

The Brackett News

Early voting begins on property tax cut
See story below

9th year, No. 24

Serving the communities of Brackettville, Fort Clark Springs, Spofford and Kinney County

1 Section, 8 Pages

Judge, commissioner indicted

Sergeant arrested on charges of theft and abuse of official capacity

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Kinney County Judge Tommy Sargeant and County Commissioner Joe Montalvo were indicted by the grand jury on Monday on charges dealing with appropriation of highway guard rails.

Sargeant posted \$1,000 bond Tuesday after being served with the indictment. He faces charges of theft and abuse of official capacity.

"I am disappointed to see these charges brought, particularly since my integrity has never been questioned before," Sargeant said Wednesday. "I have spent a great deal of time in public office.

"I am disappointed to see these charges brought, particularly since my integrity has never been questioned before. I have spent a great deal of time in public office. I had nothing to do with misappropriating any property."

Kinney County Judge Tommy Sargeant

I had nothing to do with misappropriating any property. I am confident that justice will prevail."

Montalvo is out of state on business, according to officials, and will be served when he returns. Because Montalvo has yet to be served, the contents of the indictment have not been made public.

Sargeant faces three counts in the indictment. Count 1 says that the grand jury found sufficient evidence to indict Sargeant of theft of property, valued more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.

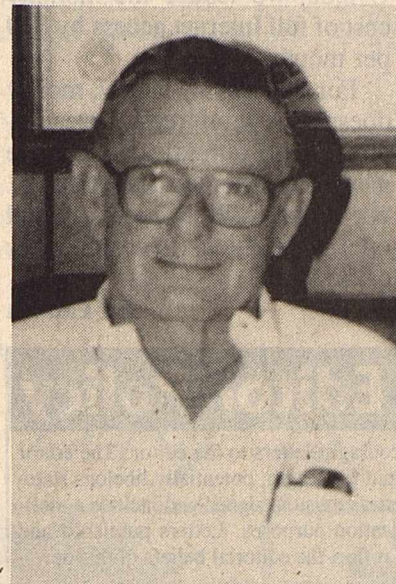
Count 2 says that the property came into possession by virtue of Sargeant's status as a public official.

Sargeant is said to intentionally misuse government property in Count 3, involving highway guard rails valued at more than \$20 and less than \$500.

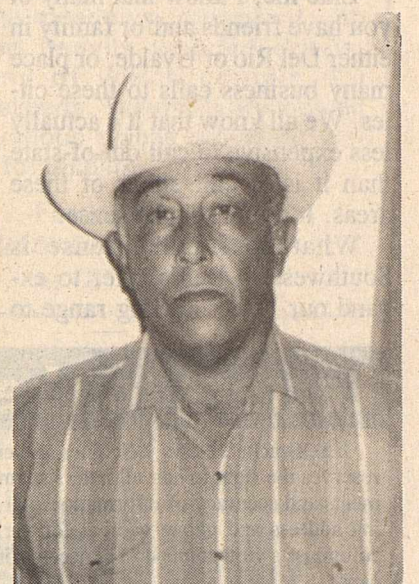
Counts 1 and 3 are Class A misdemeanors. Each offense is punishable by confinement for a term not to exceed one year in county jail and/or a fine not to exceed \$4,000, according to District Attorney Tom Lee.

"If a jury determines that second count to be true, it would elevate it to a state jail felony," Lee said.

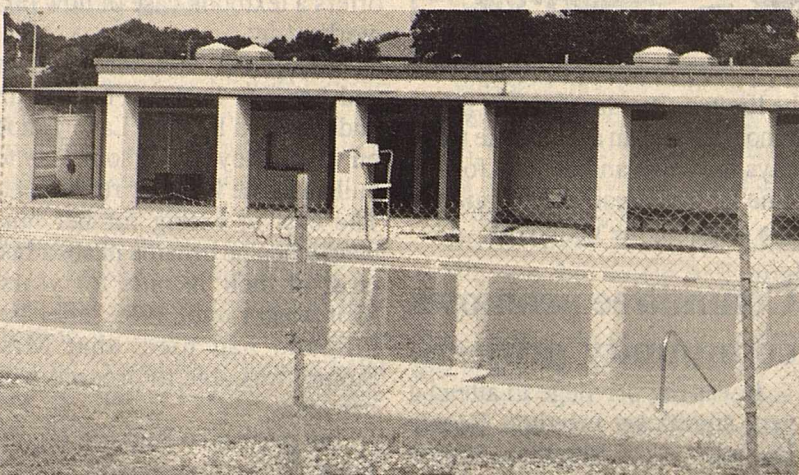
Texas Ranger Johnny Allen was a witness for the state at the grand jury in the indictment of Sargeant.



TOMMY SERGEANT



JOE MONTALVO



After months of hard work, local citizens have found a way to open the county pool for local children.

Citizens open county pool

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

After months of work by local citizens, the Kinney County pool was finally opened Wednesday.

When the pool failed to open at the beginning of the summer, Martha Hooten began efforts to make the facility operational. Those efforts proved to be successful.

The pool is able to operate through donations from Kinney County, the city of Brackettville, area churches, non-profit organizations and individuals.

Officials are asking for additional help in the form of volunteer adult supervisors and organizations to operate the concession stand. To volunteer, call Alma Gutierrez at 563-3139. To make donations, call Hooten at 563-2688 or 563-2728.

The pool will be open on Tuesday through Saturday from 2 to 8 p.m. Fees are 50 cents for children under 10, and \$1 for anyone older than 10.

No children 10 years old or younger will be allowed in the pool area without an adult, 18 years or over, staying with the child.

A signed waiver will be required for all pool entries. A parent must sign a waiver for each child, 17 or younger. Once a waiver is turned in, it will be kept on file.

Early voting begins on property tax cut

Early voting has begun across the state as Texas voters are casting ballots on a proposed billion-dollar property tax cut for homeowners - the vastly scaled-down result of state lawmakers' exhaustive and sometimes combative efforts earlier this year.

Kinney County has had 19 voters turn out early to cast their ballot on the tax cut proposal.

"We have had a very good turnout; 19 is outstanding for only three days," District Clerk Dora Sandoval said on Wednesday.

"It's very important to come out and vote early, especially for people who are going to be out of town on Aug. 9," she said.

Early voting began Monday and will continue through Aug. 5. Hours for early

voting at the Kinney County Courthouse are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"If citizens are going to be out of town, they're over 65 or disabled, they may request a ballot by mail by picking up an application or calling the clerk's office," Sandoval said.

The official election day is Aug. 9. Polling places in Kinney County are Sator Hall, Precinct 1; High School Auditorium, Precinct 2; First Baptist Church Annex, Precinct 3; and the Kinney County Library Annex, Precinct 4.

The proposed constitutional amendment would cut school taxes by expanding the current homestead exemption from the minimum of \$5,000 to \$15,000.

For example, a \$100,000 home would be taxed on \$85,000 if the plan passed. The result would reduce school property

taxes by an average of \$142 a year, or about \$12 a month.

Gov. George W. Bush, who launched the property tax reform movement with a much grander proposal, notes the plan would be the largest tax cut in the state's history.

It may be, but it is a far cry from his original plan to slash local school property taxes annually by \$3 billion, mostly by expanding or raising taxes and implementing a new business tax.

It is the only amendment on the ballot. Another constitutional election is set for November, but lawmakers wanted this proposal decided earlier so homeowners could get the tax break this year.

"Historically, a ballot with propositions does not generate as much voter

excitement as a ballot featuring candidates and contested races," said Secretary of State Tony Garza. "Even though the Aug. 9 ballot will contain only one proposition, that doesn't make this constitutional amendment any less important to Texas."

In addition to deciding whether to increase the homestead exemption, voters are being asked whether senior citizens whose property taxes have been frozen through law should be allowed to transfer that freeze if they sell one home and buy another. They currently cannot make such a transfer.

The tax-cut plan put before voters is what Bush had to settle for after House and Senate leaders failed to reach a compromise on two dramatically different proposals.

The proposals would have increased other taxes or expanded the tax base to pay for the property tax cut in varying degrees. The proposed plan uses \$1 billion in savings from the state budget.

Consumer advocates note the proposed tax cut is progressive because all Texas homeowners get the same percentage of savings, whether they have a \$70,000 home or a \$1 million mansion.

But they also have complained that the proposal would do nothing to help the nearly 40 percent of Texans who rent.

However, Bush said the proposal could help renters who want to own homes. He said an exemption could make it easier to own a home, particularly for lower-income Texans.

The Republican governor is optimistic the amendment will be ratified.

INSIDE

■ Joe Townsend

The local sheriff struck a nerve when he requested that all county employees receive a "substantial raise."

Opinion/Page 2

■ Inside look at D.C.

Wendy McDaniel described the seven weeks she recently spent in Washington, D.C., at last week's Rotary Club meeting.

Lifestyles/Page 4

■ Taylor Stephenson

This past week, we were reminded of the need for water when it was not available at the beautiful Fort Clark Springs golf course.

Community/Page 5

INDEX

- Classifieds8
- Community5
- Crossword6
- Deaths7
- Health8
- Lifestyles.....4
- Opinion.....2-3
- Outdoors8
- Religion7

9th year, No. 24
8 pages

New signs featured at Fort Clark Springs

Two new signs have been installed at Fort Clark Springs this last week.

One is an 8-foot by 8-foot lighted sign at the front gate to announce the upcoming events. The other is at the old Town Hall, with a new look of "Post Theater," and a marquee at either end for the events.

These projects were sponsored by last year's Anniversary Committee, and funded totally by monies raised in the sale of the "Dual Anniversary Button."

The Anniversary Committee consisted of Linda Conrey, Dianna Daniels, Helen Peck, Jack Schram, Charlene Simmons and Howard Skelton.

The committee would like to thank all of those who helped make these projects become a reality.

On Fort Clark Springs, a big thanks to Genell Hobbs in the office for her support, and to the head of maintenance, Bob Walker, and his men who helped on different aspects of the sign building, including Rudy Luna, Joe Martinez, Gus Sandoval, Joe Avila, Florentino Felan, Honorio Valdez, and Henry Salmon.

"These signs took some real team work to reach completion and with help from the very valuable volunteers from Fort Clark Springs," Schram said.

Each person put a minimum of six hours on different facets of the project, including Schram, Simmons, Skelton, John Ford, Don Sandwick, John Mattingly and Harrell Floyd.



Post Theater at Fort Clark Springs.



A new lighted sign has been erected at the front gate of Fort Clark Springs.
Brackett News Photos by J.J. Guidry

Letter to the Editor

Three and a half dollars worth

Finally, in a time of spiraling costs, here is a rare opportunity that actually squeezes real value out of the dollar. After all, what can we buy today for only \$3.50 - a box of cereal, one third of a haircut, one sixth a tank of gas, one-twentieth of a monthly utility bill, and sadly the tax on a weekly grocery bill, not much.

But now, from such an unlikely source as Southwestern Bell, a real value has been proposed for us to vote on.

Like me, I know that many of you have friends and/or family in either Del Rio or Uvalde, or place many business calls to these cities. We all know that it's actually less expensive to call out-of-state than it is to call either of these areas. It doesn't make sense.

What does make sense is Southwestern Bell's offer to expand our "free" calling range to

include these areas for only \$3.50 more per month.

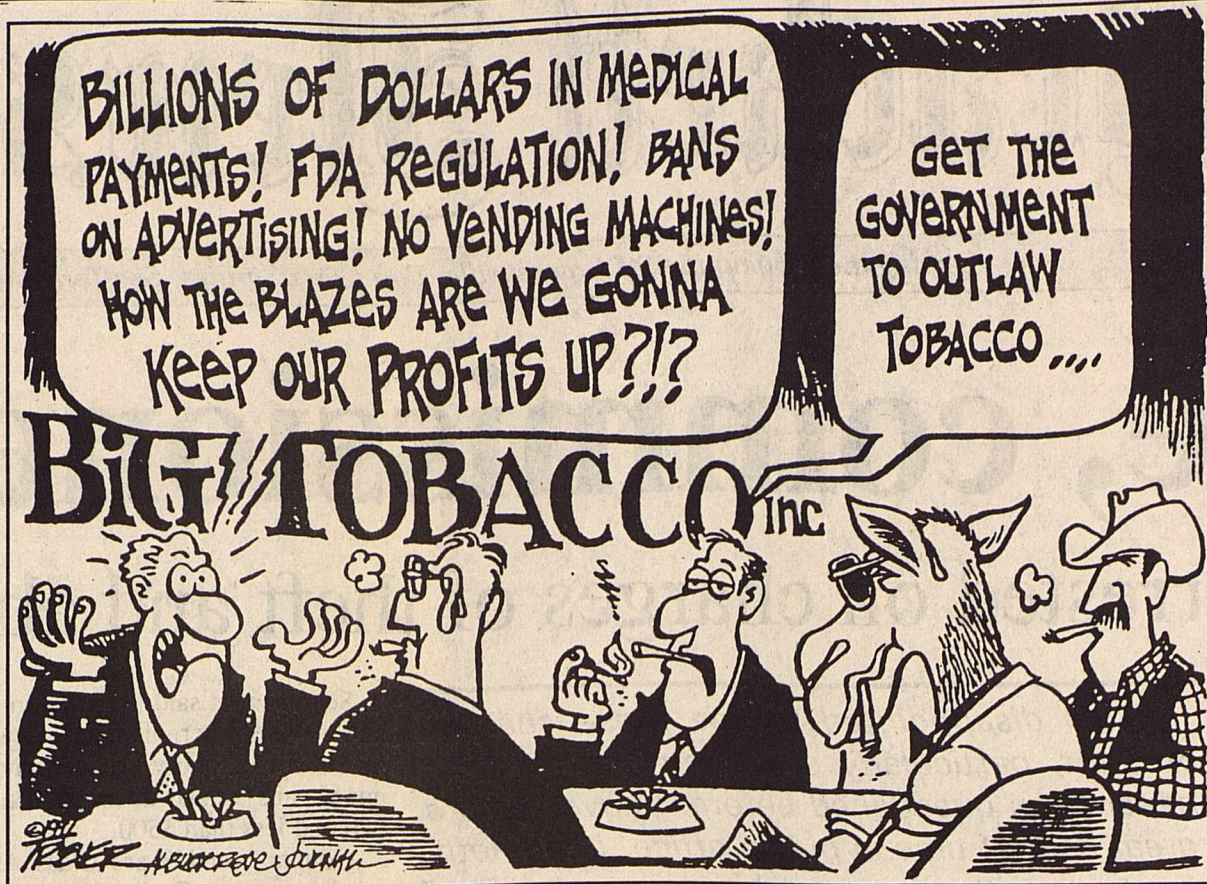
As we move into the 21st Century, technology is becoming an increasingly important aspect of our daily lives.

What I have seen of the Internet is nothing short of amazing. The opportunities for education (youngsters and adults), communication, and entertainment are endless.

By expanding our "free" calling zone to include Del Rio and Uvalde, we reduce the monthly cost of full Internet access by \$10 per month.

For me, and my family, money doesn't grow on trees. I use coupons, seek out sales, and have grown accustomed to "sniffing" out bargains. Well, here's a good one! Vote "yes" to expand our calling area!

Ed Garcia



Sheriff's request for raises strikes a nerve

The local sheriff, L.K. "Buddy" Burgess struck a nerve in his recent appearance before the Commissioners Court when he requested that all county employees receive a "substantial raise."

I've not researched it enough to know whether or not "all" county workers should have a raise.

I do know that every person I know wants a raise. Teachers want a raise. Judges, both state and federal, want a raise. Legislators and congressmen want a raise.

Every working person should be paid adequately for what he does, not because he wants more money. There must be taken into consideration the money source and amount.

It is easy to demand more money when taxpayers can be assessed for the demands.

However, the raw nerve the sheriff rubbed was the diatribe about sick leave.

It is a fraud, however legal, to give money and call it sick leave when the respondent is not sick. I'm certainly for sick leave. I firmly believe that when a person is truly sick and unable to work, remuneration is in order. Even this can be abused, but there is no way to make a person to be honest.

Between Us
By Joe Townsend

However, to be paid a full salary, well paid I might add, and then pay that person again because he wasn't sick is a travesty.

The sheriff's statement that when he retired he received a year's pay for accumulated sick leave makes me nauseous. I do recognize he retired from an agency that is the monetary darling of the legislature.

After the persecution of former sheriff Norman Hooten, the diabolical treatment of others relative to this case and the treatment of the public by the contingency focus to aid in drug interdiction.

I certainly would not hold this agency up as a role model. The working patrol is a necessary and most beneficial part of life, and have, generally, my utmost respect.

The decision on giving away unearned money, however, is a decision from the top.

If any agency wants to give a bonus for days worked and not being sick, let it be honest and not call it sick leave.

The county probably has a sick leave policy which logically would

be limited. But the idea that if one is not sick he can accumulate these days for years and be paid for the time he has already been paid for is a scam on the taxpayers.

Committee promotes community projects

It was my privilege to attend a very significant meeting. Bonnie Herndon and Martha Hooten called together a group representing a wide variety of community interests. The primary purpose of the meeting was to get the county's swimming pool open.

Much legwork had already been done prior to the meeting, with guidance and direction given by Albert Payne.

These ladies manifest a great concern and effort toward the project. A corollary to this idea was the establishment of a committee to foster and promote other projects vital to the community.

This committee is a fine idea with tremendous possibilities. These fine ladies deserve all the support necessary to carry out their ideas.

Capitol Comment
U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Rights shredded

I read a great quotation in Forbes magazine a few months ago. It's from James Bovard's book, *Lost Rights*.

He writes: "While courts have created new due process rights for welfare recipients, disruptive school children, and criminal defendants, the rights of farmers, homeowners, parents, and businesses have been shredded. The modern idea of due process appears to be to permit citizens to exhaust their life savings fighting court battles against heavy-handed government agencies."

It seems to me, as well, that people who raise their families, pay their taxes, obey the law, keep up with their mortgages and mind their own business are the only ones for whom our society has carved out special rights. Quite often they are treated as if their lives, property and livelihoods are of little consequence.

The government's treatment of an 82-year-old California woman offers a textbook case of how this works.

Back in the '70s, Mrs. Suitum and her late husband bought an undeveloped lot near Lake Tahoe on which they hoped some day to build a home for their retirement. The cost of caring for her husband when he became ill absorbed most of their income for years, so it wasn't until 1989, after her husband had died, that Mrs. Suitum was able to proceed with her plans.

But predatory land-use regulations, driven by narrow special interests, had a surprise in store for her.

Although her lot was in a subdivided area, surrounded by existing houses and streets, she was told she could not build because her property was in a "stream environment zone." Run-off from her lot might (just might) pollute Lake Tahoe.

Only after an expensive, protracted legal battle did the U.S. Supreme Court finally rule earlier this year that she had been unfairly and unconstitutionally denied the use of her property. Poor Mrs. Suitum. For the elderly especially, justice delayed is justice denied.

Congress has enacted laws requiring that the economic impact of proposed new regulations be determined.

There are countless other examples of this:

■ The Internal Revenue Service has announced plans to raise taxes on limited partnerships, a rule change that would impose tax increases on tens of thousands of small businesses, although Congress rejected this proposal less than four years ago.

■ A night club in Bellevue, Washington was assessed a \$4,500 fine under the Americans with Disabilities Act because it did not have a wheel-chair lift attached to its stage for disabled dancers.

■ The EPA requires local drinking water suppliers to test for 25 additional contaminants every three years, regardless of whether they occur locally or pose any actual health risk. This costs municipal utilities millions annually, which must be passed on to citizens in the form of higher utility bills.

These are but a few of many depressing examples of government run amok. But there are reasons to believe that fewer such instances will occur in the future.

Congress has enacted laws requiring that the economic impact of proposed new regulations be determined. This is slight progress, but we need more. And what we really need most in federal regulations is simple: common sense.

Letters to the Editor Policy

The Brackett News welcomes and encourages letters to the editor. The editor reserves the right to edit all letters submitted for length, potentially libelous statements and accuracy of information. All letters must be signed and include a mailing address and phone number for verification purposes. Letters published and columnist's viewpoints do not necessarily reflect the editorial beliefs of this newspaper.

Big Mama Sez!

No more bacon for Tommy!

The Brackett News

Member of

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

ADDRESS:
Editorial and publication offices are located at 507 S. Ann Street, Brackettville, Texas, 78832. Telephone: 210-563-2852. Fax: 210-563-9538.

PERSONNEL:
Jewel Robinson, Publisher; Wes Robinson, Managing Editor; J.J. Guidry, News Editor; Dimple Henry, Office Manager; Cindy Vasquez, Typist.

SUBSCRIPTION:
Subscriptions and change of address should be sent to: The Brackett News, P.O. Box 1039, Brackettville, Texas, 78832. Be sure to give both old and new address when requesting change.

Annual subscription rates are \$20 in Kinney County, \$25 outside of county but in Texas, and \$27.50 outside of Texas.

MEMBERSHIP:
Texas Press Association.

DEADLINES:
Display advertising deadline is noon Tuesday for advertising to be composed for the current publication; noon Wednesday for advertising that is completely camera ready and for which space has been reserved.

Classified and Legal Notice advertising deadline is noon Tuesday.

Deadline for news releases is noon Tuesday.

ADVERTISING:
Rate information is available by contacting publishers. Advertising material, other than that supplied by the advertiser, is protected under various copyrights and is the exclusive property of The Brackett News. Material is provided as a courtesy for use only in The Brackett News.

Any other reproduction or use will be charged for at standard rates.

USPS 003987
Published weekly on Thursday by The Brackett News. Entered as Second Class Matter at the U.S. Post Office at Brackettville, Texas, under the Act of March 3, 1878.

POSTMASTER:
Send address changes to The Brackett News, P.O. Box 1039, Brackettville, Texas, 78832.

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the pages of The Brackett News will gladly be corrected upon being brought to the attention of the publisher.

To subscribe to **The Brackett News** please clip this application and mail to:

The Brackett News
P.O. Box 1039
Brackettville, TX 78832
or drop by our office at 507 South Ann Street (next to the bank)

Rates:
In County \$20.00;
Out of County \$25.00;
Out of State \$27.50.
Please include check or money order.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY/ST/ZIP _____

New Subscription Renewal Change of Address

Beware of the TEKS

By Donna Garner
Contributing Writer

Get your scissors. Cut this letter out, and put it in a safe place. When the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) document comes rolling into your school district, go and retrieve this letter.

When the time comes for you as an educator to spend meaningless, frustrating hours in staff development just trying to figure out the jargon of the TEKS, head toward this letter.

If, as a teacher, you find yourself locked in "turf wars" as you and your fellow teachers try to decide within your school district what elements should be taught at each grade level (with little help from the TEKS, which repeat almost the very same elements over and over again within grade clusters of K-3, 4-8, and 9-12), you should locate this letter.

If you are a parent and become frustrated when you try to figure out exactly what the TEKS say your child should learn at each grade level, run and find this letter.

If you see that your school district is beginning to shift its curriculum from knowledge-based upon subjective measurements instead of objective criteria, don't forget this letter.

If your circumstances require that your child must move to a new school during the school year and you find that the new school has completely different curriculum requirements, remember the contents of this letter.

When the above-mentioned scenarios arrive at your door, and they will, remember the Texas Alternative Document (TAD).

The TAD uses explicit, easily understood language. When we TAD writers had to use terms which are not commonly used among the general public, we defined them, inserted helpful charts, and other supportive information.

The TAD is specific to each grade level with the skills increasing in depth and complexity as

the child progresses from one grade to the next. The skills are knowledge-based and include a strong emphasis on phonemic awareness (the sub-sounds of the English language), phonics, grammar, spelling and vocabulary, and reading skills.

The TAD includes a literary emphasis at each grade level complete with literary terms and suggested literary selections in grades Pre-K through 10. In grades 11-12, the TAD lists specific literary works, periods, and/or authors, the teaching of which would give students a common body of shared knowledge.

The final version of the TAD can easily be accessed and downloaded from our web site of <http://www.htcomp.net/tad>.

If you prefer to order a hard copy, you may call Kinko's 24-hours a day in Waco at (254) 776-7763, or you can fax them at (254) 776-2020. The cost is \$10 for duplication and \$3.50 for shipping.

The writers of the TAD claim no authorship or copyright privileges. That means that if a person has one copy of the TAD, he can run an unlimited number of copies.

Our goal is to find corporations, foundations, philanthropists, and private citizens who really want to make a difference in children's lives. We want to make sure that every teacher has a copy of the TAD. Because the TEKS are so broad and generic, the TAD (and "anything else known to man") can be easily aligned.

As a classroom teacher myself, I believe that if a teacher has the TAD in his classroom, he will certainly use it because it is written by teachers for teachers. Under the TAD, every teacher, parent, and student would know exactly what should be taught and learned at each grade level.

Let's do this for the kids.

■ **Editor's note:** Donna Garner is the lead writer of the Texas Alternative Document.

Lawsuit dumping underscores need for loophole closure

By Ralph Wayne
Contributing Writer

The recent dumping of 3,000 non-Texas cases in Harris County only a day before changes in state law took effect to stop this very practice epitomizes an abuse not only of our system of justice but our notion of justice.

It also illustrates why the Texas Legislature passed and Gov. George W. Bush signed legislation to plug the loophole that has turned Texas into a judicial junkyard for out-of-state lawsuits.

Senate Bill 220, sponsored by Sen. Teel Bivins of Amarillo and Rep. Rob Junell of San Angelo, is an important victory for Texas taxpayers and for Texans who have had to compete with out-of-state cases for time in their own court system.

Passage of this far-reaching measure marks an important point in our ongoing efforts to restore fairness to our civil justice system. It is part of the steady-yet-strong progress needed to strike a balance that our liability system has unfortunately lacked.

In recent years, the Legislature, under the leadership of Gov. Bush, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney, has made headway toward ending many of the abuses that have plagued our civil courts. This progress demonstrated the extent of the Legislature's bipartisan spirit and the depth of its commitment to Texas.

This year, the Legislature continued its work by closing the out-of-state lawsuit loophole. Because of this loophole and a series of legal hurdles, Texas judges were barred from using their own discretion to send these non-Texas cases back. What's more, our law allowed non-Texans to file cases here even though they were time-barred in their home states and couldn't be filed there.

By the time SB 220 was passed, more than 46,000 out-of-state cases were already clogging Texas courts. The 3,000 cases dumped in Harris County - filed the day before the governor signed the legislation into law - expand the backlog to more than 49,000.

By some estimates, half of these non-Texas cases were brought to our state

because they were no longer valid in the claimant's home state. In effect, Texans' tax dollars have been paying for a court system clogged with thousands of cases that were barred in the state where they belong.

Under Senate Bill 220:

■ The loophole in state law that has allowed our state to become a dumping site for other states' lawsuits is closed. This applies to cases involving aircraft, asbestos and railroads.

■ Out-of-state asbestos cases filed between Aug. 1, 1995, and Dec. 31, 1996, may remain in Texas if the plaintiff agrees to submit to punitive damage laws enacted by our state in 1995. The other option available to the plaintiff is to transfer the claim to another state's court system.

■ Non-Texas asbestos claims filed on or after Jan. 1, 1997, are subject to transfer if the defendant agrees that the same claim refiled in another state will be treated as if it was filed on the same day the claim was filed in Texas.

■ Judges have greater discretion to

transfer claims that have no connection to our state. This change applies to all out-of-state personal injury claims.

In one of the most far-reaching provisions of SB 220, out-of-state residents would have to file out-of-state claims in Texas within the time period allowed by the statute of limitations in the state where the action arose. Importantly, this provision applies to all out-of-state personal injury and wrongful death claims filed by non-Texas residents.

Plugging the out-of-state lawsuit loophole was at the forefront of our legislative efforts this year. With the ongoing leadership of members of the Legislature, Texas continues to move into the mainstream of civil justice law. That is good news for Texas taxpayers and Texas businesses alike.

■ **Editor's note:** Ralph Wayne is president of the Texas Civil Justice League, the oldest and largest civil justice reform organization in the country, which proposed and actively supported legislation to close the out-of-state lawsuit loophole.

WHY LEASE?

Own your own part of the Texas Hill Country for as little as \$695.00 down and \$125.25 per month at 9.75% financing. Based on 20 acre tract with minimum down payment.

The Leona Ranch, located 15 miles north of Brackettville, Texas, in Kinney County, on FM 674, has an abundance of white-tail deer, javelina, turkey, quail, dove, rabbits and squirrels. Other non-game species include feral hogs, wild Spanish goats, raccoons, ringtails, fox, bobcats and a few mountain lions.

The terrain of the Leona Ranch is varied, consisting of plateaus covered with scrub-brush and grass meadows, intermixed with deep heavily wooded draws, many of which contain dry creekbeds. Windmills are located in various places providing water for wildlife.

For information call
(210) 563-2961 8-5, M-F,
or (210) 563-2077

Bureaucrats can learn this lesson

By Henry Bonilla
U.S. Congressman, District 23

This week, a 12 year-old girl did what many thought was impossible. She fought the federal government and won.

Alexis Milmine of Midland confronted bureaucrats at both the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency after the agencies moved to take her asthma inhaler off the market because of potential risks to the ozone layer.

In their fury to protect the ozone no matter how small the threat, these bureaucrats forgot about protecting people.

For example, Alexis and her mother both suffer harmful reactions to the other asthma inhalers on the market. But still the EPA and FDA were ready to sacrifice their health for the tiny amounts of chemicals these inhalers emit into the air.

This story is another classic example of government bureaucrats ignoring common sense. Did the EPA ever consider that this little girl, her mother and who knows how many other asthma sufferers would have no suitable alternative if this inhaler was not available?

With the billions of taxpayer dollars they get, couldn't they invest a nickel of it in common sense?

The EPA's current push to tighten the rules on ozone, what we call smog, and particulate matter, what we call dust, once again shows their lack of common sense. The EPA says that these stricter rules will make America healthier. But the EPA still has a lot of how, when, where and

why's to clear up before any real benefits of its stricter rules are clear.

We have not seen the EPA's reasons behind stricter clean air rules, but we have seen the forecasts of what life could be like if the rules are imposed.

First, these proposed rules could cost 280 urban and rural American counties billions of dollars. Americans could see higher gas prices, forced car pooling or even restrictions on backyard barbecues thanks to the EPA's plan. These are high costs to pay for only a marginal benefit from stricter clean air rules. Still, the EPA is gung-ho with going forward with its plan.

Frustrated by all the lingering unanswered questions and EPA's failure to justify its proposal, this Congress is working to get answers.

Legislation recently introduced in the House of Representatives, the Clean Air Standards bill, would force the EPA to give the American people the facts so they can decide for themselves about the new clean air rules. We may drag the EPA kicking and screaming, but we will get answers to these important questions.

The EPA should learn a lesson from Alexis Milmine. She got her facts together and presented her case clearly.

The EPA, on the other hand, apparently doesn't have the facts and is avoiding telling us the real story. Their own scientists question these new regulations, but the bureaucrats won't stop.

I guess they just expect us to sit back and trust them. The American people are the ones who will have to foot the \$6 billion bill. They deserve answers.

BIG SAVINGS BIG SAVINGS

0 Down and \$183.48 per mo/60mo

97 ASPIRE



Stk #F4745
SALE PRICE \$9,146 plus TT&L

MSRP.....\$10,755
FACT. REBATE.....(\$1,000)
G & B DISC.....(\$609)

YOU SAVE \$1,609

* 0 down payment plus TTL w/app. credit. 7.55% APR. 60 mo. total finance charge \$1,862.80. Total payments \$11,008.80.

\$1,000 REBATE OR 2.9% APR - 48 MO.

97 ESCORT



Stk #F4269
SALE PRICE \$11,499 plus TT&L

MSRP.....\$12,225
FACT. REBATE.....(\$1,000)
G & B DISC.....(\$726)

YOU SAVE \$1,726

* Rebate in lieu of special 2.9% APR financing w/app. credit.

\$1,000 REBATE OR 4.8% APR* - 48 MO.

97 CONTOUR



Stk #F4428
SALE PRICE \$12,995 plus TT&L

MSRP.....\$16,630
FACT. DISC. PK.....(\$795)
FACT. REBATE.....(\$1,000)
G & B DISC.....(\$1,840)

YOU SAVE \$3,635

* Rebate in lieu of special 4.8% APR financing w/app. credit.

**4.8% APR for 48 mos.*
5.9% APR for 60 mos.***

ALL NEW 97 EXPLORES

In Stock



* With approved credit

\$1,500 or 1.9% APR for 48 mos.*

ALL NEW 97 CROWN VICTORIAS

In Stock



* Rebate in lieu of special APR financing w/app. credit

***Plus TTL w/approved credit. Sale Ends 7/30/97 ***See us for details**

Answers to Super Crossword

37. GAWK SWAIN GHULLA MARIS NATIONAL LEAGUE CY YOUNG AWARD

46. GREENYAMBORINE RAISEE

51. SAINO NOOKS GAME BEE

68. UGH SMOU ELG SEDA

128. 129

FUN IN THE SUN

We're having the most fun on the Border!

Save money on your car loan with BFCU!




Spin the Wheel of Savings for discounts!

BORDER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Call 774-Loan Today!

600 E. Gibbs Building 336
Del Rio, TX Laughlin AFB, TX

PROGRAM CARS

<p>96 MYSTIQUE</p>  <p>#PC15611</p> <p>\$249⁹⁹ PER MO. & \$0 DOWN*</p> <p><small>*0 down plus TTL w/app. credit. Sale price \$12,461.30 plus TTL 7.55% APR. 60 months financing. Total payments \$14,999.40 Finance charges \$2,538.10</small></p>	<p>1997 TRACER</p>  <p>PC# 15636</p> <p>\$228.70 PER MO. 6 Months and only</p> <p>SOLD</p> <p><small>*W/approved credit. Sale Price \$11,899 plus TTL. Amt. Financed \$11,400. 60 Months. 9.90% APR. Total Payments \$13,722. Total Finance Charge \$2,322.</small></p>	<p>97 ESCORT</p>  <p>\$232 PER MO. 60 MO & \$0 DOWN*</p> <p>Plus TT&L</p> <p><small>*W/approved credit. Sale price \$10,900 plus TTL. 9.90% APR. Total of payments \$13,920. Total finance charge \$3,020.</small></p>		
<p>79 FORD T-BIRD</p> <p>#C15625A \$495*</p>	<p>79 TOYOTA COROLLA</p> <p>#C4649A \$895</p>	<p>86 CHEVY CAPRICE</p> <p>#C4644A \$1,450</p>	<p>83 FORD MUSTANG</p> <p>#C15424B \$895</p>	<p>89 FORD ESCORT</p> <p>#C15594A \$1,995</p>

***All Prices Plus TTL Sale Ends 7-30-97**

GRAF & BARTON FORD LINCOLN/MERCURY Inc.

2700 Hwy 90 West (210) 775-7481 Fax 774-2027

Engagement



MARY ALICE CORDOVA and MICHAEL B. AGUILAR
Cordova, Aguilar announce engagement

Mary Alice Cordova, daughter of Abraham and Lupe Cordova, is engaged to Michael B. Aguilar, son of Luis and Jovita Aguilar and grandson of Pedro Benites Sr. and the late Jovita Benites.

Her fiance graduated from St. Gerard High School and St. Phillip's College with an associate's degree. He is with the U.S. Navy, stationed in Jacksonville, Fla.

The bride-elect graduated from Lanier High School and attended OLLU. She is employed by Quaker State Corp.

The couple plan an Aug. 9 wedding at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in San Antonio.

McDaniel gives inside view of Washington to Rotary

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

After hearing the speaker for last week's meeting, members of the Brackettville Rotary Club agreed they had been privileged to share a unique adventure experienced by a very special person.

Wendy McDaniel described the seven weeks she recently spent in Washington, D.C., as an intern to Republican Congressman Henry Bonilla.

The 1993 graduate of Brackett High School earned a degree in agricultural communications from Texas Tech University in May. She made the decision to delay job hunting to take advantage of this opportunity.

McDaniel worked with Bonilla's legislative assistants handling incoming correspondence, writing press releases, she gave Capitol tours, drafted constituent correspondence, and worked as Bonilla's scheduler for a week.

When the staff person who usually served as photographer was not available, McDaniel volunteered to take photos of visitors with Bonilla and afterward

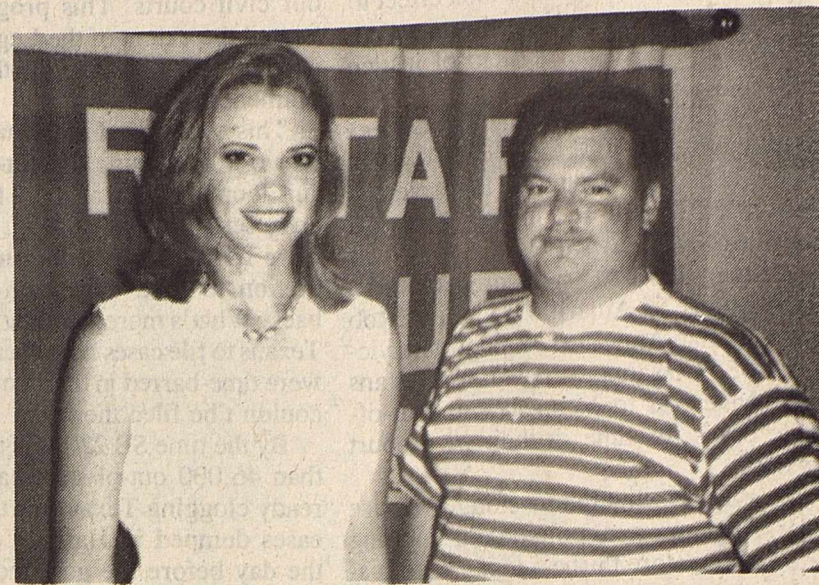
was requested to do so again.

McDaniel met many interesting people. Some worked full time, some were there for only a short time. Some were famous. She met Bob and Elizabeth Dole, Newt Gingrich, Ted and Joseph Kennedy, many members of the Texas delegation, and interns, like herself, from across the nation. One high point was meeting Debra Knapp Bonilla, whom she had always admired.

McDaniel said that the people she met were fascinated with the state of Texas and the fact that she was from a "small town."

The Washington pace was rapid, but she took advantage of every opportunity to complete her duties and expand on them where possible. While others may have gone home for a well earned rest at the end of the work day, McDaniel often stayed at the office. This was easy to do since she lived at George Washington University, which is two blocks from the White House.

On the Fourth of July, McDaniel viewed the fireworks from the south lawn of the White House. She also attended Mother Teresa's medal of honor ceremony.



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

Among the sights which impressed her were the Lincoln monument and Arlington Cemetery. Her favorites were the Vietnam and Korean War memorials.

McDaniel could have stayed in Washington. She received job offers there and leads or offers at other locations. However, she decided Washington was "a nice place to visit", but her ties to Texas were too strong. She will now pursue a career in Texas in the field of communications.

Rotary members responded enthusiastically to Wendy McDaniel's zest for life, her confidence without arrogance, and the determination to succeed at anything she tries.

Rotary member Taylor Stephenson said McDaniel was a shining example of the fine students this school system has produced.

McDaniel was the 1993 recipient of the Rotary Club scholarship.

Backyard cooking ... without a grill

There's nothing quite like it, sipping a cold drink while hamburgers, hot dogs, steaks or chicken sizzle on the grill. But did you know that backyard cooking is possible without a grill?

A compost pile can "cook" your disease-free vegetable matter, changing it from grass clippings, straw and chopped leaves into nutritious mulch.

Building a compost pile can be fairly simple. First, find a place for your compost. Then drive four 5-foot wood or metal stakes one foot into the ground. Fence in three sides with chicken wire - leaving one side open for easy access. If you'd rather, you can purchase a prefabricated compost unit.

Your compost pile should be at least three feet in diameter and four feet high to build a hot internal temperature that gets it "cooking."

Green and Growing

By Dr. Ellen Henke John Deere Lawn & Garden Expert

Never use meat or bone - they attract flies and create odors. Also avoid adding diseased plants or lawn clippings that have recently been treated with herbicides or weedkillers. John Deere suggests waiting at least four mowings after the lawn's been treated before composting grass clippings.

Build your compost pile in 5- to 10-inch layers for best results. Sprinkle a 10-10-10 fertilizer - that's 10 parts each of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium - on top of each layer, and add a dusting of lime to prevent odor. Cover each layer with soil.

To keep "cooking" at the right temperature, your compost must

remain moist, so leave a depression in the top of the pile to catch rain.

During dry spells, water your compost. And turn your compost regularly so that the drier outside portion is folded inside where the internal heat and microbial action can break it down.

Composting is really quite simple, and the reward makes the effort worthwhile.

By composting, I convert my yard waste to highly enriched soil and cook without the grill. This is my "gardener's gold" which helps to promote an abundance of beautiful blooms and tasty vegetables!

But, I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall

Advise - 25 cents
Good advise - \$25

Are you ready for more? My mind has really been racing. What if the doctors are wrong?

What if exercise is really bad for you? Maybe couch potatoes will actually live longer than the rest of us. Is there a chance that lettuce is in fact more fattening than ice cream? I shutter at the possibility.

What are the odds that haste doesn't make waste? Think for just a moment about some of the things we've been told. Don't look a gift horse in the mouth.

I have since learned (on my own I might add) that you'd better check that sucker over very carefully. Check him over and then send him back!

Hard work never hurt anybody! I've always wondered about that one!

And probably the worst advice I ever got in my whole life: Money can't buy happiness. Ha!!! Maybe you can't buy happiness, but with enough money you can darn sure rent it! But, I could be wrong.

Smoke From Nakai

By Nakai Breen

Se-Oh
I will continue the talk about death. Some tribes bury their love ones in a sitting position, some are on a scaffold, some are put inside caves, others are stuck in crevices. Some tribes have a death chant before or after the person passes on.

Once the person has gone on, food, blankets and tobacco is brought to the house of the departed one. A wake is held all night while the person is being dressed with a complete regalia. Some paint (not war paint) is used and an eagle feather is put somewhere on the body.

It is said that death is a delusion and a restoration of the spirit. It is only a deep sleep, a nocturnal sleep, and during that time we borrow the grandmother spider to weave a thread to send us on our way.

We then use the wings of the butterfly, with all the rainbow colors, to travel to the other side. Then, and only then, will we wait for our love ones to join us.

With all love and respect to the departed ones, Ahoe. Nakai

Anderson wins first at Poker Run

The recreation department of Fort Clark Springs sponsored a Golf Cart and Bicycle Poker Run on July 19, and Gerry Anderson won the top prize with "4 Kings" in the best five cards out of seven for \$20.

The crazy poker had a second place contest with the lowest number score using ace's as one. Pack Waddill won that prize with 13.

The players drew the first card at the recreation building and were given a map to follow, and drew a card back where they started.

This first poker run was set up to have a lot of winners with bonus prizes given for "One-Eyed Jacks," "Ace of Spades," and "Red Sevens." It worked out that 89 percent of those that played won something, and fun was had by all.

A watermelon feed was held at the Adult Recreation Building following the poker run, and everyone compared their hands.

Harrell Floyd of the recreation department said that because of the response and fun had by all that he would have more "Poker Runs" this year.

Pete's Sake

Saw friend Bob in the mall the other day, and stopped to chat a bit. Knowing that Bob and his wife have been married for twenty odd years, I was a bit surprised to notice the labels on the boxes he carried: flowers, perfume and lingerie.

"What ever are you buying those things for?" I blurted out, before thinking, then started to apologize.

"It's alright," he said with a grin. "Some men, when they get to middle age, start looking around for greener pastures. But I... well, I figured I'd just fertilize the one I've got!"

The odd habit her husband had developed was becoming unbearable. He couldn't say a single sentence without snapping his fingers.

After a lot of tearful persuasion, the wife finally prevailed upon him to go to see a psychiatrist.

While the "Shrink" interviewed him, the irritating quirk quickly asserted itself. "How are things at home?" the psychiatrist asked. "Are you happily married? Ever quarrel with you wife?"

"Oh, (snap) hardly ever. She is the finest women a (snap) man could ever wish for. We are very much (snap) in love."

"How about work? Do you get along well with your boss?"

"Just great (snap). He's Probably the (snap) best man I've ever known. Great (snap) guy. I consider him (snap) my very best friend."

"Tell me," the psychiatrist asked, "did you ever feel resentful toward your father or mother?"

"Oh, no (snap). They were wonderful parents. The greatest. They were (snap) always loving and kind, (snap) patient and understanding (snap) say."

The doctor was growing desperate by now. He inquired, point blank: "Then why this compulsion to snap your fingers all the time?"

"Oh, that (snap), the patient replied. "That's perfectly simple. I (snap) do that to keep the (snap) elephants away."

"But, good Lord, man," the psychiatrist cried, "Don't you know there's not an elephant loose within two thousand miles?"

"See? (snap)" said the patient. "Effective, isn't it?"

Editor's Note: If you enjoy these stories and comments, send for a free sample of Post Story Book. Write Pete, Box 712, Kingsport, TN 37662.

RENO'S RENTALS

Motor Graders	Jack Hammers
Back Hoes	Bulldozers
Trenchers	Man Lifts
Bobcats	Welders
Party Supplies	Portable Toilets
Air Compressors & More	

974 E. Main • Uvalde, Texas 78801
(830) 278-8234

Authorized dealer for Stihl,
Echo-Homelite-Murray, MTD, and More

Use your scissors here.

<p>\$7.95</p> <p>Save \$2.00</p> <p>Adult Cut \$9.95</p> <p>MasterCuts</p> <p>Great Haircuts. Great Prices. Guaranteed.</p> <p><small>No double discounts. Valid for your entire family. NA2</small></p>	<p>\$5.95</p> <p>Save \$2.00</p> <p>Kids Cut \$7.95 (12 years and under)</p> <p>MasterCuts</p> <p>Great Haircuts. Great Prices. Guaranteed.</p> <p><small>No double discounts. Valid for your entire family. NK2</small></p>	<p>\$1.00 Off</p> <p>Any Product</p> <p>MasterCuts</p> <p>Great Haircuts. Great Prices. Guaranteed.</p> <p><small>No double discounts. NH1</small></p>
--	--	--

And we'll use ours here.

Plaza Del Sol Mall

775-1122

MasterCuts

family haircutters

Great Haircuts. Great Prices. Guaranteed.

Mechanical problems leave Fort Clark's golf course dry

The lifeblood of communities is water and air. This past week, we were reminded of the need for water when it was not available at the beautiful Fort Clark Springs golf course because of mechanical problems.

Obviously, golf courses need water. The Fort Clark Board and Municipal Utility District Board hustled to find answers to this one. I'm appreciative of their efforts to try to find a solution to the problem rather than to try or lay blame. Their efforts will pay dividends for our community.

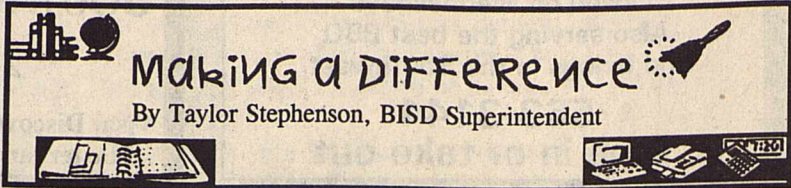
Speaking of water, the rain Monday night and all day Tuesday was wonderful. As of 4 p.m. Tuesday, an inch and a half of rain had fallen at our home. I hope you had more.

The courtside was betting brown again. Our local fireman resident, Ruben Buentello, had just told me of the need for rain and of his concern about grassfires. So, once again the skies opened up, and the lifesaving liquid poured from the Heavens. Nice!

Budget Workshops

The Board of Education has been busy this week. Two special work sessions on budget were held.

Dixie Brown, business manager for BISD, and I have worked hard to try to make accurate forecasts of revenue and expenses for this year and for the next one. The Board guides our efforts and helps us to maintain community expectations.



Constitutional Amendment

The election to be held on Aug. 9 is an important one for taxpayers and for the schools of Texas.

On Aug. 9, you have a chance to lower your property taxes on your homestead. The amendment would increase the exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000 for each homestead owner in Texas.

If you had a home on the tax rolls valued at \$45,000, the home would continue to be valued at \$40,000 if the amendment does not pass. If it does pass, the value would be dropped to \$30,000.

For school taxes this past year, the tax rate was \$1.2529 per \$100 of value.

School taxes on the \$40,000 home would be \$501.16. School taxes on the same home valued at \$30,000 (if the amendment passes) would be \$375.87. So, this taxpayer would save \$125.29 a year or about \$10 per month.

The money to make up the difference in lost local revenue has been set aside from budget savings at the state level. So, the way I figure it, we have a chance to cut our own taxes. That doesn't happen much anymore. I'll be there voting on Aug. 9.

There's another reason that I would like to see the amendment pass. The teacher salary raise for the next year won't be funded if

the amendment fails.

That's right! According to the information that I have all of the increases in teachers salaries in Texas are tied to this amendment. I don't know why, it's just the way that it is.

Teachers work very hard at BISD. We have good ones and hope to keep it that way. For those reasons, I hope that you will help support this amendment by taking the time to vote on Aug. 9.

Texas Business Council

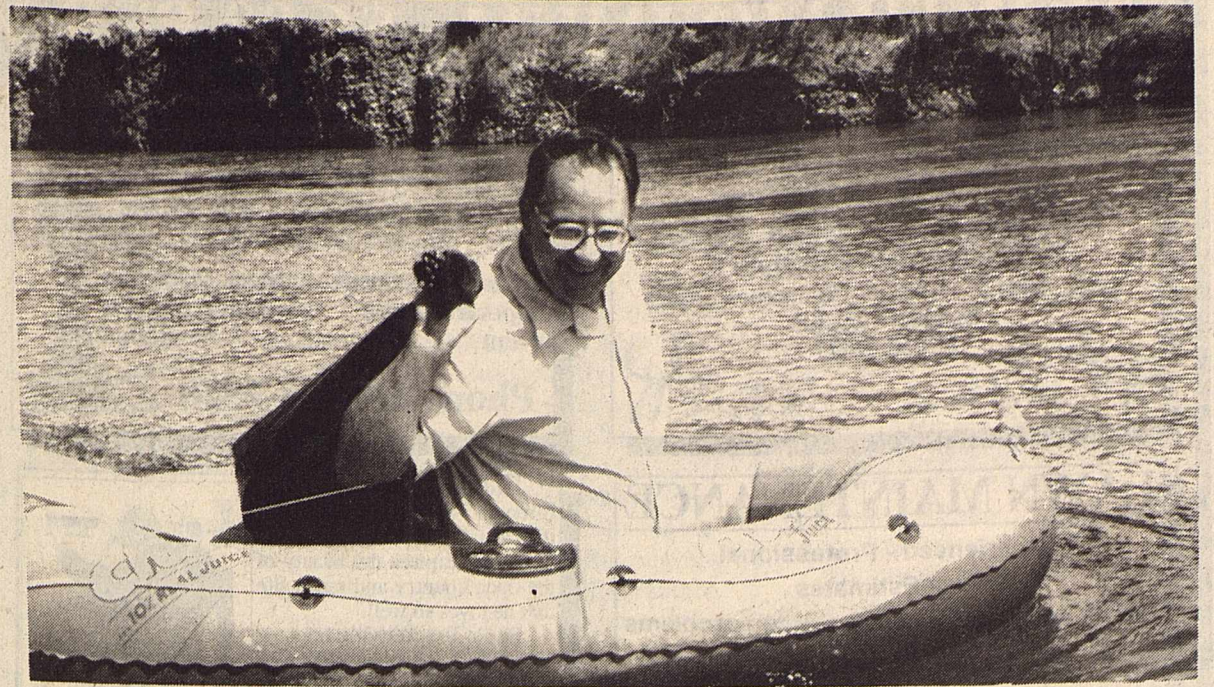
We had an outstanding presentation by the Texas Business Council on Texas scholars. The idea is for high school students to help themselves by taking the more difficult courses.

The initiative would include a partnership with local businessmen in talking to our eighth grade students and in encouraging them to take the difficult classes.

There's much more, but students who look for the easy way out of school usually find that they were cheated when it comes to preparation for a career.

By becoming a Texas Scholars, students insure a better future for themselves. Employers can hope for better prepared workforce.

Hope the rain keeps falling on my head! How about you? Have a great week!



Postmaster Ivan Woodard crosses the mighty Nueces River below Barksdale last month in an inflatable raft, proving one instance of the famous postal motto. Following torrential rains, washed out bridges and a 28-foot rise of the Nueces River, Woodard left his home in Roaring Springs, east of Camp Wood, to ensure the postal service was performed. Photo by Myndee Phillips

First South African Angora goats sold in United States since 1925

The first registered South African Angora goats to sell in the United States since 1925 were sold at the 10th Annual Hobson, Haby, Lockhart, Ross, Speck Production Sale in Kerrville on July 12.

Robert Stewart of Clifton, Texas, purchased one of the pure South African bucks for \$4,000. The other pure South African buck went to Jene and Sue Nissen of Marshall, N.C., for \$3,650.

The partnership was pleased with the buyer interest shown in the two pure South African bucks, the Texan/South African cross goats, and the pure Texan Angora Goats offered in this sale.

Buyers were from Arkansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Texas and Virginia.

Seventy-three goats were sold for an average of \$503. This included 26 does that averaged \$361 and 47 bucks that averaged \$582.

Volume buyers include the Nissens, six head for \$4,850; Robert Stewart, one head for \$4,000; L.C.

Hengst, seven head for \$3,100; the Lawrence Lawwills, six head for \$2,425; the H.T. Sites, four head for \$1,775; Carl Pendergrass, five head for \$1,750; the Freddie Flachs, two head for \$1,700; the Lawrence Helbigs, four head for \$1,600; and Bloodworth Brothers, three head for \$1,575.

The high selling doe was pure Texan sold by Speck to the Bloodworth Brothers for \$675. The second high selling doe was a Ross half South African that went to H.T. and Cynthia Sites for \$650.

The two high selling half South African/Texan Speck bucks went to Robin Giles and Freddie Flach for \$1,000 each. The high selling pure Texan buck was sold by Speck to Haby and Haby for \$975.

The Hobson, Haby, Lockhart, Ross and Speck families express their sincere appreciation to everyone that participated in or assisted with this history making event.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Thursday, July 10

8:00 p.m., A Kinney County woman reported seven illegal aliens at her ranch. Border Patrol officials were notified.

Friday, July 11

1:26 a.m., EMS officials reported that their ambulance broke down. County Judge Tommy Seargeant was contacted and said that he wanted the ambulance taken into Del Rio and repaired the next day. Officials contacted Rio Trailer Wrecker Service to tow the ambulance. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism transported the EMS officials to Brackettville.

11:12 a.m., A beer keg which had been reported stolen was found fully intact at the cemetery.

8:00 p.m., Blake Orlando Payne, 20, of Summerville was arrested by DPS Trooper Tom Wylie on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear on charges of theft and booked into the Kinney County Jail. He was released on July 15 after posting a \$10,000 bail bond.

Saturday, July 12

12:32 a.m., A Brackettville man reported that his girlfriend's son had broken the rear window and driver's side window of his car with a bat. He said that he wanted to press charges. Deputy Sheriff Adrian Pena went to the suspects residence, but he was not at home.

2:30 a.m., Lerma Lee, 48, of Marble Falls was arrested by Trooper Wylie on outstanding warrants for failure to appear, no liability insurance and no seat belt and booked into the Kinney County Jail. He was released on July 15 after posting a \$1,000 bail bond.

4:47 p.m., A two-vehicle accident was reported on Ann Street in front of Conrad's Trading Post. No injuries were reported. Officials contacted Southwest Service

Company for towing assistance.

Sunday, July 13

7:24 a.m., An inmate at the Kinney County Jail complained of chest pains. EMS officials were contacted and said everything was normal. The inmate was given medicine for heartburn.

1:48 p.m., Deputy Pena was dispatched to the Border Patrol checkpoint at Cline in reference to four subjects in possession of marijuana. The two male subjects, Jerome J. Ciarmitaro Jr., of Tomball and Robert Crain of Austin, both 18, said they took full responsibility for the marijuana. They were arrested and transported to the Kinney County Jail where they were booked on charges of possession of marijuana under two ounces, a Class B misdemeanor. Both were released the same day after posting \$1,000 bail bonds.

2:25 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported criminal mischief. She said that someone threw eggs at her vehicle overnight. The vehicle was parked at her residence on Thorn Street. A neighbor reported two male subjects running across the school yard at about 4 a.m. but was unable to identify them.

2:50 p.m., A Brackettville man said that he was at a residence on Beaumont Street when he got into an argument with another man. He reported that the other man said he was going to get a gun and kill him. When the man returned with a rifle, the complainant went to the Sheriff's Office.

7:10 p.m., A Kinney County man reported illegal aliens on Highway 693. Border Patrol officials were contacted.

Tuesday, July 15

6:12 a.m., Southern Pacific officials reported a four-car train derailment on Highway 131 in

Spofford.

Wednesday, July 16

1:08 p.m., Border Patrol officials reported that three illegal aliens on Highway 131, south of 1908, had broken into a hunting camp. Officials said nothing was taken from the camp.

Thursday, July 17

9:00 a.m., Roy Mack Bean, 38, of Fort Worth was arrested by Trooper Tucker on charges of possession of marijuana under two ounces and booked into the Kinney County Jail. He was released the same day after posting a \$300 cash bond.

10:00 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported an open door at a family member's residence on Sweeny Street. She said the window of the back door was broken and the front door was left open. Officials said clothes were thrown all over the floor, but nothing appeared to be missing. The owner of the residence is out of town but has been contacted.

Saturday, July 19

8:36 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that four of five Hispanics on the corner of Beaumont and Fulton threatened him and his wife, who were out sight-seeing on their bicycles. He said they told him he was not supposed to be in that neighborhood.

9:29 p.m., A Kinney County woman reported that her residence, located on Highway 90 across from Shorty's Restaurant, had been broken into for the second time. The woman reported that \$300 cash and her son's social security card was missing from her purse, and that nothing else was disturbed. Deputy Pena was dispatched to the scene. He took pictures of tire tracks, possibly belonging to the suspects, and two different shoe tracks.

10:27 p.m., A woman reported that a black Suburban was on fire,

15 miles west of Brackettville on Highway 90. Fire Department officials were notified.

11:20 p.m., Fort Clark Springs' security personnel said that Border Patrol officials reported a man walking in his underwear on Highway 90, near Letty's restaurant.

11:43 p.m., Fort Clark Springs' security personnel reported a seven-foot rattlesnake at the gate. Deputy Pena was dispatched to the scene and took care of the matter.

Sunday, July 20

8:21 a.m., Fort Clark Springs' security reported that an airplane at the hanger there had been vandalized.

3:00 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported that someone had ran into her husband's car at the Civic Center during a wedding on the previous night.

Monday, July 21

8:16 a.m., A Kinney County man reported that a dog had been killing chickens in Spofford. Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter said the matter had been taken care of.

12:39 p.m., A motorist reported a one-vehicle accident on Highway 90, just past Pinto Creek. DPS officials were notified.

Tuesday, July 22

10:59 a.m., Robin L. Register, 33, of Fort Clark Springs was arrested by Trooper Wylie on an outstanding warrant for revocation of probation out of Nueces County. She was transported to the Val Verde County Jail the same day.

11:00 a.m., Oscar Thomas Seargeant, 73, of Brackettville was arrested by Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter on charges of theft and abuse of official capacity, a Class A misdemeanor. He was released the same day on a \$1,000 personal recognizance bond.

Fightin' Tiger Band to host meeting Monday

The Brackett Fightin' Tiger Band will meet Monday at 10 a.m. for the first time this summer to prepare for the upcoming band season. Band Director Hector Jimenez announced.

"It's an organizational meeting," Jimenez said. "We're going to talk about plans for the upcoming school year."

Jimenez said any student, who will be in the seventh through 12th grades this year, is invited to participate in the

high school band this year.

Jimenez also said that students can come by the Band Hall prior to Monday in order to pick up music for the upcoming marching season.

The Brackett Band Boosters will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. to elect officers for the upcoming school year.

The newly elected officers will host the first formal meeting for the group on Wednesday, Aug. 6. at 7 p.m.

LAS MORAS MASONIC LODGE
meets the 2nd Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m.
School of Instruction meets the 1st, and 3rd Tuesday, at 7:00 p.m.
Visiting Brothers are Welcome

Clarinete y Saxofone
FROM THE GRAND OL' OPRY
The Legendary **Ray Price**
with *Wood and Estela*
Darryl Earwood & Southern Exposure
Johnny Rodriguez
Gates open at 4pm Tickets \$12 at Door
Val Verde Fair Grounds - August 2 \$10 Pre-Show

A night of Country Western Tejano & Mariachi
Memo's Restaurant Family Dining
Country Music Hall of Fame 1947-1996
804 East Losoya By San Felipe Creek
Info
Blondie (830) 775-8104
Del Rio, Texas
Info
Mike (830) 774-0372

Community Calendar

Thursday, July 24

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

Monday, July 28

6:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Springs VFW meets at the Service Club on Fort Clark Springs.

Wednesday, July 30

7:00 p.m., The Brackett Band Booster Club will host a special

meeting at the Band Hall to elect officers for the upcoming year.

Thursday, July 31

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

Sunday, August 3

9:00 a.m., The Knights of Columbus meet at Parish Hall.

Monday, August 4

1:00 p.m., The Fort Springs

Art Club meets at the Art Studio on Fort Clark Springs.

6:15 p.m., The Fort Clark Springs Old Quarry Society meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Wednesday, August 6

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

Thursday, August 7

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.

Saturday, August 9

10:00 a.m., The Fort Clark Springs Community Council meets at Shafter Hall on Fort Clark Springs.

3 MONTH MINIMUM - \$6.00 PER WEEK

563-2852

Kinney County Wool & Mohair
The Rancher's Shopping Center
 Since 1962 - Shaker Feed Store
 *Livestock Feed * Game Feed *
 * Hardware * Lumber *
 Check And Compare Our Competitive Prices
 Brackettville, TX
 210-563-2471
 Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. P.O. Box 1010
 Sat. 8 a.m.-12 Noon W. Spring St.

Davis Hardware & Ranch Supply
 Originally a part of Petersen & Co. Since 1876
 101 East Spring Street P.O. Box 976
 Brackettville, TX 78832
 General Hardware Stock Medicines
 Pipes & Fencing Ranch Supplies
 Paint Ammunition
Phone 210-563-2528

Penny's Pizza & more
 Open daily at 11;
 Saturday and Sunday at 2;
 closed on Wednesdays.
 Also serving the best BBQ
 and fixings in the Southwest.
563-3144
 Dine in or take out

Repair Inspection Sticker
Parts - Towing - Vehicle Storage
SOUTHWEST SERVICE Co.
 210-563-9256
 Visa, Discover, HWY 90E / P.O. Box 1380
 Mastercard Brackettville, TX 78832

LAWN MAINTENANCE
 Experienced - Professional
 Free Estimates
 Let us solve your Lawn & Garden problems
Sunshine Garden Center
 207 E. Spring Street
 563-2610
 Archie and Jill Woodson

Bud Breen, cowboy, ranch foreman, western movie actor, then artist has been painting pictures that capture the beauty of the open country and ranch life that he loves so well.
 Bud's Brackettville home is his studio, the kitchen table is his easel and his experiences are his inspiration.
Breen Gallery
 507 South Ann Street
 Brackettville, TX 78832
 M-F 8am-5pm
 or by appointment
 (210) 563-2961

AAA CONSTRUCTION
 Home Repairs & Remodeling
 • Painting • Hardwood Floors
 • Floor Tiles • Cabinets
 • Roofing • Room additions
 Free Estimates
Pete Perez 210-563-9128
 Brackettville & Del Rio

ATTENTION ALL BINGO PLAYERS...
 The Del Rio Elks would like to invite everyone to come out, enjoy a pleasant afternoon, and win Big Bucks playing Bingo. Bingo is played each Saturday starting at 2:00 P.M. at the Lodge, Hwy. 90 E, San Felipe Spring, RD. and is open to the public.
 For more information, call 775-2133, after 4:00 P.M. Tues. - Sun.
 License #1-74-0606584

CALL WOODY 563-9584 LP GAS
 BUTANE PROPANE
 ✓ SALES ✓ SERVICE
 ✓ MOTOR FUEL ✓ TANK RENTALS
 ✓ BOTTLE FILLING ✓ HOME DELIVERIES
 "A LOCAL COMPANY" 1-800-543-2630
ROADRUNNER ENERGY

This space could be yours call 563-2852

MARY KAY
 Alana Flurry
 Independent Beauty Consultant
 Call for complimentary facial
 212 W. Spring Street Brackettville, TX 78832 (210) 563-9435

Hill Construction
Rocky Hill
 • Repair & Remodel • Ceramic Tile
 • Privacy Fences • Painting
 • General Carpentry •
 "No job too small"
 (210) 563-2184 • Brackettville, Texas

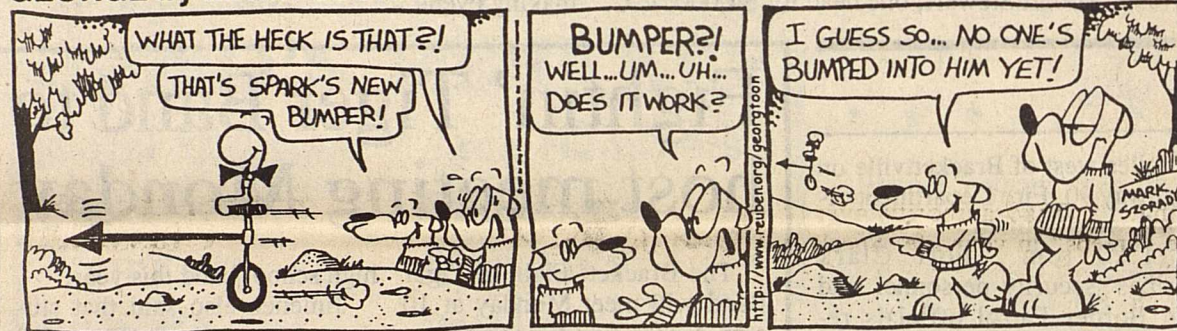
COPIES TO GO
 2400 Avenue F, Suite 8 Del Rio, Tx 78840
 Phone: 775-1121 Fax: 775-2351
FULL COLOR COPIES
 HIGH SPEED BLACK & WHITE COPYING
 THERMAL & COMB BINDING, FLYERS
 BUSINESS CARDS, POSTERS, T-SHIRT TRANSFERS
CALENDARS PERSONALIZED
 WITH YOUR FAVORITE FAMILY SNAPSHOT

Brackettville A/C & Heating
 Residential-Commercial Service & Installation
 Mobile Homes & R.V.'s Welcome
Don G. Hood P.O. Box 1341
 Bus. 563-2544 Brackettville, TX 78832
 TAC License #B012939E

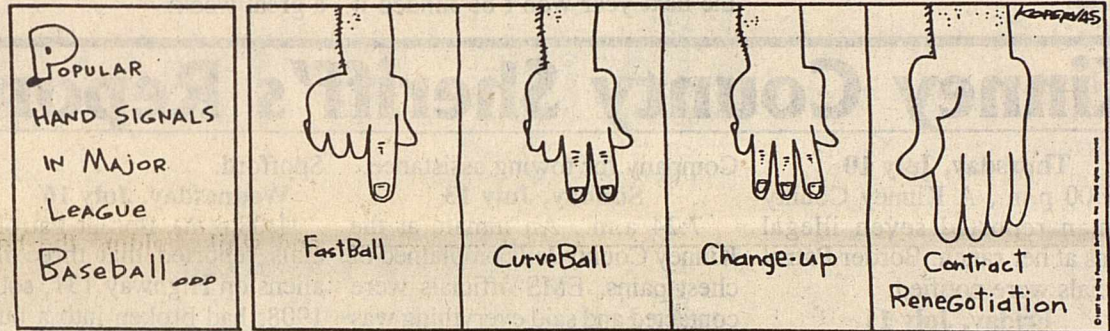
LEONA RANCH
 OWN PART OF THE TEXAS HILL COUNTRY
\$700.00 down,
\$131.00 per mo.
 (20 AC Tract)
 P.O. Box 1039 507 S. Ann
 Brackettville, TX 78832 (210) 563-2961

Bruce Drilling and Services
Water Well Service and Maintenance
 Is your well costing you money?
 It is if all air, water and pressure levels are not properly adjusted.
 Let us fine tune your water system and make it pump as efficiently as possible.
 On time, fast, friendly service.
 Serving Kinney, Val Verde, Edwards, and Uvalde counties.
 Texas Water Well Lic. # 2444WPKL Since 1984
Gordon Bruce 210-563-9916

GEORGE by MARK SZORADY



OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVA



Super Crossword

- | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ACROSS | Ltd. | 93 Duke | DOWN | winds | 80 Left out |
| 1 Cupid, in Corinth | 48 Judge's aide | 94 Ellington tune | 1 "Green and Ham" | 37 Hindu scripture | 81 Carou or Berman |
| 5 Lohengrin's bird | 52 Nino Tempo/ April | 95 Stevens tune | 2 -avis | 38 Filled with wonder | 83 Speeder's surprise |
| 9 - Vista, Calif. | 56 Japanese drama | 96 Fam. member | 3 English poet | 39 Groucho's gazo | 84 Off-the-cuff |
| 14 Magellan's collection | 57 Director Spielberg | 97 Indigence | 4 Pencil production | 40 Heidi's hangout | 85 Enemies |
| 18 Stare stupidly | 58 "Did You Ever See Walking?" | 98 Bossy remark? | 5 Plop down | 45 Complete | 87 Use a stopwatch |
| 19 - La Douce | 59 Hang a hammock | 99 "Peek-!" | 6 Cowboy | 47 Maria Martinez's stage name | 88 Famous lab assistant |
| 20 Settle the score | 61 Sticky | 102 Spare parts? | 7 Shot | 49 Put on the street | 89 Author Anita Biggers |
| 21 Type of fish or light | 63 To boot | 105 Royal rods | 8 Big shot | 50 Musical "p" pourri | 92 Earl - Biggers present month? |
| 22 Lemon Pipers tune | 65 Lennon's lady | 108 Cyrkle tune | 9 He had things done by Friday | 51 Prepared to propose | 100 UK honor |
| 25 Annual award? | 66 - water (stay afloat) | 113 Singer Adams | 10 "And I Love" | 52 Musical "p" pourri | 101 Toed the line |
| 26 - Domingo | 67 - de-sac | 114 Funnymen Phillips | 11 News org. | 53 Summit | 103 Nobleman |
| 27 Recesses | 68 Soak up some rays | 115 Film site? | 12 "Camelot" prop | 54 Buddy bunch; colloq. | 104 A whole |
| 28 Turned up | 71 Linda Ronstadt | 116 Domain | 13 Answer for an admiral | 55 - kline Nachtmusik! | 106 Falafel holder |
| 30 Hum bug? | 74 Dele dele | 118 Make Fido fetch | 14 Farrow or Sara | 57 - Na Na | 107 Shear fear |
| 31 Steep rock | 75 "Yuck!" | 122 It gets scurried away | 15 Slip cover? | 60 Annual award | 108 Do a double take, perhaps |
| 33 Van Morrison tune | 76 Newfound-land's nose | 124 Beatles tune | 16 Tough nut to crack | 62 - ex machina | 109 Roast host |
| 37 Where valiant Vikings go | 78 Catchall | 128 Corry goddess? | 17 Fortify | 64 Woodwind | 110 "The Lady or the Tiger?" choices |
| 41 Word form meaning "flying" | 79 Actress Ward | 129 French health resort | 21 Emulated | 66 Industrialist | 111 Parisian pupil |
| 42 Literary pseudonym | 82 St. Louis Arch | 130 Banyan or baobab | 23 Asta's mistress | 68 Heads and shoulders? | 112 Endures |
| 43 Ram's m'am | 84 Distant | 131 Aroma | 24 Gumbo veggie | 69 Once more | 113 Verdi princess |
| 44 Lugosi or Bartok | 85 Pat's cousin | 132 "Guarding" (94 film) | 29 Blanc or Brooks | 70 Belafonte or Lewis | 114 Privy to |
| 46 Stateside | 86 Pat's cousin | 133 Exploits | 32 Photo books | 72 Moon-related | 115 Dweeb |
| | 89 Verbal explosion | 134 Waldorf-Astoria muralist | 34 Squeeze out the suds | 73 Particle | 116 Gestate |
| | 91 Slap on | 135 Durban dough | 35 "., Nanette" | 74 Smooth a surface | 117 Break a Commandment |
| | | | 36 Hurricane | 76 70s hair fad | 118 Little guy |
| | | | | 77 Compass pt. | 119 Encountered |

MAGIC MAZE

NATIONAL LEAGUE CY YOUNG AWARD

A	E	C	Z	X	V	C	U	S	O	N	L	J	G	E
C	X	U	D	D	A	M	Z	X	V	T	R	P	N	L
J	H	E	J	R	L	C	A	Y	W	V	T	R	P	
N	L	K	L	E	E	I	G	E	C	B	Z	N	X	N
W	G	T	U	G	N	S	S	R	S	K	N	P	O	O
M	O	L	J	L	Z	K	I	R	E	T	T	U	S	
N	O	G	E	A	U	D	I	H	D	B	A	B	I	B
A	D	Y	X	V	E	W	U	N	S	A	T	V	S	I
Q	E	F	F	I	L	C	T	U	S	R	A	P	E	G
O	N	N	L	N	A	I	S	O	R	D	E	B	K	R
J	H	G	F	E	Z	T	L	O	M	S	D	H	C	B

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

Bedrosian	Gibson	Jenkins	Sutcliffe
Carlton	Glavine	M. Davis	Sutter
Denny	Gooden	Seaver	Valenzuela
Drabek	Hershiser	Smoltz	

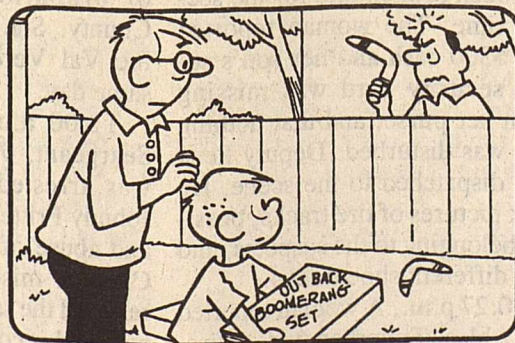
Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Someone at work may ask you to bend the rules, but it's best that you do not comply. You could run into friends unexpectedly toward the end of the week. Partner are in sync over the weekend.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Though you could feel uncomfortable about one work situation this week, you'll still manage to get much accomplished. Time by yourself over the weekend leads to some innovative thoughts.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Stay clear of unscrupulous types in financial dealings this week. Otherwise, agreements are easily reached with others. You're more spontaneous than usual. Be sure to do some socializing this weekend.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) An ethical matter is of concern to you this week. If out shopping, you're apt to buy something out of the ordinary. Later in the week, you'll make a good impression at a business meeting.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Be tactful with bigwigs and avoid raising controversial topics. News or a visitor from afar will brighten your week. Creative types are truly inspired over the weekend.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Success comes through a behind-the-scenes business move this week. Family matters are very rewarding, but a difficulty about money could arise with a friend this weekend.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Something you overhear may upset you early in the week. New insights arise about a project you've had on the back burner. Romance and creativity are happily highlighted this



weekend.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Try to avoid an early-week contest of wills with a relative. You'll make a great impact at a group meeting later in the week. Innovative moves pay off for you in business.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A partner has an inspirational effect on you. You'll be enjoying fun times together this week. A private talk relates to money.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You could feel stymied by a problem at work, but a solution will be found by week's end. Home and monetary interests are highlighted. Investigate investment options.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Guard against domestic upsets early in the week. Intriguing news comes from afar. Partners work well together as a team. Creative work is especially favored.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Intense feelings could mar romantic prospects this week, but your intuition is a valuable asset in business affairs. On the job, you're efficient and mentally on the ball.
 © 1997 King Features Synd., Inc.

HOCUS-FOCUS



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
 Difference: 1. Glasses are missing. 2. Buttons are missing. 3. Shave is missing. 4. Box is missing. 5. Name is different. 6. Boomerang is missing.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 24	Travis Wilson	July 28	Eleanor G. Garza
July 25	Cecilia Ann Pena	July 28	J.D. Samaniego
July 27	Ken Currey	July 29	Glenda Saldana
July 27	Alicia Diaz	July 29	Felix G. Hernandez
July 27	Lane Nowlin	July 29	Irven C. Crane
July 27	Francisco Alejandro	July 29	Dorothea Dirk
July 27	Daniel Martinez	July 29	Frankie L. Martin
July 28	Angelica Cervantes	July 30	Sterling Goodloe
July 28	Tom Fierova		



Frontier Baptist Church
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Centuries before his coming a prophet in the Bible predicted Jesus would sit at the right hand of God. In the after thought the Scripture states that after "once for all" he became the sacrifice for sin and sat down at the right hand of God. The place of highest authority in a Kingdom is at the right hand of the potentate. A place of highest honors and greatest authority.

On the cross Jesus said, "It is finished and immediately gave up the ghost", died. His life on earth was finished. The fullest meaning was that the purpose of his coming had been played out. His assigned task was completed. He came to pay the penalty for man's sin. This he did by giving his life on the cross. He who had no sins died for all mankind who had sinned. Now, "once for all" he became the eternal sacrifice for sin; for all sin of every person who would recognize him as the Son of God and commit to him.

Jesus sat down at the right hand of God indicating his work on earth was finished. He sat

down at the right hand of God indicating he still had work to do. He now is the high Priest to all who follow him. He is the only channel to God.

To reach God one must go through Jesus Christ. He is what the Scripture describes as our eternal advocate with the Father. Any prayer to be effective, any expectation from God must come through Jesus Christ. There is no other way.

He sits at the right hand of God awaiting the time when the Father sends him back to earth. He is coming again at which time all Sins will be conquered, Satan will be forever meaningless and all of God's children will be "caught up to meet him in the air and then to be with him forever. He sits ready for the time when God will signal the end and he will come again. Indeed Jesus is "Sat down at the right hand of the Father."

There will be another message from the word of God at 11:00 next Sunday at Frontier Baptist Church.

Come and see.



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

Praise the Lord!
Vacation Bible School
St. John's Baptist Church will host Vacation Bible School on July 28-30, from 9 a.m. to noon each day, for children age 4 through sixth grade.

The Bible School will feature Bible stories, games and refreshments.

Also, there will be Adult Vacation Bible School each evening on July 28-30 from 7

to 8:30 p.m.
Join us as we study together God's message for our age from the book of Ephesians, with Pastor Dr. James Rauklin of the East Ridge Baptist Church of Amarillo.

Also at the Vacation Bible School will be the East Ridge Baptist Church Youth Group from Amarillo, along with Bro. Brian Hooker and his Youth Group from Baird, Texas.

Church Directory



St. Andrews Episcopal Church: Henderson & Fort Sunday Church Service 10:45 a.m. on Sunday. Rev. Mike Davis 563-2929.

Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): Sunday Services 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Joe Townsend, Pastor, 563-2158.
First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m., Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m., Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.

Baptist Hispanic Mission: 307 N. Ann Street, Sunday 9:45 a.m.; Wednesday 5:30 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 p.m., Eugenio Duran, Pastor.

Church of Christ: N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study Sunday 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church: Sun. Masses at 8:00 A.M. (Spanish) and 10:30 A.M. (English); Mon., Thurs. and Fri. Mass at 7:00 AM; Wed. Mass 12:00 noon, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until (9:00 P.M.) Sat. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Mass 6:30 PM. Rev. James Cashin Pastor 563-2487.

St. Blaise Catholic Church: (Spofford) Sun. Mass 5:00 P.M. Rev. James Cashin Pastor 563-2487.

First United Methodist Church: "Celebrate and Witness" Fellowship 9:30 a.m., Church School Classes 9:45 a.m., Service of Worship 11:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 p.m., Sheree Harris, Pastor.

St. John's Baptist Church: Crockett at Keene St., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Worship Service Thursday 7:00 p.m., William P. Adams, Sr., Pastor, 563-2582.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church E.L.C.A Services: 9:00 A.M. Corner of Fort & Henderson in Brackettville. Bible study; Monday morning at the parish hall -10:A.M., also at the corner of Fort & Henderson, Streets
Reverend Nathan Lafrenz, 563-2047.

Templo Elim 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.

Gateway Ministries (Non-Denominational): 301 E. Spring St. (across from post office), Praise & Worship Fellowship Sunday 10:30 a.m., Bible Study Wed. 6:30 p.m., Ladies Prayer meeting Thurs. 6:30, Robert W. Corey, Pastor, Charolette Corey, Associate Pastor, 563-9331.

New Jerusalem Temple Apostolic Church: 514 E. Louise St, Sunday School 10:30, Church 11:30, Bible Study: Wed. 7 p.m., Mission: 3rd Thurs. of each month 6 p.m. Pastor Rudy Goodloe (563-9468)

Obituary

Thomas G. "Jerry" Whalen

Thomas G. "Jerry" Whalen, 69, of Brackettville and formerly of Sonora died Monday July 21, 1997 in a San Antonio hospital.

He was born Nov. 26, 1927 in Hoquim, Washington. He served in the US Army with the 45th Infantry Division where he earned the Bronze Star during the Korean Conflict. He was a plant supervisor for Enron.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Faye, and by one daughter, Shelli Walker-Friske.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Whalen, of Brackettville, three sons, Frank Badder of Colorado Springs, Stanley Badder of Brackettville, and Kirk Joy of Sonora, two daughters, Wren Leinweber and husband Mark of Uvalde, and Tessa Joy of San Antonio, two brothers, John Whalen of Lynn

Haven, Fla. and Jim Whalen of Medford, Oregon, two sisters, Helen Swanson of West Port, Washington and Ruth Poor of Sumner, Washington, grandchildren, Alton Goetzel Jr., Robin Goetzel Schmidt, Thomas Goetzel, William Walker III, Tara Walker, Jason Badder and Jeremy Badder, great grandchildren, Lora Ann Goetzel, Ashley Goetzel, Laiken Faye Schmidt, and Ethan Connor Schmidt.

A memorial service was held in Brackettville at 9 a.m. on Wednesday at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Funeral services are today in Sonora at 2 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church. Burial will follow in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charolette Corey

Last week I wrote to you about saturating your ground with water before pulling tough weeds out by the roots. Lesson two is similar but different and that is, pull your weeds while pouring the water on. Then the spiders, snakes and creepy crawly things have to "skedaddle" or get drowned.

One year I let the weeds grow up in my flower bed around the base of a tree. I actually got scared by what might be down at the base of the matted weeds. At the same time I had some beautiful day lilies, a red fire-cracker fern, and a native red hibiscus that I did not want to disturb the roots of. It called for careful, but diligent weeding.

God showed me to get the water hose, turn it on strong, and while holding the hose in one hand, let the water from it pour over the other hand that would do the weeding. As I

poured the water down, I saw a lot of little "creepies" getting out of my way, and I was not bitten or harmed while applying the process.

The same can apply in the spirit world. Using, the "water of God's word", apply it to those areas where you need weeding. When you let God's word "go before you", it will prepare the way in safety. Remember, God has given you dominion over the earth through his promises to the first Adam and he has established those promises unto those who believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior (the second Adam). Gen. 1:26 states "...And let them have dominion ...over all the earth, and over every creeping thing..." Take authority over the "creeps" in your life. Speak out God's word that does not return to him void. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

Unsung Hero
By Joe Townsend

There is another fine student athlete we want to high light. He is a most likable individual. He is outstanding as a high school athlete being so recognized state wide. He is enjoyed by his many student friends. He is an exceptional worker, capable and efficient at

his job. He is friendly and accommodating to people. He demonstrates those characteristics that foretell a bright future.

Brackett is fortunate to have this young man in our midst. Surely, Michael Meyer is an Unsung Hero.

Your representatives

President
President William J. Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20500
Comment line 1-202-456-1111

U.S. Senator
The Honorable Phil Gramm
370 Russell Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

U.S. Senator
The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison
283 Russell Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

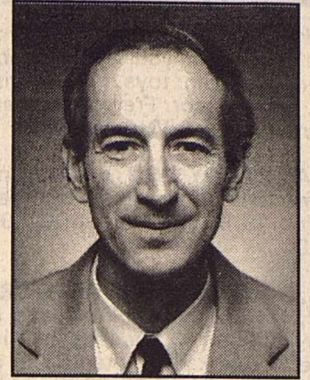
Congressman 23rd District
The Honorable Henry Bonilla
1529 Longworth Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-4323
Washington: 1-202-225-4511
San Antonio: 1-210-697-9055
Fax: 1-210-697-9185

Governor
The Honorable George W. Bush
Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711
1-800-252-9600, 1-512-463-2000
Fax: 1-512-463-7397

State Senator District 19
The Honorable Frank Madla
Texas Senate
P.O. Box 12068 Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711
1-512-463-0121

State Representative District 74
The Honorable Pete P. Gallego
1110 W. 10th Street
Del Rio, Texas 78840
1-210-774-0800

SCOTT & WHITE
Options for Health



Pesticides on foods and vegetables are minimal

John J. Rinehart, M.D.

Question: Do the pesticide residues found on fruits and vegetables cause cancer?

Answer: Because animal studies show that high concentrations of pesticides can cause cancer, federal regulations limit the amount of pesticide residues permitted on foods. These regulations are based on an "acceptable level of risk"—calculated as causing an increase of no more than one cancer death per million people.

Government agencies monitor the food industry to be sure pesticides do not exceed legal limits. The Agriculture Department recently examined 7,328 items and detected excesses in 1.5% of the samples. Apples, celery, and peaches were the greatest offenders.

Eating less produce because of concern about pesticides would be unwise

because the levels that may be present are unlikely to cause cancer. Furthermore, washing usually eliminates surface pesticides, although small amounts of some chemicals can be incorporated into the food itself. Studies also show those who eat more fresh fruits and vegetables have lower cancer rates than those who consume less. Meanwhile, the three most effective ways to reduce cancer risk are not smoking, avoiding direct sunlight, and (possibly) consuming a low-fat diet.

Dr. John J. Rinehart is medical director of the Scott & White Center for Cancer Prevention and Care at Scott & White Hospital and Clinic in Temple, Texas, and an associate professor at Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine.

If you have a question, please write to: Scott & White Public Affairs Dept., 2401 S. 31st St., Temple, TX 76508



You can really kick up your heels. When you find all the good deals.

The Brackett News Classified Ads. 563-2852

Eugenio Bricio, M.D
Cardiology
Board Certified in Internal Medicine

612 Bedell Ave. Suite E
Del Rio, Texas 78840
Tel: (210) 768-0267

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

VAL VERDE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

801 Bedell Ave.
Del Rio, Texas



1997 August 1997						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Dr. Raymond Hernandez Ophthalmologist Dr. David Dean Neuro Surgeon	2
3	4	5 Dr. Michael Singer Ophthalmologist	6 Dr. B.S. Mittler Cardiologist Internal Medicine	7 Dr. Raymond Hernandez Ophthalmologist Dr. Dinesman Ear, Nose & Throat	8	9
10	11 Dr. Buck Physical Med. & Rehab/ Electrodiagnostic Med.	12 Dr. Singer Ophthalmologist Dr. Mitchell Cardiologist Dr. Estrada Pediatric Hematology/ Oncology	13	14 Dr. S.J. Fisher Ophthalmologist Dr. Dinesman Ear, Nose & Throat	15 Dr. Raymond Hernandez Ophthalmologist Dr. David Dean Neuro Surgeon	16
17	18	19	20 Dr. Brant S. Mittler Cardiologist Internal Medicine	21 Dr. Komet Ear, Nose, & Throat Dr. Evans Ophthalmologist	22 Dr. Raymond Hernandez Ophthalmologist	23
24	25	26 Dr. Singer Ophthalmologist Dr. Estrada Pediatric Hematology/ Oncology Dr. Bloom Pediatric Cardiologist	27 Dr. S. Miller Dermatologist	28 Dr. Fisher Ophthalmologist Dr. Komet Ear, Nose, & Throat	29 Dr. Hernandez Ophthalmologist Dr. Warman Pediatric Orthopedic	30
31						

To schedule an appointment with any of the above physicians call (830) 703-1730. All physicians see patients at the Val Verde Regional Medical Center, 801 Bedell Ave., Del Rio, Texas (new wing of the hospital). Easy access through South entrance of the building.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

FRIENDLY TOYS & Gifts has immediate openings in your area. Number one in party plan: toys, gifts, Christmas, home decor. Free catalog and information. 1-800-488-4875

LOCAL CANDY ROUTE. 30 vending machines. Earn apx. \$800/day. All for \$9,995. Call 1-800-998-998-998.

QVC, HOMESHOPPING NETWORK, MTV, HBO. Huge profits made by early investors. Successful Kids Cable Network has potential to do same. Call 1-800-803-6368. \$10K minimum.

DRIVERS WANTED

RAPID FREIGHT IS currently hiring OTR drivers. Minimum 1 yr. verifiable experience class A CDL with HazMat. Call recruiting 1-800-607-5695

OTR TRUCK DRIVERS wanted! Experienced or non-experienced-free training and 1st year income \$30K Stevens Transport 1-800-333-8595 EOE.

SUNSET TRANSPORTATION'S FLEET expansion underway. Owner-operators needed hauling scrap, sand, rock year around in Texas & Oklahoma. Trailers available. 100K potential. Call Scott 1-888-215-HAUL.

WHAT WE OFFER is what you get! Home of the no-nonsense company. OTR drivers needed. *\$500 sign-on bonus. *Good benefits. 1-800-727-4374. EOE.

EMPLOYMENT

SALES PERSON NEEDED! No experience necessary! Will train! THE BRACKETT NEWS is accepting applications for the position of Advertising Salesperson. Must be self-motivated, people person with good communication skills and have own vehicle. Come by the Brackett News office to apply.

RIO GRANDE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (RGEC) is accepting applications for the position of Accounting Clerk I to fill a vacancy in the Cooperative's Brackettville Office. Applicants must have basic knowledge of accounting principles and financial reporting. Knowledge of Microsoft Excel and Word, a plus. Ability to maintain confidential information, 10-key by touch, type 30 to 40 wpm and skilled in oral and written communications in the English language. Willing to work overtime, if needed. Must possess a valid Texas driver's license with a clear driving record. Applications may be picked up or requested from any RGEC office and must be mailed to RGEC, Administrative Department, P.O. Box 1509, Brackettville, Texas, 78832. Applications must be post-marked on or before August 4, 1997. RGEC is an EOE (Vacancy 97/10).

ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL TEACHER. Position to be filled for 1997/98 school year. Application Procedures: Applicants will be accepted until the position is filled. Applications are available at the Brackett ISD Central Office or may be requested by contacting: Taylor Stephenson, Superintendent, Brackett Independent School District, P.O. Box 586-400 Ann Street, Brackettville, Tx 78832, (210) 563-2491, ext. 100. The Brackett Independent School District is an equal opportunity employer.

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY TEACHER. Position to be filled for 1997/98 school year. Application Procedures: Applicants will be accepted until the position is filled. Applications are available at the Brackett ISD Central Office or may be requested by contacting: Taylor Stephenson, Superintendent, Brackett Independent School District, P.O. Box 586-400 Ann Street, Brackettville, Tx 78832, (210) 563-2491, ext. 100. The Brackett Independent School District is an equal opportunity employer.

DRIVERS - OWNER OPERATOR & company driver, the word's out. Dalworth/Arnold is looking for top qualified drivers in your area. Great package! Call 1-800-333-3064

DRIVERS! TRIAD TRANSPORT, Inc. now hiring OTR drivers *great pay*401K* paid medical & dental *insurance & paid vacation, must have CDL with 3 years OTR experience, with HazMat & tank endorsements, 1-800-364-1139 Ext. 119 or 117.

EMPLOYMENT

ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER. Position to be filled for 1997/98 school year. Application procedures: Applicants will be accepted until the position is filled. Applications are available at the Brackett ISD Central Office or may be requested by contacting: Taylor Stephenson, Superintendent, Brackett Independent School District, P.O. Box 586-400 Ann Street, Brackettville, Tx 78832, (210) 563-2491, ext. 100. The Brackett Independent School District is an equal opportunity employer.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

\$\$\$ BAD CREDIT? OVER due bills? You can consolidate your bills! Have one low monthly payment! Same day approval available! Call now! 1-800-366-9698 Extension 119.

CASH FOR YOUR owner financed real estate note. Personal service. Closing costs paid. Free quotes. Buying other kinds of cash flow, too. Call now! (800) 687-8726.

DEBT CONSOLIDATIONS. CUT monthly payments up to 30-50%. Reduce interest. Stop collection calls. Avoid bankruptcy. Free confidential help. NCCS non-profit, licensed/bonded. 1-800-955-0412. (TPP)

FOR SALE

"DEAD DOCTORS" DON'T pay high prices for colloidal minerals! Get higher concentration minerals \$15/ qt. New! Free S/H W/4 or more! (Liquid Multiple tool) Toll Free 888-363-5363

GOT ROACHES? BUY Enforcer® Terminator plus, 20 second ant & roach killer concentrate! This pro formula dissolving pack is guaranteed or your money back! Available only at The Home Depot.

POOL CITY'S KAYAK Pools, demo homesites wanted to display new maintenance free pool. Save thousand\$ w/this unique opportunity! 100% financing...call 1-800-338-9919.

PRESSURE CLEANERS - FACTORY direct! New 2000-PSI \$379, 2500-PSI \$599, 3200-PSI \$897, 4000-PSI \$999. Free Turbo Nozzle with immediate purchase! Call for free catalog 1-800-786-9274 (24 hrs.).

STEEL BUILDINGS! FACTORY cancelled buildings. Must liquidate! 20' X 24', 30' X 44', 40' X 56', 45' X 70', 50' X 100'. 20-year warranty! Free delivery! Financing available! Limited stock. Huge savings! 1-800-411-5869.

REAL ESTATE

O'Rourke Realty
Elsa & Paul O'Rourke
210-563-2713
F C S Memberships
& Rentals Available

3 bed, 1 bath home centrally located. Appliances, new roof, maint. free small yard.

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

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

FOR SALE

FOR SALE - 1988 Volvo, Clean, Ex. Condition. Call 563-2919

HEALTH

DIABETIC? ARE YOU still paying for supplies? Why? For information on how you can receive supplies at little or no cost call 1-800-678-5733.

"DEAD DOCTORS" DON'T pay high prices for colloidal minerals! Get higher concentration minerals \$15/ qt. New! Free S/H W/4 or more! (Liquid Multiple tool) Toll Free 888-363-5363.

IT'S TRULY REMARKABLE, I've lost 26 pounds and 54 inches in only 8 weeks! First call 1-800-685-0304 then call 1-800-606-1140.

MOBILE HOMES

CLEARANCE SALE, new 28X60 Stonebrook double wide 3 bedroom, 2 bath with parents retreat. \$499.00, ready to move into for \$416.00 mo.(360 mo. loan, 9.5% APR) 1-800-756-7711.

FIRST TIME BUYER PROGRAM, your job is your credit. Apply by phone, 1-800-756-7711

1998 MODEL 16X80 Redman 3 br, 2 bath, free washer and dryer, air conditioning, plywood floors. only \$199.00 mo. (10% down, 360 mo. loan, 9.0% APR subject to increase or decrease.) 1-800-756-7711.

DEBBIE TRANT

210-563-2997/210-563-2007



LOCKHART REAL ESTATE

Great price on nice 3 bed, 2 bath mobile home, unit 15 with carport, fenced yard, storage shed. Just \$22,000.

Ready to move in: lovely 3 bed, 2 bath stone home offers quality features, wood stove, built in cabinets, + 650 + sq.ft. addition great for extra bed, office, workshop. Maintenance free yard!

Extra nice 2 bed, 2 bath mobile home with new carpeting, replumbed, carport, roomy workshop, storage shed. Must see!

KINNEY COUNTY

LAND CO

P.O. Box 1035
Brackettville, TX 78832
210-563-2446
Molly Ardrey - Broker

Very nice Brick Home on large corner lot. 2 bed, 2 bath with hobby room and covered carport \$73,900.00

Beautiful home located in historic district 2 bedroom, 2 bath, and 2 story. \$79,000.00

3 Bedroom, 2 bath in historic district. Large rooms, new carpet and paint.

2 Commercial lots on the west side of Brackettville. \$5,000 apiece, O.B.O.

MOBILE HOMES

ABANDONED 3 brm - 2 bth DBL-WIDE. Make up back payments. 210-591-2727.

SLIGHT DAMAGE 3 brm - 2 bth. Loaded. Possible work for down payment. Hurry! 210-591-2727.

MOBILE HOME For Sale. In park. Ask for John. Financing available. 210-591-2727.

Q & S HOMES SALES OF UVALDE Special built Schult Factory Purchase. Loaded! 97 3 brm - 2 bth 16x80 Vinyl siding, Shingle roof, Plywood floors, Dishwasher, 5 year warranty. 2 months free park rent! Only 265.27 a mo. 11% APR 360 Mo. 10% down. 210-591-2727.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

WANTED

WANTED-DEER LEASE, 6 to 8 guns, water and electricity a must, camphouse preferred. Prefer to deal with landowner 409-826-6621 leave message.

HEALTH

New VISTA volunteers focus on community health needs

As the newest groups of volunteers for the Texas VISTA Health Corps begin spreading information about immunizations, children's checkups and nutrition, they take not only training but also personal experiences to their neighborhoods.

About 130 VISTAs, or Volunteers in Service to America, will spend a year in their own communities helping low-income people improve the health of their families.

"These volunteers will be talking to people, working at health fairs, setting up systems and building links to other volunteers who will remain in the community once the VISTA volunteer has gone," said Lynette Walker, VISTA program specialist at Texas Department of Health (TDH).

One of the keys to how the VISTA program prospers, Walker said, is recruiting volunteers to serve in their home community.

"VISTAs are a diverse group of people-different ages, sexes, races and backgrounds. The volunteer may be a single mom on welfare, a grandmother or a recent college graduate who wants to serve," Walker said. "What they have in common is a good understanding of people's problems, a first-hand knowledge of what works and a real desire to give back to their community."

The VISTAs also help identify barriers people come up against in getting health services.

TDH sponsors the Texas VISTA Health Corps, which is a part of the federal government's National Service Corps. The largest project in VISTA's 33-year history, the

Texas VISTA Health Corps has placed more than 750 workers into communities throughout the state, directly reaching more than 650,000 families since it began in 1993. That year, 88 VISTA workers spent the summer going door to door, educating parents about WIC and the need for immunizations. In some instances they even arranged transportation to clinics.

The results were carefully noted. In San Antonio, WIC clientele increased from 300 in June 1992 to 1,000 in June 1993. A Waco clinic that had averaged three children a week saw about 50 children a week during the VISTA program. At the end of that summer, 105,000 children in six areas of the state got shots.

A major strength of the Texas VISTA Health Corps, Walker said, is that volunteers look for ways to help communities take care of themselves. "We have learned that building partnerships among such groups as businesses, religious organizations, health agencies, colleges and universities and civic groups is more productive," she said. "The mission of the VISTA volunteer is not to provide direct services but to develop innovative outreach ideas that can benefit people long after that particular volunteer has left."

One example, Walker pointed out, is the WIC Watch program created by VISTA volunteers in Fort Worth.

To get this program underway, VISTAs trained 27 WIC clients to promote WIC services to their friends, neighbors and co-workers.

Between May and August 1996, WIC staff noted a 100

percent show-up rate for services at WIC Watch clinics.

Another result of VISTA partnerships is the Corporate Outreach program. VISTA volunteers who have new skills and

greater work experience. "Many of our VISTA volunteers have gotten the skills to get off welfare and some have gone on to work for agencies such as TDH," Walker said.

Kinney County EMS Pulse

By Ruby Meyer, EMT

Heat Alert!

The "Dog Days of Summer" are upon us, therefore we need to start taking extra precautions while out during the heat of the day. There are two types of heat related emergencies - heat exhaustion and heat stroke, both occur due to hyperthermia (the body being over heated). These heat emergencies depend on the following factors: ambient temperature (the temperature outside as read on a thermometer), air humidity (the amount of water in the air - usually reported by the news media in weather reports), your physical health, and the amount of physical exertion that you have under gone.

The human body regulates its temperature by conduction (the dispersal of heat into a solid or liquid), radiation (heat that is emitted out/off of the body), and evaporation (the cooling effect which occurs through the drying of sweat on the surface of the body). When these methods fail, the body starts to go into shock and heat exhaustion or a heat stroke can occur.

The signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion include: over-abundant sweating, weakness, and fatigue, nausea and vomiting, pale clammy skin, rapid, shallow res-

pirations, high body temperature, headache, rapid, weak pulse, slightly low blood pressure, and disorientation. To treat this exhaustion one should go to a cool place, rest, place cool, wet cloths on your face, neck and chest, sip water until the nausea subsides to the point where more water can be consumed without vomiting. If symptoms persist, call 911.

The signs and symptoms of a heat stroke include: confusion to a comatose mental status, hot, dry skin, high body temperature, rapid pulse, and rapid respirations. If this type of heat emergency is apparent, cool the person as quickly as possible by dosing the body with large quantities of water or by placing wrapped ice packs under the arm pits, in the groin area, on both sides of the neck, behind each knee, and on the wrists and ankles. 911 should be called prior to these interventions, or if someone else is available to make the call, while these interventions are being performed. Advanced medical attention is required for this type of heat emergency - oxygen therapy, I.V. fluids administered, ECG and vital signs must be monitored in order to counteract the damage that has occurred to the body's system.

OUTDOORS



A Little On The Wildlife Side

By Henry Lutz
Kinney County Game Warden



It was a busy week in Austin

Last week was one long week. I attended three days of department sponsored in-service training in Austin, four full days if you count travel time. On the fifth day, I attended the funeral of a fellow Game Warden.

Game Wardens from across the state were attending the training in Austin. One of the Game Wardens attending was stationed in Rio Grande City. While in Austin for the training, he collapsed and died; despite the efforts of fellow Wardens, who administered CPR immediately, and the ambulance and hospital staff that also treated him. He has a wife and two children, a 2 year old and a 5 year old. He was 36.

It was good to see approximately 125 law enforcement officers from many different agencies, almost 100 of these were Game Wardens, attend the funeral. I learned, or at least was reminded of, more than I had originally expected from this week in Austin.

One of the things we discussed at our training was some of the new laws passed by the Texas Legislature this past term.

As is normal when the Legislature meets, there were more than a few new laws passed that affect us in many ways. Of course, some of these new laws will be regulated and enforced by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

and affect those persons who like to hunt, fish, boat, etc. Some of the new legislation is good and is needed and some is going to aggravate us a little.

Over the next few weeks, I will try to review some of these new laws and discuss how they will affect us.

I have finally put a heading on, or titled, this column, and it can be interpreted in several different ways (and probably has been).

I have no special interpretation of it. I thought of it and hoped it would be eye-catching and a little humorous, yet let everyone know that this is a column about the outdoors in general, since when we think of the outdoors, it is usually somehow connected to wildlife.

I try to use this space to educate the public about the outdoors, the wildlife, the outdoor activities available, and the laws and regulations that we have to live by in order to better enjoy and preserve the outdoors and all that it provides.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who read this column and those who have given me ideas or suggestions for topics and articles.

If you have an idea for an article, or some topic you would like to see addressed, please let me know by calling me or writing me at P.O. Box 1909, Brackettville.