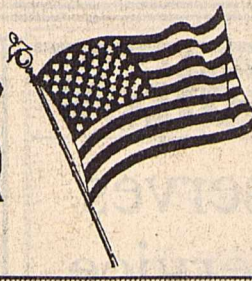


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Shortage of personnel prompts public hearing

Judge Seargeant applies for EMS variance with Department of Health

The lack of EMS personnel to operate the ambulance service in Kinney County will be the topic of discussion at a public hearing on Monday at 10 a.m. at the Courthouse.

Kinney County Judge Tommy Seargeant has applied to the Texas Department of Health for a personnel variance which would let the ambulance service operate while not being in compliance with the law.

If the variance is granted, Kinney County EMS could operate licensed emergency vehicles without meeting the required staffing

of two certified person on the unit when responding to an emergency call.

Seargeant said that the loss of two members of the organization has brought a chronic manpower shortage to a critical point.

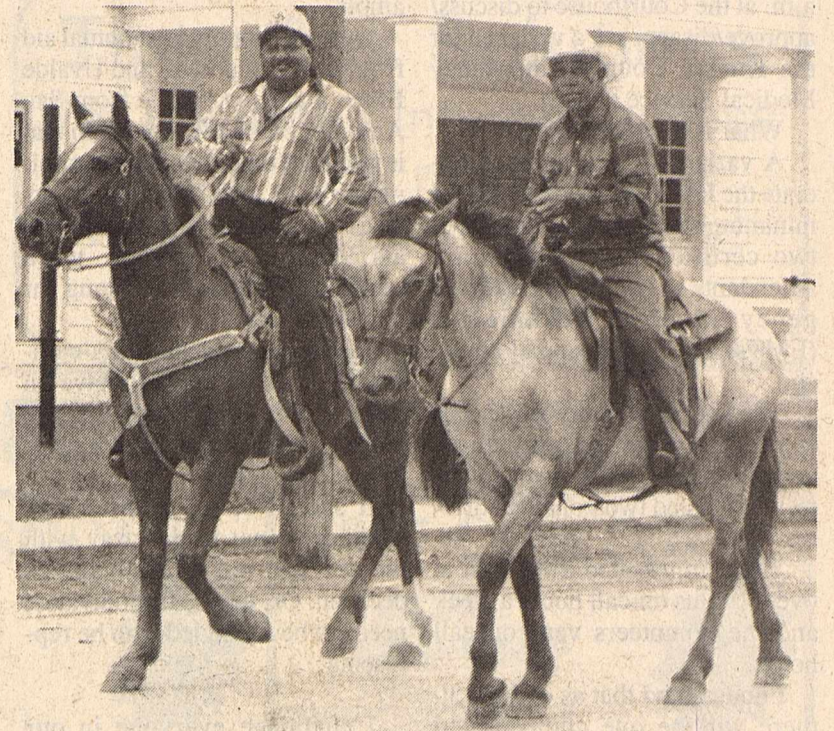
Kinney County EMS currently has two full-time and two part-time employees. One of the department's full-time employees has resigned effective June 30.

The county judge said that with limited budgets and minimal collections, the organization must depend on volunteers to supplement the personnel needs.

EMS officials will be contacting ex-members in an effort to regain their participation in the service.

The organization will also be recruiting volunteers to participate in a training program which will certify them for ambulance duty.

Without additional members, there is a possibility that the ambulance service may not be able to provide coverage during certain periods of the day, Seargeant said. Should this occur, an ambulance would have to be dispatched out of Del Rio or Uvalde causing a delay of thirty minutes or more.



County Commissioners Joe "Boy" Williams and Joe Montalvo ride in Saturday's Juneteenth parade. Williams served as the grand marshal. Brackett News Photo by Amanda Ward

DeLeon, Meyer named to all-state baseball team

By J.J. Guidry
Sports Editor

Brackett's Ramon DeLeon and Michael Meyer were named to the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association's all-state team.

DeLeon, a senior, and Meyer, a junior, helped the Tigers to a 20-5 season record.

"I think it's wonderful," Brackett coach Gary Grubbs said of the all-state selections. "Ramon and Michael are both well deserving of that honor."

This marks the third year DeLeon was named to the all-state team. This year, he earned honors as an infielder.

DeLeon led the Tigers with a .532 batting average. He scored 35 runs, had 26 RBIs, 11 doubles, two triples and stole 19 bases.

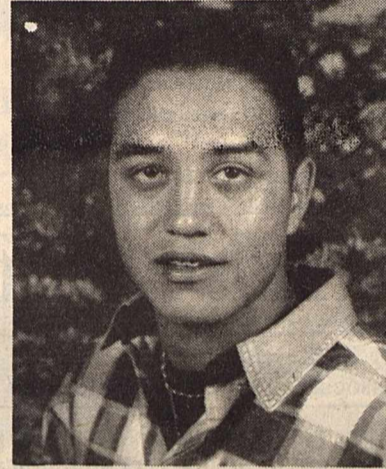
"Ramon was a very consistent player for us for four years," Grubbs said. "He did a real good job."

Meyer, Brackett's leadoff batter, boasted a .711 on-base percentage.

The outfielder hit .463, scored 35 runs, had nine RBIs, 10 doubles and one home run. He also drew a team-high 35 walks and stole 13 bases.

"Michael was, by far, the most improved player that we had," Grubbs said. "He came on and took over our leadoff spot and did a great job."

Other District 30-2A players named to the all-state team are infielders Ruben Campos of Charlotte and Chris Martinez of Comfort, and outfielder Nick Mendez of Natalia.



RAMON DELEON



MICHAEL MEYER

Kinney County to celebrate heritage

July 5 has been designated Kinney County Heritage Day. The Kinney County Historical Commission will be celebrating the day by sponsoring a "Heritage Fest" on July 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Filippone Building.

Elsie Sauer and Charles Wilson will be honored for their contributions to the citizens of the county. There will also be demonstrations of various pioneer skills and the Heritage Museum will be open. Admission is free.



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Del Rio's chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America had one of the many floats in Saturday's Juneteenth parade. Brackett News Photo by Amanda Ward

School Board approves bid to remodel old PCI building

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

The Brackett School Board of Trustees approved a bid to remodel the district's alternative school at a special meeting on Monday night.

The alternative school will be located in the old PCI office building on Ann Street.

The trustees awarded the bid to Mike Bizzell Construction for \$46,100.17.

"It's a very, very extensive remodeling project," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "It's for lighting, ceilings, carpet, chain-link fence, bathroom fixtures, safety glass, and things like that."

The remodeling project will begin on Monday and is expected to be completed by Aug. 1.

Also on Monday night, the school board hired two new teachers.

Tammie Hewitt was hired as an early childhood elementary teacher. She taught two years at Holiman Elementary in San Angelo.

Jason Hewitt filled a middle school special education position. This will be his first year to teach. "They both come very highly recommended," Stephenson said. "We're just thrilled to have them at our school district."

The trustees also accepted a resignation from Diana Fielding, who was a special education, special needs teacher at the elementary.

"We have just begun to look through our applications and see who we have that might be interested," Stephenson said about the latest vacancy.

Today is the deadline for applications for the food services coordinator's position.

"We will begin interviewing the applicants early next week," Stephenson said.

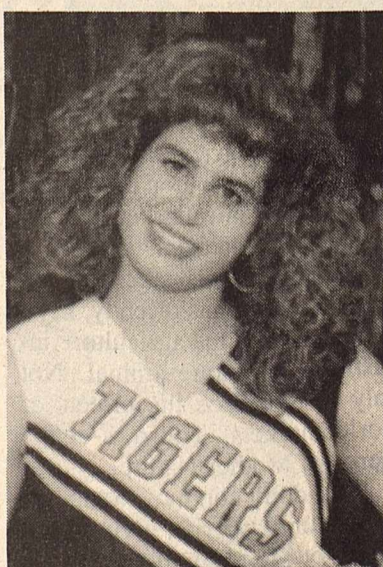
Petrosky attends leadership seminar

Brackett High School's Amanda Petrosky learned about "America's Incentive System" earlier this month during an all-expense paid trip to the West Texas Leadership Seminar.

The seminar is affiliated with the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation and was held June 5-8.

Approximately 280 sophomores, each representing a different high school throughout Central and South Texas, traveled to San Antonio for the weekend in an educational environment that taught, through discussions and demonstrations, a variety of subjects. Included were those relating to profit, economics, business, self-improvement, motivation, and leadership skills.

During the seminar, these future leaders heard from today's distinguished leaders in business, government, education, and the professions, allowing them to leave the seminar with a better understanding and appreciation of the American economic system and the democratic process. In addition, personal improvement skills are developed and motiva-



AMANDA PETROSKY

tional techniques discussed. Petrosky qualified to represent her school and class with her essay and past accomplishments, which demonstrate her leadership qualities and her involvement with the school and community.

In both her freshman and sophomore years, Petrosky has served as her class president, was a member of the school's volleyball team, and participated as a

varsity cheerleader.

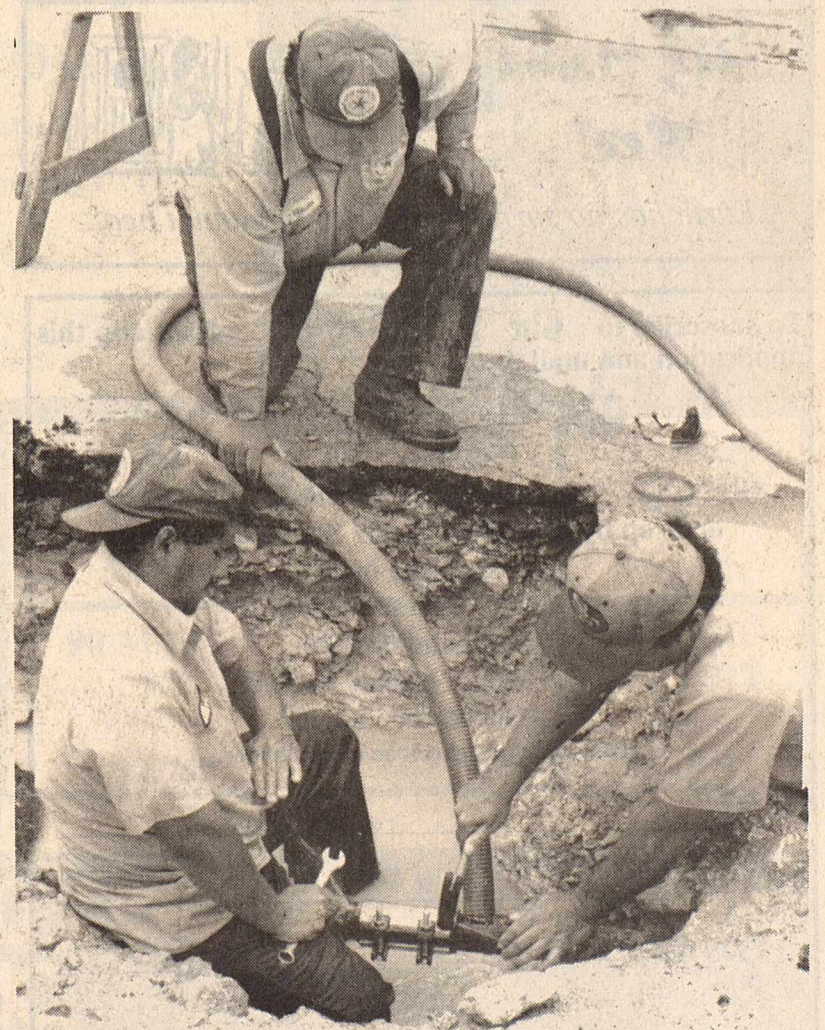
Petrosky was recognized as an outstanding student with the National Mathematics Award her freshman year and National Science Award her sophomore year.

Petrosky was a runner-up in America's National Teen-Ager Essay Competition, was a regional qualifier in UIL extemporaneous speaking, and maintained her honor roll standing with a 4.71 grade point average.

The foundation was established 36 years ago by movie and stage actor Hugh O'Brian in the belief that America's greatest resource is its youth.

The West Texas Leadership seminar is one of five seminars held in Texas. There are a total of 92 seminars held in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

Each seminar provides a setting of education and motivation for sophomores who have exhibited leadership qualities. The emphasis is on motivating the participants to make a positive contribution to their community and to be aware, active and responsible citizens.



City of Brackettville employees Eddie Garza (from left), Oscar Martinez and Randy Castilla repair a busted water line on N. Ann Street Friday afternoon. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

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Letters to the Editor

Kinney County deserves a quality medical service

Kinney County will be holding a public hearing on June 30 at 10 a.m. at the Courthouse to discuss/approve/disapprove a variance for the Kinney County Emergency Medical Service (EMS).

What is a variance? A variance is a request to operate the EMS without meeting the minimum staffing requirements of two certified Emergency Care Attendants or two certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) due to personnel shortage.

The Kinney County EMS staff is presently staffed with three compensated EMTs, two volunteer EMTs and two volunteer drivers.

The compensated EMTs put in over 50-plus on-call hours a week and the volunteers vary on call hours.

I understand that as of June 30 there will be one compensated EMT to cover the day shift due to the fact that the other EMTs have jobs and are unable to leave for an emergency run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There is an EMT available to join the EMS so there will not be a day time shortage. But, after various discussions, I have yet to understand the reason or the excuses for the delay in hiring this EMT for day time coverage.

I am very concerned that the citizens of this community will not have the proper medical care with

only one attendant on call for a trauma or cardiac call, for example.

Yes, this county has mutual aid from Val Verde EMS and Uvalde EMS, and even Airlife from San Antonio, but the facts remain that it will take those agencies a minimum of 20 to 30 minutes to arrive to our county to give medical aid. And, in my opinion, when seconds count that is too long for our loved ones.

I keep hearing that this community does not have to have an EMS service, but I think that the citizens need and deserve a quality medical service.

It should be up to the voters whether or not to do away with the service, not an individual's decision. Or, maybe the individual needs to be reminded who he represents.

I challenge everyone in our community who has ever used your Emergency Medical Service and your loved ones to come to the public hearing on June 30 and voice your opinions before it is too late.

Remember, you have dedicated, hard working and can-do attitude ambulance attendants ready to put in extra hours and educate others from our community to join the department to give you quality medical care 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Beatriz Kuhns

City officials took initiative with extended local calling

I wanted to take this means to clear up some misinformation in Joe Townsend's column in last Thursday's issue of the News about the effort to explore extended local calling from Brackettville to Uvalde and Del Rio.

This is not and never has been an initiative of the Middle Rio Grande Development Council. We were simply asked by the City of Brackettville to provide them with information about the potential service, what it would cost, and how to go about acquiring it. We did so, and that is all we did, or will do.

We would not be involved in any way in the installation or administration of the extended local call system, and would get no money from it from any source. The deal would be between Southwestern Bell and its Brackettville exchange customers.

We were involved in the installation of the 911 emergency response system in this region, and continue to coordinate the extension and improvement of that system, which has saved many lives in the area since it was put in place. We are proud of that involvement, and are willing to take whatever credit or blame anyone wants to give us.

We are not, and will not be, involved in the extended local calling arrangement, beyond providing local leaders with the information they need to help their citizens evaluate the options available to them.

I hope this clarifies the situation and will correct any misconceptions that may have been created by Mr. Townsend's column.

Paul Edwards
Deputy Director of Operations
MRGDC

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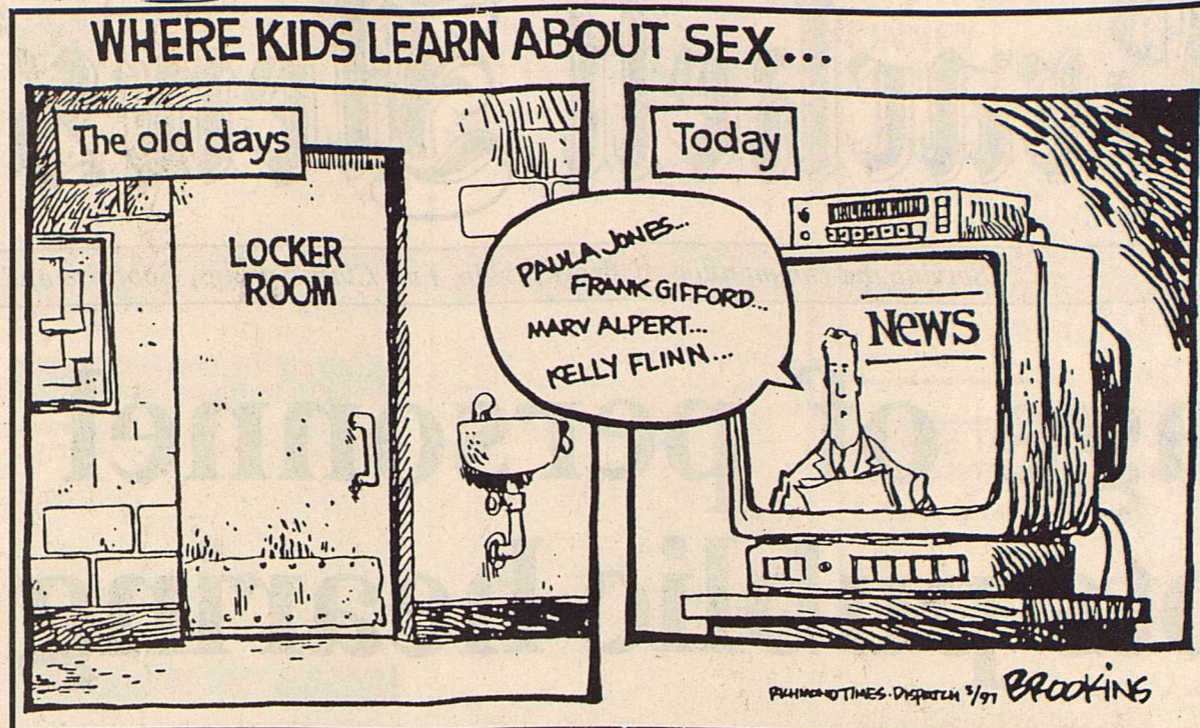
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Younger generations help to keep Seminole tradition alive

One vital segment of Brackettville and her history is too often overlooked. The Seminole Indian heritage is a rich part of the life of the community.

I was sharply reminded of this during the Juneteenth celebration. The nice parade and the entire festival was most refreshing.

Anyone who does not know the history of this group should listen and learn about them.

Every time they gather for a celebration or a funeral, I miss some of the "old timers" who have gone on to be with God. They are so depleted in numbers it is a little sad to see.

However, a younger generation

Between Us
By Joe Townsend



has taken up the responsibility and is keeping the tradition alive.

It seemed to me the celebration this year was the very best yet.

The big load is, as always, carried by a few, but more are becoming a part of the activities. It is heartening to see more of them becoming involved. The heritage is so strong it draws folks from coast to coast.

It is great to see these various

activities to remind us of the outstanding service rendered to this community.

The Seminole Cemetery is a real tribute to their concern. The four Congressional Medal of Honor winners buried there remind us of the heroic deeds of young men of this group.

Brackettville needs to be attuned to this group and their heritage.

Whose postal service is it anyway?

By Earl Heath
Association of Retired Americans

Benjamin Franklin's idea of a government-provided service to deliver communication to and from every citizen was radically democratic for its time and befitting for the revolutionary republic that had just formed out of 13 British colonies.

The Postal Service is still a vital agency with a charge to deliver mail to every address at a uniform price. Today, however, old Ben's institutional descendants have lost touch with their role in a democracy and seem to feel their monopoly on first class mail is secondary to running a discount house for the largest advertising mailers.

There is a prevailing attitude at the Postal Service that your birthday card to your granddaughter or the envelope that holds your mortgage payment are a nuisance.

"No bar code! No nine-digit zip code! No volume discount! What are you thinking?!"

Unfortunately, there is a bill (H.R. 22) now before Congress that would only exacerbate this trend. The Postal Reform Act would take this attitude and make it law!

The act proposes to allow first class stamp prices to be raised each year according to an index based loosely on inflation, plus or minus an "X" factor. That "X" factor says the increase can be adjusted up or down to reflect the efficiency of a category of mail.

Your inefficient birthday card to your granddaughter could see stamp prices rise automatically every year, even beyond the rate of inflation!

The bill's supporters claim it only establishes a cap on rate increases, but the same bill would allow excess revenue at the end of the year to be divided among postal employees in the form of a salary bonus. It even does away with the federal pay cap for postal executives to ensure they get their share of the booty!

In a very real way, this means the people deciding how much to raise stamp prices each year, would also be deciding how large a bonus they would receive. No matter how upstanding your ethics, it would be tough for anyone not to hit the limit each year. This is not the way to handle one of the most important services we receive.

We should not forget, as the Postal Service would apparently like us to, that first class mail is a monopoly. They push for many changes in their regulations by arguing they need to be run like a business. But it is illegal to send a letter any other way in this country. As long as a monopoly remains, we need strict oversight.

There is a body, the Postal Rate Commission (PRC), charged with oversight of the Postal Service. The PRC should be given the final say on mail rates. The Postal Service itself has that power now, which is outrageous for such a huge monopoly. H.R. 22 gives the power to an elite group of postal executives who would decide your stamp prices as they decide the size of their bonus.

Your congressional representative needs to hear from you that these ideas are unacceptable. Please call or write today, while the stamp is still 32 cents! Old Ben would be proud!

Agriculture is still a priority

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

When most Americans think of agriculture, they probably think of crops and livestock. But they should also think about the 'superhero' band-aid they put on their children's arm or the film they use to take pictures.

Why? Because these and many more are products of American agriculture.

Agriculture does not only provide us with food and clothes. It also provides jobs. Agriculture is America's top employer.

From start to finish, from growing food and fiber to selling it at the supermarket, more than 21 million Americans work in agriculture.

With Texans ranking second in sales of U.S. agriculture products, Texans are well aware of the importance of agriculture to our state and to our country.

Throughout this nation's history, agriculture has served as an economic foundation.

In Texas alone, the entire agricultural system pumps over \$45 billion into the economy. This contribution is the result of our investment in agriculture research, ensuring adequate crop production and securing fair markets for our farmers and ranchers.

Agriculture has taken its fair share of budget hits recently. Let's remember that the agriculture industry is a unique animal. Not only does it face the effects of world markets, it also is at the mercy of Mother Nature.

If we don't continue to support agriculture, we risk giving control of our food supply to foreign producers. That's a risk we can't take.

Tough fiscal times require all of us to tighten our belts, but it also calls for getting our priorities in line.

Instead of setting agriculture up as the budget cutting bulls-eye, we should look to where the money is being wasted.

How about downsizing the Department of Commerce where staff used government credit cards to fund their own fun and games?

Or better yet, why not eliminate the Department of Energy where the former secretary and her staff traveled around the globe and sent the bill to the American taxpayer?

These agencies do very little for the taxpayers. Instead of being forced to foot the bill for these little political empires, American taxpayers deserve to see their dollars support what works for America.

Agriculture is a great American success story. Today, one farmer feeds over 129 people. That is almost a threefold increase in production since 1960.

While American agriculture productivity is at an all-time high, producers are being asked to do more with less.

Thanks to the American farmer, people all around the globe enjoy top-quality food and clothing at reasonable prices.

This Congress should work to ensure that our farmers and ranchers have the resources they need to keep doing the great job they're doing.

A look back at the legislative session

By Antonio O. Garza Jr.
Contributing Writer

It's the end of the 75th legislative session, and the beginning of the end, I hope, of the sort of election irregularities that disturb the integrity of the ballot box.

As chief elections officer, I have been concerned about the participation of Texans in the political process. As I've said before, I want to encourage voter participation by providing every available option for ballot access, but we must make sure the voting process in Texas is secure and accurate.

Over the course of the 1996 election year, I heard from citizens across our state about problems they saw at the ballot box and it became clear to me that certain issues needed to be addressed. That's why I pushed for several election law reform proposals designed, among other things, to combat election fraud in our mail ballot process and help clean up our voter registration rolls.

I'm encouraged that those victories will pave the way for additional election law reform in the future and more confidence in the political process overall.

For instance, you may remember allegations that some voters were "double-registered" in different counties. Now, thanks to a Senate bill (SB 500) that provides for the inclusion of a driver's license number on a voter's registration, I hope to see a significant reduction in the number of multiple voter registrations on our county registration rolls.

The new law requires that the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) enter a voter applicant's driver's license number or personal identification number on any completed voter registration application submitted at DPS that is missing these items.

Thanks to this new law, it's now clear that our military and overseas voters in Texas get the same full voting rights as any other class of voters.

The new law also allows a voter registrar to cancel a voter's registration if the same driver's license number or personal identification number has been used to register to vote in another county.

I also heard from folks about the apparently high incidence of mail fraud occurring during the early voting period, targeted particularly at the elderly, the disabled, and others physically unable to go to the polls.

House Bill 1257 should discourage "friendly strangers" from visiting a mail ballot voter's home on the day he or she receives the ballot in the mail and "helping" the voter mark the ballot.

The new law delays the release of mail ballot application information, expands the penalties for mail fraud from a Class B to a Class A misdemeanor, and narrows the scope of where a mail ballot can be sent.

We also fought hard against efforts to disenfranchise our military and overseas voters. House Bill 331 clarified that those voting by Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) may receive a full ballot to vote in federal, state and local elections if:

■ They submit the FPCA on or before the 30th day before election day; or

■ They submit the FPCA after the 30th day but before the sixth day before election day and they are a registered voter at the address contained on the application.

Thanks to this new law, it's now clear that our military and overseas voters in Texas get the same full voting rights as any other class of voters.

The aim of this session was to send a clear message that electoral fraud would no longer be tolerated in Texas, and I think we've done that.

The new election reforms may not be perfect, but they are a positive step in the right direction. Texans deserve it.

Vacation was fun, but it's time for work

One week in Kentucky was a great time, but it is time to get back to work!

The rain that seems to be abundant throughout the country also permeated the Kentucky Bluegrass.

This week, I want to share some vacation stuff with you from the Great American Brass Band Festival of 1997.

The site was Danville, Ky. It is about 40 miles south of Lexington, the home of the University of Kentucky.

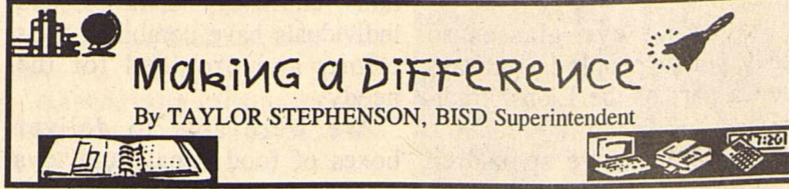
My wife and I were at the festival for two big reasons:

Our son, Michael, attends graduate school at Lexington. We get to see Mike about two times a year. He gets to come see us in Kinney County for Christmas.

The head of the Fine Arts Division at Centre College is Dr. George Foreman. Dr. Foreman was a trombone student of mine in Stanton, Texas, and also in Clayton, N.M. He's a fine musician. Better yet, a great organizer with grand ideas. He is the founder of the Great American Brass Band Festival.

On Saturday morning, we watched the Great American Parade. There was lots of rain falling during the parade, but it didn't seem to bother the bands or the crowd.

One of the bands played Sousa Marches while riding bikes from the 1890s with the large wheels in front. It was amazing to see folks pedal, steer and play Sousa. There was a Band Wagon made



especially for the parade which featured the Advocate Brass Band from Danville. The newspaper in Danville is named the Advocate. The proprietor has been a prime backer of the Brass Band Festival.

Closing out the parade came the Olympia Brass Band from New Orleans. They played slow marching tunes, like "When the Saints Go Marching In."

The parade watchers got in line behind the Olympians and marched along with some 300 colored umbrellas. Was fun and inspirational to watch!

Saturday night, The Great American Picnic was held. There were 23,000 people representing all 50 states, Canada and Mexico. Families packed picnic baskets, decorated their tables and sat and listened to some of the best brass music ever played in the USA.

We heard "Overture 1812," "Stars and Stripes Forever," "Trumpeters Lullaby," and "Buglers Holiday" as we listened and cheered band after band.

Dr. Foreman introduced me to the crowd as his high school band director and asked me to come and direct a number. He had chosen "Our Director," which happened to include a march trio that was the school song in Clayton, N.M.

What a thrill! I was nervous, but managed to direct, smile and sit down without embarrassing myself or my family.

Sunday morning, we attended a community church service where the National Capital Band from Washington, D.C., played. The Olympia band was there playing and there was a community choir. The service was an interdenominational gathering of about

5,000. It was a good one.

That's about it. The visit to Kentucky had been a fun one. While there, we got our own autographed copy of Coach Rick Patino's latest book. That was a big moment, but we were just as excited to see the lights of Brackettville and Fort Clark on our return.

Back at work at BISD. We'll begin soon to remodel the PCI building for the Alternative School. Our staff is close to complete. We're working hard on policy revisions, budgets, federal programs, and updates to our computer technology.

Have a good week!

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Sheriff's Report

Monday, June 16
11:30 p.m., Keith Allen McWilliams, 32, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism on a third degree felony charge for driving while intoxicated, for driving while license suspended, and for unlawfully carrying a weapon. McWilliams is currently being held on \$6,000 bond.

Tuesday, June 17
12:26 p.m., Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter was dispatched to the senior apartments in reference to a disturbance.

Thursday, June 19
11:30 a.m., Robert Hugh Tyer, 28, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Chism for failure to appear on a third degree felony charge of possession of marijuana. Tyer is being held in the Kinney County Jail and will be transported to Webb County this week, officials said.

Friday, June 20
9:00 p.m., A man at Mario's Bar was reportedly "bothering people and would not leave." Deputy Sheriff Vito La Gioia was dispatched to the scene.

Saturday, June 21
3:18 p.m., A disturbance was reported near Second Street. Deputy Sheriff Adrian Pena was dispatched to the scene and said everything was OK.

Sunday, June 22
1:00 a.m., Deputy La Gioia received a complaint concerning Juan F. Garcia-Lopez, who was wanted on a felony warrant from INS. La Gioia, assisted by Border Patrol Agents Jose Trevino and Jackie Heath, arrested Garcia-Lopez without incident. He was turned over to Border Patrol officials.

3:00 a.m., Deputy La Gioia was on routine patrol when he found the door open at the City of Brackettville's office building on Highway 90. La Gioia reported that everything appeared to be undisturbed. The building was secured and the incident was reported to David Martinez.

6:50 p.m., Three inmates at the Kinney County Jail were playing basketball when a fight broke out. The inmates were put in lock down for three days.

Monday, June 23
3:37 p.m., Jerry Lee Garza, 26, of Fort Worth was arrested by DPS Trooper Ashley on a Class B misdemeanor charge of driving while license suspended. Garza was released the same day after posting \$1,000 bail bond.

5:40 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that another man would not let him drive his truck. The second man said the first owed him money. Both parties were told to talk to the justice of the peace or the county attorney.

Community Calendar

Thursday, June 26
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

Monday, June 30
11:00 a.m., There will be a public hearing at the Kinney County Courthouse regarding the lack of EMS personnel to operate the ambulance service in Kinney County.

Tuesday, July 1
7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Wednesday, July 2
7:00 p.m., The Brackett Band Booster Club meets at the Band Hall.

Thursday, July 3
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.
6:30 p.m., The Brackettville Lions Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

Sunday, July 6
12:00 p.m., The Knights of

Columbus meet at Parish Hall.
Monday, July 7
1:00 p.m., The Fort Springs Art Club meets at the Art Studio on Fort Clark Springs.

5:30 p.m., The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees meets in regular session.
6:15 p.m., The Fort Clark Springs Old Quarry Society meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Tuesday, July 8
7:00 p.m., The Las Moras Masonic Lodge No. 444 meets at Lodge Hall on Ann Street.
7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Thursday, July 10
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.
6:30 p.m., The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets at Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

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Martinez: Lions Club has busy year

The following is a part of the annual report given by Lion President Ruben C. Martinez to the members of the Brackettville Lions Club:

Once again, a year has passed and it's time to review the club's activities for the last year.

During the past year, we have once again been very active in community activities.

The Lions Thrift Shop has had a wonderful year, being well received by the community. It is open on the first and third Saturday of the month.

The Thrift Shop serves a dual purpose, it enables people to buy items at bargain prices and the income that it provides is returned to the community in donations and services.

In August, we had our annual teachers appreciation luncheon at the school cafeteria. Over 100 teachers and employees of the Brackett school system attended.

I would like to thank June Kaminski and the school cafeteria staff for their help.

This is our way of thanking these dedicated people for the fine job they do helping the young people of the community.

In September, Irene Keddy, the school nurse, started eye screening Brackett students.

The Brackettville Lions Club was able to provide seven pairs of glasses to students that were

in need. Supplying eye glasses to needy young people has always been a part of the Lions' tradition.

On October, we sponsored our annual Kinney County Health Fair at the Civic Center.

There were 461 adults and 46 Brackett first graders in attendance; 368 people received flu shots and 135 people had their eyes screened in the new Lions Mobile Eye Screening Unit.

All those who attended the fair received valuable health information.

In November, we had our annual pecan sales and, as it was well received by the community, we were soon sold out.

Also in November, we had our first benefit golf tournament.

Money raised from the tournament was used to help the Boy Scouts and the Cub Scouts, and enabled the club to make a donation to the Kinney County Library and the Seminole Indian Scout Association.

Many thanks to the Fort Clark Springs Golf Club and its staff for their assistance.

In December, we helped with the community's annual Christmas Baskets for the Needy.

This is the 10th year that the civic and fraternal organiza-

tions, churches, businesses and individuals have combined their efforts and provided for the needy.

We were able to deliver boxes of food, treats and toys to over 100 families. Over 300 adults and children from the community were helped.

In February, we made a donation to Amanda Petrosky, a student at Brackett High School, so that she could attend a scholarship seminar.

In March, we had our annual Stride for Sight Walkathon and pancake breakfast. It was a delightful day with a large group of walkers and still more with a good appetite for pancakes and sausage.

Money collected from the walkathon and breakfast will benefit research efforts sponsored by the Lions Sight Research Foundation in San Antonio.

Also, this spring we made a donation to the Kinney County Aging Services.

In April, we again started selling snow cones at Little League games.

Money from snow cone sales, and a little extra, is donated back to Little League at the start of each year's season.

I would like to thank Fort Clark Springs Association and the board of directors for providing ice for this project.

In May, the Lions scholarship for \$600 was awarded to Amanda Meek, a graduating senior from Brackett High School.

Also in June, a donation was made to project graduation and a donation was given to help open the pool in Brackettville.

Although our club is named the Brackettville Lions Club, we only have a few members from Brackettville.

I am asking the people of Brackettville and Kinney County to be our guest at a dinner and meeting. We are in need of younger members with new ideas, leadership qualities and a desire to serve our community.

With new members, we will insure that our community will continue to be served.

After two one-year terms as president it is time to step down. Lou Sofaly, an outstanding long-time Lion will take over as president on July 1.

I wish him all the luck in the world and he can count on my support in all his endeavors.

I will continue my support of Lionism and the Brackettville Lions Club and be as active as possible in the club and its community projects.

In closing, I would like to thank the club members and all non-member volunteers that made it an easier and enjoyable year.

But I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall



Retirement, always a hot topic

Every time I'm around a group of people my age, the subject of retirement comes up.

A lot of the career teachers share a similar thought. They can hardly wait for retirement time.

More than once I have been

asked when I plan to retire. When am I going to hang up the chalk and gradebook?

I guess I might as well announce it in the newspaper. Let's put it in writing, once and for all, so there's no misunderstanding later!

I DO NOT PLAN TO RETIRE. Not ever!

Sorry to disappoint a lot of you, but I can't think of anything more enjoyable to do.

I hope this comes out right, folks, but the simple truth of the matter is, I'm not unhappy at my job. In fact, I actually like my work.

I have many fond memories of the young men and women whose lives I've touched. Maybe those moments haven't all been positive, but they have been rewarding in one way or another.

I've enjoyed working with the youths at BISD. It's been fun. But I could be wrong.

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Sorority News

Laureate Chapter hosts monthly meeting

The Laureate Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met last Monday at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

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

The minutes were read by the secretary, Lily Schwandner, and approved by the group.

The 1996-97 yardstick was prepared by Oleta Townsend and Orlean Riley, and approved by the group.

Breen won the door prize. Walela Gum presented the cultural program on brides since this is the traditional bride month. She had each member tell something of their personal marriage.

The closing ritual and mizpah were recited in unison. Then, punch, cake and coffee were served by co-hostesses, Gum and Schwandner.

Those present were Townsend, Riley, Breen, Gum, Schwandner, Hawkins Huey and Mildred Borden.

Pete's Sake Briefs ...

Ralston brings home numerous awards

BELTON, Texas - Fort Clark Springs' Shawn L. Ralston won numerous awards at the annual faculty/student banquet for Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine graduates at the Bell County Expo Center.

Ralston, who was recognized as an honor graduate, was the recipient of the Lange Medical Publications Award for outstanding academic performance, consisting of a certificate and free medical books.

She also received the Anthony Van Leeuwenhoek Award for Excellence in Microbiology, the Award of Merit for the Top Student in Pathology, and the Outstanding Student in Pediatrics Award.

Ralston was presented the Outstanding Internal Medicine Student Award, and the "Unsung Hero" Award was given to Ralston's husband, Trevor Daniel, DVM.

Ash receives degree

BROWNWOOD, Texas - Brackettville native Jason Ash received the Bachelor of Arts degree May 17 during Howard Payne University's commencement exercises.

Ash was a December graduate with a major in religious education.

Shahan named to President's List

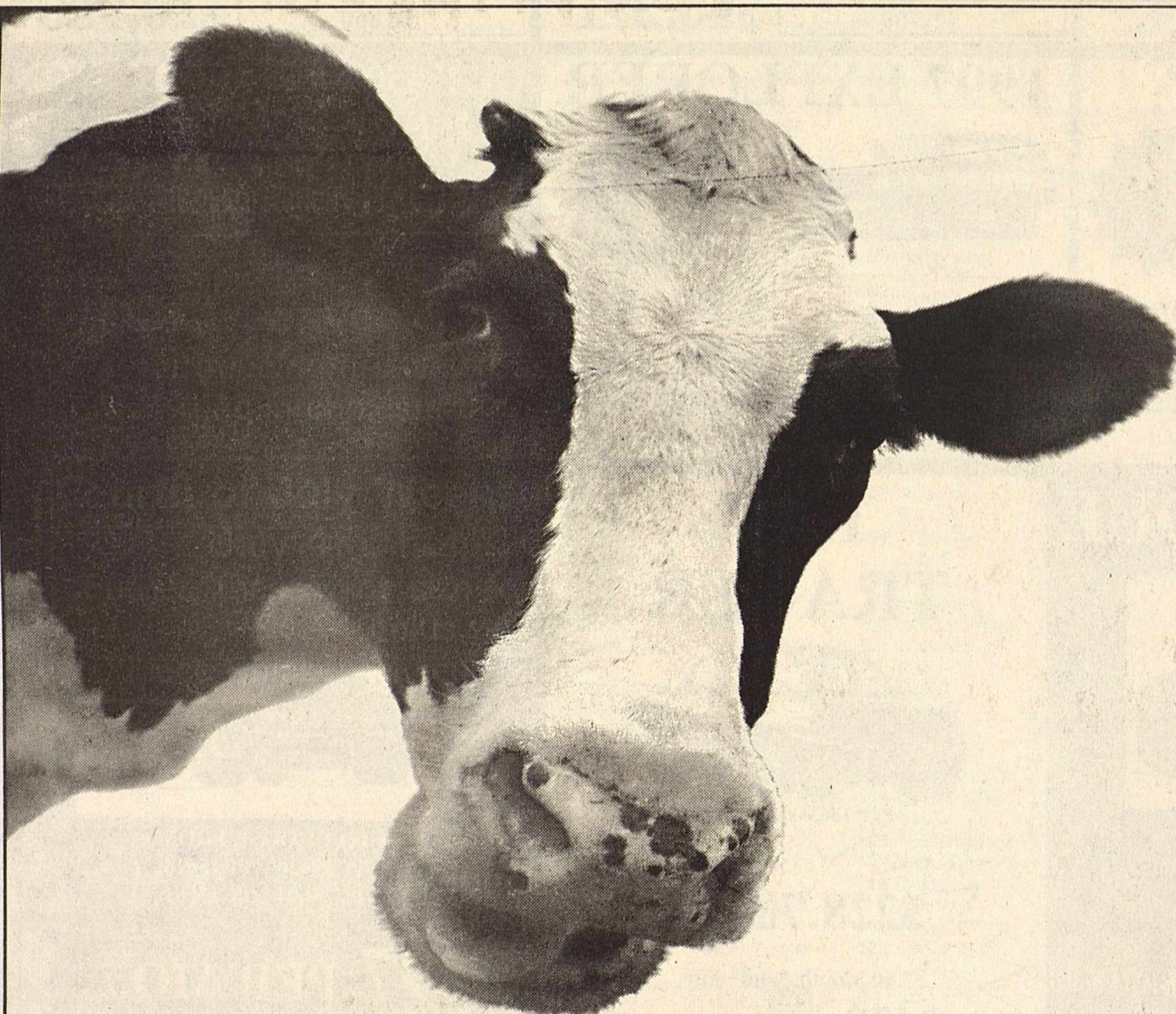
ABILENE - Jared Shahan of Brackettville was listed on Hardin-Simmons University's President's List for the spring semester.

Shahan is a 1996 graduate of Brackett High School.

The President's List requires taking at least 12 semester hours and completing all courses with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitución que aparecerá en la boleta el día 9 de agosto de 1997. Si usted no ha recibido una copia del informe en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 a por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711

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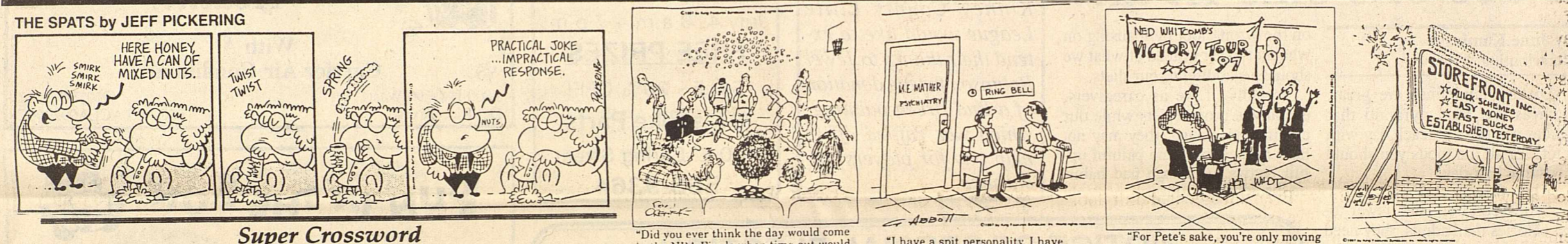
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1	Pump, for one
5	Menotti title character
10	Address Gertz
14	Gladys
17	Kinney's group
18	Combs of baseball
20	Prohibited
21	Muscat's nation
22	Locality
23	'80 Belushi/Akroyd film
26	Transmission setting
27	Pile up
28	Barnyard belle
29	Highlighted
30	Like some stockings
32	G.P.'s org.
34	Staff
35	Ali, formerly
36	Vaughan vocalization
40	'62 Everly Brothers song
47	Propelled a raft
49	Least loopy
50	Jacket feature
51	Collar a crook
53	Appetite stimulants
55	Cholesterol controller: abbr.
56	Sour
57	Borodin's "Prince —"
58	Ornamental tree
62	"Ethan —"
63	Mil. base
64	Asian nation
65	"Deep Space Nine" role
66	Balkan area
68	Hebrew text
69	Hwy.
70	Big pigs
71	Served pudding
74	Butter bit
75	Politician
76	Part of PST
79	Pigeon hangouts
80	'82 Tijuana Brass hit
83	Pindaric letters
84	Wine-producing site?
87	Nuremberg numeral
88	Annually
89	Pt. of the whole
90	Tie type
91	Ready for dinner
94	Sheer fear
95	'56 Prestley tune
99	Singer — King
100	Doris Day refrain
101	Caustic substance
102	Soaked
104	Henner of "Evening Shade"
107	Slangy sib
108	Watch pocket
111	Bass Cesare
115	End-of-semester ordeal
116	Francoise Sagan novel
121	— lily
122	Notes from Verdi?
123	Campion's concern
124	Merlin of football
125	Eastern European
126	Clockmaker Thomas
127	Menial laborers
128	Manuscript imperative
1	Circle of friends
2	Amused exclamation
3	Utah city
4	Exile isle
5	Tucked into the tortellini
6	Monstrous
7	Singer Lane
8	Piece of brass
9	London lavatory
10	Bach, to buddies
11	Mass communication?
12	Damage
13	Brazen
14	Tropical treat
15	Midwestern land
16	Condor country
17	Beppu brew
19	Wagner heroine
24	"Gomer Pyle —"
25	Characteristic
31	Head line?
33	Horace's " — Poetica"
34	Booker T. & the —
35	"Suspect" star
36	Have a little salmon?
37	Jazzman Chick
38	African plants
39	Short-timer
41	Old Testament title
42	Jodie Foster film
44	Dam org.
45	Gold brick?
46	Mother Judd
48	Chinese radishes
52	La — Tar Pits
54	Disturb the peace?
56	"My — Dads"
57	Levin and Gershwin
59	Alum
60	Diva
61	Poem of praise
62	Sortied
66	Nat or Natalie
67	Perk up
68	Stocking sufferers?
69	"Go team!"
70	"Pride and Prejudice" name
71	Oozo maneuver
72	Pirate accessory
73	Shaped like Humpty
74	Child welfare org.
75	"Mefistofele" composer
76	Kind of soup
77	Edgar — Poe
78	Bonnie's beau
81	Rachel's sister
82	Fishhook part
84	Soprano Ileana
85	Goya's "Duchess of —"
86	Neither's partner
90	Songwriter Jacques
91	Permission
92	Get by, with "out"
93	Morning moisture
96	Author Isaac
97	Ahab's adversary
98	Not as much
103	Ballplayer Fuentes
104	Kid's creation?
105	Chen Lu maneuver
106	Hindu rhythm
107	Agitated state
108	Humruts
109	"Beetle Bailey" bulldog
110	WWII weapon
112	Elver's folks
113	"Hey, you!"
114	"Understood!"
117	Vein contents
118	Diamond authority?
119	Taxing org.
120	Adjective suffix

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

Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Instead of indulging in sarcasm, bite your tongue this week. Things pretty much go your way, especially on the social scene later in the week. Feel free to enjoy yourself.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The business ideas you come up with this week are new and exciting. However, you have an unfortunate tendency to make ill-advised remarks. Guard against that.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A philosophical matter has you and a friend debating early in the week. Both of you make good sense. New opportunities come your way that could improve your income.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The focus early in the week is on home life. Later, feel free to enjoy happy times with friends. Romance is heavily favored for the weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Two areas of disagreement between spouses concern money and business. A loved one is out of line by getting involved with your affairs. This weekend, the accent is on socializing.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Being glib and making flippant remarks puts off people early in the week. You're just trying to be funny, but not everyone appreciates your sense of humor. Home life is favored this weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A silly spat early in the week has you and a loved one on the outs. However, you soon patch things up and make happy plans together. Travel could be on your agenda this weekend.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You have a minor dis-

agreement with a loved one about money. For the most part, though, it's a great week for getting out and enjoying yourself. Romance is a plus over the weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While you're normally handy, it's not a good week to tackle a do-it-yourself project. You're not at your most efficient this week. The weekend is best spent relaxing and catching up on rest.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A controversial issue has you and a family member on the outs. Put things in perspective. The situation is not one that affects either of you directly.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You receive an unexpected social invitation early in the week. Try to clear your schedule so that you can accept it. You are communicating well with others.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You are a bundle of energy this week and manage to finish some long-delayed projects. Tend to yourself instead of thinking about socializing as the weekend approaches. Your time is best spent in meditation.

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June 27	Rubie Kelley	July 1	Ben Fuentes
June 27	Joe Rivas Jr.	July 1	Antonio Ramos
June 28	Leah Fuller	July 1	Reuben J. Talamantez
June 29	Ernest Hall	July 1	Richard C. Ward Jr.
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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is accepting job applications for the position of Career Case Manager II for the Uvalde Career Center. Applicants must possess a high school diploma or GED certificate and have prior experience in workforce development programs such as JTPA or other federal/state program requiring a high degree of interpersonal skills and ability to prepare program participants for the workforce or self-sufficiency. Preference will be given to applicants who have an associate degree or a minimum of 30 academic college hours. Two years of direct work experience may be substituted for each 30 college hours or two years of related work experience may be substituted for each year of direct experience. All applicants are required to be computer literate and be able to use a word processor effectively. Applicants must have proof of liability insurance and should be able to travel in and out of the nine county region when requested. Some overnight travel may also be required. Salary range for this position is \$16,767 - \$20,379 negotiable based on experience. Persons interested in applying must send a resume and/or file an application with MRGDC and send copies of transcripts to: Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Director of Administration, Middle Rio Grande Development Council, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs Texas 78834. A copy of the job description and application for employment are available upon request. Applications and/or resumes will be accepted for this position until 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 20, 1997. 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 information please contact our VOICE and TDD telephone number (210) 876-3533.

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PROPOSALS

THE MIDDLE RIO GRANDE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AREA AGENCY ON AGING, hereby solicits proposals to provide the following services: Nutritional and Supportive Services (Transportation), and Legal Assistance Services under the Older American Act of 1965, Title III, as amended, to Senior Citizens of the Middle Rio Grande region. Services

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PROPOSALS CONT.

are to be provided in Dimmit, Edwards, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, Real, Uvalde, Val Verde, and Zavala counties. Proposal period will be from October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1998. To obtain a complete copy of the request for proposal packet, please contact: Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Director, Middle Rio Grande Development Council, P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834, (210)876-3533. Proposal Packets will be available on or after June 20, 1997. A bidders conference will be held June 24, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the MRGDC Central Office - Conference Room at 307 W. Nopal, Carrizo Springs, Texas. All proposals must be clearly marked "Sealed Bid-Do Not Open," Attention: Ramon S. Johnston. The deadline for submission of proposal is July 31, 1997, 5:00 p.m. at the Middle Rio Grande Development Council (Central Office), 307 W. Nopal, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834. Proposals may not be submitted through the use of facsimile machines. 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. The MRGDC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. Changes in state or federal legislation may result in a requirement to renegotiate contracts at any time (before or during the contracted period.)

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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

Notice is hereby given that Rio Grande Electric Cooperative, Inc. (the "Utility") intends to change rates for electric service effective August 28, 1997, or as soon thereafter as may be permitted by law. Based upon the test year ending December 31, 1995, the proposed rate changes result in a decrease of \$329 or 0.0% compared to adjusted test year revenues. The changes are applicable to all areas, all customer classes, and all customers served by the Utility.

Information concerning the proposed rate changes, including the proposed customer, demand, and energy charges applicable to each class of service, the estimated effect on revenue by customer class, and a brief description of the applicability and type of service for any new class of service which is proposed by the Utility is available at the general office of the Utility, located at Highway 90 at FM 131, Brackettville, Texas 78832, or will be provided upon request to any customer by mail without charge. Inquires should be made to Mr. Daniel G. Laws, the Utility's President/Chief Executive Officer, at (210) 563-2444.

The Utility has filed a copy of this Notice of Rate Change Request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78701. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Public Information Office at (512) 936-7140. The deadline for intervening will be July 14, 1997 (45 days after filing the notice with the Commission.)

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