

# The Brackett News



This week's Brackett News is dedicated to Dona Petra Terrazas  
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Mayor Carmen Berlanga, right, receives an Honorary Texas Land Commissioner certificate from Land Commissioner Garry Mauro during a Hispanic Mayors Conference offered by the Texas General Land Office recently in San Antonio.

## Water sample tests positive for bacteria

Another water sample submitted by the city of Brackettville came up positive for coliform bacteria, City Secretary David Luna announced at Tuesday's monthly City Council meeting.

The city also had a water sample test positive for bacteria in May.

Luna said the city recently sent in three water samples and one came back bad.

"The bad sample came from the same location we had last time," he said. "They said it may have something to do with the way he's taking the water samples and the bags that he was using. They sent containers for the water samples instead of plastic bags."

"We did more water samples. The three went in, two passed and one was leaking. We're waiting on the other one. We have to redo them."

"For the first time in the history of Brackettville, both water tanks are clean and the ph balance is up," Luna added.

### Appraisal District Budget

The city council discussed the annual budget for the Kinney County Appraisal District.

Mayor Carmen Berlanga asked for a motion to approve the appraisal district budget, but the action died for a lack of a motion.

"We've been approving (the budget for) the Kinney County Appraisal District every year

since I've been here because they do indeed collect our taxes for us, and they collect quite a bit," Berlanga said.

The mayor added that approving the budget "would give them just a little more cloud, a little more back-up. We are a governing entity and I think that we should make an official approval, whether it benefits or not. It's for the record."

### Executive Session

The council met in executive session to discuss a class action lawsuit against Central Power and Light with City Attorney Pat Dodson.

No action was taken.

## Court to appoint county judge Monday Commissioners request Seargeant be suspended without pay

The Kinney County Commissioners Court is expected to appoint a temporary county judge Monday morning during a special meeting at 9:30.

The commissioners decided to take applications before appointing a judge to serve during the suspension of County Judge Tommy Seargeant.

Seargeant and Precinct 2 Commissioner Joe Montalvo were indicted by the grand jury last month on theft and mis-

appropriation of public property charges. Seargeant, who was suspended with pay, has served 14 years as Kinney County judge in three stretches going back to 1971.

Officials said Wednesday that six applications had been received for the appointment.

The Texas Government Code says "the commissioners court may appoint a resident of the county to fill the office until

the next term or until the suspension ends, whichever event occurs first."

The law also states that the commissioners court shall compensate the acting judge "in an amount equal to the compensation of the regular judge."

During Monday's regular meeting, county officials voted 3-1 to approve a resolution requesting the State Commission on Judicial Affairs to suspend Seargeant without pay.

Commissioners Freddie Frerich, Joe Williams and Paul O'Rourke voted for the resolution. Montalvo voted against it.

Officials said the state commission is expected to meet today and tomorrow, and may make a decision concerning the request.

The resolution says that the county ended the 1995-96 fiscal year with a \$38,000 deficit and will have surplus funds after the current fiscal year.

The resolution states that "the employees of Kinney County have not had a county-wide raise in five years and it is the intention of this commissioners court to grant the employees of Kinney County a pay raise providing there is available funds to grant such raise."

It also states that the county will be unable to grant the pay raises if the county "is burdened with paying two county judge's salaries" at \$24,234.24 each.

## Voters approve property tax break

Kinney County residents and voters from across the state overwhelmingly approved a billion-dollar proposal that will cut local school property taxes an average of \$140 annually for Texas homeowners, though turnout for the special election was light.

The constitutional amendment, which expands the current homestead exemption on school property taxes by \$10,000, is the scaled-down result of failed efforts by Gov. George W. Bush and state lawmakers to dramatically reform property taxes earlier this year.

But Bush noted the amendment still represents the largest tax cut in Texas history.

"Proposition 1 will give Texas homeowners a permanent and on-

going property tax cut," he said. Final results in Kinney County had 366 voters in favor of the measure and 13 against. Early voters favored the measure 150-3.

During Saturday's voting, tallies for the measure were 63-4 in Precinct 1, 45-2 in Precinct 2, 27-1 in Precinct 3, and 81-3 in Precinct 4.

Much more ambitious tax reform plans were debated by state lawmakers earlier this year.

Unable to strike a compromise on competing proposals passed by the House and the Senate, lawmakers settled on the billion-dollar version that had to be ratified by the voters before it could take effect.

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### Election results

The proposed constitutional amendment provides school property tax relief by increasing the residential homestead exemption by \$10,000. It also provides for the transfer of the tax limitation to another qualified homestead for persons over 65.

Statewide	
For	94%
Against	6%
Kinney County	
For	97%
Against	3%

## Extended local calling expected to be put before telephone customers

Enough signatures have been collected to put the extended local calling issue before the telephone customers, Alderman Tino Gomez announced at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

If approved, extended local calling will give telephone customers in the 563 exchange toll free calling to Del Rio and Uvalde for a monthly charge of up to \$3.50 per residential line and up to \$7 per business line.

Extended local calling may also include Eagle Pass and two other cities.

The measure must be approved by over 70 percent of the local telephone customers for the program to be implemented.

Gomez said that over 95 signatures had been collected. A minimum of 75 was needed.

He said the next step is to send a letter of interest to the Public Utilities Commission.

"Basically at this point, we are at the stage where we can complete a document requesting the Public Utilities Commission to act upon and force the request for Southwestern Bell to start the process going," Gomez said. "Hopefully, approximately 70 days after they receive the letter, we will all receive a ballot."

"We're looking at about two months down the road before anything happens," he said.

"There are still a lot of people out there that don't know anything about it, some may not care and some need to know how it will affect them."

After the commissioners court approved an ordinance opposing extended local calling, Gomez said he looked into the county's telephone records.

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## Terrazas celebrates 100 years Saturday

Dona Petra Terrazas will celebrate her 100th birthday on Saturday.

Terrazas was born Petra Perea, daughter of Margarito and Maria Perea, on Aug. 16, 1897, in Del Rio.

In 1905, her father passed away leaving her older brother, Julian, in charge as the head of household. He packed up the family wagon and moved everybody to Spofford.

The family consisted of their mother, two other brothers, Dona Petra, and another sister.

Dona Petra and her brother, Juan, 91, are the sole survivors of the family and are both currently residing in the Brackettville community.

At the early age of 12, Dona Petra was known throughout Spofford for her ability to teach early elementary type subjects with only a fourth grade education.

On Saturdays and Sundays, she would teach catechism preparing the youngsters for First Communion.

She taught herself to read and write in Spanish which she reads eloquently.

She was sought by many parents to teach their children. In today's society, we would probably refer to it as pre-school or kindergarten.

Her brother, Julian, quit school and

worked as a laborer most of the time in order to help support the family.

Her mother, Dona Maria, meanwhile made corn tortillas, tamales, enchiladas, and empanadas to distribute and sell within the Spofford community.

In 1915, Dona Petra was swept off her feet by Don Felipe Terrazas. They fell madly in love and married that same year on Sept. 25. Together, they raised eight children: Enrique, Gregorio, Magdalena, Bernabe, Ermenia, twins Maria and Jose, and Jesus.

Although the good Lord has taken four of her children, she thanks the good Lord for the four still here today to help her celebrate the very special occasion.

In 1942, the family moved down the road to Brackettville.

In 1953, she lost one of her daughters, Magdalena, leaving behind two sons, Joe Henry and Johnny Castro, ages 11 years and 11 months old, respectively.

She and her husband, Don Felipe, took the enormous responsibility of raising them, cared and loved them as if they were their own sons, put them through school, and saw them both enter and successfully retire from the military with honors.

In August of 1982, Dona Petra lost her

husband of 67 years.

On Saturday, Dona Petra celebrates 100 years. She lives at home with her daughter, Maria.

Maria has taken care of her since Don Felipe passed away. Despite the fact they are mother and daughter, they act more like sisters the way they love and care for one another, and worry about each other.

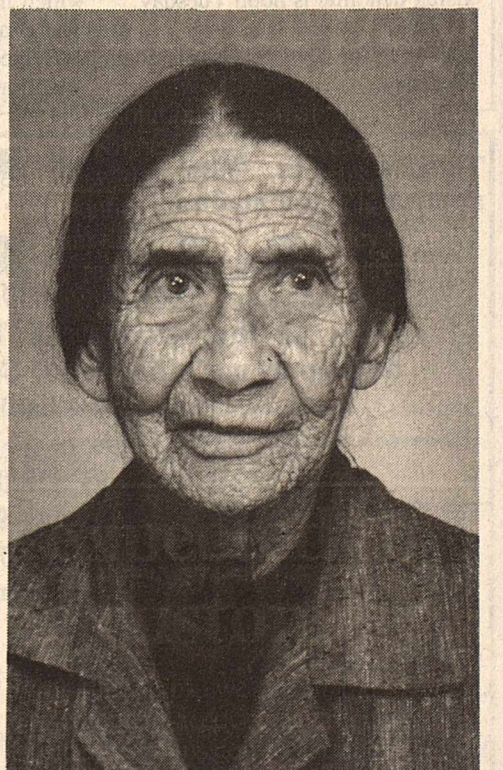
Dona Petra still attends church when she can, or you can find her at home praying her rosary, saying novena's, or just plain praying. Her faith is an inspiration to us all.

She wears no glasses and can still thread a needle faster than anyone without a single miss or shake of the hand, she use to finish an altar linen once a year for Easter by crocheting it.

Dona Petra is truly a milestone and beautiful human being with a heart of gold and a ray of sunshine to whomever she comes in contact with.

Dona Petra's offspring include eight children, 26 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren, and 11 great-great grandchildren.

May your children's children and their children give you many more and may you enlighten our lives by being with us another 100 years. Dona Petra, thank you for letting us be part of your celebration and



DONA PETRA TERRAZAS

God Bless You.

Everyone is invited to Saturday's reception at the Las Moras Restaurant at 1 p.m. Pay as you go.



**But, I could be wrong!**

By: Chuck Hall



**Clothes don't make the man**

My daughter, Charlie, is in Lubbock. She's going to school there this summer.

Anyway, she called recently all in tears. I listened, imagining all kinds of horrors, while she explained that someone had stolen her clothes from the laundromat.

She was upset because she had lost clothing that was special to her and because another person had taken her belongings.

Then she asked the age old question: "Why did God do this to me?"

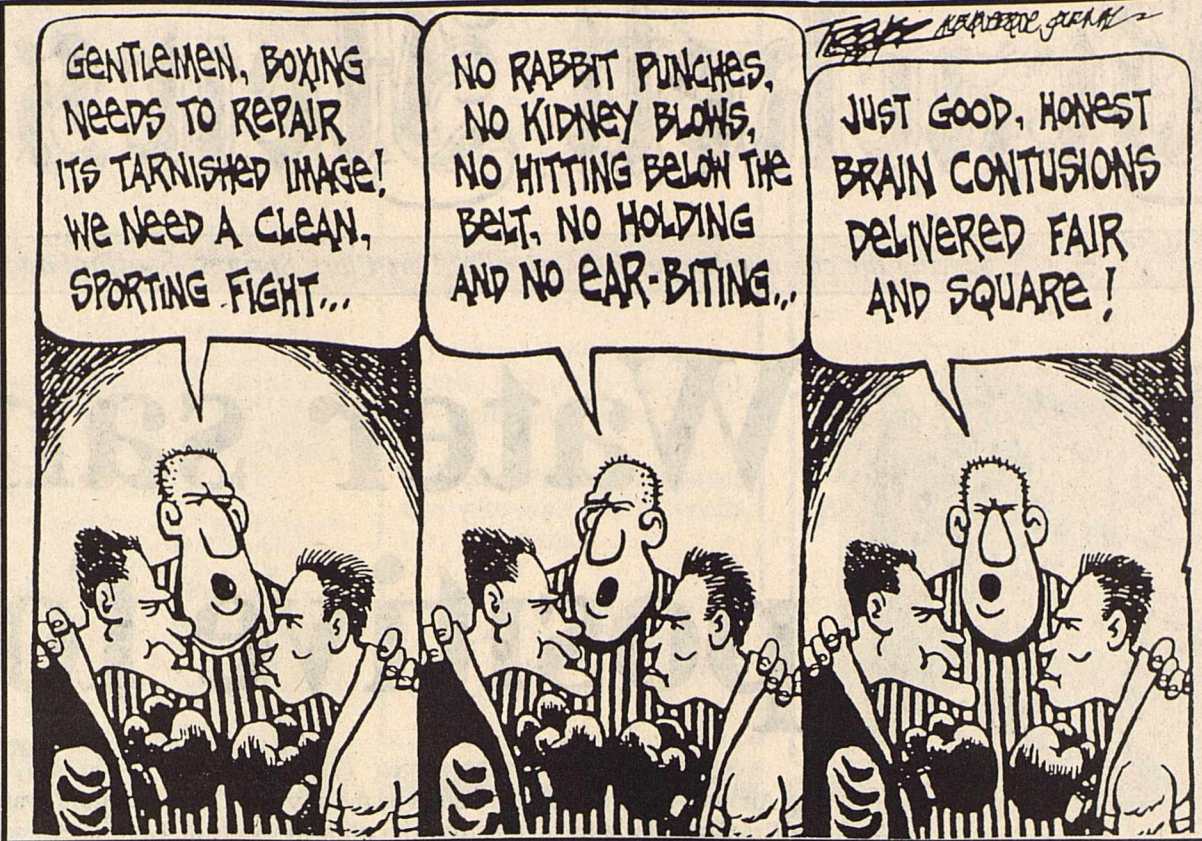
Immediately, I asked the same question: "Why did God do this

to me?" Why did God give me children who asked questions so hard for me to answer?

But I know there is an answer. I know there is some reason why her property was taken. I'm just not sure what it is.

Maybe someone else needed those clothes more than Charlie did. Maybe those few articles will mean more, in the long run, to another.

I really don't have an answer Charlie. I just know there is a reason. But, I could be wrong.



Capitol Comment

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

**Importance of the National Guard**

Amendment II to the U.S. Constitution ratified on Dec. 15, 1791: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

The fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 radically changed America's defense needs. This brought about a reexamination of our national spending priorities.

As we try to balance the budget, we must make better use of scarce resources and seek greater value for every dollar spent. Accordingly, Congress has supported the Defense Department's efforts to reduce its size prudently and address changed security threats.

The Defense Department's force structure now is roughly 30 percent smaller than it was in the 1980s. Its budget has also declined to about 60 percent (in real terms) of its peak in 1985. We have reduced our military forces to the lowest levels since just before the outbreak of World War II.

One of the little-noticed implications of this changed defense landscape is the increased reliance we now put on the National Guard.

Our eight National Guard divisions are an integral part of America's defense readiness. A recent study of Texas' 49th Armored Division by the Institute for Defense Analysis concluded that it could mobilize, train and be ready for deployment in little more than 90 days.

This is the kind of essential support that makes it possible to downsize our active-duty force without compromising readiness or national security.

Dollar for dollar, the National Guard is one of the best defense investments we can make. In fighting for full funding for the National Guard in next year's defense bill, I pointed out to my Senate colleagues that the Army National Guard trains its recruits at only 20 percent of the cost of training a regular Army soldier. That's a savings no one can afford to ignore.

The administration's requested defense budget for next year would have severely cut funding for the National Guard. But in July, the Senate voted to restore critical funding for the National Guard (as well as reserve programs). Historically, with the exception of the period of the Cold War, the United States has not maintained a large, standing defense force. We have relied instead on the National Guard and reserve programs.

It would be shortsighted to gut our reserve capabilities at the same time we are dramatically downsizing the active force.

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**Alderman voices opinion on proposed city budget**

The following is a prepared statement released by Alderman J.J. Guidry at Tuesday night's public hearing concerning the city's proposed budget for the upcoming year:

After the budget workshop on July 22, I left City Hall feeling pretty good about the proposed city budget. But when I took the document home and evaluated it more, many questions came to mind.

There are a few areas I, personally, am not happy with. This is why I feel, in the future, more than one workshop should be held, or the proposed budget should be presented to council members at least a week prior to the initial workshop so adequate time is provided for research and decision making.

Here are some of my concerns:

**Gas Rates**  
Through the recently approved contract with West Texas Gas, the city has cut 30 percent in costs in natural gas purchases. These savings need to be passed on to the citizens.

I brought up this issue during the budget workshop, but some were concerned about a possible rate increase when the contract expires in three years, adding that citizens would rather see no increase now than a substantial increase in the future.

Prices often fluctuate. When costs go down, most businesses pass on the savings to their customers. There is no reason why the city government should increase its profits through this savings.

The city's rates are fixed for three years. If we lower the customer's rates, citizens will have the opportunity to invest their savings how they please, so if the rates do increase in three years, the consumers should be more fi-

nancially capable of affording an increase. It would be a travesty not to pass on these savings to the citizens.

**Street Repairs**  
The current proposal has \$318,892 budgeted in the general fund, and only \$10,000 of that amount is allotted for street repairs. I feel our streets should become a priority with more money dedicated for improvements.

There are streets in our city that have not been paved and many existing streets are in dire need of repair. Every city street east of Ann Street that runs north and south in Brackettville is in poor condition, especially Gove Street. The condition of these streets effects all of the drivers in our city, ruining the shocks on their vehicles. Just a few weeks ago, I was driving 20 miles per hour on Gove Street when I hit a pot-hole; the impact broke the muffler bracket on my car.

Improving our city streets will benefit all of the citizens that drive and should be more of a priority.

**Equipment Rental**  
Through July 31, the city has brought in \$639,270.78 in revenues for the current fiscal year. Equipment rental revenue through the same period is \$3,573.75. This amount is less than 1 percent of the city's revenue and causes enormous damage to the local economy.

The legality of the equipment rental has been questioned before. But, even if you think calling it "equipment rental" makes private contracting legal, it is still unacceptable to force private industry to compete with the government.

There is no reason to consider this revenue positive for Brackettville. Taxpayers' dollars are

being used to pay for the city's equipment and the salaries for the employees. You're taking citizens' investments in the local government and using it to improve private property.

There is no way this revenue can justify the man-hours lost and the wear and tear on the machinery for "equipment rental."

**Cost-of-Living Raises**  
I don't understand the theory behind giving cost-of-living raises. I'm not opposed to giving raises, but I haven't found any evidence that the cost of living has increased in Brackettville during the last year.

Even if the cost of living has increased, it increases the same for everyone. By giving a percentage raise, we're saying the cost of living will increase \$1,405 for one person while another person will only need an additional \$332 to live sufficiently in the upcoming year.

If a cost-of-living raise is truly needed, it should be a flat-rate increase because the bare essentials cost the same for everyone.

A cost-of-living raise should not be confused with a performance raise for a hard-working, dedicated employee who helps improve city services.

**Unrealistic Budgeted Revenue**  
I was pleased the council was able to reduce the anticipated revenue from law enforcement fines from \$18,459.96 to \$10,000, but this figure is still unrealistic based on fines collected from this year. Based on the 3 percent cost-of-living increase, there is an excess amount of \$4,211.40 budgeted for salaries. This over-budget can be cut, allowing us to cut additional anticipated revenue from law enforcement fines, leaving a balance of \$5,788.60, which is a much more realistic figure.

**Your television might be trash?**

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

Did you know some folks in the federal government have been working on a plan that would make your television obsolete? They're stopped in their tracks for now, but your television is headed down the information superhighway, with or without you.

What we're talking about is a new technology called digital television. Television stations would use this new computer technology to broadcast remarkably clear pictures. This fancy technological jargon could even make it possible for you to send electronic mail to your neighbors or order from a catalogue through your television.

Digital television sounds like something from an episode of "The Jetsons," but what does it really mean to you?

The reality is that everyone will someday have to get a new television which can pick up a digital signal. Eventually, television stations will broadcast only this signal. So, if you don't have the right television, you won't be able to watch your favorite show.

Originally, the Federal Communications Commission planned to require broadcasters to make the switch to digital television by 2007. That

means everybody would have a few years to run to the store and plunk down around \$2,500 for a new digital television.

This is just another example of the federal government forcing its agenda on the American public without using some common sense.

What about Americans who can't afford to buy a new television? What about small television stations in rural America that are not able to invest in digital equipment just yet? What about the rural consumer who could lose service if that station goes out of business?

We will now have time to debate and consider these important questions. Congress just passed a law that grounds the bureaucrats' efforts to force digital television down our throats. Television stations no longer face a date certain to make the switch. Now, all of us will have a chance to catch up with technology.

It's not that digital television won't be an improvement. It will. Pretty soon you and your family could be able to "surf the net" or watch your favorite shows all from your own living room.

So, whether you're still watching your favorite black and white set or you're already surfing the net, you'll be able to make the switch to digital television at your own pace, not when the federal government says you will.

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# BISD honors employees

This week, I want to talk about service awards and new teachers at BISD.

The school recognized the following employees at its opening ceremonies:

### Retirees

David Burton, elementary physical education teacher; June Kaminski, school lunch director; and Mary Sam York, first grade teacher.

These folks worked hard for the schools to make them better. We'll miss you and wish you God's richest blessings.

Service Awards went to the following staff members:

### 5-year Pins

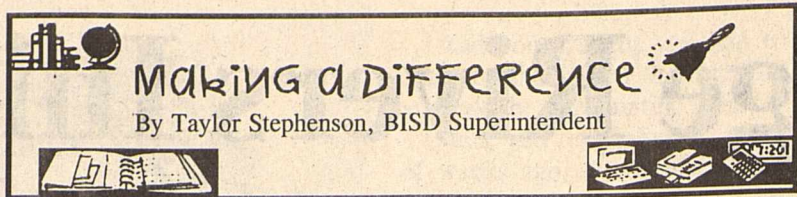
Adela Avila, Tomas Castillo, Mary Jane Garcia, Maria Juarez, Julie Ireton, Phyllis Stephenson, Taylor Stephenson, and Stephanie Wallace Sanders.

### 10-year Pins

Candice Hobbs and Pam Melancon.

### 15-year Pins

Josie Pena and Stella "Bo" Hagler.



### 25-year Pin

Chuck Hall. We're very proud of all of the employees as they complete this milestone year at BISD.

### New Teachers

This week, we have met with 10 new teachers at BISD. New teachers include: Tammie Hewitt, kindergarten; Jason Hewitt, middle school special education; Ron Arnesen, secondary physical education and health; Dusty Brotherton, reading and health; Bonne Brotherton, elementary special education; Cathy Lutz, middle school reading; Lori Schuster, fourth grade; Roxana Gonzalez, elementary music and assistant band director; Woodie Trotter, pre-kindergarten; and Kathy Bader, history and social studies.

### New Policies

We've been working on a new teacher appraisal system for Texas teachers. The Board of Education has approved the alternative school handbooks and the Code of Conduct.

The school district's annual budget hearing will be held Monday night.

The first day of school is on Monday. It's going to be our very best year.

We ask for your support as we begin a new adventure in learning for the children of Kinney County. You are our customers. Let us know how we can improve. We'll try each day to get better.

Have a good week.



"Barbara's Gals" recently completed a cooking class at Barbara's Table. Members of the group are, standing, from left: Molli Hunt, Susan Davis, Olga Coston, Donna Schuster and Barbara Simmons. Sitting: Kathy Lutz, Margaret Davis and Karol Glaspay. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

## Evans named recipient of Earwood Memorial Award

Brackettville's Sterling C. Evans was the recipient of the Fred T. Earwood Memorial Award, the most prestigious award given by the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association, at the organization's 82nd Annual Convention in Kerrville last month.

The Earwood Award was established by the family and friends of the late Fred Earwood in 1969 to honor persons whose loyalty and dedication to the livestock industry are as exemplary as that of Earwood.

Evans has been actively serving Texas agriculture throughout a career that spans more than 75 years. His first job, which he held for 12 years, was as District Extension Agent over 33 counties in the Plainview area.

In 1934, he was chosen to be the first president of the Bank for Cooperatives which was formed by an Act of Congress in 1933 to provide farm credit.

In December of 1940, he became president of the Federal Land Bank, and it was then that his major role in farm and ranch finance in Texas really bloomed.

During the 20 years until he retired in 1960, the FLB of Texas became the model for farm and ranch long-term financing throughout our nation. This financing has touched all of agriculture.

Following the '60s, Evans became very active in personal busi-

ness which included ranching interests in Central New Mexico, Louisiana and Texas.

During the 1990s, he purchased and is now operating a substantial spread raising fine sheep, goats and cattle in Kinney County, northeast of Brackettville.

"I know of no one who has done more for agriculture in our state than Sterling Evans," former Gov. Dolph Briscoe said. "He has made it possible for literally thousands of farmers and ranchers to get into business and then also made it possible for thousands more to stay in business after serious financial reverses."

"I have said many times if it were not for Sterling Evans, Janey and I would not be in the ranching business today."

"Mr. Evans made it possible for my father to make a come back in the ranching business after the disastrous depression of the 1930s, when my father lost everything and had to start over again. It was Mr. Evans who made it possible for him to buy the first part of our Catarina Ranch in 1939."

"I know of no one who has so freely given of his time and efforts to help so many," Briscoe added.

In recognizing Evans, TSGRA President D.A. Herral of Ft. Stockton said, "The greatest gift a man can give to his age and time is the gift of a constructive and creative life. Sterling Evans has truly given us his greatest gift."

## Voss earns honors for trapping efforts

Kinney County's Jim Voss was one of eight individuals recognized eight individuals for their outstanding contributions to the sheep and goat industry at the 82nd Annual Convention of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association in Kerrville.

Voss, a wildlife damage control specialist for the Uvalde District, was presented the Outstanding Trapper of the Year Award.

Voss was born in New Braunfels and grew up on a farm in Guadalupe County. He graduated from Navarro High School in Geronimo and attended Texas Lutheran College in Seguin.

Voss began his 24-year career as an animal damage control specialist in Kinney County. This sheep and goat area is located in and adjacent to some of the highest coyote densities in the world.

Voss demonstrated outstanding initiative, work ethic and a strong

heartfelt concern for his job, and because of his abilities, he was selected as a troubleshooter for the Uvalde District in 1991.

He received a special achievement award from the Texas ADC program in 1984 and in 1995 he was recognized with a distinguished service award for his contribution to the Texas ADC program.

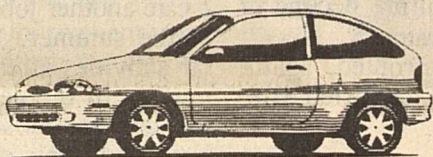
In recommending him for this award, his supervisor stated, "Jim is held in the highest regard as a dedicated and experienced trapper and is looked upon as a mentor among his peers. He consistently strives to provide positive support and capable leadership to the Uvalde District, and is always ready and willing to go wherever he is needed."

Jim and his wife, Barbara, have two sons, Joel and Warren, and two grandchildren.

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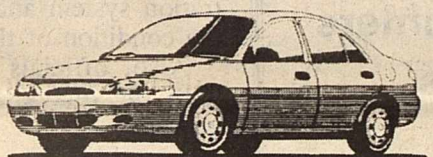


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# Ford discusses American Heritage Rivers Initiative

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

Brackettville Rotary Club President John Ford III spoke at last week's meeting about the American Heritage Rivers Initiative.

He expressed grave concern over this program and stated he hoped to spur our interest and to inspire each of us to become informed on the issue.

As a citizen, his concern is the protection of property rights and in making sure that the people have a chance to express their will before the government takes action.

Ford believes that a trend began, or became observable, when NAFTA came into being.

Quoting from an article in the newspaper, The Spotlight, written by Karen Lee Bixman, Ford spoke of the borders of the United States becoming absorbed when an international border region was created in an agreement between Mexico and the United States. The area between Brownsville, Texas, and San Diego, Calif., has been placed under the control of an international body.

This is called the La Paz Agreement, the agreement for cooperation and improvement

in the border area. It was signed in 1983 and went into effect in January of this year with the NAFTA trade agreement, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

The international border was replaced by a 62.5 mile strip north and south of the border designated as an open zone called Border Region 21.

This affects around 60 million people in the United States and Mexico, yet they had no chance to vote on it.

The Border Environment Cooperation Project was created by this agreement, and the North American Development Bank is to provide funding for the United States. The World Bank and Mexico will provide more funding.

The opinion expressed by Ms. Bixman is that a World Order could be created through the guise of environmental protection. She sees this action concerning the border as a first step in this direction.

Ford then turned his remarks to the American Heritage Rivers Initiative presented by the Council on Environmental Quality.

In January of this coming year, the President will designate 10 rivers as American

Heritage Rivers. The intent, according to the President, is to name them as the recipients of focused federal support designed to create eco-system management.

Many people are leery of the intentions of the federal government.

Brackettville has good reason to be concerned since it would fall within the 62 miles surrounding the border.

Ford, and other concerned citizens, fear that if this project is put into effect, no planning in the community could be done without the approval of the federal government.

People who own property along the border particularly need to be informed about what is taking place, but many have been unaware of this movement. They would own their land and pay taxes on it, but their actions would come under the scrutiny of the Heritage Area.

People who realize the importance of caring for the environment are alarmed about the manner and the extent of the action planned in this Heritage Rivers project.

Property rights, state rights, and Texas values are threatened, Ford said. The Heritage project has been created solely by the

Whitehouse without the approval of Congress.

The agency of Environmental Quality had this plan entered in the Federal Registration on May 19, 1997, and 90 days were allowed for comments to be received. The deadline is August 20, 1997. Ford believes another 90 days should be allowed.

According to material published by the Environmental Agency on this plan, the intentions are strictly for the federal government to come to the aid of communities wishing to "better use existing programs and resources and coordinating the delivery of those services in a manner designed by the community."

It also states that only communities that request this help will be affected. It is a "voluntary, community-defined effort."

In an age of greed, hidden agendas, and the resulting cynicism, the only answer is to become an informed voter.

Communicate with your Congressional representatives. This is particularly important when you don't have an opportunity to vote on an issue. They listen to their constituency and value your opinion.

**Volunteers Needed**  
We need Volunteers to help set up our new playground equipment. This is the equipment we purchased from our towel sales. Work days are August 15 & 16, 7:30 am to 1 pm. Will have drinks and watermelon. Please come out and help. Thanks, Mary Campos, P.T.O. 563-2619.

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## Pool closes after 11 days of operation

After only 11 operating days, officials have been forced to close the county swimming pool due to repairs needed to the filtration system and the resulting decline of the condition of the pool water.

Also, officials were confronted, again, with the unavailability of certified lifeguards.

Lifeguard Lilly Santos, from Del Rio, was unable to work past Aug. 7, as she will be leaving soon to attend school in Belgium.

"She was a very responsible and well-respected guard," Bonnie Herndon said. "We wish her the best of luck in Europe."

Assistant Lifeguard Nat Terrazas was unable to work past Aug. 5 in order to begin participation in pre-season football practices.

"We appreciate Chad Newman and Colby Crosby for filling in on a temporary

basis until Lilly could start work," Herndon said.

"Unfortunately, we have been unable to locate another job-seeking lifeguard this late in the summer. With school extracurricular activities already underway, and the beginning of the new school year just around the corner, most certified lifeguards are busy with their own plans and activities."

In preparation for next summer, officials have been in contact with the American Red Cross, the accepted organization for certification of lifeguards, about having lifeguard certification classes in Brackettville.

"In this way, more of our own population will be eligible for employment in such a capacity in the future," Herndon said. "We feel sure that we will be able to get some classes here, probably in the late spring of next year."

Officials are planning to use the remain-

der of the donated funds to do some much needed repairs on the pumps and filtration system at the swimming pool in preparation for its use next summer.

"We were saddened at the need to close the swimming pool after such a short interim," Herndon said.

"However, we would like to express our deepest appreciation for all those who donated funds, took time to help coordinate the opening and operations of the pool, and those who volunteered their time to help in the concession stand and as adult supervisors."

"This was indeed a successful coordination of a large representation of our community and it would not have been possible without each and every donor, participant and volunteer."

"We look forward to future projects," she added.

## School campuses receive "acceptable" ratings

Brackett ISD's four campuses received "acceptable" ratings, according to Superintendent Taylor Stephenson who presented the campus accreditation reviews to the School Board Monday night.

The accreditation reviews are based on TAAS scores, dropout rates and attendance.

"Our major gain was in writing, particularly in fourth grade," Stephenson said. "Math continues to be our weakness, except for the middle school level."

Trustees discussed the effect block scheduling may have on the dropping math scores in the high school.

**Code of Conduct**  
The School Board approved

the district's code of conduct, which consists of statutory changes made during the last legislative session.

"It primarily talks about what the state expects of those young people who attend school," Stephenson said. "It defines rules for placement into alternative educational programs. It talks about rules for expulsions and suspensions."

"It covers every part of school discipline with the exception of basic campus and classroom rules for minor infractions. Those are covered at the building level."

"The changes this year, I believe, give the school a little more authority over students," he said.

### Alternative Handbook

The trustees approved the handbook for the district's alternative school.

"It's an excellent document," Stephenson said. "It basically covers policies that will govern the alternative school. It spells out the procedures for entry into the alternative school. It also discusses curriculum and credits."

### New Policies

The school board discussed the first readings of two new policies, including one covering guidelines for use of the internet.

"The policy outlines that the internet is to be used for instructional purposes," Stephenson said. "Use of the internet is a privilege and not a right."

The second policy deals with teacher evaluations.

"The teacher evaluation process will use the new professional development appraisal system," the superintendent said. "It outlines appraisal dates and procedures."

### TIF Grant

The school district is receiving a \$225,000 telecommunications infrastructure fund grant.

"It's a state grant for development of technology," Stephenson said.

In other action, Jim McDaniel was sworn in as a board member, the trustees heard administrative reports and approved the minutes, and final budget adjustments were made.

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## Group visits Fort Clark

A Fort Worth group of boys spent last weekend at Fort Clark Springs. They were busy cooking and eating their meals at the campground, cleaning the front fence line, and soaking up as much history as possible during their short stay.

The group learned about the Buffalo Soldiers that had been stationed at Fort Clark through talks from William Warrior and Bill Haenn.

The group also had a chance to visit the Guard House Museum and the Seminole Cemetery.

This group is a part of a Buffalo Soldier Heritage Program under the Bridge Emergency

Youth Services in Fort Worth.

The Buffalo Soldier Heritage Program is operated by the Texas Network of Youth Services. The purpose of the program is to prevent at-risk minority males from entering the juvenile system through enhanced coping skills, increased self-esteem, and increased access to supportive resources.

Required services under this project include: structured classes, life skills and outdoor skills training; community service opportunities; field trips to State Parks; and a week-long encampment at an original Texas fort where Buffalo Soldiers were stationed.



Anniversary

Hunters have to be "HIP"



MR. and MRS. JAMES STAFFORD

Staffords celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. James Stafford celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Aug. 2 with a luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort in San Antonio. The Staffords' daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Mark Walther, hosted the party, assisted by the four grandchildren, Karen of San Diego, and Amy, Kyle and Scott of San Antonio. Attending were Chirstian, Ashley and Diana Moore of Plano; Katherine, Karen, Jhonnie and George Moore of Waco; Don and Donna Fouts of Waco; Cathy Kemp of Plano; Jack and Cleo Needler of Brownwood; Linda and Stanley Stafford of Corpus Christi; Gene and Mary Britton, Hollis and Gene Graham, and Martha

and Bert Blackwell, all of San Antonio. Those attending from Fort Clark Springs were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pingenot, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Archer, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kurtz, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Batch Batchelor, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McNew, Mr. and Mrs. Pack Waddill, Mr. Frank Eckenroth, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beard, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Berset, Mr. and Mrs. Emet Huntsman, Pauline Goodman and Mary Edgar. The Staffords have been residents of Fort Clark for 17 years, since his retiring from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Eagle Pass.

And you thought you had to stand in line forever the last time you bought your hunting license? Well, you remember a couple of weeks ago, I said that I was going to cover some of the new laws and regulations that will affect us in the near future. Here we go.

Beginning on Oct. 1, 1997, anyone who hunts migratory game birds (ie. doves, ducks, geese, etc.) will have to be "HIP certified."

Well, just what is this HIP and how do you become "HIP certified?"

HIP stands for Harvest Information Program. It is a federally-mandated program to expand and improve a data base for harvest surveys of all migratory game birds.

The program will enable the state and federal wildlife agencies to improve management of migratory species and provide much more accurate harvest information thus making it possible to more accurately determine the status and needs of migratory game bird resources and protect hunting from potential legal challenges.

The collected data will help to justify having a hunting season and can be used to challenge those who want to close all hunting by claiming there is a shortage of game.

Golfers close summer

The NTPGA Junior Golf Tour closed out the summer with the Tournament of Champions at the Hyatt-Regency Bear Creek Country Club in Dallas on Aug. 4-5. This course is rated among the Top 10 in Texas.

Christina Culverhouse, granddaughter of Pat and Hubert McKelvy, took sixth place overall. Culverhouse qualified to play in the tournament two weeks ago by winning the 12-14 year girls' division of the NTPGA West Texas Area Championship.

Since then, she placed second at the Uvalde Country Club Junior Tournament and first at the Sonora Golf Club Annual Junior Tournament.



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



Inadequate information about the impacts of hunting on species populations has been used as a reason to challenge hunting regulations in some states.

All HIP certified hunters will become part of a pool of hunters from which samples for federal harvest surveys will be drawn.

These surveys, sent to about 1 or 2 percent of HIP certified hunters nationally, will be conducted by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to gain important information about species-specific hunting activities. The data collected about birds killed the previous year are used only to categorize hunters in harvest levels for statistical purposes.

The list of hunters will be used in the future by the state to assess preferences and increase hunting opportunity.

Now for the "how" part. Whenever a hunter goes to buy a hunting license, he will be asked if he intends to hunt migratory birds in the upcoming seasons.

If he answers "yes," he will be asked a few other simple questions

about his previous year's hunting experience. That's all there is to it.

The notation "HIP" will be printed on the hunting license to indicate that the hunter participated in answering the questions and is "HIP certified."

If he answers "no," and later decides to hunt migratory birds, he can get certified at any time by answering the questions.

If you answer "no" just so you do not have to answer the questions, and the "HIP" notation is not on your hunting license, and you are checked by a game warden while hunting migratory birds, you could be issued a citation, just as you could for not having a license or stamp.

Hunters will be told and reminded about the program for a season or two before any citations are issued.

There is no cost to the hunter to participate in this program. It will only take a little extra time to provide the information requested to the license vendor.

The screening questions are

general and do not take long to answer. For those of you who would like to study for this little quiz and have the answers ready when you buy license; here are basically the four questions that will supposedly be asked:

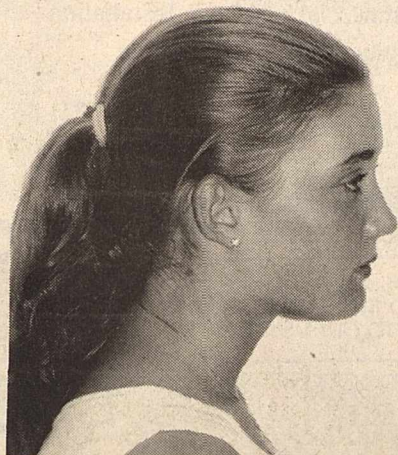
1. Do you intend to hunt migratory game birds in Texas during the coming hunting seasons?
2. About how many ducks, geese, and doves did you bag in Texas last season?
3. Did you hunt coots/snipe, rails/gallinules, sandhill cranes, or woodcock in Texas last year?
4. Do you want a free Sandhill Crane Permit?

These questions will be asked of all persons who purchase a hunting license or any migratory game bird stamp/permit on or after Oct. 1, 1997.

All hunting license purchases for the 1998-99 seasons and thereafter will be subject to the HIP screening questions.

Texas is the 22nd state to join HIP. All remaining states will be participating in HIP in 1998 by federal regulation.

If you have any questions or want more information, contact Mike Berger at the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department headquarters, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas, 78744, or call him at (512) 389-4766.



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"Oh," came the reply, "don't be deceived by his looks. He's in the Secret Service!"

BUSINESS

Chamber of Commerce welcomes Barbara's Table as a new member

By Kathryn Letsinger  
Contributing Writer

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors welcomed Barbara's Table as a new member in July.

The regular July meeting was held at the restaurant. President Larry Sofaly presented Barbara Simmons with a Chamber member plaque.

The Board of Directors and guests enjoyed shrimp, steak, and wonderful desserts on the patio.

The directors commented that the food was great and that the establishment is a beautiful addition to the downtown area.

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Barbara Simmons, left, owner of Barbara's Table, is presented a member plaque from Chamber of Commerce President Larry Sofaly.

Photo Special to the Brackett News

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10 Loser's locale?	48 Vegetable	83 Investigative	119 Require
13 "Pequod" captain	49 Supporting actress?	84 Chemical ending	120 "Jaws" setting
17 "Greetings!"	53 In the bag	85 Inner circle	<b>DOWN</b>
18 Crude cartel, in a way	54 "— Never Smile Again"	87 Shorten a skirt	1 — Na Na
19 Groan producer	55 Reagan's attorney general	88 Heart part	2 Fall
20 Greek marketplaces	56 Alliances	89 Matter for a judge	3 Pipe connection
22 Piercing sitcom?	58 High-flying org.	90 Lena of "Havana"	4 Yalie
25 Cafe	59 Short swim	91 Rocky hill	5 Puzzle
26 Schoolboy's shot	60 She, to Sartre	93 Mr. Ed's father?	6 Mr. T's hairdo
27 Linda of "Dynasty"	61 Ugly ducklings, eventually	96 Piece for two	7 Uncover, to Thomas Carew
28 Toothsome side dish?	62 Naggged subtly	97 Pick-me-up	8 Put on hold
29 Finish peninsula	64 Pasty	99 TV extraterrestrial	9 Scrounge around
32 Something in briefs?	66 Quiet's partner	100 Big bang letters	10 Upright's relative
33 "Walk Away —" ("66 tune)	67 "— diem"	101 Gripping TV drama?	11 Rhythm of life
34 Sudden attack	68 Al of "Serpico"	102 Discomobulate	12 Some
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38 Tennis divider	71 "— Mia"	105 Stevedores' org.	14 Rinsed off the car
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40 Singer Sumac	75 Actress Sommer	113 Operatic heroes, often	16 Theda of the silents
43 De Mille specialties	76 Associate	114 Follow closely	20 On the QE2
44 Joplin		115 Adams or McClurg	21 Boar's babe
			23 Greenish-blue
			24 Mr. Ed's hairdo?
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			74 "Today" host
			77 Quirk
			78 Get by, with "out"
			82 Name a ship
			83 Cambodia's Lon —
			85 Mountain lions
			86 Some Alaskans
			88 Farina's friend
			91 Trinidad's neighbor
			92 — even keel
			94 Followed a felon
			95 Comrade creator
			96 Crusoe's lake
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			101 Large tub
			102 Provoked
			103 Reasonably balanced
			107 Nav. officer
			108 Sprawl on a sofa
			109 Coat part
			110 Mai — (cocktail)
			111 Gold record
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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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Dams	Iowa	Missouri	Towboats
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**Your Horoscope by Natasha**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Early in the week, you are given a task you're really not enthusiastic about. However, by week's end, you surprise yourself with your proficiency. The weekend favors a short getaway or a cultural pursuit.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Get out those travel brochures! Now's the time to plan a trip for yourself and your family. A friend's mood swings have you concerned. The weekend promises rest and relaxation.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) An out-of-town guest could arrive on your doorstep unexpectedly, but you trot out the welcome mat nonetheless. Trouble could arise midweek between you and a co-worker. This does clear up, though, by the end of the week.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You're in the mood to kick up your heels, but work must be tended to first. Once you clear up what needs to be done, you can relax and enjoy. In fact, the weekend is ideal for socializing and parties.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) When you lose your temper, that famous leonine roar intimidates everyone around you. Be sure, though, to make amends before things get out of hand. The weekend will find you going all out to make peace.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Stress serves no purpose for you this week, so try to find a way to combat it. Granted, things are a bit hectic, but you can deal with it if you take one task at a time. By week's end, you look for much-needed rest.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You're out of balance this week because of someone else's actions. Remember, you can't control what this person does, so stop trying. You are responsible only for yourself and do well to remember that.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Jealousy is an unbecoming emotion, but you're prone to it this week. A loved one takes umbrage with this — and rightfully so. By week's end, you can come to a new understanding.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Shopping is in the stars, but be sure you don't spend too much money. Your budget can't accommodate unnecessary expenditures. A weekend away from home does you a world of good.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Advice you receive this week from a co-worker is invaluable and you'd be wise to heed it. Ultimately, you can achieve some real career gains. Bigwigs are looking at your work favorably.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) It's a quiet week, both on the job and at home. Take advantage of this "down time" since it won't last indefinitely. A weekend of rest and leisure is just what the doctor ordered.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Someone close to you is being manipulative, so be wary of this. Generally intuitive, you're missing some of this person's signals. A child needs your attention over the weekend.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Aug. 14 Sarah Davis	Aug. 18 Elaine Lord
Aug. 14 Roland Boysen	Aug. 18 Johnny Mellor
Aug. 14 Audie Herrington	Aug. 18 Matthew Smallwood
Aug. 15 Mae Mills	Aug. 19 Adam Pinales
Aug. 15 Ton Lipich	Aug. 19 Judy Burks
Aug. 15 Daniel Woods	Aug. 19 Rick Bacon
Aug. 15 Martin Luna	Aug. 19 Irene Blair
Aug. 15 Tilda Sierra	Aug. 19 Frances Mellor
Aug. 16 Petra Terrazas	Aug. 19 Danny O'Connor
Aug. 16 Doug Davis	Aug. 19 Linda Whalen
Aug. 16 Andrea Garcia	Aug. 19 Bill Moody
Aug. 17 Melissa Davis	Aug. 19 Maria Sanchez
Aug. 17 Arthur Galther	Aug. 20 Buster Bradley
Aug. 20 Henly Cannon	



# Cheerleaders return from camp full of enthusiasm

The Brackett High School cheerleaders returned from summer camp with enthusiasm, spirit and new cheers and stunts for the 1997-98 school year.

The squad attended a large summer camp this year; there were over 600 participants. Squads included several All-Star squads from the San Antonio and Laredo areas and squads from 4A and 5A schools.

The team received the spirit stick on two evenings after a day-long workout learning cheers, dances, and stunts. This award is given to squads who work together, support each other, show spirit throughout the day and support other teams as they perform.

The Spirit Stick is returned the following day to be awarded again.

The squad also received the Spirit Stick award on the final day, this award returned to Brackett with the Cheer Squad.

During the four-day camp, the squad received outstanding and superior ribbons during evaluation sessions on cheers, stunts, and chants. The squad performs cheers and chants learned throughout the day.

All awards are based on a score sheet and the squad is evaluated on formation, rhythm, movement placement, voice and crowd control.

Cherrise Ward, Katy Hagler and Mandy Petrosky were nominated for All-American Cheerleader. Mascot Jennifer Ashabanner was elected All-American Mascot.

The All-American members are nominated by the NCA cheerleaders on staff during the camp. The All-American Cheerleaders members are given opportunities to attend several national parades and bowl games during the winter.

"It is a great honor to have four of our members receive this prestigious award," Sponsor Cindy Brandt said.

The squad members have spent the majority of the past two weeks preparing for the opening day of school.

The halls have been decorated, teacher door signs hung, and various other responsibilities have been tended to which the girls hope will raise the "Tiger" spirit for the beginning of this school year.



The Brackett High School cheerleaders recently returned from summer camp. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

# Voters OK amendment

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Bush made the issue his top legislative priority, saying rising school property taxes were a looming crisis in Texas.

The proposal was the only statewide issue on the ballot. Texans will vote on several other constitutional amendments in November.

The tax break only goes to homeowners. Renters and business owners don't benefit from the homestead exemption expansion.

The amendment expands the state's \$5,000 homestead exemption to \$15,000.

A \$15,000 homestead exemption means a \$100,000 home is taxed on up to \$85,000 of its value.

Using more than \$1 billion left over in the budget, the state will reimburse local school districts for the money they lose by expanding the homestead exemption.

The amendment also allows Texans older than 65 to transfer a portion of their current property tax freeze if they sell their home and buy another. Currently, those residents lose their tax freeze if they move.

Bush said the tax break will be built into the baseline budget in the future.

Some critics also have argued that the savings to homeowners in some districts could be consumed by increases in property values or local tax rates.

## ELC may benefit Kinney County

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Gomez reported that Kinney County spent \$309.50 in two months in calls to Del Rio, Uvalde and Eagle Pass made through High Plains NTS and Southwestern Bell, which is a monthly average of \$154.75.

"They have a total of 20 different lines, which means \$140 would be their cost if they were charged up to \$7 for each line at the maximum rate," Gomez said.

"This means that they actually paid more in that two month period than they would have if they had extended local calling.

"They wound up using Southwestern Bell a little bit more than what they normally do. There's various reasons for that, most of it may be due to human error. If so, there could also be human error in the future, so their phone could be a lot higher. They might end up paying more if they don't have this extended local calling. Then again, it could go the other way."

# Guidry honored INS announces new strategy

J.J. Guidry of The Brackett News was named to the Media Honor Roll, a program sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), by Brackett ISD.

The Media Honor Roll recognizes media representatives statewide who deserve recognition for fair and balanced reporting of news about public schools.

Reporters representing more than 300 Texas newspapers and radio and television stations were honored by their local school districts.

Criteria for the nomination included media representative's effort to get to know the superintendent, board president, and the district's mission and goals; report school news in a fair, accurate, and balanced manner; give a high profile to positive news about schools; visit the schools; and maintain a policy of no surprises by sharing information with school officials.

"Districts across Texas appreciate these reporters for their balanced and accurate approach to sharing both the challenges facing our schools and the suc-

cesses achieved by local teachers and students," TASB President Jannis Hayers said. "Their work aids local communities in focusing on the goal of providing the best public schools we can for every child."

In most cases, local school boards passed a formal resolution to add names of media from their communities.

The Media Honor Roll will appear in the August/September issue of TASB's Texas Lone Star, and certificates were created for presentation at the local level.

TASB is a voluntary, non-profit association established nearly 50 years ago to serve local Texas school districts. It includes 1,048 school districts and county school boards, 45 junior colleges, 56 tax appraisal districts, 63 cooperatives, and 20 education service centers.

School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent have a combined annual budget of \$20 billion and employ more than 460,000 people.

INS Commissioner Doris Meissner today announced "Operation Rio Grande," a new strategy for improving the quality of life in communities along the Texas and New Mexico border by curbing illegal immigration and facilitating legal traffic into the country. This multi-year plan builds on the successful implementation of Operation Hold the Line in El Paso, launched in 1994, and efforts INS begun in 1995 to strengthen enforcement all along the Southwest and Texas border. The operation begins August 25 in the Brownsville area.

"Operation Hold the Line established our foothold of control in El Paso, using a unique strategy of control and deterrence designed by former Chief Reyes," Meissner said. "Operation Rio Grande will expand control along the remainder of the Texas border, starting east in Brownsville and working west," she added. "It is a coordinated plan developed by top INS managers in Texas. Each tailored their portions of the plan to best meet the unique challenges they face in their area."

The Commissioner also announced that 109 new agents will be deployed to the Texas/New Mexico border in the coming months, bringing the total number of new agents for the area to 360 in FY97. The Border Patrol agent force in Texas and New Mexico will stand at 2,693 agents at the end of FY 97 - a 53 percent increase from 1,756 in 1993. INS expects to send the majority of new agent and technical resources to Texas in the next several years if illegal traffic continues to grow.

### THANK YOU

To all our friends at the ST. Andrew Episcopal Church, Fort Clark Springs and Brackettville. I want to give special thanks to Rev. Mike Davis and Betty Koons for the planning of the memorial and reception at St. Andrew. Thanks to all who brought food to our home, refreshments, after our memorial service at the Parish Hall, and the flowers for the Sutton Co. Cemetery. May God Bless and keep you'll forever.  
Linda Whalen,  
Tessa and Kirk Joy

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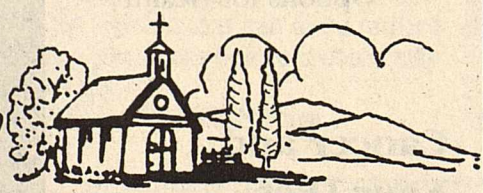
## RELIGION

### Lutheran church to match bingo proceeds for EMS

On Friday, the Community Council Bingo \$100 jackpot will be up to 56 numbers. Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and Lutheran Brotherhood Winter

Garden Branch No. 8871 will match the proceeds of Friday's bingo session to benefit the Kinney County Emergency Medical Service.

### Church Directory



- St. Andrews Episcopal Church: Henderson & Fort Sunday Church Service 10:30 a.m. 563-2071.
- 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: Masses Monday and Friday 7:00 a.m., Wednesday and Saturday 6:30 p.m., Sunday (Spanish) 8:00 a.m., Regular 10:30 a.m., Confession Wednesday and Saturday 6:00 p.m., Religion Classes Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting (Spanish) Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Father James Cashin.
- 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 Congregation 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. Rev. Nathan La Frenz, 563-2047.
- Templo Elim Asambea 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.
- Apostolic New Jerusalem: 514 E. Louise St., Sunday School 10:45 A.M. and Morning worship 11:30 A.M., Missionary Meeting every 3rd Thursday of the month. Everyone Welcome! Pastor, Rudy Goodloe
- Gateway Ministries (Non-Denominational): 301 E. Spring St. (across from post office), Praise & Worship Fellowship Sunday 10:00 a.m., Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 p.m., Robert W. Corey, Pastor, Charolette Corey, Associate Pastor, 563-9331.

### Gateway Ministries Pastor Charolette Corey

"Wanted: One Bride." Mail order brides were common in the old west when men often lived in places where there were no available women. Today, we still have a publication that advertises for a bride. It is the Holy Bible.

God is calling out for a response to his love letters. He wants a personal relationship with her. He wants her to "abide in the secret place of the Most High" (Psalm 91).

It is that sacred relationship between the bride of Christ, the believers, and God through Jesus Christ who calls to us in Song of Solomon 2:14, "O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice, for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely."

We respond in Verse 16, "My beloved is mine, and I am

His ..." It is a sacred union between God and those who have been "chosen." It is a relationship that is so addictive that one cannot be without the other, a holy thing.

Jesus woos or courts us so sweetly when he says in John 15:3-4, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me."

As we are obedient to "abide" in him, he offers us this precious gift, (Verse 7) "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done for you."

The love letters are there for the reading. Please respond. Time is running out. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.



### St. John's Baptist Church Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr. 210-563-2582

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pasture; he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the Valley of the shadow of death. I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalms 23.

Praise the Lord! Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Answers to Super Crossword

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**HEALTH**

**Health and safety audiovisuals available from TDH**

Looking for an easy, inexpensive way to educate a group about health and safety or earn some additional continuing medical education credits?

Take a look at what the Texas Department of Health Audiovisual Library can do for you.

More than 2,000 health and safety videos and other media are available from the Audiovisual Library for free short-term loan to residents of Texas.

"Our mission is to provide public education through audiovisual materials to improve the health and safety of the citizens of Texas," said Jane Hazelton, librarian. "Our programs are listed and described in the 1997 Health Media Catalog, which is free to anyone."

The catalog contains a subject index and description of each program.

Copies of the catalog are available upon request. Just a few of the topics are parenting, childbirth, safety, AIDS, diabetes, long term care facilities, food hygiene, smoking and smokeless tobacco, dental health, breast feeding and women's health.

"We have programs for young children through adults and a limited number of professional level presentations," said Hazelton.

Professional level presentations include "Cyclosporiasis Update for Texas," "Thyroid Disease: What's New in Diagnosis and Management?" and "Combined Modality Approaches to Locally Ad-

vanced Non-Small-Cell Lung Cancer."

"It's a good way for professionals to earn continuing medical education credits, especially if they work in rural areas," Hazelton said.

The library distributes the videos and other programs throughout the state. The only charge is for return shipping and insurance fees.

A resident of Texas simply completes a statement of responsibility form which is available from the Audiovisual Library or can be downloaded from the Internet. This form is used as an application for services and is needed to place telephone orders.

Mail or fax the form in and select the video or other program you want from

the catalog, also available from the library. Your choice will be delivered to you as soon as it is available for loan.

You have a maximum loan period of 10 days, not including transit time. The library can schedule materials for up to a year in advance and ship them in time for users' view dates.

The Audiovisual Library got its start back in the 1940s with a few films. One of its oldest titles is a 1951 film entitled "Autopsy Techniques and Restoration."

Through the years, the library has transitioned from film to mostly videos, though slide-tapes, educational models, charts, audiocassettes, a few interactive diskettes, and even books are available. Everything from "The Cosmoids: Lib-

Lot and Rem-Bok Ride the Bus" for little kids to "Crack and Crevice Treatment for Cockroach Management" for property owners to videos on Africanized bees, poisonous snakes and ticks that cause Lyme Disease are available for loan.

The library makes about 13,000 loans a year, and public school teachers are its biggest fans, though it counts among its customers staff members of businesses, nursing homes, hospitals, municipal governments, clinics, churches and universities.

Since September, the three most popular videos are "Miracle of Birth," "Back Safety," and "Bloodborne Pathogens Annual Retraining."

**TDH warns of dangers from smoking cigars**

The alluring, dramatic young faces gracing magazine covers, TV screens, movie film and CD covers and framed by the windows of trendy eateries now often are adding a new element to these pictures of status and success - a cigar. And the stars, sports figures and models brandishing stogies, these days may likely be women.

Cigars, which can cost up to \$25 each, are the latest glamorized trend for the tobacco industry, especially among young adults, said Sharon Kohout, director of the Office of Tobacco Prevention and Control for Texas Department of Health. "While this tobacco-packed cigar is supposed to be saying power, elegance, success and the good life, it really should be labeled dangerous," she said.

To many of those among the increasing number of cigar smokers, the stylish rituals and status picture are important. And for some women, cigar smoking provides

a shock value. "Many myths surround cigar smoking for both men and women," Kohout said, "most of them are dead wrong."

The myths TDH staff especially wants to debunk say that cigars are safe because smokers do not inhale, do not smoke often or do not become addicted. The reality is:

- Cigar smokers are up to 10 times more likely to die from cancer of the larynx, mouth and esophagus as nonsmokers.
- Cigar smokers have lung cancer at a rate three times higher than nonsmokers.
- Persistent coughs and phlegm and an increased risk of peptic ulcers and emphysema are more likely in cigar smokers than in nonsmokers.
- Smokers who have left cigarettes for cigars are more likely to inhale them, even without realizing it, and get the same exposure levels as cigarettes.

"Smoking one large cigar can be equivalent to smoking an entire pack of cigarettes," Kohout said. "Tar and nicotine concentrations are higher in cigars than cigarettes, which can damage the heart and blood vessels and increase risks of heart attack and stroke."

"A large cigar is the equivalent of four to five cigarettes in nicotine, 15 cigarettes in tobacco and 25 cigarettes in carbon monoxide. Even smoking a few cigars a month produces a nicotine craving," she said.

The problems mount as cigar smoking increases. Since 1993 in the United States, cigar smoking has almost doubled, bringing with it about a billion dollars in sales from the estimated 10 million regular cigar smokers. And about a fourth of the teens in the country, male and female, have smoked at least one cigar in the past year.

Tobacco kills more Texans than alcohol, AIDS, heroin, auto crashes, suicides, handgun murders and fires combined.

**EMS hosts informational class for football team**

The Kinney County EMS held an informational class for the Brackett Tiger football team on Tuesday.

We informed the coaches and players of various signs and symptoms of football injuries that may occur during practices or games.

We stressed the importance of not denying the possibility of an injury to avoid ridicule from other players; the injury could

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By Ruby Meyer, EMT

be life threatening and should be assessed as soon as possible after the player, the coach, or fellow teammate becomes aware of an injury.

It was also stressed that an unconscious player should not be

moved by anyone, unless they have been trained on the proper way to hold C-Spine and log roll a player if he is lying face down.

We trained the coaching staff on the C-Spine/log roll technique. The coaches were very

attentive and Athletic Director Roy Rokovich was very helpful in being our "patient" for the class.

The coaches were shown this technique so that they would be able to prevent further possible C-Spine injury to an injured player on the field. This would be implemented in the event that we, the EMS personnel, were unable to be on location at the time of an injury during a game.

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**Cancer and Your Diet**

Anne Alexander, MD



**Question:** Will steak and potatoes, chicken fried steak with gravy, and barbecued brisket really elevate my risk for cancer?

**Answer:** Studies show that 30 percent of cancers are related to diet. Therefore, you can reduce your chances of getting cancer by making a few changes in your diet.

You should reduce the amount of fat you eat or cook with, eliminating fried foods altogether. And you should reduce the amount of protein you eat, especially red meat.

You should also avoid taking in too many calories. Obesity is linked to breast, colon, and uterine cancers. Your risk for getting one of these cancers increases with being overweight. Cutting back on fat, protein, and calories will also reduce your risk of coronary heart disease.

The way you cook your food can also increase your risk of getting a food-related cancer. It's best to avoid burning and charcoal-broiling foods, a process which produces cancer-causing agents. You don't need to stop barbecuing altogether, but you should reduce the amount of grilled foods you consume.

You should also cut back on the amount of processed, smoke-cured, or salt-cured foods you eat. These foods contain potent cancer-causing agents.

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