principle
 Toque or tam
 Subordinate Claus?
 100 Reject
 103 "This - Moment" ('60 hit)
 104 Lplash?
 105 Abdomen, informally
 107 Might
 108 Prospector's prize
 109 Paper quantity
 110 Cover boy?
 112 Louise or Turner
 113 Move like molasses
 114 Leon of "Life with Father"
 115 "Serpico" author Peter
 116 Mythical vessel
 117 Temptation location
 119 Loon lips?
 121 Tokyo, once
 122 "Turandot" slave girl
 123 "60 Minutes" network
 124 Seville shout
 125 Benjamin of the Cars
 96 "Freedom

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 K I H F D H B T O R L Z Y W U
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 N L K I H F K I S A O D C N A
 Z X W Y R I A D F K C U R T V

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Animal	Dirt	Poor	Tree
Ant	Family	Sheep	Truck
Cattle	Fish	Stock	Work
Collective	Funny	Tank	

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Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
 You'll be going out more often for good times in the weeks ahead. Some will begin a new romance. Work interests are a priority this week. Avoid a weekend dispute.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
 Expect a very busy and productive period at work in the weeks ahead. This week, however, a co-worker may be difficult. The weekend brings happy socializing with friends.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 Partnership interests will be highlighted in the weeks ahead. A financial negotiation could break down, causing you to make alternative plans. Accent study this weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 You'll be making important investment decisions in the coming weeks. Meetings with those in high places is favored this week. A money matter concerns you over the weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
 Major travel will soon be on your agenda. Career interests are highlighted this week, but one person fails to get back to you. Avoid being drawn into a quarrel this weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
 Company from out of town may want to visit when it's just not convenient for you. Your career is a major focus in the weeks ahead. The weekend favors socializing with family members you haven't seen in a while.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
 A group activity will play a pivotal role in your life in the weeks ahead. A career matter could have you at wit's end early in the week. The weekend is conducive to study and mental interests.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
 Surprise develop-

ment this week could change a business plan. A research project captures your attention for some time to come. The weekend promises good old-fashioned fun!

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
 You begin a cycle this week of greater self-confidence and initiative. Common sense brings you gains in business. You are called upon to compromise with a close tie this weekend.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
 Overall, it's a good week for reaching agreements with others. However, self-insistence could impede harmony later in the week. Major shopping is likely for the weekend, but watch expenses.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
 The travel bug has bitten and you're busy making plans this week. It's also a good time for meetings with bankers and real-estate people. Do your best to avoid an argument about money this weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
 Dealings with agents and advisers are favored. Some of you are busy making future educational plans. You face major domestic decisions over the weekend.

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HOCUS-FOCUS

FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
 Missing: 4. Glasses are different. 5. Number 1 is missing. 6. Bell is shorter. Differences: 1. Pocket is smaller. 2. Neckline is different. 3. Sign is

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 11	Loretta Woods	July 14	Lester Shinabarger
July 11	Pat Callnan	July 14	John McClure
July 12	Gerald Ivey	July 15	Nancy Frerich
July 13	Kenneth Tridle	July 15	Woodie Hornbrug
July 13	Henry F. Smith	July 15	Bret Smith
July 13	Harrell Floyd	July 16	Wilma Lewis
July 13	Bea Workman	July 16	Hugh Coates
July 13	Chase Ward	July 16	Carmen Berlanga
July 13	Claude E. Roberts	July 16	Carmen Hernandez
July 14	Lou Sofaly		



Frontier Baptist Church

Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

There is the beginning of a sweeping movement across America for people to return to the things that made America great. A return to true family values and Godly teachings is a rising tide.

It's ironic that the most Christian nation in the world is also the most criminal nation in the world. A casual glance at the daily news reeks of murder, rape, crime, homosexual preachments, and ungodly acts. Materialism and the greed for money has colored life.

The world of sweepstakes, lotteries, bingos, casinos, and gambling bespeaks a world wanting something for nothing. It's a daily occurrence for people on welfare and foodstamps to live off of the taxpayers and throw away money on the lotteries. Living on handouts from the taxpayers, they want more given to them.

The traditional family is rapidly becoming an oddity. Marriage in many cases has been discarded.

Psychiatry has come to replace common sense. In spite of facts proving otherwise, those practicing this inexact science want to blame society and early mistreatment of children for crime, gang warfare and such.

Liberals and their trumpeters have so dumbed-down people they are told they must depend on some politics and his games to provide answers to life's problems.

Liberals have decided that money that could be gainfully used for legitimate educational purposes must be spent for "counselors."

Parents, teachers, pastors, and those most qualified to counsel are

too stupid to do the job. Some child dies and a rush is made to bring in counselors to help the children cope.

Society has become numb to many social ills. Because of liberal politicians and judges you have lost control of your rent property.

You can not refuse to rent to people of another race. You can not refuse to rent to homosexuals. You can not refuse to rent to an alcoholic or a dope fiend. And yet, there is no hue and cry over the losses of freedoms. And on and on it goes.

The key to all of this is a lack of consciousness of God, his abilities, his power, his leadership, and his authority.

However, it is true that in the denominations where the Bible is the inerrant word of God is taught and practical people are flocking to identify with God. Without exception, denominations that alter or water down the Bible, the teachings of Jesus Christ, and the leadership of God can not join themselves together fast enough to claim an increase in numbers. These groups are untenably doomed to decline.

What a tragedy that some preachers, churches and denominations feel they know more than God and the Bible. Their desire to be all things to all people even to setting aside the Bible finds them in "the Broadway" that Jesus says "leads to destruction."

There will be another message from God's Word at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a.m. Come and see.

Knights welcome new members

By Agapito Saenz
Contributing Writer

The Knights Of Columbus Council 8223 has accepted three new members and two re-admissions.

As required by the order, a candidate must take his first degree to become a member. In the near future, the new members will go through with the second and third degree.

On Sunday, June 29, David M. Campos, Oscar Sierra Jr., and Rodrigo Perez III received their degrees in Del Rio.

The two readmissions are Ernesto Jaso and Pedro C. Abrego. They were not required to acquire a degree since they had already received the degrees years back.

Any one who is interested in joining the Knights of Columbus should talk to a member.

The Knights of Columbus meet on the first Sunday of every month at 9 a.m.



David M. Campos (from left), Oscar Sierra Jr., and Rodrigo Perez III have joined the Knights of Columbus after receiving their degrees in Del Rio. Photo Special to The Brackett News



First Baptist Church

Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor
"The Pastor's Pen"

Just one month ago, I was beginning to feel a little bit like David of the Bible. I knew God wanted to build a temple, a place of worship in Brackettville, and we began to gather the materials for it just as David did.

He certainly had more materials to gather in order to fulfill the project God had for him. But gathering the materials was all that David was allowed to do because he was a man of war that had shed blood.

This month I feel like Solomon, who followed David and was given the assignment of actually constructing the Temple in Jerusalem.

Now, I haven't actually driven any nails or bolted any metal together, but I have had some minor part in the construction process.

We have been tremendously blessed by the First Baptist Church of Albany, Texas, who has come to do the construction.

They have come simply out of love to do this with no thought of being paid. In fact, besides the giving of their time, they have made a significant contribution in funds and materials as well.

Why would they do that? They have a love for the Lord and a desire to be pleasing to Him. And what pleases the Lord is for His message of salvation to be told to the world.

This is made more possible as there are more places to worship, in more languages, by more people.

By the time you read this paper a service will probably have been conducted in Spanish by Primera Iglesia Bautista de Brackettville.

You are invited to become a part of this growing group of Christians pastored by Eugenio Duran. For more information about this church, call 563-9285.

Thank You

We, the family of Elodia Gonzalez-Esparza, would like to express our thanks for the thoughts, prayers, cards, food and floral arrangements which we received in our time of sorrow. Most of all, your presence was greatly appreciated. God bless each and every one of you. The Esparza, Stockwell, Jackson, Rodriguez, Ward, and Woodard families

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone that came by to offer their sympathy, everyone that brought food, sent flowers and spent time with my family. I wish that I could name each and every one of you, but there were so many that I wouldn't want to forget anyone. Please know that there is a special place in my heart for you. I would personally like to thank Rev. Townsend for the kind words that he said about my mother at her funeral mass - I'm sure that she was just as proud to have you as a friend. On behalf of my departed mother, Stella Guajardo, my father, Francisco (Kiko) Guajardo, brothers, Frank Jr., Richard and Carlos, sisters, Frances and Mary, thanks.

Honey Bee Gomez

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

Brackett High is replete with outstanding young people. Among a number of special young people is a very lovely young lady. She is a beautiful girl in many ways.

She ably reflects the fine display of character and principles of her parents.

She is an exceptionally good student. She is a good athlete. She is out going and has a glowing personality.

She bonds well with her teachers and the other students. Anyone who knows her is blessed.

Surely, Amanda Petrosky is an unsung hero.

DO
UNTO OTHERS
AS YOU WOULD
HAVE THEM
DO
UNTO YOU

Gateway Ministries

Pastor Charolette Corey

If you were starving and I escorted you to a beautiful restaurant with a luxurious atmosphere, where only the very rich could eat, the food being advertised as the most wonderful food you ever tasted; and a butler with an accent came and waited on you, letting you choose anything on the menu that you wanted; and you picked something advertised as the thing everyone-who-was-anyone was eating;

If they brought it to you on a gold platter and served it on a gold plate with gold silverware and there was your favorite music playing in the background and your best friend, who had ordered the same thing, was smiling at you,

And you proceeded to cut into the tastefully fried and sugarcroated food, would you eat it... especially if you found out it was something that came out

of the south end of a north bound donkey?

I pray you would not! But beware! Many things on TV and in this world are being "marketed" in such a way as to deceive the customer. Just because it is sugarcroated or, always was good before, doesn't mean the management hasn't changed things.

Your mind is being attacked daily with choices that need to be analyzed beyond the package that appeals to the flesh. If you don't, you may wake up one day and discover you've been eating "garbage".

Let your judgements be based on God's living word. God's word will give "life to your bones" and bring blessings to your family. Use his word as the standard to live by and you will be eating the food of kings. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

First United Methodist Church



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

Small but mighty. That's what I think when I look at the children gathered for Vacation Bible School at our church this week.

There they are, small in stature, but inspired by God's love, encouraged by God's spirit, empowered by God's word, they present a mighty force indeed. They sing with enthusiasm, listen with intensity, pray with fervence, cut and paste with creativity, play with joy, and eat with gusto. They are responsive to all that is given them, and they are intentional about all they offer. They enter the sanctuary like a great wave, a wave that will roll over you if you get in the way, a wave that will carry

you along if you let it.

When Jesus insisted, "Let the children come to me," I used to think that it was for the children's sake. I still think that. The older I get, however, the more I realize that it was for Jesus' sake too. Jesus wants them by his side and on his side.

The theme of our Bible School is "Celebrate Jesus", and celebrate we are! What a joy, what a blessing!

We will continue celebrating Jesus during our regular worship service this Sunday at 11 a.m. The children will help lead the service. If you need some joy or could use a blessing in your life, please join us in the celebration.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Pastor Nathan Lafrenz

The other day, as I was driving from Uvalde to Brackettville, I saw the most amazing sight. Out of a large rock was growing a tree.

I slowed down to get a better look, expecting to see either the rock split open or a lot of dirt at the base of the tree, but all I could see was solid rock, with a tree growing out of it.

I thought of the words from the scientist in the movie Jurassic Park when he was told that the dinosaurs could not breed because they were all females. He said, "Life always finds a way."

Isn't that so true. In spite of the situation, life keeps going

on. A tree growing out of solid rock. Life finds a way.

Sometimes maybe we feel as lifeless as a rock. Yet, God can do wonders, even when there seems to be no hope. God can make life out of what seems like hopeless situations. God can create life from death. God finds a way.

May God find a way to make life and hope spring out of each one of us.

I hope that perhaps one day you will see that determined tree growing out of solid rock, and be renewed in hope in Jesus Christ who rose after death on a tree, making that tree of death, a tree of life.



St. John's Baptist Church

Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.
210-563-2582

For the scripture sayeth Who-soever believeth in him shall not be ashamed.

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek; for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call (to be dedicated) upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (delivered). How, then, shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

And how shall they preach except they be sent? As it is writ-

ten, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah sayeth, Lord, who hath believed our report?

So, then, faith cometh by hearings and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:11-17.

Praise God!

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St. John's Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School on July 28-30.

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BIDS

INVITATION TO BID - Brackett Independent School District is seeking bids for dairy, bread, and meat products for the 1997-98 school year. Any party interested in receiving a spec sheet for one or more bids may do so by contacting: Brackett Independent School District, Taylor Stephenson, Superintendent, P.O. Box 586, Brackettville, Texas 78832, 210-563-2491. All bids are to be specifically marked and are due into the Central Office by 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, 1997. Brackett Independent School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer and reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

INVITATION TO BID - By sealed bid, Brackett ISD is selling the following house located on the Bobby Guidry property now owned by BISD at 300 Ann Street. Bid specifications on this house can be picked up at the School District Office at 400 Ann Street, Brackettville, TX 78832. For information call 830-563-2491. The house will be sold on an "as is basis". The successful bidder will be responsible for moving the house and for site clean up. Sealed bids will be accepted until Monday, July 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the office of the superintendent of schools. At this time, the bids will be opened and read aloud. Brackett ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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New listing - Unit 15, 2 bed, 2 bath, Roman tub, mobile home, large storage bldg. carport, screened porch, located on corner next to large green area.

RV with adjacent 2 room small Apt. 2 baths. All under one cover with breeze-way.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given this 10th day of July, A.D. 1997, in compliance with Chapter 116.022, Local Government Code, by Kinney County Commissioners' Court, that said Court will accept applications from any banking corporation, association or individual bank in Kinney County for depositing of the public funds of such county, in such bank or banks. Contract will be awarded at the regular meeting of Kinney County Commissioners' Court August 11, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner's Court of Kinney County, Texas /s/ Tommy Seargeant County Judge

SPACE WANTED

REQUEST FOR OFFICE SPACE The Middle Rio Grande Development Council (MRGDC) is requesting bids quotations for office space in Brackettville to provide services to area residents. Bid quotations should include adequate parking within or adjacent to the property. The space must have adequate bathrooms, air conditioning and heating and be negotiable for construction of individual offices. MRGDC will consider bidders that are willing to enter into a lease with the MRGDC having the option of renewing the lease. The office space must meet handicapped access pursuant to the Americans Disability Act and 504 requirements or to accommodate for these requirements within a 12 month period. Bids should be mailed to the attention of Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Director of Administration, MRGDC, 307 W. Nopal P.O. 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834. All bids must be received by Friday, July 11, 1997, 5:00 P.M. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and/or negotiate with individual bidders regarding specific requirements. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is an equal opportunity employer and auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities. For more information please contact Ricky McNiel, Director of Employment and Training at our office through our VOICE or TDD telephone (210) 876-3533.

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Bargain price: 2 bed, 2 bath mobile home with large screened porch, shed. \$12,000.

Part-time Volunteer Wanted

Seeking an interested, kind-hearted individual to volunteer part-time to answer calls and provide crisis counseling to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The position will be based in Brackettville to serve the surrounding community. All Training, materials and office space will be provided. For information, call toll free 1 (888) 774-2744.

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Our world gets more exciting every day

An old Jewish proverb goes something like, "May you live in exciting times."

Many of us who share the same world see the times differently. Think of the world out there and the things going on, for instance on Mars. Our world gets more exciting every day. Don't miss it.

I'm heading for New Mexico the last few days of this week. I'll be spending a night in alien country, Roswell, on the way to my son's wedding in Ruidoso.

Fifty years ago, Roswell woke up to what many think was a visit from a space ship. Who knows what happened in 1947, but these are exciting times for the people of Roswell.

I don't know why our government waited 50 years to give an explanation to this strange event.

New Policies
At home, our school board and staff continue to make this the best school district in Texas. We're working on new policies on use of the Internet, which should be available to us in

MAKING A DIFFERENCE
By Taylor Stephenson, BISD Superintendent

Brackettville at the beginning of the next school year.

Our handbooks are being revised to include the latest legal updates, along with those special touches that the board and administration believe distinguishes our district from another district in Texas.

Budget Time
The budget process is underway. We're calculating revenue and projecting budget expenses for the 1997-98 school year.

Budget is difficult, but the plans that we make now will establish the foundation for the school year. So, we take lots of time in trying to get it right.

It's more difficult this year because of changes in the funding formula that will not be determined until the Aug. 9 tax election.

Complete Staff
Our staff is complete with teachers. I don't think that will change before the school year begins. We have a great staff and look forward to the school year.

Additional Day
The state legislature added one day to the school calendar. We had designated a holiday for May 4, and now that holiday will be a regular day of school. We will have to add another day for the 1998-99 school year.

Media Award
A special congratulations to J.J. Guidry of The Brackett News for being named to the Media Honor Roll, sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards.

J.J. works hard to give a fair and accurate profile on the schools in Brackettville.

Thanks J.J. and The Brackett News!

No Reserved Seating
A note to football fans: There will be no reserved seats this year during the football season. You will be able to buy your season tickets early to avoid standing in line at each game.

The board worked hard studying this issue. After careful study, the decision was that reserved seats will not be available for the 1998 football season.

Class Reunion
I really enjoyed visiting with the Brackett graduates from the classes of 1970 through 1979. We had about 100 in attendance.

The organizers, which included Martha Hooten, did a superb job.

I hope that our community will keep reunions alive. Might be time for some of the other classes to get together and plan for next summer. Let us know if we can help.
Have a great week!