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Briefs ...

Crosby man arrested for assault at FCS bar

A 52-year-old Crosby, Texas man was arrested for charges in connection with an assault that occurred outside of the Fort Clark Springs bar last month that left one woman hospitalized.

Milton E. Huff was arrested Friday on charges of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury by Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter. He was booked into the Kinney County Jail. Huff was released the same day after posting a \$10,000 cash bond.

The woman who was assaulted in the Sept. 27 incident had to be transported to the Uvalde Memorial Hospital by Kinney County EMS officials. She suffered injuries to her forehead and left eye, according to officials.

The woman's husband said that he and his wife were "jumped outside of the bar by three or four hunters."

Lions host annual health fair today

The Brackettville Lions Club will host its annual health fair today at the Kinney County Civic Center.

Eye screenings, flu shots and blood pressure tests will be available at the health fair, which lasts from noon to 5 p.m.

Schools to host Red Ribbon Rally Monday

The Brackett Independent School District will host a Red Ribbon Rally on Monday at 2 p.m.

The drug-free rally will be held in the gymnasium. The community is invited and encouraged to attend.

Breen Gallery to host wine and cheese party

The Brackett Art Council and Jewel Robinson, Breen Gallery proprietor, will jointly sponsor a wine and cheese party on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Breen Gallery is located at 107 W. Spring Street.

Bud Breen's paintings will be on display in the gallery. Breen is well known for his western art that depicts early life in Kinney County and Texas.

Visitors to the opening will be able to get first-hand information on the Art Council's Tour of Homes, which is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 14, from 2 to 5 p.m. The homes to be viewed will be listed for visitors at the Nov. 1 event.

Seargeant's trial begins Monday

By J.J. Guidry
News Editor

Kinney County Judge Tommy Seargeant is expected to go to court Monday to face charges dealing with theft and misappropriation of highway guard rails.

Seargeant's case is tentatively scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., but may be delayed by a civil case.

"We are behind a civil case and we don't know what's going to happen with that case," District Attorney Tom Lee said Wednesday.

"There is a very good possibility that the case will not begin on Monday, then a new trial date would have to be set," Lee added.

Seargeant and County Commissioner Joe Montalvo were indicted by the grand jury in July and were arrested on charges of abuse of official capacity.

"It has to do with some guard rails that came into the possession of the county and then ended up on the private property of Mr. Montalvo," Lee said.

"I don't think Monday's trial will be very lengthy. I think it will be fairly quick."

Tom Lee

District Judge George M. Thurmond recently ruled that the two county officials would be tried separately, at the request of Seargeant's attorney, Robert T. Bass of Austin.

Montalvo, who is represented by Rogelio F. Munoz of Uvalde, will be tried after Seargeant.

"I don't think Monday's trial will be very lengthy," Lee said. "I think it will be fairly quick."

Seargeant was suspended with pay by the State Commission of Judicial Conduct shortly after being indicted. He has served 14 years as county judge in three stretches going back to 1971.

Herb Senne was appointed acting county judge by the Kinney County Commissioners Court during Seargeant's suspension.



Kinney County resident Tony Frerich, right, received a visit from his niece, Rosa De Icco Forgione, left, and her 5-year-old daughter Lila. Forgione is originally from Italy, but now lives in Basel, Switzerland. Brackett News Photo by J.J. Guidry

Early voting slow for election

The early voting turnout is the slowest in years in Kinney County for the Nov. 4 election that has 14 proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution, according to County Clerk Dora Sandoval.

As of Wednesday afternoon, Sandoval said only 10 citizens had voted early.

"This has been the slowest turnout we have had in years," she said. "We encourage the people to come out and vote. It's very important that they vote."

Sandoval said that sample ballots were available in the clerk's office at the County Courthouse for anyone who wanted to review the propositions.

Early voting began Monday and will last through Oct. 31. Registered voters can cast their ballots before election day at the Clerk's Office, on Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m.

Polling sites, which will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day, include: Slator Hall, Precinct 1; High School Auditorium, Precinct 2; Housing Authority, Apt. 5, El Paso Street, Precinct 3; and the Library Annex, Precinct 4.

Texas constitutional amendments

The following are the proposed constitutional amendments included on the statewide ballot for the Nov. 4 election:

- Proposition 1 would allow municipal judges in small communities to hold office in more than one city.
- Proposition 2 would enable the legislature to limit the maximum average annual increase in homestead appraisal valuations to 10 percent or more for each year since the most recent tax appraisal.
- Proposition 3 would allow local governments to grant exemptions or other relief from property taxes on lands where water conservation initiatives have been implemented.
- Proposition 4 would eliminate duplicate numbering in and certain obsolete provisions of the constitution.
- Proposition 5 would allow the Texas Supreme Court to meet outside Austin.
- Proposition 6 would repeal a provision of the Texas growth Fund restricting investment in companies that fail to disclose investments in South Africa or Namibia.
- Proposition 7 would allow the Texas Water Development Board to transfer existing bond authorizations from one category of use to another category to maximize the use of existing funds and relating to more efficient operation of the bond programs.
- Proposition 8 would expand the type of liens for home equity loans that a lender, with the homeowners' consent, may place against a homestead.
- Proposition 9 would allow the legislature to authorize an ad valorem tax rate in rural fire prevention districts located in Harris County.
- Proposition 10 designates the purposes for which money in the compensation to victims of crime fund and the compensation to victims of crime auxiliary fund may be used.
- Proposition 11 would limit the amount of state debt payable from the general fund revenue.
- Proposition 12 would establish a deadline for supreme court action on a motion for rehearing.
- Proposition 13 would encourage persons to plan and save for young Texans' college education, establishing the Texas Tomorrow Fund as a constitutionally protected trust fund.
- Proposition 14 would allow the legislature to prescribe the qualifications of constables.

County eliminates deputy's position, distributes raises

Pay raises for sheriff's department

Position	Salaries in 96-97 budget	Salaries in 97-98 budget	New salaries with raises
Sheriff	\$24,048.92	\$25,923.10	\$25,923.10
Chief Deputy	\$18,345.60	\$19,446.33	\$23,726.33
Deputy Sheriffs	\$12,000.00	\$12,720.00	\$17,000.00
Seargeants	\$12,000.00	\$12,720.00	\$13,150.00
Privates	\$9,949.29	\$11,354.72	\$11,784.72

Deputy sheriffs in Kinney County received a 42 percent pay hike from the last fiscal year after the Commissioners Court voted last week to eliminate a deputy's position and disburse the salary among the other employees in the department.

The Kinney County Sheriff's Department has been operating with a sheriff, chief deputy and three deputy sheriffs - a total of five certified peace officers - during the last year.

Adrian Pena and Art Trevino resigned their po-

sitions as deputies during the last month and Kinney County Sheriff L.K. "Buddy" Burgess said he was having difficulty filling the vacancies.

"I'm unable to keep deputies," the sheriff told the Commissioners Court. "We train them and Val Verde takes them over. We will never, never, in this county, keep the young deputies because they can't live on that salary."

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Chuck Hall

The feeling a person gets after helping somebody who doesn't even know your name is indescribable. *Community/Page 3*

Tigerettes win title

The Brackett Tigerettes defeated Dilley 15-8, 4-15, 15-12 Tuesday night to clinch the District 29-2A volleyball title. *Sports/Page 5*

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Wakefield elected to serve on RGEC's board

CARRIZO SPRINGS - Howard B. Wakefield was one of three Southwest Texas residents elected as new members of the board of directors for Rio Grande Electric Cooperative at its annual membership meeting Oct. 11.

Wakefield, a resident of Fort Clark Springs, was elected to represent District III. Other new members include James B. Leonard of Del Rio, District IV, and Chris Lacy of Fort Davis, District VII.

In addition, incumbent directors Howard J. Willmon II of Carrizo Springs and R.H. Layton of Dell City were reelected.

More than 200 members and guests attended the meeting, held in Bear's Tejano Country Ballroom, which was donated for the occasion by Gordon Bear.

The large crowd enjoyed a continental breakfast served by cooperative employees and the musical talents of local entertainer Kelly King prior to the start of the meeting.

Willie Wirehand, mascot of the electric cooperative utility industry, posed for pictures and greeted the youngsters in the audience. An arcing safety demonstration and rides in a bucket truck concluded the morning's activities.

Deregulation, competition and cooperative and community involvement were top-

ics of discussion during the business part of the meeting.

Speaking on deregulation, Roger Wilson, cooperative attorney with Matthews and Branscomb, asked the audience if deregulation has worked for the natural gas, telephone and airlines industries.

"Prices of natural gas have gone up drastically and long-distance telephoning has caused price wars and dropped costs, but what has happened to local service?"

"How many dinners have you finished without telemarketing interruptions?" he asked. "And the frequently traveled air routes often have price wars, but what about short hops?"

RGEC President and CEO Daniel G. Laws invited each person in the audience to participate in the management of the cooperative.

"The first thing you can do is vote in director elections, next you can serve on committees when asked, particularly the advisory committee, and finally, if nominated and elected, you can join the board of directors to represent your friends and neighbors to accomplish our goal - excellent service at a fair price," Laws said.

Kelly McDaniel, Rio Grande's 1997 Youth in Action Tour essay winner, reported on her trip to Washington D.C.

McDaniel informed the crowd that she would be attending Texas Tech next fall and has decided to major in political science as a result of her trip.

She also thanked the cooperative and membership for sending her, saying, "it was great."

Treasurer Paul Tanksley reviewed 1996 figures from the co-op's financial statement.

"Revenue by the year end was \$13,106,718 and expenses were \$12,354,563, leaving more than \$1 million to be allocated to our members in capital credits," Tanksley said.

The cooperative now has more than 4,450 members, over 9,300 meters and 8,700 miles of line, all being serviced by 68 employees, he said.

Adjournment of the meeting was followed by distribution of more than 60 attendance prizes, including three television sets and a 1992 Ford supercab pickup truck, won by Thomas Freitag of Del Rio.

A barbecued lunch was served by T&B Catering of Carrizo Springs.

A brief board meeting was held following the festivities to elect officer's for the 1997-98 cooperative board year.

Willmon, chairman, Graham Childress, vice-chairman, and David Vela, secretary,



HOWARD B. WAKEFIELD

were reelected to their current office positions.

John Ralston replaced Tanksley as treasurer. Tanksley, having completed one term on the board, did not seek a second term.

Letters to the Editor

Board works for the best interests of FCS members

Dear Members of Fort Clark Springs, Many of you may be aware of recent newspaper articles highly critical of the Board of Directors and of the management of Fort Clark Springs Association.

It would be counterproductive to rebut each of the past or any future inflammatory allegations published in the newspaper and the board will not do this.

Suffice it to say, that many of the statements being made are false or misleading and obviously are intended to invite anxiety on the part of members.

The board soundly repudiates these erroneous and/or untrue assertions. This campaign is not productive and certainly does not contribute to the future of the association.

The board has been open with respect to the operations of the association and the financial aspects of the same. The board has acted in what it feels to be the best interest of the association with respect to all decisions.

Members praise directors for what, losing money?

At the Oct. 18 Fort Clark Springs Board of Directors meeting, several people praised the board on their outstanding accomplishments of the past fiscal year. One of the above must have been for the way they managed to lose thousands of our hard, cold cash paid by the members for assessments and other charges.

The year-end financial statement summary, approved by the Board of Directors, shows a year-to-date loss of \$4,490.24. However, they failed to show an insurance expense of \$100,000-plus, which makes the loss an actual \$104,490-plus.

No explanation or comment was made about this fact or the disappearance of a total of \$179,762.85 from the "cash in

Fort Clark official makes false statements in letter

To Mona Miller: In your letter dated Oct. 16, 1997, you say you have been "harassed, badgered and accused of unfounded misdeeds."

This is false. I challenge you, or any member of the board, to show me where I have said or written anything that was false.

In the same paragraph you say, "All members of the board and staff will continue to do their jobs as the majority of the membership wishes us to do."

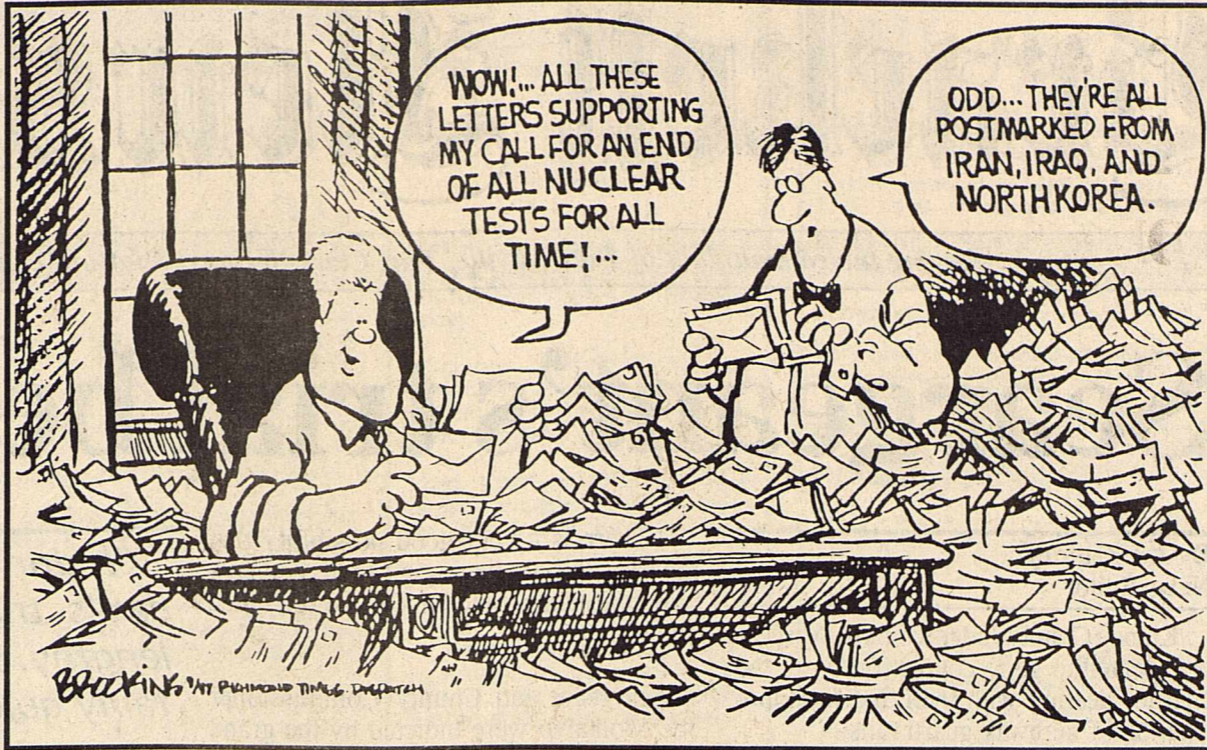
False, this board ignored the wishes of 1,159 members in good standing, that voted for Mr. Bill Kelly.

of the Board of Directors are elected by the membership and volunteer their time and effort. The Board of Directors appreciates the many expressions of support from members and community leaders.

The Directors will continue to do what they feel is in the best interest of the whole association.

Board of Directors, Fort Clark Springs Association
Romona H. Miller, Ben Pingnot, Elizabeth M. Gibbs, Santos Yerena, Bob Burkpile, and Frank Cheaney.

■ **Editor's note:** The Brackett News has not written any articles criticizing the Fort Clark Springs' Board of Directors. We have, however, published many letters to the editor from concerned readers, pro and con, who are entitled to express their opinion, provided it is not libelous. These letters have not and do not reflect the opinion of this newspaper or its staff. If we do choose to form an opinion regarding these matters, it will be expressed in the form of an editorial, as it should be.



Clinton's actions based on the desire for power

Adolf Hitler learned that if you tell the biggest lie you can imagine and tell it long and loud enough, people will believe it. In this practice he was a piker compared to Bill Clinton.

There has never been, in the history of man, a greater unfounded scam than Gore-Clinton prating about global warming and greenhouse gases. There has yet to emerge any credible evidence of any global warming or any detriment by green house gases.

One scientist has come up with a computer model that projects global warming at the rate of 1/2 degree in the next 100 years. How devastating can you be.

Another group of scientists have found that, in the last 50 years, there has been global cooling of 2 degrees.

Several years ago, a military air sampling plane reported a leap in possible global warming. Gore immediately wrote a book detailing dire consequences resulting.

A few months the service recanted, admitting they had made a grievous mistake in the report and it was in error.

Gore never admitted to the error, but more vehemently pushed for radical measures. Consequently, every new car costs thousands of dollars more because of government demands to reduce emissions.

The radicals who lead the crusade now want to outlaw the most widely sold autos because of the

Between Us
By Joe Townsend



low gas mileage and increased emissions.

Freon has so increased in price as to be almost prohibitive for automobiles.

Refrigerators and air conditioners are to be redesigned at high cost to the consumer because freon contaminates the atmosphere they claim.

Cattle and more particularly sheep are under the gun because when they belch it pollutes the air.

To top it all, the power seeking EPA now wants to outlaw the most effective inhalers for victims of asthma because they embody air contaminants forcing users to buy much more expensive inhalers patented and sold by a particular company.

The liberal news media praises Clinton to the skies because he has pressured the leader of Argentina to limit his country in the production of air contaminants.

In reality, the Argentine government did no such thing. Read the statement by the president of Argentina and see he made no commitment whatsoever even after elaborate promises of taxpayers dollars by Slick Willy.

Now he goes to a United Nations conference to be the "leader"

of reducing air contamination worldwide.

The ban hits the United States first and hardest. China, Indonesia and over 100 nations are exempt. And yet he calls it a world wide effort.

Congress opposes it overwhelmingly, as do the American people. This causes Clinton to simply thumb his nose at those who disagree.

All of this is based on the desire for political power. Pushing this, Clinton feels he is helping Gore and his race for the presidency.

Though honesty is a stranger to Clinton, it would normally demand scientific verification of such a monstrous issue.

It seems though radical advocates and preachers of doom lead Clinton. His basic attitude on this is typical of his many peccadillos with his attitude of don't bother me with facts, I want to tout some issues that I can espouse so loudly and long that people will become like me, refusing to display any ability to think or do that which is right.

What a tremendous price we pay, and generations to come, to feed the ego of Bill Clinton.

The real Halloween nightmare: The IRS

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

Recently, abused taxpayers and disguised IRS employees revealed unbelievable nightmares about the arrogance of the IRS.

During U.S. Senate hearings, taxpayers told how their lives were turned upside down by this agency. Internal Revenue Service employees said they felt pressured to punish taxpayers. Each table was enough to set your hair on end. And the nightmare still isn't over.

Under the spotlight of these hearings, the acting director of the IRS apologized and vowed to change the way things are done. Well, it looks like this new attitude didn't last long.

The IRS has turned right around and struck back at one of the taxpayers who spoke at the hearings. After testifying about his nightmare, Tom Savage, a small business owner, received a seven-page letter scrutinizing his 1995 personal income tax return. Of course, the letter included the threat of heavy fines if Savage can't explain his situation to the IRS's satisfaction.

For Savage, the nightmare began when the IRS went after him one of his subcontractors failed to pay employment taxes. Even though the U.S. Jus-

tice Department admitted that Savage was not responsible for his subcontractor's previous actions, the IRS didn't care. The wrath of the IRS cost his employer hundreds of dollars in legal fees and lost business.

Savage wanted to fight this cause to the finish, but doing that would have destroyed his business. So, in the end, Savage forked over a \$50,000 fine he did not owe just to get the IRS off his back.

Clearly, the IRS is an agency completely out of control. You already know that. Still, some folks just don't get it.

The president defends the IRS, claiming that it's doing a better job today than it did five years ago. The IRS claims that these stories are the exception, not the rule. Well, that doesn't matter. Even one story like this is enough to make anyone's blood boil.

These hearings have been a wake up call for some folks in Washington. When these stories wind down, what we're left with is a meddling tax code that taxpayers and IRS workers alike can't make heads or tails of. That's why this Congress needs to work day and night to develop a single, low-rate for all Americans. The tax code should work for the taxpayers, not against them.



Testing question about setting the academic standards

The American dream is as much about the future as it is about the past.

Universal education is a pillar of the American success story. All of us are aware that without a first-class education system, that dream can rapidly become a nightmare.

Our national debate over how best to realize the dream has focused recently on the issue of academic standard setting, establishing educational goals and tracking the progress of students toward achieving them. There are two schools of thought surrounding this question:

1) That the federal government, through the Department of Education, should develop and administer national tests.

2) That states and individual school districts should be responsible for this tracking.

The administration favors the first method. My philosophy falls squarely on the second.

I believe that parents, teachers and local school officials are better qualified to pass judgment on how children are learning than a bureaucrat sitting in an office in the Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

In addition, the administration has proposed a testing program based on the "whole math" approach. This controversial teaching method, which encourages students to rely on calculators and discourages basic math skills, has resulted in declines in math performance.

For example, median scores on the Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills taken by more than 37,000 Department of Defense students one year after the Defense Department introduced whole math dropped nine points for third graders, 12 points for fourth graders, 11 points for fifth graders, 10 points for sixth graders, 10 points for seventh graders and four points for eighth graders.

This debate recently came to a head in the Senate. I voted for legislation that prevents the administration from allowing the federal government to develop and administer national tests.

This bill, which passed 88-12, carries deliberate instructions and prohibitions:

1) Any future national test must be developed by an independent board comprised of individuals from states and local communities;

2) These tests must be administered on a purely voluntary basis, and may not be imposed on any state, school or student;

3) Nor may testing be tied to any federal funding.

With this legislation we are reminding the administration that the private sector already is doing a good job, without Uncle Sam's "help."

Two examples of this are the advanced placement tests and the Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT), a series of privately administered exams taken by most high school students.

The SAT's function, in effect, as a national standard measurement. They are not, however, mandated, paid for nor administered under the auspices of the federal government.

So the debate is not over standard-setting. Everyone favors the establishment of ways to measure competence in the basics.

Testing at an earlier age, along the lines of the SATs, may well enhance efforts to provide all children with a superior education. We want all children to learn at the highest possible levels.

It is proven that when parents take an interest in schools and participate in their children's education, achievement scores are higher. Federal intervention has never been as successful.

Letters to the Editor Policy

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But, I could be wrong!

By: Chuck Hall



Lend a helping hand

Helping people has got to be the most rewarding feeling in the whole wide world.

I have watched with pride while my kids have helped others at rodeos. I have seen them aid a young child in his quest to reach the saddle, which is no small feat for a toddler of 5 or 6!

I have proudly viewed them as they double-check a cinch for those who can not do it for themselves. Or for those too young to know the importance of such matters.

I am glad they know the satisfaction that comes from helping someone who can never repay you in any way!

The feeling a person gets after helping somebody who doesn't even know your name, and probably will never know it, is indescribable.

Doing such an act, without any hope of repayment or recognition, may not get you into heaven, but it darn sure won't hurt your chances.

So my thought for the week is simple: help someone. For nothing. Lift some fellow traveler's load.

If you can't think of anything else, deposit some cash in my bank account. It'll make you feel good. But, I could be wrong.

Sheriff's Report

Wednesday, October 15

12:02 a.m., A Brackettville woman asked for assistance from a deputy at her residence on El Paso Street. She said that her son-in-law was beating up her daughter. Deputy Sheriff Karl Chism was dispatched to the scene.

11:30 a.m., Two Kinney County women came by the Sheriff's Office to report a burglary that occurred on Oct. 10 in the high school parking lot. Items taken included a hot shot, two stuffed animals, and a bag of makeup.

11:40 a.m., John Mark Ingram, 22, of Paris, Texas, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Warren Outlaw on warrants for theft.

Thursday, October 16

12:30 a.m., Henry Gomez, 32, of Brackettville was arrested by Deputy Chism on charges of public intoxication and assault. He was released the same day after paying a \$50 fine, plus time served.

Friday, October 17

1:50 p.m., Milton E. Huff, 52, of Crosby, Texas, was arrested by Chief Deputy Johnny Fritter for aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury. Huff was released the same day after posting a \$10,000 cash bond.

6:14 p.m., A Brackettville woman said that her in-laws would not release her children to her. Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene. He said the divorce papers were mis-read and the matter was solved with "no problems."

6:43 p.m., An employee with the Maverick County Water Department reported a dead illegal alien at the Moody Ranch.

9:09 p.m., A Brackettville woman said that there were some people at her house on Edwards Street acting very rudely and she wanted them to leave. DPS Trooper Richard Slubar was dispatched to the scene and found no one there.

9:30 p.m., Valentin Luna, 24, of Charlotte was arrested by Trooper Slubar on outstanding warrants for driving while license suspended out of Kinney and Terry counties. He was released on Oct. 19 after posting two \$1,000 bail bonds.

10:36 p.m., A Brackettville man reported that another man was threatening people with a knife. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. He said the matter was taken care of.

Saturday, October 18

12:12 a.m., A Kinney County woman said that a drunk person was knocking on her son's door

at the Senior Apartments. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.

3:00 a.m., A Brackettville woman reported a disturbance at her residence on El Paso Street. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene.

8:50 a.m., A Brackettville man requested assistance at his residence on Rose Alley because another man was trying to take his son's truck. Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene. He said the man agreed to stay away from the residence.

11:35 a.m., A Border Patrol agent reported a minor traffic accident in front of Rory's Video on Highway 90. He said that a grey vehicle involved in the accident left the scene, heading east. DPS Trooper Tom Wylie stopped the vehicle on E. Highway 90, which contained four juvenile runaways from Amarillo. The Amarillo Police Department was notified and the runaways were transported to the Juvenile Detention Facility in Del Rio.

6:52 p.m., A Brackettville man reported a woman laying down on the ground at Rose Alley. He said the woman either fell off of her bicycle or was intoxicated. Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene and said the problem was taken care of.

7:56 p.m., A Brackettville woman reported an intoxicated man riding a wheel chair on Ann Street. She said that several cars almost ran over the man. Deputy Fritter was dispatched to the scene and followed the man to his residence.

10:31 p.m., A traffic accident and a fight was reported at the parking lot at the Kinney County Jail. Deputy Chism spoke to the owners of the two vehicles.

Monday, October 20

12:07 a.m., A Brackettville woman said that someone had dumped trash and other things in her yard at her residence on Thorn Street. Deputy Chism was dispatched to the scene. Inside a beer cooler, a video cassette recorder belonging to the Brackett School District was found, along with a remote control and some batteries. A bolt cutter was also found on the ground. Chism said he checked the school buildings but did not find a point of entry.

8:08 a.m., A Brackettville man reported a one-vehicle accident on his mobile phone. A woman was driving when something went wrong with her vehicle. She ran off the road, up against a tree. The Department of Public Safety was notified.

Falcon raises \$239,400 to fight cystic fibrosis

Falcon Cable, working together with its 43 regions, raised a total of \$239,400 for the fight to cure cystic fibrosis.

The results of their April 1997 fundraising campaign will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CFF).

Now in its seventh year, Falcon's system-wide campaign follows a simple, yet highly-effective formula sign-up for cable during the month of April for the reduced installation fee of \$10. The cable company then donates the entire \$10 to the CFF.

"We had an extremely successful campaign this year," Falcon Regional Manager Dave Huntsman said. "We are grateful to both our employees and our customers for their enthusiastic participation in our fundraising efforts, and, for the sake of the kids who suffer, we look forward to the day when this campaign is no longer necessary."

According to Huntsman, the CFF is making great strides toward both better treatment and a cure for the 30,000 people in this



Helping in Falcon Cable's drive to raise money to combat cystic fibrosis in 1997 are, front row, from left: Tommy Brown, Joe Williams, Helen Pacheco, Lydia Dudley, Ofelia Olivares, Lorna Gentry and Jesse Gonzales. Back row: James Bonds, Santos Guajardo and James Freeman.

country who have cystic fibrosis.

In fact, this year CFF reported that the median life expectancy of patients on its National Patient Registry is now at 31.3 years.

In 1969, the first year that the foundation produced statistics

from the registry, the median age of survival was 14.

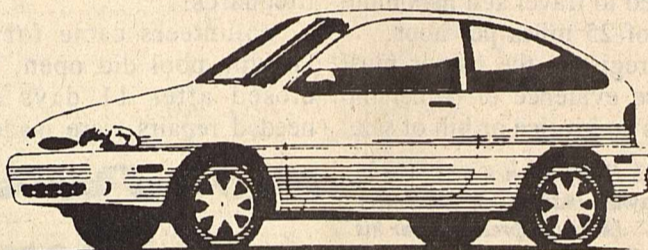
"We can't say enough about the benefits of involving our company in this type of campaign," Huntsman said. "It is easily integrated into a business plan. It involves

all employees in a positive project. And best of all, it generates significant, tangible returns for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

"Our donation is helping to buy the science that will discover the cure," he added.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE
By Taylor Stephenson, BISD Superintendent

Winter Texans are returning to Fort

Winter Texans are arriving every day at Fort Clark Springs! In our churches, choirs, restaurants and golf courses, at the RV park we take notice of the new arrivals. The Fort, in my opinion, can not operate without these folks. Your presence, support and help are appreciated. It's nice to have you back. May this be the best year ever!

Our volleyball team is doing fantastic! Coach Dusty Brotherton works with this fine team. Those who knew Dusty in Comstock had told me about this gentleman coach's winning ways. I can now testify to those accomplishments myself. Brotherton is assisted by Coach Bruce. Our Tigerettes have already qualified for the playoffs. Looking beyond the team's winning record, I have seen continuous improvement, laced with a sense of community and cooperation. This volleyball season has been one of the most pleasant in years. Thanks team members and coaches for a job well done.

BISD is working on moving our fleet of buses and cars to the Alternative School Parking area. You'll notice that we have a project going that will allow fuller utilization of the existing school site. In the near future, our maintenance shop and parking for buses will be located on this site.

The time changes Sunday. Remember that the clock falls back in the Fall. The change brings a little better view of the morning, but the evenings are the pits. I have problems with darkness coming before I have a chance to enjoy the outdoors. But, it's a seasonal change that brings some of the best times of the year. We're moving toward Halloween next week, at the end of November—Thanksgiving, and then to that best of all holidays—Christmas,

So, perk up...don't worry about losing that hour of time after work, just think about the great times ahead.

Next week, we'll have a Halloween carnival on our grounds sponsored by Jones Elementary School. I hope that you will support it. Our last home football game of the year will be Halloween night. I truly don't know about Trick or Treat time. In Artesia, NM, the town celebrates Halloween a day later when the Artesia Bulldogs play at home on Halloween. I don't know if that's the answer, but it seems to work there.

This week, our football team will have five players back. The game against Comfort is a pivotal one that might propel the Tigers into the playoffs. I continue to see lots of hard work going on at football practices.

Sunday, our prize apricot poodle, Zachary Taylor, passed away. Zach came to our family 14 years ago after a horrible car accident that involved my son, sister and brother in law. Zachary had a quality that I admire in people. He was totally loyal. There was no doubt that this proud little dog was devoted to my wife. I don't think he much cared for me, but the quality that he best exemplified helped me to look beyond my personal whims. Zachary leaves us with lots of memories and a testimony toward the value of loyalty.

That's about it. It looks cooler out on the horizon. It's time to dig out the sweaters. This Fall has been one of the nicest years.

Have you noticed the monarch butterflies on their way through? There were hundreds encircling the yellow wildflowers in some of the most remote spots at Fort Clark.

Have a good week!

Kinney County women look for opportunities for local children

By Frances McMaster
Contributing Writer

Martha Hooten and Bonnie Herndon are two people who are committed to making a positive difference in their community, particularly in regard to young people, according to Bill Haenn.

Haenn, program chairman for the Brackettville Rotary Club, introduced the two women at a luncheon last Thursday.

Hooten is Kinney County's tax collector. She is serving her second four-year term of office, having been first elected in 1990.



Program Chairman Bill Haenn (from left) welcomes Martha Hooten and Bonnie Herndon to last week's Rotary Club meeting. Photo by Eric McMaster

The first addressed matters pertaining to her office, urging people to acquaint themselves with the proposed constitutional amendments to be voted upon in a special election on Nov. 4.

Hooten also reminded her audience that voter registration cards would expire on Dec. 31. New ones will be mailed.

If a voter appears at a polling site without a card, however, he or she may still vote by signing a special list.

Many Fort Clark Springs residents drive golf carts. She said that if a cart is driven on a public street, it needs to be registered as a slow moving vehicle. No registration is needed to drive a cart on the Fort.

A slow moving vehicle is one designed to travel at a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour.

To register, the owner must produce evidence of ownership such as an invoice or bill of sale,

Then, the problem of securing trained, certified lifeguards was addressed.

The three lifeguards available in this area were already employed at the Fort Clark Springs pool. Out of town young people would have to be hired.

Herndon consulted the American Red Cross office in Del Rio, the agency through which lifeguards are trained and certified. Jane Pratt of that office arranged for loan of some safety equipment to Brackettville.

Next spring is now targeted for the pool opening. Plans are in the making to train lifeguards.

The problem is that they must travel to Del Rio to be trained by certified trainers. To form a class, six to 10 young people are needed, who are at least 15 years old.

Herndon then spoke about efforts made by volunteers to open and operate the public swimming pool in Brackettville.

Herndon and Hooten served as co-chairpersons on a coalition committee to study two problems that existed: No funds were available for running the pool and an inability to hire trained lifeguards.

Volunteers came forward, and the pool did open, but it closed after 11 days while needed repairs were made.

Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York where he graduated twelfth from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lieut. of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas where Lt. French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882 the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.

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Breakfast Menu	Lunch Menu
Friday, Oct. 24 Pizza Bagel Choice of Fruit or Fruit Juice	Friday, Oct. 24 Pepperoni Pizza Garden Salad Fresh Fruit
Monday, Oct. 27 Waffles/Syrup Choice of Fruit or Fruit Juice	Monday, Oct. 27 Steak Fingers Whipped Potatoes/Brown Gravy Seasoned Green Beans/ Roll
Tuesday, Oct. 28 Breakfast Pizza Choice of Fruit or Fruit Juice	Tuesday, Oct. 28 Spaghetti W/Meat Sauce Seasoned Vegetable/Garlic Bread Diced Peas
Wednesday, Oct. 29 Biscuits & Sausage/Gravy Choice of Fruit or Fruit Juice	Wednesday, Oct. 29 Chalupas W/Cheese Spanish Rice/Lettuce & Tomato Salad Chilled Applesauce
Thursday, Oct. 30 Pancakes/Syrup Choice of Fruit or Fruit Juice	Thursday, Oct. 30 Hamburger/Oven Fries Burger Salad/Vanilla Pudding

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Answers to Super Crossword

THE BLENDER

At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt. French began diaries which he faithfully maintained for the next thirty years.

Thursday October 22 1885

Took a walk before breakfast for exercise; there is no drill on the last three days of the week. The mail brought letters from home and from Ed Morris and my pay for September. The accounts were mailed night before last; a wonderful improvement over Brown. Went to office a while after breakfast and to Library and then to Commissary where got some cigars. Then went over to town with Steele to register these cigars to John Hoagland and after returning wrote to Jagon enclosing check in settlement of account in full. Also wrote Gardener and to Mattie. Made application for a set of quarters up stairs. Then wrote on proceedings of Boards that met Tuesday. Was interrupted at dinner by retreat which attended and then finished the meal. In the evening went to office and had a long talk with Hall & Hewitt about the court martial cases; also read all the charges. Then called at Payne's, Jake Smith's and Maj. Morris's but did not get in last place.

Friday October 23 1885

Took usual walk before breakfast. Capt's. Lancaster, Liscum and Remington took breakfast with us this morning. Went over to the court martial room a while to listen to the commencement of the new case against Maj. Smith, but very little was done. Looked over papers in Library and then wrote up proceedings of Board of Survey taking them to Remington for signature. Then went to Vernou's to borrow his white helmet to wear to parade this evening. Parade took place after dinner. Read papers from home and called on Ballance until tattoo after which went to Hewitt's

Saturday October 24 1885

house. Guard came in to post from Del Rio. Ballance came in to call. Mail this morning brought me the bundle of papers from home.

Sunday, October 25 1885

Inspection came before breakfast. Mail brought a letter from home. After breakfast went to office a while and then wrote usual letter home enclosing check for \$25. Took a walk down to the pump house and springs which supply the post. After retreat sat a while in the office talking to Capt. Hall and then went up to his house and sat on the porch talking with him and Mrs. Hall. Went down to

house. Guard came in to post from Del Rio. Ballance came in to call. Mail this morning brought me the bundle of papers from home.

Saturday October 24 1885

Mail had only a local O.B. for me. After breakfast went over to office and then to Q.M. to have a letter sent to railroad people to enquire about my furniture. It ought to be here by this time, but the bills of lading have not come yet. Then went to Library to look over papers. After writing a letter to John Hoagland went over to town with King to get a small box in which to send my watch to Harry Rhoades for repairs and alteration into a stem winder. Could not get the box and came back to store where got one. Wrote to Capt. Bradford telling him about the Smith and Payne cases and read papers from home. Went down to blacksmith shop to get razor which was repaired there today and carried it to barber to be honed. Was interrupted at dinner by retreat after which completed meal. Capt. Vance and Hewitt went out hunting today and did not return in time for dinner. In the evening called at Kinney's at Feche's to bid Mrs. Buffington good-bye, at Mrs. Kauffman's who has just come up from San Antonio and where met Mrs. Morris and then sat in Hewitt's talking with him & Guard until tattoo. Sat on Hall's porch a short time after this and then went down to store where went to sleep while watching a game of billiards. Think Mrs. Morris is in family way.

Monday, October 26 1885

Had usual drill this morning. Mail brought back the order sent to Flynn a week ago with transportation endorsed on it. Made a copy of and sent mileage vouchers to Maj. Muhlenberg for settlement. Sat in office a while after breakfast and then went down to Q.M. office but could learn nothing about my furniture nor express package. Wish they would hurry up with these things. Went over to Library and into court room a while in the morning and then packed up watch in a small box to send it to Harry when the first opportunity offers. Then went back to listen to court martial proceedings. Stopped for a while at Hewitt's house. Did not attend parade as my trimmings are not yet here. In the evening sat on Capt. Vance's porch talking with him, Hewitt & Hall, and then called on Col. & Mrs. Brackett, 3rd Cav'y. at Gen. Smith's and on Lester & wife, but latter were not at home. Returned to Capt. Vance's until tattoo, after which read until bed time.

Tuesday, October 27 1885

Attended drill as usual and after breakfast marched on guard. Went down to guard house to examine work and then to Q.M. office where learned that nothing more had been heard of my furniture. Inspected sentries with prisoners and then read. Went up to Capt. Vance's a while and then sent George over to express office and he brought a basket sent from home containing three night shirts, a pair of pumps, a pair of low shoes and some cake. The shirts and pumps are presents from home and are very acceptable just now. Inspected guard house and sentries in the afternoon and then went to Library to look over papers. Made a call on Hewitt and then went

Wednesday, October 28 1885

Took reveille and was relieved at guard mounting by Vernou. After marching off wrote part of letter home and then went over to Library to look over papers. Called at Hewitt's but he was out and then went to Store for some envelopes. Completed letter home and read until dinner. Took retreat and sat a while in King's. Called on Mrs. Lester and on Dr. Black but both were out. Then sat at Hewitt's talking until tattoo, after which we went over to town for stewed oysters and some wine. Mail brought me a delayed letter from Mattie.

Thursday, October 29 1885

No mail for me this morning contrary to my expectation for I had looked for a letter from home and the mileage checks. After breakfast spent a short time in the office and then took some checks to the store. Went to Q.M. office but got no news about my furniture. Then looked over papers in the Library. Wrote to Johnston and finished novel that I have been reading. In the evening called on Dr. Towne and Gen. Sweitzer and sat in Hewitt's until tattoo, after which went to bed.

Pete's Sake

The boss of a small company had just hired a new secretary, and was puzzled at a badly-scrawled note she had placed on his desk.

"I can't read this at all," he said. "Why in the world did you scrawl a message like that?"

"Well," she replied, "I couldn't understand the man who called, so I didn't write it very clearly!"

A farmer in our county discovered one day that a prize bull wasn't performing expected tasks as he should, and, as a result, the cows were getting restless and mooing plaintively.

Knowing that something had to be done right away, the farmer called a veterinarian.

"That vet looked the bull over," the farmer told one of his neighbors a few days later. "Then, he mixed up some kind of potion and said he reckoned that stuff ought to do the job."

"Well sir, I fed that stuff to the bull, and it wasn't no time at all before he was frisking around and snorting and pawing and ready to do his duty by all the cows, which he did. That sure was powerful medicine."

What was in it?" the neighbor asked.

"I don't know," the farmer replied. "But it tasted kind of like licorice!"

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FOOTSTEPS ECHO
The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of Captain Francis Henry French
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Tigerettes win district title

Commentary

New track surface will benefit entire community

By J. Wayne Ballew
Contributing Writer

A new track surface has recently been approved by our school board to the delight of our athletes and coaches. I am strongly in favor of this project, as I feel it would greatly benefit both the school and community.

Physically, the current track is very taxing on the athletes' bodies, even causing injuries. The growth and success of the track program in recent years also warrants this project. Finally, this is a facility that now can be useful year round for both the school and community.

The biggest fear in sports is that of training being set back by an injury, and not being able to train and compete at peak performance. The most common injury in our track program, which is caused by our current surface, is shin-splints. Shin-splints result from the impact of running for long periods on a hard surface. The pain is in the shin area of the leg, and is many times so painful that an athlete must cease training.

The new, modern, softer track surface will help to alleviate many of these problems. Another physical hazard is that when it rains in Brackettville, our track does not drain the water as a well-constructed, all-weather surface will. Also, the thin layer that our track consists of today results in sprinters not being able to get a "true" start. The starting blocks, which are used for an explosive start by runners in short distance races, do not hold in the surface.

When a runner bursts at the starter's gun and the blocks slip out from underneath the runner, a bad race, if not a serious injury, can occur.

A new surface is not only necessary because of the physical limitations of the current surface, but will also serve as a reward for the recent success of our track program.

In the past few years our track program has become increasingly successful, and a modern all-weather surface will serve to carry that winning to another level. In past years, track participation at Brackett High has been minimal due to the lack of knowl-

edge and interest.

In the last two years, the number of competitors has increased from a minimum of 10 to a high of 31 this past year.

The number of winners has increased over the past two years as well. In 1996, a mere seven participants advanced to the regional level.

The track program will definitely serve as the major beneficiary of a new surface, but other sports programs and the community will be greatly rewarded as well.

It has been many years since Brackett last held a track meet. The installation of a new surface will bring a meet back, drawing good competition for the athletes, and from a financial viewpoint, it would also bring outside money to the school.

Training on a track in the off-season will prove to be beneficial for other competitive sports. With quality facilities, more athletes will be motivated to train and prepare themselves for upcoming sports.

Finally, there are a number of people in our community that exercise at our track. The new track might encourage more people to exercise and therefore stay healthier.

From these viewpoints, the new track appears to have only good consequences, and will pay for itself in a short amount of time.

By eliminating the physical injuries that result from our current surface, training can be elevated, therefore strengthening our program.

Success is a major part of any sport. The newfound success of our track team can only heighten with better training facilities.

With success in the track program, other programs would follow, strengthening the community and school as a whole.

DILLEY - The Lady Wolves forced the Tigerettes to three games Tuesday night, but Brackett was able to overcome a five-point deficit en route to a 15-8, 4-15, 15-12 victory over Dilley, clinching the District 29-2A volleyball title.

Brackett improves to 11-9 on the season, finishing the district race with a perfect 4-0 record. Dilley is 1-2 in conference action, and Natalia, who was open Tuesday, is 0-3.

The Tigerettes will open the playoffs with a bi-district match on Nov. 6, 7 or 8. They will face the runner-up from District 30, which consists of Banquete, Benavides and Freer.

"The girls never gave up," Brackett coach Dusty Brotherton said. "We had a big crowd and they gave us a huge lift."

After splitting the first two games, the Lady Wolves went ahead 8-3 in Game 3.

Stephanie Terrazas put over four straight serves as Brackett was able to pull within one at 8-7. But Dilley broke away again, taking a 12-8 advantage.

Hilda Aguirre served five straight, including a pair of aces, to give the Tigerettes a commanding 13-12 lead. Katy Hagler served out the last two points for the victory.

Hagler, Tina Meek and Jennifer

Ashabranner led Brackett's offense with five kills apiece. Lindsey Brotherton had 12 assists and two kills.

Aguirre finished the match with five aces, Hagler served four, Ashabranner had three, Brotherton chipped in two, and Terrazas added one. Terrazas paced the defense with six digs, Aguirre and Crystal Juarez both had two, and Ashabranner picked up one.

Last Friday, the Tigerettes defeated Comstock, 15-13, 15-12, at home.

Brackett resumes action on Tuesday as they host La Pryor at 6 p.m. in a non-district contest.

Big quarter leads Charlotte over Brackett

Tigers-Trojans game report

Charlotte rallied for 30 points in the second quarter last Friday as the Trojans defeated the Brackett Tigers 51-18.

With the victory, Charlotte improves to 7-0 on the season and to 2-0 in district action. Brackett is 1-6 overall and 0-2 in league play.

"I was real pleased with the kids' tenacity," Tigers coach Roy Rokovich said. "I thought they played well. Charlotte has a good football team."

Gary Vallejo rushed for 194 yards and two touchdowns on 18 carries to pace the Trojans' offense, which finished with 24 first downs and 515 total yards.

Ruben Campos completed 13 of 16 passes for 189 yards, including four TDs and one interception.

"Campos is an outstanding quarterback," Rokovich said. "It's hard to contain somebody like that. If you give him any time, he's going to find an open receiver."

Brackett's offense finished with 13 first downs and 286 yards, the most Charlotte has given up this year.

"It's something to really be proud of," Rokovich said. "We did some things that hurt them. They haven't given up many points all year."

"I was real happy with the young offensive line. They're continuing to progress. I thought they stepped their game up."

Quarterback J. Wayne Ballew

Trojans 51, Tigers 18	
Charlotte	15 30 0 6 - 51
Brackett	12 6 0 0 - 18
First Quarter	
Charlotte - Gary Vallejo 69 run (Ruben Campos kick), 7:43. Drive: 74 yards, 2 plays, :51. Charlotte 7, Brackett 0.	
Brackett - J. Wayne Ballew 66 run (kick failed), 7:23. Drive: 66 yards, 1 play, :20. Charlotte 7, Brackett 6.	
Charlotte - Jason Ruple 21 pass from Ruben Campos (Gary Vallejo run), 4:38. Drive: 68 yards, 7 plays, 2:45. Key play: Vallejo 13 run on 3rd-and-1 to Tigers' 32. Charlotte 15, Brackett 6.	
Brackett - Rene Luna 58 pass from J. Wayne Ballew (run failed), 4:18. Drive: 58 yards, 1 play, :20. Charlotte 15, Brackett 12.	
Second Quarter	
Charlotte - Ruben Campos 1 run (Gary Vallejo run), 11:57. Drive: 11 yards, 2 plays, :44. Key play: Trojans recovered fumble on Tigers' 11. Charlotte 23, Brackett 12.	
Brackett - Demitrius Williams 6 run (run failed), 9:18. Drive: 54 yards, 7 plays, 2:39. Key plays: Williams 13 run, Wes Baker 12 and 11 runs. Charlotte 23, Brackett 18.	
Charlotte - Joey Tijerina 8 pass from Ruben Campos (Jason Ruple pass from Campos), 6:37. Drive: 64 yards, 6 plays, 2:41. Key plays: Gary Vallejo 23 run, Campos 20 run. Charlotte 31, Brackett 18.	
Charlotte - Gary Vallejo 3 run (pass failed), 2:56. Drive: 60 yards, 2 plays, :21. Key play:	

Tigers-Trojans game report	
Joey Tijerina 57 pass from Ruben Campos. Charlotte 37, Brackett 18.	
Charlotte - Willie Garcia 13 pass from Ruben Campos (Wilson Winn pass from Campos), :21. Drive 52 yards, 8 plays, 1:44. Garcia 17 pass from Campos on 2nd-and-15 to Tigers' 13. Charlotte 45, Brackett 18.	
Fourth Quarter	
Charlotte - Jason Ruple 7 pass from Ruben Campos (run failed), 10:03. Drive: 68 yards, 8 plays, 4:00. Charlotte 51, Brackett 18.	
TEAM STATISTICS	
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FIRST DOWNS.....	24 13
Rushing.....	15 11
Passing.....	9 1
Penalty.....	0 1
THIRD DOWN EFF.....	3-6 0-9
FOURTH DOWN EFF.....	0-1 3-5
TOTAL NET YARDS.....	515 286
Total Plays.....	56 48
Avg Gain.....	9.2 6.0
NET YARDS RUSHING.....	326 233
Rushes.....	40 41
Avg per rush.....	8.2 5.7
NET YARDS PASSING.....	189 53
Completed-Att.....	13-16 2-7
Yards-Pass Play.....	11.8 7.6
Sacks-Yards lost.....	1-0 1-10
Had intercepted.....	1 0
PUNTS-Avg.....	1-39 3-27
TOTAL RETURN YARDS.....	67 127
Punt Returns.....	4 0
Kickoff returns.....	63 127
Interceptions.....	0 0

PENALTIES	
Yards.....	10-65 6-35
FUMBLES-Lost.....	2-0 5-2
TIME OF POSSESSION.....	26:20 21:40
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS	
RUSHING	
Charlotte - Gary Vallejo 18-194, Ruben Campos 7-42, Sonny Sanchez 6-41, Jason Ruple 3-35, Martin Castillo 4-10, Willie Garcia 2-4.	
Brackett - J. Wayne Ballew 11-104, Demitrius Williams 15-80, Wes Baker 13-53, Rene Luna 2-(-4).	
PASSING	
Charlotte - Ruben Campos 13-16-189.	
Brackett - J. Wayne Ballew 2-7-0-53.	
RECEIVING	
Charlotte - Joey Tijerina 3-74, Jason Ruple 5-58, Willie Garcia 4-44, James Rodriguez 1-13.	
Brackett - Rene Luna 1-58, Demitrius Williams 1-(-5).	
PUNT RETURNS	
Charlotte - Ruben Campos 1-4.	
Brackett - None.	
KICKOFF RETURNS	
Charlotte - Jason Ruple 2-32, Joey Tijerina 1-26, Wilson Winn 1-5.	
Brackett - Rene Luna 4-64, Tommy Sandoval 3-58, Damien Toms 1-5.	
INTERCEPTIONS	
Charlotte - None.	
Brackett - Lionel Fields 1-0.	
MISSED FIELD GOALS	
Charlotte - Ruben Campos 31.	
Brackett - None.	

rushed 104 yards on 11 attempts, including a 66-yard touchdown.

"I thought J. Wayne ran the offense real well," Rokovich said. "He showed great leadership. He did a good job of running the football."

The Tigers finished with 127 return yards, all of which came on kickoff returns.

Rene Luna returned four kicks for 64 yards and Tommy Sandoval had 58 yards on three returns.

"I thought Tommy and Rene both did an outstanding job returning kicks," Rokovich said. "The special teams really gave us good field position all night."

Luna also caught a 58-yard TD pass from Ballew.

Briefs ...

Cubs host Eagle Pass

The Brackett Cubs will resume junior high football action today as they host the Eagle Pass Eagles at 6 p.m.

The Cubs, who are 3-1 on the season, were open last week.

Cubettes finish in style

DEL RIO - Both of Brackett's junior high volleyball teams won two out of three matches Saturday as they closed their seasons at the Del Rio Invitational tournament.

The eighth grade team took second place honors. They defeated Eagle Pass, 15-0, 15-4, and Del Rio Blue, 15-1, 15-5, 15-5, before losing to Eagle Pass Memorial, 15-7, 15-2, in the championship.

The seventh graders defeated Eagle Pass Memorial 15-6, 11-15, 15-11 in the third place match. They opened the tournament with a 15-6, 15-6 win over Eagle Pass and then lost to Del Rio Blue, 15-10, 3-15, 15-4.

Tigers try to keep playoff hopes alive against Bobcats

The Brackett Tigers will try to keep their playoff hopes alive tomorrow as they face the Comfort Bobcats in a 7:30 road game.

The Tigers, who are 1-6 overall and 0-2 in District 30-2A action, can still make it to the post-season by winning their last three games - against Comfort, Natalia and Dilley.

Charlotte and Comfort are leading the conference race with perfect 2-0 marks. Dilley and Center Point are both 1-1.

"Comfort has a good team and they have been winning, but they have a tough road ahead," Brackett coach Roy Rokovich said. "After us, they play Dilley and Charlotte, so I'm sure they will be ready to play Friday night."

"Comfort has a real good football team. They have a great offense. It's going to be a good challenge for us.

"Some of our older kids will be back Friday," he said. "We've been playing without them for the last few weeks. We will be able to start some kids one way."

The Bobcats are second in the South Texas area in scoring, behind Charlotte. They have outscored their opponents 311-68, averaging 44.4 points per contest.

Comfort is led by quarterback Kris Pressler. The 5-foot-10, 170-pound senior has completed 24 of 65 passes this year for 482 yards and seven TDs.

"Pressler is a great runner, but he can throw the ball too," Rokovich said. "He is an outstanding athlete. He has a lot of speed."

The Bobcats' offense is averaging 396.3 yards per game, including 380.4 yards rushing.

Comfort sophomore Derek Syfert has rushed for 1,173 yards and 16 TDs on 130 carries.

Tigerettes take top honors at Leakey tourney

LEAKEY - Brackett's junior varsity won three straight matches on Saturday en route to winning the championship at the Leakey Invitational junior varsity volleyball tournament.

The Tigerettes picked up a 15-4, 3-15, 15-2 victory over Comfort in the championship match.

Brackett opened the tournament with a 15-4, 15-6 win over Utopia, and then defeated Leakey, 15-8, 16-14, in the semifinals.

On Tuesday, the Tigerettes defeated Dilley, 15-9, 15-13, improving to 3-1 in district play.

The junior varsity will close out its season on Tuesday as the Tigerettes host La Pryor at 5 p.m.

OUTDOORS

Motorists cautioned to watch for deer

AUSTIN - Motor vehicle collisions with deer will increase in the next few months as deer movement across roads increases. Motorists should be alert for deer on both rural roads and in urban areas near undeveloped land, as collisions with deer can cause extensive vehicle damage and driver injury.

During late summer and early fall, deer change their feeding activity and begin to forage more widely as acorns begin to fall and browse plants become more important in their diet. Fawns switch their diets from mother's milk to vegetation and also increase their movements.

Although many roads have posted signs indicating the loca-



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



tions of major deer crossing areas, motorists should not assume that deer will cross only at these sites, as collisions with deer may occur anywhere in Texas.

Deer often move and feed in groups. So if motorist see one deer, they should be alert for others nearby that have not yet appeared.

"It's a good idea to look in the direction the deer came from and not focus on the deer that's already crossed the road. Scan your eyes

back and forth occasionally checking the ditches, watching for deer. Reduce your driving speed at night.

Deer blinded by headlights at night do not react as they normally would during the day. It is not uncommon for deer to reverse their direction or stop abruptly when approached by a fast moving vehicle. Deer often feed along roadways ditches where water drainage allows the growth of preferred forbs and weeds not found

in more arid, adjacent pastures.

During the breeding season, bucks chasing does are distracted and can become victims of collisions because their natural defense mechanisms that might alert them to danger don't kick in.

It is unlawful to pick up or possess the carcass of a deer or other game animal that was hit by a vehicle on a public road. Neither the State of Texas nor TPWD is liable for damages caused by these type of accidents.

For all of these reasons, motorists should be especially careful during the next few months, and parents should caution their young drivers who may be less aware of the potential for dangerous collisions with deer.

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Under-use of pneumonia vaccine costs lives

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) has reminded the public, physicians and nursing home personnel that the elderly, the very young and others with weakened immune systems are at risk of potentially life-threatening infection...

Also called pneumococcal disease, the illness can be entirely prevented, in most cases by a one-shot immunization. However, lack of public awareness about the vaccine and its effectiveness contributes to serious illness and death each year in Texas.

Beverly Ray, in TDH's Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Division, said that although outbreaks of

pneumococcal disease are uncommon, they can be devastating, spreading rapidly among unimmunized people. Such might have been the case last year when an outbreak occurred in an East Texas nursing home, where two patients died of pneumococcal pneumonia and another was critically ill but survived.

"If it hadn't been for quick action by the nursing home personnel, who called TDH for expertise and vaccines early in that outbreak, the number of fatalities might have been much higher," Ray said.

at all, since the vaccine for pneumococcal disease is safe, fast-acting and permanent protection in most people."

She explained that some high-risk patients, especially those who have had their spleens removed or damaged by disease, may need vaccine booster shots.

Ray explained that S. pneumoniae is a common type of bacteria, causing about 25 percent of respiratory illness in North America. The disease causes about half a million cases of pneumonia, some 3,000 cases of meningitis and about 7 million ear infections yearly in the U.S.

Most people's immune systems are ample protection against severe infections of the microorganism. However, the eld-

erly--especially those already weakened by illness--very young children whose immunities may not be fully developed and people with weakening chronic diseases, such as diabetes, AIDS, tuberculosis, heart disease and emphysema are at highest risk of developing infection.

Other factors which increase the risk of serious infections and outbreaks include close living quarters, especially during winter months when residents may breathe the same air.

Ray said that although the vaccine against pneumococcal has been available for about 20 years, only about 20 percent of the people who need that protection have been vaccinated.

Many patients wrongly believe that the vaccine does not work, and many physicians fail

to underscore the importance of this simple means of disease prevention."

Recent research shows that nearly half of the most dangerous strains of S. pneumoniae have developed resistance to penicillin and related antibiotics. Researchers also have found that treating penicillin-resistant pneumococcal disease is costlier and includes longer hospital stays than illness from non-drug-resistant strains.

"If the public and the medical community continue to overlook the use of the pneumococcal vaccine, we are likely to have needlessly increasing numbers of fatalities and serious illness. If we do not already have an emergency, we can certainly see one coming, and it is entirely preventable right now," Ray said.

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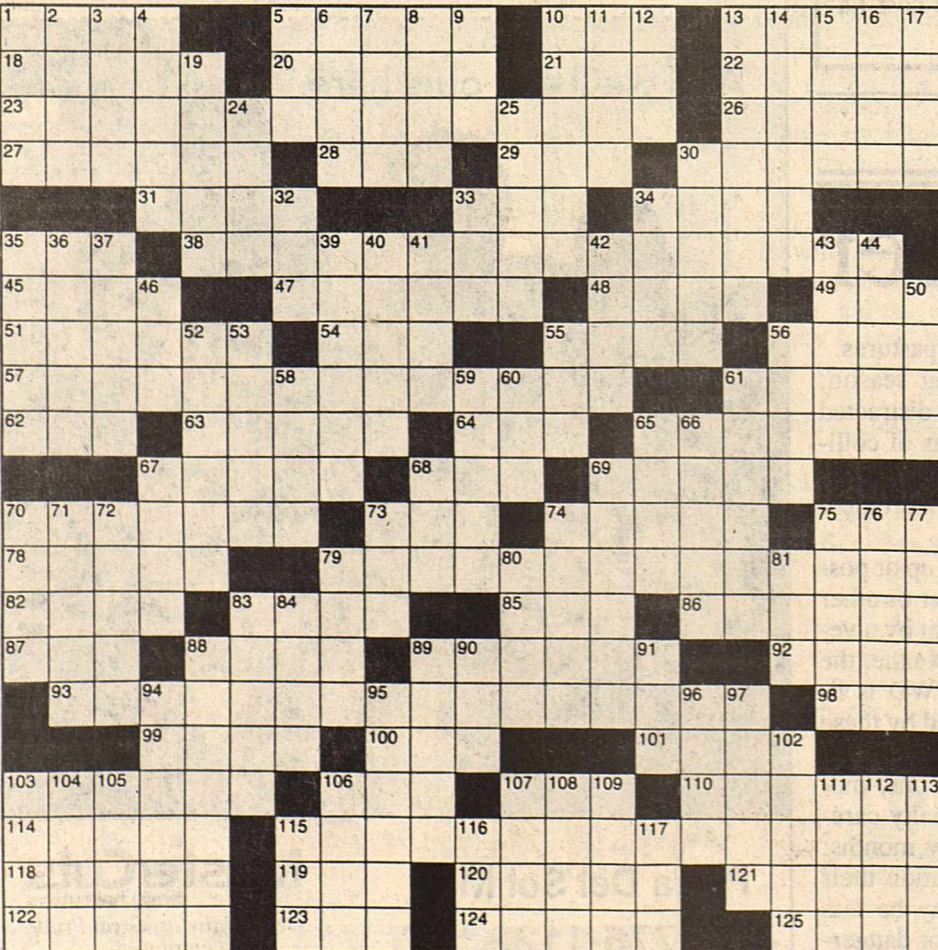
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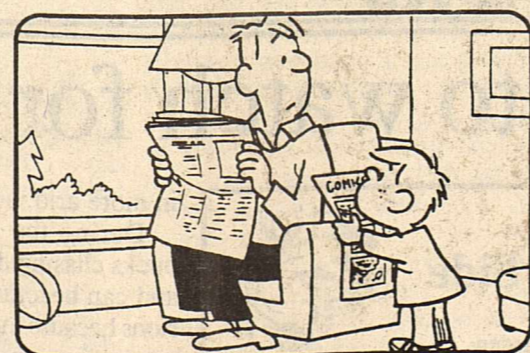
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Your Horoscope by Natasha

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A friend may keep you waiting for a scheduled appointment early in the week. Some people you'll be dealing with are evasive and hard to pin down. A home appliance may need replacing when it breaks down this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Travelers may meet with unexpected delays. Rumors and hearsay make it hard to know what to believe. Red tape and inconsequential matters could keep you occupied later in the week.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You are inconsistent this week in your dealings with others and could incur unfavorable reactions from those around you. A friend who drops by this weekend could overstay his or her welcome.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's not a good week for gambling or other risk-taking. You could meet with unexpected expenses in your pursuit of pleasure this weekend. Instead, accent home life.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A person who keeps changing his or her mind is hard to deal with in business this week. A work concern from the past may still be unresolved. Be patient.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You and a relative may not agree about a domestic matter this week. Be leery of overpriced items while out shopping. Ask for help if you need it regarding a work project.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It's not a good week for financial risk-taking. Also, be careful not to misplace a credit card. A partner could be reluctant to follow your lead on a concern.

SCORPIO (October 23 to



November 21) You're likely to get conflicting advice this week. Rely on your own gut instinct. It could be hard to plan social events this weekend when others delay making decisions.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You could find a close partner unpredictable and hard to fathom this week. Surprise events cause a change in your work schedule. An adviser is unduly negative.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You may have to say no to someone's request for financial assistance. A pressing work matter could take precedence over socializing over the weekend and plans are subject to change.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your concentration tends to wander this week. Change involve travel plans made a while ago. You're likely to opt for time by yourself over socializing this weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Conservative tactics are best in business this week. Avoid unconventional moves. One person you'll be dealing with is very close-mouthed.

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God is calling for his people to build their houses on the rock... the rock who is Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 10:4), so that when the storm blows, you and your household shall remain standing. (Luke 6:48-49).

If you have prepared a good foundation of God's word and keep yourself covered in his armour, you will be able to remain standing against the evil one. (Eph. 6:11-19)

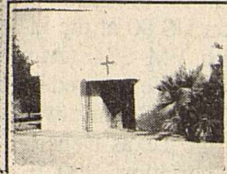
Those who have Jesus as their Lord and Savior have the spiritual "blood of Jesus" on their "doorposts" which God sees when judging the earth and will "pass over" those who are marked as His. (Exodus 12:7, 13, 1 Cor. 5:7)

God protects those who have his son, Jesus Christ, as Lord over their hearts. "He shall deliver thee from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust; his truth shall be thy shield

and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday." (Psalm 91: 3-6)

God keeps his children in the palm of his hand, the very hand that suffered the spike driven into it on the cross that we may be delivered from our sins and iniquities. In turn, we must keep our hearts turned to Him in repentance for the sins we commit, taking them to Jesus and asking His forgiveness when we fall short. He in turn forgives us and "wilt cast all their iniquities into the depths of the sea." (Micah 7:19)

Prepare yourself against the storms to come, be vigilant, join together in the unity of his spirit, always praying, trust in Him who loves you, be bold to speak his word. Stand in faith, rest in hope, walk in love.



Frontier Baptist Church

Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

A detached person has to be a miserable person. It's hard to imagine a person more alone and miserable than one who is detached from his country. Even people like Jane Fonda and Ramsey Clark who have done so much to damage the United States and cost so many lives of American service men still cling to their native land. A person who is a derelict among the nations of the world has no anchor and no real roots in this world.

A person who is detached from his home indeed a devastated person. A man detached from his home by his own choice is indeed a sorrowful individual. A man who deserts his wife and children and becomes unattached to his home lives daily with the knowledge he is an errant individual. A person detached from his home has lost all roots and foundation for living.

A man who is detached from his church is flotsam on a sea of disarray. No person is as good, as happy, as fruitful if he is detached from the church as he would be if he were actively a part of a church.

He robs himself of fellowship with the best people in the world. He loses the opportunity of being a part of the greatest institution in the world. He loses the opportunity of better preparing himself for the time when death claims his body.

The saddest of all is the person detached from God. Any person who has never trusted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and committed his life to him is detached from God. There is just no way to be attached to God except through Jesus Christ. He himself said, "I am the Way, the truth and the life. No man cometh to the Father but by me." To be detached from God means, no dependable protector, no able provider, no acceptable leader and more importantly no possibility of a home in heaven.

A person desperately needs to be attached to his country, his home, his church and most importantly to God.

There will be another message from the Bible at Frontier Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11:00 Come and be blessed.

Obituaries

Henry M. Robertson

Henry M. Robertson of Fort Clark Springs passed away Oct. 17, 1997, at the Val Verde Regional Medical Center in Del Rio at the age of 92.

Robertson was born on May 29, 1905, in Arkansas. In April of 1937, he married Evelyn Mattie, who preceded him in death.

He is survived by his niece, Debbie Fowler of Garnedo, Texas.

Robertson was a member of the Frontier Baptist Church and the Brackettville Rotary Club.

He was also a past master and indowned member of the Las

Moras Masonic Lodge, a life member of the Scottish Rite in Houston, and a member of the Alazafer Shrine in San Antonio.

Services were held on Sunday, Oct. 19, at 2:30 p.m., at the Frontier Baptist Church in Brackettville with Rev. Joe Townsend officiating.

Graveside services were conducted by Las Moras Masonic Lodge No. 444, under the direction of Bruce Clements.

Pall bearers were James Haga, Sam Blackwood, Howard Wakefield, Tom Ertel, Richard Schafer and Frank Taylor.

A.G. "Tony" Rose Jr.

A.G. "Tony" Rose Jr. of Brackettville, born January 19, 1909, in Gloucester, Mass., passed away at the age of 88 on Saturday, Oct. 18, 1997, at the Uvalde Memorial Hospital.

He married Annie Cico, Jan. 17, 1948 in Alvin, Texas.

Rose is survived by his wife, Annie C. Rose, of Brackettville. He is also survived by three sons, Anthony G. Rose III and wife Cheryl of Galveston, Texas; Dan

William Rose of Brackettville; Joe M. Rose and wife Angela of Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.; and two daughters, Harriet M. Hawkins and Bo Rose Hagler and husband Rick both of Brackettville. Also, sister Florence Glenn of Gloucester, Mass., and nine grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at the Rose Ranch in Brackettville on Saturday, Oct. 25, 1997, at 10 a.m., with Ronnie Watson officiating.

Unsung Hero
By Joe Townsend

Another outstanding individual has gone home to God, departing from our midst. In 1979 Merlyn Robertson (Robby) moved to Fort Clark Springs from Houston. He immediately demitted to the local Masonic Lodge and joined Frontier Baptist Church. Until he was physically unable to attend he was faithful in his attendance to the church. He faithfully supported it financially. He often said he gave his tithe not because he expected things from God but because of what God had already done for him. He was an energetic and faithful member of the Rotary Club, usually going very early to the meetings. He became a famil-

iar sight in the community as he drove around town in his red mustang selling shoes. His wife was called to heaven several years ago and he managed his way as the years began to take their toll. The latter months of his life he was confined to a rest home. Finally God called him to his heavenly abode at the age of 92. Merlyn made a friend of every person he met. He was a man of strong connections who loved his lodge and his church. Many will miss him but all who knew him will rejoice that he now is at home with God. Surely Merlyn Robertson was an Unsung Hero.

Wedding

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O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob, Selah.

Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

For a day in thy courts is better

than a thousand. I had rather be a door keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory. No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man who trusteth in thee.

Psalms 84: 1,2, 8-12.
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Sheriff's personnel to receive pay increases

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During the 1996-97 fiscal year, which ended Sept. 31, deputy sheriffs were making annual salaries of \$12,000. In the current budget, the deputies' salaries were raised six percent to \$12,720.

"We have the lowest paid deputy sheriffs in the state," Burgess said. "I'd put this county up against anybody for salaries for deputy sheriffs."

The \$17,166 budgeted for the deputy sheriff's position that was eliminated will be disbursed to the employees of the department, with the exception of Burgess, who is an elected official.

The deputies received an additional \$4,280, bringing their salaries to \$17,000.

The chief deputy's salary was also increased by \$4,290, increasing the salary from \$19,446.33 to \$23,726.33. That salary is a 29 percent increase from last year's amount of \$18,345.60.

"With these salaries, we're competitive with Val Verde County and they can make a living wage," the sheriff said.

Burgess said the Middle Rio Grande Development Council is funding the education costs for potential peace officers, which included 520 hours of schooling. He said the county will then train the deputy sheriffs, but said they soon leave for a higher paying job.

"Any peace officer in the state of Texas, now days, is required to be a licensed peace officer," he said. "Years ago, we used to put them to work and then they could get their license."

"We send them to school, get them licensed, get them trained, and they go to other counties." Burgess said the county will be able to operate without the deputy sheriff's position that was eliminated.

"Counting myself, we have three county peace officers at this time," he told the commissioners last week. "With one more, we can make it."

"We can make it with three, but what messes us up is vacations and holidays, when you drop

to two."

"We have cut back crime pretty good. We're having the piddling crimes, but we're not having the constant, every-night burglaries. We have a lot of people in the penitentiaries and a lot of people sent off to juvenile facilities. We have some in jail.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Joe Williams asked the sheriff if he would want to add another deputy's position in the future.

"Maybe in a couple of years but, maybe by then, we'll be so solvent we don't really care and we can do it then," Burgess said.

"When I had myself and the four deputies, it worked perfect. Of course, the more people you got, it always works better."

By eliminating one of the deputy's positions, the county still has one vacancy. Burgess said Bobby Guidry and Ron Ring are both working on attaining a peace officer's license and should be finished with their schooling on Dec. 15.

In addition to the raises for the deputy sheriffs, other employees received a \$430 boost to their salaries.

Three sergeants had their salaries raised from \$12,720 to \$13,150. They made \$12,000 during the last fiscal year.

The county's seven jailer/dispatchers made \$9,949.29 during the 1996-97 fiscal year and received a 14 percent raise at the beginning of this fiscal year to bring their salaries to \$11,354.72. With the additional raises, their salaries have jumped 18 percent from last year to \$11,784.72.

"We're not losing jailers at this time, but they're all well trained," Burgess said. "We have good coverage on our jail."

"We have all these people trained and we haven't lost them to Val Verde, yet. Val Verde is always short of jailers. We're fixing to send some to school to upgrade their capability on the radio and teletype. The more training you get, the more chance you've got of losing your people. I'm just trying to save and keep what we've got."

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Brackettville Housing Authority is accepting bids for a trash pickup service contract. Bids accepted at B.H.A. office 205 Sweeney until 3p.m. Oct. 30, 1997 Bids must include own trailer and vehicle. More information available at office.

CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK. Sealed Proposals For Irrigation System and Upkeep in Kinney County, covered by Control No. 6020-93-001 will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, District Office, 1817 Bob Bullock Loop, Laredo, Texas 78043 until 2:00 P.M. on November 13, 1997, and then publicly opened and read. Applicable specifications relative to the Contract are available for inspection at the Office of: Ed Rodriguez, Contract Administrator Laredo District Maintenance Contracts 1817 Bob Bullock Loop Laredo, Tx 78043 The estimated cost for this Project is \$24,160.00. Usual rights reserved.

SEPARATE SEALED BIDS FOR CONTRACT NO. 2- WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENTS will be received by the CITY OF SPOFFORD, Kinney County, Texas, at Mayor's residence located on the west side of State Highway 131 and north of its intersection with FM 1572, until 4:00 PM, Thursday, November 20, 1997, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids are requested for the installation of eleven domestic on-site sewage facilities including septic tanks and absorption trenches for existing residences in the City of Spofford. Bids must be submitted on the Proposal and Bid Schedule forms provided, and must be accompanied by a bid security in a penal sum approximately equal to and not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. The security may be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond furnished by a reliable surety company having authority under the laws of Texas to write surety bonds in the amount required, with such security made payable without recourse to the City. The envelope containing the bid shall be addressed to the Mayor and indicate clearly on the front that it is a bid for Contract No. 2- WASTEWATER DISPOSAL IMPROVEMENTS. The final Notice of Award of Contract shall be given to the successful bidder by the Corporation within sixty (60) days following the opening of bids and no bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after opening thereof. The successful Bidder must furnish a performance bond and payment bond on the forms provided, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount, from a surety company holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as surety. This project is being partially funded by a grant from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, TCDP. No. 714831. Copies of the Specifications and Bid Documents are on file and may be examined at the following locations: -Neptune-Wilkinson Associates, Inc., 4010 Manchaca Road, Austin, Texas 78704 -F.W. Dodge, 505 East Huntland Drive, Suite 130, Austin, Texas 78752. -Builders Exchange, 4047 Naco Perrin, San Antonio, Texas 78217. Bid Documents, Plans and Specifications may be obtained at the office of Neptune-Wilkinson Associates, Inc. located at the address above (Phone: (512) 462-3373) upon payment of twenty dollars (\$20.00). No refunds will be made. The right is reserved, as the interest of the City of Spofford may require, to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities in bids received. Honorable J.B. Herndon, Mayor City of Spofford

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Bids are requested for furnishing and installing the following materials: 50,250 linear feet of 4-inch PVC, water pipe, with flush valve, rv vacuum relief valves, various valves, fittings and related appurtenances. Bids must be submitted on the Proposal and Bid Schedule forms provided, and must be accompanied by a bid security in a penal sum approximately equal to and not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. The security may be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond furnished by a reliable surety company having authority under the laws of Texas to write surety bonds in the amount required, with such security made payable without recourse to the City. The envelope containing the bid shall be addressed to the Mayor and indicate clearly on the front that it is a bid for HIGHWAY 131 WATER TRANSMISSION LINE. The final Notice of Award of Contract shall be given to the successful bidder by the Corporation within sixty (60) days following the opening of bids and no bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after opening thereof. The successful Bidder must furnish a performance bond and payment bond on the forms provided, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount, from a surety company holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as surety. State statutes including wage and hour provisions and contract regulations must be adhered to as they relate to this project. Contractors will be required to comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity laws and regulations. This project is being funded by the Texas Water Development Board under the E.D.A.P. Project No. 95-483-126. Copies of the Specifications and Bid Documents are on file and may be examined at the following locations: -Neptune-Wilkinson Associates, Inc., 4010 Manchaca Road, Austin, Texas 78704 -F.W. Dodge, 505 East Huntland Drive, Suite 130, Austin, Texas 78752. -Builders Exchange, 121 Interpark Boulevard, Suite 104, San Antonio, Texas 78216. Bid Documents, Plans and Specifications may be obtained at the office of Neptune-Wilkinson Associates, Inc. located at the address above (Phone: (512) 462-3373) upon payment of twenty dollars (\$20.00). No refunds will be made. The right is reserved, as the interest of the City of Spofford may require, to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities in bids received. Honorable J.B. Herndon, Mayor City of Spofford

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THE MIDDLE RIO Grande Local Workforce Board is requesting proposals from qualified vendors for the provision of consultant services in coordination with the development of a Request for Proposal for the procurement of an operator for the One Stop/Career Centers located within the Middle Rio Grande region. Successful vendor will be responsible for working directly with the Middle Rio Grande Local Workforce Board in creating the Request for Proposal, ensuring that the proposal is properly disseminated to enhance the competitive process. Additionally the consultant will be responsible for organizing and conducting a bidders conference, facilitating the return of all proposals and preparing a recap or summary for review by the Middle Rio Grande Local Workforce Board. The final selection of the consultant will rest with the Middle Rio Grande Local Workforce Board. Interested vendors may request a proposal packet by contacting Ramon S. Johnston, Deputy Director of Administration, Middle Rio Grande Development Council Central office, 307 W. Nopal St. P.O. Box 1199, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834-TDD or Voice telephone 830-876-3533. The Middle Rio Grande Development Council in their capacity as the designated Administrative Entity for the Middle Rio Grande Local Workforce Board is responsible for the release of this Request for Proposal. The Middle Rio Grande Local Workforce Development Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. The Middle Rio Grande Local Workforce Board is an equal opportunity employer. Auxiliary aids and services may be made available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 0.040 km of traffic signal on US 90 at the intersection with FM 334 (Ann Street) in Brackettville covered by C23-3-35 in Kinney County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., November 5, 1997, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery. Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Robert C. Parker, Area Engineer, Del Rio, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas at the expense of the bidder. The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award. Usual rights reserved 22-D-2201 22-76-0023-03-035

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