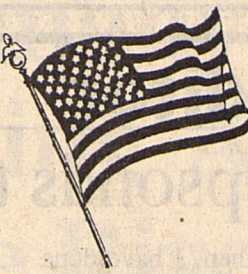


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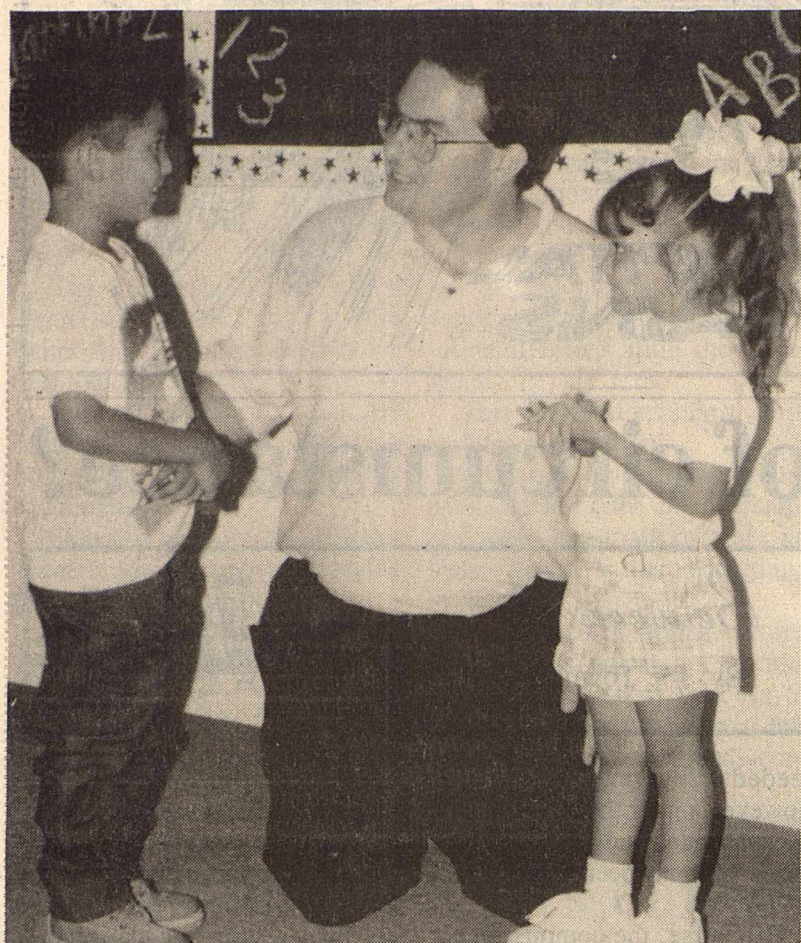


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Jones Elementary Principal Michael Schooler, center, welcomes kindergarteners Victor Anthony Robledo, left, and Brianna Escamilla on the first day of school last week.

School Board adopts \$5.3 million budget

The Brackett School Board adopted an operating budget of \$5.3 million for the 1997-98 fiscal year.

"I think it's a good budget," Superintendent Taylor Stephenson said. "I think it's going to provide a little tax relief for the people."

Although a tax rate has not yet been set, Stephenson is optimistic it will be decreased from the 1996-97 rate of \$ 1.2529 per \$100 valuation.

"We're going to try and go down on the tax rate about four cents," he said. "We think that would be especially good because it's been a hard year. We know valuations went up and we know the homestead exemption went up. If we can go down a few cents, we hope to get some things balanced out."

The 1997-98 budget of \$5,314,388 represents a \$392,152 increase over the 1996-97 budget of \$4,922,236.

"It is a significant increase, but a lot of that is grants and federal funds that we didn't have in the past," Stephenson said. "We have a good staff that's going out and seeking additional funds."

Federal funds include Title I for remediation in reading and math, \$196,285; migrant academic support, \$40,491; Title IV for library support, \$3,359; and Drug Free Schools for curriculum materials for drug-free education, \$3,498.

Other funds include food service, \$217,562; summer food service, \$7,000; vocational grant, \$9,422; ESL summer program, \$2,500; summer school for at-risk children, \$11,390; technology allotment, \$17,722; Telecommunications Infrastructure Grant, \$224,560; Hillcrest Foundation Grant, \$21,000; interest and sinking, \$192,329; and capital funds from the fund balance, \$200,000.

The general fund, which includes the bulk of operating costs in instructional areas plus extra-curricular activities and special education, is scheduled to increase from \$4,072,220 to \$4,167,270.

Stephenson said pay raises were a priority in this year's budget. Teachers will get paid \$1,000 over the state salary schedule and classified employees will receive 5 percent raises.

"We compete heavily for the best teachers," Stephenson said. "The board believes that if we can keep our teachers' salaries as high as we can afford to pay, we can compete better for those better teachers."

A breakdown of the 1997-98 general fund budget includes instructional, \$2,598,568; libraries, \$76,180; staff development, \$24,493; instructional development, \$11,058; school

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Briefs ...

Local agents seize 470 pounds of marijuana

A routine patrol by Eagle Pass Border Patrol Agents netted a seizure of just over 470 pounds of marijuana last Thursday evening.

According to the report, agents were checking suspected hide-out areas for illegal aliens downriver from the Eagle Pass Port of Entry when they discovered seven sacks of marijuana laying near a tree.

The sacks contained 40 bundles of marijuana weighing 470.75 pounds and worth an estimated \$376,600. The contraband was turned over to Eagle Pass Multi-Agency Narcotics Task Force.

No suspects were apprehended in conjunction with this discovery.

Gallego appointed to Texas Judicial Council

Texas House Speaker Pete Laney has appointed Representative Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, to the Texas Judicial Council.

"I believe Representative Gallego will be a valuable member of the council," Speaker Laney said.

Gallego is chairman of the House General Investigating Committee and is a member of the House Appropriations Committee and the House Elections Committee.

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Commissioners discuss leasing pool to the city

The operation of Kinney County's swimming pool may be turned over to the city of Brackettville.

The commissioners court discussed a long-term lease agreement at a special meeting Monday in trying to make a commitment that the pool is operational next summer.

The county did not open the pool at the beginning of the summer this year. A coalition committee was formed and was able to open the pool for 11 days.

The commissioners agreed Monday to

spend the remainder of the coalition's funds during this fiscal year for improvements to the pool.

"The pool, of course, has the needs," County Judge Herb Senne said. "There's a filtering system that needs some work and maybe a pump. The repairs' total is in the neighborhood of about \$1,400 to get it into a functional state."

Bonny Herndon said the coalition had \$1,310 in funds and "a promise of more donations to bring the pool up to par."

Herndon asked the court to make a

commitment to operate the pool next year or to turn it over to the city.

"We don't want to go down there and put a lot of money into repairs without making certain that its actually going to operate next year," Herndon said.

"The city is very interested. I have visited with the city manager and he assured me that the city was interested, that they are ready to fund it, and ready to operate it," she added.

The commissioners unanimously voted to pursue a lease agreement with the city

for the pool.

"The best way to do this, if the city is interested in it, is to lease it to the city through an interlocal agreement," Commissioner Freddie Frerich said. "They're better able to take care of something like this. They have a water system and a sewer system. It kind of fits in with them."

"I would like it move in that direction. We would still be able to participate. Whatever we put in the budget, I'm sure we can get it to the city through an interlocal agreement."

County to provide Civic Center for hearing on solid waste facility

Kinney County will host an administrative hearing regarding a municipal solid waste facility in October.

The commissioners court agreed to allow state officials to use the facility free of charge Monday at a special meeting.

The hearing is scheduled for Oct. 7, and may also include Oct. 8.

"I believe in the past we did not charge because those hearings are to inform the people, to let the people of Kinney County speak their peace on the matter," Precinct 1 Commissioner Freddie Frerich said.

Rio Grande-Nueces Initiative

In other action, the court approved a resolution supporting the Rio Grande-Nueces Reserve Conservation and Development Area Initiative.

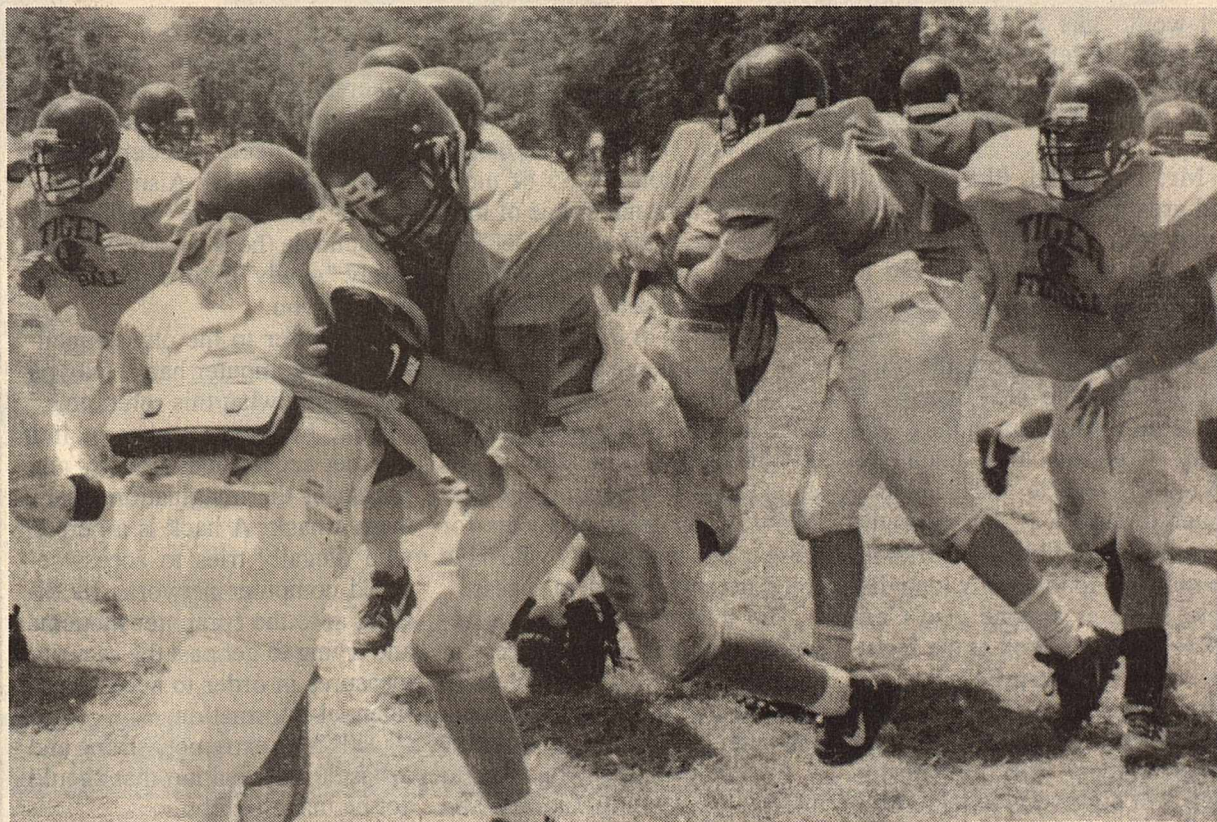
"The resolution is basically supporting an initiative that they have to have their program funded," County Judge Herb Senne said. "It's not going to cost us anything."

The resolution says that Kinney County supports the "initiative and its goals of economic growth, rural development, resource conservation, and the proper use of natural resources in the Resource Conservation and Development Area."

Personnel

After meeting in executive session for over an hour, the commissioners agreed to have the county's road and bridge superintendent work five 8-hour days and the department's two employees work five 10-hour days.

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The Brackett Tigers will host the Rocksprings Angoras in a controlled scrimmage tonight at Tiger Stadium. See story, Page 6. *Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry*

Hispanic organization hosts Career Awareness Night for seniors

The Las Moras Hispanic Organization sponsored a "Career Awareness Night" for all seniors and their parents on Aug. 11.

The evening was kicked off by guest speaker Hector Jimenez,

and elementary educator and band director in the Brackett School District.

Jimenez spoke directly to the seniors, encouraging them to prepare wisely in high school for post

secondary education.

Then, fresh out of college, Roxana Gonzalez, music teacher and assistant band director at Brackett, spoke to the crowd about her college experiences and the

important role parents play in students' lives.

And just for the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Natividad Martinez, parents of Brackett High School graduate Maribel Martinez who is currently teaching in the Dallas area, shared do's and don'ts with the parents present.

They expressed a lot of the emotions they felt as their daughter left home to get an education and the satisfaction felt as they watched her succeed.

They offered parents their advice and encouraged them to be supportive of their child's decisions.

Finally, Sergeant Barbosa, a U.S. Marine recruiter from Uvalde, spoke to both seniors and parents about the armed forces, its training and rewards.

The evening was wrapped up by a mingle-refreshment and question-answer session.

"It turned out to be a very informative and successful evening," said Alma Gutierrez, president of the Las Moras Hispanic Organization.

"I feel that this was a wonderful opportunity for parents and seniors to gain career information from different sources and start planning for post secondary education early in the school year."

The Las Moras Hispanic Organization plans to hold three other sessions throughout the school year bringing in different career representatives and counselors.

The parents and seniors present expressed an interest in financial aid information including scholarships, different armed forces representatives, and different college representatives.

The next Career Awareness Night is being planned for November.



Seniors and parents enjoy refreshments at the Career Awareness Night hosted by the Las Moras Hispanic Organization. *Photo Special to The Brackett News*

Letters to the Editor

City councilman responds to columnist

Last week, Mr. Joe Townsend wrote about fantasies. This reply is not for those who believe in everything, have a tunnel vision or object to all changes. If you have an objective view of life, then read on.

His story failed to mention some facts and my name, but some of you already know and had a good laugh, I did!

What is a newcomer and how long is a person considered a newcomer - 5, 10, 25, 50 years?

I was born in Abilene, raised here and graduated in 1976. I have owned property in town since 1979.

I served proudly in the U.S. Army for 20 years. Last year, I decided to retire and we physically moved back at the beginning of October 1996. Our choice was to be with family, friends and others.

During my time and travels away, my family and I lived in various places in the United States and Germany. The majority of the time we lived in the civilian community and got to know how people lived, believed, survived with the necessities or luxuries available.

The experience was not always enjoyable. We put up with some direct and indirect discrimination and made lots of friends. This experience will only be known by a small percentage of local people.

I believe that, "Just because you have been doing the same thing, the same way for so long, does not mean it is the correct way right now or the next time."

I do not know more than anyone else, as stated. I know some things more than some, but someone always knows more than I on other things. Collectively, we all know more and what is better for the community.

In February and March, I did some computer technical support and training for the city of Brack-

ettville. Since then, I have done some minor work at no charge.

It was during this time that I found out about the vacant and upcoming city council positions. At no time did I really seek to run or express major interest in the appointed position. I was basically asked and convinced to apply for it.

To the best of knowledge, I was not aware the council postponed the appointment from last October until April. It would have been nice if more people had expressed interest in the position. I believe that I was the best qualified.

For everyone's information, I was also asked to join the Volunteer Fire Department, Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, The Friends of the Library, Kinney County Library Board, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and others.

If the majority of any organization that I belong to requests my resignation because I am a newcomer or other justified reasons, then I will resign or be voted out.

Am I and everyone else that uses a computer for work, educational or personal reasons a computer hacker? What about our schools, businesses, library, churches, even the Monks according to CNN?

A computer hacker is one that uses computer hardware, software (and/or telephone equipment) to break into a program or another computer illegally.

In the U.S. Army, I had a secret security clearance with proper access codes and passwords to access various computer systems.

I currently pay or evaluate software and to have internet access with the proper access code and password. Just because some of my business involves computer technical support, training and the internet, does not make me or others a hacker.

A while back, a local citizen requested that we checked into expanded local calling, which was approved by the city council.

Of all the people that I talked to about the petition, only a few disagreed.

Personally, I do not spend enough on my residence's line, but would benefit on my business line. Very few people use the internet.

By the way, the petition will only let the Public Utilities Commission and the phone companies know that some are interested in this service.

The phone company will send a ballot to every phone subscriber in the 563 exchange. Everyone will have an opportunity to vote for or against expanded local calling to Del Rio, Uvalde, and Eagle Pass. Each petitioned exchange will be voted on separately.

Seventy percent of the returned ballots must favor expanded local calling for that exchange in order for it to pass.

Please be aware of the consequences of libeling or slandering someone. Some people, lawyers and judges take this action very seriously.

After being cleared of two congressional and two inspector general investigations in U.S. Army, I believe that proper documentation is what cleared me of all accusations.

So what TEAM (Together Everybody Accomplishes More) do you (people) belong to?

There are no problems, only areas of concern, an opportunity for you (all people) to excel. Either lead, follow (participate in the community), or stay quietly out of the way.

I hold no personal vendettas and by no means am I or you perfect. We are all only human.

Hasta La Vista Amigos.
Florentino "Tino" Gomez



A victim of circumstance?

Between Us

By Joe Townsend



Just when you think the bottom of the pit has been reached by political chicanery and diverse manipulation, there comes a newer and more insidious action.

The recent firing of Toady Fritter from the library has to be a demonic action.

Sources indicate the suspended judge threatened it several weeks ago.

To give an understanding of the matter, several things need to be revealed.

Toady is the wife of Clifford Fritter who is the county road superintendent.

The head librarian is a sister to Alex Solis who has a vital interest in the infamous roping arena where the stolen highway guard rails grace the fences.

After the recent turn of events, the firing of Toady Fritter could not be coincidental.

Several weeks ago, the librarian called three of the five board members to come by the library and sign a "paper" allegedly seeking the elimination of Toady's position for the next fiscal year.

The reason given for eliminating the position was the library

needed the money elsewhere. However, under the leadership of the suspended judge, the library has consistently been underfunded every year.

Of course, the commissioners agreed to this only because "it was the request of the library board." However, the library board has no real authority except as a consulting group.

After members of the community began raising questions about the elimination of the position on Friday, Toady was fired five minutes before the library closed that day.

The glaring question is, "Where is the money more sorely needed than in personnel?"

We all know that sooner than later the librarian will suddenly need help and will seek out one acceptable to the powers that be.

If not, how can the librarian take time off?

We must keep in mind that the library board never met and never discussed the matter.

Keep in mind that one of the three signators has been in town less than a year but managed a political appointment.

Keep in mind the final responsibility rests with the Commissioners Court.

Keep in mind that Toady is, in reality, more qualified than Sarah Terrazas. She has become one of the many victims of pernicious perfidy by this administration.

Tenchu Pena was also a victim of the same type of action, under the leadership of the same judge.

How long will the people of Kinney County abide such skulduggery?

The Commissioners Court can remedy the situation. If they fail to act responsibly, the only action available is a change on the court.

Writer should reinvestigate phone issue

I would like to reply to Mr. Townsend in reference to his last column titled, "Fantasies of area newcomers tend to have a short lifespan."

Mr. Townsend, I have always had great respect for you and enjoyed your columns immensely. However, I believe you need to reinvestigate the matter of local telephone access.

As you know, I wrote the original letter to the city manager's office informing him of the possibility of getting local telephone access to Del Rio and Uvalde. I never dreamed at that time the storms it would brew. I certainly do not wish to lower my long distance bills at anyone else's expense, but let's look at the facts:

1. Southwestern Bell does not wish this to happen. It means a loss of revenue for them in long distance fees. The only reason they will allow this to take place is that they are regulated by the Public Utilities Commission and this is a requirement of that regulation.

2. Middle Rio Grande would not be getting any of the \$3.50 per month you would be required to pay. They only did the research necessary to file the application

with Public Utilities Commission.

3. Southwestern Bell currently charges between 23 and 25 cents per minute for long distance to Uvalde and Del Rio. This means if you use a total of 15 or more minutes in a month's time of long distance to Uvalde and/or Del Rio, with local access, your phone bill would stay the same or lower than it is now. Two or three short business calls a month and being put on hold even once during these calls would pay for local access.

4. One of the benefits if this should pass is an extremely lowered cost for internet access for those in our community who have computers with modem access.

The internet is a fantastic research tool and having access at home would greatly benefit those students lucky enough to have a computer.

I would challenge you to go to the Kinney County Library and use their computer that has internet access to look up a research subject, any research subject. I think you would be impressed at the resources available.

I do genealogy research and I am always astounded at the information available on the internet. I have even downloaded greatly de-

tailed historical maps.

As I said, I have always respected you, Mr. Townsend. However, in this subject matter you have been inaccurate and poorly researched. Also, your attack of "newcomers" and the city councilman (he is not a newcomer - only "newly" returned home) is beneath you.

You refer to the city councilman as a computer hack. Do you understand what this refers to?

Just because a person has internet access does not, by any stretch of the imagination, make them a hack. A hack is a person who illegally tries to access secured computer networks by dialing in to the computer modems and trying to get past the security measures in order to access confidential information.

This is an extremely strong and distasteful accusation that should not be made lightly.

Whether you choose to support local telephone access or not, I would like to request that in the future you stick to the facts and let's all do the best we can to leave personalities out of it. Mudslinging benefits no one and distorts facts and issue-based discussion.

Bonny Herndon

Members should enjoy what Fort offers

For some time now, two members of the Fort Clark Springs Association have been spouting off about the Board of Directors in the newspapers and at meetings. I hate to dignify their efforts with a response, but enough is enough.

We've lived many places and in no other place have there been nicer people, more fun things to do, more sunny days, or greater security.

It's a sorry state of affairs when a couple of self seeking idiots with personal axes to grind attack the people who are duly elected caretakers of this potential paradise.

If these two want to know why the general manager and the Golf Club manager were

fired, they should ask the managers "why." They know.

It isn't seemly for the directors to expand on the faults of ex-employees, and the employees shouldn't want them to do so.

The directors had their reasons. There isn't a person on that board that has anything personal to gain from any actions taken beyond the greater good of Fort Clark Springs.

Genell Hobbs has been interim manager on other occasions and she's always done a creditable job. She's gracious, knowledgeable, and perfectly capable of running this fort. There is no need for the board to engage in hasty hiring.

We aren't golfers, but we just took a little tour of the Golf Club area.

Golfers are still golfing, the greens are green, and the weeds are cut, so it seems it's pretty much "golfing as usual," either in spite of or because of a change in management. We are glad of that. We are proud of the Golf Course even though we don't use it.

We suggest that the two nincompoops who keep harassing the board just lay off and enjoy the privileges and amenities offered around here.

If it weren't so tragic, it would be amusing to observe who is calling whom a laughing-stock.

Bob and Joan Lindley

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Letters to the Editor

FCSA financial statement contains accounting errors

The treasurer of a multi-million dollar corporation is presenting the monthly financial statement to the corporation's Board of Directors.

The directors and stockholders present are referred to a primitive, single page balance sheet which appears to be a word processed document, in lieu of the more reliable accounting spreadsheet.

The treasurer chooses not to detail any of the numbers and states simply that the "figures are self-explanatory."

A motion is made and seconded to submit the financial statement for audit. The motion passes unanimously.

Only one problem - the balance sheet/financial statement contains gross accounting errors!

Activity revenues are off by a whopping \$74,532, which changes a reported \$40,111 loss to a \$34,421 profit. The bottom line changes from a profit of a mere \$4,301 to an impressive \$78,831.

The reported figures would have meant a \$70,000-plus loss in one month, yet there was no mention or even concern for such a loss.

Several conclusions can be drawn from this situation: no one checked the balance sheet for accuracy; no one noticed the enormous one month loss the numbers showed; and, no one cared to.

Maybe the Board of Directors has just adopted a casual arrogance about the correctness of the minimal information they provided.

This corporation is Fort Clark Springs Association!

Statistics on the swimming pool, status of the membership, and other important data are no longer given. Is there something to hide?

In most corporations, profits are a positive indicator of success. You would expect success to breed success. Apparently at this association, success breeds contempt and revenge.

Arvel "Art" Baker

Board of Directors cannot justify charging for dance

To the Fort Clarks Springs Association Board of Directors in reference to the \$3 charge for the Labor Day dance and the closing of the Swim Park to residents and non-resident members:

1. How can the board justify charging members \$3 when you subsidize the two restaurants and the golf course thousands of dollars each month?

2. How can you justify closing the swim park to the members and their families and guests that do not want to dance, but pay each month to have access to said park?

For some nonresident members, Labor Day and other holidays are the only times they have to visit their recreational community and enjoy some of the benefits they supposedly pay for with their dues.

Suggestion: Instead of a fixed charge for the dance, and as it now stands for the use of the swim park on dance nights, invite everyone

to come and enjoy the music and festive atmosphere without having to pay an entrance fee.

Many people, including many of our members, like to go to a dance just to watch and listen to the music and they should be encouraged to do so.

Now, once everyone is enjoying themselves, make a request for a voluntary contribution to help defray the cost of the band and pass the hat.

I and many other members I have talked to would readily donate money toward the payment for something we are enjoying and that others could enjoy. I also believe you would get almost as much or more money voluntarily than you will by a fixed fee.

This type action might also help the board regain some respect and show they are acting for the benefit of the members.

Bill Kelly

Asking for resignations of directors is unnecessary

There is a group of Fort Clark Springs members who are organizing and agitating to remove the Board of Directors of FCSA.

I believe they have some legitimate gripes with the present board, as many members including myself, but I do not agree with what appears to be their most important gripes.

I do not believe they should make a major issue of personnel who were fired by the board just because they liked the people who were fired. They should check into why they were fired and maybe how they were hired in the first place.

I agree that the bottom line mentality of the board with curtailing of membership amenities is a losing proposition and should be challenged and changed.

I agree that the apparent beliefs of the board as to the importance of support by the non-member public and the acquisition of new members being more important than supporting the existing members, is wrong.

I agree that the Board of Directors is too involved in the day to day management of FCSA.

I believe that we should have a new manager, but I would also state that it should be a manager who is qualified and experienced to manage a membership recreational community.

It should not be, as has been in the past, a friend of a board member a member of the sitting board or necessarily retired FCSA member.

I also do not believe it should be a recently retired and inexperienced military man.

Although some members, including some sitting board members, believe our greatest asset or claim to fame is the fact we are occupying the grounds of historic Fort Clark, we are not a military organization and should not be managed as one.

To further substantiate my comment, check our advertising signs and logos on our vehicles. They say Fort Clark, but our registered name is Fort Clark Springs, which is what they should say.

Members dislike the fact that they are limited to a ridiculous two minutes for comments at board meetings. This started with the present board and I believe it was to prevent good constructive criticism and to limit discussion of new approaches to association problems.

I know that time is limited at board meetings, but why can't we have a monthly town hall meeting, with ample time to air opinions, presided over by the manager, who could then take our suggestions to the board for answers and possibly pertinent action?

The Declaration of Protective Restrictions say we the members can, if at least 400 want to, call a meeting at which we can direct the board to take actions we wish, but no where does it say we can remove duly elected members of the board.

Mickey Braun

A case of mistaken identity

My great grandfather was born here in Brackettville over 120 years ago. Our family roots are based in this community.

I have a small business in this area and drive a blue pickup truck. I shop in town for materials and groceries, as well as attend church here. I also think it's a great place to raise children.

My father, who is also involved with the community, has written many letters to the editor. Since we have the same name, I would like to clear up the matter of receiving the praise and criticism for his efforts.

Though we agree on some issues, we do not agree on all issues. I do not contribute to his letters.

Therefore, give credit where credit is due.

The Other Roger Perez

Still so many questions concerning American Heritage Rivers Initiative

By Henry Bonilla
U.S. Congressman, District 23

The second leg of the public comment period for the American Heritage Rivers Initiative has come and gone. And still, you may be wondering exactly what is the American Heritage Rivers Initiative anyway?

The American Heritage Rivers Initiative, the brainchild of the Clinton Administration, would designate 10 U.S. tributaries as American Heritage Rivers.

So what? The details are still sketchy, but supposedly this plan will help communities reinvigorate waterways and the areas surrounding them. Sounds like a great goal, but we don't know exactly how this plan would work or why we need it.

The proponents of the American Heritage Rivers Initiative say it will cut through the red tape of 13 federal agencies, giving local communities easier

access to existing programs and existing funds.

If you're a little wary of something that uses "federal agencies," "coordinate" and "simplify" in the same sentence, you're not alone.

Why do we need a new federal program to make the agencies do what they should be doing already?

So far, the folks touting this proposal are playing word games instead of being up front with real answers.

For example, in order to be designated as a heritage river, a river must be nominated by a community and be backed by broad community support.

But how do they define a "river"? What do they call a "community"? Would they define a tributary in West Texas as part of the Rio Grande river? Would a few people in a town be enough to nominate a river for designation even if the majority opposes it?

Proponents claim that the

American Heritage Rivers Initiative is non-regulatory and completely voluntary.

If it is indeed 100 percent non-regulatory and voluntary, why does it take 13 federal agencies to implement it?

Aren't the private sector, state and local governments in a better position to get the job done?

You get the idea. There are still too many questions looming over the American Heritage Rivers Initiative.

If it is what they say it is, then it does essentially nothing. If it is what we suspect, then it could compromise Texans' private property rights.

That's why we are working to further extend the public comment period and fighting to ensure that private property rights are protected.

Texas deserve time to ask their questions and get some real answers before the American Heritage Rivers Initiative goes anywhere.

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Open House at BISD proves to be a success

The Open House held Tuesday was well attended and accomplished our goal of inviting the parents and friends of BISD to come out and meet the school staff.

Parents should be full partners in the education of children. We're proud that you took the time to attend the Open House.

The event Tuesday night varied from refreshments at the Middle School to hot dogs and cokes at the Elementary School. At the High School, the attendance was better than in recent years.

Teachers were available to talk about the children and youth that they teach. That's our No. 1 interest at BISD. By attending, you showed that it is your No. 1 interest also. We'll try it again.

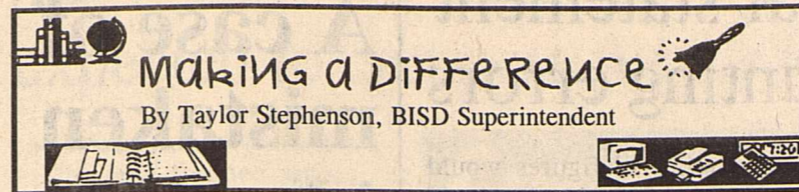
Get Well Soon!

Coach Roy Rokovich has been ill this week. Kay tries to keep him sitting in a chair at home off of the leg that has been so much of a problem.

This is a hard working coach who loves the kids. He was doing much better when I visited him on Tuesday.

Tax Support

We're still working at analyz-



ing the tax support needed to support the budget that was adopted by the Board.

The tax rate can not be set before Sept. 1 in Texas this year. There have been lots of changes. The new \$15,000 homestead exemption will help ease some of the pain of higher valuation of property.

The Board hopes to be able to lower the taxes by a few cents. Our district receives a large amount of dollars from Tier 2 funds because our district valuation is lower than the state average.

Each district in Texas is assigned a basic tax rate of 86 cents called the Local Fund Assignment. Beyond the 86 cents, the

maximum rate is \$1.50 or 64 cents beyond the LFA.

For each penny of Tax effort made by local districts, the state guarantees about \$22,000 in dollars for local education.

One penny of taxes at BISD produces about \$8350 in local tax revenues. So, the state comes in to match each of the \$8350 units with about \$13,650 more.

It's important that we completely review the state match in order to maximize the use of local tax dollars. That's where we are.

We hope to lower the rate from \$1.2529 per \$100 of valuation.

Searching for Chiles

Away from school this weekend, several members of my fam-

ily were able to travel to Artesia, N.M., in search of chiles - Big Jim type.

We found them at a great farm outside of Artesia. While there, we were able to see the chiles roasted and to recapture the smell of the chiles roasting that we all remembered so well.

It seems strange to travel seem hours one way to find the chiles. But, the trip was fun and relaxing.

Football Scrimmage

Tonight, we have a scrimmage at the BHS football stadium. The Tigers will battle the Rocksprings Angoras.

Labor Day Holiday

Don't forget the last holiday of the summer on Monday - Labor Day. It's a holiday made for family outings.

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Family violence center offers a 24-hour hotline

The Amistad Family Violence and Rape Crisis Center has opened a Brackettville office and now has a 24-hour hotline for Kinney County residents.

The local hotline number is 563-2023. Volunteers Beverly Wright and Michelle Rosas are on call 24 hours a day.

The family violence center offers legal assistance, emergency shelter, peer group counseling, community education and awareness, assistance with protection order applications, court accompaniment, and information and referral.



Super S Foods celebrated its 24th anniversary last week. On hand at the local store were Danny Escamilla (from left), Kathryn Letsinger of the Chamber of Commerce, Ponce Padron and Manolo Rosas Sr.

Kinney County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, August 19
2:10 p.m., A city of Brackettville employee reported a missing chain saw. The saw was later found.

Wednesday, August 20
12:23 a.m., A Brackettville man reported that a lady at Mario's Bar got his glass.

12:07 p.m., A Kinney County woman reported a break-in at the Leona Ranch. The woman and her husband were out of town from Aug. 4-19. She said her neighbors informed her that they discovered the break-in on Aug. 12, but failed to report it. The subject entered the residence through the rear metal door, which had a dead-bolt, by pushing it in.

Reported missing was a .22-caliber revolver, which is valued at \$300.

11:45 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported receiving threatening phone calls.

Thursday, August 21
2:34 p.m., Rickey Anthony Bergeron, 42, of Del Rio was arrested on an outstanding warrant for possession of marijuana by Deputy Sheriff Adrian Pena. He was released the same day after posting a \$2,500 bail bond.

Friday, August 22
9:44 a.m., A Brackettville man reported that someone had possibly stolen his 1986 Ford F150 pickup and asked if officers would be on the lookout for it. The man called back a few

minutes later and said the pickup had been located.

10:53 p.m., Border Patrol officials reported that a bus was on fire five miles west of Brackettville on Highway 90. The Brackettville Volunteer Fire Department was notified at 10:54.

Saturday, August 23
12:05 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported loud music at the City Park on West Spring Street.

10:28 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that someone had been stabbed at a residence in town. EMS officials were notified and Deputy Sheriff Art Trevino was dispatched to the scene.

Sunday, August 24
4:02 a.m., A Brackettville man reported that his mother had been beaten by his father.

2:37 p.m., A Brackettville woman requested that someone move a dead possum from her residence on East El Paso Street. A city of Brackettville employee was notified of the situation.

8:50 p.m., An anonymous caller reported loud music at a woman in a red Chevy extended-cab pickup were arguing on the side of Highway 90, just west of Fort Clark Springs. The caller said he believed children were in the vehicle. Deputy Trevino was dispatched to the scene but was unable to locate the vehicle.

Community Calendar

Thursday, August 28
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

Monday, September 1
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.

Tuesday, September 2
7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Wednesday, September 3
7:00 p.m., The Brackett Band Booster Club meets at the Band Hall.

Thursday, September 4
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

6:30 p.m., The Brackettville Lions Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

Sunday, September 7
12:00 p.m., The Knights of Columbus meet at Parish Hall.

Monday, September 8
9:00 a.m., The Kinney County Commissioners Court meets at the County Courthouse on Ann Street.

5:30 p.m., The Brackett Independent School District Board of Trustees meets in regular session.

Tuesday, September 9
6:00 p.m., The Brackettville City Council meets at City Hall on West Spring Street.

7:00 p.m., The Las Moras Masonic Lodge No. 444 meets at Lodge Hall on Ann Street.

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

Thursday, September 11
9:30 a.m., The Mountain Laurel Garden Club meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

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

6:30 p.m., The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meets at Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

Saturday, September 13
10:00 a.m., The Fort Clark Springs Community Council meets at Shafter Hall on Fort Clark Springs.

Tuesday, September 16
7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Adult Center.

Thursday, September 18
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, September 20
10:00 a.m., The Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors meets at the Board Room on Fort Clark Springs.

Monday, September 22
6:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Springs VFW meets at the Service Club on Fort Clark Springs.

Tuesday, September 23
7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Adult Center on Fort Clark Springs.

Thursday, September 25
12:00 p.m., The Brackettville Rotary Club meets at the Las Moras Inn on Fort Clark Springs.

Saturday, September 27
12:30 p.m., The Fort Clark Chapter of The Retired Officers Association (TROA) will have its monthly luncheon at the Ramada Inn in Del Rio.

Tuesday, September 30
7:00 p.m., The Fort Clark Duplicate Bridge Club meets at the Adult Center.

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But, I could be wrong

By Chuck Hall



Fall has fell

School started. Young men and women are eager to begin another exciting phase of development in their lives.

The teachers seemed to be more positive this year than any that I can remember. And I think that's important. Positivism bleeds over onto everyone around us. It's contagious. It fills our hearts and minds with the promise of great rewards for great performances.

I witnessed football practice the other day. The young men looked good. Still rusty in spots, but basically sound and very eager to compete. They'll do well.

I talked to some volleyball girls and they shared their excitement about the coming year with me.

I've seen the band off and on all summer as they have drilled themselves into near perfection.

These students will remember the extracurricular part of their high school years long after other memories have faded. They'll recall the team spirit and the camaraderie they shared with their friends.

But, I could be wrong.

Pete's Sake

Leave it to the kids

The teachers at our church's Sunday School took turns giving the lesson. Usually, they'd round it off with something like "Now, children, the moral of this story is ..."

One day, Miss Brown, the young teacher whose turn it was, made the story particularly exciting and the youngsters were delighted.

One little boy asked if Miss Brown couldn't give the lesson more often, even on a regular basis.

"We all like her very much," he explained, "because she doesn't have any morals!"

Partlow wins first in Golf Cart Poker Run

FORT CLARK SPRINGS - Despite the threatening weather last Saturday, 26 people turned out for the second running of the Golf Cart Poker Run.

As the popularity of the game increases, so does the prize fund. Mary Partlow collected from the dealers along the route the best five cards out of seven. It was a straight-flush with six high, and it earned her \$55.

There was a tie for second place between Larry Bergey and Carl Dyreson for the lowest number score of 11. They won \$10 each.

There were 18 other winners with bonus cards picked.

While the scores were being tallied, home-made ice cream was served. It was donated by Rosie Mattingly.

The next Poker Run is planned for October.

Hernandez family hosts first reunion

The Hernandez family hosted its first family reunion at Fort Clark Springs on Aug. 15-16.

Andrea and Santiago Hernandez had seven children: Juanita N. Garcia, Tony, Jesus, Erlinda, Ninfa H. Pena, and twin girls, Betty and Ester. The only one left is Betty Cortez.

Friday, Aug. 15, the family met members they hadn't seen in years. There was golf, swimming, a pot luck lunch and a d.j. dance.

On Saturday, the family met at church to celebrate the 100th birthday of their great-aunt, Petra Terrazas, and their family reunion at mass.

Jim Hernandez was one of the singers at the mass. He is the only son of the late Jesus Hernandez.

Then, there was golf, a pinata for the children, swimming, lunch at Las Moras Restaurant, and a dance with Rick Cisneros and El Grupo Promesa out of Eagle Pass. About 126 family members were at the restaurant.

Lions hear about new service in community

By Pat Spohnholtz
Contributing Writer

At their last meeting, the Brackettville Lion's Club appreciated hearing guest speaker

Claudia Valdez, a victim advocate with the Amistad Family Violence and Rape Crisis Center, spoke to the Brackettville Lions Club recently.

Gena Reyes, a case worker with the center, was also a guest at the meeting.

Valdez provided many unsettling statistics. She said, for instance, that there have been over 300 cases of domestic violence and 39 cases of sexual assault, in the surrounding area, year-to-date.

In the U.S., abuse and assault on women is nine times more likely to happen in their homes than elsewhere. Annually, 60 percent of the women murdered are killed by their husbands or boyfriends. One third of women's visits to emergency rooms are the result of domestic violence.

So, why do women stay in such situations? Ms. Valdez discussed four reasons.

First, their present situation represents, at least some measure of security. They often live far from family and friends and do not know where to turn for help.

Second, they may not know any other lifestyle, they do not understand that violence is not the norm, that they are not expected



Claudia Valdez (from left) and Gena Reyes addressed President Lou Sofaly and the Brackettville Lions Club.

to put up with it.

The third reason is economic; they may never have held a job and have no job skills to enable them to make a living.

Fourth, if there are children, they fear losing them if the abusive home situation becomes known.

The impact on the children in such homes is also very negative. Ninety-five percent of runaway children come from abusive homes. They often become the next generation of abusers. It is the way they have learned to be in control.

Our community needs to help recognize abusers and let them know that help is available, for

them and for their victims. Domestic violence affects all economic levels, all ethnic groups, and those of all religious groups.

The Lions offered to help the center by providing clothing and household articles for distribution by the homeless shelter.

Although the statistics were grim, it was good to hear that our community now has a resource available through the Brackettville Crisis Center's hotline: 563-2023.

Gum hosts meeting of Laureate Epsilon Iota

Walela Gum was hostess to Laureate Epsilon Iota chapter of Beta Sigma Phi for the August meeting held in her home.

The meeting was a summer social event. An indoor barbecue dinner with all the trimmings was served to Hawkins Huey, Mildred Borden, Orlean Riley, Nakai Breen, Mabel Parham and Lily Schwandner by the hostess.

Mabel Parham will be hostess for the September meeting.

Labor Day celebration

Fast-drawing gunslingers, a mounted horse exhibition, historical reenactors, a father and son trick roping team from Mexico, educational demonstrations, a fast-draw and watermelon seed spitting contest and lots of live music are just some of the highlights of the 37th Annual Labor Day Cowboy Horse Races to be held at Happy Shahan's famed Alamo Village Movie Location September 1.

Headlining the day-long entertainment fest at Alamo Village will be famed Hollywood stuntman Dean Smith, who will perform astounding tricks from atop his horse "Sunday."

Smith, who won a gold medal as part of the 400 meter relay team at the Helsinki, Finland Olympics in 1952 and who has appeared in more than forty major feature films and fifty plus TV series and movies of the week, was a favorite of John Wayne who used him often in his movies including "The Alamo", filmed at Alamo Village.

The Western-style horse races will take place on Front Street of the popular movie set and tourist attraction.

Anyone interested in participating in the races need only to round up their favorite horse and show up at the village on Labor Day. The races, which kick off at 1

p.m., follow a Texas Style Barbecue at noon.

A trophy and cash prize will be awarded to the winner with the fastest horse, with the last race beginning about 5 p.m. Stud horses are not allowed to compete.

Gates to Alamo Village open at 9 a.m., with a gunfight kicking off the day's festivities inside the saloon at 10 a.m. followed by an exciting performance by Heath Childs & The Wild Ride band at 10:30.

Also performing during the Labor Day activities will be Alamo Village's own Bunk house Band, who has thrilled standing-room only audiences throughout the summer with their musical stage show "Tribute To The American Cowboy."

Other performers include a father and son Charro trick roping act sponsored by George Ramon's world famous La Macarena Nightclub in Ciudad Acuna, Mexico and the Company 'D' Texas Rangers Reenactors who will take a page of Brackettville's rich history and bring it to life on the main street of Alamo Village. The Uvalde-based "living history" group features the talents of Jim Ryan and James Ham and is only one of two reenactment groups in the state sanctioned by the Texas Rangers organization.

Ford discusses vocational services at last week's Rotary Club meeting

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

President John Ford spoke at last week's Rotary Club meeting about one of the four Avenues of Service through which Rotary carries out its efforts to help build a better world - the vocational service.

Ford took his theme from International president, Glen W. Kinrose whose column, "The President's Message," appears in Rotary World, a newspaper reporting the activities of Rotary International.

Kinrose wants vocational service to be revitalized. He wrote that at one time Rotarians held the leading positions in their trades or professions. This gave them an opportunity to act as a connecting link between the idealism of Rotary and his or her trade or profession associations.

However, times have changed and members now are less active in their trade and professional groups. This has reduced the effect of the overall Vocational Service efforts.

The Four Way Test has been "the most fundamental provision of membership", according to Kinrose. This set of guidelines to ethical behavior is a unique feature of Rotary.

The test should be applied to what each member thinks, says or does: "Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and foster friend-

ships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

Kinrose explains that by exercising vocational leadership in their business or professional lives, members can encourage fair and honest dealings with suppliers and customers. They can ensure high levels of quality control and service. They can provide training for young people that can give them a chance to fulfill their potential.

As a vocational leader, a Rotarian can facilitate agreements between labor and management that are fair to all concerned.

Ford pointed out that we are living in an age when high ethical standards are losing their importance in society. Its up to those of us who hold ethical behavior as part of our value system to become involved.

If we sit back passively and watch something we consider basic to a healthy society slide away, we will be contributing to the dissolution of a way of life we hold valuable.

Each time one of us stands up for ethical behavior or demonstrates what it means to live honorably, we are serving as an example to other individuals.

If enough individuals made this effort, it could spread throughout the community. Small efforts are the ingredients crucial for the growth and strengthening of a moral and just society.

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RB Derek Syfert (So.)	Comfort
RB Gary Vallejo	Charlotte
WR Ryan Witt	Center Point
TE Kurt Wiedenberg	Comfort
OL Patrick Munoz	Brackett
OL Joey Perez	Dilley
OL Anthony Klagenberg	Natalia
OL Loe Luis Martinez	Charlotte
DEFENSE	
DL Dean Alexander	Comfort
DL Jacob Richter	Center Point
DL Wes Baker (Jr.)	Brackett
LB Jorge Rodriguez	Brackett
LB David Stamenov	Natalia
LB J. Wayne Ballew	Brackett
LB Jason Ruple (Jr.)	Charlotte
DB Kris Pressler	Comfort
DB J.J. Neves	Dilley
DB Joey Tijerina	Charlotte
DB Jose Morales	Dilley

All players are seniors, unless noted

Charlotte, Brackett, Comfort expected to compete for District 30-2A title

Dilley is picked to win the District 30-2A football title and make its eighth straight playoff appearance.

But the Wolves, 8-3 last year, are expected to be challenged by Charlotte, Brackett and Comfort.

"I think there are four teams who can win it," Brackett coach Roy Rokovich said. "I would say we're one of those four."

The Tigers are led by senior quarterback J. Wayne Ballew, who passed for 450 yards and ran for 630 last year.

Fullback Jorge Rodriguez rushed for over 1,084 yards last season and guard Patrick Munoz was an all-state selection.

The Tigers return six other starters on offense, including tailback Demitrous Williams, split

end Brian Flores, tight end Jose Gonzalez, tackle Chad Neuman, guard Xavier Toms and center Nat Terrazas.

Brackett has nine starters back on defense with Terrazas and Wes Baker at tackle, Toms and Coty Williams at the ends, Ballew, Rodriguez, Munoz, and David Honstein at linebackers, and Brian Flores at corner back.

"Brackett has a lot coming back," Natalia coach Chris Keller said. "I look for them to be real tough this year. They had great track and baseball programs."

Dilley again will count on Fabian Santos, who rushed for 1,200 yards last year. J.J. Neves was the top receiver with 18 interceptions for 280 yards, and he also

had 10 interceptions at free safety. Charlotte finished second in district last year after making the jump from Class A. The Trojans, perennial contenders in Class A, advanced to the second round of the playoffs and finished 10-2.

Ruben Campos returns at quarterback for Charlotte. He passed for 1,200 yards in nine games. Gary Vallejo, who rushed for 1,400 yards in eight games, is back at fullback.

Comfort was the district's hard-luck team last year, losing two games by less than six points.

The Bobcats return quarterback Kris Pressler, who tallied 2,209 all-purpose yards last year, and running back Derek Syfert, who rushed for 968 yards as a freshman.

Coaches' Poll

PROJECTED FINISH/TEAM	RETURNING Off-Def-Let	'96 SSN. RECORD	'96 DST. RECORD	POLL POINTS	1st PLACE VOTES
1. Dilley	7-7-18	8-3	5-0	34	5
2. Charlotte	10-10-15	10-2	4-1	26.5	
3. Brackett	9-9-18	5-5	3-2	25	1
4. Comfort	9-9-17	7-3	2-3	22.5	
5. Center Point	8-10-20	1-9	0-5	9	
(tie) Natalia	4-3-10	4-6	1-4	9	

Natalia returns only four offensive and three defensive starters from last year's ball club that finished 4-6.

The Mustangs are led by senior linebacker David Stamenov.

The three-year starter had 127 tackles in 1996.

With 20 lettermen back, including eight offensive and 10 defensive starters, Center Point is looking to improve after a 1-9 season.

Tigers scrimmage Rocksprings today

The Brackett Tigers will host the Rocksprings Angoras in a controlled scrimmage tonight at 6 p.m.

"Our kids love to play Rocksprings and I think Rocksprings' kids feel the same way," Tigers coach Roy Rokovich said. "It should be a real competitive scrimmage."

The Angoras are led by junior quarterback Will Harrell who threw for over 1,000 yards and 15 touchdowns last season.

"He is an outstanding athlete," Rokovich said. "He is bigger and stronger this year than he was last year. He is going to be a challenge. He is a big weapon for Rocksprings."

Leading Rocksprings' ground game is senior fullback J.J. Flores. The three-year starter rushed for 916 yards in 1996.

"J.J. is a good running back," Rokovich said. "If our kids will run and get to the ball like they did last week, we will be able to be effective against him."

Tigerettes to compete in Hondo Invitational

The Brackett Tigerettes will compete in the 13th Annual Hondo Varsity Volleyball Tournament this weekend.

Brackett, 0-2 on the season, will open the tournament tomorrow in pool play against Hondo at 9 a.m., Potet at 10:30, San Antonio Cole at 12:45, and Boerne at 2:15.

Saturday's action begins at 8 a.m. with the championship match set for 2:15.

The Tigerettes are coming off of a 15-6, 14-16, 15-6 loss to Comstock on the road Monday.

Katy Hagler led the offensive attack with four kills. Jennifer Ashabranner finished with two kills and Lindsey Brotherton had one kill and seven assists.

Hagler, Brotherton, Tina Meek and Hilda Aguirre all had one ace piece. Hagler and Ashabranner each had a block.

Aguirre led the defensive effort with six digs, Meek picked up five, Stephanie Terrazas had four, and Patty Lopez had one.

The Tigerettes opened their season last weekend at the Luby's Invitational in Del Rio.

In pool play, Brackett lost to Comstock 15-5, 15-11, and split with Leakey, 15-7, 12-15, and Del Rio, 13-15, 15-9.

In the consolation finals, Brackett lost to Del Rio, 15-8, 17-19, 15-8.

Ashabranner had seven kills in the contest, Meek finished with four, Hagler had two and Lopez added one. Brotherton chipped in 14 assists.

Ashabranner and Lopez both had two digs and Meek picked up one. Ashabranner and Hagler also had one ace piece.

Cubettes split opener

COMSTOCK - Brackett's middle school volleyball teams split a double-header Monday night as the Cubettes opened their season.

The eighth graders picked up a 15-2, 15-9 victory over Comstock in their first game of the season.

The seventh grade team lost to Sacred Heart, 15-3, 15-4.

The Cubettes will resume action on Thursday, Sept. 4, as they host Eagle Pass. The action begins at 5 p.m.

50-240-9 (Rev. 6-97-6)

1997 Property Tax Rates in BRACKETT ISO

This notice concerns 1997 property tax rates for BRACKETT ISO. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the school district used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the school district can set before it must hold a rollback election. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes and state funds by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 734,609.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 191,713.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 926,322.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 84,334,981
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 1.2529 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 912,823.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 84,901,697
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 1.0751 /\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless the school district publishes notices and holds hearing	\$ 1.1074 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Amount of local taxes needed based on state funding formulas and 1997-98 student enrollment

+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 982,295.00
- This year's local maintenance and operation rate OR 1996 maintenance and operation rate (use greater of 2 rates above)	\$ 1,1061 /\$100
+ \$0.08	\$ 1,1861 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 2,169 /\$100
+ Rate to recoup loss certified by commissioner of education	\$ - /\$100
- This year's rollback rate	\$ 1,4030 /\$100

For a school district with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rate for pollution control	\$ - /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ 1,4030 /\$100

50-179 (Rev. 6-97-6)

Schedule A
Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund Balance
GENERAL OPERATING FUND \$ 250,000

Schedule B
1997 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
BONDS	\$ 125,000	\$ 66,788.50	\$ 900.00	\$ 192,688.50
(expand as needed)				
Total required for 1997 debt service		\$ 192,688.50		
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A		\$ -		
- Excess collections last year		\$ -		
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1997		\$ 192,688.50		
- State aid for facilities		\$ -		
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only _____ % of its taxes in 1997		\$ -		
= Total Debt Levy		\$ 192,688.50		

Schedule C
Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ N/A in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

Schedule D
State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The _____ County Auditor certifies that _____ County has spent \$ N/A in the previous 12 months beginning _____, 19____, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. _____ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Schedule E
Transfer of Department, Function or Activity

The _____ spent \$ _____ from _____ to _____ on the _____ The _____ operates this function in all or a majority of the _____ [Second Year of Transfer. Modify schedule to show comparison of amount this year and preceding year by unit receiving the function.]

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at _____ KINNEY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
Name of person preparing this notice JOYCE S. FUENTES
Title CHIEF APPRAISER
Date prepared 8-20-97

50-212 (Rev. 6-94-2)

1997 Property Tax Rates in CITY OF SPOFFORD

This notice concerns 1997 property tax rates for CITY OF SPOFFORD. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 3,813.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 3,813.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 1,258,002
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.3031 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 3,813.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 1,323,854
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.2735 /\$100

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ N/A /\$100
- Effective tax rate	\$ N/A /\$100

x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing

	\$ 0.2817 /\$100
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This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$ 3,813.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 1,323,854
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.2735 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.2953 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0000 /\$100
- This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.2953 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ N/A /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ N/A /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rate for pollution control	\$ N/A /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.2953 /\$100

50-173 (Rev. 6-97-6)

Schedule A
Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund Balance
NONE NONE

Schedule B
1997 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
(expand as needed)				
Total required for 1997 debt service		\$ NONE		
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A		\$ -		
- Excess collections last year		\$ -		
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1997		\$ -		
- State aid for facilities		\$ -		
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only _____ % of its taxes in 1997		\$ -		
= Total Debt Levy		\$ NONE		

Schedule C
Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)

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Brackettville's Bailee and Summer Allen have been active members of the Uvalde Youth Rodeo Club for five years, winning numerous awards and honors. Photo Special to The Brackett News

Brackettville's Allen sisters excel in youth rodeo circuit

Brackettville's Bailee and Summer Allen both love the sport of rodeo and have been extremely dedicated over the years.

Both girls started riding horses at the young age of 2 because they loved to help their parents and grandfather gather cattle on the ranch they live on.

Since 1992, both girls have been competing in various rodeos in the surrounding area and have developed a love for the sport.

Bailee and Summer, now 7 and 6, have been active members of the Uvalde Youth Rodeo Club (UYRC) for five years.

Through the UYRC, the girls have made many new life-long friends. The organization has presented both girls with new opportunities and challenges.

Over the summer, Bailee and Summer have won numerous prizes that range from ribbons to tack. However, their greatest accomplishments have rewarded them with belt buckles

and trophies.

Bailee has been awarded a first place trophy in goat-hair pulling at the Harper Rodeo; first place trophies in goats, barrels and poles at the Boerne Rodeo; and first place in barrels, poles and straightaway at the UYRC Trophy Night.

In addition to these trophies, Bailee had the honor of receiving the 22-year-old UYRC for the seven-and-under age group that had been previously awarded to many of her family's friends.

She was rewarded with two year-end buckles for straightaway barrels and clover-leaf barrels at the UYRC.

Bailee has also been titled All-Around Cowgirl at the UYRC and Boerne youth rodeos. She received belt buckles for both of these honors.

Summer, who is also in the seven-and-under division and is following in her big sister's

footsteps, has also been awarded with numerous trophies and buckles.

She was awarded second place trophies in poles and straightaway barrels at the UYRC Trophy Night. She also won a first place buckle for cloverleaf barrels at the Comstock Youth Rodeo.

One of Summer's greatest achievements was being titled as the year-end buckle winner for the pole bending event at the UYRC.

In addition, she was also awarded with a leather breast collar for achieving the title of first runner-up All-Around Cowgirl of UYRC.

Both girls are extremely thankful for their horses: Rooster, Flo and Kizzy. They attribute their winnings to their horses and the fact that they practice hard and always try their best.

They are also very grateful to all of their donors, who have donated various prizes this year, and to their parents, Bret and Nadalee Allen, who have hauled them around all year.

Senne takes second place honors

DEL RIO - Brackettville's Herb Senne took second place in the Del Rio Bassmasters tourney.

Curtis Olsen took top honors after catching three fish that weighed 5.10 pounds. Senne caught two fish, weighing in at 4.05 pounds.

Jack Shanley was third with two fish, 3.24 pounds; Mike Gleason finished fourth with one fish, 3.21 pounds; and Gran Shanley was fifth with two fish, 3.20 pounds.

Gleason's 3.21 catch was the big fish of the tournament.

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

Texas agencies issue alert for anthrax threat

The Texas Department of Health, Texas Animal Health Commission, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department have issued a summer and early fall alert for anyone who may be going afield in Texas.

Anthrax has been confirmed in both livestock and white-tailed deer in South Texas and the western Edwards Plateau.

Although humans are also susceptible, no human cases have been reported with the current outbreak and simple precautions can effectively reduce risks of contracting the disease.

Anthrax is a bacterial disease of sheep, goats, cattle, horses, deer and other animals. The bacteria which causes anthrax can remain dormant in the soil for many years.

A period of drought followed by heavy rains frequently occurs just before the appearance of anthrax in livestock and deer. Animals that eat the rapidly growing grasses also consume soil that contains the bacteria.

skin may become infected by handling diseased animals," said Jane Mahlow, a veterinarian with the Texas Department of Health. Mahlow also advised that transmission of anthrax to human can happen whether the animal is dead or alive.

For humans, initial signs of infection occur two to five days following exposure to the diseased animal.

Anthrax can take many forms in people, ranging from a mild, black sore on the skin, to pneumonia, to death. However, prompt medical treatment with antibiotics is usually successful in preventing further illness.

Simple precautions can greatly reduce the risk of contacting the disease from animals. Carcasses of dead livestock and deer should not be cut open. Under no circumstances should the hide, hair, skulls, or horns of an animal suspected of having anthrax be salvaged, nor should the meat of these animals be eaten.

For more information, contact the Wildlife Division, Texas Parks and Wildlife, at (512) 389-4505, The Texas Animal Health Commission at (512) 719-0710, or the Zoonosis Control Division, Texas Department of Health, at (512) 458-7255.

County to keep registration fees at the same price

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The commissioners also discussed when the department's employees were to pick up their paychecks.

Vehicle Registration Fees

The commissioners unanimously voted to keep the vehicle registration fees the same.

Interlocal Agreement

The court approved an interlocal agreement with Kerr County for mental health and chemical dependency commitments at Kerrville State Hospital.

EMS Contract

The commissioners agreed to a contract between the county and the Brackett Independent School District to provide EMS personnel and an ambulance at the high school football games.

50-212 (Rev. 5-94/3)

1997 Property Tax Rates in City of Brackettville

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Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 136,011.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 136,011.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 17,455,111
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.7792 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 136,010.22
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 17,813,613
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.7635 /\$100

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year.

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ N/A /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ N/A /\$100

x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing \$ 0.7864 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	\$ 136,010.22
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 17,813,613
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.7635 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.8245 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0000 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.8245 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ N/A /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ N/A /\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rate for pollution control	\$ N/A /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.8245 /\$100

50-179 (Rev. 6-97/6)

Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
NONE	NONE

Schedule B 1997 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
(expand as needed)	\$ NONE	\$	\$	\$
Total required for 1997 debt service				\$ NONE
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$
- Excess collections last year				\$
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1997				\$
- State aid for facilities				\$
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only % of its taxes in 1997				\$
= Total Debt Levy				\$ NONE

Schedule C Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ N/A in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

Schedule D State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The County Auditor certifies that County has spent \$ N/A in the previous 12 months beginning 19 for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Schedule E Transfer of Department, Function or Activity

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50-211 (Rev. 5-94/3)

1997 Property Tax Rates in Kinney County

This notice concerns 1997 property tax rates for KINNEY COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 633,069	\$ 18,894	\$
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 80,093	\$	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$ 713,162	\$ 18,894	\$
Last year's tax base	\$ 825,447,129	\$ 824,443,571	\$
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.864 /\$100	\$ 0.225 /\$100	\$ -0 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 629,964	\$ 18,894	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 99,495,501	\$ 96,144,922	\$
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$ 0.633 /\$100	\$ 0.019 /\$100	\$ /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$ 0.6522 /\$100		

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year.

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ -0 /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$ -0 /\$100

x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing \$ 0.6718 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and including taxes for state criminal justice mandate)	\$ 552,080	\$ 18,894	\$
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 99,495,501	\$ 96,144,922	\$
= This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.5549 /\$100	\$ 0.191 /\$100	\$ /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.5992 /\$100	\$ 0.207 /\$100	\$ /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.0005 /\$100	\$ -0 /\$100	\$ /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$ 0.6097 /\$100	\$ 0.207 /\$100	\$ /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$ 0.7104 /\$100		

A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$ 0.2994 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ 0.6810 /\$100

For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rate for pollution control	\$ -0 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$ -0 /\$100

50-179 (Rev. 6-97/6)

Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
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Schedule B 1997 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
(expand as needed)				
Total required for 1997 debt service				\$ 80,093
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$ - - -
- Excess collections last year				\$ - - -
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1997				\$ 80,093
- State aid for facilities				\$ - - -
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100 % of its taxes in 1997				\$ - - -
= Total Debt Levy				\$ 80,093

Schedule C Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ - - - in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

Schedule D State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The County Auditor certifies that County has spent \$ N/A in the previous 12 months beginning 19 for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Schedule E Transfer of Department, Function or Activity

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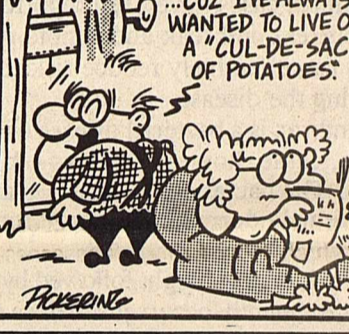
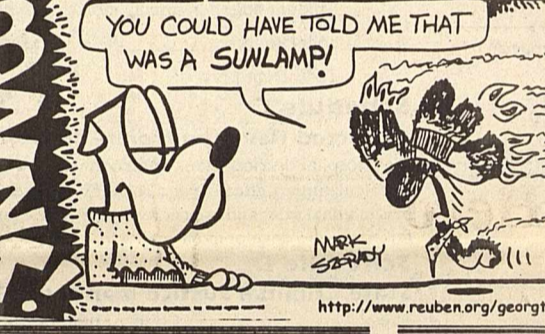
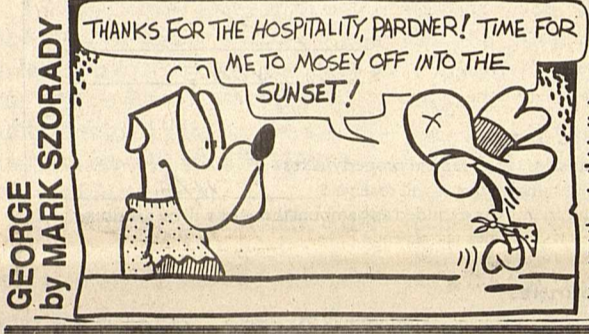
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1 Line of clothing?	55 Aquatic organism	98 Eyebrow shapes	10 The Dionnes, e.g.	44 Some stallions	79 Adjective suffix
5 Full of froth	56 World War I ballad	99 Academy for future lieuts.	11 To be, in Toulouse	46 Dover's state: abbr.	80 Pastoral poem
10 Prover's lints.	60 Burstyn or Barkin	100 Cozanne or Lynda	12 Lammon/Danson film	51 Caramels and chocolates	81 Sandwich choice, for short
13 Carpenter or printing	61 Mystery writer	102 "Splash" star	13 Brought up the rear	52 Where to find Alice	83 College course, briefly
18 Lawrence's lady	62 Josephine	105 Easy as —	14 Use coupons	54 Graduation gear	87 Rubs the wrong way?
19 "The Jewel in the Crown" setting	62 Make much of	106 Gush	15 — Alonso	55 Sheltered, at sea	88 Last name in fashion
20 Actress Hagen	63 Use the remote control	109 Took care of pressing business?	16 Gossip	57 Imperfection	89 Loser to DDE
21 Send the money	64 Makes some dough?	113 Viva voce	17 Sicilian rumbler	58 Montezuma, for one	90 Mil. unit
22 Eddie Cantor tune	65 Approaches	114 Mario	18 "Major Barbara" monogram	59 Gangster's gun	93 Strauss' river
25 Decorate	66 Hall of Famer Mel	117 Library fixture	23 Ms. McClurg	60 Pepsin or lipase	94 Scotch cocktail
26 Left port	67 Donut topping	118 "O Sole —"	24 Cecil's chum	64 "East of Eden" director	95 Secular
27 Singer Sumac	68 Hulled grain	120 A Leeward	29 Wedding-dress fabric	65 W. alliance	96 Throughout
28 Compass pt.	72 "Murder, — Wrote"	121 "Oliver Twist" villain	31 Nancy Drew's boyfriend	66 Palindromic cry	101 Pontil's partner
29 Nogales nap	73 Patsy Cline hit	122 Cough up the cash	32 "Pshaw!"	67 Concerto — (Baroque form)	102 Cronos
30 Ireland, in poetry	74 Napa vessel	123 Surround a Seurat	33 Where to dance a jota	68 Research site	103 "— Really Want to Do"
32 Spare-tire material?	77 Decisive defeats	124 Pesky Insect	34 "The Sun Also Rises" heroine	69 "Peer Gynt" composer	104 Cranny's companion tune
33 Mail event	78 Jacky Noguez tune	DOWN	35 Home on high	70 Sonata	106 Scoff at
34 Impact sound	82 Division word	1 Versatile bean	36 Vitale	71 Surpass	107 Best or Ferber
37 The Happenings tune	83 Compassion	2 "... — saw Elba"	38 Tyrolean tunes	72 For instance	108 Put a name to movement
45 Curl up with abbr.	84 Strangelove and Seuss: abbr.	3 Mosey along	39 Baby hooter	73 Hall of Famer Rod	109 TV term
47 "Chaplin" star	85 Trafalgar victor	4 Art of "Kate and Allie"	40 Textbook heading	74 Pop in purchase	110 PBS science show
48 Placed	86 "Kookie" Byrnes	5 Penny Island	41 "The Time Machine" people	75 Battery part	111 Send out
49 Tokyo, once	87 — Spumante	6 Just	42 Politico	76 Songstress	112 "— Kapital"
50 Jim Varney character	88 Most mindful	7 First person			114 Audiophile's
53 551, to Caesar	91 Shipshape	8 Easily split mineral			115 TV term
54 Penny or	92 James Darren tune				116 Delf bread

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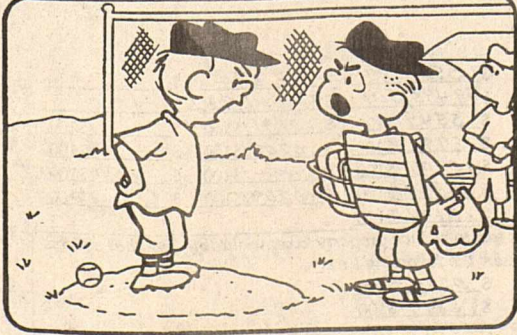
Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An important family matter requires your attention. However, finances are not the concern this week. This matter deals with inner-family spats.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your judgment is right on the mark this week. Beware of a jealous co-worker, or even worse, someone who could be conniving to ruin your personal life. Justice wins out in the end.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Listen carefully to the advice given you by a close friend. This person really has your best interests at heart. On the home front, family members rally this weekend.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Confidence is the key to dealing with children this week. Loved ones in general are supportive. Your financial picture looks brighter by week's end.
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Turbulence early in the week on the home front clears up later on. Some look into redecorating or painting projects. Communication is the key to happiness this weekend.
VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Long-distance romances are a nono. Be smart and stick with your career and/or studies in school. You must concentrate on your future and the long-term repercussions.
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your concern for the children in your family is a bit overdone. However, this resolves itself by week's end. Guard against overspending this weekend.
SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Monetary success is on the horizon. Gambling is not the answer. Your creativity is. Avoid



risky ventures and think things through.
SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It is not a good time to consider a career change. Instead, focus on friends and family. Be sure to tend to any unfinished business this weekend.
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your creative skills could be a tad off. However, by midweek, your instinctive creative juices lead to an absolutely stunning revelation. Share this with others.
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You are somewhat shy about getting a very important point across to a close friend. However, do speak up. This will enhance that life-long friendship.
PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Don't be surprised if there's an error on your banking or credit statements. Look over the invoices carefully. While your financial picture is a mystery, all will be fine.
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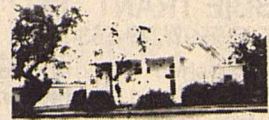


FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.
Differences: 1. Fence is shorter. 2. Socks are different. 3. Ball is missing. 4. Glove is missing. 5. Sleeve is shorter. 6. Pants are shorter.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug. 28	Tom Ertle	Aug. 31	Bill Herman
Aug. 28	Worth Mayfield	Aug. 31	Tom McNew
Aug. 28	David Meyer	Sept. 1	Genie Robinson
Aug. 28	Mary Stephenson	Sept. 1	Charlie Rose
Aug. 28	Edward Solis Jr.	Sept. 1	Murt Zimmerman
Aug. 28	Elena Luna	Sept. 2	Jack Fiedler
Aug. 28	Augustine Luz	Sept. 3	Rocio Pinales
Aug. 29	Brianna Escamilla	Sept. 3	Charles Shipman
Aug. 29	Kristi Meyer	Sept. 3	Ruby Miller
Aug. 29	Richard A. Pena II	Sept. 3	Jennie Warren
Aug. 29	Billie J. Roberts	Sept. 3	Rose M. Pena
Aug. 30	Vickie Mitchell	Sept. 3	Maria Rodriguez
Aug. 30	Jane Young	Sept. 3	Debra Buantello
Aug. 30	Ben Vasquez		

First United Methodist Church



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

As I observed Lincoln, my five-year-old son, doing a jigsaw puzzle, it occurred to me that life is like a jigsaw puzzle. Then it occurred to me that the way I work on puzzles doesn't work in life.

I'm a global thinker. That is to say I work best when I get the big picture first and then work my way down to the minute details. Actually I don't like details at all and avoid them whenever possible, however, I wouldn't recommend this approach. When I work on a jigsaw puzzle, I find it very helpful to have displayed in front of me a picture of the completed puzzle from the top of the box that contains the puzzle pieces. I don't get that luxury with life.

Each of our lives is like a puzzle, but rather than having a box full of all the pieces with a nice neat picture of the completed product on top, life comes at us one piece at a time. Rarely do all the pieces fall into place at one time. Usually they are "put together" one at a time often after our having tried several times to find the right place.

LIFE (all of life, everyone's lives together) is also like a puzzle. Each of our lives and every other part of creation is a single piece, and the pieces appear on the scene one at a time. In this puzzle of life, I don't get to be global, but God does. God is the only one who can see the big picture for my life and for the life of the world. I just get to figure out what to do with each piece of my life as it comes along and to find out where I fit in the world's life.

I still think the global approach is best, so I try to trust the one who is global. Some days I do better than others. Some days I try to force a piece where it doesn't fit or try to hold a few pieces loose until I see what piece is coming next. Some days I do what I'm told by the one "who is above all and through all and in all." (Eph. 4:6) When I do the latter, I get to watch a beautiful picture emerging. O for faith to trust him more!

Blessings on you and your "pieces".

Obituaries

Ola Mae Bland

Ola Mae Bland, age 67 died August 26, 1997 at her home in Brackettville. She was born December 18, 1929 in Schmula, Texas. Preceded in death by her Mother: Lucy Fellows, Sister: Hazel Lois Fellows, and Brother: Press Lee Elledge.

She is survived by her sons: Peter A. Jr. and wife Debra Bland, James Matthew Bland and Mark Elliott and wife Pilar Bland all of Brackettville. Step-Daughter: Blance Ellen Pape of New Braunfels. Grandchildren: Cynthia Elizabeth Bland and Michael Elliott Bland of Brackettville. Father: Cap Fellows Sr. of Del Rio. Sister-in-law: Annie Dollie B. Burch of Buckingham Co., Virginia. Brother: Cap Fellows Jr. of La Feria, Texas, Robert Fellows of Del Rio, Lee Fellows of Austin and Ike Fellows of Eagle Pass. Sister: Rosemary Thomas of Del Rio. Visitation will be Friday at the Brackettville Funeral Chapel 11:00 a.m. til 9:00 p.m. Graveside services Saturday August 30, 1997 10:00 a.m. at the Kinney County Cemetery with Rev. Joe Townsend officiating. Pallbearers will be Jerry Franklin, Loyd Lee Davis, David Sergeant, H.C. Hunt, Robert York, and Tully Shahan. Honorary Pallbearers: Clay Hunt, Danny Kral, Charles Foust, Bill Riley, Aubrey Haynes, Homer Lewis, L.K. Burgess, Don Nance, Alvin Hall, Bill Linderman, Zachery Davis, Johnny Smith, Jesse Smith Jr., and Jimmy Ballew. Funeral arrangements under the direction of the Brackettville Funeral home 114 North Street.

Howard Reel Skelton Jr.

Howard Reel Skelton Jr., age 69 died at the Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio August 24, 1997. He was born November 18, 1927 in Chadron, Nebraska. Served during World War II under the United States Navy where he was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, American Theater, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific and China Service Medal. He then went on to receive his Bachelor's of Arts Degree from the University of Minnesota and his Master's and Ed Specialist from Stout University in Menomonee, Wisconsin. He was employed as a professor for Junior College. Former Board Member of Ft. Clark Springs Association, Lifetime member of the VFW.

Preceded in death by his son Thomas Skelton. Survived by his wife Amie Skelton of Ft. Clark Springs. Sons: Alan Skelton of Ironwood, Michigan, and Eric Skelton pf Monroe, Wisconsin. Daughters: Jean Johnson of Chandler, Arizona, and Debra Bebb of Tempe, Arizona. Grandchildren: Corey Bebb, Sarah Skelton, and Paul Skelton. Sisters: Toni Anderson of Owatanna, Minnesota. Brother: Terry Skelton of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Memorial Service will be held Thursday August 28, 1997 6:00 P.M. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church with Pastor Nathan J. Lafrenz officiating. In Lieu of flowers family requests donations be made to E.M.S. or our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Arrangments under the direction of the Brackettville Funeral Home 114 North Street.

Unsung Hero

By Joe Townsend

Another dear friend and stalwart of the community has gone home to her heavenly father. She has had many mountains she has climbed. When her children, were scarcely more than babies she broke both ankles but managed to care for her husband and young family. Several years later her husband died on the job out on a ranch where he was a trapper. She moved to town and raised her three sons from young boys to three fine men. The outstanding character of her sons pay high tribute to a

mother devoted to having her sons to be of good moral character. She was a charter member of Frontier Baptist Church and through the years, even when she got to where she couldn't attend services she mailed her check, a tither to the church. She was deeply in love with God and his son Jesus Christ. For several years she has bravely fought cancer until the Lord said, "Enough, come on and be with me and occupy the mansion I've prepared for you. Surely, Ola Mae Bland is an Unsung Hero.

School Board OKs budget

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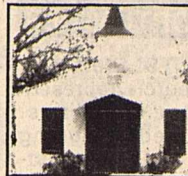
administration, \$181,700; guidance and counseling, \$80,912; health services, \$21,549; and student transportation, \$203,281.

Also, co-curricular/extra-curricular activities, \$208,059; general administration, \$235,584; plant maintenance, \$342,914; security and monitoring services, \$10,000; data processing services, \$77,588; community services, \$1,750; debt service, \$12,000; and flow through out Cluster V, \$81,634.

In comparison, a breakdown of the 1996-97 general fund budget includes instructional, \$2,509,633; libraries, \$69,003; staff development, \$18,110; instructional development, \$27,387; school administration, \$166,608; guidance and counseling, \$94,705; health services, \$20,939; and student transportation, \$245,738.

Also, co-curricular/extra-curricular activities, \$191,409; general administration, \$210,851; plant maintenance (and security), \$340,948; data processing services, \$81,735; community services, \$1,750; debt service, \$11,770; and flow through out Cluster V, \$81,634.

For the 1997-98 general fund, revenue sources include local property taxes of \$866,653 and state funds of \$2,936,907.



St. John's Baptist Church

Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.
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And Jesus called a little chill unto him, and set him in the midst of them,

And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of heaven.

Whosoever, therefore, shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of heaven.

And whosoever shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

But whosoever shall offend one of those little ones who believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

St. Matt. 18:2 - 6
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But Jesus said permit little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for such is the Kingdom of heaven. St. Matt. 19:14.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Pastor Nathan Lafrenz

From an author unknown -

On the street I saw a small girl cold and shivering in a thin dress, with little hope of a decent meal. I became angry and said to God: "Why did you permit this? Why don't you do something about it?" God replied, "I certainly have done something about it. I made you."

St. Francis of Assisi wrote that we are instruments of God's peace. That is to say we have been created as part of God's creative design for the world. God is the designer, we are the work crew. We are called to

participate in the Kingdom building process. If we wait until we see the thunder and lightening, the spectacular, we will miss how God's creative process really works. A process of kingdom building brick by brick as the Holy Spirit moves each of us to share our talents, abilities, resources, and love, so that Christ may be known to the world - through us. Remember the campfire song, Yes they will know we are Christians by our love. Let us not focus on the Why, but how and what can we do.

Benefit

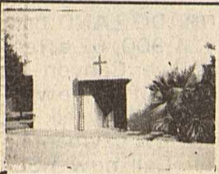
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Frontier Baptist Church

Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Next to Amazing Grace, the most loved song is probably The Old Rugged Cross. The message of the song is greater and more complete than any sermon could be. "On a hill faraway stood an old rugged cross". It was forbidden that one should be put to death inside the city. So Jesus Christ was taken outside the city to be executed. The inauspicious Knoll and always will be a famous spot because one time it harbored the cross on which Christ died. The cross was "the emblem of suffering and shame." It was a form of execution of the Roman Empire. Though disavowed of any wrong the governor allowed the unbelieving Jews to have Jesus crucified. The two men crucified with him were guilty of crimes worthy of death. The suffering on the cross was readily understood. There was nothing about the experience that would cause rapid death. It was a slow torturous death. They stripped him, symbolically robbing him of his identity as a human being. The reproach of his enemies fell on

him. "For a world of lost sinners was slain. Jesus came into the world to pay the penalty for sin, death. His death was sufficient to pay for the sin of every person in the world. It is effective however, only for those who "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ". In his death on the cross he has redeemed his own from the curse of breaking the laws of God. It is through his shed blood we have redemption. This redemption is complete and eternal. When we once become the children of God there is no way, says the Bible, where we can ever have that relationship severed. "And exchange it some day for a crown." Another great song says, "I must go home by the way of the cross, there's no other way but this. The cross is the Christians glory and there is awaiting a crown for those who walk under the banner of the cross. God's promise is a "Crown of life" - eternal life. There will be another message from the Bible at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday at 11:00. Come and be blessed.

Gateway Ministries
Pastor Charolette Corey

Asses were used in the old days to carry heavy loads. They are commonly known as beasts of burden. Many a gold miner or pioneer headed out into the mountains or wilderness with all they needed to live in the wild loaded on one. They were sure-footed and could endure hardships for long periods of time. There are many good things to be said of them and their part in helping establish the early explorers and settlers.

But people were not meant to be asses. Sometimes people try by carrying heavy "spiritual loads". They may think they are called by God to be a "burden bearer", but God says in Matt 11:28-30 "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find

rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

When we put on "yokes" of this worlds cares and worries and are always trying to "figure it all out" and "make things work right" by the labour of our own hands, things tend to break down. It is when we cease from our own labour and put the problem in the hands of Jesus Christ that he is able to take control and make things turn out right.

Jesus desires that you "rest in him and let go of the problem. He has already "walked in your shoes" and understands the problem. He has even already solved it. Look to him. He is the answer!

So... don't be an "ass", but be obedient to trust God and... Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.

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